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Somewhere, a harried copy editor is telling his or her supervisor that there was no drinkin' on the job last night and to please not fire me....

Here's a headline that went out this morning from the Associated Press:

"Led Zeppelin Heads Bonnaroo Lineup"

The news brief that A.P. posted read, in part, "The reunited Led Zeppelin will headline the 2008 Bonnaroo Arts and Music Festival, concert organizers announced Wednesday. Led Zeppelin, who reconvened for a single December concert in London, had for months been rumored to be heading to Bonnaroo, which will be held Jun 13-15 on a 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tenn. Confirmation of Led Zeppelin's Bonnaroo performance was sure to stoke further speculation on a possible reunion tour. Last week, guitarist Jimmy Page said he was eager to tour with singer Robert Plant and bassist-keyboardist John Paul Jones... Plant will also perform at Bonnaroo with bluegrass star Alison Krauss, with whom he made the hit duet album, Raising Sand."

Well, they got the Plant & Krauss part right at least. The duo IS scheduled for 'roo.

Of course, anyone in the media who actually READ the press release from the Bonnaroo organizers last night knows that it is not Led Zep at all that's been booked for the event, but an all-gal Zep tribute combo called **Lez Zeppelin**. HARP and scores other music news portals reported on this accurately, of course—all of us, in fact, except for the A.P. and the myriad websites (such as the Telegraph in the U.K.) that picked up their info from the A.P. wire.

As a public service to the Associated Press and its affiliates, we hereby present a comparison photo, above, of both bands. On top, we have Led Zeppelin, four strapping young males from England; on bottom, Lez Zeppelin, four lissome young females from New York City. Got that?

The rest of you may resume your lemon squeezing...

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