

WESTON

Designed To Stop Accidents - SEXY AXES

YOGA LOV the GROOVINest band WITHOUT HARDLY TRYING...

Weston was interviewed by Frank FOE sometime around the turn of the year, 1992. Weston is Dave vocals, Chuck bass, Jeremiah drums, Chris and Ryan on guitars. Ryan wasn't present. Weston is the creamiest band in the Valley!

FOE Why'd you name the band Weston?

Dave Cuz Led Zeppelin was already taken.

Jer. His last name is Benner, mine is Attenasio, his is Saltern and they didn't sound good. Dave's is Weston. It sounded the best.

Dave It's not some big ego trip that I'm on...

FOE So this isn't your solo band with hired musicians...

Jer. Actually it's named after Dave's parents, cuz they let us practice at their house.

Chuck We were gonna call it Van Weston but...

Jer. We used to be called Sandman.

Chuck They were all in Sexy Older Sister with me, which is on hold right now.

FOE Is there any difference between Sandman and Weston?

Dave Sandman had more grunge.

Chuck No, Sandman was mo' hardcore. We revamped some songs. The lyrics are the same.

Dave Me & Jeremiah write a lot of the lyrics, for the most part at 3 AM, on Friday nights. Chuck & Chris have some.

Jer. Chuck wrote a very awesome song, "Tattoo Money".

FOE What are all these songs about?

Dave Girls, relationships, love. **Jer.** We're about love.

FOE Like All?

Jer. No, we're not that girly. **Dave** We're an honest band.

FOE What's "Tattoo Money" about?

Chuck A friend of ours, who got busted for selling drugs and guns, and... I've been friends for him for 17 years, and it's about watching him go down hill.

FOE What was your most memorable show?

Dave We played a show in the Lancaster area, and we got to finish our set and I think we played the best we've ever played. The sound was really good there... But when the other bands played, there was this big nazi brawl. My hand got smushed. The place was pretty cool. It was about as big as this living room.

Chuck It was like an old school house from the 30s.

Jer. The nazis were cool during our set. They even danced.

Chuck Yeah, the nazis liked us, I don't know if that's good or bad...

FOE Describe your music...

Dave We really can't. Uh, Uh... We were gonna talk about toenails. It's a local expression, meaning ripping off things. We don't set out to copy bands, but sometimes we'll write something, and well, hear it on the radio the next day.

Chuck The Tattoo song. I wrote the whole thing and everyone learned it and then at Play it Again (the record store Chuck works at), I was playing the Bullet LaVolta

cd, and it turned out I stole the whole intro to the one Bullet LaVolta song, and didn't even realize it.

Jer. We're kind of like Slap of Reality mixed with Nirvana and early TSOL.

Dave It's melodic with hints of angriness and sometimes pretty, sometimes relaxing, sometimes makes you just want to smash a bottle against your face.

FOE What's the reaction after shows?

Dave Lots of hugs from girls.

Jer. Chuck got 3 phone numbers in one night.

FOE So this is a pretty studly band.

Chuck That's why we changed from HC. Who like's HC? A bunch of young boys, and what good is that gonna do.

Dave I like to think that people can leave our shows with a nice big smile on their faces.

Jer. A lot of our friends like us.. I don't know if...

Dave ..because we exchange bodily fluids...

FOE How do you exchange these bodily fluids?

Jer. Through uh... sharing sodas.

Dave We're responsible for that flu thing going around.

