

# MR POPHistory

Week of June 20, 1998



The Supreme Court strikes down the line-item veto, declaring that the Constitution does not allow the president to cancel spending items once he has signed them into law. "This new procedure ... is not authorized by the Constitution, regardless of its wisdom, the line-item veto is invalid unless the Constitution is amended." The line-item veto was designed to reduce wasteful spending and had been favored by President Clinton and congressional

Republicans.

Key Senate and House negotiators reach an agreement on the major elements of legislation to restructure the IRS. Among the high points of the change - The IRS must prove guilt in civil court, instead of the taxpayer proving innocence ... It will be easier for a taxpayer to escape penalties for the actions of an estranged or former spouse ... For the first time, the IRS would be subject to oversight by a management board dominated by private citizens. President Clinton is expected to sign the reform.

Ignoring criticism from Washington, The Israeli Cabinet approves a plan to expand the boundaries of Jerusalem, increase its Jewish majority and strengthen ties with nearby Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank.

AT&T says it will buy cable giant TCI in an all-stock deal. The transaction is valued at \$48 billion. It will give AT&T access to local phone markets as well.

CompUSA Inc agrees to buy Computer City from Tandy Corp for \$275 million - a deal that would combine the nation's two biggest personal computer retailers.

The National Transportation Safety Board wraps up its fact-finding phase of its investigation into the Oct 12 crash of singer **John Denver**. Low fuel, a hard-to-reach handle to switch gas tanks and modifications to his homemade airplane may have figured into the accident. In addition - the singer lacked an aviation medical certificate, which is requirement to carry a valid pilot's license. The FAA disqualified Denver for the certificate in 1997



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after learning he had violated a previous FAA order to abstain from drinking.

Spanish network Telemundo unveils a fall lineup of game shows, action dramas and sitcoms. Until now, the network was mainly known for its imported soap operas (telenovelas) and old Spanish/Mexican movies. Sony and Liberty media are about to purchase the financially troubled network for \$539 million.



In sports - the Los Angeles Dodgers fire Fred Claire and Manager Bill Russell and bring back **Tommy Lasorda**.

MPI Home Video says it will release the film footage of John F. Kennedy's assassination - shot by Dallas dressmaker Abraham Zapruder in August.

TNT is bringing back "CHiPS" - including **Jon and Ponch** in a new two-hour movie this fall. Both Erik Estrada and Larry Wilcox agreed to appear in the film.



Rick Schroeder, the former child star will replace Jimmy Smits on "NYPD Blue."

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Curtis Mayfield - a quadriplegic since a stage lighting tower fell on him at a 1990 concert, undergoes surgery to have his right leg amputated, below the knee.



Passing - actress **Maureen O'Sullivan** (87) - played Jane to Johnny Weissmuller's Tarzan in six films in the late 30's, early 40's.

Debuting this week in syndication - Howie Mandel's daytime talk show

Bestsellers -

A Widow For One Year - John Irving

Bridget Jones's Diary - Helen Fielding

I Know This Much Is True - Wally Lamb

Memoirs of a Geisha - Arthur Golden

Summer Sisters - Judy Blume

The Nine Steps To Financial Freedom - Suzie Orman

Tuesdays With Morrie - Mitch Albom

Easy Riders, Raging Bulls - Peter Biskind

Titan - Ron Chemow

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A Pirate Looks At Fifty - Jimmy Buffett

