



The Verve's Ashcroft channels Britney Spears?

The Verve have reconvened their original lineup (sans guitarist/keyboardist **Simon Tong**, now of **The Good, The Bad and the Queen**) for a new record and a fall tour. And yes, we are excruciatingly happy about this.

Rivers Cuomo and those other **Weezer** twats have begun work on their sixth outing of crappy emo dreck for some unholy reason...

Paul Weller, **Brian Eno** and **Phil Manzanera** are among the guests on **Robert Wyatt's** **Domino** Records debut, *Comicopera*. It comes out Oct. 9.

Waylon Jennings' last major concert appearance will be immortalized on a forthcoming two-disc CD/DVD titled *Never Say Die: The Final Concert Film*. Out July 24, the set also features interviews with **Willie Nelson**, **Chet Atkins**, **Kris Kristofferson** and ol' **Waylon** himself.

Jazz legend **Ornette Coleman** made a hospital trip after collapsing onstage from heatstroke at the annual **Bonnaroo** festival June 18. He's expected to make a full and speedy recovery.

British singer **Lily Allen** faced police questioning June 28 for

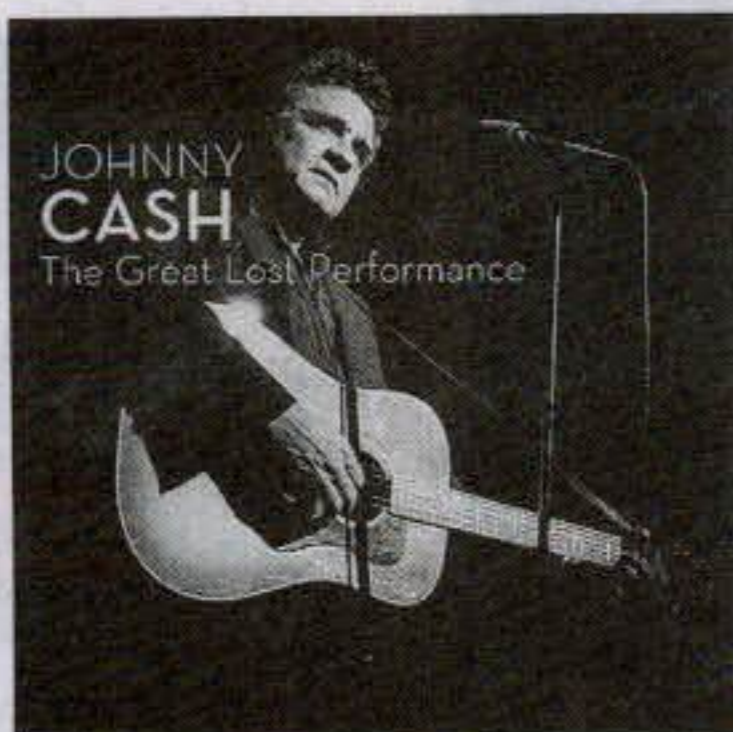
allegedly attacking a photographer outside a London club in March. She's due to make another appearance before the fuzz again in late July.

If you're in the mood to be completely and totally grossed out, a special edition DVD of the **GG Allin** documentary *Hated* is set for an Aug. 7 arrival with bonus material that includes interviews with family members, assorted commentary and an offer for a poster of the late punk figurehead painted by serial killer **John Wayne Gacy**.

The Britpop wunderkinds of **The Go! Team** have joined the highly-esteemed roster of **Sub Pop** and plan to issue their second album, *Proof of Youth*, on Sept. 11. Yay!

Fresh from their departure from **Atlantic Records**, **The Donnas** have started up their own imprint in conjunction with **Redeye Distribution** and begun work on their next studio outing. No release date or working title as of yet, but you can bet your ass we'll keep you posted.

A long-lost **Johnny Cash** concert appearance taped in 1990 at the **Paramount Theatre** in **Asbury Park, NJ** will see the light of day July 24. Titled *The Great Lost Performance*, the recording features duets between the **Man in Black**, wife **June Carter Cash** and vocalist **Lucy Clark**.



That whiny bitch **James Blunt** has been allowed back into a recording studio once again for some insipid reason. If masturbatory top-40 dreck is what you're after, you're probably a fucking sadist. Anyway, *All the Lost Souls* comes out Sept. 18.

Speaking of whiny bitches, someone evidently thinks it's a stellar idea to let **Moby** make more records, as **Mute's** American branch has signed him to a new, post-V2 deal... ☺

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