

don't ask me



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You play... Guitar/Vocals.

Your fondest moment is... Being part of the survey.

If you weren't in a band you'd be... A person who isn't part of a band, I guess.

The best thing about being in a 'famous and popular' band is... We're not famous or popular, but it's good fun writing and playing music you like.

Your most shameful moment was when... I wrote a rap song in Grade 4.

The person in a band you have met and most admire is... Tim Rogers of You Am I

You have been mistaken for... Nobody at all. Absolutely nobody, OK!

On a Sunday you... Sleep.

Your dream gig would be with... Helmet

You just after... Everyone on *Baywatch* except for the guys.

You are afraid of... Hip-hop music.

The best room in your house is... My bedroom.

The future of rock 'n' roll is... Good, if people start to listen to new bands like Blue Bottle Kiss, Midget, Hardware, Fur etc., and listen to Helmet.

The last clever word you learnt was... It.

Who or what picks you up when you're down... When I'm asleep my brother punches me in the head and that gets me up.

What is in your pocket... A pool table, gun, wardrobe, CD player, a few CDs, a piece of chewing gum, an old hanky, and a walkie-talkie (just in case).

Green Day are playing two charity gigs in Oakland, California for organisations whose services the band members have made use of, namely the Berkeley and Haight-Ashbury Free Clinics, Food Not Bombs and San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness ... **Johnny Cash** cancelled his UK tour after discomfort following an oral nerve operation. Cash flew back to the USA to recuperate at a pain management clinic ... tickets for two **Pearl Jam** USA shows sold out in seven minutes ... **David Bowie** has signed to Virgin Records ... the **Cure** will release a new album later in the year. It has been described as "more dance orientated and upbeat" ... former **Guns N' Roses** drummer **Steve Adler** was arrested for possession of heroin after neighbours found him slumped over the steering wheel of his car ... look out for the **Sonic Youth** biography *Confusion Is Next* ... **Verve** cancelled tour dates after guitarist Nick McCabe broke his hand in a fight with a bouncer in Paris ... **Manic Street Preachers** guitarist **James Dean Bradfield** is currently recording with **Therapy?** The new **Therapy?** album features their "crooning" version of Husker Du's 'Diane' with strings ... good reports in the UK press include a lead review in the *NME* for **Chris Knox's** *Songs of You & Me* and four stars for **Shihad's** *Killjoy* in *Q* magazine. *Melody Maker* described Chris Knox live at the Netherlands state-sponsored lo-fi convention as "a veritable guru" ... **Shihad** are playing two major European outdoor festivals; Roskilde in Denmark June 29 and

Phoenix in England on July 16. Prior to the festivals **Shihad** are touring Europe with **Head Like A Hole**. Both bands will do New Zealand tours in August ... **Tim Finn's** **A.L.T.** play London in June ... super bassist **Rob Wasserman** has sued Woodstock Ventures after he tripped on a tent peg at last year's event, fracturing his left arm ... singer **Sarah Cracknell** has left **St Etienne** to pursue a solo career ... the family of **Jimi Hendrix** object to the overdubbing of drum parts on the new release *Voodoo Soup* ... a tribute to **Stevie Ray Vaughan** has been televised. Taped in Austin were **Eric Clapton**, **B.B.King**, **Robert Cray**, **Jimmie Vaughan**, **Dr. John** and **Buddy Guy** ... early 1996 Island will reissue remastered **Elton John** albums with bonus tracks. So it will still fit on one CD *Yellow Brick Road* is the only title which will not gain a bonus track ... three live tracks from **Strawberry Fields** will feature on the b-side of the next **Pumpkinhead** single 'Third Eye' ... in the studio: **Sonic Youth** are recording in Memphis for an album scheduled for September release. **Sonic Youth** think *Lollapalooza* is "tacky" but they will be able to build their own studio with the fee they are getting ... the **Charlatans** are mixing their fourth album at Rockfield Studio in Wales ... **Loves Ugly Children** have recorded their debut album in Dunedin ... the **Finn Brothers** have completed mixing their album at York St Studio ... the **Bats** are recording a new album in Christchurch ... **Steve Albini** is producing a new album for the **Fleshtones**.

TECHNOLOGY

- **Flying Nun** are now on the Internet. Look for them under *anyone@flyingnun.conz*.
- With their new album *Tales From the Punchbowl*, **Primus** will have a CD-Plus version for CD-ROM compatible computers. We are told the CD-Plus will include "interactive graphics for the computer to further enhance the Primus experience."
- Courtney Love's **Hole** Internet site was closed for several days after fans exchanged death threats and offensive language. The accounts of the two people who posted death threats were closed.
- Using SSL's Worldnet Integrated Services Digital Network **Jesus Jones** in Bath at Peter Gabriel's Real World Studio recorded simultaneously with Japanese guitarist **Hotel** in Singapore. The mix was made into a CD and handed out at the Singapore IMM conference the next day.
- USA indie **Rounder** have issued their 1,100 title catalogue on CD-ROM with colour reproductions of album covers, 20 second music edits from each album and press quotes.
- EMI will release a CD-ROM version of the **Queensryche** album *Promised Land* with documentary footage of the making of the album, 25 puzzles or games. Fans can explore five different worlds or trips representing the psyches of each of the band members.
- The battle is on to establish two incompatible high density CD formats that will contain five times more digital information than the current audio CD. The new formats will be capable of carrying movies. Old rivals **Phillips** and **Sony** have joined forces to take on the **Toshiba** and **Time-Warner** bonded disc system. There is also a third rival in the videodisc field, **Matsushita** who have a bonded disc system with two layers of digital information on either side. The Matsushita videodisc will be compatible with the Toshiba and Time-Warner system.

taking care of business

New Festival

The Gisborne District Council are looking for bands to play at a two-day music festival in late December. Interested parties should contact Leesa Tilley on (06) 8670-213 or 025 759-305, or fax (06) 8677-286.

A Word From Chronic Productions

If you have skills in promotion, organising, sound & light engineering, graphic art, communication or are just believe in what NZ music is (or could be) then Chronic Productions would like to hear from you. The company is involved with management and

past tours for Supergroove and Semi Lemon Kola, Pumpkinhead, Thorazine Shuffle, Fagan, Dead Flowers. They are currently updating a nationwide database of people currently, or wanting to be involved with the promotion of NZ music. People from any city, town, suburb or secluded settlement should write now. At the very least Chronic will be able to send the latest music and tour information to you. If you are suitable to help in anyway, there may be remuneration. Chronic are also updating their venue database, from shacks to stadiums, operators are invited to send their venue specifics to Chronic Data, Attention: Stuart

Broughton, Box 6430 Wellesley St, Auckland.

Musical Chairs

New National Sales Manager for **Festival Records** is **Anthony Reardon** and the new Festival PR person is **Shirley Charles** (ex *RiptUp*) ... there's talk of **Disney** USA purchasing England's last big record company, **EMI** for five billion USA dollars ... the rumour that **George Michael** will soon sign to Virgin Records has been met with "no comment" from Sony and Virgin ... **Warners** UK have co-financed the revival of the 70s indie label **Radar** ... producer **Daniel Lanois** has an A&R deal to bring talent to the **Capitol** label.



the long awaited debut album available in stores from june 1st. -----on tour june and july

