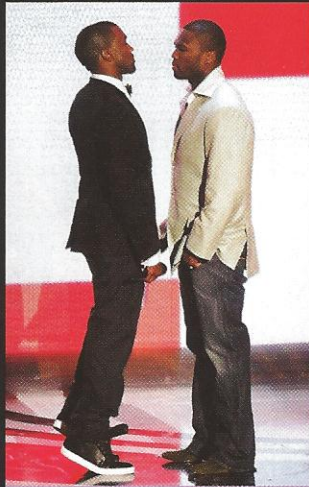


▼ Carrie Underwood releases her double-platinum second album, *Carnival Ride*, and contributes the Oscar-nominated song "Ever Ever After" to the soundtrack for the movie *Enchanted*.



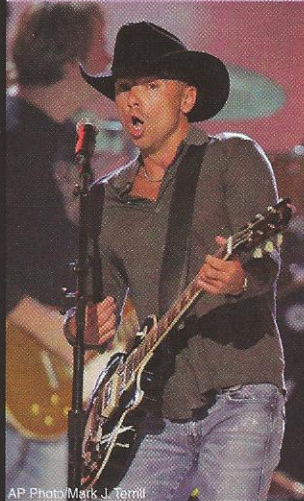
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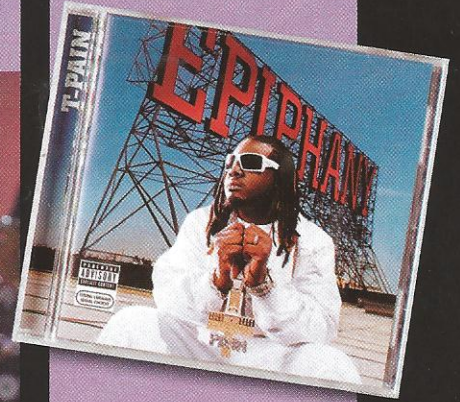


▲ After facing off at the MTV Music Awards, rapper rivals Kanye West and 50 Cent release albums on September 11 and vie for top sales. Kanye's *Graduation* is the victor.

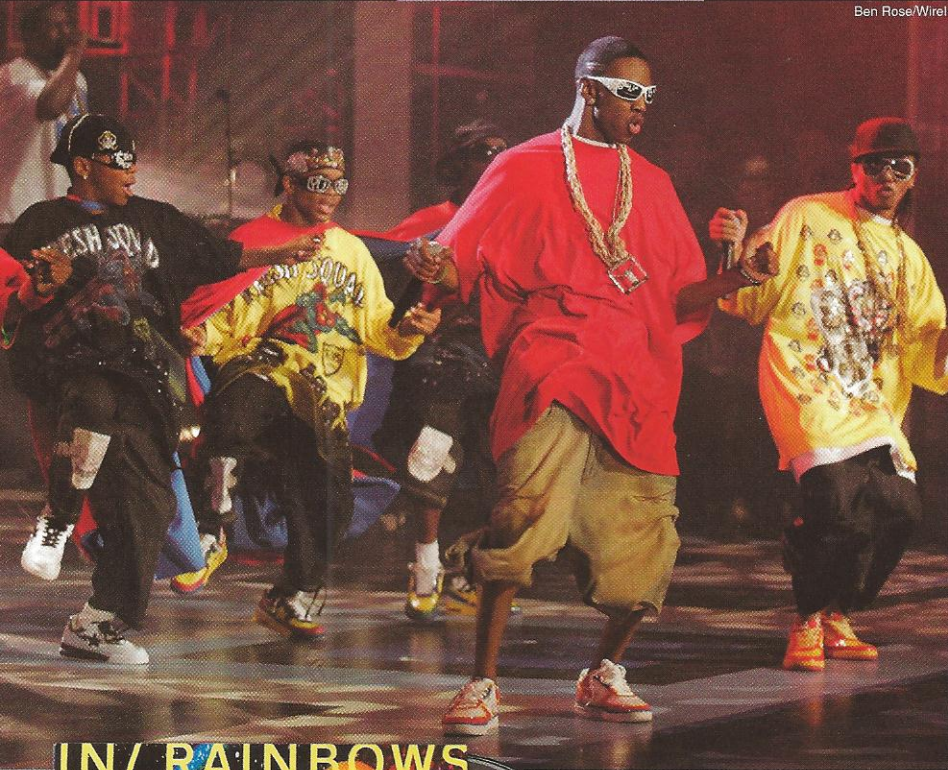
▼ Country star Kenny Chesney releases his 13th album, *Just Who I Am: Poets & Pirates*. His Flip Flop summer tour is the highest-grossing country tour of 2007.



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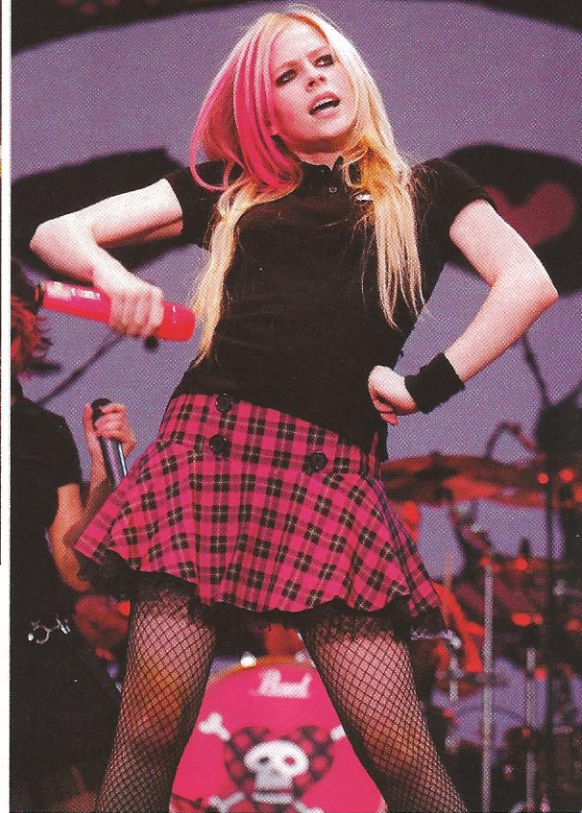
▲ Hip-hop artist T-Pain releases his second album, *Epiphany*. The album receives four 2008 Grammy nominations and the Vibe 2007 Song of the Year Award.



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◀ Soulja Boy reaches the top of the *Billboard* Hot 100 with the single "Crank That (Soulja Boy)" and his distinctive, loose-limbed dance style becomes a nationwide craze.

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▲ Punk-pop princess Avril Lavigne releases her third album, *The Best Damn Thing*, featuring "Girlfriend," her first No.1 single on the *Billboard* Top 100.

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◀ Radiohead invites listeners and fans to pay whatever they want for a digital download of their highly acclaimed seventh album, *In Rainbows*. A "discbox" edition, with standard CD and vinyl LP, is released in January 2008.