

## SONG OF THE DAY



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Song: Mean  
Artist: Pink  
Album: *Funhouse*  
Genre: Pop-Rock

**In short:** Pink's unique raspy voice separated her from the flood of female singer-songwriters that emerged in the early 00's. On this particular track, Pink channels her inner Rock'n'Roll chick, and manage to convey a heart-rending emotional depth.

## Lindsay & Cash 'never hooked up'



FILE - Actress Lindsay Lohan

**LOS ANGELES:** Did Lindsay Lohan make out with Jessica Alba's husband Cash Warren at an L.A. lounge recently? Not a chance, a source close to Alba and Warren told People.com. "The reports are totally untrue," the source says, denying that Lohan and Warren got amorous at Villa on Nov. 19 as some online sites have reported. "They never hooked up."

True, the two know each other "professionally," the source says, "[but] they are friendly - that's it."

As for Alba and Warren, "the rumors are hurtful but they're just so ridiculous," the source says. "They are very happy together and busy being parents. They're looking forward to spending the holidays together with family."

## Kendra Wilkinson unveils her holiday-ready house

**LOS ANGELES:** She may be weeks away from giving birth - but pregnancy hasn't slowed down Kendra Wilkinson's holiday prep, according to People.com. In a new post on her Web site, the reality star unveils a photo of her Carmel, Ind., home - all decked out with Christmas lights.

"Yesterday Hank and I put our lights up for lil Hank's first Xmas," Wilkinson, 24, wrote on her blog. "We're so excited he's gonna be here before the holiday!!!! We're gonna shower him with gifts even though he won't even know what they are lolol." "This is my favorite time of year," she wrote. "I feel so blessed that I'm getting the best present in the world!"



FILE - Kendra Wilkinson

# Katherine Heigl's Foundation saves the lives of 25 Chihuahuas

**LOS ANGELES:** Whether they knew it or not, travelers on an American Airlines flight to Boston on during the weekend had some VIPs joining them onboard: 25 adoptable Chihuahuas according to People.com. Transported from Kinder Rescue in Los Angeles to the Humane Society for Greater Nashua of New Hampshire (HSGN), the pups were being flown to a better future, thanks in part to the generosity of actress Katherine Heigl.

HSGN executive director Karen Bill and Kinder Rescue director Laurel Kinder had been trying for about three months to move a surplus of Chihuahuas from Hollywood to the northeast. Faced with an unbearably long drive and an expensive flight, solutions were scarce. But after contacting the Jason Debus Heigl Foundation - founded in honor of the Grey's Anatomy star's late brother and run by her and her mother - the problem was solved: The organization, which supports animal rescue efforts, offered \$25,000 to fly the pups from the West Coast. "It was amazing," Bill tells PEOPLEPets.com. "The ideal situation came true."

The 25 Chihuahuas were greeted at Boston's Logan International Airport by volunteers from HSGN. Five of the animals went to the Salem Animal Rescue League of N.H., and the rest were happily situated in Nashua by 6 p.m.

Though staffers at HSGN haven't spoken to Heigl directly, they plan to thank her heartily for her donation. "We're put-

ting together a photo CD of all the dogs, from the time we met them at the airport to the moment they go home with their new families," says Bill. "We want her to know how grateful we are."

The pooches - who range in age from about 1 to 4 years old - are currently undergoing medical evaluations and all have veterinary appointments Friday, and will be available for adoption on Saturday at 10 a.m. "The response has been phenomenal," Bill says.

"We had more than 40 voicemails Thursday morning from families inquiring about these dogs."

I can guarantee we'll have a line out the door starting at 9:30." Soon all of the dogs will have Hollywood-themed names, too, to tie them to their L.A. roots. "We already have a Stallone, because he's a little tough guy," Bill laughs. "I think we'll end up with a J. Lo, a Latoya, and more."

While Chihuahuas are seemingly everywhere in Los Angeles, they're somewhat more scarce in the northeast. "It's a Hollywood-made crisis," Bill says. "From Beverly Hills Chihuahua to Paris Hilton, people see these dogs and think they're cute accessories, but they're not. They're living beings that need attention."

Bill maintains they make great housepets because they're relatively easy to take care of, can thrive in colder climates and are extremely loyal. "All 25 would have been euthanized if we didn't take them," she says. "We're just so happy to be saving their lives."



