



Kings of Leon had to end their July 23 outdoor concert in St. Louis when a massive fleet of pigeons flew over the stage and took direct aim at the band. One bomb hit bassist **Jared Followill** square in the mouth as the avian battalion unleashed a blitzkrieg of liqui-shit so fierce that the Kings abandoned their set after only three songs. We'd like to congratulate the pigeons on their excellent marksmanship.

Pink took an unintended stage dive into a barricade at her July 15 concert in Nuremberg, Germany after her trapeze harness malfunctioned. The singer was taken to the hospital immediately and given a clean bill, though the fall left her in plenty of pain. Fall down go boom!

Some asswad (or gang of asswads) stole **Phosphorescent's** tour van and the \$40,000 worth of gear contained therein in Brooklyn July 8. Donations poured in, locals scouted pawn shops, Craigslist and eBay for the purloined items, and New York's finest miraculously located the missing goods



**Ferry
Godfather!**

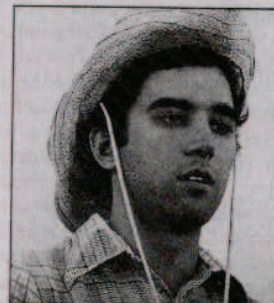
several days later, unharmed upon initial inspection. Maybe there's some faith to be found in humanity after all?

Grand Ole Opry star **Charlie Louvin** has been diagnosed with stage 2 pancreatic cancer. Louvin, who just passed his 83rd birthday, faces a grueling six-hour surgery and two weeks of recuperation at Vanderbilt Med. We wish him a speedy recovery.

King pimp daddy **Bryan Ferry** has corralled **Brian Eno**, **Phil Manzanera** and **Andy Mackay** for his next outing, *Olympia*; the collaboration will mark the first time the foursome has worked together on an album since **Roxy Music's** *For Your Pleasure*. **Radiohead** guitarist **Jonny Greenwood**, **David Gilmour** and **Nile Rodgers** help round out *Olympia's* lineup as well. Oct. 24, kids!

A special-edition reissue of **David Bowie's** 1976 classic *Station to Station* is heading to a brick 'n' mortar record shop near you Sept. 28. Director **Cameron Crowe** penned the liner notes to the triple-disc set, which also entails rare and previously-unreleased versions of the album's original contents.

Sufjan Stevens has broken ground on the long-awaited follow-up to *Illinois* with **The National**, whom he joined on *Late Night with David Letterman* a little over a month ago. Details are scant at this point, but we're confident you share our excitement.



Sufjan: The Squeakquel!

Foxy Brown's comeback efforts were thwarted July 21 when she was arrested for an entertaining confrontation with her ex-neighbor – the same woman Brown domed with her **BlackBerry** in 2007. Brown allegedly besieged the woman with obscenities before she dropped trou and shouted, "Kiss my ass!" Brown's hilarious antics also constituted a violation of the protective order the victim wisely obtained against Brown, and the rapper faces seven years in the clink if convicted. Brown's former therapist chimed in with the following brief from the No Shit, Sherlock department: "She obviously has a lot of issues."

Wilco have parted ways with **Nonesuch** after possibly realizing that a deal with a subsidiary of the label that screwed them so royally wasn't such a good idea after all. The group may or may not start their own label for future releases, and we honestly don't give a shit at this point anyway.

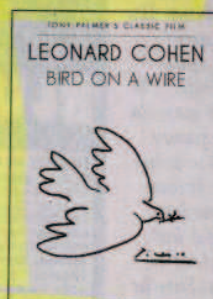
It's been nearly a year since **George Michael** slammed into a commercial truck at nearly 100 mph and skipped down the highway in his Crocs. On July 4,

he commemorated the occasion by plowing his Range Rover into a Snappy Snaps photo shop on his way home from a gay pride parade. Michael, fast approaching prunedom at 47, was booked on suspicion of being unfit to drive (!) and released on bail.

Speaking of hot messes, **Courtney Love** lost it and went all batshit-crazy during **Hole's** June 27 set in Washington, D.C. The widow Cobain blundered through songs she admittedly forgot how to play and said, "This is a really weird show. I can't tell if it's really terrible." Most of the audience was out the door and down the street by the time she doffed her top for the encore.

Hole's concert wasn't the only event that sent crowds fleeing in droves last month: **John Zorn's** Montreal Jazz Festival wank-a-thon with **Lou Reed** and **Laurie Anderson** elicited so many jeers from the audience that the saxophonist became enraged and told them to "get the fuck out of here." Most complied; a few even received refunds for their ticket money.

Who can it be now? **Men at Work** has been ordered to hand over 5% of the royalties for "Down Under" for allegedly duplicating the flute passage from the Aussie kiddie song "Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree." That's a lot of Vegemite!



The long-lost **Leonard Cohen** concert film *Bird on*

a Wire is heading to a DVD player near you Aug. 31 following the marvelous 2009 discovery of nearly 300 cans of film containing the original footage. The new edition of the flick, which underwent serious re-editing and a painstaking restoration process, chronicles Cohen's 1972 tour of Europe. We're thrilled by this, believe you us.