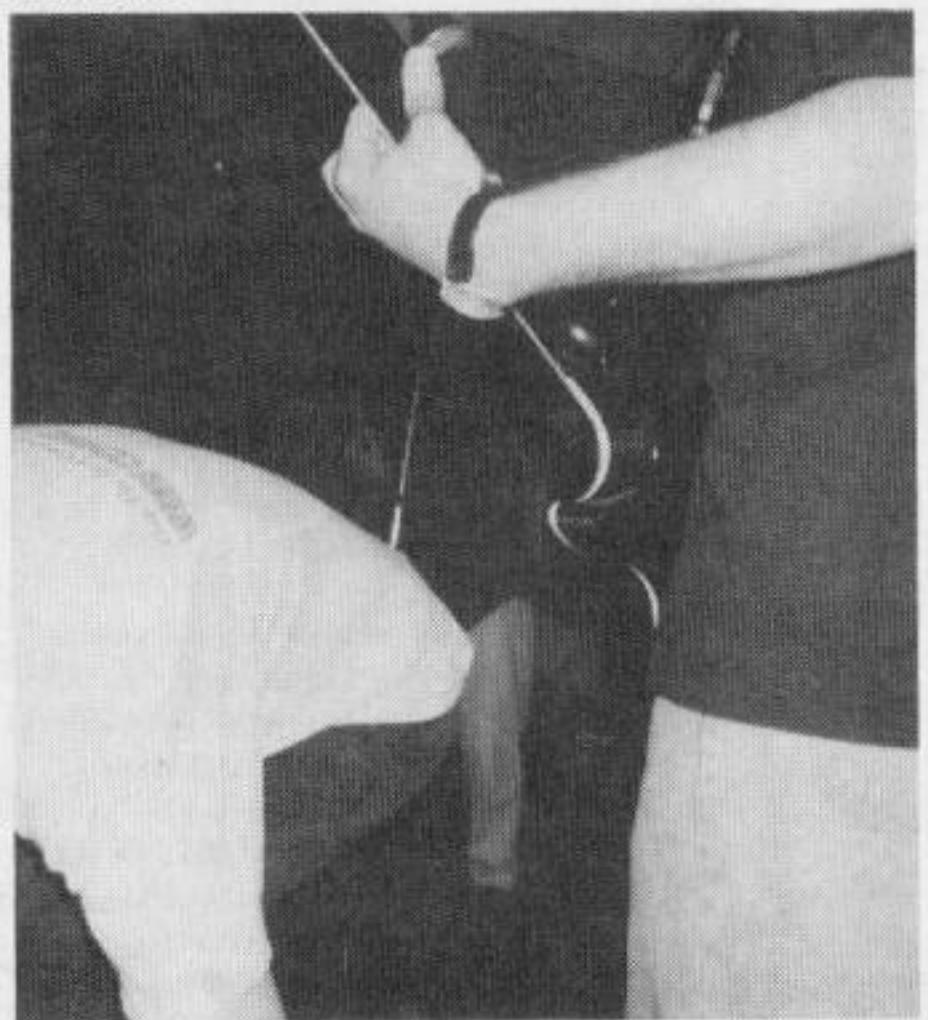
FOE Where is Weston going, what's in the future?

Chuck We want to go places. We want to play other places. Like maybe a mini tour this summer. It'd be cool to play four shows in a week to someone besides our friends.

Dave We definitely want to put out some vinyl. 8", 10", 5" whatever inch.

Chuck In the spring I'm gonna use my own money and put out a 7", maybe a split record with Shane Is Not My Dad.

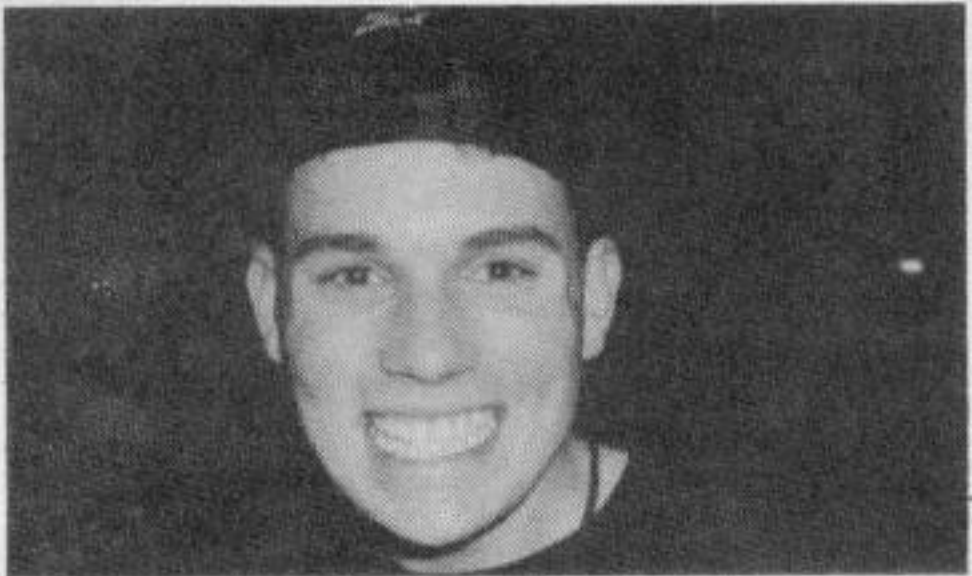
Dave ...and the rest of us are gonna sell newspaper to pay Chuck back.



