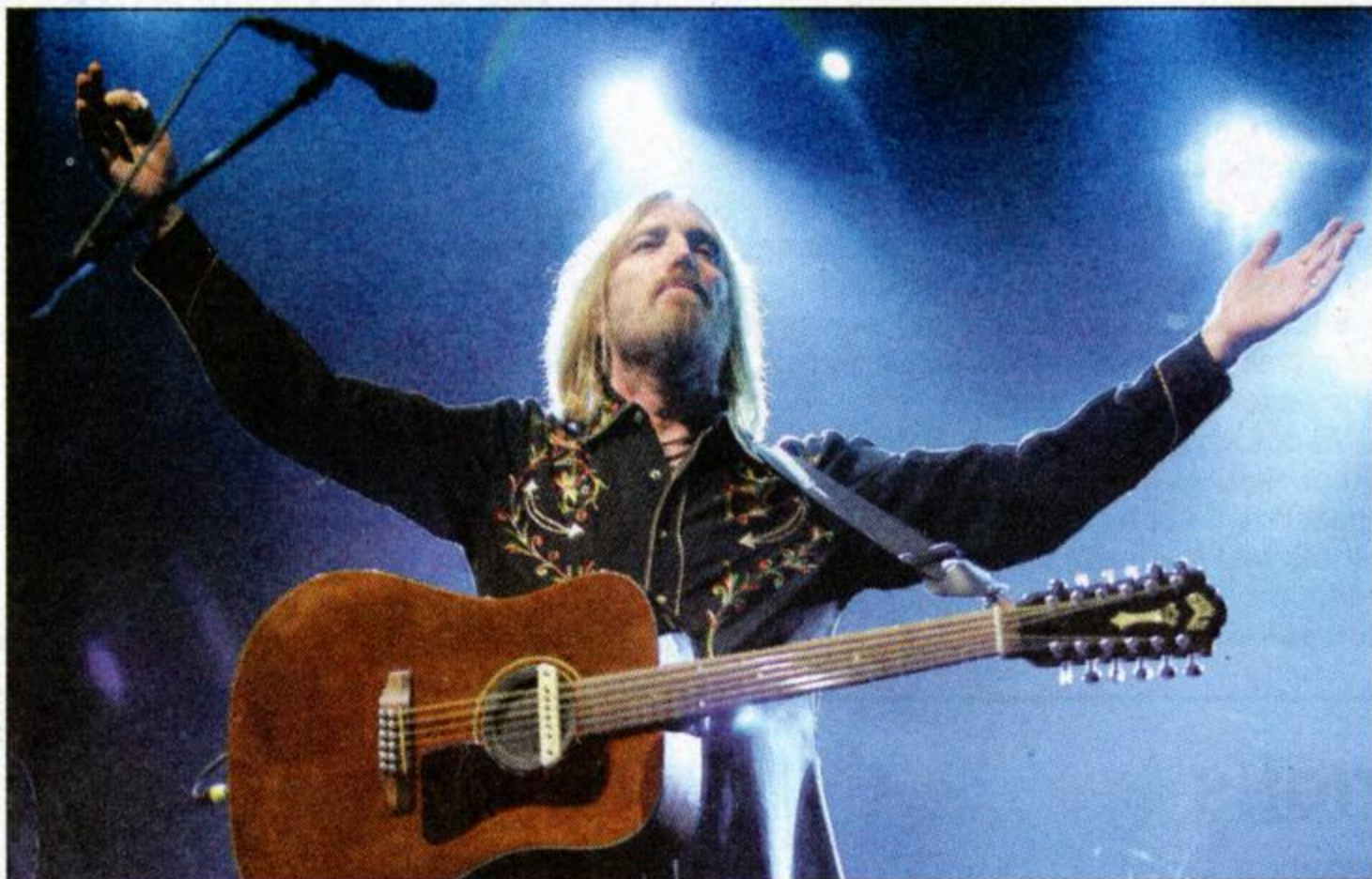


Heartbreakers headed here



Tom Petty performs at Madison Square Garden in New York City in this June 17, 2008 photo. Petty and his band The Heartbreakers will be playing two shows next spring in Atlantic Canada – one at the Halifax Metro Centre and the other at Mile One Stadium in St. John's, N.L. Specific dates haven't been confirmed, but the group will be coming in either late May or early June. UPI

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IN BRIEF

RCMP lay assault charge against 28-year-old Halifax police officer

HALIFAX – A Halifax Regional Police officer has been accused of assaulting a woman.

Halifax police say the RCMP responded to a call last Sunday in Enfield involving an off-duty officer and a woman known to him.

As a result of an investigation conducted by the RCMP, an assault charge was laid against the officer.

Const. Ashley Lewis is scheduled to appear in provincial court in Shubenacadie on Dec. 19.

Halifax police say Lewis has been placed on administrative duties pending the outcome of the court case. The 28-year-old officer has been with the force for 18 months.

RCMP looking for 15-year-old boy who disappeared from youth home

MONCTON – A 15-year-old boy has gone missing from a youth residence in New Brunswick. James (Jamie) Hannah was reported missing after he left the residence in Moncton on Tuesday afternoon.

The RCMP say no one has heard from him since Wednesday.

Hannah is described as being five-foot-11, 140 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes.

He was wearing blue jeans and a purple and yellow hoodie when last seen.

Reward offered in Halifax murder case

HALIFAX – A \$150,000 reward is being offered for information in the murder of a driver for a Halifax-area pizza restaurant last year.

Nova Scotia's Justice Department has added the case of Donald Chad Smith to its Major Unsolved Crimes Program. Smith was shot at 15 Joseph Young St., at about 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 23, 2010.

Driver facing huge fine for stunting

HALIFAX – A Nova Scotia driver is facing a \$2,400 fine for driving 182 kilometres per hour in a 110 zone. RCMP say the 32-year-old was charged with stunting after his BMW was stopped Thursday on Highway 103 in the Timberlea area. The man's vehicle has been impounded for at least a week.

He is also charged for failing to have insurance or a valid driver's licence. Stunting is defined as driving more than 50 kilometres per hour over the speed limit.

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