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Elton John
Greatest Hits
Universal Records

Elton John's latest release is a comprehensive, career-spanning compilation of some of the greatest songs ever written. The two discs recount, in chronological order, John's beautiful, timeless love ballads.

Although his lavish style and flamboyant stage presence have often overshadowed his talent, *Greatest Hits* reminds listeners of his incredible songwriting ability that has endured more than three decades. His legendary collaborations with lyricist Bernie Taupin have resulted in rock classics such as "Tiny Dancer," "Candle in the Wind" and "Daniel."

The compilation also shows John's lighter side with songs like "Don't Go Breakin' My Heart" and "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting."

Greatest Hits includes selections from John's studio albums and songs from his soundtrack contributions to *The Lion King* and from his Broadway musical *Aida*. *Greatest Hits* also includes two incredible songs "I Want Love" and "This Train Don't Stop There Anymore" from *West Coast*, which was released in 2001.

A special bonus disc contains live versions of "Candle in the Wind," "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me," "Live Like Horses" and "Your Song."

John has said *Greatest Hits* might be his swansong, but his music has supplied the soundtrack for a generation.



-Jeremy Osborne

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Pearl Jam
Riot Act
Epic Records

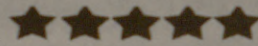
Pearl Jam has stayed the course, writing songs in their own style and making music the way only they know how. *Riot Act* is no different. However, the disc has some of the band's more straight-forward music. Lyrically and instrumentally, Pearl Jam lays down their riffs and phrases without the subtlety that has mired previous records.

"Bushleaguer" lets listeners know Vedder's thoughts on the "Leader of the Free World"—he's less than supportive—and "Love Boat Captain" tells how the band "lost nine friends today," about fans that died at one of their concerts in Europe.

Mike McCready isn't too shy about his obsession with the guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughn either. Some of *Riot Act's* solos seem to be played by the late, great axlinger himself.

The songs, in due Pearl Jam fashion, have retained their quirkiness though. The influences of different styles—punk, the blues, and folk—all ring out loud and clear, but the blend is unique and undeniably Pearl Jam.

All that said, it is still one of the band's most full-on rock albums. It is sure to appeal to a much wider audience than previous work by the quintet.



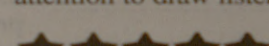
-Thomas Phillips

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Johnny Cash
American IV: The Man Comes Around
Universal Records

Johnny Cash is a staple in music. Today's most popular artists can't begin to touch Cash in style and experience. In his latest release, *American IV: The Man Comes Around*, he proves his undeniable talent once again.

It seems daring for Cash to record covers of "Bridge over Troubled Water" and "Danny Boy," not to mention "Hurt" by Nine Inch Nails, "I Hung My Head" by Sting and "Personal Jesus" by Depeche Mode. However, it comes across as a wonderful success.

Cash sings of death, destruction, regret and unending love. *American IV: The Man Comes Around* proves an artist doesn't have to receive much radio play or tour the country to prove he's one of the best. Cash has the pure talent, emotions and enough media attention to draw listeners in and hold them until the last note rings.



-Denise Schuyler

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The punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
And by his wounds we are healed."

Isaiah 53:5 (New International Version)

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Oasis lead singer and band members arrested in Munich

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Singer Liam Gallagher and several other members of the British rock band Oasis and its entourage were held for questioning after a fight that left Gallagher with several broken teeth.



GALLAGHER

Gallagher's injuries over the weekend forced the band to cancel concerts in Munich on Sunday and Hamburg on Monday.

Munich police said they'd detained three members of the group, including Gallagher and drummer Alan White, and two of their bodyguards on suspicion of assault, resisting arrest and damage to property.

All were released Sunday afternoon after posting bail. Munich prosecutor Anton Winkler said his office would decide before the end of the year whether to press charges.

Witnesses told police the clash began early Sunday in the disco of the Muenchner Hof hotel, where the band members were drunk and started pushing each other.

Olympic skater starts Web site to help cancer victims

CLEVELAND (AP) — Olympic figure skater Scott Hamilton has started an Internet site to help newly diagnosed cancer patients find information about chemotherapy.

Chemocare.com features information about how the treatment works, how long it lasts and how it affects different parts of the body. The site also includes inspirational stories about Hamilton and other cancer survivors.

Hamilton — a four-time U.S. National Champion and four-time World Champion from Bowling Green — is now a television commentator and skating show producer. Diagnosed with testicular cancer five years ago, he underwent chemotherapy and surgery and says he's now cured.

"We need to really let people know what it is, to give people the information they need in a language they understand," the 44-year-old said.

To determine what information was included on the site, developers asked current and former cancer patients at the clinic what questions they had when they were first diagnosed. "It was our vision that

Chemocare.com would address real patient needs and be a resource that newly diagnosed cancer patients could turn to for support," said registered nurse Ruth Fritsky, the site's lead developer.

Former Rhode Island mayor gets ready to go to prison

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Former Mayor Vincent Cianci is raising money to help establish an academic repository for his papers, as he prepares to go to prison.

A \$500 per-person fund-raising dinner was held Sunday for a foundation Cianci hopes will help archive the photos and papers from his years in office.

Cianci will report to federal prison in New Jersey on Friday to begin serving a more than five-year sentence for racketeering conspiracy. He's appealing his conviction.

The fund-raiser at Mediterraneo Caffe is an annual holiday feast Cianci has hosted for five years. Previous dinners have raised scholarship money for students.

Cianci, 61, says his papers will be of interest to scholars and include years of public opinion polling on the state.

He says there are 74,000 photos, along with personal and official papers from his administrative years.

Megan Mullally from 'Will and Grace' releases new album

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Megan Mullally, the helium-voiced *Will & Grace* socialite-turned-office



MULLALLY

assistant on NBC's "Will & Grace" said the role of Karen Walker doesn't strain her vocal cords.

Mullally said she wouldn't allow it, since her real love is singing.

"Singing isn't an attempt to branch out, but who I really am," said the Oklahoma City native who recently released her second album, *Big as a Berry* — an eclectic mix of standards, rock, country and blues.

Mullally, 44, formed her band, the Supreme Music Program, about five years ago, but it took only two days to record the album.

"Albums can be flat-lined when you overproduce them, spending six months in the studio," said Mullally. "I never took singing lessons. When I was 4, I began singing songs from the radio and my parents' albums. As an only child, I had a desperate need for self-expression."

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