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New Country Songs High JORDAN DAVIS "I Ain't Sayin' The track pushes to a new No. 12 high on the Hot Country Songs chart dated

March 15. The lead single from Davis' upcoming album increased by 18% to 4.8 million official U.S. streams Feb. 28-March 6, according to Luminate. It's at

ON THE CHARTS



We 'Ain't' Kiddin': Davis Hits A



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"Weren't for the Wind" Co-written by Langley, who hails from Hope Hull, Ala., the cut ranks at its No. 17 best

on Hot Country Songs with 5.2 million streams and 1,000 sold. On Country Airplay, it moves to No. 20 (8.1 million, up 5%). The song is from the November-released deluxe version of her LP Hungover. which arrived in August.





KOE WETZEL

No. 3 on Country Airplay, after

reaching No. 2 (25.5 million in

audience, down 8%).

Live From the Damn Near Normal The set enters at No. 19 on Top Country Albums with 11,000 equivalent album units. The

collection from the 32-year-old Pittsburg, Texas, native also starts at No. 10 on Americana/ Folk Albums, marking his third top 10. It was recorded during his Damn Near Normal Tour, which will next stop in Austin on March 13.



DAVIS: HARPER SMITH, LANGLEY: CAYLEE ROBILLARD, WETZEL: JODY DOMINGUE, DASHA: ADAM BUDD,

DASHA

"Not at This Party" The single that the San Luis Obispo, Calif., native co-wrote opens at No. 27 on Hot Country

Songs. It follows her debut hit, "Austin," which scooted to No. 3 last April, as well as No. 8 on Country Airplay in November. The new release drew 4.5 million first-week streams and 186,000 in airplay audience.



