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What better way to spark your yuletide log than with this particularly flammable collection of pulp featuring HITS' year-end MPS and Album charts, as well as a look back at the year in Post Modern, JAMZ, Rap, Mix and Rock. Hey, it beats sitting in the lap of some fat guy in a red suit with a fake beard and liquor on his breath.

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Iniversal Music Group chief Doug Morris was the man with the plan in 1998. Now his plan will be put into action, as the completion of the historic Seagram/PolyGram merger makes him the head of the world's largest record company, with the formidable task of making the most of the combined operation. Yes, a new era is dawning in the music industry. Too bad we're just as dim as ever.



ON THE COVER

et Bad Boy Sean "Puffy" Combs be your Santa Claus, as Puffy, Faith Evans, Total, 112 and the Schoolboyz represent the Bad Boy Family, holiday style. Hey, the hip-hop superstar's wallet is even more stuffed than the old man's sack of toys... even if this HITS Year-End cover nod is nothing but a lump of coal in his stocking.

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We've had a great year thanks in large part to our friends throughout the industry, radio and retail. Instead of sending individual holiday cards, RCA has made a donation in your name to The T.J. Martell Foundation.



HUNGER IS EVERYWHERE. Most of us grew up associating hunger with desperate images from abroad—African children with cloudy eyes and swollen bellies—that made the problem seem distant and hopeless. But malnourishment afflicts people in our own neighborhoods as well as developing nations. Though we might not realize it, there are still families in the United States so poor that their children take turns eating breakfast.

Meanwhile, the recent devastation wrought by Hurricane Mitch in Central America has created massive new challenges to hunger relief efforts.

In the course of preparing this year-end issue, we talked with a number of organizations that work to assure people their daily bread. Some are national food banks; some are grantmakers who gather contributions and funnel them to agencies; some are individual soup kitchens. We learned that while they may have differing views on tackling hunger—and whether or not it's possible to imagine "solving" it permanently—they do tend to agree that hunger is most often not a result of lack of food, but lack of access. Thus, providing access is the key to improving the lives of those in need.

Those who have helped us begin to understand this very complex issue have shown us how a simple act of giving can make a very real difference, no matter how small. We've discovered a number of ways to help that we didn't know existed. There's much to be done, but we can all help, whether by donating food, money or time. We encourage anyone who reads this to turn to the contact numbers at the end of this section and make a call.

And to the individuals who saw fit to give us their valuable time to allow us some understanding of their work, we extend our thanks.

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THINGS WE DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE

	Hunger is defined as the inability to purchase enough food to meet basic nutritional needs.
	More people have died as a result of hunger in the past five years than have been killed in all the wars, revolutions and murders in the past 150 years.
	GLOBAL FACTS
	Every day throughout the world, 40,000 people (mostly children) die of hunger or diseases related to hunger—nearly 15 million deaths every year. That's 24 every minute or 1 every 2.5 seconds.
	About 841 million people in developing countries—one person in every five—are chronically undernourished.
	In developing countries, 34 percent of children under the age of five are undernourished. 30 percent will die before the age of five. 50 percent of children in those countries will die before the age of 15.
	DOMESTIC FACTS
	More than 13.5 million American children under the age of 12 are hungry or at risk of hunger because their families lack the money to buy enough food.
	Overall, more than 34 million Americans are threatened by hunger. Eleven million actually go hungry each year.
	In 1997, more than one million people were cut off federal food stamps due to provisions in the new welfare reform law.
	Total federal spending for food programs accounts for only 2.5 percent of the federal budget.
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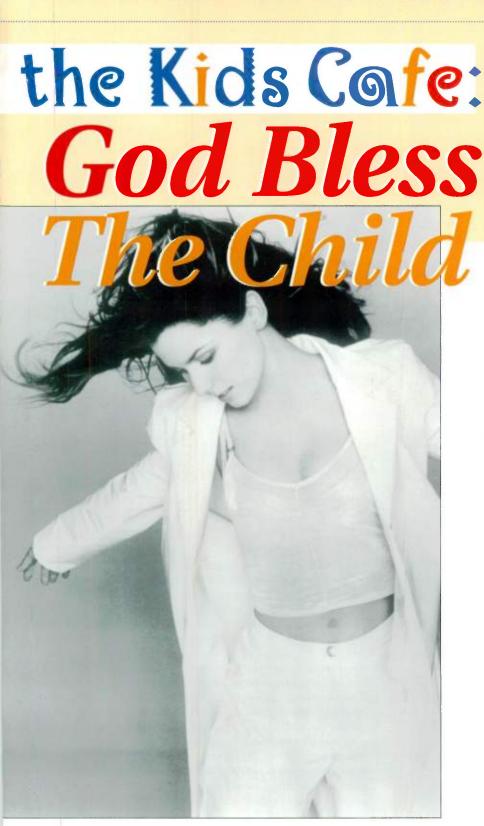
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AN EXCLUSIVE HITS DIALOGUE WITH Shania Twain BY ALEXA JOY SHERMAN

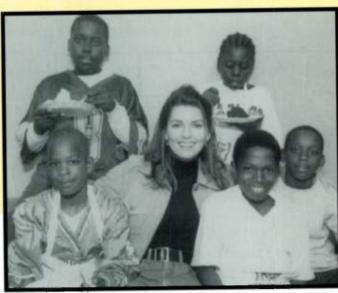


Current statistics indicate that millions of children go hungry each year in America alone. It is a poverty-driven plight that crossover singing sensation Shania Twain endured herself while growing up in northern Canada. Not having enough to eat wasn't just a physical challenge for Twain and her family, but a psychological and social dilemma as well. Now Twain is in a position to give hope to the children suffering as she once did. Through generous contributions and work with both the Second Harvest Kids Cafe in America and Breakfast For Learning in Canada, Twain is doing just that.

The first Kids Cafe was started by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Coastal Georgia in 1989, along with the help of local government and community agencies. The concept was inspired by a story of two brothers who were found stealing fruit and milk from the kitchen of a nearby community center. The program was trademarked and launched nationally in 1993, and now nearly 200 Cafes in 40 cities around the country. It is estimated that eight million children are fed each year through Second Harvest programs.

In 1997, Second Harvest was able to start the National Kids Cafe Fund with a \$50,000 contribution from Twain. The money was raised through the sale of her single, "God Bless The Child," which she recorded specifically to generate proceeds for at-risk children. Twenty-two Kids Cafes benefited from the Fund in '97, and Twain's generosity inspired major corporate sponsorships and donations from the likes of SYSCO and Land O' Lakes. But Twain's efforts extend beyond the bucks. In striving to raise awareness as well as money, Twain has given concert tickets to the local Second Harvest Food Banks in each city her tour has hit this year. Not only do the tickets-auctioned on radio-generate large donations, but listeners learn about the cause and Twain meets the donors attending her shows. She also makes sure that Second Harvest information booths are set up at each of her venues to provide Kids Cafe and child hunger information. In the midst of her current tour, Twain took some time to talk to HITS' Alexa Joy Sherman about her own experiences with hunger and to reinforce the valuable work performed by Kids Cafes.

"I grew up thinking that food was a luxury. This is what I hope other kids don't have to experience."



EVER THE TWAIN SHALL MEET: Mercury recording artist Shania Twain visits one of the Kids Cafes around the country which help feed our young. The country-pop superstar contributes funds and support to the national network.

Obviously, your own experiences growing up inspired you to get involved with the Kids Cafe and Breakfast For Learning programs.

That's right. Even as a child, I always wished that someone would drop off some food and it was always a fantasy of mine that we would just have an endless supply. I grew up with those anxieties of not knowing what we would eat next week or tomorrow or even today. I went to bed knowing I'd have to go to school the next day without lunch, and I would wonder what I would tell people. When you don't have enough food growing up, all of your experiences go beyond just being hungry. A lot of it is the humiliation—making mustard sandwiches just to have



TWAIN KEEPS A ROLLING: Mercury recording artist Shania Twain doesn't just donate money to the national Kids Cafe and Breakfast for Learning programs, she helps serve food to hungry kids herself while on tour.



something to take to school so you don't have to make up an excuse once again. You're watching everybody else eating apples and cheese and beautiful sandwiches, and you're just dying of envy. Your stomach's burning and you're dreaming of having what they do.

"I wanted to heighten the awareness of the problem. I didn't just want to write checks; I wanted to really get involved."

Did you have any idea that hunger affected so many children?

Of course not. I thought, as a kid, that these things only happened in third world countries. Of course, I never compared myself to that. You watch TV and see these kids who are literally dying of malnutrition and we weren't exactly dying of hunger here in North America. It's a very different situation. It's almost like you just manage to get enough because of the way society is—you can always eat at a friend's house. But it's certainly not enough to say that you're eating properly. And the social aspects of experiencing this as a child are a very big part of it. My father didn't want to go on welfare and we would get by once in awhile when our relatives shipped us food. They didn't send it because they thought we were starving. They sent it because, on the reservation, when they get a lot of fish or moose meat, it was a treat that you shared at that time of the year. So, we benefited from that.

Would you have gone to something like a Kids Cafe if it had existed back then? There were some good social programs in Canada. No one really had to go hungry unless parents were drinking away the money and not feeding their kids, which I'm sure happened a lot. That's why we need programs that specifically give food. This is why I believe so much in the Kids Cafes and Breakfast For Learning. The whole point behind it is that kids go there physically and get fed. They're not relying on their parents,

"When you don't have enough food growing up, all of your experiences go beyond just being hungry."

who might sometimes be incompetent, incapable or irresponsible. These kids go where someone is concerned about feeding them, making sure they eat and that they get as much balance as possible. And they get it in an environment that's very nurturing. Food is a very nurturing thing; it's not a luxury, it's a necessity. I grew up thinking that food was a luxury. This is what I hope other kids don't have to experience.

How did you establish a relationship with the Kids Cafe Program?

For quite a long time, I tried to find ways to really help. I wanted my contributions to go as far as possible in a focused and organized way. I fished around for a long time and when I finally got my management into place—these were people who understood charitable work and had dealt with it quite a bit with artists like Bruce Springsteen—they made sure that it happened the way I wanted it to. It's not as simple as making a donation. If you want to make a donation, then you should, but I wanted to really make it a part of my career. I wanted to heighten the awareness of the problem. I didn't just want to write checks; I wanted to really get involved.

How did you go about raising awareness and funds?

I wanted to make that a part of the tour. I wanted to talk about it in my

show. I wanted to raise money and let the cause use me to raise money from other people, too. The biggest problem for this specific charity is that it's kind of what I call an "unpopular charity." It's one people might not really want to know about. Hunger is associated with being in poor, shabby, unsophisticated, uneducated neighborhoods. The reality is, that's the way we were. If you want to label us, we were white trash. But so what? I don't really care. That's all a facade. It's not the way my mind worked and that's not the way you can judge people—I'm living proof of that. But there are all kinds of minds and personalities born into environments that are deprived and that was pretty much my family. Unfortunately, there are plenty of people out there who don't want to

recognize that or be associated with it. Maybe it's easier to be associated with what I call more "popular causes." They're all important, but this just happened to be one that I realized in my own experiences was not very noticed by most people.

You're not only providing information at your shows, but also doing things like donating concert tickets.

The tickets are auctioned off to the highest bidders and we get thousands of dollars in each city for the Kids Cafes there. The people who purchase the tickets get backstage passes, we meet them and take pictures. I think the biggest part of what I'm contributing is getting the community involved. That's so important. When people see a celebrity

"The biggest part of what I'm contributing is getting the community involved."

or a wealthy person donating money, I don't think they take it as seriously. The people who are affected, of course, are the people who need the money. But the people who aren't aware of the problem just assume that all rich people donate to charities. My role is making people in the communities aware that they need to help their own community. That's why I localize it. I don't just make it a nationwide thing. We do this in every city—that makes it more personal. Every community gets involved in a different way. Having the awareness is very important. Beyond the concert, I wrote the song "God Bless The Child" for this charity and the proceeds from the single have been going to the cause for a few years now.

The song is thematically tied to the cause as well.

The song is all about suffering children. Most kids are hungry because they're living in a deprived environment. This song was written for them. I'm just so happy about all of what we've done. The other night, one of the smaller cities raised \$10,000 in one night. That translates into 80,000 meals. That's amazing to me.

Have you had the opportunity to visit the Kids Cafes and interact with the children you're helping?

It's so great! I would have done anything to have had access to an environment like that when I was a kid. I can see how happy they are. It's a social environment, a learning environment and a nurturing environment. It's not just giving them a meal and putting them back out onto the street. The whole point, which you get just from the name "Kids Cafe" itself, is that it's a social environment for them. They come and hang out.

It's a refuge in ways that an average soup kitchen catering to adults might not be.

Even the younger teenagers who are desperate for food can go to the Kids Cafes and realize they don't have to do desperate things to get fed. They also get influenced by the adults there. They come into contact with something that is solid and

decent. It's a place of security, instead of going to a garbage bin or something worse. I don't even think kids understand it when they're young. I don't think I really understood it when I was a kid. If I had been in a city or a tougher environment, I would have resorted to stealing food. I just wasn't living in the type of community where I was driven to that. And if you just leave kids alone to take what they need, that's what they learn to do because they have no other way of getting it.

Is that why you chose to target youth, rather than the hungry at large? Adults are more self-sufficient and more capable. For the most part, kids are the most helpless. They are absolutely dependent on us and how are they supposed to get educated, how are they supposed to function, how are they supposed to do anything if they can't even have the basics? So, I did want to focus and make sure that the contributions were going to feed hungry kids and not the food bank in general. Even families that get food vouchers—again, you just don't know what they do with them or if they sell them. It is more of a personal thing, but I really did need to know that the kids were benefiting, and that's why Kids Cafe worked out so well for me.



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AN EXCLUSIVE YEAR-END HITS DIALOGUE WITH World Hunger Year's Bill Ayres BY ALEXA JOY SHERMAN

WORLD

YEAR: Focusing On The Big Picture



Founded by veteran radio disc jockey Bill Ayres and the late singer/songwriter [clockwise from top left]: Harry Chapin in 1975, World Hunger Year was well-positioned to create awareness and raise funds for hunger and poverty, thanks in large part to their tremendous ties to the media (and the music business in particular). Although they began as a global organization, their focus turned to the U.S. in the '80s, when they realized domestic hunger and poverty were growing exponentially. Among their many efforts, W.H.Y. has helped start grassroots organizations and has assisted in the growth of such groups by giving them the tools for self-reliance and replication. They have raised substantial funds and educated the public about hunger and poverty through grants, concerts, government partnerships and their highly successful "Hungerthons." One of Johnny performs at W.H.Y.'s primary areas of focus is creating alliances between funders and organizations. For instance, touring musicians like Bruce Springsteen and Natalie Merchant have raised large amounts of money for grassroots groups with whom W.H.Y. put them in touch. W.H.Y. has received the American Institute of Philanthropy's highest rating among the hunger groups reviewed, due in large part to their low administrative costs. World Hunger Year's Ayres shared some of his insights about how far the organization has come in its 23 years of work with HITS' Alexa Joy Sherman.

■ W.H.Y. ASKS WHY? Steve Chapin, W.H.Y. Co-Founder Bill Ayres and Hungerthon Co-Founder Peter Fornatale during Hungerthon '96 at WNEW. RIGHT BY W.H.Y.'s SIDE: Southside Hungerthon '97's Tribute to Bruce Springsteen concert. ■ FOOD FOR THOUGHT: World Hunger Year Co-Founder and visionary Harry Chapin left a legacy of social activism as well as music.



"We learned that events don't solve crises."

What was the initial vision you and Harry Chapin had for W.H.Y.?

Very simple. Just end hunger. That's all. Our emphasis in 1975 was on international hunger, because back then, the U.S. had nowhere near the amount of hunger that we do now. There wasn't the massive kind of hunger that re-emerged in the '80s. So, our early emphasis was on trying to aid victims of the drought in Africa. Way before Band Aid. we tried to put a concert together in conjunction with the U.N. Unfortunately, it never worked, but through it we learned that events don't solve crises. They can help, but you need a process and a commitment. So, Harry and I made a commitment to spend the rest of our lives dealing with hunger and poverty. He really jumped into it 110%. He was raising half



EVERYBODY'S GOT A HUNGRY HEART: Bruce Springsteen and W.H.Y. Board Member Rick Whelden with a signed Springsteen guitar at Hungerthon '96.

a million dollars or more a year for hunger.

