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Shaboozey's 'Tipsy' Has Solid

"Austin" "Austin" tanks at No. 7 on Hot Country Songs after hitting No. 3

in April, with 11 million clicks (up 2%). On Country Airplay, it holds at its No. 15 high (13.2 million, up 2%). It's the first single from **Dasha**'s *What Happens Now*, which earned 8,000 equivalent album units (up 10%) in the latest tracking week.





ON THE CHARTS

'Em," which first ruled in

February, for the longest

official U.S. streams and

according to Luminate.

12,000 in sales Aug. 9-15,

command this year. "Tipsy"

corralled 88.5 million in all-

format radio reach, 33.3 million

#### **"I Never Lie"** The 26-year-old from Sunnyside, Wash., posts his first two Hot Country

Hot Country Songs - tying Beyonce's

"Texas Hold

**ZACH TOP** 

Songs entries: "I Never Lie," which he co-wrote, at No. 45, with 2.8 million streams (up 26%) and 1,000 sold (up 56%), and "Sounds Like the Radio," at No. 49. The latter lifts 24-23 for a new best on Country Airplay (7.4 million, up 6%).



**LITTLE BIG TOWN** Greatest Hits The act charts its 10

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The act charts its 10th Top Country Albums title as *Greatest Hits* opens at No. 49 (7,000

units). Little Big Town last reached the list in 2022, when *Mr. Sun* became its seventh top 10. The set includes the foursome's three Hot Country Songs No. 1s: "Pontoon," "Girl Crush" and the Taylor Swiftpenned "Better Man."



SHABOOZEY: DANIEL PRAKOPCYK. DASHA: JESSICA CALLEIRO. TOP: CITIZEN KANE WAYNE. LITTLE BIG TOWN: JOHN SHEARER/GETTY IMAGES

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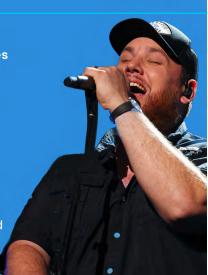
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#### TOP AO TO

#1 WOMEN 25-54 NATIONAL RADIOTRAKS OUT-STREAMING OVER 50% OF THE CHART! ALREADY 110 STATIONS ON New this week at WSOC/CHARLOTTE, WUSY/CHATTANOOGA

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# **billboard** Hot Country Songs

