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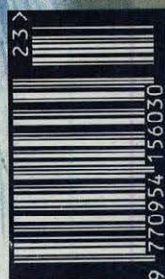
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He makes a bad drunk! He's digs mental orgasms! He thinks smiling can lead you to love! He is SHANNON HOON, vocalist with ethereal West Coast Rockers BLIND MELON, and he tells MEL BRADMAN all about his ...

MEANING OF LIFE

FOOD

"MY FAVOURITE food is Thai. I've been into it for about the last eight years. In Seattle there's a place on Broadway called 'Angels' which does great Thai food. I doze in and out of being a vegetarian. I don't like eating meat, and I've become pretty sacred about not eating hamburgers and shit like that. On some days I go on health-kicks, like the day after I've treated my body like shit, I get up and abide by the vegetarian laws. I'm allergic to barbecued food, at least that's what the doctor told me."

DRINK

"I LIKE water. It's about all I drink. Alcohol has shattered my whole family, so I try to keep away from it as much as possible. But if I'm sitting at home brooding, I like to drink wine."

"I've had problems with alcohol, but then so has everybody around me. I didn't actually cut down on the amount I drank, it was more about cutting down the state of mind it got me into. I was a bad drunk! I enjoy conversation and it's hard to have a good conversation when your tongue keeps interfering with your lower lip. Tea and coffee don't do much for me. All caffeine does is make me warm inside, and I don't feel like being warm inside all the time."

DRUGS

"DRUGS HAVE actually broadened my spectrum. LSD helped me weed out what really matters and what really doesn't. If you know how to control your fix, it's sacred. But if you don't, you don't have any business doing it. Do the drug, don't let the drug do you. I don't sit up and talk about being clean, because the people who tell me to be clean are the people who supposedly think they know the right way to live. That conservative point of view can just go straight to hell, because it doesn't mean dick in the real world. Whatever it takes to survive, that's the way you are."

MUSIC

"WHEN I was about ten I'd sing Elton John songs on the way to and from school. I grew up listening to the Easy Rider soundtrack, Carole King's 'Tapestry', and loads of mellow music. It's through the mellow stuff

that my true identity comes out.

"What I listen to depends on my mood. I wake up, I look at the fucking sun, and then I decide how I feel. My CD collection is very diverse, and this week I haven't been able to remove The Stones' 'Some Girls' from my deck. The last records I bought were John Lennon's 'Shaved Fish' and the new Lenny Kravitz album. I'm a hardcore Lennon fan, and though Kravitz is great at what he does, what he talks about is Lennon rehashed; but he's got soul and a great band."

SEX

"I'VE NEVER had sex with anybody after our shows. I can't respect anybody who can't respect themselves, and I don't give a flying fuck about that kind of lifestyle. Sex has to be with someone I really care about. I've been in love with the same girl for a long, long time, seven or eight years."

"I dig mental orgasms over physical orgasms. I enjoy having a 35-minute conversation where you have something to take with you when it's over, something worthy which matters to the big picture. Not just some ten-minute orgasm where you don't even know who the hell it's with once it's over."

LOVE

"I DON'T know what the definition of love is and I don't really care. I think smiling leads you to love, and I'm smiling a lot! Love comes in a lot of different forms, but if you think about it, man, it's not sacred. I try not to force the issue. At the moment I'm happy. I love the person I'm with on a different level. There's comfort there, and maybe that's love, but I'm not gonna label it."

HATE

"HATE IS just the extreme. Love is far left on a temperature dial, and hate is far right. I believe that in everything bad, you can find something good. If you can turn on an emotion and hate someone, you can like that person just as much. It depends on whether you wanna be a misery, or if you wanna be productive."

"I don't hate anybody, but if I'm subjected to certain people's presence I have to shorten it. If I find I'm sitting at a table eating dinner with someone for the wrong reasons, at any given moment I'm prepared

to just stand up and excuse myself.

"For 17 years of my life I was a complete little prick. I never respected anybody's point of view except my own, and life was really hard. Then I realised it was me who didn't interpret where people were coming from, and assuming they were wrong. It was a question of looking in the mirror and going, 'You need to fucking broaden your mind.'"