How did you finally make it work and raise that money?

We did a series of Hungerthons around the country, starting right here in New York at WNEW-FM in 1975. We did about a dozen of them around the country. At the same time, we started a magazine, and in 1978, Harry's wife Sandy Chapin had an idea for a Presidential Commission on World Hunger. We convinced Congress and President Jimmy Carter to do it. Harry was a member —never missed a meeting—and they came up with some very good recommendations. Then, of course, Carter didn't get re-elected. Harry and I sat and watched the election returns and we cried! But Harry was dis-

A Vin Vin Situation: RAISING RENT MONEY FOR WORLD HUNGER YEAR

AN EXCLUSIVE HITS YEAR-END DIALOGUE WITH Vin Scelsa BY ALEXA JOY SHERMAN

ach year around Thanksgiving,

World Hunger Year hosts a three-day Hungerthon which raises half of the organization's annual budget. Currently on New York's WNEW, the fund-raiser includes a popular segment hosted by DJ Vin Scelsa, who has been a strong and unconventional voice in radio for over three decades. In 1967, he created free-form radio at WFMU in New Jersey and continued his groundbreaking format at the likes of WPLJ, WNEW and WXRK. He currently broadcasts the Sunday night show, "Idiot's Delight," on WNEW from 8pm to 2am.

Scelsa has been involved with W.H.Y.'s Hungerthon since its inception. As one of the fundraiser's most musical segments, Scelsa's "Rent Party" sets out to raise enough money to cover the organization's annual overhead costs. The format of the show has varied through the years, but always meets its objective. Scelsa talked about his involvement in Hungerthon, as well as offering his broader views on the social and political power of music to HITS' Alexa Joy Sherman.

How did you first become involved in Hungerthon? I was working at WNEW when the Hungerthon began in 1975. I was there with Harry Cha-

pin and Bill Ayres and a wide variety of speakers. It was as much a teach-in as a fundraiser. It was an attempt to alert people to the relationship between hunger, the poverty that causes it and politics. Of course, there was wonderful music involved and Chapin didn't go to sleep—he stayed awake for the entire weekend. He would cat-nap in the back of the studio. It blossomed from there to become an annual event. Mel Karmazin, who was the General Manager of the station at the time and who is now the head of all of CBS, was very committed to the cause and always gave it time. When it moved over to K-Rock, because most of the DIs had left 'NEW and moved over



HITTING THE JOCK POT: Seen at 1998's Hungerthon are (l-r) WNEW's Vin Scelsa, World Hunger Year co-founder Bill Ayres and Hungerthon co-founder Peter Fornatale.

to K-Rock, I
became involved
again. That was
when K-Rock was
a "classic rock"
station. I left when
they changed the
format to Modern
Rock, and came
back to 'NEW. At
that point, the
Hungerthon moved back to 'NEW

as well. The Hungerthon seems to follow that original 'NEW staff around [laughs].

What is your role in Hungerthon?

I do something called the "Rent Party," the only segment where requests are played. It comes at the very end of the Hungerthon weekend and the idea is money raised during the show was given to W.H.Y. to pay their rent for the coming year, so the rest of the funds gathered over the weekend could go to their work.

What were some of the highlights of "Rent Party"? In the beginning, musicians would take requests in the studio and play live. The idea was you could get, for example, Southside

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"If you took 100 of the best model poverty programs and replicated them all over the country, you could have thousands and poverty would be cut in half."

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couraged for about ten seconds and then we started coming up with new ideas. We knew that domestic hunger would be rising when Reagan came on board, which it did. After Harry died in 1981, our emphasis was on hunger in America because it had re-emerged with a vengeance and it had a companion, which was homelessness. You hadn't seen homelessness since the Great Depression in this country.

What programs did you start to combat those problems?

We developed "Reinvesting In America" in 1990. I had this vision of going around to the best grassroots hunger and poverty groups in America, finding out what they were doing and then trying to network and connect them to funders, to each other, to the media and to the government. Then, eventually, we would try to replicate the very best programs. We visited over 800 groups to identify model programs, and we have a database now with 3,800 groups. We try to provide an array of services for those groups, like making connections. For example, with Springsteen's tour for "The Ghost of Tom load," we connected him with grassroots organizations and he raised over half a million dollars for them. Natalie Merchant did a similar thing. We also try to connect the groups with the government, because that's where the money is. We've had great success connecting grassroots organizations to, say, the Department of Agriculture. A lot of the people who work in the Department of Agriculture don't get the opportunity to see these organizations. After we connected them, they were so impressed by the grassroots groups that we're now setting up a national workshop to replicate those programs. If you took 100 of the best model poverty programs and replicated them all over the country, you could have thousands and poverty would be cut in half.

How big is your staff and what do you do on a daily basis?

We have about 15 people. One thing we do is answer people's calls. We get dozens of calls every day from all over the country. We hear from grassroots groups who need help, as well as individuals who want to make donations to those groups. Other people call because they're hungry and we have this national network we can connect them to. You get the strangest calls. One night, I picked up the phone and it was a guy who was in charge of some Navy ships. He had one docked in Continued on page 28

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Johnny and Little Steven, Marshall Crenshaw and people like that. One year, we had a huge group, called "All-Star Rent Party Band." It was the E-Street Band, minus Springsteen, Marshall it on a kazoo. And it seems to work, so that's what I've been doing for the past few years now. Aren't people a lot more cynical about causes these days?

The thing about Hungerthon is that it's a very

intangible service that World Hunger Year is providing. They are about education and empowerment. It's about helping people to do what they have to do in their own communities. It's not about opening up another soup kitchen. It's hard to explain to people in a minute-and-a-half between records. Fortunately for World Hunger Year, they've been doing it for so long that in many respects the hard sell

isn't necessary anymore. I'm even cynical about asking people for money and getting involved with the Hungerthon. I keep threatening not to do it, but every year I give in and I get excited about it. It's something that's been a part of my life for a



RAISE THE RENT: Volunteers take pledge calls during Vin Scelsa's "Rent Party."

Crenshaw, Joey Ramone, Jules Shear, a total of about 18 different people. They did everything from "Sunshine Superman" and "I Fought The Law" to "Knocking On Heaven's Door." It was really a lot of fun. Unfortunately, these shows

[Hungerthon] was an attempt to alert people to the relationship between hunger, the poverty that causes it and politics."

were so entertaining that the phones would die! So, the following year, I decided to just play requests. Which I never do. People who've listened to me for years know I don't even answer the phones. But, for my "Rent Party," I will play anything from any genre for anyone who makes a donation. And if I don't have it, I'll sing it or play

long time. I put all of the in-depth stuff aside, and I simply say, "Here's a group that does something good. Let's help them pay their rent." And it's been a positive, educational experience for me every year.

W.H.Y.'s ties to the music industry must lend credibility to this part of their fundraising.

The fact that they have Bruce Springsteen, Natalie Merchant and dozens of people who give them premiums every year lends enormous credibility. They've always had a real strong link to the music community because of Harry Chapin. People still know who Harry was and what he stood for. You can still conjure up Harry's spirit, even if you don't necessarily want to listen to "Taxi" again.

Have you seen a big shift in the social and political consciousness of musicians through the years?

Certainly at one time music was very instrumental in supplying some kind of background -emotionally or in a more tangible sense-to movements that cause social change. I don't think that's so much the case today, but the times are different. It's much harder, because people are more cynical and because there's nothing new under the sun. It's much harder to write a song that's effective politically without sounding cliché. To be very honest, when I get music now that's "topical," for the most part it's not very good. But I do see an overall sort of gestalt that affects people. People who are naturally drawn toward certain kinds of music, artists, books, films and cultural lifestyles are also people who are going to have certain political tendencies. I don't mean that there's a direct correlationyou can love Emmylou Harris, Willie Nelson and Kurt Cobain at the same time and still be politically conservative or liberal. All I'm trying to say is that people are much more willing to think about a wide variety of subjects and to entertain a wide variety of ideas. And that's the well that Hungerthon draws from.

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Virginia with 30,000 pounds of frozen food on board that was going bad. He wanted to give it away and didn't know where to go. I called the food bank nearest him and they were delighted because they usually don't get that kind of food at food banks—they primarily receive canned goods. We're networking all the time.

It's important to note that all of the programs focus on self-reliance. It's not about hand-outs. It's teaching people survival techniques: how to get jobs, child care, health care and a whole range of things that help people help themselves. Harry used to say, "If you give a person a fish, they

can eat for a day; if you teach them to fish, they can eat for a lifetime." So, you're showing people that they don't need to be beggars. We're much more interested in the long-term solutions.

What sort of progress have you made in the political realm?

Some members of our board are also members of Congress. Senator Patrick Leahy from Vermont, for example, has been a big supporter of ours. He was head of the Agriculture Committee until, of course, the Democrats lost the Senate. He's still a very important person in the Senate. Also, Congressman Ben Gilman from New York is the Head of the House Farm Relations Committee and he's on our board. Senator Byron Dorgan from North Dakota is on

our board as well. We have a contract with the Department of Agriculture to create a National Hunger Clearinghouse. We just got a wonderful congratulatory letter from them the other day, praising us for the work that we've done.

We work on the policy level as well, in conjunction with the Medford Group, which we helped to found. The Medford Group is a consortium of about three dozen national hunger groups and national poverty groups that gets together once a month. What we try to do is support the best kinds of legislation to help hungry people to be self-reliant. We've played a major role in the hunger legislation that's gone through in the past six years or so.

We also do two sets of awards. The Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Awards provide small grants of money to some of the best grassroots groups in the country. Also, the Harry Chapin Media Awards are for the best hunger and poverty pieces in the media—whether it's a book, a periodical, a TV show, radio show or photo journalism.

What else do you do with money you raise each year?

The most worthy causes that we find receive money through the Harry Chapin Awards. But a lot of times, providing services to the groups is more important than giving money. For example, if you give someone a contact with a foundation, the government or a rock star, those contacts can raise more money for them than we could ever raise. We try to leverage the money we make to provide services for people. We have a whole database, so when people are a part of our operation, they get lots of information about hunger and poverty, about raising money and about dealing with the media. We have a trained person that helps take people through that. And now, with this replication program, we'll be working with seven or eight groups to help them prepare a process so that they can hopefully get big money to expand their programs.

Is it easier for people to make donations to smaller organizations, since

they see exactly where their money is going?

Sure, we're a tough sell because we're not giving out food to people. When people think of hunger, they think you give people food. And we've supported thousands of organizations that do that. We're the ones who founded the New York City Hunger Hotline in 1978. The idea was to make it like a suicide or crisis hotline. If you're hungry, you call this hotline, and you get food. We also created the Senate For Food Action in New Jersey and Long Island Cares, which is a food bank. We don't try to bleed people a million times; it's basically once a year, and people appreciate that. We have this tremendous advantage because we're the only ones in the



SINGING FOR THEIR SUPPER: Performing live from the U.N. Visitors' Lobby for Hungerthon '86 are Tom Chapin, Steve Chapin, The Roches, Elaine Silver, Pierce Pettis, Joe Henkerott and Robin Batteau.

country doing Hungerthon.

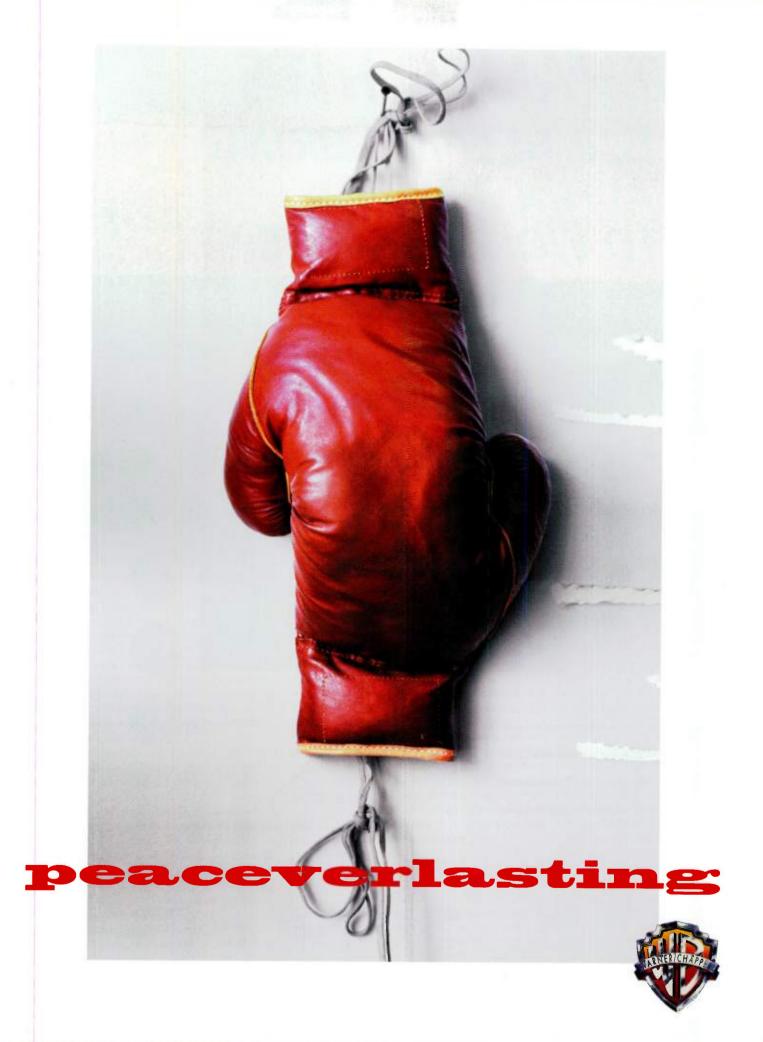
Your ties to the media must be a tremendous advantage for raising funds and visibility.

Absolutely, and it goes back to Harry Chapin. He was a known figure with a lot of credibility whom people loved. The other part is the connections that I've had over the past 30 years in the music business. I've been in rock & roll radio for 30 years, and so has my partner, Pete Fornatale. He's been on WNEW and K-Rock and I've been on WPLJ and ABC Radio Network. Between us, we figure we've interviewed two-thirds of the people in rock & roll. I was the first one to ever interview Bruce Springsteen on a network radio show, back in the Fall of '74. He was very young and shy and didn't normally do interviews. But, we got to know each other and he's helped us ever since. He's the main one, but there are a lot of others as well. We couldn't survive without these kinds of people. And they don't want notoriety for it. I said to Mel Karmazin the other day that I'd love to do a gala to honor him, and he said, "No you won't! I won't come."

What are the specifics of the Artists Against Hunger and Poverty program? Artists go on the road and we connect them to grassroots groups. Or they donate huge amounts of money like Shania Twain did to the Kids Cafes—that's what Artists Against Hunger and Poverty is about. People feel good about being involved with us because we've been around for 22 years. It's not a fly-by-night organization. We've got a track record, we do serious things and we actually help people. Because people know that and they know we're not going to hassle them, they get involved.

How can people get involved with you, and what do you need most?

We would love to have more performers join Artists Against Hunger and Poverty. The next time you do a tour, call us up and we'll connect you with a group in virtually any town in America you're going to. We know groups worthy of their support and we don't take a nickel for it. Anyone who picks up the phone and calls us is instantly in a position to help.



didn't want to do—and go down to Skid Row, which I didn't want to do, either. Because I'd once been facedown in the gutter myself, and had worked with hundreds of drug addicts and alcoholics prior to 1987. I was certainly tired, and wanted to relax for the

terrifically low overhead—around \$3,500-\$4,000 a month—the money keeps coming in. It was never about money anyway. I know I'm guided by a power, by God, whatever you want to call it. That's who gets all the credit, not me. I only perform the action.

hunger, I always deal in the basic line, which is, if you're hungry, you've got to eat."

