

Like Dan Rather, but with music instead

A&E briefs

Big news: **The Breeders** are getting back together and coming to Eugene. Music fans may find the news less than surprising as talk of a reunion seemed to stir the moment the band parted ways.



Jeremy Lang
The Be-In

The news is that a tour actually came together, and it's stopping in Eugene. The Breeders will pop by the W.O.W. Hall on Oct. 26. Tickets for the all-ages show go on sale Aug. 17 for \$13 at FASTIXX.

More minuscule news: **Debbie Gibson** is getting back together ... with herself, I guess, and she's coming to ... well, the closest she'll get is Texas. But, performing under the more mature **Deborah**

Gibson moniker, Ms. Gib is embarking as the opening act for six of *NSYNC's Pop Odyssey Tour dates.

More important news: In Friday's A&E section of *The Oregonian*, **The Dandy Warhols'** frontman, **Courtney Taylor-Taylor**, was part of a group interviewed about their dirty musical pleasures. Mr. Taylor said none other than *NSYNC.

Although *The Dandys* can't even make the "Hot List" for America's *Rolling Stone*, the band is the top dog in the U.K. and Australia, where "13 Tales From Urban Bohemia" is nearing platinum, and the Australian *Rolling Stone* did a feature on artists' favorite albums, including Mr. Taylor. *NSYNC didn't make this list, but a few other timeless classics did. He picked, among others, "Dre 2001" from **Dr. Dre**, "Blonde on Blonde" from **Bob Dylan**, "London Calling" by **The Clash**, "Back in Black" from **AC/DC** and "Voodoo" from R&B ab-master **D'Angelo**.

Further Dandys-based news: "Sol-

id" from "13 Tales" will be the theme song for the FOX college show "Undeclared." Mr. Lang declares this will be another instance where the quality of the music outweighs the quality of the show itself. Time will tell. You can call him on that one if you want.

Interesting news: One of Mr. Lang's **Weezer** fanatics whispered a tidbit on the street yesterday that the band will reshoot the video for the current "Island in the Sun" single with video-genius/god **Spike Jonze**, who directed the band's "Buddy Holly" clip. Jonze just wrapped shooting on his second film, the follow-up to "Being John Malkovich."

Rolling Stone reported that bassist **Mikey Welsh** has left the band and returned to his hometown due to a "private medical condition," making this, in Mr. Lang's mind, the Official Summer of Rehab. As the band prepares for a massive fall tour and writes material for a new album, the boys will look for a new bassist — their third since their debut album.

Annoying news: **Tori Amos** has joined an elite club of artists to announce major tours without an Oregon stop. Amos, with **Rufus Wainwright**, will hit Vancouver, British Columbia, on Nov. 8, Seattle on Nov. 9 and Oakland, Calif., on Nov. 11.

Back From the Dead News: **The Smashing Pumpkins** will release a two-disc set on a yet-to-be-determined fall date. The first will be a greatest hits collection with a bunch of new photos in the liner notes. The second disc, currently titled "Judas," will be a B-sides collection from the latter part of the band's discography, much like "Pisces Iscariot" covered the lost-but-not-forgotten tracks from the Pumpkins' first albums. The disbanded group also have plans to release a DVD of all their music videos with documentary footage about the making of the clips.

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Addition of EMU music store will be delayed

Plans to place a music store in the EMU have been put on hold until fall classes start, but EMU Business Manager Susan Racette said the project has not been scrapped.

The deadline for businesses to apply for the store passed without any bidders, Racette said, even though she had sent information packets to most of the music stores in Eugene and Portland looking for a business interested in opening a "branch store" in The Break.

The Break is the only EMU service that is losing money. To solve that, EMU administrators planned to remodel the back room of The Break, move the arcade games to that room and turn the arcade into a music store.

Racette said some businesses told her the changing music technology kept them from taking the financial risk of opening a new store.

The EMU Board will put the music store at the top of its agenda in the fall.

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