ROCK 'N' ROLL

"THE ROCK 'n' roll lifestyle will exist forever. Whether you partake in it or not is up to you, but not to have it would be like removing the star from the

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Blind Melon (with Shannon Hoon, seated left): Music to get you in the mood!

Christmas tree. I don't partake in it, but I drift through it a lot. I walk through rooms of chaos that are full of people who don't have a goal to be happy.

"A true Rock 'n' Roll band can drag the kid off the street who does nothing except get in trouble and whose parents keep bitching at him. A band like Guns n' Roses can pull that kid off the street, and that kid will get into a garage, then get into a band. Every band has done that to someone. Pink Floyd did it for me. I used to listen to music that didn't promote thinking, like Bon Jovi and Mötley Crüe. Sweating and shaking your body to music is great, but I'm into stuff that makes me think. It was really enhancing to take huge amounts of LSD and listen to early Pink Floyd,

like 'Saucerful Of Secrets' and 'Piper At The Gates Of Dawn'. I also love Tom Waits and Syd Barrett.

"The Stones enhance my excessive attitude, while the new bands I like include Smashing Pumpkins, Nine Inch Nails, Alice Donut, Flowerhead, and The Chicken Wire Gang."

WORK

"I USED to work for a construction union, pouring concrete for about four or five years in Lafayette, Indiana. I still keep my union ID with me because it's a part of me I can't let go. I don't wanna change from the person I grew up as, just because of what I do

now. I'd get up real early, like 6 am, and in some ways it's similar to what I'm doing now. What I do now can still be a pain in the ass. I'm sickened by a lot of the people around me, those who just care about the dollars. I didn't get into a band to do a lot of what I find myself doing, like interviews. But I try to enjoy what I'm subjected to, and if I realise I'm not going to find something inspiring, I get up and walk away.

"The best part of what I do is meeting people. Music is a common bonding and I love to converse with people from all walks of life. It's fun to jump into different environments. Music is therapeutic to me, and I'm not the only person who feels like that."

THE RAW GIG GUIDE: FREE N' ROCKIN'!

WEDNESDAY JUNE 9

Brierley Hill The Robin Hood Tapazee/Spike
Brighton The Concorde Cardinal Sin
Buckley Tivoli Kinky Machine
Edinburgh The Venue Buzzcocks
Huddersfield University Back To The Planet
Hull Adelphi Jacob's Mouse/Bivouac
London Finsbury Park The Robey Abyss/
Black Rose/THC
London Harlesden Mean Fiddler The Jayhawks
London Marquee Skyclad/ForGodSake
London The Wag Club The Bombshells
Manchester Jilly's Into The Fire/Sky High Harry
Sheffield City Hall Brian May
Stockton The Waterfront Damn Nation/Midnight Sun

THURSDAY JUNE 10

Ayr Powerhaus Buzzcocks
Bedford Esquires Heartless
Blackpool The Tache Killers/Original Sinners
Cardiff Bogiez Skyclad/ForGodSake
Guisborough Rugby Club The Hamsters
Hassocks The Hassocks Hotel Cardinal Sin
Hebden Bridge Trades Club The Crazy World Of
Arthur Brown
Hereford Shire Hall Chumbawamba/Papa Brittle
Isle Of Man TT Races Girlschool
Liverpool Wilsons Bar Morbid Sheepfarmer/Oberon
London Camden Underworld Wool
London Highbury & Islington Garage Bivouac/
Jacob's Mouse
Manchester University Kinky Machine
Nottingham Rock City Strange Nature
Norwich The Oval Birdland
Stowmarket Eternity's Samson
Wokingham Phoenix Plaza Wraith
York Fibbers Ignorance