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Most Powerful Songs

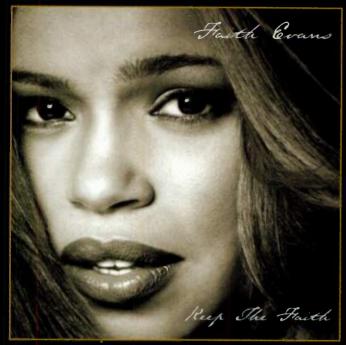
In the year of the soundtrack, it's hardly surprising that four entries on the year-end Most Powerful Songs chart are keepsakes from huge movies. Topping the chart is **Celine Dion's Titanic** smash, "My Heart Will Go On," followed by two big cuts

year-end

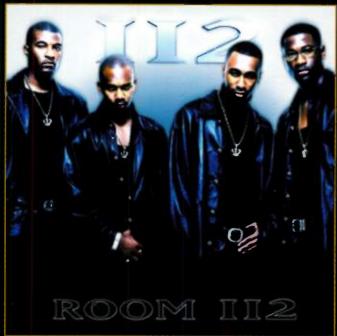
from City of Angels—the Goo Goo Dolls' "Iris" at #3 and Alanis' "Uninvited" at #5. Between them is Aerosmith's interplanetary "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing" from Armageddon at #4. Meanwhile, crossover sensation Shania Twain and newcomer Natalie Imbruglia hold down #2 and #6, respectively, while Canadians Barenaked Ladies land their first smash with "One Week" chilling at #7. Moving right along, the Backstreet Boys and Savage Garden, who made the world safe for mainstream pretty-boy pop, come in at #8 and #9 respectively, while His Jiggyness Will Smith rides high on his "Men In Black" success in #10

spot. Are we partying like it's 1999 yet?

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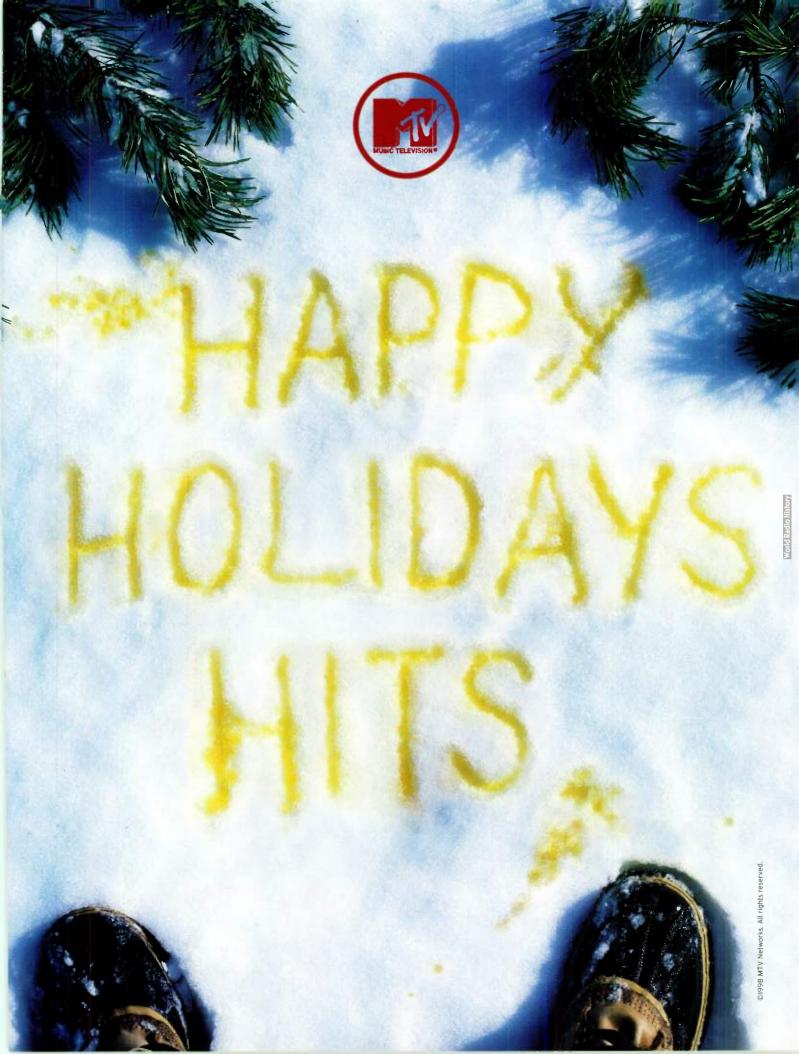


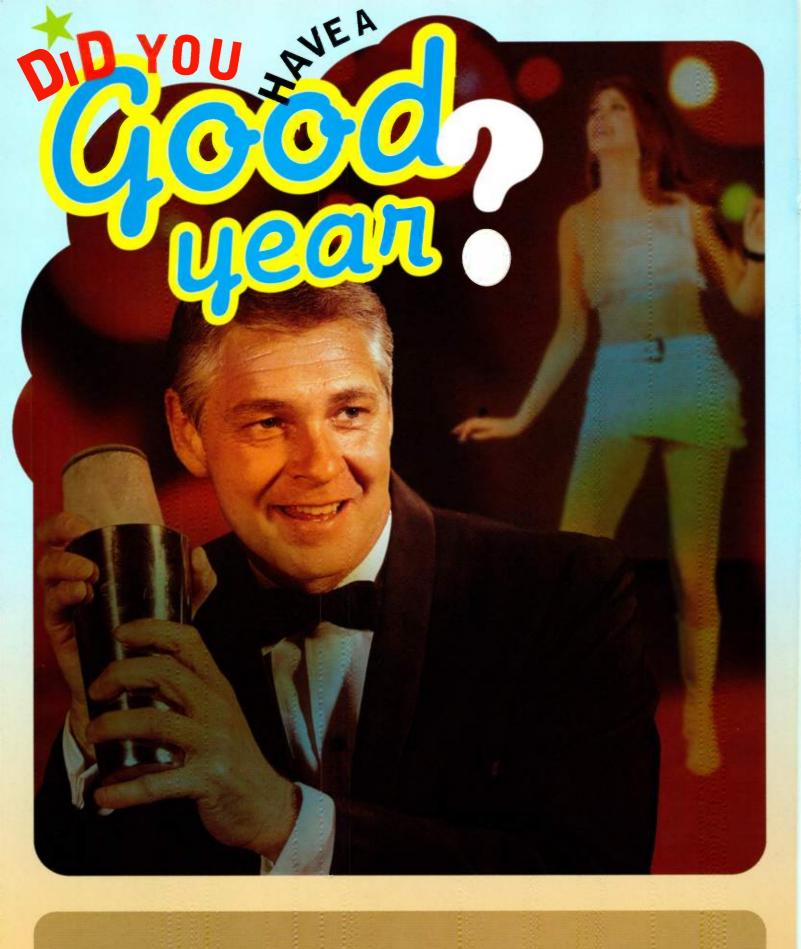
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26	GARTH BROOKS	Double Live	Capitol Nash. 97424	GB Management
27	GARTH BROOKS	Sevens	Capitol 56599	GB Management
28	NATALIE IMBRUGLIA	Left Of The Middle	RCA 67634	Flat 24
29	SNOOP DOGG	Da Game Is To Be	No Limit/Priority 50000	Bout It Bout It Inc.
30	FAITH HILL	Faith	Warner Bros. 46790	Borman Entertainment
31	GARTH BROOKS	The Limited Series	Capitol 94572	GB Management
32	BRIAN SETZER ORCH.	The Dirty Boogie	Interscope 90183	Dave Kaplan Management
33	SARAH McLACHLAN	Surfacing	Arista 18970	Nettwerk Management
34	THIRD EYE BLIND	Third Eye Blind	Elek/EEG	Eric Godtland Management
35	DIXIE CHICKS	Wide Open Spaces	Monument 68195	Senior Management
36	ALANIS MORISSETTE	Supposed Former	Maverick 47094	Atlas/Third Rail Management
37	BRIAN McKNIGHT	Anytime	Motown 536-215	The Trawick Company
38	GODZILLA	Soundtrack	Epic/SMS 69338	N/A
39	MASE	Harlem World	B. Boy/Arista 73017	Norwood & Norwood
40	BULWORTH	Soundtrack	Interscope 90160	N/A
41	WEDDING SINGER	Soundtrack	Maverick 46840	N/A
42	PEARL JAM	Yield	Epic 68164	Curtis Management
43	KORN	Follow The Leader	Immortal/Epic 69001	The Firm
44	JANET JACKSON	The Velvet Rope	Virgin 44762	R. D. Worldwide Management
45	SILKK THE SHOCKER	Charge It 2 Da Game	No Limit/Priority 50716	Master P
46	CHERRY POPPIN'	Zoot Suit Riot	MoJo/Univ/UMG 53081	Space Age Bachelor Pad
47	PUFF DADDY	No Way Out	Bad Boy/Arista 73012	Handprint Entertainment
48	MARCY PLAYGROUND	Marcy Playground	Capitol 53569	Blake & Bradford
49	BIG PUNISHER	Capitol Punishment	LOUD 67512	Mickey Benson
50	ERIC CLAPTON	Pilgrim	Reprise 46577	Roger Forrester Management
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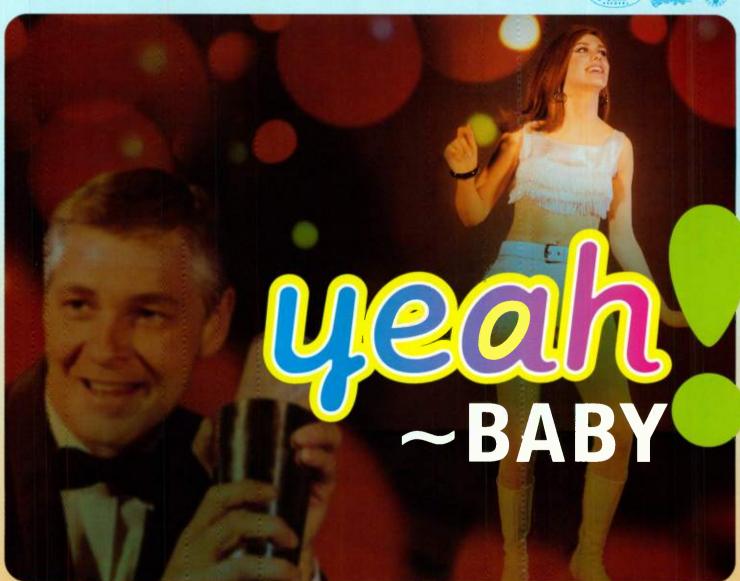
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There's no way to sum up a year like 1998 without having a dizzy spell. With all the radio and record company mergers, most of the friends you have in the music business are either a) owned by a film/electric/liquor company, b) owned by Jacor/Clear Channel, Chancellor or CBS, or c) unemployed. Sheesh, what a great way to start an "end-of-the-year" wrap-up... But let's be honest, those feelings have set the tone for the world we live and work in, APM included. This year's APM motto (like every other format's) was "Live And

Prosper (Long) In the Company Group..." which is why I have to pick my own favorite slogan, a Top 5 APM record and a huge hit everywhere. It's "You got the music in you" and, of course you know what song I'm talking about—"You Only Get

Shawn Mullins What You Give" by the **New** Radicals. That line (which by

now is a mantra blaring out of everyone's car stereo in every podunk town in America) connects with something in all of us in the business, something that mergers and acquisitions will never get: People love music. Passionate, heartfelt, kick-ass, stimulating music. And, yes, they also love Hootie & The Blowfish. But the reason APM stations continue to thrive in this corporate climate is that they have located and targeted a massive, music-starved adult demo with lots of cash... Which

is why Jacor relaunched APM in L.A. as Channel 103.1. The Hollywood Birkenstocks are happy feet again! So are we! And everyone in corporate wants to party like it's 19.99!.. What was also exciting this year was that so many first-time hit records at the Adult format came from artists who have clocked a lot of time slowly "developing": Barenaked Ladies, Semisonic, Ben Folds Five, Lenny Kravitz, Everything and Lucinda Williams. Bravo to those companies who have afforded these artists time to grow into successes... Other things that struck us in 1998: For some reason, three Top 5 records namechecked other artists: Shawn Mullins (Bob Seger, etc.), Barenaked Ladies (LeAnn Rimes), New Radicals (Beck, Hanson, Courtney Love, etc.). Is this the new Post Modern Pop Hit formula? If so, we'll keep our fingers crossed that Jude's "Rick James" will propel him to colossal heights...Quick question: Are dada and Sonia Dada related? What about Third Eye Blind

and Eagle-Eye Cherry?..
Okay, now shout-outs to great music meccas like Texas (Fastball, Wes Cunningham, Sixpence None The Richer, Lyle Lovett

and David Garza) and Virginia (Dave Matthews Band, Everything and Agents Of Good Roots). Shoutouts ato B.B. King for charting twice this year with two different albums

and for his "Duets" recand ord going gold-plus on APM airplay
alone. Shout-outs to Young Blues
and Thangs Jonny Lang, Kenny Wayne
That Shepherd and Susan Tedeschi, who
hat exploded this year with airplay and
impressive sales numbers. And finally, a big salute to Brian Setzer for
ushering in the year of swing and
wly making it okay for teenagers and
their parents to jump, jive an' wail to

hope everyone we know makes great 25-54 numbers and keeps their jobs, and that really cool records make it big. We hope you hope what we hope. And we hope you keep the music in you.

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1	MATCHBOX 20 Yourself Or Someone Like Yo	Lava/Atl/AG	26	GRANT LEE BUFFALO Jubilee	Warner Bros.
2	DAVE MATTHEWS BAND Before These Crowded Stree	RCA	27	THIRD EYE BLIND	Elektra/EEG
3	FASTBALL All The Pain Money Can Buy	Hollywood	28	Third Eye Blind SHAWN MULLINS	Columbia/CRG
4	SEMISONIC	MCA	29	Soul's Core CHRIS ISAAK	Reprise
5	Feeling Strangely Fine BONNIE RAITT Fundamental	Capitol	30	Speak Of The Devil COWBOY JUNKIES Miles From Home	Geffen
6	ERIC CLAPTON Pilgrim	Reprise	31	SHERYL CROW The Globe Sessions	A&M
7	SARAH MCLACHLAN Surfacing	Arista	32	JOHN MELLENCAMP	Columbia/CRG
8	THE VERVE	Virgin	33	John Mellencamp JOHN FOGERTY Rive Meen Swamp	Reprise
9	Urban Hymns NATALIE MERCHANT Ophelia	Elektra/EEG	34	Blue Moon Swamp B.B. KING	MCA
10	BARENAKED LADIES Stunt	Reprise	35	ROLLING STONES	Virgin
11	BRIAN SETZER ORCH. The Dirty Boogie	Interscope	36	No Security ROBBIE ROBERTSON Contact From The Underwork	Capitol
12	CITY OF ANGELS Soundtrack	Warner Sunset/Rep	37	GODZILLA Soundtrack	Epic Strx
13	NATALIE IMBRUGLIA Left Of The Middle	RCA	38	BEN FOLDS FIVE Whatever And Ever Amen	550 Music
14	AGENTS OF GOOD ROOTS One By One	RCA	39	GREEN DAY Nimrod	Reprise
15	ALANA DAVIS Blame It On Me	Elektra/EEG	40	NEIL FINN Try Whistling This	WORK
16	EAGLE-EYE CHERRY Desireless	WORK	41	SMASHING PUMPKINS Ava Adore	Virgin
17	MARC COHN Burning The Daze	Atlantic/Atl G	42	TORI AMOS From The Choirgirl Hotel	Atlantic/Atl G
18	PAULA COLE This Fire	Warner Bros.	43	HOOTIE & THE BLOWFISH Musical Chairs	Atlantic/Atl G
19	MARCY PLAYGROUND Marcy Playground	Capitol	44	LUCINDA WILLIAMS Car Wheels On A Gravel Road	Mercury
20	LOREENA MCKENNITT The Book Of Secrets	Warner Bros.	45	BRUCE HORNSBY Spirit Trial	RCA
21	PEARL JAM Yield	Epic	46	SISTER HAZELSomewhere More Familiar	Universal/UMG
22	EVERYTHING Supernatural	Blackbird/Sire	47	LYLE LOVETT Step Inside This House	MCA
23	KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD Trouble Is	Revolution/WB	48	ALANIS MORISSETTE Supposed Former Infatuation	Maverick Junkie
24	PATTY GRIFFIN Flaming Red	A&M	49	X-FILES Soundtrack	Capitol
25	LISA LOEB Firecracker	Geffen	50		Warner Bros.
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Mark Summer/WVSR, Charleston

"I'm besting it will go to #1 planes soon." Kyle/WIMX, Florence

"We're making our own mixes. Lois of curiosity calls for It!"

