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Sarandon offers Oscar statue to Rangers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hey Oscar, meet Stanley.
Academy Award winner Susan Sarandon offered her Oscar statuette to the New York Rangers for good luck in their quest for the Stanley Cup.



Sarandon

Sarandon suggested Rangers captain Mark Messier and the team keep it in their locker room.

"They seemed to think they'd be OK," Sarandon, who won for best actress in *Dead Man Walking*, said in Thursday's Daily News of Los Angeles. "Maybe they don't need it."

Grateful Dead members reunite for tour

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) — Some Grateful Dead members are hitting the road again in their first tour together since guitarist Jerry Garcia's death.

"The Furthur Festival" tour that starts in June will feature two bands led by members of the dear departed Dead: Ratdog with Bob Weir and Rob Wasserman, and percussionist Mickey Hart's Mystery Box. Also participating in the two-month, 31-city national tour: "unofficial Dead member" and keyboard player Bruce Hornsby, Los Angeles-based Latino rockers Los Lobos and Jefferson Airplane offshoot Hot Tuna.

McNally said Thursday the tour takes its name from the "Furthur" destination sign on Ken Kesey's Merry Prankster bus of the 1960s. "Jerry rides with me," Hart said. "I'll be singing 'Fire on the Mountain,' one of my songs that he used to sing."

The musicians will travel by bus and perform in 15,000 to 20,000 capacity amphitheaters, structures considerably smaller than the ones the Dead performed in when Garcia, who died last August, was with them.

Taylor makes one-liners during promotion

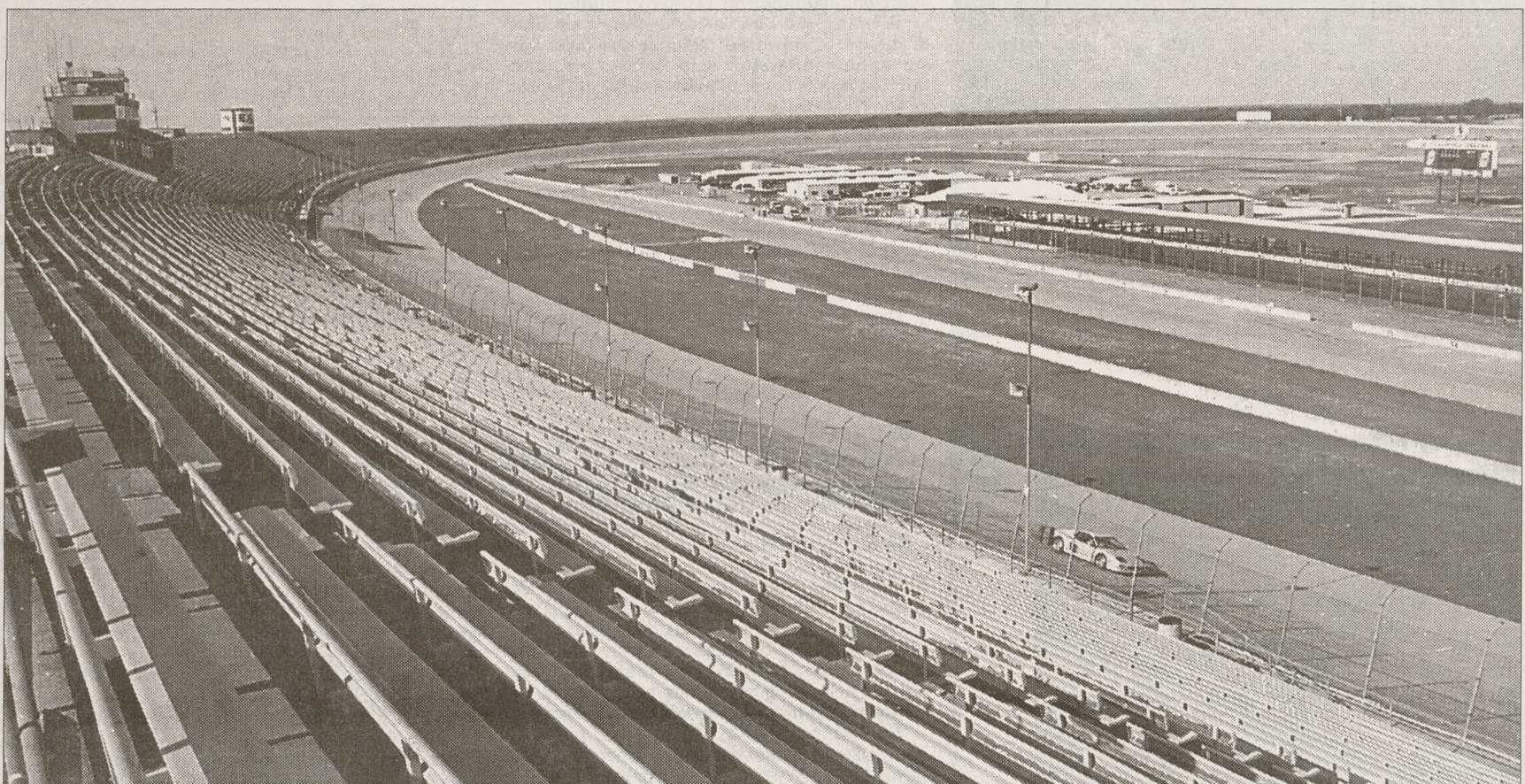
DALLAS (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor pitched her new perfume with punchlines for the 1,000-plus fans who showed up at the department store where she was appearing.