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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TWO WEEKS Ago	WKS ON Chart	TITLE Artist PRODUCER (SONGWRITER) IMPRINT / PROMOTION LABEL	COUNTRY Airplay Rank	PEAK Position
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3	3	3	44	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	RC	1
4	4	4	5	I'M THE PROBLEM Morgan Wallen J.Mol,CHARLIE HANDSOME (M.C.WALLEN,G.W.BLOCK,J.MCLAUGHLIN,E.K.SMITH,CHARLIE HANDSOME) MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	12	1
6	5	6	26	LIAR Jeily Roll Salee & BUDDY/BMG/REPUBLIC/STONEY CREEK BUDDY/BMG/REPUBLIC/STONEY CREEK	1	5
6	6	5	39	HIGH ROAD ** Streaming Gainer ** Koe Wetzel & Jessie Murph G.SIMON (R.WETZELA.R.ALLEN, G.SIMON,C.KARPINEN, J.MURPH, LJ VELTZ, J. SERRATO) YELLABUSH/COLUMBIA/RECORDS NASHVILLE	4	4
0	7	8	29	I NEVER LIE Zach Top C.CHAMBERLAIN (Z.TOP,C.CHAMBERLAIN,T.NICHOLS) LE033	9	7
8	9	9	23	I'M GONNA LOVE YOU Cody Johnson & Carrie Underwood T.W.WILLMON (C.STEVENS,K.ARCHER,T.DENNING) COJO/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/CAPITOL NASHVILLE/WMN	6	8
9	10	10	13	INDIGO Sam Barber Featuring Avery Anna J.Becker (S.R.BARBER,A.ANNA,A.SHERIDAN) LOCKELAND SPRINGS/ATLANTIC/MAGNOLIA MUSIC	47	8
10	8	7	10	SMILE Morgan Wallen J.Mol,CHARLIE HANDSOME (M.C.WALLEN,R.H.BLOCK,J.BYRON,E.K.SMITH,CHARLIE HANDSOME,L.WITKIEWITZ) MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	RC	2
0	12	12	16	GOOD NEWS S.COOK,N.SASTRY (C.O.CHIBUEZE,N.SASTRY,S.C.COOK,J.TORREY,M.R.POLLACK,ROMANS) AMERICAN DOGWOOD/EMPIRE/MAGNOLIA MUSIC	38	11
Ð	13	14	24	I AIN'T SAYIN' ** Sales Gainer ** Jordan Davis PDIGIOVANNI (T.P.WOOD,S.MOAKLER,M.L.HOLMAN,E.REID) MCA NASHVILLE	3	12
13	11	13	30	WORST WAY Riley Green D.HUFF (R.GREEN) NASHVILLE HARBOR	24	11
1	15	16	34	AM I OKAY? Megan Moroney K.BUSH (M.MORONEY,LLAIRD,J.J.DILLON) MEGAN MORONEY/COLUMBIA/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	15	14
15	14	11	26	4X4XU Lainey Wilson J.JOYCE (LWILSON, J.DECIOUS, A. RAITIERE) BROKEN BOW	RC	9
10	16	18	15	BACKSEAT DRIVER CAN Brown D.HUFF (J.DAVIS,J.WALKER) ZONE 4/RCA NASHVILLE	18	16
Ð	17	20	17	WEREN'T FOR THE WIND Ella Langley W.BUNDY (E.LANGLEY, J.TAYLOR, J.CLAWSON) SAWGOD/COLUMBIA/TRIPLE TIGERS	20	17
13	20	23	54	HOLY SMOKES Bailey Zimmerman A.R.SHAWN (A.R.SHAWN, B.ZIMMERMAN, B.M.STENNIS, L.HUNGATE, M.TYLER) ELEKTRAWARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	13	13
❶	19	25	27	FIX WHAT YOU DIDN'T BREAK Nate Smith LRIMES (N.SMITH,A.G.GORLEY,T.PHILLIPS,L.RIMES) RCA NASHVILLE	31	19
20	18	24	16	SOMETHIN' 'BOUT A WOMAN Thomas Rhett Featuring Teddy Swims D.Hufe,J.BUNETTA (THOMAS RHETT, J.C. BUNETTA, I.FRANZINO, A.HAAS, J.H.RYAN) FIFTY-ONE/FORTY-NINE/VALORY	-	18
2	23	28	42	THIS TOWN'S BEEN TOO GOOD TO US Dylan Scott J.DURRETT, CHARLIE HANDSOME (D.SCOTT, A.G. GORLEY, CHARLIE HANDSOME, J.BYRON, T.PHILLIPS) CURB	7	21
22	21	26	15	TEXAS Blake Shelton S.HENDRICKS (J.CLAWSON,K.STURROCK,J.DORR,LGUZMAN) TEN POINT/WHEELHOUSE	11	21
23	26	32	10	HOMETOWN HOME ★★ Airplay Gainer ★★ J.RICE (C.LUCAS,P.C.BRUST,A.ALBERT,Z.ABEND)	5	23
2	25	29	20	ENDS OF THE EARTH TY Myers B.Hood (T.MYERS) RECORDS/COLUMBIA/RECORDS NASHVILLE	55	20
25	24	27	20	DON'T MIND IF I DO D.HUFF (R.GREEN) Riley Green Featuring Ella Langley NASHVILLE HARBOR	-	24

COUNTRY SONGWRITERSTM

1	#1 3WKS RILEY GREEN
2	CHARLIE HANDSOME
3	ASHLEY GORLEY
4	MORGAN WALLEN
5	ZACH BRYAN
6	ERNEST
7	TY MYERS
8	CARSON CHAMBERLAIN
8	ZACH TOP
10	NEVIN SASTRY
10	SEAN COOK
10	SHABOOZEY
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COUNTRY PRODUCERSTM

	1	#1 25 WKS	CHARLIE HANDSOME
	2	DA	NN HUFF
	3	JO	EY MOI
	4	CA	RSON CHAMBERLAIN
TIE	5	NE	VIN SASTRY
TIE	5	SE	AN COOK
	7	ZA	CH CROWELL
	8	GA	BE SIMON
	9	TR	ENT WILLMON
	10	JO	E BECKER

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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AIRPLAY, STREAMING & SALES DATA COMPILED BY LUMINATE

