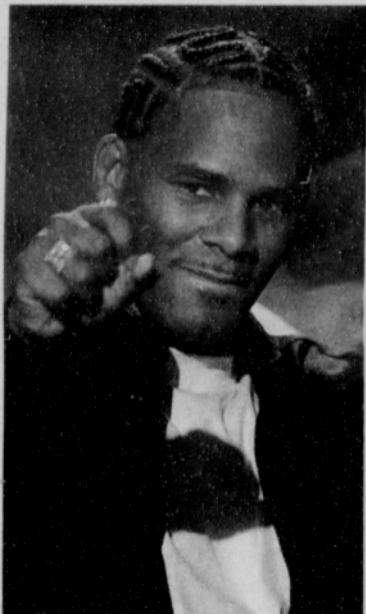


R. Kelly Leads Billboard R&B Nominations



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(AP) — Singer/songwriter R. Kelly tops the list of finalists for the Billboard-American Urban Radio Networks R&B/Hip-Hop Awards with eight nominations.

Kelly's nominations include top R&B/hip-hop artist, R&B/hip-hop artist-male and R&B/hip-hop single for "Step in the Name of Love."

Jay-Z has seven nominations, including top artist, top male artist and R&B/hip-hop album for "The Black Album." Beyonce, Alicia Keys and OutKast all have five nominations.

The annual awards show will be held Aug. 6 in Miami Beach.



NOBODY'S FOOL

Straight from Spanish Harlem, the up and coming Latin soul sensation Lil Eddie released his debut album "Nobody's Fool" at the age of 19.

The album introduces a young Puerto Rican with both a gift and a passion to be a "serious artist with the platinum touch," to move the masses touched by blistering rap, and Latin R&B.

"Many people couldn't believe in a Latin R&B sensation happening. Sometimes I wonder if I would ever make it, but God has blessed me so much. Now I can see that even my negative experiences have been blessings," he said of a rough upbringing in urban New York.

Lil Eddie is the first artist signed to super producer and Bad Boy recording artist Mario "Yellow Man" Winans' Yellow City.

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Thrilling Remake of a Classic Spy Story

The original psychological thriller, "The Manchurian Candidate," has been remade with stars Denzel Washington as a career soldier who grows suspicious about his experience in Desert Storm and Raymond Shaw, playing the son of a powerful senator, acted by Meryl Streep.

The film is set for wide release on Friday, July 30.



Denzel Washington is Army Major Bennett Marco in the remake of the 1962 psychological thriller, "The Manchurian Candidate."

"Medium Cool" Reveals Media Irresponsibility

For those who flip on the tube upon opening the door and shut it off only for bedtime, "Medium Cool," a documentary-style film argues that tv has a severe impact on American lives. The film is a 1968 groundbreaking directorial

debut for Haskell Wexler, who would eventually direct "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

"Medium Cool," starring Peter Bonerz and Robert Forster,

shows at the Northwest Film Center's Whitsell Auditorium, 1219 S.W. Park, at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 29.

Admission prices are \$7 general and \$6 for members, students and seniors.