#### AIRPLAY, STREAMING & SALES DATA COMPILED BY

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TWO WEEKS Ago	WKS ON Chart	TITLE Artist PRODUCER (SONGWRITER) IMPRINT / PROMOTION LABEL	COUNTRY Airplay Rank	PEAK Position
1	1	1	18	A BAR SONG (TIPSY)	1	1
2	2	2	15	I HAD SOME HELP Post Malone Featuring Morgan Wallen LBELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME, HOSKINS (A.R.POST, M. C.WALLEN, L.B.BELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME, E.K.SMITH, J.J.HOSKINS, C.RWALTERS, A.G.GORLEY) MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	2	1
3	3	5	46	COWGIRLS J.MOI,J.DURRETT (R.H.BLOCK,A.G.GORLEY,J.MADDOCKS,E.K.SMITH,CHARLIE HANDSOME) Mercury/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	4	3
4	4	4	14	AIN'T NO LOVE IN OKLAHOMA Luke Combs CHIP MATTHEWS, J.D.SINGLETON, L COMBS, J.LALEXANDER, J.D.SINGLETON) UNIVERSAL STUDIOS/ATLANTIC/SEVEN RIDGES/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	7	4
6	6	6	12	PINK SKIES Zach Bryan Z.L.BRYAN (Z.L.BRYAN) BELTING BRONCO/WARNER/WAR	-	3
6	5	3	6	LIES LIES Morgan Wallen J.MOI (J.J. DILLON, J.MILLER, D.ROSS, C.TOMPKINS) MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	21	3
0	8	10	24	AUSTIN ** Airplay Gainer ** Dasha T.HEIDELMAN (A.D.NOVOTNY,K.T.HEIDELMAN,A.WENDLER,C.R.ARNSPIGER) VERSION III/WARNER/WMN	15	3
8	7	8	15	MILES ON IT MARSHMELLO,DIGITAL FARM ANIMALS, EARWULEC, MCDONOUGH (MARSHMELLO,K BROWN, J. TORREY,R. MCDONOUGH, C. MCDONOUGH, CASTLE, N.J. GALE, TERIKSEN) JOYTIME COLLECTIVE/RCA NASHVILLE	18	4
9	9	9	7	28 Zach Bryan Z.L.BRYAN (Z.L.BRYAN) BELTING BRONCO/WARNER/WAR	-	5
10	11	12	8	POUR ME A DRINK LBELL,CHARLIE HANDSOME,J.BYRON,R.H.BLOCK,J.DOZZI) Post Malone Featuring Blake Shelton MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	13	3
0	13	14	10	I AM NOT OKAY 2.CROWELL (J.B.DEFORD,T.PHILLIPS,A.G.GORLEY,C.BROWN) A ** Streaming Gainer ** BAILEE & BUDDY/BMG/REPUBLIC/STONEY CREEK	17	10
Ð	12	7	3	GUY FOR THAT LBELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME, LOSKINS (A.R.POST, L.B. BELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME, L.COMBS, J.MCNAIR, E.K. SMITH, J.J.HOSKINS) Post Malone Featuring Luke Combs MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	40	7
ß	14	15	27	BULLETPROOF ** Sales Gainer ** Nate Smith LRIMES (A.G. GORLEY, B. JOHNSON, H. PHELPS) RCA NASHVILLE	3	10
14	10	11	10	HIGH ROAD G.SIMON (R.WETZELA.R.ALLEN, G.SIMON, C.KARPINEN, J.MURPH, L.J. VELTZ, J. SERRATO) YELLABUSH/COLUMBIA/RECORDS NASHVILLE	32	8
15	16	16	41	DIRT CHEAP Cody Johnson T.W.WILLMON (J.PHILLIPS) COJO/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	9	14
16	15	18	8	YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOVE ME Ella Langley Featuring Riley Green W.BUNDY (E.LANGLEY,A RAITIERE,R. GREEN) SAWGOD(COLUMBIA/NASHVILLE HARBOR	35	13
17	17	17	9	WHISKEY WHISKEY Moneybagg Yo Featuring Morgan Wallen TURBO,EVRGRN,CHARLIE HANDSOME (D.D.WHITE, JR.,M.C.WALLEN,J.LOWE,C.A.DURHAM,A.M.NURANI,A.G.GORLEY,E.K.SMITH,E.KLUGHAMMER,D.RUOFF,J.THOMPSON) CMGN-LESS/INTERSCOPE/CLG	-	6
18	18	13	3	LONELY ROAD SLIMXX,BAZEXX,CHARLIE HANDSOME,T.L.BARKER (T.L.BARKER,B.ALLEN,J.DENVER,W.DANOFF,M.DANOFF,M.DANOFF,R.C.BAKER,S.BASIL, N.A.LONG) EST19XX/INTERSCOPE/ACLG	-	13
19	20	20	23	CHEVROLET Dustin Lynch Featuring Jelly Roll Z.CROWELL, B. PHILLIPS (C.MCGILL, J.L.ALEXANDER, H. PHELPS, M. WILLIAMS) BROKEN BOW	6	19
20	19	21	13	HANG TIGHT HONEY Lainey Wilson J.JOYCE (L.WILSON,D.WILLIAMS,J.NIX,P.SIKES) BROKEN BOW	14	19
2	22	23	39	THINK I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU Chris Stapleton C.STAPLETON,D.COBB (C.STAPLETON) SOUND/MERCURY NASHVILLE	26	12
2	21	22	20	WIND UP MISSIN' YOU Tucker Wetmore C.LACORTE (T.ARCHER, T.P.WETMORE, C.LACORTE) BACK BLOCKS/EMI NASHVILLE	29	11
23	24	25	14	BEAUTIFUL AS YOU J.BUNETTA,J.H.RYAN,AMMO,D.HUFF (THOMAS RHETT,J.C.BUNETTA,J.E.COLEMAN,J.K.HINDLIN,A.IZQUIERDO,Z.KELSEY,J.H.RYAN) FIFTY-ONE/FORTY-NINE/VALORY	20	22
24	23	19	7	AMERICAN NIGHTS Zach Bryan Z.L.BRYAN (Z.L.BRYAN) BELTING BRONCOWARNER/WAR	-	8
25	25	29	5	AM I OKAY? K.BUSH (M.MORONEY,LLAIRD,J.J.DILLON) MEGAN MORONEY/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	25

