

Package Tours to Woodstock '94

This year's 25 Year Anniversary Woodstock promises to be the American concert event of the year. 12,000 bus and plane ticket packages for the concert were snapped up on the first day of sales. The following acts are confirmed: Aerosmith, Peter Gabriel, Cypress Hill, Johnny Cash, Nine Inch Nails, Spin Doctors, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Bob Dylan, Alice in Chains, Jimmy Cliff, Melissa Etheridge, Metallica, the Neville Brothers, Joe Cocker, Porno for Pyros, Cranberries, Crosby Stills and Nash, the Allman Brothers Band, Arrested Deveopment and the Rollins Band. Tickets cost \$135 for the Aug 13-14 fesival in Saugerties, N.Y. In order to protect the environment and make life livable for inhabitants of the area, tickets initially went on sale only for

those buying the bus or air packages. To encourage car pooling, tickets will be sold only in blocks of four with one parking pass per car. Those who drive will be parked away from the site and bused to the concert. A total of 250,00 tickets are available



Pavement tour in July playing July 12 Dunedin, 13 Christchurch, 15 Welington, 16 Auckland.

British stand up comic Ben Elton tours June 21 Christchurch, 22 Dunedin, 23 Auckland, 24 Wellington.

UK Jazz guitarist Ronny Jordan play Auckland Town Hall June 24 and Wellington Town Hall the following night.

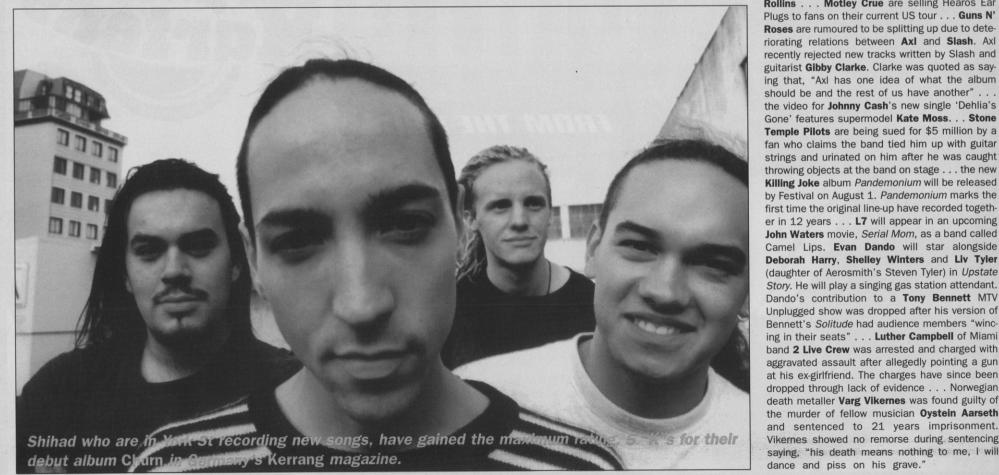
The Village People will tour late June playing June 28 Auckland, 29 Christchurch, 30 Wellington, 31 Palmerston North.

Paul Kelly returns with Deborah Conway supporting. They play August 2 Oueenstown, 3 Dunedin, 4 Christchurch, 5 Wellington, 6 Auckland.

Bad Brains play Auckland's Powerstation on August 3.

Later this year expect Frank Black, Superchunk, Lydia Lunch, Pantera, Sepultura and Pearl Jam.

Rumoured for outdoor shows early 1995 are Pink Floyd, Rolling Stones and the Eagles with original members Don Henley and Glen Frey.