LAST WEEK	TWO WEEKS Ago	WKS ON Chart	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist	COUNTRY Airplay Rank	PEAK Position
22	22	6	HAUNTED D.HUFF (K. BROWN, G. FOUST, J. FREE)	Kane Brown With Jelly Roll ZONE 4/RCA NASHVILLE	-	14
NE	w	1	NOT AT THIS PARTY ** Hot Shot Debut ** B.JOHNSON,J.REND (A.D.NOVOTNY,A.G.GORLEY,B.J.JOHNSON)	Dasha VERSION III/WARNER/WMN	-	27
27	30	12	FOREVER TO ME J.M.SCHMIDT,G.JAMES (C.SWINDELL,G.JAMES,R.H.BLOCK)	Cole Swindell WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	8	27
30	33	12	FRIENDS LIKE THAT J.ALDEAN,K.ALLISON,T.KENNEDY (J.MORGAN,B.ANDERSON,W.L.BUNDY,L.VAUGHAN)	John Morgan Featuring Jason Aldean NIGHT TRAIN/BROKEN BOW	10	29
29	19	3	BAD STATE OF MIND TREATY OAK REVIVALT.KIMBALL (S.J.CANTY,J.D.VANLEY,L.S.VANLEY,A.J.CAREY,R.C.HOLLOWAY,B.STILES)	Treaty Oak Revival TOR/INTERSCOPE/ICLG	-	19
28	21	4	DEAR MISS E.SPEAR (Z.L.BRYAN)	Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER	-	21
33	34	18	HOUSE AGAIN R.YOUNMANS,LUKAS SCOTT (H.WESTBROOK,N.A.MEDLEY,D.ALLEY)	Hudson Westbrook RIVER HOUSE/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	-	29
37	41	7	WHISKEY DRINK M.KNOX (K.M.ALLISON, J.EDWARDS, T.KENNEDY, J.MORGAN)	Jason Aldean MACON/BROKEN BOW	14	33
34	36	29	JUST LIKE JOHNNY REDFERRIN,M.WILSHIRE,J.SAGHI (J.B.REDFERRIN,M.WILSHIRE)	Redferrin Round Here/Warner Music Nashville/WMN	-	28
31	35	38	RELAPSE M.ELIZONDO (W.ZEIDERS,B.PENDERGRASS)	Warren Zeiders 717/WARNER/WEA	41	30
32	31	6	BLUE JEAN BABY Z.L.BRYAN (Z.L.BRYAN)	Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER/WAR	-	18
35	37	22	PLEASE DON'T GO TWOODWARD,A.YANKUNAS (W.R.FLORES,R.B.PRICE)	Wyatt Flores OEG/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	-	34
38	38	34	COWBOYS CRY TOO A.VANDERHEYM,K.BALLERINI, A.VANDERHEYM, N.KAHAN)	Kelsea Ballerini & Noah Kahan BLACK RIVER	25	16
44	45	10	BAD LUCK C.CHAMBERLAIN (C.CHAMBERLAIN,Z.TOP,M.NESLER)	Zach Top LE033	-	39
36	_	2	HAPPEN TO ME J.KERR,R.DICKERSON,C.LACORTE (R.DICKERSON,C.LACORTE,J.J.DILLON,C.MCGILL,R.HAZARD)	Russell Dickerson TRIPLE TIGERS	-	36
40	39	9	USE ME C.CHAMBERLAIN (Z.TOP,C.CHAMBERLAIN,T.NICHOLS)	Zach Top LE033	-	37
46	43	10	SINGLE AGAIN M.GEROUX (J.ROSS, J.A.FOX, B.REMPEL)	Josh Ross The Core/Universal Music Canada/Mercury Nashville	23	42
42	49	4	AFTER ALL THE BARS ARE CLOSED D.HUFF,J.BUNETTA (THOMAS RHETT,J.C.BUNETTA,J.BYRON,J.FREE,J.K.HINDLIN)	Thomas Rhett FIFTY-ONE/FORTY-NINE/VALORY	39	40
41	40	17	HIGH ROAD ZLBRYAN (ZLBRYAN)	Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER/WAR	-	6
45	44	8	COMING HOME OLD DOMINION,S.MCANALLY (M.RAMSEY,T. ROSEN,W.SELLERS,G.SPRUNG,B.F.TURSI,S.MCANALLY)	Old Dominion THREE UP THREE DOWN/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	19	44
47	48	3	TOUGH PEOPLE N.SCHWARTZ (D.BALDRIDGE, J. WALKER, A. SANDERS, LCOMBS)	Drew Baldridge PATOKA SOUNDS/LYRIC RIDGE/STONEY CREEK	16	46
RE-EP	NTRY	3	THOUGHT IT WAS LOVE B.HOOD (T.MYERS)	Ty Myers RECORDS/COLUMBIA/RECORDS NASHVILLE	-	47
48	46	10	BAGGAGE A.VANDERHEYM,K.BALLERINI (K.BALLERINI,J.J.DILLON,K.FAIRCHILD,H.LINDSEY,A.VANDERHEYM)	Kelsea Ballerini BLACK RIVER	-	42
RE-EP	NTRY	15	SOUNDS LIKE THE RADIO C.CHAMBERLAIN (Z.TOP,C.CHAMBERLAIN,W.MCCUBBIN)	Zach Top LE033	RC	29
49	50	3	LOW ROAD STEINZA (Z.SEIN,A.NUNEZ)	Adrien Nunez RED SEAT/WARNER/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	-	49
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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	OUNT			YEAR-TO-DATE			YEAR-OVER-YEAR		
	ALBUM CONSUMPTION	AUDIO ON-DEMAND	VIDEO ON-DEMAND		2024	2025	CHANGE	ALBUM CONSUMPTION	
This Week	1,794,000	2,224,589,000	118,302,000	Album	14.623.000	15.415.000	5.4%	'24 14.62 million	
Last Week	1,786,000	2,214,166,000	121,081,000	Consumption	14,023,000	15,415,000	5.470	'25 15.41 million	
Change	0.4%	0.5%	-2.3%	Audio On-Demand	17,799,099,000	18,981,474,000	6.6%	TOTAL ON-DEMAND STREAMS	
This Week Last Year	1,743,000	2,138,526,000	119,545,000					'24 18.85 billion '25 20.03 billion	
Change	2.9%	4.0%	-1.0%	Video On-Demand	1,054,858,000	1,047,371,000	-0.7%		

