

## WEEKEND UPDATE - JEBADIAH ATKINSON

MICHAEL

With the recent MTV Video Music Awards nominations coming out, we thought we'd ask 1860's Newspaper critic Jebadiah Atkinson to give us take on this year's VMA nominees.

TARAN

Thank you Michael...so thrilled to be back here once again.

MICHAEL

So have you been able to check out this year's VMA nominees?

TARAN

I've not only seen this year's nominees Michael but I've watched every music video since before MTV launched and polluted our lives. And I think as usual, you'll find that my reviews, while sometimes harsh, are more than fair and certainly qualify as objective. To call this year's nominees rubbish is an insult to rubbish Michael.

Let's start with Video of the Year nominee, Taylor Swift's Bad Blood - more like just bad. If I wanted to see an action packed cat fight I would pay two ladies of the night to act it out for me.

MICHAEL

Ladies of the night?

TARAN

Yes Michael. I believe they're now called pop stars.

Then there is Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars in Uptown Funk. More like Mark Ronson being carried by Bruno Mars. I haven't seen a white man take that much credit for something a black man did since Thomas Jefferson proclaimed his best cotton crop ever to James Madison.

And what about Ed Sheeran's Thinking Out Loud. Allow me to think out loud for a minute Ed. You want to know if she will love you when the crowds don't remember your name? Just wait and ask her in a couple of months.

MICHAEL

Well what about Walk the Moon's Shut Up and Dance? That was a fairly popular song.

TARAN

Yes, that song. They were victims of the night. Meanwhile we're all just the victims.

MICHAEL

Well there must be something you liked?

TARAN

I've never liked a music video Michael and by the looks of it that won't change anytime soon. I've reviewed them all, and I even brought with me a few classics from the archives tonight.

Brittany Spears Hit My Baby One More Time. I would but my father taught me to never hit a lady, so actually I guess it would be alright. Next!

Gangnam Style by Psy. Hey Kim Jong-un, want to make friends in the western world? Take care of this mess. Next!

Guns N' Roses November Rain. More like I'm in pain. Next!

MICHAEL

You don't like anything? How about Michael Jackson?

TARAN

Michael Jackson? You can't be serious, are you Michael? You know that glove wasn't for style, it was to hide his fingerprints. He was accused so often of child molestation he wrote a song about it. You know I'm bad? We know, I just can't believe no one else did. Billie Jean wasn't your lover? I figured, she wasn't a 13 year old boy.

And now Michael I've come to the worst music video of all time, Smells Like Teen Spirit by Nirvana. Although I'm not sure I should read you this one after the audience flew off the handle with Thomas Jefferson joke.

MICHAEL

That's probably a good...

TARAN

(Cutting off Michael)

Well I'm going to do it anyway Michael.

Nirvana's Smells Like Teen Spirit.

TARAN SINGS THE NEXT LINE TO THE TUNE OF SMELLS LIKE TEEN SPIRIT.

TARAN

(singing)

Hello, hello, hello, hell no.

TARAN

Seattle might have given the world Starbucks but that doesn't make up for this. The word Nirvana literally means blown out, which I wonder if that was the last thing to go through his mind...or almost the second to last thing.

MICHAEL

1860's newspaper critic Jebadiah Atkinson everyone.