#### COUNTRY SONGWRITERS<sup>TM</sup>

- 1 <sup>#1</sup>/<sub>77WKS</sub> ZACH BRYAN 2 ASHLEY GORLEY
- **3 CHARLIE HANDSOME**
- ERNEST
- 5 JOSH PHILLIPS
- 6 JESSI ALEXANDER
- 7 LUKE COMBS
- E 8 LOUIS BELL
- TIE 8 POST MALONE
- TIE 10 NEVIN SASTRY
- TIE 10 SEAN COOK
- TIE 10 SHABOOZEY



#### **COUNTRY PRODUCERS<sup>TM</sup>**

	1	<b>#1</b> 36 WKS	ZACH BRYAN
	2	СН	ARLIE HANDSOME
	3	JO	EY MOI
TIE	4	NE	VIN SASTRY
TIE	4	SE	AN COOK
	6	LO	UIS BELL
	7	ZA	CH CROWELL
	8	HO	SKINS
	9	GA	BE SIMON
	10	TR	AVIS HEIDELMAN

The weekly Country Songwriters and Country Producers charts are based on total points accrued by a songwriter and producer, respectively, for each attributed song that appears on the Hot Country Songs chart. As with Billboard's yearly recaps, multiple writers or producers split points for each song equally (and the dividing of points will lead to occasional ties on rankings).

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26	27	24	13	SWEET DREAMS G.SIMON (R.WETZELA.R.ALLEN, J.SERRATO, G.SIMON, S.N.HARRIS)	Koe Wetzel YELLABUSH/COLUMBIA	-	10
2	28	28	17	LOVE YOU, MISS YOU, MEAN IT J.STEVENS,J.STEVENS (R.AKINS,B.HAYSLIP,J.T.MINTON,J.RICE)	Luke Bryan ROW CROP/CAPITOL NASHVILLE	10	27
28	31	34	25	HOLY SMOKES A.R.SHAWN (A.R.SHAWN,B.ZIMMERMAN,B.M.STENNIS,L.HUNGATE,M.TYLER)	Bailey Zimmerman ELEKTRA/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	52	13
29	29	30	9	SHE'S SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER (REIMAGINED) N.SCHWARTZ (D.BALDRIDGE,J.YEARY,C.JAYMES)	Drew Baldridge PATOKA SOUNDS/LYRIC RIDGE	5	29
30	30	31	42	LOVE YOU AGAIN A.R.SHAWN,C.BROWN (C.BROWN,CHASE MATTHEW,T.PHILLIPS)	Chase Matthew CHASE MATTHEW/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	11	29
3)	32	32	20	YOUNG LOVE & SATURDAY NIGHTS C.CROWDER,C. DESTEFANO,A.MCANALLY,C.YOUNG (DAVID BOWIE,J.FRASURE,A.G.GORLEY,J.THOMPSON)	Chris Young RCA NASHVILLE	8	29
32	35	39	23	NINE BALL Z.L.BRYAN (Z.L.BRYAN)	Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER	-	15
33	34	33	17	WORST WAY D.HUFF (R.GREEN)	Riley Green NASHVILLE HARBOR	-	32
34	33	37	18	DEVIL YOU KNOW S.MARTINEZ (G.BARHAM,Z.DYER, J.HALL, S.MARTINEZ)	Tyler Braden WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	-	30
35	36	27	8	WANNA BE LOVED D.COBB (D.COLEMAN,M.COLEMAN)	The Red Clay Strays HBYCO/RCA	-	27
36	37	48	9	RELAPSE M.ELIZONDO (W.ZEIDERS,B.PENDERGRASS)	Warren Zeiders 717/WARNER/WEA	-	30
37	39	42	18	WHAT HE'LL NEVER HAVE JA.FOX (D SCOTTL.ROBINSON,R.ROWTON,R.GATLIN)	Dylan Scott CURB	-	35
33	38	36	7	COWBOYS CRY TOO A VANDERHEYM,K BALLERINI (K.BALLERINI,A. VANDERHEYM, N.KAHAN)	Kelsea Ballerini & Noah Kahan BLACK RIVER	49	16
39	26	_	2	LIAR Z.CROWELL (J.B.DEFORD, B.JOHNSON, A.G. GORLEY, T.PHILLIPS)	Jelly Roll BAILEE & BUDDY/BMG/REPUBLIC/STONEY CREEK	-	26
40	41	43	4	OUT OF OKLAHOMA LDICK (CLDICK, SMCANALIYLWILSON)	Lainey Wilson UNIVERSAL STUDIOS/ATLANTIC/BMG/BROKEN BOW	-	40
<b>4</b>	40	46	3	THIS IS MY DIRT J.S.STOVER,S.BORCHETTA (J.MOORE,P.DIGIOVANNI,R.MONTANA,J.S.STOVER)	Justin Moore VALORY	12	40
42	45	47	7	MAXED OUT J.COSTA (B.BLANKENSHIP)	Bayker Blankenship Bayker Blankenship/Santa Anna	-	42
43	44	26	6	BETTER DAYS Z.L.BRYAN, J.MAYER, C. BRAUN, MONSUNE (Z.L.BRYAN)	Zach Bryan Featuring John Mayer BELTING BRONCO/WARNER	-	17
44	42	35	6	BASS BOAT Z.L.BRYAN (Z.L.BRYAN, B. ADAMS, J. VALLANCE)	Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER	-	24
45	NE	w	1	I NEVER LIE ** Hot Shot Debut **	Zach Top LE033	-	45
46	43	45	9	REMEMBER HIM THAT WAY CHIP MATTHEWS, J.D. SINGLETON, LCOMBS (LCOMBS, J.L.ALEXANDER, ERIK DYLAN, J.D. SINGLETON)	Luke Combs SEVEN RIDGES/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	12
<b>4</b>	50	_	2	JUST LIKE JOHNNY REDFERNIN,M. WILSHIRE,J.SAGHI (B.REDFERRIN,M. WILSHIRE)	Redferrin Round Here/Warner Music Nashville/WMN	-	47
48	47	_	3	DRINK DON'T NEED NO MIX S.COOK,M.STEVENS,N.SASTRY (C.O.CHIBUEZE,S.C.COOK,M.STEVENS,X.LANDUM,N.SASTRY)	Shaboozey Featuring BigXthaPlug AMERICAN DOGWOOD/EMPIRE	-	47
49	NE	w	1	SOUNDS LIKE THE RADIO C.CHAMBERLAIN (Z.TOP.C.CHAMBERLAIN,W.MCCUBBIN)	Zach Top LE033	23	49
50	46	38	6	OAK ISLAND ZLBRYAN (ZLBRYAN)	Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER	-	18

