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In light of the recent events (The Chesney/Zellweger annulment; Chris Cagle's paternity question and Garth and Trisha's marriage...)

Is Media going overboard? How much do we REALLY want to know?

To what extent should the media get involved in publicizing an artist's or celebrity's personal affairs?

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2006-01-11 | 11:59

MERLE HAGGARD will be receiving a Lifetime Achievement award at this year's GRAMMY Awards. The GRAMMYS air live on CBS February 8th.

2006-01-11 | 11:37

RASCAL FLATTS will be launching their new "Me & My Gang" Tour in February. BLAKE SHELTON and JASON ALDEAN will be the opening acts.

2006-01-11 | 11:32

The fourth annual KEITH URBAN calendar to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research hospital is now available. The limited edition 2006 calendar, to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and its fight against childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases, features photos Urban taken by members of his fan club. Sales of the calendar are part of Country Fans Care for St. Jude Kids, a fund-raising program involving the fans of some of country music's biggest stars. FANS can find out more at [www.countrycares.com](http://www.countrycares.com) or by calling 800 886-3656.

2006-01-11 | 11:27

GARTH BROOKS and TRISHA YEARWOOD have recorded a duet single titled, "Love Will Always Win," that is due to be released next Tuesday. The song will be available on a re-release of Trisha's Jasper County CD that will include the new song. Plus Wal-Mart will make Garth's "Lost Sessions" available as a single CD with six additional tracks including the duet.

2006-01-09 | 15:31

WYNONNA & NAOMI JUDD and JOHN CONLEE will be inducted into the "Class Of 2006" at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. Lily Tomlin will present the awards on February 23rd at the Lexington Center Bluegrass Ballroom.

2006-01-09 | 14:58

Five Nashville music industry veterans have been invited to judge the 24th Annual Colgate Country Showdown. Craig Campbell (Sony Records), Keith Follese (Midas Records) Producer, Garth Fundis, Mike Martinovich (The Consortium Group) and Tinti Moffat (William Morris Agency) will be seated as professional critics at the National Finals as the five regional winners compete for \$100,000 and the title of Best New Act in Country Music. The National Finals, to be held Thursday, January 26, 2006 at the Ryman Auditorium, will be taped for television where country music duo Montgomery Gentry will star in America's Largest Talent Search, hosted by Kassie DePaiva of ABC's One Life To Live. The show is open to the public and is free of charge. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the show will start at 7:30 PM.

2006-01-09 | 13:33

Country music newcomers COWBOY CRUSH, TRENT TOMINSON and JOHN STONE will perform during the new artist showcases at the inaugural Sprint Sound and Speed - Presented by SunTrust - A Celebration of Music & Motorsports on Saturday, January 14 in Nashville.

2006-01-05 | 12:43

GRETCHEN WILSON and BIG & RICH will play a benefit show at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville on February 19th. The concert is a fundraiser for the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. The show will also include COWBOY TROY, JON NICHOLSON and JAMES OTTO. Proceeds will be given to the All for the Hall campaign, which helps underwrite the ongoing expenses for the Museum's

In what instances do you feel the media exploited the celebrity or artist?

In what instance do you feel the media appropriately covered a personal tragedy or event?

Do you feel it's the media's responsibility to get to the nitty gritty to tell all?

Would you rather "know all?" /or/ Would you prefer media respect the private affairs of the artist or celebrity?

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collection.

2006-01-05 | 12:42

Joaquin Phoenix and SHOOTER JENNINGS were at California's Folsom Prison on Tuesday for a screening of their film "Walk the Line." Not only did the two watch the movie with the inmates, they also performed a concert for them.

2006-01-05 | 12:41

DIAMOND RIO will participate in their 2nd Annual Team Rio Running for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee. The band members are long-time spokespersons of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. The fundraising effort will culminate in participation in the 2005 Country Music Marathon & 1/2 Marathon. Team Rio is currently recruiting members to run or walk Nashville's Country Music 1/2 Marathon on April 29.

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▼ Poll Question

Each month MCN.com will post a new public poll topic. This is where MusicCityNews would like your input! This is where YOU can voice your opinion!

January, 2006 Poll Question of the Month...

**The reality about Reality TV--Believe it or Not?**

- If you buy into reality TV, you'll buy ocean front property...in Arizona! (It's scripted.)
- It's just about as real as Joan Rivers mug! (The basis of the show is real, but a script with actors or models are added to create a dramatic effect.)
- Reality TV is Real. I believe!

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To submit YOUR suggestions for future polls:

Mail poll suggestions to: [jjones@musiccitynews.com](mailto:jjones@musiccitynews.com) indicate "Poll Suggestion" as the subject. If MCN.com selects your poll suggestion, we'll send you a complimentary Music City News hat or t-shirt. We will need the question with at least five variable responses.

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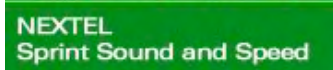
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