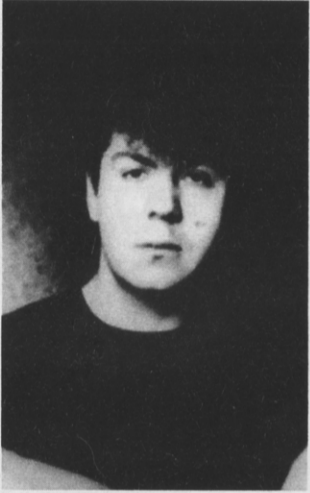


# News

## The Cure, Alcoholism and the High Court

Cure founders **Robert Smith** and **Lol Tolhurst** (sacked in 1989) are slogging it out in a London court. Tolhurst has accused Smith and manager Chris Parry of reducing his share of the Cure's earnings after he signed a contract in 1986 without taking legal advice, reducing his status from that of equal partner with Smith. In the court Smith said Tolhurst "ended up a tired, shambling shadow of his former self" and that drinking reduced his role "almost to that of court jester." Tolhurst says, "It was a vicious circle — I drank for confidence but later I lost my confidence because of the drink or the constant abuse, and became unable to perform." A High Court judgement is expected soon.



## NZ Bound Cypress Hill in Dope Bus

On their European tour, marijuana was found on Cypress Hill's tour bus at the French border, en route from Amsterdam. Customs officers released the rappers without charges. Security guards were treated for minor cuts when 30 punters in balaclavas with a makeshift battering ram, unsuccessfully tried to break through the stagedoor at Cypress Hill's Liverpool gig. The pro-marijuana rap group play NZ in May.

## U2 Win Damages

An Irish newspaper *The Sunday Independent* has had to pay damages and print an apology to U2 for a diary item that alleged loutish behaviour at a Dublin restaurant.

## Clean to Record Again

**Hamish Kilgour** has escaped the New York winter to record a new Clean album in Dunedin with brother **David Kilgour** and **Robert Scott**. While in town David and Hamish hope to do some 4-track recording as the **Great Unwashed**.

## Kim Gordon Expects Child

**Sonic Youth**'s new album *Experimental Jet Set, Trash and No Star* is scheduled for late April release. As Kim Gordon is expecting a baby in June, there are no plans to tour. **Butch Vig** produced the album and their first single is 'Bull in the Heather'.

## Guitarist Sues Bjork

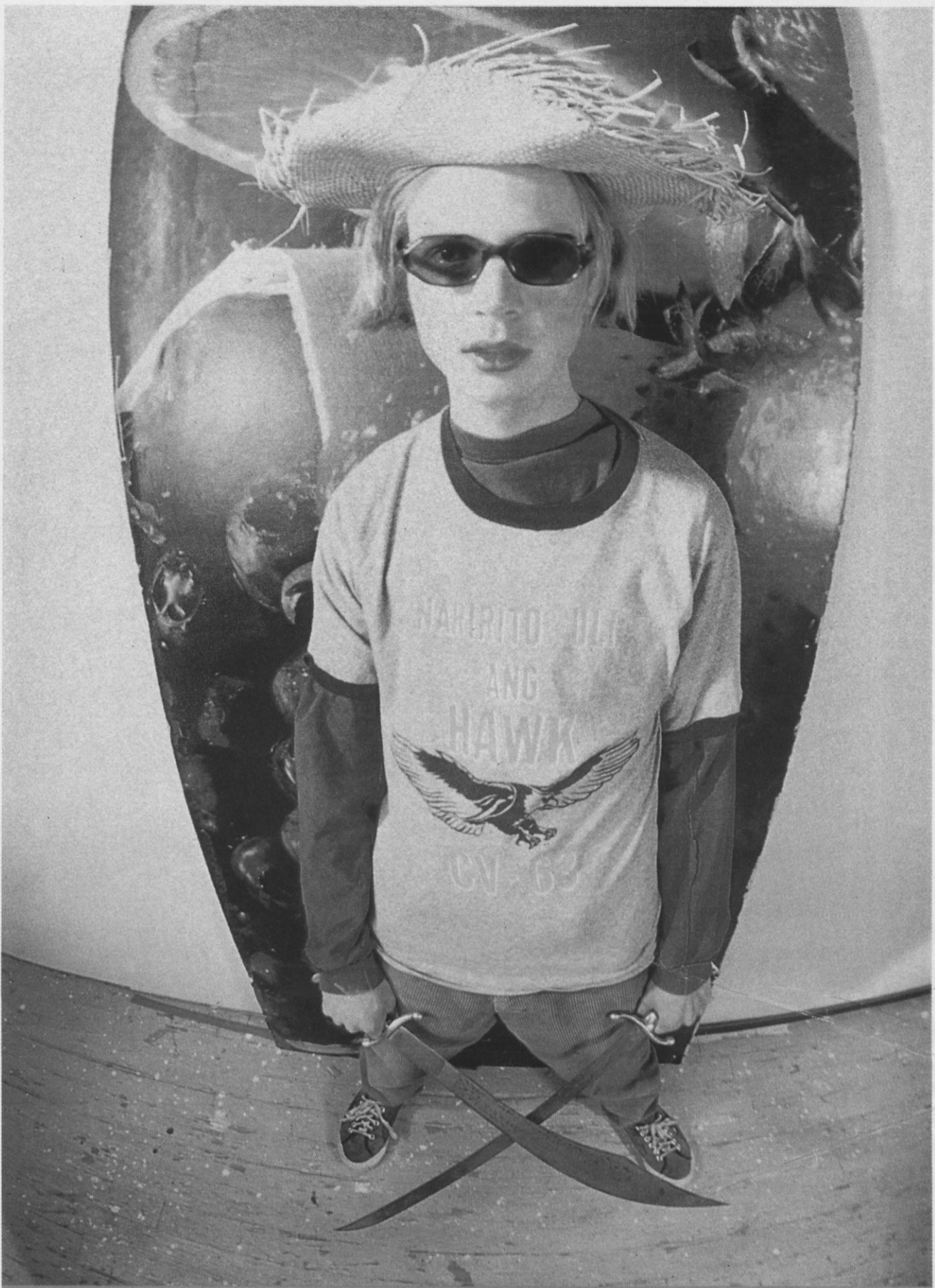
A musician **Simon Fisher** (stagename Lovejoy) claims he wrote a third of the material on Bjork's album *Debut* — four tracks including the two singles. Writs have been served on Bjork and her label so Bjork will face a High Court battle. These tracks were among the ten Fisher recorded with Bjork over two weeks in 1990.

