

intro:

Well, here I am again with another year-end recap thing. It's 2am, I'm fifteen pages into the paper and my brain has been melted by essays, so -- well, bear with me. Over the year I've reviewed over 80 albums (that's gotta be a cry for help), the best of which you can see on the opposite page, and all of 'em below. For those who don't know, my rating system is out of five; the reviews by other people on the next few pages might be out of any number -- I just haven't got the time to figure them out. Anyway, merry Christmas and all that; hope you check out a few of these albums.

album	title	revised rating	
		original rating	
Get a Grip	Aerosmith	3.5	3
Mercury	American Music Club	4	4
The Sound of White Noise	Anthrax	3	3
Jann Arden	Jann Arden	3	3
Jericho	The Band	3.5	3.5
Black Tie White Noise	David Bowie	3.5	3.5
Last Splash	The Breeders	4	4
I'm Alive	Jackson Browne	2.5	2.5
Number 10	J.J. Cale	2	1
The Future	Leonard Cohen	2	2
The Juliet Letters	Elvis Costello and the Brodsky Quartet	4	4
August and Everything After	Counting Crows	5	5
Coverdale/Page	Coverdale/Page	3	3
Stone	Crash Vegas	2	3
Black Sunday	Cypress Hill	2	2
Symphony or Damn	Terence Trent D'Arby	3	3
Songs of Faith and Devotion	Depeche Mode	3	2.5
Where You Been	Dinosaur Jr.	3.5	3.5
Smoke	Drivin' n' Cryin'	3.5	2.5
The 30th Anniversary Concert Celebration	Bob Dylan	4	3.5
Taxi	Brian Ferry	2.5	2
Give a Monkey a Brain and He'll Swear He's the Center of the Universe	Fishbone	2	2
Debravation	Debbie Harry	1	1
PJ Harvey	4-Track Demos	3	3
PJ Harvey	Rid of Me	3	3
Become What You Are	The Juliana Hatfield Three	4	4
Perfectly Good Guitar	John Hiatt	2.5	2.5
Songs From the Rain	Hothouse Flowers	3	2
Cyberpunk	Billy Idol	2.5	2
San Francisco Days	Chris Isaak	4	3
janet.	Janet Jackson	3.5	3.5
Wandering Spirit	Mick Jagger	4	3.5
Now Ain't the Time For Your Tears	Wendy James	4	2.5
Perverse	Jesus Jones	2	2
River of Dreams	Billy Joel	2	1
Traffic From Paradise	Rickie Lee Jones	4	4
Phobia	The Kinks	3	3
Are You Gonna Go My Way	Lenny Kravitz	3	3.5
For the Beauty of Wynona	Daniel Lanois	4	4
Come on Feel the Lemonheads	The Lemonheads	3.5	4
Stain	Living Colour	4	4
Off the Ground	Paul McCartney	2.5	2
Believe in Me	Duff McKagan	2	2
You Gotta Sin to Get Saved	Maria McKee	4	4
Fumbling Towards Ecstasy	Sarah McLachlan	3.5	4
Human Wheels	John Mellencamp	3	3
Earth and Sun and Moon	Midnight Oil	3	2.5
Too Long in Exile	Van Morison	2.5	2.5
Bargainville	Moxy Fruvous	1	1
Republic	New Order	3.5	3.5
Incesticide	Nirvana	3	3

In Utero	Nirvana	4	4
Vs.	Pearl Jam	4	4
The Story of My Life	Pere Ubu	4	3.5
Exile in Guyville	Liz Phair	3.5	3.5
Fate of Nations	Robert Plant	3	3
American Caesar	Iggy Pop	3	3
Porno For Pyros	Porno For Pyros	3.5	3.5
Saimese Dream	Samshing Pumpkins	3.5	3
Grave Dancers Union	Soul Asylum	3.5	3
Some Fantastic Place	Squeeze	3	2.5
Ten Summoners' Tales	Sting	4	4
Core	Stone Temple Pilots	3.5	3.5
Beaster	Sugar	4	5
Altered Beast	Matthew Sweet	4	4
Television	Television	2.5	2.5
Psychoderelict	Pete Townshend	2.5	2.5
Saturation	Urge Overkill	4	4
Zooropa	U2	4	4
Judgement Night	Various Artists	4	4
Never Mind the Molluscs	Various Artists	3.5	3.5
Peace Together	Various Artists	2	2
Sweet Relief	Various Artists	4.5	4.5
Live MCMXCIII	The Velvet Underground	3.5	3.5
14 Songs	Paul Westerberg	4	3
Dream Harder	The Waterboys	2	2
Bang!	World Party	3	3

### the curbeez: awards 'n' stuff

best vocalist: Adam Duritz (Counting Crows)  
 best guitarist: Bob Mould (Sugar)  
 best drummer: Jim MacPherson (The Breeders)  
 best bassist: Josephine Wiggs (The Breeders)  
 best singles (5): "Cannonball," The Breeders  
 "Numb," U2  
 "Everybody Hurts," REM  
 "Possession," Sarah McLachlan  
 "Time Capsule," Matthew Sweet  
 worst album: *Debravation*, Debbie Harry  
 worst single: "I'd Do Anything For Love" etc., Meatloaf  
 biggest disappointment: *Rid of Me*, PJ Harvey  
 biggest surprise: *Jericho*, The Band

### RATINGS:

5- Holy biscuits!  
 4- Oh my my  
 3- Not bad  
 2- Not good  
 1- Ow