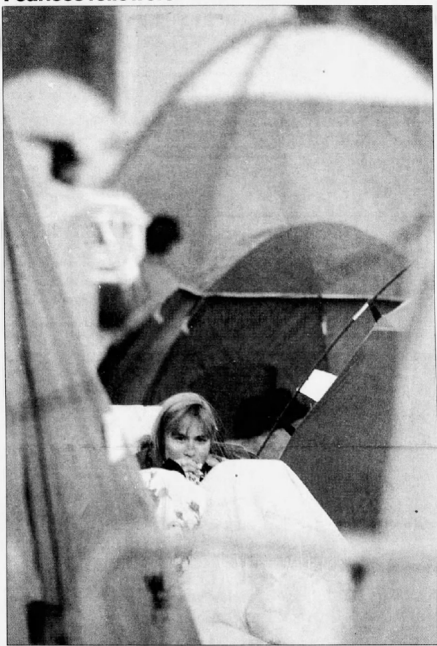


Fearless followers



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DETERMINED: Ginerva Bartolome of Lemmon Valley huddles in a thick blanket amid tents of

others waiting Friday to buy tickets for the Pearl Jam concert Dec. 2 at Lawlor Events Center.

Fans brave cold for hot band tickets

■ **Pearl Jam:**
Dedicated music lovers camping out for first ticket sales.

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With tents, blankets and pillows, Liz Wilson, Kelly Ward,

and Joe Ruzinsky guided a group of friends from Lake Tahoe to Reno for an overnight, camping experience at Lawlor Events Center.

Their reason: "To see the best show of the century," Ruzinsky said.

The trio became the first in line Friday night as other die-hard Pearl Jam fans started to set up tents and shelters in preparation for a chilly night outside Lawlor. Tickets for the Pearl Jam's Dec. 2 concert go on sale at 10 a.m. today.

"We got here at 11:41 p.m.

Thursday and we're not moving," Wilson said.

Only 4,500 people — half of Lawlor capacity — will get to see the Seattle band perform cuts from its new "Vs." disc. Eddie Vedder, Pearl Jam's lead voice, says he won't play where he can't see everyone's face.

"They're awesome," said Amy Metcalf, sitting on blankets and rubbing her hands together in the night's cold air. "I hope the wait will be worth it."

Her friend, Julieanna Johns, had no fear. "They're definitely worth the wait."