## AIDS: Derek Jarman Dies (1942-1994)

Noted British film and video director Derek Jarman died after a public struggle with AIDS. Jarman directed the punk film *Jubilee*, *Caravaggio* and directed videos 'It's a Sin' and 'Rent' for the **Pet Shop Boys** and directed their world tour and made super-8 films to accompany the **Smiths** songs 'The Queen Is Dead', 'Panic' and 'There is a Light That Never Goes Out' and created super-8 films for Suede's Terence Higgins' benefit show July 1993. **Suede** dedicated their recent live *Top of the Pops* performance of 'Stay Together' to Jarman.

## Led Zeppelin Plan Acoustic Sessions

The three living members of Led Zeppelin are expected



We all know **Beck** for his wonderful hit song 'Loser'. Beck is only 23 and has been playing his own brand of folksy, hip-hop, heavy metal weirdo stuff for years and is now "at the centre of one of the most dramatic buzzes to come out of the L.A. music scene in nearly a decade." He says, "I think everybody should turn off their TV machines and make up their own songs about whatever comes to mind . . . their couch, their friends, their loaves of bread." Beck's album is called *Mellow Gold*.

to reform for two New York gigs as an acoustic three-piece to record an "unplugged" style film and album. **Robert Plant** and **Jimmy Page** met with **John Paul Jones** in Boston to discuss the project and Plant and Page are now rehearsing in London. It was decided to abandon plans to replace drummer **John Bonham** who died in 1980.

## Flying Nun Release More 7" Singles

In April there will be a further batch of Flying Nun 7" single releases. Titles are **King Loser** 'Stairway to Heaven, Highway to Hell', **Drill** 'Happy Home', **Solid Gold Hell** 'Sugarbag' and **Snapper** 'Vader'/'Gentle Hour'.

## Tommy Lee Conceals 40mm Weapon

**Motley Crue** drummer Tommy Lee will appear in court for carrying a concealed, loaded 40mm weapon boarding an aeroplane at Los Angeles airport. The Crue have just released a new album.

## Eddie Vedder in Court

The Pearl Jam singer Eddie Vedder has been summoned for "obstructing government operations" at a University of Colorado concert where Vedder allegedly chased security guards from the mosh pit.

## Flying Nun Doco

Watch out for John Taite's debut documentary *Flying*

*High With Flying Nun* (the Roger Shepherd story), on TV3's *Frenzy*, 11pm, April 7. John made the half hour film as part of his AIT Communication Studies degree and he got an "A" for it.

## Black Crowe: Rock Star Marries Model

Rich Robinson of the Black Crowes married Australian born Elite model Emma Snowball in Robinson's hometown of Atlanta. There were 250 guests and best man was brother Chris Robinson, the Crowes' singer. The band are now recording a new album in Los Angeles.

