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Spearhead joins 'Olympic' tour of black bands



success of its debut album "Home" (Capitol), the jazzy soulful band

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Spearhead is
getting ready
to release its
sophomore
effort
"Chocolate

Supa' Highway" this fall. But Spearhead fans can get a pre-view of the album at the 'House of Blue's Smokin' Grooves Tour' when it comes to Pine Knob on Monday.

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Smokin Grooves is an opportunity to bring together new ideas from black artists and new perspectives in black music, said Spearhead's Michael Franti. In the midst of the Summer Olympics, where many black artists and the second playing fields, six outspoken and socially conscious black artists are coming together in appreciation of black music.

The tour, Franti said, is "pretty fun just because I'm a fan of all the groups that are on it. Tribe, Fugels, Cypress, Ziggy, Busta Rhymes, It's like having season tickets to the (NBA's Chicago) Bulls?

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stage with some funk and acid
jazz groups that have been play-



Previewing new material: Spearhead – from left, Ras I. Zulu, Michael Franti, Carl Young, and Trinna Simmons – will debut material from its upcoming album "Chocolate Superhighway" (Capital) at the "House of Blues Smokin' Grooves Tour" which hits Pine Knob Music Theatre at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12. Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers, Cypress Hill, The Fugees with NAS, A Tribe Called Quest, and Busta Rhymes are also on the bill. "Chocolate Superhighway" is due out in October.

"One thing that the organizers of the tour made really cool about this show is with most of the acts there's a one-minute change over. A lot of time hiphop shows and rock shows they notoriously have hours between each band, but here the crew is super efficient and works really hard."
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Spearhead's debut LP "Home" spawned the singles "People In Tha Middle," MTV Buzz Bin favorite and CLIO winner "Hole

in the Bucket," and the ground-breaking track "Positive," the cliffhanger story about Frant's AIDS test. The singer, a former founder of the Beatings and Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy, said he has no plans on revealing the outcome of the

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"I don't want to say the outcome of my results. I wanted people to think for themselves. I wanted them to think about it as much as I was, "Franti said.

"Positive" has made its mark. It appeared on the LP 'Stolan Moments Red Hot and Cool" (a musical project benefiting AIDS research). Additionally the video clip for "Positive" has been chosen by the African-American HIVAIDS Program of the Red Cross as an educational tool for their teen outreach efforts. He promises more cliffmanger songs on "Chocolate Supa Highway."

"There are more songs on this record that are stories that lead you one way and then another. I like people to think about the song when it's finished."

Tickets for the "House of Blues Smokin' Grooves Tour" are \$25 pavilion and \$15 lawn. For more information, call (\$10.377-0100.

Paul is happy to report that lead singer Philip Anselmo is doing line after a near-fatial herola overdose last month in Toxas.

"It's doin' great. He's doing better shows now than before the incident. It was a tough leason but a well-learned one," Paid and during a recent phone conversation.

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"You can tell the fans that it's not gonna happen again. We're going to take the negative experience and make it a positive one."

Pantera comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, in support of its latest album "The Great Southern Treadkill" Elektra, which Paul calls "the best record to date." Tickets for the show, which also features White Zombie and the Defones, are \$25 reserved and general admission floor. For more information, call (610) 377-0100.

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Aug. 13. Besides changing nights, the event is changing names to "Visillusion Techno Rave." Cover charge for the 18-and-older dance night is \$5. For more information, call (810) 544-3030.

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Detroit Film Theatre, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call 4313 832-2730 for information. (85.50; 45.60 students/seniors). F*A Perfect Candidate' (USA-1996). Aug. 9 - 11 (call for shwitimes). The 1994 Virginia Senate race between Oliver North and Chuck Robb is the focus of this documentary about the inner workings of the political process.

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* "Someone Else's America"
(USA - 1989). 7 p.m. Aug. 12. A magical-realist fairy-tale about two residents of a Brooklyn neighborhood who find that the interpretable of the properties of the lib cracked up to be.
Magic Beg Theatre, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

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• "Clerks" (USA - 1996). 9 p.m.
Aug. 14. Kevin Smith's independent feature about life behind the counter at a New Jersey conveniones store looks like it was filmed with a black-and-white surveillance camera, but it's still one of the most outrageous and funny films in years.

Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight).

• "Lone Star" (USA - 1996). John Sayles wrote and directed this subtle, moving drama about a sheriff who must dig deep to solve a 40-year-old murder. What he deen't count on is that the prime suspect is his late follows:

the prime suspect is his late father, a legend in his tiny Texas border town.

"Trainspotting" (Britain 1995). A runnway hit in Britain: the story of five liars, losers, junkies, and thieves on the road to self-destruction in modernday Edinburgh. This one's directed by Danny Beyle, who made the clever "Shallow Grave."
 Michigan Theatre 606 Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (313) 668-8397 for information. (\$5; \$4 students/seniors).
 "Maybe ... Maybe Not" (German - 1995). Aug. 9 - 15 (call for showtimes). A German comedy about a goy man freshout of a relationship who finds himself besieged by admirers of both sexes.
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p.m. Aug. 9; 5 p.m. Aug. 11. A modern reworking of Jane

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* "Sense and Sensibility" (USA - 1995). 2:15 p.m. Aug. 10.

* Pride and Prejudice" (USA - 1994). 5 p.m. Aug. 10.

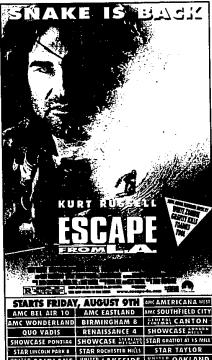
* "City of Lost Children" (France - 1995). 9:45 pm. Aug. 10.

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Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

* "Doctor Zhivago" (Britain - 1967). 8 p.m. Aug. 9; 2, 8 p.m. Aug. 10.

Aug. 10 - 11 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). Julie Christie and Omar Sharif are overwhelmed by the frozen landscapes in director David Lean's overwrought Russian epic.



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