Studen Gray/WZYP, Hunteville

We have Top 10 phones at night!" Kelly MichaelyKALC, Denver

"I have never isid so many parents mad that we played this song!" - Scop By B/KZMG, Butsu





Master P

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According to Chinese astrology, 1998 was "The Year Of The Tiger," which couldn't be more appropriate-

we were overrun by songs with claws and jaws formidable enough to tear into the charts and hold on. For example, in November of '97, JAMZ chanced upon a new group, Jagged Edge, and their charming little ditty "I Gotta Be" (Columbia); by the end of '98, the song had spent more time on our "Sizz-

ling Singles" chart than any other... Next is Next with their chart-topping single of the year, "Too Close" (Arista). Tweety, R.L. and T-Low's success also included "Butta Love" (their first release) and "I Still Love You"... 1998 was also a breakthrough year for Jon B, whose "They Don't Know" (Yab Yum/ 550 Music) established him as one of his generation's finest crooners... Keeping pace was K-Ci & JoJo's "All My Life" (MCA), a song that swept through all formats, including Top 40, Rhythm Crosssover, Urban Adult and mainstream Urban... With all due credit to Jon B., the reigning king of the urban format is undoubtedly Usher, who landed "Nice & Slow" and "My Way" (LaFace/Arista) in the fifth and sixth slots, respectively. The closest solo male double-whammy came from Brian McKnight with "The Only One For Me" and "Anytime" (Motown)... But all praise to the Tigresses in our pride of year-end acts, with big props going to multi-media darling Brandy, whose duet with Monica on "The Boy Is Mine" (Atlantic/Atl G & Arista) ruled most of the summer. Also refusing to let the boys dominate were Aaliyah's "Are You That Somebody" (Atlantic/ Atl G), Monica's "The First Night" (Arista) and summertime faves Destiny's Child with "No, No, No" (Columbia)... Speaking of double entries, the women have it all over the guys; Brandy

added "Top Of The World," while

Monica doubled up with "The First Night." Also pairing up were Mya's "It's All About Me" and "Movin' On" (University/ Interscope), Xscape's "The Arms Of The One Who Loves You" and "My Little Se-

cret" (SoSo Def/Columbia/CRG) and Tamia's "Imagination" and "So Into You" (Qwest/WB)... Album-Wise: Hip-hop brought in the funk and the noize, but straight-up urban proved to be a very solid retail seller. Leading the pack was multi-media super-star Will Smith, whose "Big Willie Style" (Columbia) lived up to its name. Usher's "My Way" (Arista) finished second, up from #43 last year. The aforementioned singles, plus "You Make Me Wanna," helped move the album at retail with authority... Janet's "The Velvet Rope" (Virgin) proved a worthy follow-up to1993's brilliant "janet.," with lyrics showcasing her capacity for self-reinvention. But if 1997 belonged to Puff Daddy, who's represented with "No Way Out" (Bad Boy/Arista), then 1998 was undoubtedly the year of Master P. The No Limit marketing genius had the true Midas Touch with his salesdominating "Ghetto D" and "MP Da Last Don." But P wasn't the only No Limit artist in the Top 50 album chart: Silkk The Shocker's "Charge It To The Game," Snoop Dogg's "The Game Is To Be Sold, Not To Be Told," the soundtrack to "I Got The Hook-Up, "Mystikal's "Unpredictable," C-Murder's "Life Or Death," Fiend's "There's One In

Every Family" and Young Bleed's "My Balls And My Word" added up to an astounding 18% of our year-end chart. Now, that's the hook-up!...

Year-End Shout-Outs: HITS compatriots Simon Glickman (my master wordsmith), Therese Quiambao (my new assistant), Mix & Rap masters Ricky Leigh, Latin Prince, Nasty Nes and DJ Creativi-

Jagged Edge ty, my Jewish Mafia of Roy Trakin (M.O.T.!), Joe Fleischer, Dave Adelson, Mark Pearson, the Redneck Nation of Mike Murphy, Todd Hensley and Jon O'Hara, Tony Profera's amazing marketing department, our art department, Todd Whipper, and the Lords of the manor, **Dennis Lavinthal** & Lenny Beer. Also, KMJJ's Kelly Berry & Candy Rain, WROU's Marco Simmons, KPRS' Sam Weaver, KKBT's Dorsey Fuller, MCA's Steve Corbin & Ken James, Priority's Shellie Fontana, Def Jam's Motti Shulman, Arista's Rawné Heinrich and Vanessa Barryer, Columbia's Jon Stockton & Pam Mc-Millan, Elektra's Richard Nash and the two Michelles (Madison & Robinson), RCA's Michael Johnson, Epic's Maurice Warfield (the one and only!), LOUD's Brad Davidson & Kim Hughes, Atlantic's Phil Embuido (our photo-op master), Qwest's Ron Carter, Herb Trawick, Red Ant's "divine" Ruben Rodriguez, Kathy Moore and Eddie Jorge, Un-D-Nyable's Paul Wilson & Maurice White, and everyone who lives and breathes this industrywhether for big rewards or simply as a labor of love...



Will Smith



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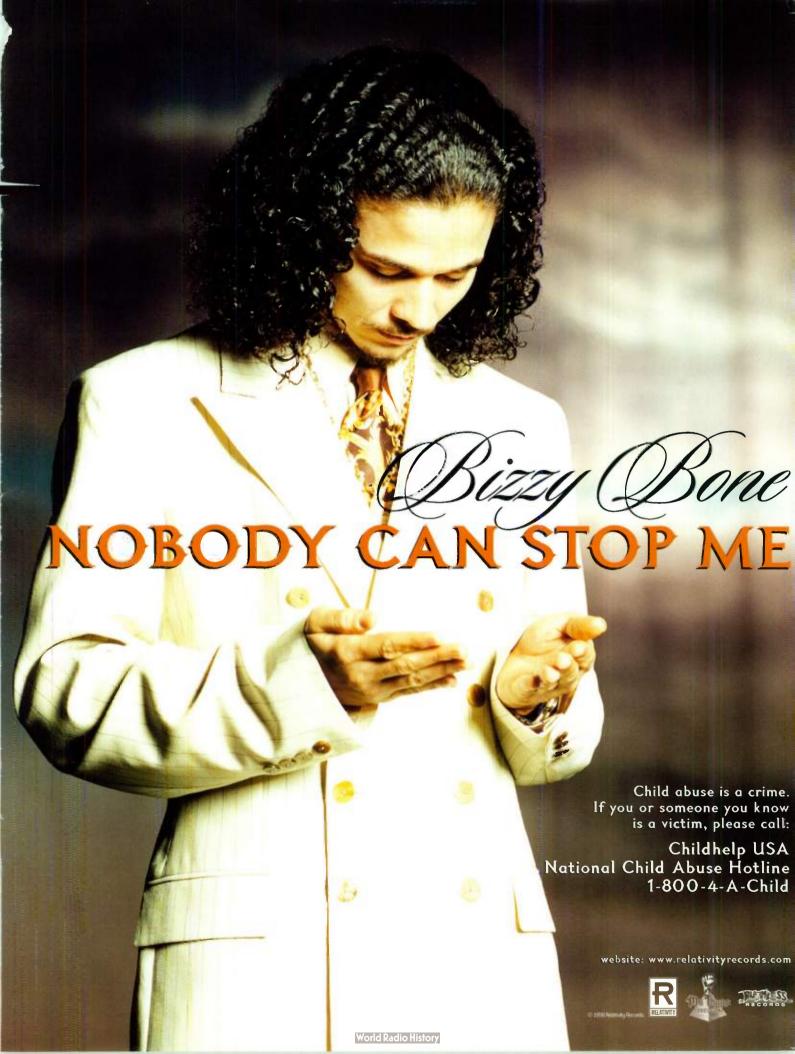




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NEXT Too Close	Arīsta	26	XSCAPE My Little Secret	SS Def/Col
JAGGED EDGE I Gotta Be	SS Def/Col/CRG	27	MYA Movin' On	University/I
JON B. They Don't Know	Yab Yum/550 Music	28	SYLK-E. FYNE Romeo & Juliet	Grand Jury
K-CI & JOJO All My Life	MCA	29	XSCAPE The Arms Of The One Who	SS Def/Col/
USHER Nice & Slow	LaFace/Arista	30	NEXT Still Love You	Arista
USHER My Way	LaFace/Arista	31	MARIAH CAREY My All	Columbia/0
BRANDY & MONICA The Boy Is Mine	Atlantic/Atl G	32	LAURYN HILL Doo Wop (That Thing)	RH/Col/CR
AALIYAH Are You That Somebody	Be!/Atl/Atl G	33	CHICO DEBARGE No Guarantee	Kedar/Univ
MONICA The First Night	Arista	34	MASE What You Want	Bad Boy/Ar
DESTINY'S CHILD No, No, No	Columbia/CRG	35	VOICES OF THEORY Say It	H.O.L.A./Red
MONTELL JORDAN Let's Ride	Def Jam/Merc	36	SWV Rain	RCA
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT Body Bumpin'	A&M	37	TAMIA So Into You	Qwest/WB
JANET I Get Lonely	Virgin	38	DIVINE Lately	Pend/Red A
BRIAN MCKNIGHT The Only One For Me	Motown	39	DRU HILL How Deep Is Your Love	Def Jam
BIG PUNISHER Still Not A Player	LOUD	40	MONIFAH Touch It	Universal/U
KELLY PRICE Friend Of Mine	Island	41	TAMIA Imagination	Qwest/WB
BRIAN MCKNIGHT Anytime	Motown	42	R. KELLY Half On A Baby	Jive
MYA It's All About Me	University/Inter	43	PRAS MICHEL f/ MYA Ghetto Supastar	Interscope
PUFF DADDY Been Around The World	Bad Boy/Arista	44	MISSY ELLIOTT Beep Me 911	G Mind/EW/
KP & ENVYI Swing My Way	EastWest/EEG	45	UNCLE SAM I Don't Ever Want To See You	Stonecreek
NICOLE Make It Hot	EastWest/EEG	46	LORD TARIQ & PETER GUNZ Deja Vu	
GERALD LEVERT Thinkin' 'Bout It	EastWest/EEG	47	KEITH SWEAT Come And Get With Me	Elektra/EEG
ARETHA FRANKLIN A Rose Is Still A Rose	Arista	48	TATYANA ALI Daydreamin'	MJJ/Work
SPARKLE Be Careful	Rockland/Inter	49	MASTER P I Got The Hook-Up	No Limit/Pr
BRANDY Top Of The World	Atlantic/Atl G	50	MO THUGS FAMILY	Mo Thugs/Rel

(Based on a combination of airplay and sales)





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	ARTIST-TITLE	LABEL	
1	WILL SMITH Big Willie Style	Columbia/CRG	26
2	USHER My Way	LaFace/Arista	27
3	K-CI & JOJO Love Always	MCA	28
4	JANET The Velvet Rope	Virgin	29
5	BRIAN MCKNIGHT	Motown	30
6	Anytime PUFF DADDY	Bad Boy/Arista	31
7	No Way Out DMX It's Dark And Hell Is Hot	Def Jam	32
8	BRANDY	Atlantic/Atl G	33
9	Never Say Never MASTER P Ghetto D	No Limit/Priority	34
10	MARIAH CAREY Butterfly	Columbia/CRG	35
11	SOUNDTRACK Dr. Dolittle	Be!/Atlantic/Atl G	36
12	MASE Harlem World	Bad Boy/Arista	37
13	BULWORTH Soundtrack	Interscope	38
14	MYA Mya	Univ/Interscope	39
15	NEXT Rated Next	Arista	40
16	MASTER P MP Da Last Don	No Limit/Priority	41
17	BIG PUNISHER Capital Punishment	LOUD	42
18	SILKK THE SHOCKER Charge It To The Game	No Limit/Priority	43
19	LSG Levert-Sweat-Gill	EastWest/EEG	44
20	JON B. Cool Relax	Yab Yum/550Music	45
21	MONICA The Boy Is Mine	Arista	46
22	JERMAINE DUPRI Life In 1472	SS Def/Col/CRG	47
23	WYCLEF JEAN The Carnival	RH/Col/CRG	48
24	TIMBALAND & MAGOO Welcome To Our World	Be!/Atl/Atl G	49
25	SNOOP DOGG The Game Is To Be Sold, Not	No Limit/Priority To Be Told	50

	ARTIST TITLE	LABEL
26	VARIOUS Hip-Hop Hits	PolyGram
27	LAURYN HILL The Miseducation Of Lauryn	RH/Col/CRG
28	XSCAPE Traces Of My Lipstick	SS Def/Col/CRG
29	PLAYERS CLUB Soundtrack	HW/A&M
30	I GOT THE HOOK-UP Soundtrack	No Limit/Priority
31	SOUL FOOD Soundtrack	LaFace/Arista
32	KELLY PRICE Soul Of A Woman	Island
33	ERYKAH BADU Live	Kedar/Universal/UMG
34	BUSTA RHYMES When Disaster Strikes	Elektra/EEG
35	THE LOX Money, Power, Respect	Bad Boy/Arista
36	MYSTIKAL Unpredictable	No Limit/Jive
37	NOREAGA N.O.R.E.	Penalty/Violator
38	C-MURDER Life Or Death	No Limit/Priority
39	RUSH HOUR Soundtrack	Def Jam
40	SPARKLE Sparkle	RockLand/Inter
41	MO THUGS FAMILY Chapter II: Family Reunion	Mo Thugs/Rel
42	BOYZ II MEN Evolution	Motown
43	FIEND There's One In Every Family	No Limit/Priority
44	DESTINY'S CHILD Destiny's Child	Columbia/CRG
45	MAXWELL Embrya	Columbia/CRG
46	JAY-Z Vol. 2 Hard Knock Life	R-A-F/D Jam/Merc
47	YOUNG BLEED My Balls And My Word	C-Loc/N Limit/Priority
48	GERALD LEVERT Love & Consequences	EastWest/EEG
49	HOW STELLA GOT Soundtrack	Flyte Tyme/MCA
50	GOODIE MOB Still Standing	LaFace/Arista

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1998 was the year that Master P made you say "Uhhh"-sort of

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ed like a return to the mid-'80s, the battle of the MCs was the bomb, with LL and Kool Moe Dee doin' their lyrical war on vinyl. We also found Canibus dissin' LL on "2nd Round K.O.," LL dissin' Canibus on "Can-I-Bus," a surprise retaliation by Wyclef, who was dissin' LL on "What's Clef," and Tragedy dissin' Noreaga on "Blood Type!"... We also saw amazing and groundbreaking sales in hip-hop albums. Highlights included the Beastie Boys, who showed their staying power after more than 10 years in this biz; Lauryn Hill, who broke a record in more ways than one by selling more units in the first week than any other females debut record ever has; and let's not forget Jay-Z, Outkast and just about everything that came out on No Limit, all showing up with no limit to the \$\$\$ signs... It was a vear for old-school artists to Kool G. Rap, Buckshot-5FT

make their comebacks, like and Evil Dee, A Tribe Called Quest (who also broke up) Dres The Blacksheep. Everlast, Ice Cube, Big

Daddy Kane, Jazzy Jeff (with his mix tape), Digital Underground, DJ Quik, Pete Rock, Tommy Boy's Greatest Beats, Naughty By Nature, the Geto Boys and Bushwick Bill. And who can forget the return of Vanilla Ice, who's now into the punk-rock scene, or MC Hammer, who's devoting his steez to gospel. Props to more than a few independents who dominated our rap charts this year. Among them were Black Star, Eminem, High & Mighty, Dilated Peoples, Xperado,

Defari, Rasco, N.O.T.S. Click and D.I.T.C.... Also making a huge impact were acts like Xzibit, DMX, JD, Noreaga, the Roots, Cam'ron, Ras Kass and Mase, who introduced us to Harlem World... '98 also saw the group who flowed gangsta rap into the mainstream, N.W.A., celebrating their 10-year anniversary with the release of

"N.W.A.'s Greatest Hits"—an album full of covers by King-T, Silkk The Shocker, Big Pun, Mack 10 and Master P, among others... It was a big year for hip-hop movie soundtracks, such as "Slam," "Belly," "Rush Hour," "One Tough Cop," "Players Club," "Bulworth," "Big Ballers" and "Godzilla"... Snoop Dogg returned on No Limit Records... As a producer, Timbaland took Aaliyah's career to a

whole new level, while Timbaland himself savored the sweet taste of sales and video and radio support... As we close it all out.

