

CONCERT CALENDAR

■ Wednesday, June 13

The Handlebar: Jump Little Children
 Uncle Doctors: Zao, Stretch Arm Strong, Living Sacrifice
 Lutikriss: Society's Finest, Hopesfall

■ Friday, June 15

Ground Zero: Slayer, Vision of Disorder, Skrape
 Hunter-Gatherer: Erector Set
 Hemingway's: S-Tribe
 Cat's Cradle: Alkaline Trio
 Pack Square: Southern Culture on the Skids

■ Saturday, June 16

Momentum Parking Lot:
 Jump Little Children
 Uncle Doctors: Morbid Angel, Dark Moon, Necroside, Lust-morde
 Wild Wing Cafe: Dezeray's Hammer
 Tremont Music Hall: Southern Culture on the Skids

■ Tuesday, June 19

Elbow Room- Mannix
 The Music Farm- Nothingface with From Zero

■ Thursday, June 21

Elbow Room: Swearing at Motorists
 Ziggy's By the Sea:
 Nothingface with From Zero
 The Eyedrum: Pilot to Gunner

■ Friday, June 22

Hunter Gatherer: 6-10 Split
 Verizon Wireless
 Amphitheatre: Styx, Billy Squier
 Elbow Room: Nothingface with From Zero

■ Saturday, June 23

Elbow Room: Love Apple, Science Knows No Sin
 The Warehouse: Dezeray's Hammer
 Sundance Bar & Grill:
 Captain Easy

Newest album makes Weezer comeback kids

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CD REVIEW

The "Green Album"

ARTIST: Weezer

SINGLE: "Hash Pipe"

OVERALL: Weezer's third album marks the band's comeback

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This time last year, rumors spread throughout pop culture that Rivers Cuomo had gone mad.

The leader of the band that gave the world "Buddy Holly" and made the Fonz popular back in 1994 had supposedly locked himself in some remotely located studio.

He refused to shave or even bathe and passed time by bouncing superballs off the interior walls.

After the commercial failure of the group's second album, *Pinkerton*, bassist Matt Sharpe had left the group to concentrate his efforts with the Rentals and for the most part, Weezer was a band that once was.

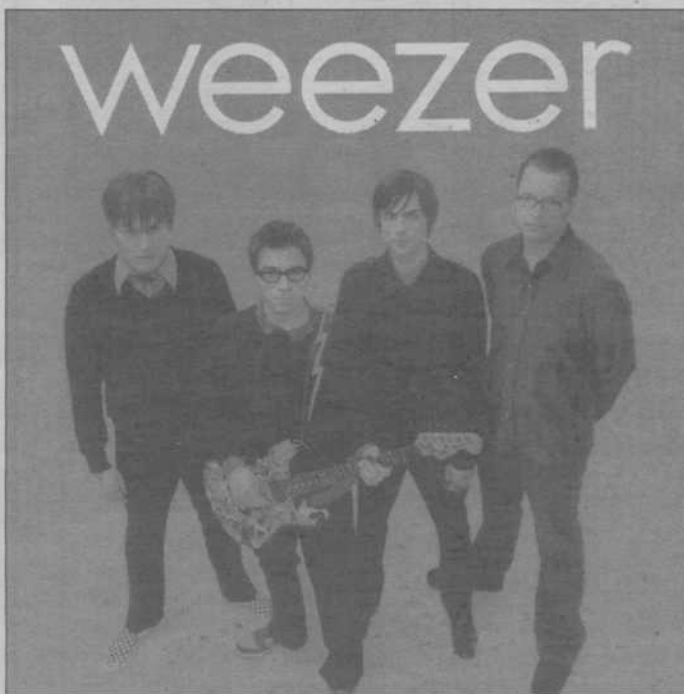
Miraculously, and much to the delight of the Weezer faithful, these rumors were dismissed when the group returned to the stage on several Warp Tour dates during the summer of 2000.

The group wasn't so sure about its return, but when Weezer managed to steal every show of the festival, there was no doubt that it was time for the band to get back to the studio, and Weezer proceeded with a club tour that fall.

The demand for tickets was so high that scalped ticket prices rose high above the century mark.

But what had caused all this fuss about a band that failed miserably with their sophomore effort?

In actuality, it was this commercial disaster of that



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album, *Pinkerton*, that provided the band with a cult following that promoted the geek rockers into gods of rock 'n' roll.

Since its release in 1996, *Pinkerton* has managed to sell more than 500,000 copies and has set the stage for the astounding return.

The band also helped to propel the current enthusiasm for the emo genre, a label that everyone seems to want to avoid, including bands like the Get Up Kids who recently toured with Weezer.

It's been five years since the band's last release. Weezer's third album has been available for more than three weeks, and if you don't have your own copy already, you've missed the boat.

Though the "green album" lasts for less than 30 minutes — unless you shell out for one of the import versions — it contains exactly what fans have waited so long for.

It's a breath of fresh air from the crap like Limp Bizkit, Kid Rock and Creed that has smothered the scene that was once labeled "alternative rock."

The green album might be the missing link between

Weezer's debut and *Pinkerton*.

It also might be one the best albums of the year.

Listeners need not rely on the first single, "Hash Pipe" because these 30 minutes of pop-rock perfection are actually highlighted with songs like "Knock-down Drag-Out" and "Island in the Sun."

This time, the songs aren't about the personal female frustrations of Rivers, but are more geared toward a general audience.

In short, it's a well-written and performed masterpiece that, in the end, might put an end to the band's cult following, who are proud to be geeks and who seem to wear thick glasses for no reason.

This 2001 release will never measure up to the genuine qualities of the *Pinkerton* album, and it won't help thousands of high school boys manage through their trying times like the 1996 release did.

But it will sell millions of copies and allow Weezer to one day create another commercial disaster. =w=

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STUPID HUMAN TRICKS

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

■ Learned your lesson yet?

After serving three years in a federal penitentiary in North Carolina for bank robbery, Murray Fisher, 60, now a free man, was driven to the local bus station at 7 a.m. Two hours and 36 minutes later, he robbed the Mechanics & Farmers Bank across from the police station in Durham.

He informed officers who arrested him a short time later that a voice in his head told him to do it.

■ Pretty strong evidence here

Police in Ashtabula, Ohio, arrested a man who had been sleeping in his car because they found an "abnormal amount" of convenience store snacks in there with him. There were about 50 bags of chips, cookies, and beef jerky in the back seat and more in the trunk.

He's suspected in a theft from an unattended delivery truck.

■ I'll be in my room, Mom

A young soldier deserted his unit and moved into the bedroom closet of a 15-year-old Ohio girl he met on the Internet. He stayed there for three weeks without her mother's knowledge, until she found bedding and dishes in the closet and went ballistic.

He has been sentenced to seven years in prison for unlawful carnal knowledge and other offenses.

■ The sweet taste of women

Three young women smeared a powerful drug on their breasts and then hung out on the sidewalk in a wealthy section of Bogota, Colombia, enticing men in cars driving by to stop.

After a bit of seductive conversation, they would invite their victims into their blouses for a bit of intimate contact. The men would awake several hours later without their wallets or cars and with no memory of what had happened.

The women have been arrested.

■ Stick to your own species

An amorous male monkey has been stalking women in the streets of Kundasale, Sri Lanka, and then leaping on them and hugging them with all his might until being driven off by people hitting him with sticks.

He has also made inappropriate advances on cats and dogs.