FRIDAY JUNE 11

Bradford Queens Hall The Crazy World Of Arthur Brown
Cardiff Ice Rink Brian May
Carlisle Front Page The Hamsters
Chelmsford Army & Navy New England
Chesham Axis Samson
Crawley The Stocks Wraith
Croydon The Cartoon The Bombshells
Dudley JB's Strange Nature
Glasgow Cathouse Buzzcocks
Glasgow Nice 'N' Sleazy The Ocean
Halifax Hangovers Storm Witch
Isle Of Man TT Races Girlschool
Isle Of Sheppey Ferry House Inn Cardinal Sin
Kendall Arts Centre Steve Hackett
London Kentish Town Forum Therapy/Cop Shoot Cop/
Fun-Da-Mental
London ULU Die Cheerleader
London Walthamstow Royal Standard Andy Scott's
Sweet/Threshold
Ludgershall The Crown Little Bones
Milton Keynes Woughton Centre Skyclad/ForGodSake
Northampton Roadmenders Back To The Planet
Norwich The Oval Tush/Montana
Nottingham Rock City Killers/Original Sinners
Oxford Jericho Tavern Bivouac/Jacob's Mouse
Sidcup The Woodman Dumpty's Rusty Nuts
Wokingham Phoenix Plaza Fight
York Fibbers Lucy Fun/Robinson/Cake

SATURDAY JUNE 12

Aldershot Buzz Club Kinky Machine
Bedford Commercial Tavern Paris, Texas
Birkenhead Stairways Ark
Birmingham NEC Brian May
Bradford Brewery Tap Storm Witch
Bradford BROS Killers/Original Sinners



Blind Melon: Back for a Marquee blow-out on June 21!

Braintree Flacks Bladechain
Brierley Hill The Robin Hood The Hamsters
Cheltenham Revolving Elephant Back To The Planet
Colchester Essex University Haze Vs The X-Factor
Dublin Rock Garden Skyclad
Dudley JB's Obsession
Egham The Compasses Legacy/War Criminals
Farnham The Blue Boy The Bombshells
Leighton Buzzard Wheatsheaf Orange Deluxe
Maltis (Cheshire) Red Lion Afflicted
Milton Keynes Woughton Centre Steve Hackett
Norwich The Oval Skin
Plymouth Ark Royal New England
Port Stewart Spuds Lazy
Shoreham-BY-Sea Shoreham Community Desperate
Dani Band
St Helens The Citadel The Crazy World Of Arthur Brown
Staines Blue Anchor Mental Helicopters/Blender
Children
Sudbury Old Red Cow Dumpty's Rusty Nuts
Tonypandy Royal Naval Club Wraith
Tunbridge Wells Forum Jacob's Mouse/Bivouac
York Fibbers Cockroach/Funkfish
York Opera House Saxon/Frankenstein

SUNDAY JUNE 13

Belfast Lighthouse Skyclad
Bognor Regis Centre Girlschool/Jakknife
Bradford Queens Hall Steve Hackett
Bristol Bierkeller New England
Bristol Fleece & Firkin Wraith
Glasgow Cathouse Killers/Original Sinners
Guildford Surrey University Kinky Machine
Hazlemere Crown & Cushion Samson
Leicester Royal Mail Dumpty's Rusty Nuts
London Astoria Over Kill/Savagae/Non-Fiction
London Fulham The Swan Strange Nature
Middlesbrough Arena Buzzcocks

Oxford The Dolly The Hamsters
Reading Central Club Back To The Planet
York Fibbers The Crazy World Of Arthur Brown
York Opera House Saxon/Frankenstein

MONDAY JUNE 14

Aberdeen Pelicans Killers/Original Sinners
Egham Royal Holloway College Strange Nature
Farnham Maltings The Hamsters
Glasgow Pavilion Saxon/Frankenstein
Hinkley Barleysheaf Atomic Babies
Leicester Princess Charlotte The Crazy World Of Arthur
Brown
London Borderline Sun/Erotic Jesus/Bad Little Dynamics
London Camden Underworld Gumball
Newcastle-Upon-Tyne Buzzcocks
Norwich Arts Centre Bivouac/Jacob's Mouse
Oxford The Venue Back To The Planet
Portsmouth Contented Pig The Electric Blue/Little
Bones
Southend-on-Sea Esplanade Girlschool