DJ Jazzy Jeff

er and Duck Down's own Evil Dee, who offers this sage advice:

the quote of the year comes from our mix tape report-

"Do not step on toes today, 'cause they may be connected to the ass you'll have to kiss tomorrow"... Thank you for making my first year at HITS a successful one. In 1999, I look forward to all my peeps stavin' down for the cause: HIP-HOP MU-SIC!... SHOUT OUT TIZIME: To all who have been down with this crazy Pinoy, my mom (R.I.P.), my dad, my sister Ann, my wife, Baby-C, my kids, Jammin' John, Bruce Lee, Muhammad "The Greatest" Ali, my sifu

> Taky Kimura, Steve Mitchell, KCMU PD Don Yates, Ed Locke, the legendary Mr. Magic, B-Mello, Gene Dexter, Rob Visda, Mix, Grandmaster Flash, the record reps who've been down wit' me from day uno, our radio and mix tape reporters, Seatown's

KUBE 93, my agent Coralie Jr., Terry Terry, my extended family @ HITS (Dennis, Len-

ny, Todd, Leisa, Susan, Gary, Latin Prince, my assistant DJ Creativity, Ricky "Mah Nishma" Leigh Mensh) and, to my hometown 4Life, Seattle!... Merry Xmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. 'Til we meet again in the '99, this crazy Pinoy's outta here!... Peace...



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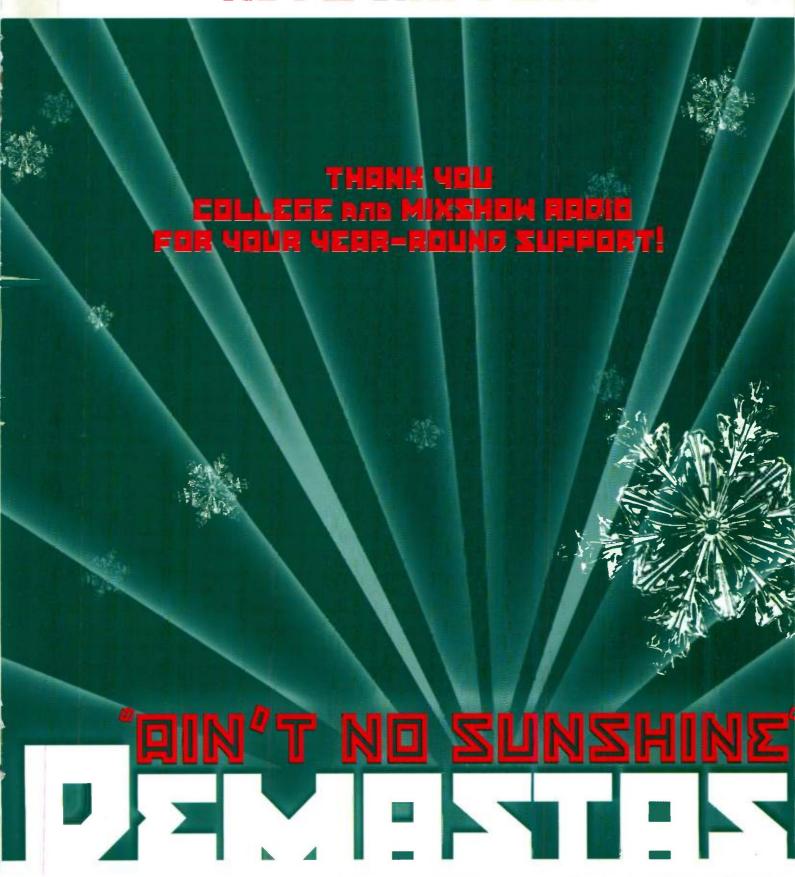
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ARTIST-TITLE	LABEL	ARTIST-TITLE	LABEL
BULWORTH Soundtrack	Interscope	26 ONYX Shut 'Em Down	Def Jam/Mero
BLACK EYED PEAS Fallin' Up	Interscope	MOS DEF Definition	Rawkus
CANIBUS Second Round K.O.	Universal/UMG	DEF SQUAD Full Cooperation	Def Jam/Mero
NOREAGA N.O.R.E.	Penalty	BUSTA RHYMES Turn It Up (RMX)	Elektra/EEG
XZIBIT What U See	LOUD	HELTAH SKELTAH I Ain't Havin'	DD/Priority
FLIPMODE SQUAD Everybody On The	Elektra/EEG	ICE CUBE We Be Clubbin'	Heavy/A&M
FAT JOE Don Cartegena	BB/Atl/Atl G	NOREAGA Superthugs	Penalty
XZIBIT 3 Card Molly	LOUD	IRON SHEIKS Allumaniti	25 To Life
ALL CITY The Actual	MCA	PUMPKINHEAD Dynamic	Makin' Record
GANG STARR The Militia	NT/Virgin	TONY TOUCH Rican-Struction (EP	Touch Ent.
CAUGHT UP Soundtrack	NT/Virgin	CANIBUS How We Roll	Universal/UM
SHABAAM SAHDEEQ Sound Clash	Rawkus	SUNZ OF MAN The Plan	Thr/Red Ant
GANG STARR Royalty	NT/Virgin	BIG PUN f/FAT JOE Twinz	LOUD
DEFARI Never Lose Touch	BL/Tommy B	PUMPKINHEAD Dynamic (RMX)	Makin' Record
RAS KASS Understandable	Patchwerk/Pri	JAY-Z The City Is Mine	Def Jam/Mero
MOS DEF Body Rock	Rawkus	JIVE ALL-STARS No Stoppin'	Jive
MEDINA GREEN CrossTown Beef	Rawkus	2PAC Do For Love	Amaru/Jive
KING T Got It Locked	A&M/Interscope	THE WHORIDAS Keep It Goin'	SP/Delicious \
ROOTS Don't See Us	MCA	DON SCAVONE The Force	Makin' Record
CANIBUS Get Retarded	Universal/UMG	SUNZ OF MAN Shining Star	Thr/Red Ant
EMINEM Just Don't Give	A&M/Interscope	KOOL G. RAP Foulcats	III Street/DLM
LAURYN HILL Lost Ones	RH/Col/CRG	BIG PUN f/JOE Still Not A Player (LOUD
LUNIZ Hypnotize	NT/Virgin	COCOA BROVAS Black Trump	DD/Priority
RAHSHEED/ILL ADV.	Quake City	SHAQ The Way It's Goin	T.W.IsM./A&N
JOHN FORTÉ	RH/Col/CRG	RAS KASS Ghetto Fabulous	Patchwerk/Pri

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MIX SHOW, INC... How ironic for this DJ to be sittin in my hometown of Washington D.C., watchin the Skins on TV & writing this column where it all

yrs ago. I didn't even have my own rack of records yet; I had to use the "house" rack. After DJin @ clubs/private/etc., I went on to mix on tha radio, be on air doin every airshift possible & be in programming & onto talking to you, my fam-

began for me as a rookie DJ 20

ily of DJs/record folks/artists/ managers/etc about what records are goin to happen, not hap-

Damion Young

pen, your personal lives & this great business we're in. For the longest, it all has for the most part been so simple & a whole helluva lotta fun. From bein' a broke-ass club DJ goin to out-of-theway record stores to find that much needed 12 of my favorite shit, unscratched for somewhere between 99 cents to \$1.99 to tryin to break the \$100 mark for a nite DJin @ the same club 5 nites a wk to tryin to get 4 bills for that 4-hour wedding party w/my bag of hit shit from the record pool & then goin out & rockin people's asses off into the wee hours of the morning & driving home drunk off my ass not worryin about shit cuz there wasn't any MADD, hopefully w/ some young lady to hang with cuz there wasn't any AIDS shit to worry about either. Sleepin late, goin thru my crate, linin shit up for the next nite's gig. Simple times, right? Radio. Mixin on the radio. Whatta concept. Rockin a whole bunch of folks ya can't even see; having somebody called a PD trying to tell me what to play, like I don't know already. Some muthafukka that ain't even from my town knows more than me! Yeah, right? & that's where shit started to become complicated. I'm a DJ, an entertainer @ heart. It's a gift & yet, it's also a craft that I've worked ridiculously long

hours & many years to develop the skills along w/my musical instincts to roll together into a walking, talking, DJ machine. Most of my actual radio DJ career, I worked for independently owned stations where I could, thru my persuasive ways & Arbitron successes, convince my PDs to leave me alone & let me do my thing & we'll win. Very, very sadly, those days are all but gone. Welcome to radio '98 & beyond, where basically, one of three companies owns & operates mix shows. How bout record co.'s this year & the corporate world as we see it in the mix. What do we see happening as a result of the Seagram deal as well as the overall downsizing that's happened to this point & beyond? How do you feel? I wanted to wait til this issue to let a lot of it shake itself out & be able to really get into it & as always, my column is yours. Thus, some key folks in our community take time to elaborate. Steve Smith (PD-KPWR/VP Emmis Broadcasting/CEO of Steve Smith Radio & Ratings): "It's doing wonders for my frequent-flier miles." Damion Young (APD/ KPWR): "Big willies are gonna be looking to the independents (radio stations) to break records. Same for records co.'s, who're gonna have a hard-

er time breaking records cuz they'll have less programmers to go to." Free Maiden (VP of Operations/So So Def): "The record biz is one of tha most brutal, fast-paced businesses in the world & this year shows that no matter who you are, you gotta be on top of your game or you're gonna

fall by the wayside. It's like a jungle in this business; only the strong survive. It's like there's gonna be no middle class anymore. From now, you're either making it happen or you're not." **Stephen**

Hill (Dir. of Music Programming/MTV): "You better be on your J-O-Biscuit or you'll be on the streets. What's happening in the record industry has already happened in radio and the survivors, no, the THRIVERS, are the ones who are as knowledgable about their business and as diversified as they can be. The natural fallout of consolidation (unemployment) is unfortunate, but it's real. Lamenting over it is not gonna change it. The object of the game is to make yourself so valuable to the company that they'll want to hire people to fire before they want to fire you. It's a hip-hop world, my friends. That's to our advantage, but it ain't enough. Strive to thrive." Kenetta Bailey (Sr. Marketing Mgr./Pepsi): "The industry consolidation allows the chance for music entities & companies like Pepsi to form stronger, longer-lasting partnerships. W/a larger & more diverse artist roster, music conglomerates will have a greater variety of entertainment properties to leverage w/corporate brands in their promotions & advertising. I'm optimistic that w/fewer parties involved, corporations will better understand objectives of music entities & vice versa.

I'm looking foward to forging stronger strategic alliances that build the

brands I'm responsible for as well as promoting talent."

Violet Brown (Urban Music Buyer/Wherehouse):
"In both the Uni world & the PGD world, it's gonna be very difficult to see people go cuz one rep & one regional is just az good as tha other. It remains to be seen if one person can handle

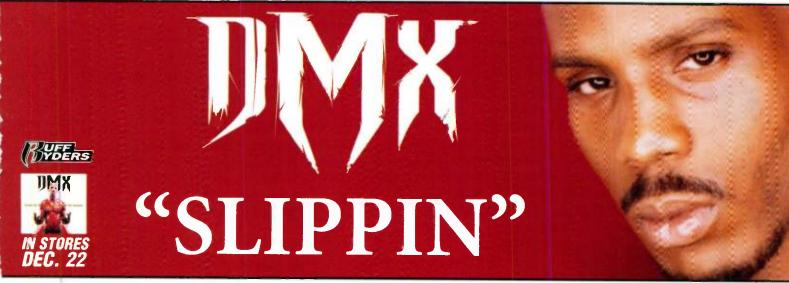
Ran all the extra work they're going to encounter." Herb Trawick (President, the Trawick Company/Trip records): "We

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Violet Brown

were able to win despite the difficulties presented by both the Unigram situation and the move to Motown. The 'Anytime' album and our Christmas record could have been bigger. That said, we are greately anticipating putting a **Brian McKnight** record into a unified system, with a total, across-the-board, worldwide

commitment. We are not going to make another record until we are assured of that. Doug Morris seems to understand the special nature of Brian's artistry, the huge upside and the things that we have been fustrated about in the past. Both Edgar and I are from Montreal. We have to win one for the Canadians!! Remember this name—Cherokee!" Eric Kline (President, E. Kline Productions/ author of upcoming book "Inside the Music Business: Interviews with the Power Players," to be released 1999): "The entire sizing down of the music business indicates that things will change. In particular, the way business is being conducted. This means less people to do more work. It's quite clear that there has been excessive spending, and now the price will be paid. If you break down how the \$17.98/disc cost to the public is being distributed, you'll probably see a harsh reality. Inherently, America always is looking to cut the 'fat' out of the business place. The focus needs to shift to reinventing the music business in a positive way; that involves more creative thinking, better marketing strategies. Seemingly, that means more, not less, people." Chuck D (Public Enemy/Slam Jamz): "I'm affected all the way acrossthe-board. It's gonna be harder for the lil man to make it. Hip-hop is saturated domestically & if it doesn't expand internationally, it'll choke itself. Public Enemy has always done well because we weren't solely dependent upon the domestic market. As far as radio is concerned, it makes advertising for the small companies almost impossible & even tho hip-hop has crossed over, it still makes it difficult for all of hip-hop to be heard... The most tragic turnaround was when the lawyers & accountants, who never lose money & who ultimately become the executives in this business, were allowed to divert super-astronomical money to

themselves, even when they get fired, instead of refunneling it back into the art form & the public from whence it came." D Street (Former APD/MD/Nites/ hed mixer/KSJL): "Although it may be a good corporate strategy, the uniqueness of Urban/Hip-hop radio is going to be lost. The thought of being an independent artist and having your local radio station will become obsolete. Finally, many quality people in radio as well as records are going to lose their jobs because of this downsizing." DJ Ran (WUSL/ Syndicated): "I hate all corporations. Quality doesn't matter if you have a corner on the market. As a result, there'll be an ungodly amount of indie labels poppin up." Steve Rifkind (Owner/CEO-LOUD/SRC): "Only the strong survive now, baby, & it's time for the independent entrepreneurs to take over

this shit, as long as they don't fuck w/my mix show DJs.
On a positive note, people will have to rise to the occasion & become more creative to find ways to express themselves now that they're not under the corporate pressure to conform. It'll be a positive on the creative side of the business. If you really believe in yourself, then you'll

fight for what you believe in. Merry Xmas & Happy New Year." **Geo Bivens** (Sr. VP Promo/LOUD): "It'll make us be more competitive & tighten up our ship from the street level to the radio level. It's gonna change a lotta people's lives." Seth/Gobby/Buddah (LOUD/ SRC Street Team): "The competition is gonna be stiffer, so we have to communicate more closely & work harder together, cuz if we don't do it, someone else will be knockin' @ the door." I wish I could fill the magazine w/comments from so many people I don't have space to include, especially those who're out or about to be out of their gigs. Radio folks continue to tell us they can't pay us any more \$, benefits, etc. cuz the station isn't as profitable as it should be when in actuality, radio is more profitable now than ever. Furthermore, on the radio side, let some investor give me & my crew of mix show DJs the capital to open a radio station ANYWHERE IN THE U.S. & I GUARAN-TEE we'll beat ANY radio station in three books or less! Think I'm fucking w/you? Ya know me... Try us! All my best to all my DJs in the mix who're like family to me & who'll always have my undying luv & devotion to continue to make this new corporate world order work to our advantage, & to all my cohorts & friends @ record labels, including all the artists, owners, promo folks, A&R, street team folks, etc., my family who blessed me w/the luv & tools to be here,

my main man @ HITS Latin
Prince who busts his big ass
for me & you, as do Nasty
Nes & Creativity & the big
cheeses, Dennis, Lenny,
Todd & Jon Jon, who support me endlessly, my girl
Andrea, who makes my
section look good every
week, &, as always, to Charlie Minor, RIP my man—I miss
ou... God bless all of you. Merry

n H. you... God bless all of you, Merry Xmas, Happy Chanukah & have a happy & fruitful new year... **Ricky Leigh**...

Stephan H.

