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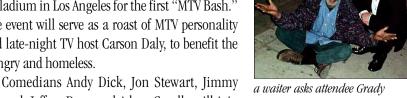
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Pocket Guide to the R&R Convention

## We Did The Math! My head hurts. 1 3 4 1 - sometimes 2 - when I eat ice cream 3 - like a monkey throws shit 4 - I can't hear you, my head hurts We asked me

### Homeless Gather To Roast MTV's Daly

Madonna, Britney Spears, and Nelly will join a host of homeless people June 28 at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles for the first "MTV Bash." The event will serve as a roast of MTV personality and late-night TV host Carson Daly, to benefit the hungry and homeless.



Kimmel, Jeffrey Ross, and Adam Carolla will join for his order the festivities, as will Carmen Electra and Sarah

Silverman. Other attendees will include Jessica Simpson, Papa Roach, 98 Degrees, Lit, Usher, and the Pussycat Dolls, with more to be announced. The Bash will be recorded for a July 13 broadcast.

Daly, who recently renewed his contract with MTV for two years, is the host of the network's popular "Total Request Live" daily countdown show as well as its executive producer. The guests and comedians, many of whom are friends of the host, are expected to baste and throw herbs on Daly as he slow roasts over hot coals.

### Major Changes At Major Label

MCA Records announced last week that it was undergoing major changes, effective immediately. Some of the changes at MCA include:

- No more paychecks
- All expense accounts cancelled
- May not sign any new artists, even if they happen to find a good one
- Employees will no longer be required to show up to work
- Casual Friday canceled until further notice
- No more Tuesday afternoon margarita parties
- Report all American Express gift certificates stolen
- Employees must put name, in indelible ink, on any containers left in the refrigerator
- This year's Fourth Of July picnic and pub crawl is cancelled
- All MCA stationary must be burned in a fire of sage branches on June 21st
- All company cars must be returned, or crashed, by Tuesday at 5pm
- The "Music Cemetery of America" joke is actually funny now, so employees may feel free to use it
- Making personal copies on the Xerox machine will now cost 10 cents



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### The Small Screen



"Clear Channel is all about diversity, they would never swallow us whole"



tATu's press agent confirmed that one of the girls, is indeed, lactating



Spike Lee has decided to sue every man, woman and dog that's named "Spike", just to be safe



### Tennessee Fest Vows Big Crowds, Better Traffic

With the Dead, Neil Young, and Widespread Panic on the bill, the eclectic music festival Bonnaroo has sold more than 80,000 tickets and promises to be even bigger than last year's inaugural concert. One thing organizers hope will be smaller this time around: the traffic jams leading to the site of the event scheduled for Friday through Sunday on a rural Tennessee farm.

Planners say lessons learned last year have led to new measures to get fans to the site and other motorists on their way. "In many ways we started working on the traffic plan for this year immediately after last year," Capps said.

The plan designates lanes of I-24 for only non-festival traffic, any VW vans or cars displaying Grateful Dead Dancing Bears caught driving in these lanes will be impounded. A graveled temporary exit will lead directly from the westbound lanes of I-24 to the site, which is just off the highway. But organizers and officials say de-



lays are inevitable when an estimated 40,000 vehicles are trying to get to a farm on a country road, when an estimated 90% of their drivers are stoned out of their minds.







### Cher's 'Farewell' Tour Beats On, and On, and On

With a new round of shows recently put on sale, Cher takes a cue from The Eagles and continues to extend her North American Living Proof - The Farewell Tour. The two year-old trek now extends to the end of August, with more cities yet to be announced, according to promoter Clear Channel Entertainment.

The artist played a two-night stand Wednesday and Thursday at New York's Madison Square Garden. Following a handful of Midwest and Western U.S. dates, the tour will pause for about two-and-a-half weeks for a much needed plastic surgery break.



the new Cher

A spokesperson for Clear Channel said "Cher will continue her Farewell tour until it is no longer profitable for us. As it stands there are an estimated 60 million Americans who haven't said 'farewell' yet, and we know where you live!"

"I just want to go home," said an exhausted Cher. "Sonny is that you? Have you come for me at last? Wait there's a little bit of bark stuck in your forehead. No let me get that. I said sit still for christssake. Listen you little shit, can't you just stop moving? You will never change."