The week's most popular country songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Luminate, sales data as compiled by Luminate and streaming activity data from online music sources tracked by Luminate. Descending titles below No. 25 are moved to recurrent after 20 weeks.

# COUNTRY MARKET WATCH

A Weekly National Music Sales Report

WEEKLY UNIT O	COUNT			YEAR-TO-DA	TE			YEAR-OVER-YEAR
	ALBUM CONSUMPTION	AUDIO ON-DEMAND	VIDEO ON-DEMAND		2023	2024	CHANGE	ALBUM CONSUMPTION
This Week	1,950,000	2,393,452,000	122,900,000	Album Consumption	58,187,000	61,590,000	5.8%	'23 58.19 million
Last Week	1,943,000	2,376,370,000	123,063,000	Album Sales	5,094,000	4,030,000	-20.9%	'24 61.60 million
Change	0.4%	0.7%	-0.1%					TOTAL ON-DEMAND STREAMS
This Week Last Year	1,882,000	2,223,698,000	133,310,000	Audio On-Demand	68,818,931,000	74,896,887,000	8.8%	'23 73.36 billion
Change	3.6%	7.6%	-7.8%	Video On-Demand	4,537,859,000	3,987,571,000	-12.1%	'24 78.88 billion

All data measures U.S. activity as of the week ending August 15, 2024. All units counts are rounded to the nearest thousand. Album consumption units – also known as albums plus TEA plus SEA – consists of album sales; track-equivalent album (TEA) sales whereby 10 tracks equal one consumption unit; and stream equivalent albums (SEA) whereby 1,250 paid and/or 3,750 ad-supported audio on-demand streams (OAD) equal one consumption unit.

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# Russell Dickerson Digs Deeper Into The 'Bones' Of His Love Song History

When **Randy Travis** emerged as a game-changing country icon nearly 40 years ago, he won over the audience by mixing songs of infinite love — including "Forever and Ever, Amen," "Deeper Than the Holler" and "I Won't Need You Anymore (Always and Forever)" — with songs that address mortality, such as "Three Wooden Crosses," "He Walked on Water" and "Before You Kill Us All." And he blended both love and finality with the pledge of "'til death do us part" in "Forever Together."

**Russell Dickerson** has adhered primarily to the first half of that equation during his career, embracing long and lasting love in his singles "Yours," "Every Little Thing" and "Home Sweet." But with his latest release, "Bones," he manages to combine both grownup Travis themes: commitment and the end of life.

"Bones," he says, is "like 'Yours' with a mortgage payment."