I asked them for a band photo and this is what they gave me...

FOE How's your sex life?
Dave I watch a lot of adult videos.
Chuck I think we all watch porno movies a lot. I've been celibate for 2 years, I can't explain that.
FOE This is a question for Ryan, but he's not here. He'd be impressed with this question cuz it was asked in every interview in the mid 80's. Do you guys skate?
Dave I roller skate!
Chuck We went to practice one day and he was out in his driveway doing spins and stuff...and he had a beany on. ...and lots of girls were watching.
Dave No, no girls this time.
FOE Seeing as this band has such great sexual prowess... How important is safe sex to the band?
Chuck I'm the safest!
Jer Dave may be catching up to you.
Dave I haven't made love in a while.
Chuck Yeah, but mine is by choice! (gangs o laughter)
FOE What are your political views?
Chuck We don't have any.
Dave I have one... but getting back to the aids thing... I think it's a crying shame... wait, this ties in with my poli-tickle, I think it's sad the pentagon spends more money on magazine subscriptions than aids research.
Chris Is that a fact?
Dave Oh, well, yeah, in 1983. Sorry, I just wanted to sound cool. Like I actually knew something.
FOE Do you know who the president is?
Dave Yes, of course...
Chuck Yeah, some kid was yelling "Kill George Bush" when we played our last show. He was trying to get me to say it into the microphone. I couldn't really understand him, so I thought he said to just yell George Bush. So I go, "George Bush!" into the mike. I was looking around, waiting for something to happen. Like there was gonna be a riot or something. Then the kid is like no, no! Yell, "Kill George Bush... dismember him!"
Dave Well, getting back to our sex lives...
FOE What's the greatest porno you've ever seen?
Jer "Ginger Snaps".
Dave "Deep Inside Vanessa Del Rio" was good.
Dave "Christie Canyon Exposed". There's also a hot scene in "Ginger, Then and Now" with Jerry Butler.
Chuck Jerry Butler is Dave's spiritual inspiration. We like funny guys, the guys who don't take themselves all seriously... Much like ourselves.
FOE How important is violence to the band?
Dave On our first album, "Kill George Bush", we have a song called, "I Want to Annihilate You and Eat Out Your Anus with my Fork".
Chuck Jeremiah is the violent one in the band. It's his repressed sexual longings. They make him clench his fists a lot. I can't even go near the pit when he's in there. He's all swinging his elbows around. He elbowed me in the neck the last show. I was gonna kill you, and that

lawnmower thing. I don't like people hitting everybody in the pit.
Jer I don't think there should be slam dancing at every show. Like we saw Hinge, and it's not... at a HC show it's great...
Chuck No it's not. It's still terrible. I go to shows to have fun and when someone elses fun is putting their elbow in my neck... I like to smile at shows..
Dave Jeremiah is always frowning when he's dancing.
Jer What if I am?
Dave We have some new material in the works. "Bass Face" is about a 60 year old ex-con man.
Chuck We're just doing that as an excuse for the shirts... We're gonna make these shirts that say Weston, and it's gonna have a head coming out of a bowl of soup and it'll say "Bass Face", but the "B" is gonna be under the arm, so if you look at it from the back, it's gonna say Ass Face.
FOE How has your childhood and memories shaped you into the band you are now?
Dave I think the way I was brought up has made me the nice guy that I am. My family is very musical. My parents bought me my first drum kit when I was 5. I tried the accordion, the recorder, but...
Jer When it comes to music, Dave can play anything. He could be an actual composer.
Chris My dad plays guitar, but when I was growing up, I wasn't really interested in it. As I got older I woke up..
Jer Being the old man that you are now.
Chris I've only been playing 2 years.
Jer I wanted to learn to play drums in the 4th grade. But my parents wanted me to learn actual music theory. So I took up the trumpet, and they said if I stuck with it, they'd get me drums. So I hated it, and decided it wasn't worth it. So, about 6 years later I got my first drum set.
Chuck I got one childhood memory. 5th grade, when my aunt took me to see Cheap Trick, & I thought Rick Neilson was real funny. He looked like the guy from the Bowery Boys. I got guitar lessons & wasn't good at it, so I played bass cuz there were 2 less strings. I was in a 999 cover band.
FOE That's cuz you were from Nazareth.
Dave We listen to a lot of Wang Chung.



This is Ryan, he had to pump gas, so he couldn't be at the interview.