

MUSIC NEWS



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▶ Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.

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▶ Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.

▶ Fiona Apple, 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.

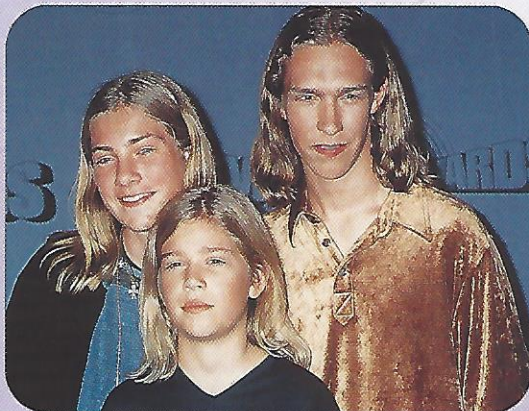


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▶ With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.



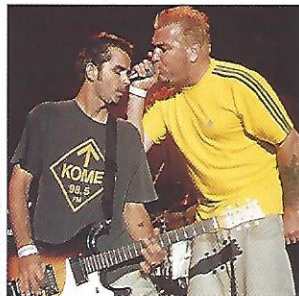
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▶ Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.

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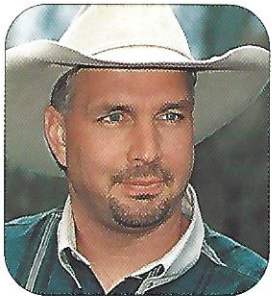
Drummer Bill Berry leaves R.E.M. after 17 years with the popular rock group. R.E.M. plans to continue as a trio.

Kenny G. enters the *Guinness Book of World Records* for holding the longest musical note—45 minutes, 47 seconds—on his saxophone.



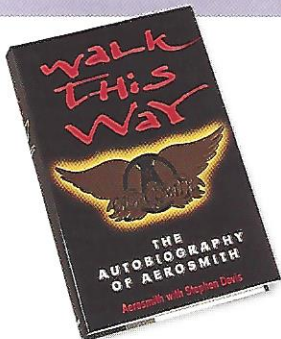
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▶ Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" and debut album *Fush Yu Mang*.



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▶ Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases *Sevens*, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.



▶ *Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith* chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album *Nine Lives* is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.