R. KELLY, THE KING OF R&B RETURNS to the music arena with a third self-titled disc that promises to outdo the multi-platinum sales of his first two albums. In addition to his own hits, Kelly has also established his signature sound. The album, released on MCA, is already generating strong airplay and is expected to top Billboard's R&B charts. Kelly's success has reached international levels, with hits such as "I Believe I Can Fly" and "The World Ain't Enough" already making waves in the charts. His talent and passion for music are evident in every track, making his album a must-have for music lovers worldwide.

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Rap Sheet, the nation's first Hip-Hop newspaper, recently hosted its second annual rap and hip-hop industry convention, Working Towards A Unified Hip-Hop Nation II, in Hollywood. More than 1,200 entertainment industry reps joined rap artists and students for panel discussions and interactive workshops on battles issues concerning rap music and its impact on society. Panel members included addressing the amendment rights and social responsibility included (r) Mayor Omar Bradley of Compton, CA; Darryl James, Rap Sheet Editor; and Chuck D. of Public Enemy.