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Thomas tops Bublé

A Cecilia native's CD has toppled Michael Bublé on the Jazz charts.

"City Beat" from jazz instrumentalist Michael J. Thomas was released March 2 and already is rising on the charts. The CD rested comfortably at No. 3 on the Smooth Jazz Now charts the week of March 13 and rose to No. 1 the week of March 20, passing Bublé's "Hold On."

"I was excited when 'City Beat' hit No. 3, Michael Bublé was number one and Corrine Bailey Ray was number two," Thomas said. "Both are vocalists and I never expected to go any higher and was happy being the top instrumentalist."

When the programming director alerted him that it was going to No. 1 he couldn't believe it.

"Here I am an unsigned artist competing with signed artists from Sony, Blue Note, NuGroove, etc," Thomas said. "Unbelievable."

His music also can be heard on The Weather Channel's "Local On the 8's."

"City Beat" is available on www.amazon.com, iTunes, www.michaeljthomas.net and locally at Best Buy.