

After their Woodstock '94 performance scores them mass adulation and an onstage mudfight, punk-pop trio Green Day wins the title for this year's best new band. Their album *Dookie*, featuring "Basket Case," goes triple platinum.

LPs make a comeback when major recording labels give in to pressure from artists and fans. New titles are released on vinyl, as well as CDs and tapes. Pronounced dead in the '80s, the revived 12-inch long-plays come complete with the art-covered sleeves and lyric-sheet inserts that make them collector's items.

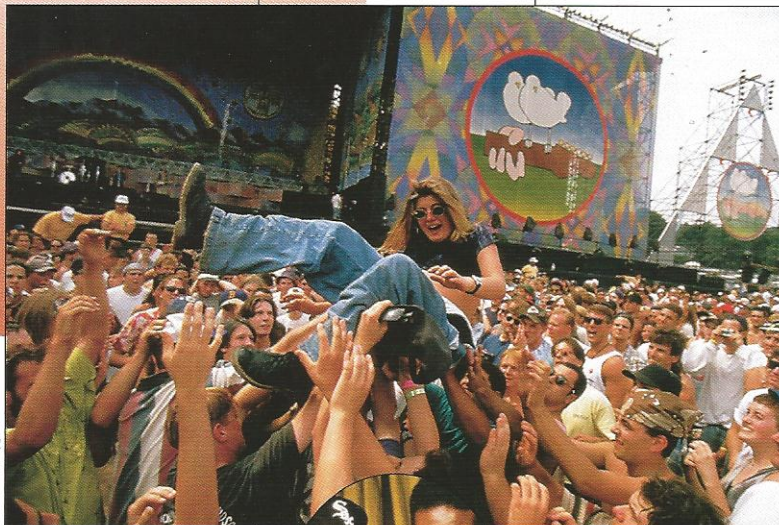
Liz Phair follows up *Exile in Guyville* with *Whip-smart* and songs like "Super Nova" and "Jealousy." Her music is said to be about self-parody, defensiveness, beautiful flaws, and cluelessness.

Futuristic noise mavens Nine Inch Nails and singer Trent Reznor drive home a point with their "Closer" single and hit video, from their album *The Downward Spiral*.

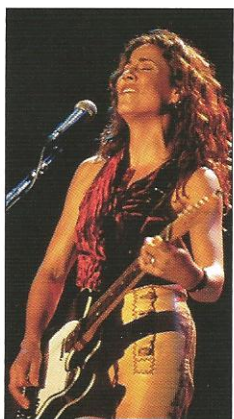
Mosh pit heroes Bad Religion get plenty of play with "21st Century Boy" and their album *Stranger Than Fiction*.

Beastie Boys release their fourth hip-hop album */// Communication on the heels of their highly popular Check Your Head*.

Superunknown, a 70-minute, 15-song opus, debuts at No. 1 on the *Billboard* charts. Fans and critics say it's the best record of metal band Soundgarden's career.



Brooks Kraft, Sygma



John Anashkin, Retna

Singer Sheryl Crow hits paydirt with her debut album, *Tuesday Night Music Club* with the seedy-but-upbeat sounds of "Leaving Las Vegas" and "All I Want to Do."



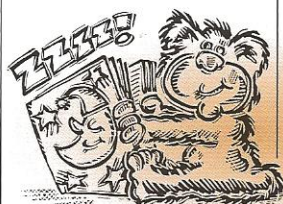
Jim Graham, LGI

Jodeci, two pairs of brothers whose funky ballads coined the term "Feenin'," bring gospel harmonies to their new album *Diary of a Mad Band*, which goes platinum.



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They dress alike and rule Motown. It seems like Boyz II Men only makes mega-hits, like "On Bended Knee" and "I'll Make Love to You." Their second album, *//*, goes straight to No. 1 on the R&B charts.



With quirky lyrics and bass-voiced singing on hits like "Mmm, Mmm, Mmm, Mmm," the *Crash Test Dummies*' album, *God Shuffled His Feet*, becomes a chart-topper in the U.S. and Europe.



Felix from Shooting Star

Although Madonna's bad-mannered appearance on *Letterman* begets criticism, her album *Bedtime Stories*, with hits "Take a Bow" and "Secret," is a solid chart-topper.



Eddie Maluk, Retna

Seattle rock band Pearl Jam and front man Eddie Vedder give youthful angst a good name as they rock hard with their third album, *Vitalogy*, considered their strongest yet.

Music, moshing, and lots of mud define Woodstock '94. The 25th anniversary of the original 1969 "summer of love" has ATMs, Pepsi, and '90s prices: \$135 tickets and \$4 hamburgers. After happily grooving to everything from Bob Dylan to Nine Inch Nails, 350,000 fans depart peacefully.



Scott Weiner, Retna

Pop-siren Janet Jackson's body language and lyrics draw large concert crowds to see her perform hits like "You Want This/70's Love Groove." Jackson wins an MTV Music Award for her video "If."

Singer Vince Gill makes country music history by winning the Country Music Association's award for top male vocalist four years in a row. The CMA also awards him 1994 Entertainer of the Year.



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