

MUSIC NEWS



Released in June, Santana's *Supernatural* shoots up the *Billboard* album chart, sells over 6 million copies, and earns 10 Grammy nominations.

Britney Spears' album *...Baby One More Time* is the second-best-selling album of 1999, earning Spears the *Billboard* Music Awards Female and New Artist of the Year awards.



U.S. sales of music by Latin artists shoot up 48 percent in the first quarter of 1999 thanks to artists such as Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Enrique Iglesias and Marc Anthony.



Superstar Mariah Carey releases *Rainbow* in November and begins a world tour in February 2000. Carey is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Decade and is awarded the distinguished American Music Award of Achievement.



Saturday Night Live: The Musical Performances Volumes 1 and 2 are released in September. The CDs feature 30 of the 600 musical acts that have appeared on SNL over the past 25 years.



Limp Bizkit leads the way in the resurgence of rock music, along with Kid Rock and Korn. In September, MTV showcases the trend by airing "1999: Return of the Rock," which examines the history and future of rock music.



Flash

Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and the Dixie Chicks are a few musicians who rock Central Park in a first-ever trimulcast concert seen and heard on the radio, television and Internet.

More than 1 million viewers tune in each weekday to vote on their favorite videos on MTV's "Total Request Live" with host Carson Daly and popular musical guests.

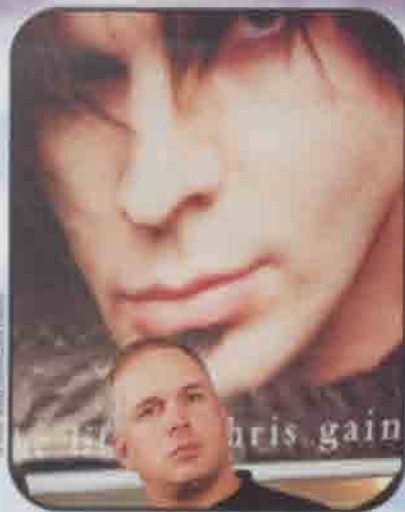


Backstreet Boys' *Millennium* wins the *Billboard* Music Awards Album of the Year and becomes the best-selling album of the year with over 10 million copies sold.

Computer games feature big music stars in their soundtracks. Sheryl Crow contributes her talent to the *Tomorrow Never Dies* soundtrack. Metallica to *Hot Wheels Turbo Racing* and Naughty by Nature to *NBA Live 2000*.



1999



In a strange twist, Garth Brooks releases the album *The Life of Chris Gammell* in which he pretends to be a fictional rock star. Gammell will be the main character in a movie called *The Land*, currently in development.



Loy Vega's rhythmic "Mambo No. 5" hits the Top 40 in August after selling 2 million copies overseas and topping the chart in 15 countries.



"Anthology," a concert dedicated to relieve hunger and poverty, airs live in October on MTV, VH1, the BBC, as well as radio stations in 120 nations, making it the widest-heard musical performance in history.



MP3 technology that compresses sound into a very small file, becomes a popular alternative to the CD. MP3 files are downloaded from the Internet onto computers or portable player units, making it possible to take a personal music selection anywhere.



Shania Twain becomes the first woman since 1986 to win the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year Award at the 33rd annual awards show.



VH1's "Concert of the Century" spotlights the importance of music education in schools. The all-star show includes Lemmy Kilmister, Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and B.B. King, as well as high-profile actors.



Ricky Martin takes the music industry by storm after his show-stopping performance at the 1999 Grammy Awards show. Martin's first chart-topping single, "Livin' on a Prayer," helps him win the *Billboard* Music Award for Male Artist of the Year.



Flans Apple releases her long-awaited second album to rave reviews in November and begins a tour in February 2000. The album features a 96-word title, which is commonly shortened to *When the Pizza*.

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After a successful New Year's Eve reunion performance, the Judds begin their first tour in almost 10 years in February 2000. Since they disbanded in 1991, Naomi has recovered from Hepatitis C.

Best New Artist Grammy nominee Christina Aguilera gives an exciting performance during the Super Bowl XXXIV halftime show.

2000

Sports News



David Cone of the New York Yankees pitches a perfect game against the Montreal Expos in July. Cone's feat is the 14th perfect game in modern baseball history.

Golf
Champion Payne Stewart is killed in a bizarre airplane accident in October. After the airplane's takeoff from Florida, an apparent loss of cabin pressure incapacitates everyone aboard. The aircraft flies on autopilot for four hours until it runs out of fuel and crashes in South Dakota.



Lance Armstrong wins the 1999 Tour de France in July. Armstrong, who survived a three-year battle with testicular cancer, becomes the second American to win the event.



