

Woodstock's future questioned Riots at 1999 gathering endanger future of music festival

NEW YORK (AP) — The future of Woodstock may have gone up in the smoke of fires set by rampaging rock fans.

The riot that ended the three-day Woodstock '99 will probably make it difficult for anyone who wants to stage another such music festival.

"Right now you have to ask yourself whether any community would ever allow another Woodstock," concert industry analyst Bob Grossweiner said.

The weekend's final act, Red Hot Chili Peppers, was performing before what was left of the 225,000 music fans at an abandoned military base in Rome, N.Y., when a mob set fire to 12 tractor-trailers, a small bus and several portable toilets. Bottles were hurled at police and vendor booths destroyed before the site was brought under control early Monday.

Five people, including two state troopers, were injured, and seven people were arrested.

It was the second Woodstock of the 1990s modeled after the original 1969 concert, known for its memorable music and counterculture vibes of peace and love. The rain-drenched Woodstock of 1994 is best remembered for its mud.

After the ugly ending to Woodstock '99, promoters were not talking yesterday about what this meant for their plan to repeat Woodstock every five years.

"I saw a lot of young kids in there, people in high school," Chris Connelly, who covered the event for MTV, said. "You have to wonder if parents are going to be very concerned about letting their kids go to things like this."

"Right now you have to ask yourself whether any community would ever allow another Woodstock."

— Bob Grossweiner
Concert industry analyst

The melee will be remembered by any city that is considering allowing music festivals, said James Griffis, town supervisor of Saugerties, N.Y. The town was the location of Woodstock five years ago and unsuccessfully tried for it again this year. He would not say if there is going to be a third try.

"It's not going to make it any easier, that's for sure," Griffis said. "Communities that want to host it, if there is another one in five years, are going to be a lot more cautious."

A state senator said yesterday she will pro-

pose legislation giving the state final say over any such mass gatherings.

"I think it's going to be pretty hard for (promoters) to find a community that will accept things on the terms they dictated this time," Sen. Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann, a Syracuse Republican, said.

Rock festivals that last several days are already a rarity in the United States, in part because promoters lost money on the first two Woodstocks.

Authorities were unable to explain what triggered the melee, but there was no shortage of theories: hot weather unrelieved by rain, dissatisfaction caused by filthy grounds and high food prices or simple lawlessness propelled by peer pressure.

Woodstock's most popular artists — Limp Bizkit, Korn, Kid Rock and Rage Against the Machine — specialize in an aggressive combination of rock and rap that some say encourages aggressive behavior.

"Kids like this are basically nonviolent unless somebody instigated them," Grossweiner said. "And the instigation came from the stage."

Connelly said it is unfair to blame the music, since the Red Hot Chili Peppers are not the type of band to incite a riot. But he said certain musicians like Limp Bizkit singer Fred Durst should be questioned about whether their on-stage behavior encouraged violence.

Florida looks anti-pot fungus

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida may start testing a fungus that could kill marijuana plants — a move that environmentalists say could ultimately backfire if the fungus mutates and attacks crops like tomatoes and corn.

Two state agencies have given approval for the tests to be conducted in a quarantine lab on the fungus *Fusarium oxysporum*, a bioherbicide designed to destroy plants like marijuana, 55,000 plants of which were destroyed in the state last year.

Florida's anti-drug czar said yesterday that nothing would happen anytime soon.

"I think we would be years away from using this," James McDonough, director of the state Office of Drug Control, said.

McDonough said he has not made any recommendations to

Gov. Jeb Bush about dusting suspected areas with the fungus.

Environmentalists are concerned about Mother Nature.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary David Struhs has warned that introducing the fungus into the state could cause disease in crops including tomatoes and corn.

Others are worried the fungus could get out of control like the weed kudzu, a vine used for soil stabilization that has grown like wild in South Florida.

"We tend to manipulate the environment sometimes," David Gluckman, lobbyist for the Florida Wildlife Federation, said. "We're paying the price that now."

Clinton plans vacation

New York, Martha's Vineyard among

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will split a 16-day August vacation between Martha's Vineyard and New York, where his wife, Hillary, is expected to seek a Senate seat.

Visiting the Massachusetts island of Martha's Vineyard for the fifth straight summer, the Clintons once again will be staying at the 20-acre compound owned by Boston businessman Richard Friedman on Oyster Pond.

They will be there Aug. 19-28, press spokesman Joe Lockhart said yesterday.

On Aug. 28, they will switch to the Hamptons on Long Island for

a weekend series of fund-raising events staged by the Democratic National Committee.

After that, the Clintons spend Aug. 30 to Sept. 3 at Skaneateles, a quiet resort town of 7,500 people on Skaneateles Island, just southwest of Syracuse.

Clinton once was a stop on the Underground Railroad, ferrying slaves north to freedom. The Clintons will stay at the side home of Thomas McCarty, a real estate developer.

Lockhart said he is aware of plans for any appearances by the president's first lady in New York.

After New York, the president probably will spend a couple of days at Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland's Blue Mountains, Lockhart said.

Study: Internet info not protected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Private information unwittingly released by Internet users is not protected under federal guidelines because few Websites adhere to them, according to a study released yesterday.