All data measures U.S. activity as of the week ending March 6, 2025. 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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DUSTIN LYNCH "CHEVROLET (FEAT. JELLY ROLL)"

Thomas Rhett Picks Up On The Unique Vibes Of 'After All The Bars Are Closed'

Thomas Rhett's new single makes only a passing reference to a truck, but it's loaded with pickups.

The foundational electric guitar played by songwriter **John Byron** ("Last Night," "Pour Me a Drink") required a pickup to produce a sound. The protagonist in the plot, singing to a woman around closing time at a club, is trying to make a pickup. And the phrases in the singalong chorus generally start on the second beat of a measure, leading to the downbeat of the next bar; thus, they're built from musical pickups.

As a result, "After All the Bars Are Closed" uses pickups in hopes of yielding a pickup.

"I would have never thought about that in my whole existence," Rhett says.

To be fair, Rhett doesn't actually think of it as a song about a barroom pickup. Instead, he relates it to the early days of his relationship with now-wife **Lauren**, when he was playing music and attending David Lipscomb University in Nashville while she studied nursing at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. There were so many other obligations in their lives that they often had only a two-hour window after midnight for themselves.

"Anytime I write a song, whether it's [about] heartbreak, love — whatever — I'm either looking at my present day with my wife, or I'm kind of looking back into when we first started dating," he says.

Lauren wasn't the original muse, though, for "After All the Bars Are Closed." Byron was working with pop songwriters **Jacob "JKash" Kasher** ("Love Somebody," "Sugar") and **Jaxson Free** on March 10, 2023, in Miami, and he landed on a finger-picking guitar pattern that ends with a twisty riff. They began sifting through potential titles, and when they came upon "After All the Bars Are Closed," it had a classic ring to it.

"It's like [Semisonic's] 'Closing Time,' but kind of a country way to say that," Byron notes.

Instead of the standard verse-chorus-verse-chorus format, they used the title as the opening line, getting to the hook immediately. That tactic was used frequently in some previous eras — **Willie Nelson** started with the hook on two of his most valuable copyrights, "Crazy" and "On the Road Again." **Larry Gatlin** employed that approach in most of **The Gatlin Brothers**' hits in the '70s and '80s.

"What's funny about Larry is, his wife was one of my second-grade teachers," Byron recalls. "I definitely listened to a lot of Gatlin Brothers."

Opening with the title has an obvious advantage in an era marked by short attention spans.