The St. Louis Rams stop the Tennessee Titans at the 1-yard line on a final play to save their 23-16 Super Bowl XXXIV victory.



The Dallas Stars beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-1 in triple overtime to win the 1999 Stanley Cup championship, four games to two.



In September, tennis phenom Serena Williams, 17, overpowers Martina Hingis to win the 1999 U.S. Open title.



The Houston Comets earn their third straight WNBA championship in September, beating the New York Liberty 39-27 to win in three straight games.

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Both Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders and German tennis star Steffi Graf announce their retirement in 1999.

On February 7, 2000, Tiger Woods wins his sixth consecutive PGA Tour event, tying Ben Hogan's 1948 winning record.



Dale Jarrett wins the 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup championship after a four-victory season.

1999



In July, the U.S. women's soccer team wins the 1999 World Cup by beating China 5-4 in penalty kicks following a 0-0 tie. More than 90,000 fans attend at the Rose Bowl and another 40 million watch on television.



In the January 2000 Sugar Bowl, No. 1 Florida State beats No. 2 Virginia Tech 46-28 to capture the National Championship.

Thavis Pastrana, 15, wins the gold medal in the X Games' inaugural Moto X freestyle motocross event. The fifth year of this ESPN-sponsored competition is held in San Francisco in June and July.



Julien Argyros wins the French Open in June and becomes the fifth man ever to complete a career Grand Slam. Argyros goes on to win the U.S. Open in September.



The New York Yankees win the 1999 World Series in a four game sweep against the Atlanta Braves.



In June, the San Antonio Spurs win their first NBA championship by defeating the New York Knicks four games to one.



The U.S. team beats the European team to win golf's Ryder Cup at Bridgestone, Massachusetts, in September. The American's stirring comeback is marred by unruly galleries and a premature victory celebration.

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In July, many major league baseball umpires announce their resignation as a labor protest. The strategy backfires when owners accept the resignations and in September, 22 umpires lose their jobs.

In January 2000, Michael Jordan returns to pro basketball as part owner and President for Basketball Operations of the NBA's Washington Wizards.



Twenty-year professional hockey veteran Wayne Gretzky announces his retirement in April 1999 after setting or tying 41 records. Two months later, "The Great One" is inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

2000

Millennium

Clock Tower
Ottawa, Canada

Pyramids
Cairo, Egypt

Times Square
New York City,
New York



As time zones welcome the new millennium on January 1, the world celebrates with grandeur, pagantry and spectacular fireworks. President Clinton gives a hopeful speech in the minutes before midnight at the Washington Monument, and 2 million people gather in Times Square to watch the specially built 1,000-pound Waterford crystal ball drop at midnight.



The Eiffel Tower
Paris, France

Space Needle
Seattle, Washington



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The public and private sectors spend hundreds of millions of dollars to ward off the Y2K bug. The world lets out a sigh of relief after midnight strikes and no major computer malfunctions occur.

The FBI warns of possible terrorist acts on New Year's Eve and stays on national alert throughout the celebration. After the arrest of one man with bomb-making materials, Seattle decides to cancel its Space Needle celebration.



