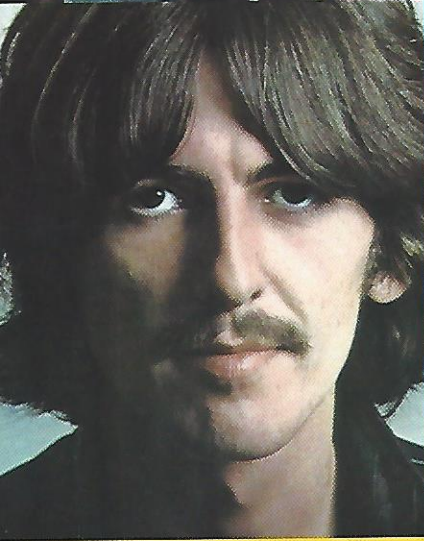


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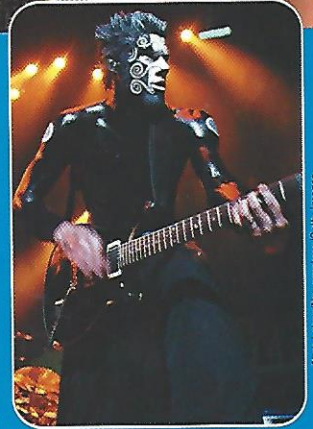
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↑ Irish rock group U2's Elevation Tour is the top-grossing tour of the year, earning U2 the title of Band of the Year from both *Spin* and *Rolling Stone* magazines.

↓ Fatboy Slim wins six MTV Video Music Awards for his video for the song "Weapon of Choice," featuring a dancing Christopher Walken.

↑ Alicia Keys wins two American Music Awards for Favorite New Artist in both the Pop/Rock and the Soul/R&B categories for her debut release *Songs in A Minor*.

↓ Country singer Tim McGraw wins five *Billboard* Music Awards, including Country Album of the Year for *Greatest Hits*.



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↑ Limp Bizkit guitarist Wes Borland leaves the band to pursue his own musical career.



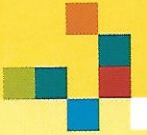
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↑ Legendary Beatles' guitarist George Harrison, the so-called "Quiet Beatle," dies after a three-year battle with cancer.

↓ Rock bands like P.O.D. use their faith to help bring the Christian rock/pop music message into the mainstream music scene.



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← Australian female string quartet Bond reaches the top of the U.S. classical album charts—despite being blacklisted from the U.K. chart for sounding too similar to pop music.

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