FILE - Katherine Heigl posing with one of her Chihuahuas

## Nicolas Cage wins UN award for humanitarian work

**UNITED NATIONS:** Nicolas Cage has won a UN award night for his humanitarian work and has been appointed a goodwill ambassador for the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon presented the actor and filmmaker with the UN Correspondents Association's Global Citizen of the Year award for humanitarian endeavors.

Cage said his role will be "to shine a spotlight on

the need for global justice."

The Amnesty International advocate has donated \$2 million to establish a fund to help former child soldiers and led a campaign around his film, *Lord of War*, to raise awareness about international arms control. The secretary-general also presented a Global Citizen of the Year award to William Roedy, chairman of MTV Networks International, for his work to combat HIV and AIDS. -AP



FILE - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Executive Director Antonio Maria Costa (center) jokes with some of the inmates at Shimo La Tewa prison, Mombasa, Kenya, accompanied by actor Nicolas Cage (right) who is also the United Nations Goodwill ambassador on Drugs and Crime. (AP)

## Jenni Rivera changes course with mariachi album

**LOS ANGELES:** Jenni Rivera has established herself as a major star with her saucy take on Mexican brass-based banda music, into which she incorporates stories from her own life and gives voice to a hard-partying, hard-loving persona. Rivera released her long-awaited mariachi album, *La Gran Senora*, Dec. 1 on Fonovisa. While it's less autobiographical than her previous work, Rivera says that a mariachi album is a commercial risk she's earned the opportunity to take.

**Why did you decide to do a mariachi album now and not earlier in your career?**

**Rivera:** I don't think I was ready for it. And I don't think the industry was ready for it. You have to prove that you've conquered and that you've created a position with a certain style, which was banda ... In order to record mariachi, people need to believe it. And how will they believe it if you haven't lived it? So I needed to live it, I guess, first, and then express it throughout the recording.

**One of the tracks on the album is Freddy Fender's 'Before the Next Teardrop Falls.' Have you always been a fan of his?**

**Rivera:** Big time. I recorded years ago ... sometime in the '90s (a banda version of Fender's "Wasted Days and Wasted Nights." I was talking to some politicians here in L.A. - we're working on a few things together - and they are like those veterano cholo type of guys from back in the day, like, you know they were cholos when they were young but now they're successful politicians. They were in my kitchen sitting with me and I thought, "What can I record for these (guys)?" And right then and there, I thought, "Another Freddy Fender song." But let's give it, of course, a mariachi touch, but very acoustic.

**Are there any other singers whose work you plan to cover?**

**Rivera:** There might be some Dolly Parton songs that I would like to do. I would like to do some type of Brad Paisley, something like that, maybe translating it. I love his lyrics. And do it Jenni-style, but in Spanish, of course, maybe in mariachi or maybe norteno. I'm a big country fan, and I know that would surprise a lot of people because I'm so Mexican. Because I do what I do with such passion. But I'm a music lover above all. -Reuters

## 'Rolling Stone' to rock first restaurant

**LOS ANGELES:** Hungry like the wolf? Rolling Stone is ready to serve you. The bi-monthly music magazine this summer will open a restaurant and bar near the theater that hosts the Academy Awards, hoping to drum up business from tourists on the nearby Hollywood Walk of Fame. "Southern California and the city of Los Angeles are deeply entrenched in the history of both Rolling Stone and rock music, and we're excited to bring to life Rolling Stone magazine in Hollywood through what will be a very special place," publisher and editor Jann S. Wenner said on Friday. "Rolling Stone," which featured John Lennon on its first cover in 1967, is one of several magazines trying to survive a US recession that has crumpled many publications financially amid advertising losses and over-saturation of online content.

Its new venue will include a restaurant, bar, lounge and space for private events and will feature "exposed black brick, tufted leather and vaulted ceilings," said a statement by Wenner and real estate investors, the Lucky Rug Group. It's not the first time a music publication has tried a restaurant or bar. A nightclub that carried the "Billboard" magazine brand opened in 1996 on the famous Sunset Strip but closed after almost two years.

Other entertainment-themed restaurants have opened in Los Angeles and all over the world. The Hard Rock Cafe plans its own summer 2010 launch of a branch in the Hollywood and Highland shopping center that also will house the Rolling Stone venue.

The center contains shops, eateries and clubs, and it attracts millions of visitors every year. It is also home to the Kodak Theater, where the Academy Awards ceremony has been held for the past several years. -AP



FILE - British rock band the Rolling Stones (left to right) Mick Jagger, Ronnie Wood, Charlie Watts, and Keith Richards at London's Odeon cinema. (AFP)