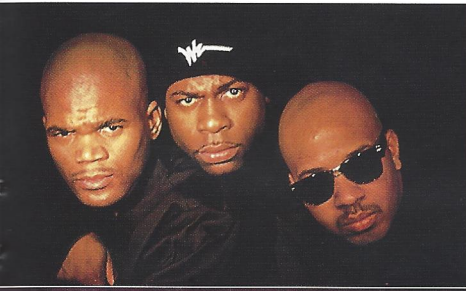




Top pop artist Michael Bolton defies the critics and attracts rabid female fans with his sensitive crooning. Bolton's 12,000-member fan club is 98% female and most will travel far to hear him sing "That's What Love Is All About."

Groups



← Rap godfathers Run-DMC embrace Christianity and release *Down With the King*, to the roaring accolades of young hip hoppers.

Gregory Jackson, LGI

→ Stone Temple Pilots play in heavy MTV rotation, while *Core* goes triple platinum, with hits like "Wicked Garden."

Tibor Bozi, LGI



← Longplayers Aerosmith, with Steven Tyler, cross the country with their *Get A Grip* tour and hit "Eat the Rich."

Paul Lyden, LGI

→ Blind Melon's self-titled debut album features the hit "No Rain;" they make the cover of *Rolling Stone*.

Lynn Goldsmith, LGI



← Surprise hit femme rockers L7 tour non-stop as fans flock to their ram-bunctious shows to hear "Pretend We're Dead."

Tibor Bozi, LGI

→ R.E.M.'s *Automatic for the People* becomes the top college album as Michael Stipe and his group win new fans.

Stephanie Jennings, LGI



← Headbanger's favorite Metallica wins big at the Bay Area Music Awards and tours Indonesia in April to near riots.

Chuck Jackson, LGI

→ R&B phenoms Boyz II Men go pop and get a \$30 million deal with Motown because of tenacious hits like "End of the Road."

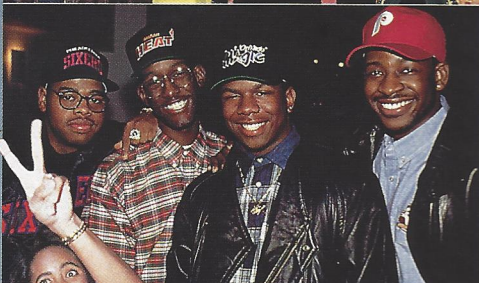
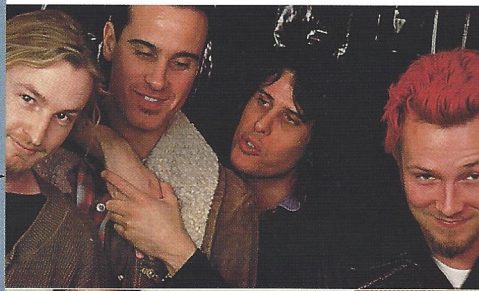
Chuck Jackson, LGI

Prince changes his name to a male/female symbol and releases a greatest hits album, *The Hits: Volume I & II*. The purple one sells out Radio City Music Hall and opens the New Power Generation boutique in Uptown Minneapolis selling CDs, posters, and jewelry.



Pearl Jam with charismatic lead singer Eddie Vedder releases their second album *Vs.* to great acclaim. Pearl Jam takes four awards at the MTV Video Music Award in September, topping charts with "Daughter" and "Jeremy."

Giboux, Gamma/Liaison



"AIDS..teen pregnancy..drinking and driving ...I'm definitely not going to shy away from talking where kids need to be spoken to."

—MC Lyte



← This year, MC Lyte goes lighter on the message, returning to fat beats and fat lyrics with *Air? No Other*.

Maurice Morris, LGI

At his best on his 15th album *River of Dreams*, 44-year-old Billy Joel, master of pop and sweet doo-wop, goes on the road with what he says is his last tour.

Wagge Wilhel, Shooting Star