



Memorable Moments

A touching tribute and an unforgettable performance



Winners' Circle

STRANGEST GUEST: RON HOWARD

The straight-laced director showed up at the Strokes' after-party.

BIGGEST DIS: SEAN PENN

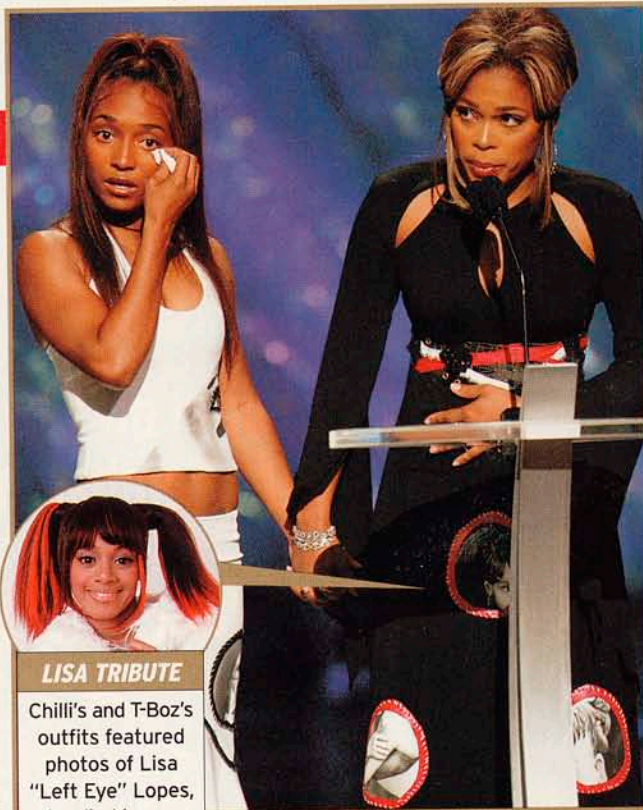
The actor wasn't allowed into the mobbed Island/Def Jam after-party.

HIP ACCESSORY: THE HAT

Britney, Justin and Eminem each changed their caps midshow.

BEST OFFSTAGE SHOW

Eminem rapped at the Interscope bash at Bungalow 8.



LISA TRIBUTE

Chilli's and T-Boz's outfits featured photos of Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, who died in a car accident in April.

The surviving TLC members: Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas (left) and Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins



VMA ask Us everything

Did Michael Jackson win an award or not?

When Britney Spears was presenting Michael with a cake for his forty-fourth birthday, she said that, for her, he was "the artist of the millennium." Jackson assumed he was getting a special honor to that effect. An MTV statement said "there is no such award." The "award" itself, shaped like a treble clef, was supposed to sit on the cake, "but it was too heavy to actually go on top of [it]," explains Salli Fratini, the executive producer of the VMAs.

How did Shakira learn to belly-dance like that?

Her dad, William Mebarak, is of Lebanese descent, so the Colombian-born singer started belly-dancing lessons at age 4, according to a staffer in her publicist's office.

Are Pink's tattoos real?

No. The singer joked that her henna designs "didn't hurt at all" but did take a long time to apply. ▶



Pink and beau Carey Hart

AXL RETURNS

Guns N' Roses founder and lead singer, **Axl Rose**, performed for the first time in years on live TV (left), closing the show with "Welcome to the Jungle."

Plastic Surgery: Did He or Didn't He?



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"Axl appears to have had Botox to his forehead. There's a lack of animation and no furrow lines just above his nose," asserts New York plastic surgeon Scot Bradley Glasberg, M.D.