Dickerson suggested "Bones" during his last writing session of 2023, held around Thanksgiving at a wood-paneled studio on his Tennessee property. Cowriters **Parker Welling** ("Blue Tacoma," "What's Your Country Song"), **Chase McGill** ("Chevrolet," "Next Thing You Know") and **Chris LaCorte** ("23," "Wind Up Missin' You") were down the road with it before anyone mentioned that **Maren Morris** already had a significant recent hit titled "The Bones." No one was particularly concerned.

"I felt like we were pretty good," McGill reflects. "They're just completely different songs."

Dickerson started strumming through a guitar progression, and LaCorte came up with a gritty riff that created a rough-cut musical tone for the work. On the lyrical side, they wanted to find different ways to incorporate the title throughout the song, so they developed a list of phrases that contained the word "bones," including "shaking right down to my bones" and "flesh and bones."

And as Dickerson kept singing a chorus setup line, "I'll love ya 'til I'm six feet down in the ground," they played with numerous payoff lines until Mc-Gill finally found the winner: "And the gold on my finger's wrapped around/ Nothin' but bones."

"That was just kind of the – no pun intended – nail in the coffin," Dickerson deadpans. "It's like, 'Holy cow, this is a song here.'"

The melody for that chorus started at an anthemic level and maintained power through the bulk of the stanza until it reached its conclusion with calm serenity. As a result, that chorus sonically mirrors the story of the relationship it covers: intense at the start and steady over time until death brings it to a close.

"We didn't intentionally do that, but I think there's a feeling about that song that we kind of just followed," Welling suggests. "I think that's why it all matches up."

Welling has been friends with Dickerson and his wife, **Kailey**, since all of them attended Belmont University, and she spun specific descriptors about Kailey and the couple's relationship for the opening moments. That verse ended with the singer "shaking right down to my bones" as he proposes. The second verse finds him putting the woman on a figurative pedestal, comparing her to an angel while grading himself as "just flesh and bones."

"It's like, 'Thank you for choosing me,' " Dickerson says.

They inserted new lyrics in the final chorus to drive the point of "Bones" home, folding part of a wedding vow into a line LaCorte suggested about carving a pledge into his tombstone, a word the group changed to "headstone." The image emerged earlier in the writing process, but they saved the drama of that visual for the song's closing moments.

"We thought the headstone line in 'Bones' would have been a lot to have at the halfway point of [an earlier] chorus and then land on the 'gold on my finger wrapped around nothing but bones,' "Welling says. "That's just a lot of, like, casket."

It was stark, but no more so than the deathly stories in Travis' songs, **George** Jones' "He Stopped Loving Her Today," **Vern Gosdin**'s "Chiseled in Stone" or **The Carter Family**'s "Will the Circle Be Unbroken."

"What I love about country is you can go there," McGill says. "You can say that."

LaCorte produced most of the demo that day, creating the intro by layering two different acoustic guitars, one playing a pulsing figure and the other building melodic tension with the foundational minor-key riff. It was a little raw, as LaCorte recorded the part in an uncomfortable position.

"It was recorded so haphazardly," he says. "I had an SM7 microphone, but it was just lying on a table, and I was trying to scoot up next to it to play this thing."

Dickerson rerecorded the demo vocals within a few weeks to ensure he had a version that showcased well for his team, and he recorded the final version in the spring. Producer Josh Kerr (Maddie & Tae, for King & Country) asked LaCorte to co-produce with him and Dickerson, and insisted that they use LaCorte's imperfect acoustic guitar parts from the demo. The session came together so quickly that the night before,

they were uncertain where that would happen. Ultimately, they booked **Peter Frampton**'s Studio Phenix for a 6 p.m. date with drummer **Evan Hutchings**, bassist **Tony Lucido**, keyboardist **Alex Wright** and guitarist **Nathan Keeterle**. After one pass that featured some syncopation, Dickerson asked the band to play the rhythms straight, like an elephant stomping through the jungle. It needed to sound simple and determined, even if it was compiled from different sources.

"A lot of the track is Chris and the bones of the demo — pun intended — and then some other layers," Kerr says. "I added some drum programming in the second verse and some new synth layers, so it's a true hodgepodge of things going on in this song."

Several elements provided a ghostly effect, including a windy sound in the opening section.

"That's my old Moog Model D synthesizer, and it has this one mode on it that's just called 'Noise,' "LaCorte says. "Sometimes it just adds kind of a cool texture in the background, [but] it's more felt than heard."