Cher's two-hour NBC "Farewell Tour" concert special, originally broadcast in February, will re-air July 6, and once a month thereafter, on the network.

In other news, Cher has replaced every part of her body with plastic, insuring her Farewell tour could continue well into the 23rd Century.

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### Elvis 25 Years Later

OK, so Elvis had a last name — Presley. But to the world, he was simply "Elvis." Elvis in 20-foot-high letters on his 1968 comeback TV special. Elvis on many of his album covers. Elvis on an



official U.S. postage stamp.

He was, and remains, the King. The King is still dead.

August 10 kicks off the nine days of Elvis Week, the yearly commemoration and media circus surrounding the anniversary of Presley's death on August 16, 1977. This year marks 25 years since that fateful day, and yet Elvis may have never been bigger or deader.

### i-Tunes Sales Slow to Five Songs a Week

Apple computer's i-Tunes online music store has slowed to selling only 5 songs last week.



"Well, we started off with a bang, but we knew things had to slow down sooner or later," said an obviously depressed Steve Jobs. "Never thought it would slow down this much though."

The slow down seems to be the result of most mac owners have had the chance to download all of the Grateful Dead's concert recordings that are available by now.

Apple is now thinking of raising the price of the 99 cent store to the 99 dollar store. "Maybe they wont notice until the credit card bill arrives," mused Jobs.

### Judge: Rap is a foreign language

LONDON, England — A High Court judge has admitted that when asked to examine the lyrics of a rap song, he could not understand a word of it.

Judge Lewison had to rule whether composer Andrew Alcee had suffered damage to his honor or reputation through the "derogatory" use of his UK garage number one hit, "Burnin."

The judge said the claim "led to the faintly surreal experience of three gentlemen in horsehair wigs examining the meaning of such phrases as 'mish mish man', 'shizzle my nizzle.' and 'goo goo ga goob'"

Even when played at half speed, the rap was very hard to decipher, he said.

The words, although in a form of English, were "for practical purposes a foreign language" and he had no expert evidence as to what they meant, he said.

Alcee complained under the Copyright Act that "Burnin," released as a single by Ant'ill Mob, had been distorted or mutilated by its use as backing for a rap by Heartless Crew, which contained references to drugs and violence.

As for Alcee's complaint that he had suffered prejudice from the rap's violent invitation to "string up dem mish mish men", the judge said he had seen a video of Ant'ill Mob, of which Alcee was a member, dressed as 1930s gangsters.

He said a fundamental weakness in his case was that the court had no evidence about his honor or reputation or of any prejudice caused.

He dismissed Mr Alcee's damages claim against East West Records, which used "Burnin" on Heartless Crew's album, "Crisp Biscuit."

The judge also rejected a claim that the track had been used without permission.

### Infinity's Salespeople Told To Line up, Drop Trou

Last week, Mel Karmazin told the Deutsche Bank Media Conference "there's nothing wrong with radio that can't be solved by a kick in the ass of the 3,500 radio salespeople, and if I have to do it to each one. I will."

This week, Infinity is telling their salespeople to line up and drop trou. A memo sent to the radio giant's sales staff asks all salespeople to "line up in alphabetical order at the company's Corporate HQ."

WXRK salesman Ralph AAron is first in line so far. "I sure wish my last name started with a V or a W." he said. "But maybe there is another guy with three A's. Oh, who am I kidding? I'm gonna get Mel's first kick, I'm toast!" Mel will begin kicking on June 24th. It is expected it will take three weeks to kick all 3,500 salespeople.

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### Letters

Letters to The Leek are guaranteed to be mostly authentic.

Dear Ted -

What happened to Max Edwards? Was he fired? Did I miss that announcement? By the way, this question is officially on the record, but feel free to add any off the record info in your reply and assume it might stay that way.

Mike

Q1) What the hell happened to Max? Q2) You keep talking about something I don't understand at all. Maybe it's because I'm from a foreign country — Arizona. What is this "radio" of which you speak?

