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## Country Fair

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gy shortages across the nation, the fair will feature several educational booths in a section known as "Energy Park." Interactive displays at these booths will focus on solar energy use, recycling methods and ways to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Cloth diapers will even be available for daily rental in the En-

And as part of the fair's "Alter-Abled Access Advocacy" program, many performances will be translated by sign language interpreters.

Though it lasts only a few days each year, the Oregon Country Fair is a "365-day community," said Norma Sax, an administrative as-

#### The 32nd annual **Oregon Country Fair:**

Advance tickets are available at all FASTIXX outlets and most Safeway

Friday: \$10

Saturday: \$15

Sunday: \$10

Day-of-event tickets will be sold at the Lane County Transit District Downtown Station and at the customer service kiosk in Valley River

sistant for the event.

Throughout the year, she said, the not-for-profit corporation remains active in the local commuFriday: \$12 Saturday: \$17

Sunday: \$12

LTD will also offer free shuttle service to the fair with a ticket.

Tickets to most campgrounds in the area can be purchased at the University Ticket Office.

To order tickets, call FASTIXX at 1-800-992-8499.

For more information call the Oregon Country Fair at 343-4298 or visit the Oregon Country Fair Web site at oregoncountryfair.org.

nity through various philanthropic activities, such as supporting arts programs in schools and other social assistance programs.

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crooner - and stellar photographer — Tom Patterson posted feedback to my last column on the Emerald Web site requesting more Backstreet Boys news in general. Tom, this one is all for you.

In case you missed it, A.J. McLean, the 23-year-old dreamboat with the pencil-thin mustache and sideburns, has checked himself into a 30-day rehab program because of depression and al-

McLean's bandmates discussed the incident, which will postpone the start of the U.S. tour that was scheduled to hit Portland on Sept. 10, during an MTV interview. A message on their Web site cited the recent death of McLean's grandmother for the problem.

Fellow BSBer Kevin Richardson told MTV the band didn't want to try to dodge the issue, but face it head-on.

"We want to be honest with our fans," Richardson said as bandmate Brian Litrell and the whole freaking TRL audience misted up with grief. "He's getting help. He's going to be better.'

All unsurprisingly easy joking aside, the death of a loved one and alcoholism are tough, serious issues and Mr. Lang would wish anyone in that position a quick and full recovery, regardless of how much his or her band has polluted the atmosphere of pop

In fact, touring acts are just dropping like flies this week. Weezer, who appear frequently

in this column, have canceled some dates of their UK tour because of exhaustion.

Finally, the Wu-Tang Clan never seem to die, but now one fan has. A bus carrying about 20 fans from the Wu show at the Century Club in Los Angeles came under fire from a car driving up L.A.'s Little Santa Monica Boulevard. Tony Lorenzo Galloway, 26, died before the driver could reach UCLA Medical Centre - in part because the driver could not find the entrance to the emergency

With all this in mind, it might be best to stay home and not see a show this week. Bad vibes.

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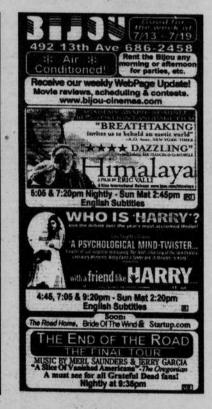
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