LaCorte's Dobro solo from the demo stayed in the master, though Kerr had him double it with electric guitar to create a quasi-slide tonality.

Dickerson purposely sang parts of "Bones" a little off-kilter. The phrasing in the opening verse is intentionally awkward, and in the final chorus, he sings two lead vocals for a brief period that lend their own haunting quality, as the voices engage in a short-term battle.

"It's gritty, it's crisp, there's a lot of depth and dynamic to it," Kerr says of Dickerson's performance. "That's something that we really made a point of doing in this song."

Kailey was so enamored of "Bones" that she stayed out late one night just driving and listening to the cut.

"If she digs it," Dickerson says, "then that's a good sign."

But not everyone at Triple Tigers thought it should be a single. Several alternative titles were thrown around, though Dickerson held out for "Bones." The label released it to country radio via PlayMPE on July 15.

"It's a little jarring at first," he concedes, "but once you really settle into the song, that kind of fades away. I had to fight for this song to be the single, but I'm betting everything on this song."



In the original edition, several quotes should have been attributed to Josh Kerr.

# ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR OR A CALL AND A CALL

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WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHT	ARTIST TITLE	CERT	PEAK
1	1	1	76	MORGAN WALLEN ONE THIS LABEL ONE THING AT A TIME BIG LOUD/MERCURY 037570*/REPUBLIC	5	•
2	2	2	7	ZACH BRYAN THE GREAT AMERICAN BAR SCENE BELTING BRONCO DIGITAL EX/WARNER (093624839988*)		
3	3	4	188	MORGAN WALLEN DANGEROUS: THE DOUBLE ALBUM BIG LOUD 033180 <sup>+</sup> /REPUBLIC	6	
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3	3	4	51	ZACH BRYAN ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 725898*/WARNER		1
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9	9	9	20	BEYONCE COWBOY CARTER PARKWOOD 889963* & 889965*/COLUMBIA		1
0	10	12	40	CHRIS STAPLETON HIGHER SOUND/MERCURY NASHVILLE 037345*/UMGN		1

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3	3	12	PINK SKIES ZACH BRYAN	1	3	5	10	I AM NOT OKAY JELLY ROLL
4	4	6	LIES LIES LIES MORGAN WALLEN	1	4	4	14	AIN'T NO LOVE IN OKLAHOMA LUKE COMBS
6	5	51	I REMEMBER EVERYTHING Zach Bryan Feat. Kacey Musgraves	1	5	6	3	LONELY ROAD MGK & JELLY ROLL
6	6	13	AIN'T NO LOVE IN OKLAHOMA LUKE COMBS	1	6	8	8	YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOVE ME ELLA LANGLEY FEAT. RILEY GREEN
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8	8	6	28 ZACH BRYAN	1	8	10	8	POUR ME A DRINK POST MALONE FEAT. BLAKE SHELTON
9	10	81	LAST NIGHT MORGAN WALLEN	1	9	12	15	MILES ON IT MARSHMELLO & KANE BROWN
0	11	121	SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE ZACH BRYAN	1	10	7	6	LIES LIES LIES Morgan Wallen
0	13	3	GUY FOR THAT POST MALONE FEAT. LUKE COMBS	1	11	11	15	COWGIRLS MORGAN WALLEN FEAT. ERNEST
Ø	12	15	MILES ON IT MARSHMELLO & KANE BROWN		Ø	15	23	AUSTIN DASHA
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4	N	w	1	RHONDA VINCENT UPPER MANAGMENT DIGITAL EX	DESTINATIONS AND FUN PLACES		4
6	5	3	56	MOLLY TUTTLE & GOLDEN HIG NONESUCH 698603*/WARNER	GHWAY CITY OF GOLD		1
6	8	9	5	BRIDGE CITY SINNERS FLAIL 027*	IN THE AGE OF DOUBT		2
Ø	N	w	1	THE PETERSENS THE PETERSENS	THE GREENEST GRASS (EP)		7
8	2	2	3	THE HILLBILLY THOMISTS VERE 195269307936*	MARIGOLD		2
9	7	8	13	CHICK COREA & BELA FLECK BELA FLECK 83731*/THIRTY TIGERS	REMEMBRANCE		1
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# SINGLE OF THE YEAR

SONG OF THE YEAR BURN IT DOWN"

MALE VOCALIST

The smoldering heartache song bursts into flame on its bridge and keeps on burning to its smoking-ashes finale. McCollum's delivery is appropriately edgy and pained. The man is a star. 77 - MUSICROW