Signed,

Concerned Citizen

Max Edwards lost The Leek in a high stakes poker game back in April... and as to "Q2", radio is one appliance up from a toaster, and it doesn't have a bagel setting...

Dear Leek,

If I'm wrong fine. But doesn't it say "fake news source" on the masthead? Some of your stories seem a little too real.

JJ Hunsecker New York

yes, some of the stories are, indeed, 'real'. however, most of the 'real' stories usually have a word or two changed, or quotes added to enhance their humor quotient. this week there is a story that is 100% stolen word for word material. see if you can figure out which one!

Please email your letters to: TheLeek@earthlink.net

The Leek Reserves the right to totally edit or misconstrue what you say.



### **Guest Opinion**



editors note: I am reprinting this letter without permission, hope they don't mind

An Open Letter to Don Henley and the Eagles,

We in the independent music retail community just heard the bad news that you guys are giving your new DVD/single exclusively to Best Buy for the all important first 30 days of its release.

While we understand the lure of working exclusively with huge corporations and the marketing clout this mega-venture affords your band, this seems like a serious compromise in principles. How is it that you, Don, can rail against the consolidation of power in the radio industry, and amongst large record labels, and at the same time make a conscious decision to stop anyone except the biggest of the big guys from carrying your single/DVD at the time when all of your fans will want it? We respectfully ask, where has your integrity and sense of fairness gone?

Put yourselves in our shoes. We've catered to, and helped to build, your fan base for the last 30 years. What do we tell our customers when they ask us for the new Eagles DVD/single? "Sorry, the band says that you can only buy it from very large corporations and we don't happen to be one of them." And if you are successful with this mega-corporate venture, what does it mean for music as an art form? Will Wal-mart begin to throw their weight around and demand that only THEY be allowed to sell a super-star's new singles, albums, and DVDs in the future? It appears you are creating that future with this action and the rest of us will suffer for it.

Please reconsider your actions. We implore you not to create a world where only the biggest corporations are allowed to participate in the creative marketplace.

You've seen yourself what has happened with radio. Why kill one of the last few remaining human voices in the music business: the voice of the independent music retailer. Please allow us to buy and sell the new Eagles DVD/single upon its release. It is the thing to do.

Sincerely,

Scott Perkins & Bruce Carlock, Cats Music/Pop Tunes, Nashville, TN - Richard Ellis, Aron's Records, Los Angeles, CA - Ronn Jackson, Benway Records, Venice, CA - Mike White, Glenn Forbes, & Ed Taylor, Boo Boo Records, San Luis Obispo, CA - Pat O'Connor, Boogie Records, Toledo, OH - Brett Wickard, Bull Moose Music, Portsmouth, ME - Quinn Bishop, Cactus Music & Video, Houston, TX - David Lang, CD World/Streetside Records, South Plainfield, NJ - Dilyn & John Radakovitz, Dimple Records, Sacramento, CA - Eric Levin, Criminal Records, Atlanta, GA - Bernie Hackett, DCCD, Washington, DC - Allan Miller, Disc Exchange, Knoxville, TN - John Timmons, ear X-tacy, Louisville, KY - Keith Covart, Electric Fetus, Minneapolis, MN - Karl Payne, Face the Music, Eugene, OR -Rand Foster, Fingerprints, Long Beach, CA - Joe Nardone, Jr., Gallery Of Sound, Wilkes-Barre, PA - John Huffman, Gem City Records, Dayton, OH - Erik Courson, Good Records, Dallas, TX - Steve Gray, Graywhale CD Exchange, Salt Lake City, UT - Rick Galusha, Homer's Music Stores, Bellevue, NE - Steve Wiley, Hoodlums Music, Tempe, AZ - Jim & Mike McGuinn, Hot Poop, Walla Walla, WA - Judy Negley, Independent Music, Colorado Springs, CO - Jon D. Harvey, Jackpot - Records, Portland, OR  $- Steve \,Wilson, Kief's \,Audio \,and \,Video, \,Lawrence, \,KS-Karl \,Groeger \,Jr., \,Looney \,Tunes, \,West \,Babylon, \,NY-Lou \,Russell, \,Lou's \,Records, \,Encinitas, \,Lou's \,Lo$ CA - Carl Singmaster, Manifest Disc And Tapes, Columbia, SC - Eric Howarth, M-Theory Music, San Diego, CA - Terry Currier, Music Millennium, Portland, OR - Adam Walker, My Generation, Westlake, OH - Mike Dreese, Newbury Comics, Boston, MA - Govindan Kartha, New World Record, Buffalo, NY - Sandy Bitman, Park Avenue CD, Winter Park, FL - Jim Bland, Plan 9, Richmond, VA - Kevin Stander, Record & Tape Traders, Owings Mills, MD - Alayna Hill-Alderman, Record Archive, Rochester, NY - Michael Bunnell, Record Exchange, Boise, ID - Don Rosenberg, The Record Exchange, Charlotte, NC - Phil Strang, Record Service, Champaigne, IL - Mike Himes, Record Time, Roseville, MI -Chuck Oken Jr., Rhino/Mad Platter, Claremont, CA - Bill O'Keefe, Rock-A-Billys, Detroit, MI - Nancy & Jim Salzer, Salzer's Records, Ventura, CA - Mike Phillips, Schoolkids, Cary, NC - Don Watson, Sounds Like..., Riverside, CA - Paul - & Jill Epstein, Twist and Shout, Denver, CO - Lisa Teger-Zhen, Uncle Sam's, Miami Beach, FL - Lee Wolfson, Vinyl Fever, Tallahassee/Tampa, FL - Steve Pick, Vintage Vinyl, St. Louis, MO - Rob Roth, Vintage Vinyl, Fords, NJ - John T. Kunz, Waterloo Records & Tapes, Austin, TX - Michael Crandell, Pure Pop, Burlington, VT



