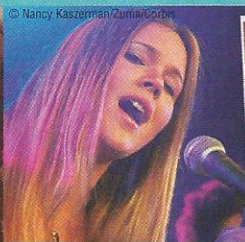


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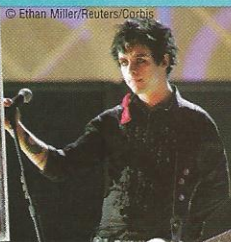
Destiny's Child reunites



Joss Stone



Julie Roberts



Green Day



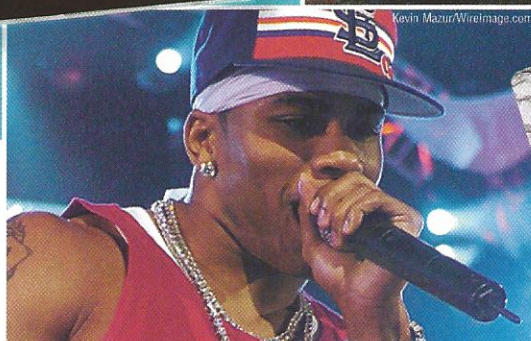
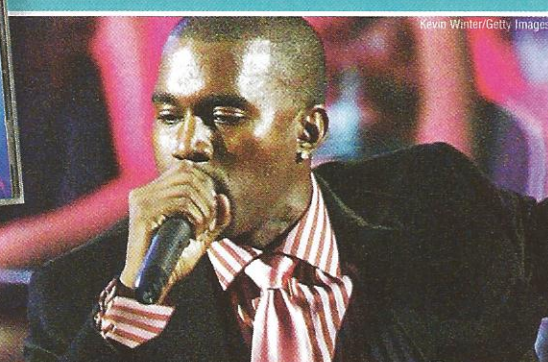
Ray Charles dies at age 73



With bands like Interpol, The Killers and Snow Patrol, alternative rock returns to the mainstream music scene in a big way.

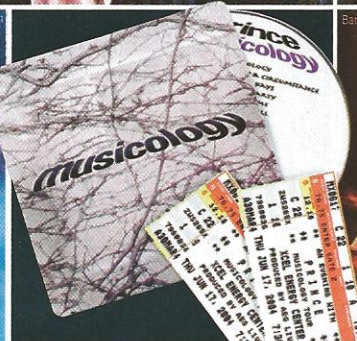
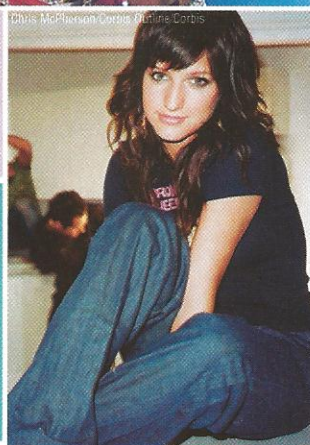
U2's new album *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb* hits No. 1 in *Billboard* magazine, and the band is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in March 2005.

Rapper Kanye West collects a whopping 10 Grammy nominations, including Album of the Year, for his debut *The College Dropout*.



Nelly continues to wrap up big sales and hit songs with the simultaneous release of his two albums, *Sweat* and *Suit*.

Ashlee Simpson, Jessica's younger sister, makes headlines with her triple-platinum debut album *Autobiography* and a lip-synching gaffe on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."



Pop superstar Prince gives his concert ticket-holders something to cheer about before the concerts start ... a free copy of his *Musicology* CD.

Legendary '80s alternative rock band The Pixies, known for inspiring "grunge" music, reunites after 13 years for a sold-out U.S. and European tour.

In December, Usher dominates the *Billboard* Music Awards, taking home 11 awards, including Album of the Year for *Confessions*.

