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People in the News

Backstreet Boy A.J. checks into rehab

NEW YORK (AP) — A.J. McLean of the Backstreet Boys has entered rehabilitation for depression and alcohol abuse, forcing the group to postpone the rest of its U.S. and Canada tour dates.

The other four members of the boy band — Kevin Richardson, Howie Dorough, Nick Carter and Brian Littrell — made the announcement to MTV News on Monday during the video countdown show "Total Request Live."

All four were choked up discussing the troubles of their 23-year-old bandmate, as were teen-age members of the live studio audience.

"When you're trying to help someone who has a serious illness, they have to help themselves first before they can really receive help. They've gotta really want it," said Littrell, 26.

"He came to us yesterday for the first time. I heard him say, 'Guys, I have a problem and I need to get help.' We figured this was the best for him. It's all about him being healthy."

Richardson said McLean, a native of West Palm Beach, Fla., is entering rehab for 30 days for "depression, anxiety and his excessive consumption of alcohol." It is unknown where he will receive treatment.

"We didn't want to lie about it. We didn't want to push it under the rug," the 29-year-old Richardson said. "We want to be honest with our fans. He's getting help. He's going to be better."

The recent death of McLean's grandmother has been a source of anxiety for him, but he was depressed even before that, Richardson said.

"He's been burning the candle at both ends and partying quite a bit to escape it," he said. "His alcoholism is — it's pretty bad. And we're worried about him."

Publicists for the group declined to provide further information about McLean.

Earlier Monday, the Backstreet Boys announced they were postponing remaining sold-out concerts at Boston's FleetCenter this week after Carter, 21, injured his hands on Saturday.

The group's tour was scheduled to end in Vancouver, British Columbia on Aug. 7. Now, the tour will resume on that date and end on Sept. 28 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Carter said McLean's illness does not mean the group is breaking up.

"I don't think there is an end to this group until one of us dies," he said.

Comedian's drinking bears on child case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comedian Paula Poundstone has a drinking problem that "clearly had a bearing" on her arrest for alleged lewd acts on a child and child endangerment, her attorney said in a statement Monday.

Attorney Steven Cron declined through a spokeswoman to elaborate on how Poundstone's drinking related to the allegations. He said she decided to enter a residential treatment program before the investigation began, and was there when arrested June 27.

"It is my belief that Paula's drinking problems clearly had a bearing on the allegations that led to her arrest," Cron said. "Nonetheless, after having had a chance to study the details of the case against her, I remain convinced that she is not guilty of the lewd conduct charges pending against her."



City High
City High
Booga Basement/
Interscope Records

City High, one of the newest hip-hop/R&B groups, was not only lucky enough to be produced by Wyclef Jean and his cousin Jerry Wonder, but also scored a hit with their first release "What would you do?"

While many critics have named City High a Fugees rip-off, not many people seem to care. City High's beats are groovy and catchy, and Claudette Ortiz's smooth vocals practically guarantee her a Diva-like future.

City High is also composed of Robby Pardlo, who sang back up and played keyboard on Whitney Houston's "My Love is Your Love," and Ryan Toby, who is probably best remembered as the shy singer who comes out of his shell in Sister Act II.

In *City High*, all three singers are highlighted in each song and all tracks contain real-life lyrics that are sometimes depressing.

"Cats and Dogs" highlights the group's rapping and rhyming abilities as they engage in a "battle of the sexes."

On the seventh track, "Caramel," the Puerto Rican Ortiz shines with strong melodies and busts into Spanish rhymes.

The last half of the album keeps its groovy urban beats, but the lyrics become harsh and sobering.

Some of the harshest, true-to-life lyrics may be in "Sista," a song in which a young man confesses to a friend that he has gotten his friend's sister pregnant.

"Sista" is followed by more real-life lyrics in "What Would You Do?" where a prostitute confesses that the only reason she sells her body is to feed her hungry son.

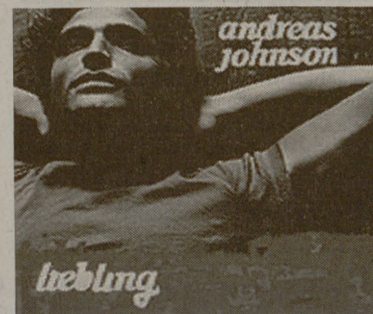
One would expect "City High Anthem" to be a song with the group praising their success but instead, listeners get the sad picture of attending a high school in which there are "more dropouts than signups at registration" and pregnancy is at an all-time high.

The album ends with listeners wondering, "Where did the cool hip hop beats go?" Regardless, City High is gifted and talented and probably will not be leaving the hip-hop scene anytime soon. (Grade B-)

— Lizette Resendez

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experienced international success with his first single, "Glorious," which has become a Top 10 hit in ten countries including the UK, France, Germany, Ireland and Sweden.



London's Express described "Glorious" as an "unforgettable three minutes and 29 seconds of gorgeous, soaring guitar pop that manages to be both uplifting and devastatingly sad at the same time."

Johnson wrote every song on the album and each one is great,

— Lizette Resendez

Andreas Johnson, Sweden's newest and hottest export, has

Box Office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pets ruled at the box office with "Cats & Dogs," a tale of feuding canines and felines, debuting as the No. 1 weekend film with \$21.7 million.

Scary Movie 2, the sequel to last year's horror spoof, opened in second place with \$20.5 million.

Last week's top film, *A.I. Artificial In-*

telligence, fell to third place with \$14 million. Jet Li's martial-arts thriller *Kiss of the Dragon* opened at No. 4 with \$13.3 million.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks

in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and AC-Nielsen EDI Inc.:

1. *Cats & Dogs*, Warner Bros., \$21.7 million, 3,040 locations, \$7,141 average, \$35.8 million, one week.

2. *Scary Movie 2*, Miramax, \$20.5 million, 3,220 locations, \$6,368 average, \$34 million, one week.

3. *A.I. Artificial Intelligence*, Warner Bros., \$14 million, 3,242 locations, \$4,330 average, \$59.6 million, two weeks.

4. *Kiss of the Dragon*, Fox, \$13.3 million, 2,025 locations, \$6,570 average, \$13.3 million, one week.

5. *The Fast and the Furious*, Universal, \$12.3 million, 2,798 locations, \$4,390 average, \$101.4 million, three weeks.

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1.00	I	SI ₂	3200 ⁰⁰
.54	H	SI ₂	950 ⁰⁰
.32	H	SI ₁	550 ⁰⁰

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