

Motorists race for Pearl Jam concert tickets

SEATTLE — Motorists jumped medians and drove on sidewalks for free tickets to a concert by the rock band **Pearl Jam**.

The dash began Sunday when radio stations announced the giveaway for the concert next Sunday at Magnuson Park.

Shortly after the announcement, Interstate 5 through the city ground to a halt and major roads leading to the Seattle Center Coliseum, where the tickets were given away, were so clogged that some motorists zoomed onto sidewalks.

Others raced to the coliseum on foot.

All 10,000 packets of two tickets each were gone in four hours, coordinator John Hoyt said.

“Pearl Jam is a local band gone big,” he said. “The band is giving something back to the community they grew up in.”

The Pearl Jam album “Ten” is platinum and among the top four albums on Billboard magazine’s latest chart.