FOREIGN NEWS

The first official posthumous release from Kurt Cobain will be a demo version of Nirvana's 'Pay To Play' released on a forthcoming Geffen compilation. The song eventually became 'Stay Away' on their second album Nevermind.. Cobain's widow Courtney Love attended the recent MTV Film Awards with REM's Michael Stipe who had been recording with Cobain before his death. At least four Hollywood film companies are developing scripts on Cobain's life. Actors rumoured to appear in the final productions include Evan Dando, Meg Ryan, Stephen Dorff and Brad Pitt . . Hole bassist Kristin Pfaff was found dead in her Seattle home on June 22. Initial reports suggested she died of an accidental heroin overdose . . . George Michael has lost the first round in his court battle with Sony Music after an \$18 million costs defeat. The former Wham! singer is seeking to extricate himself from his contract with the label. He is planning to appeal the decision . . . the Godfather of soul James Brown and the "beautiful" Little Richard appeared together on US game show Wheel Of Fortune . The team showed a limited understanding of the alphabet. "Give me an X", said James . . correspondence between John Lennon and Paul McCartney after the Beatles' 1970 split has surfaced in New York and has changed hands for \$125,000 . . . in NY Flavor Flav gave himself up to the police when he discovered there was a warrant issued for his arrest after he missed a court apperance on firearms related charges . . . Salt-N-Pepa will record two pilots for a sitcom for US network Fox later this year . . . Consolidated will support House Of Pain on their forthcoming UK tour . Echo & the Bunnymen's Ian McCulloch and former bandmate Will Sergeant have teamed up to form Electrafixion, but deny it's the reformation of the Bunnymen . . . The fire that destroyed the main stage at Glastonbury Music Festival in the UK two weeks ago was caused by an electrical fault according to organisers. The festival went ahead using a smaller stage . . . soul legend Curtis Mayfield will join the list of panellists at the New Music Seminar in New York during July . . . in California Motown funk pioneer Rick James was ruled ineligible to complete a drug rehabilitation programme and will have to serve out his five year jail term. If James had been admitted to the programme he could have been released later this year. Motown have just released the Rick James greatest hits album Bustin' Out . . . Blind Melon have cancelled the remaining dates in their European Tour. Lead singer Shannon Hoon recently completed a one month stay in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation clinic and was judged not mentally and physically ready to perform on stage . . . the new Beastie Boys single 'Get It Together' features a video with the band in full 70s cop show mode. Newly practising buddhist Adam Yauch performs all his own car stunts . . . Blixa Bargeld, guitarist with the Bad Seeds will be replaced by Gallon Drunk's James Johnson for the Lollapalooza tour of the US as he has prior commitments in Germany. The video for the Bad Seeds new single 'Loverman' was shot in San Paolo, Brazil. The band were all under hypnosis for the filming of the clip . . . Californian band Green Day have been added to the mainstage for the second half of the Lollapaloza tour . . . headliners at this year's Reading Festival in England include Primal Scream, Therapy?, Cypress Hill, Ice Cube, Frank Black, Lemonheads, Pavement, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Soundgarden and Henry Rollins . . . Motley Crue are selling Hearos Ear Plugs to fans on their current US tour . . . Guns N' Roses are rumoured to be splitting up due to deteriorating relations between AxI and Slash. AxI recently rejected new tracks written by Slash and guitarist Gibby Clarke. Clarke was quoted as saying that, "Axl has one idea of what the album should be and the rest of us have another" . . . the video for Johnny Cash's new single 'Dehlia's Gone' features supermodel Kate Moss. . . Stone Temple Pilots are being sued for \$5 million by a fan who claims the band tied him up with guitar

Killing Joke album Pandemonium will be released by Festival on August 1. Pandemonium marks the first time the original line-up have recorded together in 12 years . . . L7 will appear in an upcoming John Waters movie, Serial Mom, as a band called Camel Lips. Evan Dando will star alongside Deborah Harry, Shelley Winters and Liv Tyler (daughter of Aerosmith's Steven Tyler) in Upstate Story. He will play a singing gas station attendant. Dando's contribution to a Tony Bennett MTV Unplugged show was dropped after his version of Bennett's Solitude had audience members "wincing in their seats" . . . Luther Campbell of Miami band 2 Live Crew was arrested and charged with aggravated assault after allegedly pointing a gun at his ex-girlfriend. The charges have since been dropped through lack of evidence . . . Norwegian death metaller Varg Vikernes was found guilty of the murder of fellow musician Oystein Aarseth and sentenced to 21 years imprisonment. Vikernes showed no remorse during sentencing saying, "his death means nothing to me, I will dance and piss on his grave."

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