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### Music to our ears

To record her comeback CD, her first in three years and the first for her new label, Def Jam, Mariah Carey retreated to the island of Capri. The result: a powerful set of ballads and up-tempo numbers, including the aptly titled single "Through the Rain."...Monica's not singing any sad songs on her third effort, *All Eyez on Me*. "It's a party record," she says. "The world has had plenty of tragedy to deal with recently."...Sir Paul McCartney's newest compilation, *Back in the U.S.*, a DVD and a two-CD live set, includes recent tour performances of Beatles and Wings classics like "Yesterday" and "Band on the Run." Says Sir Paul, "I wanted to capture the spirit of magical nights on the road."...When Missy Elliott says "Work It," you know you will. The first single from *Tonight* has chunky old-school beats, a sharp departure from Missy's trademark minimalist style. —Lisa Arcella



Express yourself: Monica's new album has a "feel-good flavor," the singer says. Choice track: "Too Hood," her duet with Jermaine Dupri.

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