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# For The Record: Quick News On Jay-Z, Eminem, Master P, Aaron Carter, Mariah Carey, Sonic Youth & More

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**Jay-Z** will change clothes on Christmas Day — into a Santa suit. Not literally, but he will give out \$10,000 worth of toys to the kids of the Marcy Projects in Brooklyn, New York. Each year, Jay gives back to the folks of his old stomping grounds; in addition to the toys, he'll also hand out food and donations to some of the families. ...

While Jay and **P. Diddy** make moves to buy basketball teams, fellow rap star **Master P** will make moves while *on* a basketball team. The No Limit general signed on to play with the Las Vegas Rattlers of the ABA minor leagues. The 6' 4" Master P, whose real name is Percy Miller, joins the team as a forward and guard. Miller has played basketball before, with Fort Wayne of the CBA and San Diego of the IBL. He also tried out for the Charlotte Hornets in 1998 but didn't make the cut. The ABA season lasts through mid-March. ... Last month *The Source* revealed a recording of a young **Eminem** making offensive statements against black women, and now the magazine has reiterated the claim that the tape was recorded in 1993 and not earlier, as Eminem's camp has said. In a release Thursday, *The Source* claimed that the recordings were made direct-to-tape and that the Maxell cassette tape used was not manufactured until 1992. Also in the statement, the magazine's **Dave Mays** invited Eminem to come to *The Source* for a roundtable on racism and the hip-hop community. ...

A surprise guest at the **Cash Money Millionaires** annual Thanksgiving Day turkey giveaway in New Orleans was erstwhile member **B.G.** Relations between B.G. and CM had been acrimonious since the rapper left the fold and formed his own Chopper City Records, but the two camps started talking again after the murder of No Limit rapper **Souljah Slim** in November. However, a spokesperson for Cash Money said that the idea of B.G. returning to the label, as **Juvenile** did this year, was premature. ... **Mariah Carey** has invited a 16-year-old singer and cancer victim to open for her on Monday in Santa Barbara, California. **Becca Solodon**, a high school student who plays piano and guitar, had a leg amputated two weeks ago due to the progression of her disease. When Carey found out about Solodon's condition, she personally invited the teenager to record a song with her production team and perform at the concert. Solodon chose to record the **Lifeline** song "Simon." ...

As if the **Carter** family didn't have enough drama — what with **Nick** and **Aaron's** parents divorcing and their father being arrested this past August for domestic battery — Aaron has now fired his mother from being his manager and moved in with his father, who remains his manager. "I feel betrayed by my own mother," Aaron said in a statement. "All these problems started when she booted my dad. I worked hard for months and I come home and owe money!" In the meantime, mother **Jane** Carter filed for custody of Aaron and his twin sister, **Angel**, in a Florida family court this week. ... After appearing in a Beverly Hills, California, courtroom Thursday to address felony drug charges, **Courtney Love** had another hearing Friday — to address additional misdemeanor drug charges against her, for being under the influence on the night of her arrest, October 2. This hearing, like Thursday's, was also postponed — to January 28, one day after the next Beverly Hills hearing — to allow the judge time to get Love's probation reports to determine if she's eligible for drug diversion. ...

**Christopher Martin**, the Play of **Kid 'N Play**, and **Cheryl James**, Salt from **Salt-N-Pepa**, have teamed up with New York Knicks guard **Allan Houston's** entertainment company H2O Productions to stage "Rise," a hip-hop musical that's set to open in Atlanta on Sunday before embarking on a 19-city tour. The 22-member cast features members of **Whodini** and **Tamika Scott** of **Xscape**. ... Rap veteran **Erick Sermon** has signed to Universal/ Motown Records. Formerly of the legendary duo **EPMD**, the Green Eyed Bandit is expected to release a new solo album in the spring. ...

Album tracks by **Radiohead**, **Coldplay**, **Ryan Adams** and a previously unreleased track by a surprise supergroup called **Revboy** will be included on the Amnesty International album *Music for Human Rights*. But don't look for it in stores — the disc is only available to those who become members of Amnesty through a donation of \$15 or more. ... Original **Marilyn Manson** bassist **Gidget Gein** appears in the video for Manson's next single, "Saint," which was filmed last month at Los Angeles' Argyle Hotel. "XXX" actress **Asia Argento** directed and stars in the clip alongside **Eric Szmada** of "CSI." The video is expected to surface in January. ...

A limited-edition **Slayer** sneaker called Old Skool will be issued by Vans in the spring. The shoe is black with the band's logo in red across the tongue and the back. And the side of the sole is splattered with fake blood. ... **Sonic Youth** are working on their first DVD series and are assembling bonus tracks for the two-CD reissue of 1990's *Goo*. A post on the group's Web site says it plans to compile all its videos with commentary by the band and its peers for the first DVD. ... **Sugarcult** have set a March 9 release date for the follow-up to their 2001 debut, *Start Static*. Titled *Palm Trees and Power Lines*, the album was produced by **Gavin MacKillop** (**Goo Goo Dolls**, **Toad the Wet Sprocket**). ...