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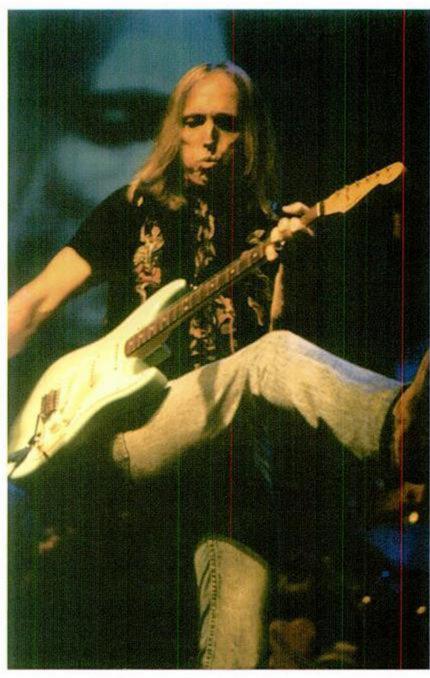
Back In Black!

Slip it in! The prayers of muscle-bound sensitive types, scrawny fans of spoken word and gutter-punks of every variety have finally been answered! On Tuesday, December 3rd Henry Rollins and Chuck Dukowski of the mighty Black Flag are reuniting at the Hollywood location of Amoeba Music. The forefathers of experimental, introspective hardcore will be performing in support of *Rise Above*, a Flag tribute CD that benefits the West Memphis Three.

After the set, the boys will be signing autographs and cleaning their sweat off the Amoeba racks. For Pete's sake, someone get Greg Ginn on the phone! And get CMJ Retail some plane tickets. For more info on the West Memphis Three, go to wm3.org.



Wayne Coyne of the Flaming Lips just before fueling his next psychedelic freak-out by detaching and devouring the adrenal glands of two toy poodles. He originally arrived on site to do an in-store Q&A at Denver's Twist And Shout for 120 Flaming Lips fans — a motley assemblage of art majors, record store clerks, wannabe record store clerks, wannabe art majors and the one girl who remembers them at the Peach Pit on 90210. Coyne spent three hours answering questions and eating dogs, the transcript of which will soon be available at the official Twist And Shout Web site: www.twistandshout.com. The two toy poodles, Louis and Lily (owned by T&S owners Jill and Paul), had the most important question of the day: "Will you spare our lives?"



TOP 20 IN-STORE PLAY

Period Ending 11/26/2002

LABEL	ARTIST + TITLE	LW	rw
MCA-PIAS America	SIGUR ROS ()	2	À
RCA-Roswell	FOO FIGHTERS One By One	1	2
BMG-Artist Direct	BADLY DRAWN BOY Have You Fed The Fish?	3	3
Interscope-Epic	AUDIOSLAVE Audioslave	-	4
Lost Highway-American	JOHNNY CASH American IV: The Man Comes Around	5	5
Constellation	GODSPEED YOU! BLACK EMPEROR Yanqui U.X.O.	7	6
ATO-RCA	DAVID GRAY A New Day At Midnight	19	1
Matador	INTERPOL Turn On The Bright Lights	8	8
Epic	PEARL JAM Riot Act	4	9
Rawkus Entertainment	TALIB KWELI Quality	-	10
DGC-Interscope	BECK Sea Change	6	11
Geffen	NIRVANA Nirvana	11	12
DreamWorks	OURS Precious	9	13
Sub Pop	HOT HOT HEAT Make Up The Breakdown	16	14
Capitol	GEORGE HARRISON Brainwashed	-	15
Atlantic	MATCHBOX TWENTY More Than You Think You Are	-	16
Epic	TORI AMOS Scarlet's Walk	10	17
Universal-Republic	3 DOORS DOWN Away From The Sun	_	18
Interscope	JURASSIC 5 Power In Numbers	12	19
Atlantic	DONNAS Spend The Night	14	20

Chart information is based on in-store play reports from CMJ's panel of independent retailers, coalitions and small to medium-size chain reporters.

Signifies upward movement

Patron saint of long, stringy hair Tom Petty is on tour with the Heartbreakers! *Bonus Music Geek Joke:* Of the Heartbreakers, no one's more excited about the tour than Richard Hell, but getting Thunders to go has been fairly difficult. Catch the Heartbreakers when they bring their music-industry slap-fest *The Last DJ* to a city near you: Philadelphia (12/3), Columbus, OH (12/4), Lexington (12/5), Detroit (12/7), St. Paul (12/9), Chicago (12/11), New York (12/13), Boston (12/14), Gainesville (...we're still waiting, pal!).



Over 300 people attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the November 14th grand opening of the 23rd North American Virgin Megastore, located in salty Salt Lake City. Parachuters landed in the Olympic Fountain and brought up a huge pair of scissors for North American Virgin Entertainment Group CEO Glen Ward to do the honors. Pictured above (from left) Virgin Entertainment Group North America senior VP of product and marketing Dave Alder, former Utah Jazz player and current R&B singer Thurl Bailey, pianist Kurt Bester and Glen Ward... But forget that, 'cause we all know that you're checkin' out those Utah Jazz cheerleaders! (Sigh. Uninspired Maxim-esque humor. What hath we become?)