December 18, 1998

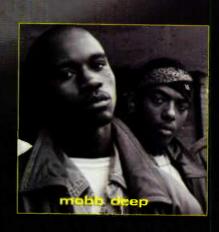
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	ARTIST-TITLE	LABEL
1	BIG PUNISHER Still Not A Player (remix)	LOUD
2	LAURYN HILL Doo Wop (That Thing)	Ruffhouse/Col/CRG
3	JERMAINE DUPRI F/JAY-Z Money Ain't A Thang	SoSo Def/Col/CRG
4	JAY-Z Can I Get A	Def Jam
5	ICE CUBE We Be Clubbin'	A&M
6	JAY-Z Hard Knock Life	Def Jam
7	LAURYN HILL Lost Ones	Ruffhouse/Col/CRG
8	CANIBUS Second Round K.O.	Universal/UMG
9	THE LOX Money, Power & Respect	Bad Boy/Arista
10	BUSTA RHYMES Fire It Up	Elektra/EEG
11	GANG STARR Royalty	Noo Trybe/Virgin
12	JAYO FELONY Whatcha Gonna Do	YY/550/SMS
13	QUEEN PEN Party Ain't A Party	Interscope
14	DEF SQUAD Full Cooperation	Def Jam
15	SILKK THE SHOCKER It Ain't My Fault	No Limit/Priority
16	CAM'RON Horse & Carriage	Untertainment/Epic
17	WC Cheddar	London
18	DMX Get At Me Dog	Def Jam
19	MASE Lookin' At Me	Bad Boy/Arista

NOREAGA Superthug

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SPINZ RE	PC
DJ Ran - WUSL/Synd.	L
Tha Baka Boyz (Nick & Eric Vidal) - KPWR	C
Funkmaster Flex - WQHT	D
Sway, Tech & DJ Revolution - Wake Up Show/Synd.	R
The Mixologist - WPGC	L
Nate Quick - WPEG	J
DJ Spen - WPGC	C
Mystro - WPGC	J
DJ Law/Big B - WOWI	
Bad Boy Bill - WBBM	E
Hohman & Harris - MetroMix	C
Stan Priest - WFLZ	J
DJ Lynnwood - KGGI	G
DJ Polo - WJMH	В
Steve Chavez - KTFM	D
Glenn Aure - KMEL	C
Joe "Marquis" Anthony - WEMX	C
Mr. Choc - KPWR	K
Ted Thorton - KMJM	J
DJ Rags - XHTZ	N
Red Alert - WQHT	N
Kid Capri - Def Comedy Jam	D
DJ Nabs - WHTA	D
Geoffrey C WERQ	J
Bassment Brothas - WKKV	C
E-Man - KPWR	A
Steve "Miggedy" Maestro - WGCI	8
DJ D-Street - KSJL	В
Jazzy Jim - KYLD	0
Franzen Wong - KMEL	0
Felix Sama - WPOW	
Dwight Stone - WBHJ	0
DJ Style - XHTZ	
Mike Street - WCDX	J
Reggie Reg - WERQ	K
Kim James - WJLB	L
Dre-Ski - WAMO Babalu Bad Boyz (Richie Rich & DJ Ray) - WPOW	D
B-Brian - WBHJ	В
Jay-Ski - WPHI	N
DJ Book - WPGC	H
DJ Revolution - KKBT	C
Icy Ice - KKBT	
DJ Illegal - KBXX	0
Sean Taylor - WHTA	•

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Luscious Ice - KBXX
Chris Coleman - WBHJ
DJ Jelly - WHTA
Roy Barbosa - WJMN
Lenny Berry - WZAK
Jammin Jay - WRXZ
Charles Chavez - KHYS
Jimmy Jam-Z - WJHM
Dave Meyer/Rick Lee - KMEL
Earl "Mixxin" McKinney - WDTJ
C-Minus - KPWR
JB - KLUC
Gee-Wiz/Tiffany Green - WJBT
B-Traxx/DJ Supreme - KMEL
DJ Flexx - WPGC
Capital J - WJMH
Chris The Rebel - KYLD
Kelly G WGCI
Jeff Lee - WHRK
Michael London - WKXN
Mike Crosby - WERQ
DJ Buck - WWKX
DJ Skno - WBTT
Jonathan Donker - WBLS
DJ Clue - WQHT
Alex G - KISV
Big Von Johnson - KYLD
Buttaman - WERQ
Damon Williams - Digital Cable Radio
Devin Steel - KXHT
DJ Enuff - WQHT DJ Fashen - KKFR
DJ Iran Waller - WKYS
Jammaster D - KZRB Kid Fresh - KXHT
Lil Homie - WJMI
DJ Scrap - WJMI
Marcutz - KBO\$
Boogaloo - KXHT
Mixxula/E Bro - KBMB
Horse Rainey - WJMH
DJ Touch Tone - WPHI
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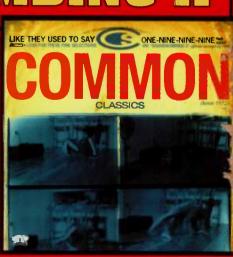
(Based on a combination of airplay and sales)

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Shout out to all mixers!

DJs: look for the first single off of upcoming SOUNDBOMBING II

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ACTIVE year-end '98

IN WITH THE NEW SCHOOL:

Although the old schoolers and retro-rockers were forces to

be reckoned with at the format in '98, the new school sound we've been touting for years really proved that the future is now. That attitude, style and presence was felt more than ever before through major radio play, massive

Rammstein

sales and the extreme lifestyle of America's youth demanding this sort of phenomenon. Two bands that really started things out with a bang at radio were Creed and Days Of The New, who drove home single after single throughout the year... and that was just the beginning! You need only look at those Creed sales to know that rock really made a serious, credible comeback in the big picture after some nay-sayers had obviously burned their flannel prematurely. Of course, things got even heavier along the way as bands with a harder, metal edge also started spinning and selling substantially. Audiences proved their belief in and devotion to this sound as acts like Limp Bizkit, Sevendust, Rammstein and, more recently, Godsmack, ignited at radio. As heavy phones and retail re-sponse ensued, we knew that we were getting closer to a comeback than ever. Let's face itrock music hasn't really been the hottest commodity for some time, but '98 turned that around, proving that when this music reaches its intended audience, there's no stopping it. Hell, with all of the X-treme events now beginning to saturate America's younger demos (via MTV, ESPN and well-orchestrated tours), we've created

estrated tours), we've created a whole new arena in which to promote our bands and keep the momentum going. We're talking about those relentless bands that keep the adrenaline pumping nonstop! In this HUGE new domain of sports-rock, anything short of inyour-face songcraft really doesn't fit. In addition to those already mentioned, let's not forget how the likes of KoRn, Rammstein, Sevendust, Kid Rock, Fuel, Eve 6 and more helped the new school graduate to the next level. These bands wielded a style and sound like few before them, breaking ground for a fresh, new energy at our format. Active Rock should sound HEAVY! For cryin' out loud, that's why they call it rock. The X-treme lifestyle we've been ranting about all year has continued to grow, flourish and filter through our core audience thanks to these artists and the success they've enjoyed. This will only continue to evolve, and those with the knowhow will figure out the best ways to tap into it and ride with it. Although the aforementioned life-

style marketing avenues, along with the Internet, are being utilized effectively, they are still relatively untapped

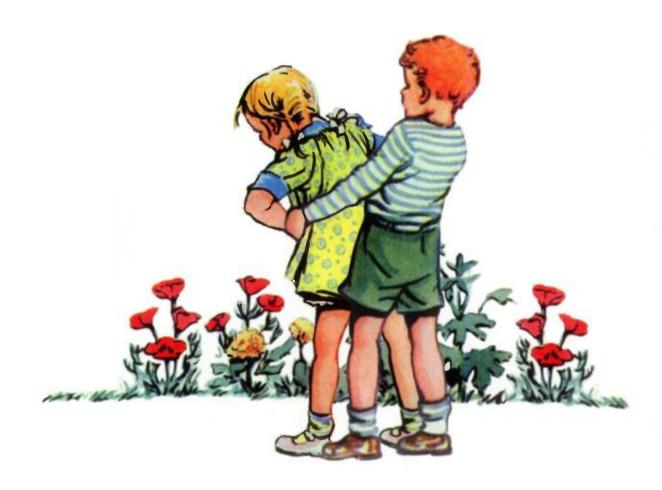
resources that we expect to see evolve at an unprecedented rate in '99. Already realizing this, looking toward the future and making sure that radio really did its part to rock hard this year were format leaders

like Dave Douglas (WAAF), Troy Hanson (WRIF), Sean Elliot (KAZR), Curtiss Johnson (KRXQ), JJ Jeffries (KUPD), Dan Bozic (KTUX), Josh Bitney (KXXR) and Pat Lynch (WJRR). These guys, among others, added the unproven shit early and dedicated themselves to the movement by spinning stuff to break it. Also making things happen and achieving previously unattainable success this year were people on the rise like Jordan Schur (Flip), Happy Walters (Immortal), Jeff Kwatinetz (The Firm), David "Beano" Benveniste (Velvet Hammer), Ross Robinson (producer/mixer), Josh Abrahms (producer/mixer) and others. Their style and drive make them all "ones to watch" in the years ahead. As this year proved, it's our time to take over. Rock & Roll will never die; if anything, it's getting stronger than ever and is well-positioned to dominate like never before. Join up and be a part of the new school revolution! AMERICA'S YOUTH DEMANDS IT!!!



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1	MATCHBOX 20 Yourself Or Someone	Atl/Atl G
2	CREED My Own Prison	Wind-Up
3	ARMAGEDDON OST Soundtrack	Col/CRG
4	KORN Follow The Leader	Imm/Epic
5	PEARL JAM Yield	Epic
6	DAVE MATTHEWS BAND Before These	RCA
7	METALLICA Re-Load	Elek/EEG
8	ROB ZOMBIE Hellbilly Deluxe	Geffen
9	MARILYN MANSON Mechanical Animals	Nothing/Inter
10	SMASHING PUMPKINS Adore	Virgin
11	EVE 6	RCA
12	GOO GOO DOLLS Dizzy Up The Girl	WB
13	RAMMSTEIN Sehnsucht	Slash/Lon/Island
14	GODZILLA OST Soundtrack	Epic
15	HOLE Celebrity Skin	DGC
16	EVERCLEAR So Much For The Afterglow	Capitol
17	U2 Best Of	Island
18	LENNY KRAVITZ	Virgin
19	TOOL Aenima	Volcano
20	LIMP BIZKIT Three Dollar Bill Y'All	Flip/Interscope
21	R.E.M. Up	WB
22	THE OFFSPRING Americana	Col/CRG
23	EVERLAST Whitey Ford Sings The Blues	Tommy Boy
24	MONSTER MAGNET Powertrip	A&M
25	CAKE Prolonging The Magic	Capri/Merc
26	JONNY LANG Wander This World	A&M
27	BLACK SABBATH Reunion	Epic
28	KISS Psycho Circus	Mercury
29	PAGE/PLANT Walking Into Clarksdale	Atl/Atl G
30	GREEN DAY Nimrod	Reprise

AR	TIST-TITLE L	ABEL
1	CREED My Own Prison	Wind-Up
2	METALLICA Re-Load	Elek/EEG
3	DAYS OF THE NEW Days Of The New	Outpost
4	KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD Trouble Is	Revolution
5	PEARL JAM Yield	Epic
6	FOO FIGHTERS The Colour & The Shape	Capitol
7	STABBING WESTWARD Darkest Days	Col/CRG
8	MONSTER MAGNET Power Trip	A&M
9	MEGADETH Cryptic Writings	Capitol
10	JERRY CANTRELL Boggy Depot	Col/CRG
11	FUEL Sunburn	550
12	VAN HALEN Van Halen III	WB
13	CANDLEBOX Happy Pills	Maverick
14	AEROSMITH Armageddon OST	Col/CRG
15	BROTHER CANE Wish Pool	Virgin
16	LENNY KRAVITZ	Virgin
17	SMASHING PUMPKINS Adore	Virgin
18	ROB ZOMBIE Hellbilly Deluxe	Geffen
19	AEROSMITH Nine Lives	Col/CRG
20	EVE 6	RCA
21	BLACK LAB Your Body Above Me	Geffen
22	BIG WRECK In Loving Memory Of	Atl/Atl G
23	RAMMSTEIN Sehnsucht	Slash/Lon/Island
24	EVERCLEAR So Much For The Afterglow	Capitol
25	MARCY PLAYGROUND Marcy Playground	Capitol
26	TWO	Nothing/Inter
27	OUR LADY PEACE Clumsy	Col/CRG
28	KISS Psycho Circus	Mercury
29	GREEN DAY Nimrod	Reprise
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Robin Zander Cheap Trick THE BEATLES "Anthology" (6 discs)

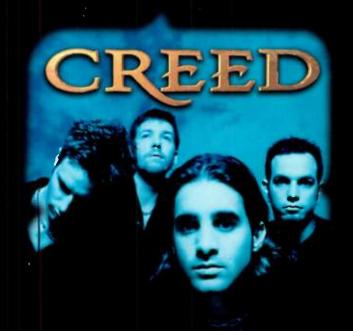
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BRANDY "Never Say Never"

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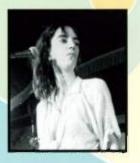
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JIMI HENDRIX "Electric Ladyland"
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JOHN LENNON "Anthology"
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PJ HARVEY "Is This Desire?"
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David Carr The Ventures

MADONNA "Ray Of Light"
BEACH BOYS "Pet Sounds"
BULLET ROSE "In My Madness"
PAGE & PLANT "Walking Into Clarksdale"
SHERYL CROW "The Globe Sessions"
MARIAH CAREY "Butterfly"
PJ HARVEY "Is This Desire?"
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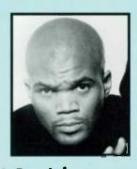
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EAGLE-EYE CHERRY "Save Tonight"
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MADONNA "Ray Of Light"

SPICE GIRLS "Viva Forever"

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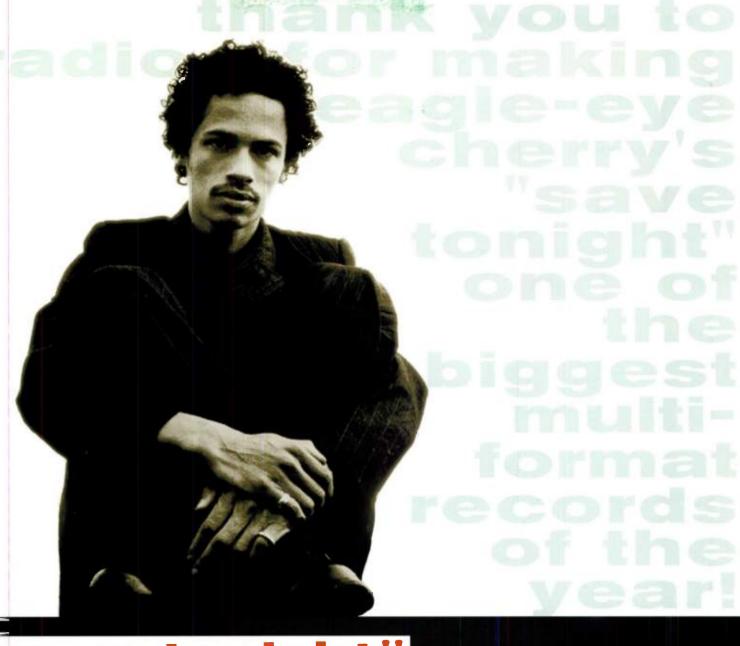
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Russ Allen WJMW/Orlando

K-Ci and JoJo "All My Life" Will Smith "Gettin' Jiggy Wit' It" Shania Twain "You're Still The One" Mya f/Sisgo "It's Ali About Me" Beenie Man "Who Am I"



Jeff Andrews WVTI/Grand Rapids

Shawn Mullins "Lullaby" Cake "Never Enough" Edwin McCain "I'll Be" Marcy Playground "Sex And Candy" Third Eve Blind "Semi-Charmed Life"

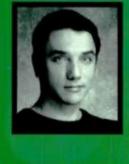


Frankie Blue WKTU/New York

Celine Dion "My Heart Will Go On" Brandy and Monica "The Boy Is Mine" Next "Too Close" Will Smith "Gettin' Jiggy Wit' It" Deborah Cox "Things Just Ain't The Same"