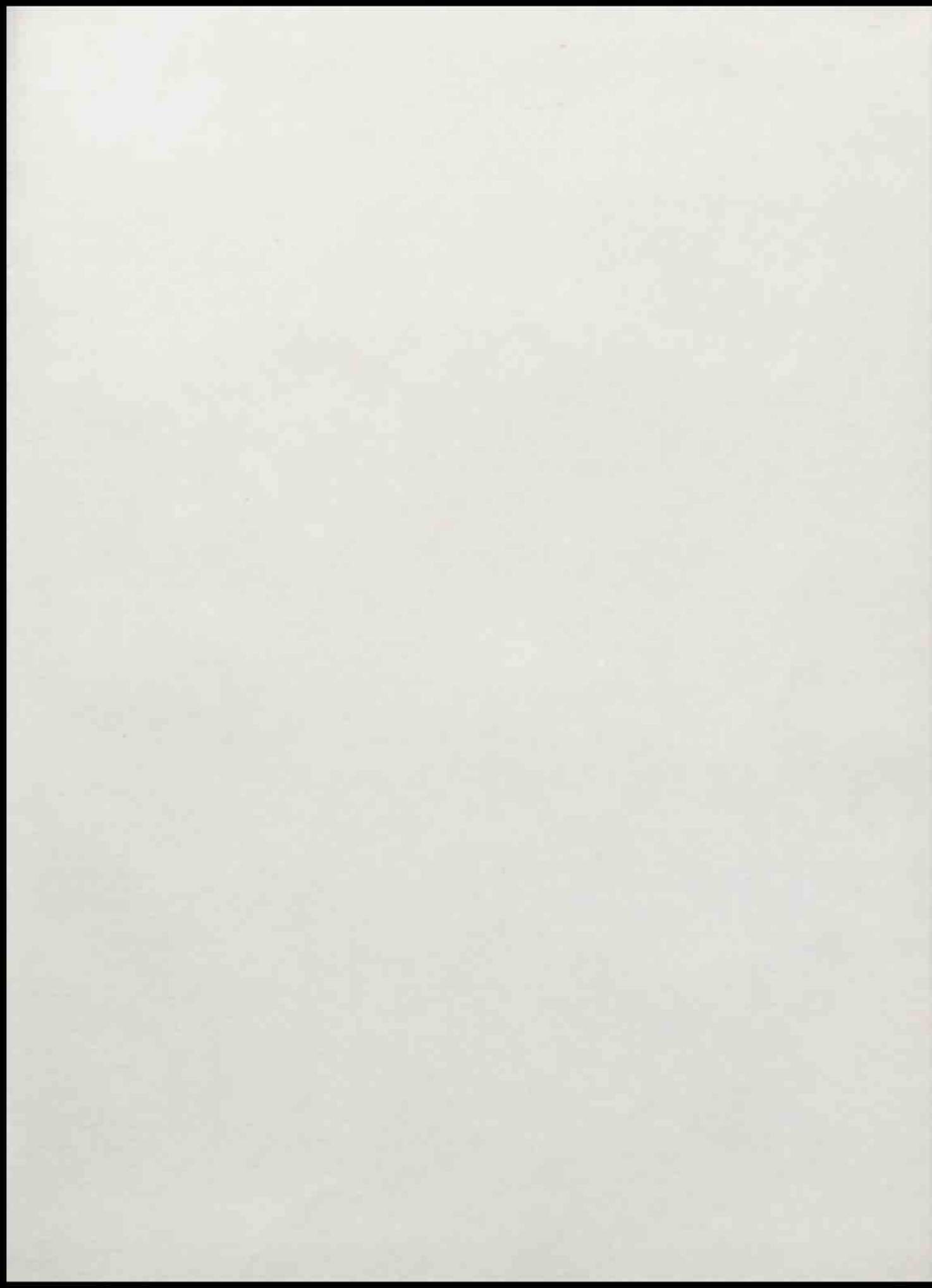
Fearing the collapse of the world's banks, utilities and transportation systems, thousands of people stock up on food, water, money, ammunition and generators. After midnight, it soon becomes apparent that the preparations were unnecessary.

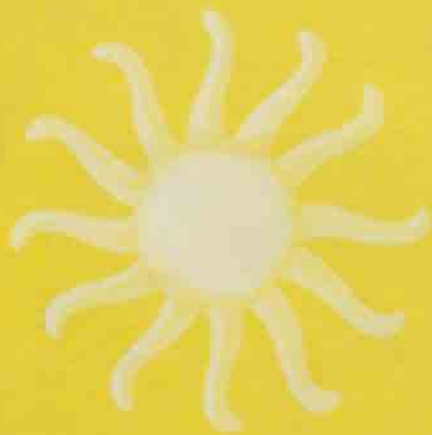


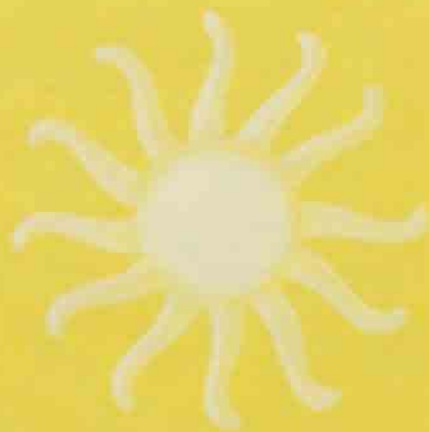
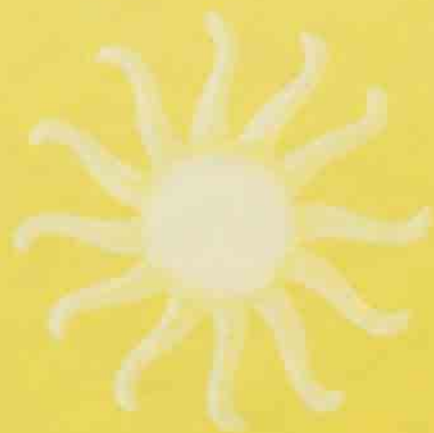
A surprising number of people, spooked by the exorbitant costs of travel and events, decide to stay home on New Year's Eve. Many companies and performers drastically slash prices as a last-minute lull.

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