Media Questions Of The Week

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1. Was Summit Entertainment being racist when they released Italian market-focused posters for "12 Years A Slave" featuring Brad Pitt and Michael Fassbender or were they just featuring the bigger name stars of the film?

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2. How long will Google punish Rap Genius for its backlink scheme?

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3. Will Fruitvale Station, 12 Years A Slave or Mandela:Long Walk To Freedom receive Oscar nominations?

Throwback: Fishbone-Slick Nick You Devil You

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"Slick Nick, You Devil You" is Fishbone's Xmas parody of the Santa Claus myth from their 1987 It's A Wonderful Life EP. Santa is a tattoo-having, Jack Daniels-spilling bum who fell over the Xmas tree and gets immortalized by Black punk rockers. The video for "It's A Wonderful Life" was a meme for alternative rock fans in the '80's because of the black and white images of the band woven together with scenes from Frank Capra's film of the same name. The EP was short at 4 songs but

their punk funk nucleus was fully formed and their awareness of the somber side of a Reaganesque world produced one of the most original Xmas albums ever.

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1. Will all of the allegations and things mentioned in this week's <u>Village Voice</u> article about R.Kelly ever have any significant effect on his career?

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2. Is global racism really so deep that the Indians mistook Morgan Freeman for Nelson Mandela in a case of "they all look alike?" And the fact that Freeman played Mandela in a movie does not matter.

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- 3. Why didn't NWA, Chic, LL Cool J or The Meters make it into the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame this year?
- 4. Wasn't Beyonce's Walmart trip where she gave out \$50 gift cards a cool move after Target and Amazon refused to stock physical copies of her CD?

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1. Since the successes of "Django Unchained," "12 Years A Slave" and the addition of the F/X TV show "The Code" what is Hollywood's new fascination with slavery?

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2. Can Conrad Murray be charged with HIPAA violations for his disgusting interview about Michael Jackson?

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3. Are you going to see Spike Lee's "Oldboy" remake?