Based on previous reports on Internet users and Websites, the Center for Democracy and Technology said Congress should pass legislation to force compliance with guidelines issued by the Federal Trade Commission.

The lack of privacy protection on the Internet contributes to a pervasive "unease that someone's watching you," the center's counsel, Deirdre Mulligan, told the Senate Commerce Committee.

"Internet privacy on the Internet

should be the rule rather than the exception," she said.

"Any regulation imposed today may be ineffective in protecting consumers tomorrow."



— JOHN MCCAIN
U.S. SENATOR

To that end, Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., chair of Commerce's communications subcommittee, has introduced legislation to require Website operators to post privacy policies on their pages and allow consumers to direct those

operators not to share their private information.

But Commerce Committee Chair John McCain, R-Ariz., has sided with the FTC, refusing to move forward with legislation until it becomes clearer whether private industries on the Web can police themselves. That stance virtually kills Burns' bill.

"The Internet changes daily, if not hourly. Any regulation imposed today may be ineffective in protecting consumers tomorrow," McCain said in a statement. But, he warned, "the industry should not be misled into thinking that these results represent some type of pass on future legislation."

McCain noted that a study by Georgetown University found that

94 percent of the most frequently used 100 Websites have privacy disclosure, as do two-thirds of randomly visited sites.

But Mulligan and Marc Rotenberg, director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, told lawmakers that many of those disclosures do nothing else — such as explain how a consumer might refuse to allow his or her information to be sold or shared.

"Privacy policy is not the same as privacy protection," Rotenberg told the panel. If Congress does not provide better enforcement and clearer guidelines, consumers will be faced with a choice to "either use the Internet and give up their privacy or stay off the Net," he said.

LEARN TO

FLY NOW

At United Flight Systems
THE EXPERIENCED FLIGHT SCHOOL

Get Your Pilot License for as little as \$50 a month!!

at
Our New Location:
College Station Easterwood Airport
409 260-6322

www.unitedflight.com

Learn to fly with the Cessna Pilot Center Exclusive Integrated Flight Training System

- Easily awarded student loans (24 hr. award notice)
- Private thru advanced training
- Aircraft rental
- Pilot Shop
- F.A.A. approved 141 school
- VA eligible Benefits

Melrose

APARTMENTS

601 Luther Street West, College Station • 409-680-3680

Summer Special

\$250 Off 1st Full Months Rent

Total Security Deposit

\$250 Call for details on an additional \$100 Off

Just The Extras - Private bathroom, furnished or unfurnished, no utility deposit, rent includes local phone and cable TV, individual lock and key for each bedroom, resort-style swimming pool, 2 lighted tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts, fitness center, computer lab with high speed internet access. - Call today

The Battalion

013 Reed McDonald Building • Telephone (409) 845-3313 • FAX (409) 845-2647

• STAFF APPLICATION •

Fall '99

Name: _____ Number of hours you will take in the Fall: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Major: _____ Do you have another job? _____

Classification: _____ Where and hours per week? _____

E-mail: _____ Will you keep it if hired? _____

Please check the position(s) for which you are interested in applying. If you are interested in more than one position, number them in order of preference with 1 being your top choice.

<p>CITY DESK Campus and Community News ___ Reporter</p> <p>AGGIELIFE DESK Lifestyles and Entertainment ___ Feature Writer ___ Page Designer</p> <p>RADIO ___ Anchor ___ Reporter</p>	<p>OPINION DESK ___ Columnist</p> <p>WEB DESK ___ Web Designer</p> <p>PHOTO DESK ___ Photographer</p> <p>SPORTS DESK ___ Sports Writer ___ Page Designer</p>	<p>VISUAL ARTS DESK ___ Graphic Artist ___ Cartoonist</p> <p>NIGHT NEWS DESK Front and inside page design ___ Page Designer</p> <p>COPY DESK ___ Copy Editor</p>
---	--	---

• APPLICATIONS DUE WED., AUGUST 4

— Please type your responses on a separate piece of paper —

- 1) Why do you want to work at *The Battalion*, and what do you hope to accomplish?
- 2) What experience do you have that relates to the position you are applying for? (include classes, seminars)
- 3) What do you believe is the role of *The Battalion* on campus?
- 4) What changes do you feel would improve the quality of *The Battalion*? (give special attention to the section you're applying for)

Please attach a resume and samples of your work (stories you have written for publication or classes, pages you have designed, photos, drawings or other creative samples).

Turn applications in to Room 013 of Reed McDonald by 5p.m.

BY TEXAS A&M
Department of wo

BY VERON
The

The Texas H
rdinating Bo
on Brown app
request to mak
chool of Gove
ervice an ind
ut that will re
s Provost .
The commi
anded down T
tep required t
chool from A&
Arts.
The Texas H
rdinating Bo
change to be a
ministrative rec
or require as r
substantive ad
In a substar
change request
explain the ex
change propos
ears the curren
nder the pre
structure and ex
pected unde
well as among
ng the change
In a nonsu
osal, the Un
tly describ

Tec
to o
in k

BY STU
The

A \$180,000
Department of
low students
uage and cul
ing oriented
technical ma
The progr
effort betwe
eral Art's Dep
and Classical
colleges of E
ture and Lit
erinary Medi
The progr
clude a Gen