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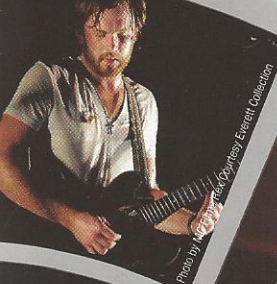
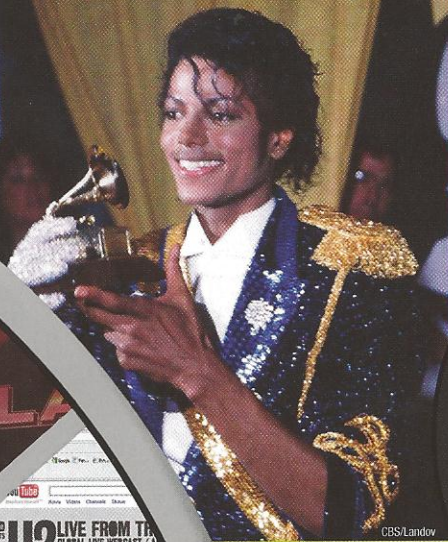


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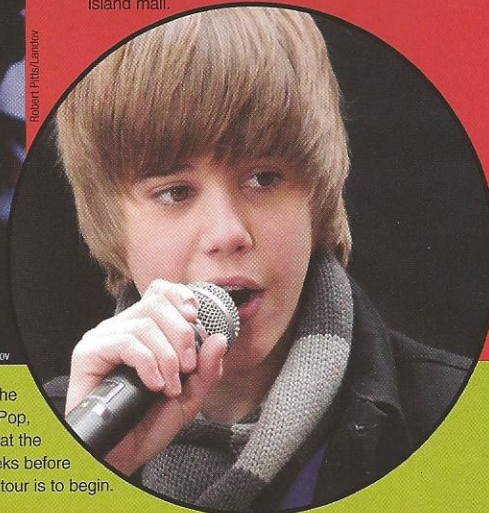


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CBS/Landov

Justin Bieber parlayed YouTube fame into a record deal. A crowd of more than 3,000 screaming fans forced him to cancel an appearance at a Long Island mall.

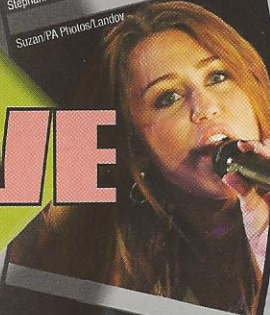


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FREE U2 CONCERT ON YOUTUBE

Michael Jackson, the legendary King of Pop, dies unexpectedly at the age of 50, just weeks before his *This Is It* world tour is to begin.

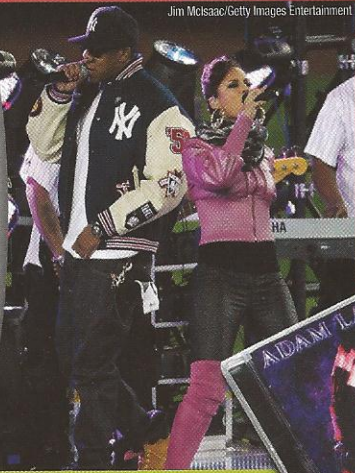
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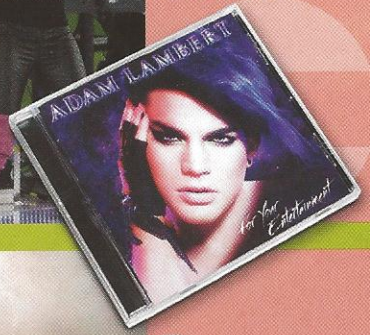


LINKIN PARK



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Alicia Keys guest stars on Jay-Z's album, *The Blueprint 3*. Their joint effort, "Empire State of Mind," is one of the most successful songs of the year.



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Beyoncé broke the record for a female artist at the Grammys with six awards, including Song of the Year and Best Female Pop Vocal Performance.

BEYONCÉ

TOP 10 TOP-SELLING ALBUMS OF 2009

1. *Fearless*, Taylor Swift
2. *I Dreamed a Dream*, Susan Boyle
3. *Number Ones*, Michael Jackson
4. *The Fame*, Lady GaGa
5. *My Christmas*, Andrea Bocelli
6. *Hannah Montana: The Movie Soundtrack*, Hannah Montana
7. *The E.N.D.*, Black Eyed Peas
8. *Relapse*, Eminem
9. *The Blueprint 3*, Jay-Z
10. *Only by the Night*, Kings of Leon

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