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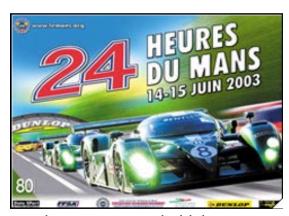
### Le Mans Sponsored by Speed

SPEED Channel returns to the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the eighth consecutive year, set to bring viewers 17 hours of live coverage from the 71st running of the round-the-clock classic

SPEED hits the air at 9 a.m. on June 14 with a half-hour, qualifying special leading into the start of the engines. Leigh Diffey will handle play-by-play, while Bill Adam and Le Mans veteran David Hobbs will provide analysis. Derek Bell, a five-time winner at Le Mans, will join the team in the booth and Brian Till, Andrew Marriott and Martin Haven will work the pits.

In addition, SPEED will offer bonus "insomniac coverage" using the world broadcast feed and Radio Le Mans from 4 a.m. until 7 a.m. ET. To buy SPEED contact your local dealer.

"Le Mans has taken on the aura of one of a select group of sporting events that belongs to the entire world," said Hobbs, who competed 20 times in the event. "It belongs with such events as Wimbledon and the Indy 500.



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"As a driver, it is a magnificent course to race on — it's very smooth with long straights, great sweeping corners and a few slow corners that basically are rural intersections the rest of the year," Hobbs added. "And the atmosphere separates it from every other event in motor sports. There is a fairground-like setting with shops and villages popping up just for the event. There are hundreds of thousands of people at Le Mans, but they are not crammed into a race track, they are spread out over the French countryside. As a young boy growing up in England, it was certainly the one race I wanted to win more than any other."

And after 20 runs at Le Mans, Hobbs' memory turns to two things.

"The first is that I never won," Hobbs said with a laugh. "Luckily, having raced there so many times, most people just assume I must have won at least once.

"But the one image that comes to mind first when I think of Le Mans as a driver, is taking the slow right corner at Arnage and heading back into the evening sun toward the pits. It's what every racer wants to be doing — a high-speed run through a heavily wooded area into the setting summer sun. That's the picture that comes to mind before any other."

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Wednesday, June 18 12noon - 6:00pm REGISTRATION OPEN 6:00 - 8:00pm

AWRT Genii Radio Awards Honoring General Manager KPWR & KZLA/Los Angeles Val

Maki

7:00 - 8:30pm ALTERNATIVE/ROCK

Wine & Whine @ The Roxy Sponsored by Island/IDJMG Performances by Die Trying

and Hoobastank You have got to be

fucking kidding, right? Wednesday? Shit, blow it off!