Taylor

Not only did she talk about her latest fragrance, Elizabeth Taylor Black Pearls, but Taylor also answered personal questions from the crowd Wednesday.

"How old are your grandchildren, Liz?" asked one. "My youngest grandchild is 2 and my oldest is 24," she answered. "So I might be a great-grandmother any second now. Of course, I've told her to keep her legs firmly crossed."



Dave House, THE BATTALION

The Texas World Speedway on Highway 6 may be the host of the Lollapalooza '96 festival on July 25. The festival's headliner is heavy metal band Metallica.

Speedway rumored host of festival B-CS not ready to host Lollapalooza

By Libe Goad
THE BATTALION

Aggieland, get ready. The music event of the summer may be gracing the outskirts of College Station.

Maybe. Yes, rumor has it the Texas World Speedway on Highway 6 will be the Texas host of Lollapalooza '96.

Dave Salmon, MSC Town Hall adviser, said the tour will be hitting secondary markets like College Station this year, thanks to festival headliner, Metallica.

Under much scrutiny and criticism, Metallica persuaded Lollapalooza big-wigs to book smaller venues so it would not interfere with the band's arena tour in the fall.

So, instead of having Lollapalooza in the traditional Houston, Austin and Dallas areas, it will be something Aggies can step into from their back door, making the alternative festival more non-mainstream than before.

Though it has yet to be officially confirmed, A&M students can see the July 25 show without burning a tank of gas to get there. High school students without cars can persuade friends and parents to drive them the 20 miles to the Speedway.

The community waits with bated breath for the official announcement, and nothing can appease the curiosity but patience.

The owner of the Texas World Speedway declined to say anything

about the rumored date.

Another contact at the Speedway said she was fairly certain the show would be headed this direction, but she was not sure of the actual date.

Radio station 92.1 FM KTSR has announced for two weeks that the rumors were true, but their information also has yet to be officially confirmed.

"I'm sure a load of people will go. I would probably go if I were going to be here."

— ROB LEWICKI
next year's chair of MSC Town Hall

Two KTSR sources felt confident Lollapalooza would be billed for College Station.

But no one knows for sure when and where the tour will land. A PACE concerts representative said decisions were slowly evolving, and the public will get more information in May.

It is official, though, that Metallica will headline the festival this summer, a definite switch of musical genre from previous festivals.

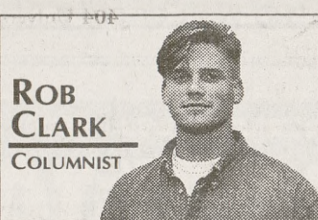
Instead of trademarked alternative bands like Sonic Youth and Jane's Addiction, among others, this year's festival will appeal to those with a penchant for heavy metal guitar.

Soundgarden, The Ramones, Rancid, Screaming Trees and Psychotica have joined the touring concert.

The festival's repertoire of musicians has brought criticism to the show.

Perry Farrell, Lollapalooza founding father, spoke loudly when he supposedly dropped this summer's tour after it deviated from his original intentions. Farrell said he wanted to abort his creation last summer until he was persuaded to continue. His disen-

When I heard that Lollapalooza was coming to Bryan-College Station, I figured it had to be some mutant Aggie-cized event.

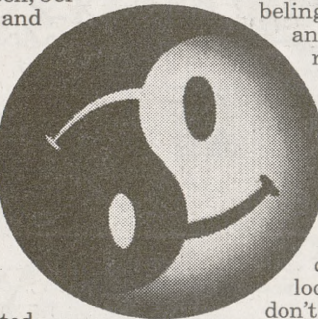


ROB CLARK
COLUMNIST

Gracing the main stage would be Jackpierce, Jack Ingram, Lyle Lovett, Robert Earl Keen, Jerry Jeff Walker and Rick Trevino.

The site would be Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater and, in most Aggies' minds, would be the greatest concert since the Monkees reunited.

But dream on country fans, the real Lollapalooza is rumored to be here July 25 at the Texas World Speedway. And with it will be the gentle sounds of Metallica, Soundgarden, Rancid, the Ramones, Screaming Trees and Psychotica.



Two questions remain. Is Bryan-College Station ready for Lollapalooza, and is the answer to both questions a resounding no. Trying to avoid labeling AggieLand and its surrounding areas as Hickville, USA, is quite difficult in an explanation of why the concert and location just don't mix. To put it into Aggie terms, the exotic appearances and behavior of those who attend concerts like Lollapalooza wouldn't feel at home at the Dixie Chicken, Denim & Diamonds or Hurricane Harry's.

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