"If you can get to the hookiest part of the song first, it can really draw people in," Byron says. "If you think of 'Cruise' by **Florida Georgia Line**, if that song had started with the verse, I don't think it would have been nearly as big. [They sang] the most iconic part of the song right off the top."

While the melody of the "Bars" chorus started on the second beat of a measure and ended on the downbeat of the next bar, the verses had their own unique structure. The bulk of the phrases in those stanzas start *after* the second beat and end *before* the next measure — they're compact and tucked completely between the song's defining beats.

As Byron, JKash and Free developed those musical parts, they saw the characters as romantically unconnected.

"Whenever me and Kash are together, we always want to make sure it's as swaggy as possible, so most of the time, in our heads, it's two people who aren't together," Byron says. "I actually think it's cool that TR did it, because him and Lauren are together. And so I think it's a cool, fresh way for TR to pick up his wife."

Rhett and songwriter-producer Julian Bunetta (Kelsea Ballerini, Sabrina Carpenter) had meanwhile been listening to some '50s and '60s recordings, many of which started with the hook and got to the chorus three times in just two minutes. The hook-first nature of "After All the Bars Are Closed" intrigued

them during a writing retreat at Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga, Tenn., when Byron introduced a rough version of the song.

"It's like a ballad dressed up as a midtempo bop," Bunetta says. "But actually, when you break it down and just sing it on guitar, it's a really tender, sweet love song. I love when things aren't always what they seem on the surface."

Rhett and Bunetta tweaked a few melodic passages and changed some lyrics, in particular adding new words on the final chorus, where the post-midnight theme inspired a "dark side of the moon" line. It may lead listeners with a classic-rock background to think of **Pink Floyd**.

"When I heard that line, my brain went to Pink Floyd," Rhett agrees.

Bunetta and Dann Huff (Kane Brown, Keith Urban) co-produced a tracking session for "Bars" at Backstage in Nashville, testing its flexibility by trying a range of styles. Bunetta rejiggered the chord progression for one take, they tried playing it without the original guitar riff on another, and they even did a version with a Hall & Oates vibe.

In the production's early going, they settled on a rendition that was "extremely Western, like if me and **Midland** sort of had a baby," Rhett says. "Me and Ju-

lian both lived with it for a couple of weeks, but it just didn't give us the same emotion that the original did."

They mixed and matched parts from those various takes for the album, though Bunetta eventually adopted a less-is-more attitude about the arrangement, built primarily around Byron's guitar work on the demo.

"The more I tried to add, the less I liked the song, the more the emotion got buried, and the more his voice got buried," Bunetta says. "It just wasn't as effective, so I tried to keep it sparse and keep it all about his voice, [with] a couple of those little colorful, electric bits on the left and the right side."

The album version had a pop edge to it, with Byron's harmony parts from the demo providing loose background vocals.

Bunetta "could turn a fart into a BGV," Byron says with admiration.

As the track began to emerge as one of the most popular in streaming from the *About a Woman* album, Rhett's team determined a different mix — "The Last Call Version" — was in order for a radio release. Drummer **Jerry Roe** was brought in to give the percussion a stronger human presence, and some of steel guitarist **Paul Franklin**'s part from the original session — including a waterfall intro — were unmuted.

Valory released "Bars" to country radio via PlayMPE on Feb. 6. It's at No. 39 on the Country Airplay chart dated March 15 in its third week on the list as programmers pick up on it.

"It's sneaky because the music is very 'now'-sounding, but there's something about the way that that song sort of teleports you, and it makes you feel $\sum_{i=1}^{N}$ nostalgic," Rhett says. "It makes you feel kind of like you want to dance, but $\frac{1}{2}$ also just kind of like you want to be with the person that you love. It doesn't $\frac{1}{2}$ happen very often where a song checks all those boxes."







