

Bolton cancels Lincoln show

From Staff Reports

Singer/songwriter Michael Bolton, whose songs praise the labors of love, is feeling a little sore.

Bolton had to cancel his Sunday concert at Pershing Auditorium because of a sore throat, according to a press release from the Ad-Vice Agency.

Bolton's seventh release, 1994's "The One Thing," focused on different kinds of relationships.

The singer also founded the Michael Bolton Foundation to benefit women and children in danger from poverty and emotional, physical and sexual abuse.

Bolton's performance will not be rescheduled because of an intense touring schedule. Tickets can be refunded at the place of purchase.

New video releases offer quality viewing

By Gerry Beltz
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Bad weather means slow driving, but this slow week of new releases picks up the pace with some better-than-average quality. The pick of the week is a fun-loving musical from the late '70s.

"Maverick" (PG) — Based on the popular television Western series, the big-screen version has Mel Gibson in the lead role, with support coming from Jodie Foster (in the role Meg Ryan turned down), James Garner (the original Bret Maverick) and Graham Greene.

Don't, at any point of the movie, think that the twists and turns are over, because you'll be wrong! Just when you think it's done, ZING!

With lots of laughs and adventure, this film has something to please everyone. Go round up a copy of "Maverick."

"Widow's Peak" (R) — A wonderful film with some of the best female performers around, including Mia Farrow, Joan Plowright and Natasha Richardson, "Widow's Peak"

is worth finding. Set in a small Ireland town in the 1920s, a small group of wealthy widows rule over the town, but the arrival of a mysterious stranger (Richardson) breaks their peaceful atmosphere.

"Widow's Peak" is worth a peck. PICK OF THE WEEK — The professional career of John Travolta has been similar to a roller-coaster ride, but one of the brighter spots would be his work in the movie "Grease."

Also starring Olivia Newton-John, we have a story about Danny Zuko (Travolta), a rough-and-tough high schooler who falls for "good girl" Sandy Dumbrowski (the ever-pure Newton-John), and he is torn between image and love.

Gosh, what will he do? While the climax is rather obvious, the performers give great performances, and "Grease" has a soundtrack that goes beyond the word "incredible" for description.

It's a great film to watch with friends, and it is a classic for young, old and anyone in between.

BOOK Review

"Better Than Sex"
Hunter S. Thompson
Random House
Grade: C

The infamous political journalist and father of "gonzo journalism," Hunter S. Thompson, may think politics is better than sex, but this book most certainly is not.

If you are a die-hard Thompson fan, this book will appeal to you, because it is Dr. Gonzo at his best. It is a collection of faxes, memos and screeds about the 1992 presidential campaign.

If you haven't read any of Thompson's books, especially "Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72," you wouldn't understand most of this book. In fact, you would consider calling the Colorado State Patrol — Thompson lives in Woody Creek, outside of Aspen — and declare this man a lunatic and a national security threat.

Thompson chronicles his life during the 1992 campaign, which consisted mostly of 600 satellite channels and a king-hell fax machine.

He spins his own version of the campaign, which bastardizes and lionizes the Clinton campaign in the same breath and names Ross Perot a working arm of George Bush's campaign.

The book is a textbook for

any freak political junkie with a fax machine, a grudge and a sense of humor. In other words, Thompson's theories aren't taught in political science classes.

This book could never be called journalism, either, in the true sense of objective journalism. You need look no further than the book's jacket to find a writing example that would make a newspaper cringe.

"Bill Clinton would have played the Jew's harp stark naked on '60 Minutes' if he thought it would help him get elected," it says on the inside cover. "He is the Willy Loman of Generation X, a traveling salesman from Arkansas who has the loyalty of a lizard with its tail broken off and the midnight taste of a man who'd double-date with the Rev. Jimmy Swaggart."

Needless to say, Thompson has no mercy.

If you are dying to read this book and have not read "Campaign Trail," do so. It is required reading if you are to understand "Better Than Sex," especially the section on Richard Nixon's death.

If you have read "Campaign Trail," go out and get a fax machine. You will want one after this book's second section.

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Rapper's court date moved

NEW YORK (AP) — Tupac Shakur will have more time to recover from gunshot wounds before he faces prison for sexual assault.

State Supreme Court Justice Daniel Fitzgerald on Monday postponed to Dec. 14 a court date for the rapper. Shakur's doctor said the defendant, who was shot five times in a robbery last week, should be better in about a week.

At that point, the judge will

set a sentencing date and listen to arguments on whether Shakur and Charles Fuller, the rapper's co-defendant and road manager, should be allowed to remain free on \$50,000 bail.

Shakur could get 2 1/2 to seven years in prison.

Shakur, 23, and Fuller, 24, were convicted on Thursday of sexually abusing a 20-year-old woman Shakur met in a nightclub in 1993.

Singer agrees on schedule

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — The Wichita Lineman is back on the job.

After calling it quits last week at the Glen Campbell Goodtime Theatre, Campbell reached a compromise with theater owners for next year's schedule, his spokesman, Sanford Brokaw, said on Monday.

Previously, the singer had been unable to come to terms with the theater's owners.

Campbell, whose hits include "Rhinstone Cowboy" and "The Wichita Lineman," will perform his last 1994 show on Dec. 18 and open the 1995 season in April, Brokaw said. He has performed in Branson since 1991.

"Branson's been like a second home to me, and I hope to stay for a good long time," Campbell said.

Campbell will work fewer weeks next year for less pay, said his manager, Stan Schneider.

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