Will Smith "Gettin' Jiggy Wit' It" Barenaked Ladies "One Week" Aaliyah "Are You That Somebody" Dag "Our Love Would Be Much Better" Brian Setzer "Jump Jive An' Wail"



J.T. Bosch WRHT/WCBZ/Greenville



Dan Bowen STAR94/Atlanta

Matchbox 20 "3am" Natalie Imbruglia "Torn" Goo Goo Dolls "Iris" Fastball "The Way" Backstreet Boys "As Long As You Love Me"



Brian Bridgman WNKS/Charlotte

Goo Goo Dolls "Iris" Pras Michel f/Mya "Ghetto Supastar" Next "Too Close" Black Lab "Time Ago" Anggun "Snow On The Sahara"



David Burns WIXX/Green Bay

Natalie Imbruglia "Torn" Barenaked Ladies "One Week" Semisonic "Closing Time" Celine Dion "My Heart Will Go On" Goo Goo Dolls "Iris"



Cadillac Jack WJMN/Boston

Lauryn Hill "Doo Wop (That Thing)" Barenaked Ladies "One Week" Sublime "Caress" Marcy Playground "Sex And Candy" Semisonic "Closing Time"



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Tom Calococci 920/Baltimore

K-Ci and JoJo "All My Life" Janet "I Get Lonely" Big Punisher "Still Not A Player" Kirk Franklin "Lean On Me" Pras Michel f/Mva "Ghetio Supastar"



Jewel Carter WEAS-FM/Savannah

Erykah Badu "Tryone" LSG "My Body" Uncle Sam "I Don't Ever Want To See You Again" Boyz II Men "A Song For Mama" Usher "You Make Me Wanna"



Kevin Chase B83/Midland

Marcy Playground "Sex And Candy" NSYNC "I Want You Back La Beuche "You Won"! Forget Me Alanis Morissette "Thank U" Savage Garden "To The Moon And Back"



Mike Chase KMCK/Fayetteville

Foo Fighters "Baker Street" Wycief Jean "Gone Til November" Everything To Everyone Big Punisher "Still Not A Player" Our Lady Peace "Clumsy"



Toda Chase WLSS/Baton Rouge

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Tracy Cloherty HOT97/New York

Jay-Z "Can I Get A" Cam'ron "Horse And Carriage" Noreaga "SuperThug" Next "Too Close" Big Punisher "Still Not A Player"



Adam Cook XL106.7/Orlando

Celine Dion "My Heart Will Go On" Goo Goo Dolls "Iris" Aerosmith "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing" Natalie Imbruglia "Torn" Savage Garden "Truly Madly Deeply"



Keith Curry WSNX/Grand Rapids

NSYNC "God Must Have..." Monica "Angel Of Mine" Aaliyah "Are You That Somebody" Pras Michel f/Mya "Ghetto Supastar" Jay-Z "Can I Get A"



Mike Danger 98PXY/Rochester

Ani DiFranco "As I" Emilia "Big Big World" Aaliyah "Are You That Somebody" Wild Child "Renegade Mister" Lauryn Hill "Doo Wop (That Thing)"



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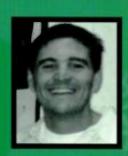
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Celine Dion "My Heart Will Go On" Next "Too Close" All Saints "Never Ever" K-Ci and JoJo "All My Life" Natalie Imbruglia "Torn"



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radio eeks, year end picks

Tom Gjerdrum WZPL/Indianapolis

Alanis Morissette Uninvited Shania Twain "You're Still The One" Aerosmith "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing" Barenaked Ladies "One Week" Natalie Imbruglia "Torn"



Michael Hayes WDRV/Pittsburgh

Natalie Imbruglia "Torn" Barenaked Ladies "One Week" Aerosmith "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing" Fastball "The Way Semisonic "Closing Time"



Jason Hillery KKPN/Corpus Christi

Eve 6 "Inside Out" Fastball "The Way" Everclear "I Will Buy You A New Life" Stabbing Westward "Save Myself" Marilyn Manson "The Dope Show"



Woody Houston WHZZ/Lansing

Hole "Celebrity Skin" Cake "Never There" Michelle Lewis "Nowhere & Everywhere" Lenny Kravitz "Thinking Of You" Alana Davis "Crazy"



Jacko WMRV/Binghamton

Propellerheads "History Repeating" Fastball "The Way" Cake "Never There" Hole "Celebrity Skin" Screaming Cheetah Wheelies "Boogie King"



Jeff Jacobs KUJ-FM/Tri-Cities

NSYNC "God Must Have..." Britney Spears "Baby One More Time" Monica "The First Night" Shawn Mullins "Lullaby" Beastie Boys "Intergalactic"



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Jennifer Paige "Crush" Sarah McLachlan "Sweet Surrender" Natalie Imbruglia "Torn" Stars On 54 "If You Could Read My Mind" Madonna "Ray Of Light"



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K-Ci and JoJo "All My Life" Will Smith "Gettin' Jiggy Wit' It" Next "Too Close" Aerosmith "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing" Natalie Imbruglia "Torn"



Kid Kelly Z100/New York

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Harry Legg KISS 92.7/Chicago

Usher "You Make Me Wanna" Savage Garden "Truly Madly Deeply" Backstreet Boys "As Long As You Love Me" Pras Michel I/Mya "Ghetto Supastar" Barenaked Ladies "One Week



Dana Lundon WKQI/Detroit

New Radicals "You Get What You Give" Alanis Morissette "Thank U" Monster Magnet "Space Lord" Natalie Imbruglia "Tom" Brian Setzer Orchestra "Jumo, Jive, An' Wail"



Mike Marino 0102/Cincinnati

Offspring "Pretty Fly (For A White Guy)" Lauryn Hill "Doo Wop (That Thing)" Next "Too Close" Beastie Boys "Intergalactic" Hole "Celebrity Skin"



K-Ci and JoJo "All My Life" Lauryn Hill "Can't Take My Eyes off You" **Next** "Too Close" Big Punisher "Still Not A Player" Aaliyah "Are You That Somebody"



Michael Martin KYLD/San Francisco



Brian Maxwell WOMG/Greensboro

Sparkle f/R. Kelly "Be Careful" Big Punisher "Still Not A Player" K-Ci & JoJo "All My Life" Jon B. "They Don't Know" Temptations "Stay"



Kelly Michaels KALC/Denver

Beastie Boys "Intergalactic" Cake "Never There" Smash mouth "Walking On The Sun" Shawn Mullins "Lullaby" New Radicals "You Get What You Give"



TJ McKav WDDJ/Paducah

Eric Cartman "Come Sail Away" KISS "Psycho Circus" Dixie Chicks "Wide Open Spaces" Master P "Kenny's Dead" Anggun "Snow On The Sahara"



Kelly Nash KC101/New Haven

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Tom Poleman & Cubby Bryant Z100/New York

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Mike Preston KBKS/Seattle

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Danny Ocean WJMN/Boston

Brandy and Monica "The Boy Is Mine" Pras Michel f/Mya "Gnetto Supastar" Next "Too Close" Lauryn Hill "Doo Wop (That Thing)" Big Punisher "Still Not A Player"



Nathan Reed WWCK/Flint

Matchbox 20 "3am" Pras Michel f/Mya "Ghetto Supastar" Savage Garden "Truly Madly Deeply" Janet "Together Again" Semisonic "Singing In My Sleep"



Mark Reid **KOKY/Kearney**

Rammstein "Du Hast" Monifah "Touch It" Creed "My Own Prison" Propellerheads "History Repeating" Natalie Imbruglia "Torn"



J.J. Rice WWHT/Syracuse

Fleetwood Mac "Landslide" Madonna "Ray Of Light" Sparkle f/R. Kelly "Be Careful" Lauryn Hill "Doo Wop (That Thing)" Timbaland & Magoo "Luv 2 Luv U"



Fred Rico **KOHT/Tucson**

Dru Hill "How Deep Is Your Love" Mva "Movin' On" Big Punisher "Still Not A Player" Jay-Z "Can I Get A" Next "I Still Love You"



Mike Rossi WSTW/Wilmington

Celine Dion "My Heart Will Go On" Aerosmith "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing' Goo Goo Dolls "Iris" Savage Garden "Truly Madly Deeply" Barenaked Ladies "One Week"

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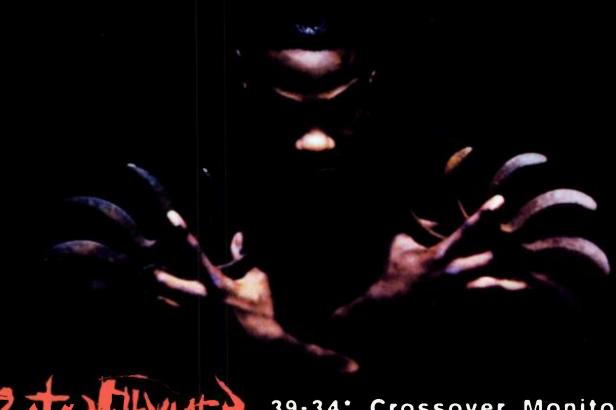
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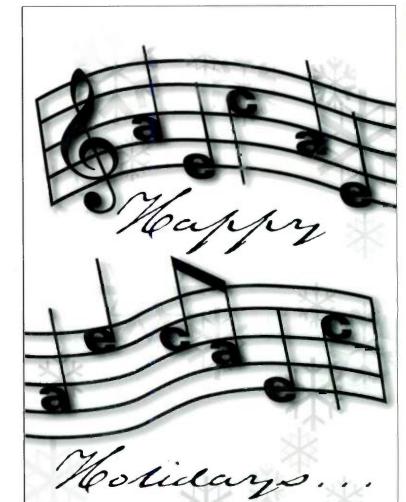
This is the last entry from "Rerap" for '98. It's time to take a look back on the year just completed and a peak forward at the New World Order... For years it seems that we have cut our teeth on describing how the retail sector was circling the drain—all the bad news fit to print. Who was about to file Chapter 11? Who was closing stores? Who was downsizing? Who was taking some draconian measures to escape having to shutter their storefronts? We were constantly finding vultures on the horizon circling a weakened calf. So as we get ready to break for the '98 holidays, it would be nice to break with tradition and count our blessings for a change. After all, no one is threatening to file for bankruptcy protection. The fourth-quarter releases look to be some of the biggest, if not the biggest, in history. It should be a time of celebration, right? But it's hard. Consolidation has now replaced Chapter 11 as the

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watchword of the day. And some good friends have fallen by the wayside as the strong become stronger. Where there were once seven venerable accounts, now there are two left standing. Trans World, who acquired Strawberries last year, then took over Camelot, who had already acquired both The Wall and Spec's Music. Wherehouse acquired Blockbuster. But let's not forget that Blockbuster was the amalgam of Music Plus, Sound Warehouse, Record Bar and Turtles. As was Trans World-made up of Record Town, Coconuts and Planet Music. All venerable retailers. All old friends. The two left are honorable people and good businessmen who deserve a world of credit for their incredible accomplishment. It's just sobering to see the world get smaller. Would someone like Russ Solomon be able to start a worldwide empire from just two stores today? Probably not. As ugly as the consolidation at the label level is going to be (and it's going to be ugly), it still opens up the door for savvy entrepreneurs to fill the vacuum created by the loss of some major players. There's always room for another label, because there's always room for another hit record. But if we've learned anything over the last decade, it's that you can open too many storefronts. There are only so many square feet that can profitably sell music in the U.S. And those square feet now rest in the hands of fewer people every year. Let's just hope they don't lose sight of why we all got into this business and why people flock to their stores. It's the music.



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1	1	1	GARTH BROOKS	DOUBLE LIVE Just more	Capitol Nashville 97424	413.4	13%
3	2	2	CELINE DION	THESE ARE SPECIAL Every kind of television	550 Music 69523	381.6	+4%
6	3	3	NSYNC	NSYNC Teen phenomenon	RCA 67613	361.9	+46%
5	4	4	JEWEL	SPIRIT "Hands" leads	Atl/Atl G 82950	282.4	+18%
9	8	5	BACKSTREET BOYS	BACKSTREET BOYS Past 8 million now	Jive 41589	232.4	+33%
7	7	6	MARIAH CAREY	#1'S Hits plus some new	Col/CRG 69670	198.5	+8%
16	12	7	SHANIA TWAIN	COME ON OVER 7X Platinum now	Mercury 536-003	195.5	+44%
11	10	8	NSYNC	HOME FOR CHRISTMAS "Merry Christmas" leads	RCA 65000	193.2	+28%
10	9	9	OFFSPRING	AMERICANA "Pretty Fly" leads	Col/CRG 69661	191.7	+18%
2	5	10	METALLICA	GARAGE, INC. Double disc, new & old	Elektra/EEG 62299	188.4	-16%
8	11	11	JAY-Z	VOL 2. HARD KNOCK Two cuts working	Def Jam 538-093	170.1	+14%
DEI	BUT	12	REDMAN	DOC'S DA NAME More hot Rap	Def Jam 55 8-945	162.2	- 1
4	6	13	2PAC	GREATEST HITS "Changes" leads	Amaru/D. Row/Int 90301	159.0	-15%
19	15	14	DIXIE CHICKS	WIDE OPEN SPACES Country darlings	Monument 68195	147.1	+23%
17	14	15	BRANDY	NEVER SAY NEVER "Have You" leads	Atl/Atl G 83039	144.9	+21%
15	13	16	ALANIS MORISSETTE	SUPPOSED FORMER Many cuts in play	Maverick 47094	125.2	+4%
26	21	17	WILL SMITH	BIG WILLIE STYLE "Miami" huge at MTV	Col/CRG 68683	125.2	+44%
21	16	18	BARENAKED LADIES	STUNT "It's All" leads	Reprise 46963	115.3	+10%
18	17	19	SOUTH PARK	SOUNDTRACK Master P #1 MTV	Amer/Col/SMS 69790	113.6	+10%
30	19	20	THE RUGRATS MOVIE	SOUNDTRACK Top 5 movie	Interscope 90181	107.3	+18%
DE	BUT	21	NO LIMIT SOLDIERS	WE CAN'T BE STOPPED More Rap	No Limit/Priority 50724	104.9	-
28	26	22	ARMAGEDDON	SOUNDTRACK Incredible run	Col/CRG/SMS 69440	90.9	+20%
31	28	23	LAURYN HILL	THE MISEDUCATION "Ex-Factor" next	RH/Col/CRG 69035	89.6	+33%
24	22	24	U2	THE BEST OF Hits package	Island 524-612	85.8	+2%
27	24	25	GOO GOO DOLLS	DIZZY UP THE GIRL "Slide" still	Warner Bros 47058	82.4	+6%

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20	20	26	WHITNEY HOUSTON	MY LOVE IS YOUR LOVE "Heartbreak" starting	Arista 19037	80.5	-8%
35	31	27	NOW	VARIOUS Current hits package	Virgin 46795	75.1	+23%
25	23	28	DRU HILL	ENTER THE DRU "These Are" JAMZ now	Island 45422	73.9	-9%
38	30	29	FAITH HILL	FAITH "This Kiss" still	Warner Bros 46790	73.9	+16%
32	29	30	DMX	IT'S DARK AND "How's It" still leads	Def Jam 558-227	70.5	+10%
41	34	31	EVERLAST	WHITEY FORD SINGS "What It's Like" leads	Tommy Boy 1236	69.7	+25%
34	33	32	CITY OF ANGELS	SOUNDTRACK Sarah McLachlan cut now	WS/Reprise 46867	68.7	+23%
12	18	33	METHOD MAN	TICAL 2000: JUDGMENT Two cuts leading	Def Jam 558-920	65.1	-29%
36	38	34	MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER	CHRISTMAS ANGEL Latest XMAS offering	American Gram. 1998	64.6	+23%
48	36	35	CELINE DION	LET'S TALK ABOUT Swept up in the action	550 Music 68861	58.6	+8%
-	49	36	ANDREA BOCELLI	ROMANZA PBS special	Polygram 539-207	58.0	+44%
22	25	37	R. KELLY	R. "When A Woman's" next	Jive 41625	55.6	-29%
44	41	38	BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA	THE DIRTY BOOGIE "This Cat's" developing	Interscope 90183	55.3	+13%
13	27	39	PEARL JAM	LIVE ON TWO LEGS	Epic 69752	54.3	-23%
39	37	40	HOPE FLOATS	SOUNDTRACK Nice run	Capitol 93402	52.8	-1%
49	46	41	MATCHBOX 20	YOURSELF OR "Back 2 Good" now	Lava/Atl/Atl G 92721	52.0	+25%
43	40	42	BEASTIE BOYS	HELLO NASTY "Body Movin'" leads	GR/Capitol 37716	50.4	0%
46	45	43	KORN	FOLLOW THE LEADER "Freak on" next	Immortal/Epic 69001	50.3	+12%
33	42	44	TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL	VARIOUS Songs from hot TV show	550/SMS 68971	48.7	+3%
DE	BUT	45	CREED	MY OWN PRISON	Wind-Up 13049	47.8	-
_	43	46	JOCK JAMS, VOL. 4	VARIOUS Hot compilation	Tommy Boy 1266	47.2	+3%
DE	BUT	47	SHERYL CROW	THE GLOBE SESSIONS "My Favorite" still	A&M 540-959	44.4	_
DE	BUT	48	THIRD EYE BLIND	THIRD EYE BLIND "Jumper" now	Elek/EEG 62262	44.3	_
47	39	49	DR. DOLITTLE	SOUNDTRACK Video at rental counter	Be!/Atl/Atl G 83113	43.9	-15%
23	32	50	ICE CUBE	WAR & PEACE, VOL. 1 The 'War' Disc	Priority 50700	41.8	-28%
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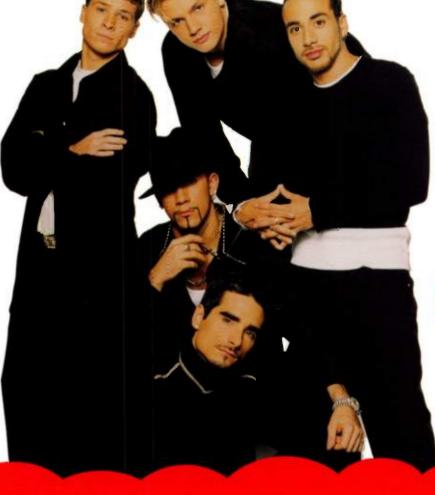




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MTV Cops A Buzz

Nirvana, Alanis and Beck are buzzing.