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0	2	2	217	MORGAN WALLEN DANGEROUS: THE DOUBLE ALBUM BIG LOUD 033180*/REPUBLIC	6	1
3	3	3	29	POST MALONE F-1 TRILLION MERCURY 602465958249*/REPUBLIC		1
4	4	4	21	JELLY ROLL BEAUTIFULLY BROKEN BAILEE & BUDDY/STONEY CREEK/BMG 602468028123*/REPUBLIC		1
5	6	6	33	ZACH TOP COLD BEER & COUNTRY MUSIC LE033 0001*		5
6	5	5	146	ZACH BRYAN AMERICAN HEARTBREAK BELTING BRONCO 86979*/WARNER		1
7	8	7	80	ZACH BRYAN ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 725898*/WARNER		1
8	7	9	40	SHABOOZEY WHERE I'VE BEEN, ISN'T WHERE I'M GOING AMERICAN DOGWOOD 1023*/EMPIRE	•	2
9	11	12	405	LUKE COMBS THIS ONE'S FOR YOU RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 538883*/SMN	6	1
10	9	8	36	ZACH BRYAN THE GREAT AMERICAN BAR SCENE BELTING BRONCO 093624839989*/WARNER		1
11	10	10	18	SAM BARBER RESTLESS MIND LOCKELAND SPRINGS/ATLANTIC DIGITAL EX/AG		9
12	12	13	20	RILEY GREEN DON'T MIND IF I DO NASHVILLE HARBOR 843930116935/BMLG		8
13	13	11	6	KANE BROWN THE HIGH ROAD		2
14	14	17	90	BAILEY ZIMMERMAN RELIGIOUSLY. THE ALBUM. ELEKTRA/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 712554*/3EE/WMN		3
15	15	14	514	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN	6	1
6	17	18	353	MORGAN WALLEN IF I KNOW ME BIG LOUD 783*	3	1
Ð	18	19	102	LUKE COMBS GETTIN' OLD RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 877494*/SMN		2
18	16	16	68	CODY JOHNSON LEATHER COJO/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 725512/WMN		5
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Ð	23	23	34	MEGAN MORONEY AM I OKAY? MEGAN MORONEY/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 281342*/SMN/COLUMBIA		3
22	19	21	225	CHRIS STAPLETON STARTING OVER MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/UMGN	2	1
23	20	20	69	CHRIS STAPLETON HIGHER SOUND/MERCURY NASHVILLE 037345*/UMGN	•	1
24	22	24	31	ELLA LANGLEY HUNGOVER SAWGOD DIGITAL EX/COLUMBIA		11
25	25	25	33	SOUNDTRACK TWISTERS: THE ALBUM UNIVERSAL PICTURES/ATLANTIC 075678606632*/AG	•	3

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2	2	3	146	ZACH BRYAN AMERICAN HEARTBREAK BELTING BRONCO 86979*/WARNER		1
3	3	4	506	HOZIER HOZIER HOZIER RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA 309996*/LEGACY	4	1
4	5	5	80	ZACH BRYAN ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 725898*/WARNER		1
5	4	7	40	SHABOOZEY WHERE I'VE BEEN, ISN'T WHERE I'M GOING AMERICAN DOGWOOD 1023*/EMPIRE	•	1
6	6	6	36	ZACH BRYAN THE GREAT AMERICAN BAR SCENE BELTING BRONCO 093624839989*/WARNER		1
7	7	8	18	SAM BARBER RESTLESS MIND		6
8	8	9	460	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN	6	1
9	9	10	64	HOZIER UNREAL UNEARTH RUBYWORKS 881624*/COLUMBIA	•	1
0	NE	W	1	KOE WETZEL LIVE FROM THE DAMN NEAR NORMAL TOUR YELLABUSH DIGITAL EX/COLUMBIA		10

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6 13 INDIGO SAM BARBER FEAT. AVERY ANNA 5 1 2 MAN IN THE SKY TOM MACDONALD	
5 10 SMILE MORGAN WALLEN 6 11 39 IAM NOT OKAY JELLY ROLL	
8 14 GOOD NEWS SHABOOZEY 7 8 10 SMILE MORGAN WALLEN	
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18 401 TENNESSEE WHISKEY CHRIS STAPLETON	
16 75 COWGIRLS MORGAN WALLEN FEAT. ERNEST	-
1 24 39 HIGH ROAD KOE WETZEL& JESSIE MURPH	
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Coinciding with this issue will be the Women in Music awards ceremony on March 29. The event will bring together music's most prominent women artists and the industry's top women business executives to recognize and celebrate their achievements.

Take this opportunity to congratulate the most powerful and talented women in music and wish them continued success.

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