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BON JOVI, AMERICAN IDOL IN NEWS NOTES



Bon Jovi will be the first performers to appear at Newark, New Jersey's new Prudential Center, starting October 26. The arena, which will have a seating capacity of 19,500 for concerts will be the home of the National Hockey League's New Jersey Devils. Frontman **Jon Bon Jovi** said during Wednesday night's (May 2) telecast of *American Idol* that the band would be playing 10 nights at the new arena; however, the promoters for the shows said that the number of performances have not yet been determined...

Two contestants were eliminated from *American Idol* Wednesday night, and now, only four contestants remain. **Phil Stacey** and **Chris Richardson** were both eliminated from the competition based on the combined vote totals from the past two weeks. No contestants were eliminated last week after a charity show that raised more than \$70 million. The remaining contestants are **Jordin Sparks**, **Melinda Doolittle**, **Lakisha Jones**, and **Blake Lewis**...

Fresh off a successful comeback at the *Coachella Music & Arts Festival*, **The Jesus and Mary Chain** will play two shows at New York City's Webster Hall, May 21 and 22, before spending the summer performing throughout Europe...

Legacy Records will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the passing of **Jeff Buckley** with the release of *So Real: Songs From Jeff Buckley*, May 22. Buckley's career came to a tragic and untimely end May 29, 1997, at age 30, when he died in a swimming mishap outside Memphis, Tennessee, by the banks of the Mississippi River. Two tracks will make their album debut: an acoustic version of "So Real," which was recorded in Japan, and a live version of "I Know It's Over," recorded at the Sony Studios in New York City in 1995...

MXPX will release its eighth album, *Secret Weapon*, July 17, via Tooth & Nail. The group, which confirmed a headlining tour on the *Tooth & Nail Tour*, which kicked off Tuesday (May 1) and runs through June 11...

MVD Visual will release *Lake, Greg – Welcome Backstage*, a DVD featuring **Greg Lake** and his band as they went through pre-tour rehearsals prior to their fall 2005 tour. The feature captures a selection of full-length tracks, excerpts from rehearsals, backstage footage, and interviews. The label will also release *Lake, Greg – Greg Lake*, a single live CD, which features the founding member of **King Crimson**, and singer for **Emerson, Lake and Palmer**, performing many of his best known classics, including "Lucky Man" and "21st Century Schizoid Man" during a 2005 performance at Stevenage Concert Hall Arena. Both releases will hit store shelves June 26...

The Pipettes will release an EP, *Your Kisses Are Wasted On Me*, June 5, via Cherrytree/Interscope Records. The group will also kick off another round of North American tour dates in June, starting with a June 1 performance in Toronto, Ontario, and wrapping June 15, in Vancouver, British Columbia...

DJ Tiesto will follow-up his highly-lauded performance at *Coachella*, with a 19-date tour of North America, which will kick off at New York City's Hammerstein Ballroom, July 19 and 20, and wrap with an outdoor show at Washington, DC's Love, September 15...

Lifesavas will kick off a tour of North America in support of their new album, *Gutterfly*. The *Urban Legend* tour will kick off May 9, in Seattle, Washington, and run through a June 30 performance in Portland, Oregon. They will be joined on various dates by **Strange Fruit Project**, **Cancer Rising**, **DJ Marc Sense**, **Head-Roc**, **Black Sheep**, and **Muamin Collective**...

Monster In The Machine, led by **KoRn** guitarist **James "Munky" Shaffer** will release *Butterfly Pinned* July 10 at online outlets, and August 21 at retail. The Emotional Syphon Recordings release is one of two to be released by the independent label, which is owned by Shaffer...

Chris Marsol will release his next album, *Butterflies, Lipstick & Hand Grenades* later this year. The San Francisco Bay-area singer wrote, arranged, and produced the disc...

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