## TV Ratings

Dateline NBC - 14.71  
Seinfeld - 14.45  
Just Shoot Me - 14.45  
ER - 13.43  
PrimeTime Live - 13.38  
20/20 - 12.67  
60 Minutes - 12.57  
Dateline NBC (Mon) - 12.41  
Touched By An Angel - 12.23  
20/20 (Mon) - 11.99  
Friends - 11.46  
Movie - Silent Fall - 11.36  
Special - American Film Institute's 100 Years/100 Movies - 11.19  
Diagnosis Murder - 10.85  
3rd Rock From The Sun - (Tues) - 10.62  
48 Hours - 10.61  
Veronica's Closet - 10.48  
Everybody Loves Raymond - 10.10  
Walker, Texas Ranger - 9.74  
Home Improvement - 9.73  
Frasier (Sunday) - 9.60  
Frasier - 9.43  
Dateline NBC (Sunday) - 9.19  
Cosby - 9.08  
The Practice - 9.05  
**Dharma & Greg** - 8.99  
King of the Hill - 8.93  
Law & Order (Sunday) - 8.87  
The Drew Carey Show - 8.85  
Nash Bridges - 8.79



## Tuesday Night Television

CBS - JAG, Movie

NBC - Mad About You, NewsRadio, Frasier, 3rd Rock From The Sun, Dateline NBC

ABC - Soul Man, Something So Right, Home Improvement, Two Guys, A Girl and a Pizza Place, NYPD Blue

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FOX - Movie

PBS - Nova, Frontline

E! - Roman Polanski: The E! True Hollywood Story, Talk Soup, Night Stand, Howard Stern



Late Show W/David Letterman - John McEnroe - actress **Chloe Sevigny**

The Tonight Show W/Jay Leno - Ving Rhame

**Pop music this week in 1998 -**

Too Close - Next

The Boy Is Mine - Brandy & Monica

My All - Mariah Carey

My Way - Usher

Come With Me - Puff (the magic)Daddy

I Get Lonely - Janet Jackson

Adla - **Sarah McLachlan**

Stop - The Spice Girls

You're Still The One - Shania Twain

They Don't Know - Jon B

Top Albums -

City of Angels - soundtrack

Never Say Never - Brandy

MP Da Last Don - Master P

Godzilla - soundtrack

Bulworth - soundtrack

Ray of Light - Madonna

Ophella - Natalie Merchant

Adore - Smashing Pumpkins

Hope Floats - soundtrack

Gloria! - Gloria Estefan

It's Dark And Hell Is Hot - DMX

If You See Him - Reba McEntire

Shut 'Em Down - Onyx

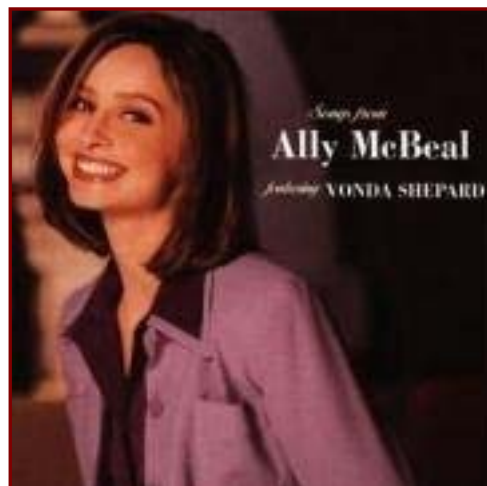
The Limited Series - Garth Brooks

Backstreet Boys - Backstreet Boys

Before These Crowded Streets - Dave

Matthews Band

Songs From Ally McBeal - Vonda Shepard



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At the movies



**The X Files** - David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson, Martin Landau, Blythe Danner

**The Truman Show** - Jim Carrey, Ed Harris

**Walt Disney's Mulan**

**Six Days, Seven Nights** - Harrison Ford, Anne Heche

**A Perfect Murder** - Gwyneth Paltrow, Michael Douglas

**Can't Hardly Wait** - Jennifer Love Hewitt, Ethan Embry

**Godzilla** - Matthew Broderick, Hank Azaria, Jean Reno

**Deep Impact** - Morgan Freeman, Robert Duvall

**The Horse Whisperer** - Robert Redford, Kristin Scott Thomas

**Titanic**

**Dirty Work** - Norm MacDonald, Jack Warden

**Hope Floats** - Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr.