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Grammy presenter realizes music connection with skating

NEW YORK (AP) — Tara Lipinski wearing a diamond necklace borrowed for the evening, not Olympic gold medal. Her ice skates were nowhere in sight. She wasn't on center ice in Japan, but standing on at Radio City Music Hall, looking incredibly tiny at 4 feet 11 inches, especially when surrounded by her members of the soul group, The Roots.

Lipinski, girl singer? Not really.

The Olympic gold medal winner in women's figure skating was among the presenters at this year's Grammy Awards. She and Boyz II Men announced that James Taylor the winner of the Grammy for pop album for "Hourglass."

Lipinski later admitted she didn't know how unusual it was for someone who isn't in the music business to be a presenter at the Grammys. She hadn't made a video or a record," she said. "I'm not that of a singer."

But what she may lack in singing ability, she more than makes up for in skating ability. At age 15, Lipinski is the youngest person to win a medal for figure skating. She is only months younger than Norwegian

gian Sonja Henie was when she won in 1928.

1. How do you feel since winning the Olympic gold medal?

Lipinski: It was fun coming back to the States. I really felt it more when I got back here. Being with friends and family, it has sunk in. Every once in a while I can't believe this is happening. The last couple of days, I've kept it in sight.

2. Do you intend to compete in the Olympics again four years from now?

Lipinski: I can't think about that right now. It's so exciting, winning and skating this next year.

3. What music do you skate to?

Lipinski: Last summer I skated to "Reach" by Gloria Estefan. This year I want to use a song by Celine Dion. I haven't choreographed any new show programs yet. We'll see. I love Celine Dion. I want to meet her and I did today. That was pretty cool.

4. Do performers ever approach you, asking you to skate to their music?

Lipinski: Not yet. I usually pick it.

5. If you could date one of the three young brothers in Hanson, which one would it be?

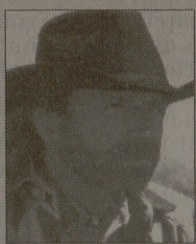
Lipinski: That's an unfair question.

Entertainers reach new level of maturity

The following is a compilation list of celebrity birthdays for March 8-14:



Redgrave



Norris

March 8: Actress Lynn Redgrave is 55. Musician-actor Micky Dolenz of the Monkees is 53. Singer Gary Numan is 40. Actor Aidan Quinn is 39. Actress Camryn Manheim ("The Practice") is 34. Actor James Van Der Beek ("Dawson's Creek") is 21.

March 9: Singer Lloyd Price is 65. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 50. Actress Linda Fiorentino is 38. Actress Juliette Binoche is 34. Actor Emmanuel Lewis is 27.

March 10: Actor Chuck Norris is 58.

Singer Dean Torrence of Jan and Dean is 58. Actress Sharon Stone is 40. Rock musician Gail Greenwood of Belly is 38. Rock musician Pearl Jam is 35. Actress Jasmine Guy ("A Different World") is 34. Singer Edie Brickell is 32.

March 11: Singer Bobby McFerrin is 48. Actress Alex Kingston ("ER") is 35. Actor Wallace Langham ("Veronica's Closet") is 33. Singer Pete Dinklage is 29.

March 12: Singer Al Jarreau is 58. Entertainer Liza Minnelli is 52. Singer-songwriter James Taylor is 50. Rock musician-singer Bill Payne of Little Feat is 49. Rock

musician Steve Harris of Iron Maiden is 41. Singer Marlon Jackson of the Jackson Five is 41. Actor Courtney B. Vance is 38. Rock musician Graham Coxon of Blur is 29.

March 13: Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 59. Actor William H. Macy ("ER") is 48. Comedian Robin Duke is 44. Actress Dana Delany ("China Beach") is 42. Rock musician Adam Clayton of U2 is 38. Rapper Khjujo of Goodie Mob is 26.

March 14: Actor Michael Caine is 65. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 65. Comedian Billy Crystal is 50. Pop singer-musician Taylor Hanson (Hanson) is 15.



Jones

Titanic, 'ER' reign supreme with avid viewers, fans

The following is a compilation list of this week's top-five in sales and ratings for film, television and music.

- FILMS**
1. *Titanic*, Paramount
 2. *The Wedding Singer*, New Line
 3. *Good Will Hunting*, Miramax
 4. *Dark City*, New Line
 5. *As Good as It Gets*, Sony

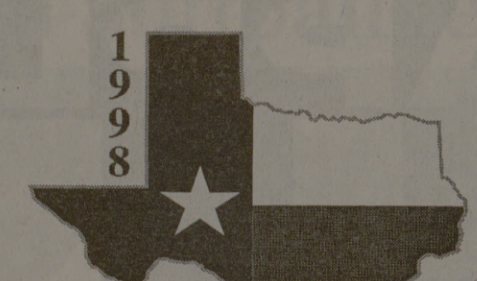
(From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

- TV**
1. "ER," NBC
 2. "Seinfeld," NBC
 3. "Veronica's Closet," NBC
 4. "40th Annual Grammy Awards," CBS
 5. "Friends," NBC
- (From Nielsen Media Research)
- SINGLES**

1. "My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion (Sony)
 2. "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It," Will Smith (Columbia)
 3. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace) (Gold)
 4. "Together Again," Janet (Virgin) (Gold)
 5. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Gold)
- ALBUMS**

1. *Titanic Soundtrack*, (Sony Classical) (Platinum)
2. *Let's Talk About Love*, Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
3. *Charge It 2 DA Game*, Silk the Shocker (No Limit)
4. *Savage Garden, Savage Garden* (Columbia) (Platinum)
5. *Yield*, Pearl Jam (Epic) (From Billboard magazine)

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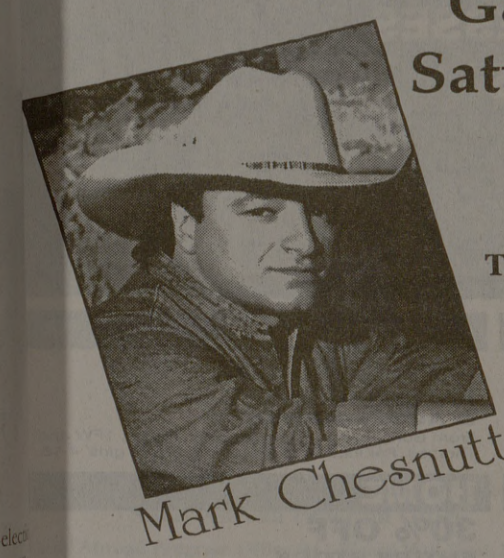


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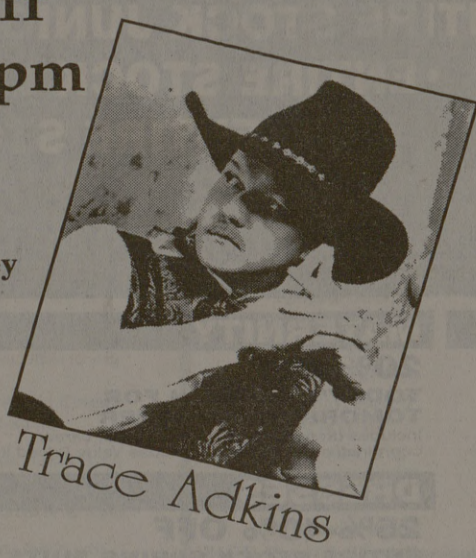
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