TUESDAY JUNE 15

Llandudno Aberconwy Centre Saxon/Frankenstein
London Brixton Academy Brian May
London Marquee Dogs D'Amour
Portsmouth Air Balloon Guttersnipe
Preston Kings Arms Burnt Oak
Rayleigh Pink Toothbrush Kinky Machine
Sheffield Jolly Farmer Nu-Killer
Sheffield Leadmill The Crazy World Of Arthur Brown

WEDNESDAY JUNE 16

Aberystwyth Bear Necessities The Crazy World Of
Arthur Brown
Brierley Hill The Robin Hood Cum To
Bedlam/Cornerstone
Brighton Madiera Hotel Kinky Machine

Cambridge Junction Buzzcocks
Exeter Cavern Jacob's Mouse/Bivouac
Fennstanton King William VI Samson
London Hammersmith Odeon Brian May
London Marquee Girlschool
London Tufnell Park Dome Optimum Wound
Philly/Headbutt/Gunshot/Judda/Godlike Bass
Manchester Rockworld Bolt
Thrasher/Decomposed/Burial
Portsmouth Wedgewood Rooms Killers/Original
Sinners/Jakknife
Stockton The Waterfront Stone Free/Liquid Desires
York Fibbers Hamps Tramps/The Primates

THURSDAY JUNE 17

Bedford Esquires Soulstone
Birmingham Brendon Bar The Crazy World Of Arthur
Brown
Birmingham Exposé Rock Café Marshall Law
Birmingham Jug Of Ale Jacob's Ladder/Bivouac
Bradford Queens Hall The Hamsters/Nine Below Zero
Buckley Tivoli Romeo's Daughter/In A Big Way
Great Yarmouth The Tube Samson
Leicester Georges Cellar Bar Atomic Babies/Moshite
London 100 Club Kinky Machine
Norwich The Oval Killers/Original Sinners
Southend-on-Sea Palace Back To The Planet
Stoke-on-Trent Wheatsheaf Girlschool
Taunton Chambers Jokers Wild
Windsor Old Trout Buzzcocks
Wokingham Phoenix Plaza The Mavericks
Wolverhampton Foxes Saxon/Frankenstein

FRIDAY JUNE 18

Ashton-Under-Lyme Witchwood The Crazy World Of
Arthur Brown
Barnsley Civic Theatre Saxon/Frankenstein
Bedford Esquires New England/Sick On The Bus/Roger
Mortis
Burwell Ex-Servicemen's Club Paris, Texas
Canterbury Friars International The Bombshells
Cardiff Bogiez Romeo's Daughter/In A Big Way
Chelmsford Anglia University Buzzcocks
Croydon The Cartoon The Hamsters
Gillingham Excaliburs Mental Helicopters
Hereford Shire Hall Horse Nation/Guttersnipe
Lancaster Park Hotel Burnt Oak
London Norbury Hang The Drummer Haze Vs The X-
Factor
Lough Manby Showground Samson
Norwich The Oval Wraith
Reading University The Shock
Sidcup The Woodman Makeshift/Wicked Cookee
Swansea Zero's Killers/Original Sinners
Tiverton White Ball Silver Hearts
Weymouth Marquee Jokers Wild
Worcester The Northwick Marshall Law

SATURDAY JUNE 19

Bedford The Angel Orange Deluxe
Birkenhead Stairways Dirty Strangers
Bradford Rios Mother Mary
Brighton Centre East Wing Buzzcocks
Colchester Oliver Twist Wraith
Crawley The Stocks Tarasque/Storm Witch
Dudley JB's Girlschool
Gosfield Aerodrome Bike Show Samson
Ide Hill Frog & Bucket The Bombshells
London Roehampton Froebel College Haze Vs The X-
Factor
Manchester University Dogs D'Amour
Mirfield The Long Bow Under Lock And Key
Norwich The Oval New England
Plymouth Ark Royal Silver Hearts
Sheffield Leadmill Come
Southport Manhattans Skyclad