They are the top three finishers on MTV's four-hour music special, which airs this Saturday night (12/19) and spotlights the channel's Top 20 Buzz Clips of all time, "Buzzworthiest: MTV's All-Time Buzz-Clip Countdown," at 12 pm (ET/PT).

The show will be hosted by MTV's Carson Daly with Matt Pinfield and include interviews with Beck, Hanson, Busta Rhymes, Fiona Apple, Missy Elliott and Jakob Dylan, among others. MTV originally launch-

ed "Buzz Clip" videos in 1987 to spotlight the next "hot" new music artist from any genre.

"Smells Like Teen Spirit,"
"You Oughta Know" and
"Loser" finished Top Three, followed in the Top Ten by
Green Day's "Longview," Pearl
Jam's "Jeremy," Marilyn Manson's "Sweet Dreams," the
Wallflowers' "Sixth Avenue
Heartache," Busta Rhymes'
"Put Your Hands...," Prodigy's
"Firestarter" and Red Hot Chili
Peppers' "Higher Ground."

Of course, our idea of a buzz consists of six bong hits and a lolt cola chaser.

efore we get to the great news, here's the good news: Music is selling this holiday season.

Indeed, with both Garth Brooks and Celine Dion leading the charge, happy retailers are raking in the holiday green and, just like past holiday seasons, the reindeer are nervous.

"Reindeer are even cooler than sheep," quipped the always-quipping Bob Bell of Wherehouse.



Santa Claus

"The anticipation of big holiday sales continues," said Norman Hurd of Blockbuster Music. "With the lineup of music out there and the big week-to-week increases, these last few weeks should be enormous."

A quick gander at the Top 50 Albums chart shows Normie ain't whistling "Dixie." The top four spots remain unchanged from last week, with Garth holding down #1, followed by Celine, the exploding NSYNC, Jewel and the Backstreet Boys. Incidentally, NSYNC's Christmas album jumped to #8 this week.

And Now The Great News

And because you've been so good this year, we've decided to reward you with a special gift. Yes folks, we won't be printing for two weeks.

Bob Eubanks



But sadly, even the grandest gestures of generosity have their downside, and this one's no exception. We'll be back. In fact, our next issue will be dated January 8, 1999 with a street date of Thursday, January 7. Our Sherman Oaks cesspool will reopen on Monday, January 4th. Regular Monday editorial and advertising deadlines apply.

So happy holidays, folks. Remember, dreams can come true—so maybe, just maybe, we won't return after the holidays.

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We Sleigh Us

Ah, Christmas and its many traditions—Santa, Disney, RCA singing phenom Martina McBride (1) and, of course, lonely trade-mag losers in hourly rate motor lodges with slabs of raw liver. Speaking of coming but once a year... are we on vacation yet?

Gaspin Doctored at VH1

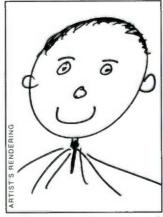
leff Gaspin "For Air" has been upped to the newly created post of Executive Vice President Programming and Production at VH1 by President John Sykes "Fifth Avenue."

Previously Sr. VP Programming and Production for the channel, Gaspin came to VH1 in July '96. In his new post, Gaspin will continue to be responsible for the channel's overall programming strategies, overseeing VH1's program development, production, acquisition, scheduling, on-air talent, news and studio operations and maintaining the staff's fleet of Volvos.

Commented Sykes: "We are in the midst of the most successful year in our history, thanks in large part to Jeff's invaluable programming expertise and insight. Plus, he gave me the phone number of Stone Phillips' custom tailor."

Gaspin created the critically acclaimed "Behind the Music," which has become the channel's highest-rated regular series. He also oversees other successful shows such as "Pop Up Video," "Story-tellers" and "Legends."

Prior to joining VH1, Gaspin spent ten years at NBC, the last five as Vice President of Programming and Development at NBC News, where he developed and launched "Dateline NBC" and borrowed Maria Shriver's pumps to wear at formal dinners.



leff Gaspin: His career path Pops Up.

Blairly Breathing



The Box's Peter Cohen (c) is shown holding up fingers for the number of times Columbia's Jerry Blair (1) has allowed the conversation to be steered away from his favorite topic (himself)—once to order dinner and once to nap. LOUD ruler Steve Rifkind is shown moments after securing the Polo account, which he will work in the kitchens of four-star restaurants.



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The adds this week at MTV are Class of 99 (Col/ CRG), Beastie Boys (Capitol), Sugar Ray (Atl/Atl G), Redman (Def Jam), Collective

Soul (Atlantic/Hollywood) Eagle Eye Cherry (WORK). Shawn Mullins (Col/CRG) and Sheryl Crow (A&M).

Seagram Says Poly A Done Deal

here's no lack of irony that this is the last major story we will report in 1998.

Indeed, the stage is set for massive and immediate action in '99 as Universal Music Group Chairman/CEO Doug Morris has officially announced the new worldwide structure of the combined Universal and PolyGram music groups.

As expected, Morris named Bruce Hack Vice Chairman of UMG and Zach Horowitz President/COO. Jorgen Larsen was previously tapped as Chairman/CEO of UMG International last June.

Morris also officially announced the structure of his

North American operations:

■ Island and Mercury will be merged under Chairman Jim Caparro and President John Reid and based in New York.

■ There will be an East Coast label group It's official. It's his. comprising Univer-

sal and Motown, helmed by Chairman Mel Lewinter. Lewinter will be joined by current Universal Records Black Music President Jean Riggins and Kedar Massenburg, who will serve as President/CEO of Motown.

- Def Jam, which is 60% owned by Universal, will remain in New York under Chairman Russell Simmons, CEO Lvor Cohen and President Kevin Liles.
- A West Coast label group comprising Interscope, Geffen and A&M will be led by Interscope Co-Chairmen Jimmy Iovine and Ted Field and President Tom Whalley. UMG expects to purchase the half of Interscope it doesn't already own.

■ MCA will remain in L.A. under President Jay Boberg. MCA Nashville will continue under Chairman Bruce Hinton and President Tony Brown.

■ Mercury Nashville will continue to operate under President Luke Lewis.

■ Verve and GRP will be combined in New York under Chairman Tommy LiPuma and President Ron Goldstein.

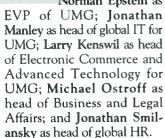
■ Universal Music & Video Distribution will be headquartered in L.A. under President Henry Droz and Co-EVPs/GMs Jim Urie and Craig Kornblau.

■ David Renzer will helm the combined MCA Music Publishing and PolyGram

> Publishing. ■ A new combined special markets and centralized catalog division will be over-

seen by President Bruce Resnikoff.

Other appointments of note include: Neal Cravens as UMG's CFO; Norman Epstein as



Doug Morris:

Commenting on the appointments, Morris said: "The new Universal Music Group... will embody the best of both Universal and PolyGram's executives, artists and business practices. UMG will be a lean, flexible organization that will benefit from economies of scale while nurturing a strong local entrepreneurial spirit in its management teams around the world."



THE YEAR IN REVIE

- 1 **SONY:** Marketshare crown makes Mottola the rising son in the land of the rising sun.
- 2 **SEA/POLY:** Done deal. They are the world. Now the hard work starts.
- 3 **DOUG MORRIS:** As Sea/Poly emperor, he's looking cooler than ever. We'll drink to that.



5 INTERSCOPE: Jimmy & Ted's excellent adventure continues as the mouse's roar becomes deafening.



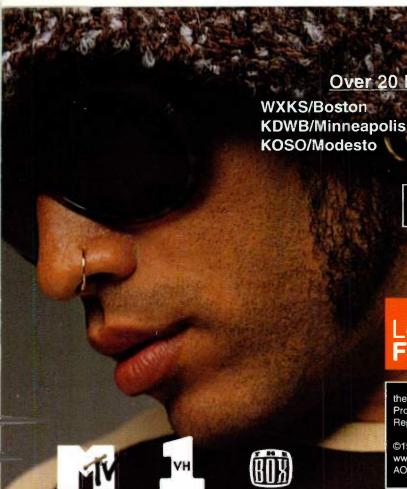
- 6 **CELINE DION:** A hull of a year means a boat load of cash as Titanic ices the competition.
- 7 WARNER/REPRISE: Th-th-th-that's not all folks. A rejuvenated bunny hops again.
- 8 **ATLANTIC:** Amid some seriously choppy seas, it's been smooth sailing for three straight years.
- 9 RCA: Nipper doesn't play dead any longer as Jamieson, Rovner lift label out of the doghouse.
- 10 **PRIORITY:** Master P's on earth—that means good will to Bryan Turner's men.
- 11 **DEF JAM:** It's all about timing as this Jam makes massive bread. Lyor and Russell score a fourth-quarter win, place and show.
- 12 SHANIA TWAIN/ **GARTH BROOKS:**

Twang with a bang. Country spurs on massive pop sales.





The adds this week at VH1 are Sugar Ray (Atl/Atl G), Collective Soul (Atl/ H'wood), Dru Hill(Isl) and Lisa Loeb (Int). R.E.M. (WB) remains Artist of the Month for December.



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WAYELENGTH

As we finish our final magazine for the year (and you rejoice), be aware of the following—we will be back the week of January 4 (and you, of course, will continue to hate us)..... Top news of the week is the hiring by Big City Radio's Y107 LA of crosstown KLOS PD John Duncan In Chancellor news, Bob Lawrence is transferred from the company's Broadcast Architecture to the PD post of K101 SF, beginning Jan. 4. Add Chancellor: Kami Doyle has been upped to the position of VP Finance for the chain. All employees should prepare to pucker up.... KKFM Yakima PD Jim Allen segues to Entercom's KKRH Portland as APD/MD. The station is Hot Adult-formatted under

consultant Pat Paxton & OM Joel Grey..... Former KQKS Denver pm driver George McFly signs on with 92.7 KISS Chicago for mornings..... At WAEB Allentown, Rob Acampora from WBBO Ocean City joins for APD/aft drive duties, & crosstown WHXT's Jennifer Knight joins as MD..... C2 hires Jonathan Meyers, formerly of Crave/550, for LA promo.... Epic finishes its promo staff restructuring by naming former A&M national man Ken Lucek as National West Coast & names Todd Glassman for National East Coast duties & Dawn Fox to head its Crossover division..... As is our year-end tradition, we ask you to think about our radio friends who are currently out of work for the holidays.

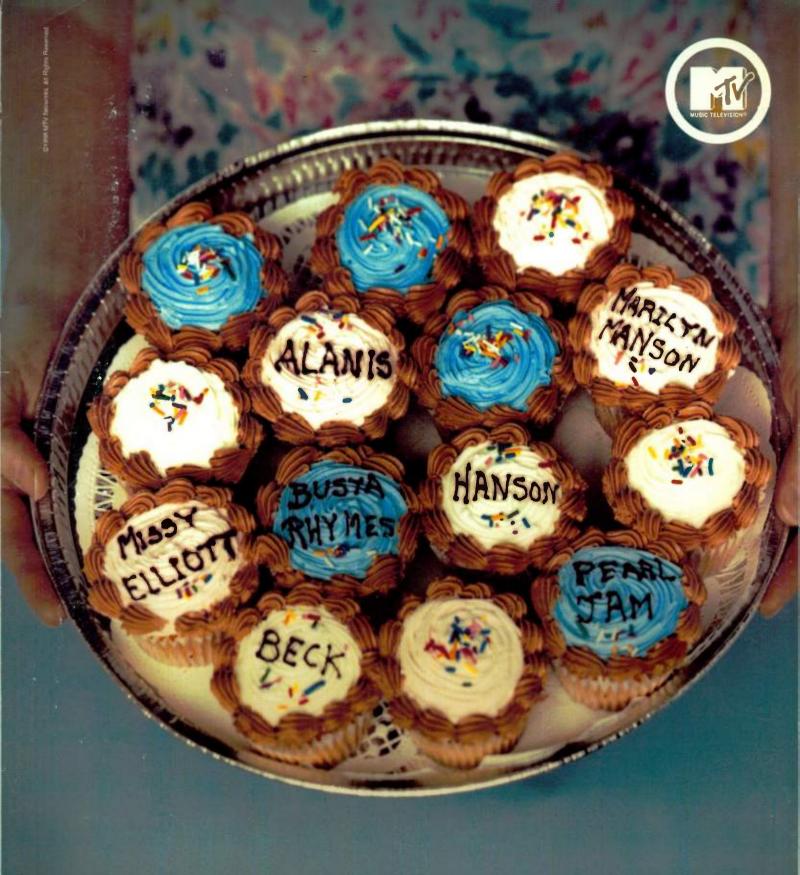
Call them & help when you can, 'cause they've all helped you: Michelle Santosuosso, Steve Wall, Gregg Cassidy, Michelle Mercer, Calvin Hicks, Kandy Klutch, Robert Elfman, Steve McKay, Rick Gillette, Bob Lewis, DeAnne Saffren, Mike Halloran, Anita Garlock, Mohamed Moretta, DJ Spin, B-Swift, Heidi Stern, Lee Cagle, Wolf D., Michael St. John, Dave Horn, Chaz Kelly, Rich Robinson, Charles Chavez, DJ Skno, Dave Fuller, Bobby D., Brad Newman, Greg Brady, D. Street, Funk Regulator Celo, Doctor Beat, DJ Jam & Ron Love. (Editor's note: If we left anyone out, blame Mike Murphy).... Blowin' In The Wind: Burt Baumgartner, Joe Riccitelli, Felicia Swerling, Steve Kline, Bob Catania, Buddy Deal, Marthe Reynolds, Ross Grierson, Ed Green & Debbie Cerchione..... And finally, we present the traditional holiday Jackalope to wish you all good cheer.





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BUZZWORTHIEST

MTV's All-Time Buzz Clip Countdown

MTV's Buzzworthiest. A four hour special featuring 20 heaping helpings of some of this decade's hottest, freshest and moistest music. Straight out of the oven. Just like Mama Pinfield use to make.

Premieres Saturday, December 19 at 12pm/11c. Only on MTV