

THE BUZZ

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CHARTS

HOT 20 SONGS

1. Don't Walk Away Eileen - Sam Roberts
2. Beautiful - Christina Aguilera
3. Breath - Swollen Members ft. Nelly Furtado
4. In Da Club - 50 Cent
5. Gossip Folks - Missy Elliott ft. Ludacris
6. Can't Stop - Red Hot Chili Peppers
7. Cry Me A River - Justin Timberlake
8. I'm With You - Avril Lavigne
9. Mesmerize - Ja Rule ft. Ashanti
10. Honestly - Zwan
11. Make Up Your Mind - Theory of a Deadman
12. All I Have - Jennifer Lopez ft. LL Cool J
13. The Anthem - Good Charlotte
14. Up! - Shania Twain
15. Don't Believe It All - Treble Charger
16. Somewhere I Belong - Linkin Park
17. Now That You're Leaving - Not By Choice
18. Clocks - Coldplay
19. Riot Act - Pearl Jam
20. Picture - Kid Rock ft. Sheryl Crow

BOX OFFICE

1. Bringing Down the House
2. Agent Cody Banks
3. The Hunted
4. Tears of the Sun
5. Chicago
6. Old School
7. How To Lose A Guy in Ten Days
- Dreamcatcher *New*
- View From the Top *New*
- Piglet's Big Movie *New*

VIDEO GAMES

1. The Getaway
2. Grand Theft Auto: Vice City
3. Yu-Gi-Oh! Duelists of the Roses
4. The Sims
5. Indiana Jones and the Emperor's Tomb
6. Need for Speed: Hot Pursuit 2
7. Dead or Alive: Xtreme Beach Volleyball
8. Devil May Cry 2
- MLB SlugFest 2004 *New*
- WWE Crush Hour *New*

PICK HITS

OFF THE RECORD

EVERCLEAR - SLOW MOTION DAYDREAM

Old punk rockers don't always die young. Sometimes they grow up, have children, score a few hits, and attempt to keep rockin' without becoming a parody of themselves. Such is the case with Everclear. Seven years after hitting it big with Santa Monica (Watch The World Die), the trio is at the point where they're likely unfamiliar to the new kids on the rock block. That's unfortunate, because on Slow Motion Daydream Everclear proves that it's still quite capable of delivering solid, rocking songs with memorable hooks, and frontman Art Alexakis still has plenty to say. Whether it's dealing with the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on The New York Times, a girl gone-wild-gone-Republican with Volvo Driving Soccer Mom, or the horror of child abduction in Chrysanthemum, this Daydream may just snap you back to life's harsh realities. But despite the negative tone, the tunes are really quite good.

AT THE MOVIES

THE CORE

When 17 people suddenly drop dead within a 10-block radius in Boston, Dr. Josh Keyes (Aaron Eckhart) and a few other scientists are summoned to Washington, D.C., to find out if the deaths are due to a covert enemy electromagnetic weapon. When it's determined that this was not an act of war, the government breathes a sigh of relief and the scientists are dismissed. Soon other bizarre natural phenomena begin occurring worldwide, and Dr. Keyes suspects that earth's electromagnetic field has been comprised. Working with his team at the University of Illinois, Keyes discovers that mystery behind the strange occurrences is more frightening than any act of war. For reasons unknown, the earth's inner core has stopped rotating, causing the planet's electromagnetic field to rapidly deteriorate. At the same time, life as we know it begins deteriorating as well.

ON VIDEO

WHITE OLEANDER

After her mother Ingrid (Michelle Pfeiffer) is sentenced to life in prison for murdering her boyfriend in a fit of passion, 15-year-old Astrid (Alison Lohman) must learn to survive in the Los Angeles foster care system. Forever changed by the loss of her mother, Astrid is forced to confront the harsh reality of growing up alone in a series of unstable foster homes. While Astrid struggles to forge an identity of her own in a cold, indifferent world, Ingrid is determined to maintain control over her daughter's life despite their separation. As a result, Ingrid's powerful force is the only constant in Astrid's life for better or for worse. Pfeiffer delivers one of her best, if not her best, performances.

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TV producer **Brad Grey** is acting as a mediator between Sopranos star **James Gandolfini** and HBO over a contract dispute, and getting the two sides to consider a deal to drop their lawsuits and resume contract negotiations.

Lord of the Rings star **Sean Astin** is in talks to co-star with **Adam Sandler** and **Drew Barrymore** in Columbia Pictures' 50 First Kisses, about a man who falls in love with a woman who has short-term memory loss.

Russell Crowe will celebrate his 39th birthday by tying the knot. He will wed **Danielle Spencer** in the family chapel on his property, in New South Wales state.

A jury decided that **Michael Jackson** owes a concert promoter \$5.3 million for backing out of two concerts planned to celebrate the millennium on New Year's Eve 1999.

The competition to name the star of the next Superman movie has come down to **Brendan Fraser** and soap star **Matthew Bonner**, after The Fast and the Furious star **Paul Walker** opted out of the competition.

Warner Bros. has set **Halle Berry** to play the felonious feline in Catwoman, which French filmmaker **Pitof** will direct later this year.

Andrew W.K. has set Blow Your Bone as the working title for the follow-up to his critically acclaimed debut, 1 Get Wet, tentatively due in September through Island DefJam Records.

Songs from **Nirvana**, **Soundgarden** and **Sunny Day Real Estate** (featuring members of **Foo Fighters**) are among those slated to appear on the upcoming Terminal Sales compilation (due June 3). The two-disc collection, released by Seattle label Sub Pop Records, will offer both hits and rarities to celebrate the influential imprint's 15th anniversary.



WHO'S NEXT?!

It appears as though negotiations between **Bill Goldberg** and the WWE are beginning to come to a head. It is looking quite probable that Goldberg will ink a contract sometime this week, and be involved in the SmackDown! main event for WrestleMania XIX.

Ozzy Osbourne hosted a special event in Hollywood on Monday to introduce his new bassist, **Jason Newsted** (Voivod/ex-Metallica) and give a debut performance with his new band lineup.

Britney Spears filing of a \$1.5 million breach of agreement lawsuit against Skechers, claiming the company failed to adequately pay her for marketing a line of roller skates and accessories, has been responded with a \$10 million lawsuit, accusing the pop diva of fraud and breach of contract. According to Skechers, Spears refused to cooperate with designers and marketers in bringing out the products.

Howard Stern sued ABC, producers of the latest flesh-for-fame reality series Are You Hot?, for \$10 million, alleging they stole the idea from the jock's syndicated radio show and ruined a TV deal he had in the works.

Jennifer Lopez may be ready to strut her stuff on screen with **Richard Gere** in Miramax Films' romantic comedy Shall We Dance? Based on the 1996 Japanese romantic comedy by **Masayuki Suo**, the sentimental flick is being written by **Audrey Wells** and will be helmed by Serendipity's **Peter Chelsom**.

Rock fans who enjoyed toasting the holidays with **Kurt Cobain's** "Journals" and the book's tales of decadence, self-loathing and rampant drug abuse might want to reserve a spot on this year's Christmas list for "The Heroin Diaries," a book of journal entries by **Mötley Crüe** bassist and songwriter **Nikki Sixx**.

Nintendo is planned to launch a next-generation home game console in 2005 or 2006 in a move to restore its clout in the lucrative home video game market. Industry veteran Nintendo has fallen well behind leader Sony Play Station 2 and vies with newcomer Microsoft XBOX for the number two spot in the console market.