Thursday, June 19

11:15am - 12:30pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS RECORD BUYER STUDY

2:00 - 5:30pm JACOBS MEDIA ROCK SUMMIT

4:00 - 5:30pm GENERAL SESSION

3 Decades Of Record Executives

6:00 - 8:00pm

OPENING COCKTAIL PARTY EVENING EVENTS:

CLUB R&Rs

HOSPITALITY SUITES Sleep in. Skip the boring panels. Get some label

guy to buy you dinner. Pass out in a hospitality suite.

Friday, June 20

9:00 - 10:30am GENERAL SESSION RADIO: STATE OF THE INDUSTRY

10:45am - 12noon CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

CHR/POP

ALTERNATIVE ROCK

12noon - 2:00pm GENERAL SESSION

GROUP PROGRAMMING HEADS

Friday, June 20 cont'd

2:00 - 3:30pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

CHR/POP

ROCK/ACTIVE ROCK

4:00 - 5:30pm GENERAL SESSION

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rudy Giuliani

107th Mayor of New York City

from 1993-2001 6:30 - 8:30pm

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9:00 - MIDNIGHT

R&R/LAWMAN PROMOTIONS RHYTHMIC PARTY

EVENING EVENTS: CLUB R&Rs

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Sleep in again. Skip the borning panels again. Get a different label guy to buy you dinner. Pass out in a different hospitality

suite.

Saturday, June 21

10:00 - 11:15am GENERAL SESSION 3 Decades Of Consultants/

Researchers 11:30am - 1:00pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: ALTERNATIVE

RESEARCH HAC

1:15-2:45pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

RHYTHMIC 2:45-4pm

SMOOTH IAZZ EVENING EVENTS:

CLUB R&Rs HOSPITALITY SUITES

into AA, seriously.

Christ you loser, what are you lookin' at me for? Sober up for christsakes! You really should look

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5 - Spago (310) 385-0880

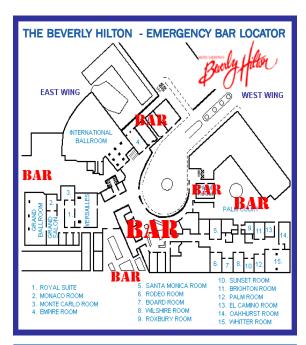
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How to get the most from the 8th Annual Jacobs Media Rock Summit. by Dave Beasing

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- Muckley's real estate tips
- Walking map of the Beverly Hilton
- Hangover cure
- Beverly Hills walking tour info





### The Walking Tour of Beverly Hills

Starts at 7am on Sunday / Meet in the Lobby

#### Highlights Include:

- •A round shopping cart symposium with the city's homeless
- •Winona's Shoplifting Tips
- •A tour of the Beverly Hills Jail if you haven't seen it already
- •The George Michael Restroom sing-a-long and circle jerk

#### BLUE HAWAIIAN

- 1 oz Light Rum
- 1 oz Blue Curacao
- 2 oz Pineapple Juice
- 1 oz Cream of Coconut
- 1 cup ice

Garnish with Cherry and Pineapple





How to get the most from the 8th Annual Jacobs Media Rock Summit.

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Don't talk between yourselves. Raise your hand if you have a question. Please no eating or drinking. Pay attention. Hands off your neighbors. And you really should take notes. Here, use this handy tear-out notepad, it's on us.



### Muckley's Real Estate Tips Revealed



- 1- Location, Location, Location
- 2- Buy Low, Sell High
- 3 Apply a Fresh Coat of Paint
- 4 Throw in a Free Strokes Show
- 5 Get The Glengarry Leads

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### Max Tolkoff's Self Indulgence Scorecard

Says the words "I" or "Me"

Refers to himself in the 3rd person

\_Takes credit for inventing, punk rock, alt radio, Boston baked beans or the internet

\_ Shows a picture of himself

\_ Interrupts someone for no apparent reason

Wears "Big Kahuna" name tagJust won't shut the fuck up

Write down the number of times Max does one of the above. Tally your score and email it to TheLeek@earthlink.net. Winner need not be present to win.

