

**Ariel View**  
An overview of the Vegas scene  
by Ariel - staff writer

# A Whole(s) New Concept

So, I set up an interview with this local band called **Wholes** and I'm driving around in circles trying to find the right street because the directions I was given were wrong. I finally (due to a miracle) find the right street and the right house where the band practices, only to discover that they're loading up their van and heading home. Well, wait a minute! What about me? We discover that there was confusion concerning which night the interview was supposed to take place and settle onto the grass to discuss this music thing.

**Wholes** have been together since 1989 and consists of: UNLV student T "Rumple" Stone on drums; Billie Thornton, vocals; "Chummy" B Shjibe, "sbass cadet," and Barnacle Lester, guitar.

**Wholes**, who describe themselves as "a graphic example of offsprings of Las Vegas" say that they were in **Wholes**, Alaska when

they ran into each other. No, it wasn't at a four-way stop. They were walking.

**Wholes** is one of the bands featured on "Free Aspirin and Tender Sympathy- The Vegas Underground" (available at Underground Records). "We're happy we're on that. We've gotten response from it already," says Thornton. He adds, "Basically, we played a free show for them (the album producers) and they did that for us. That is a good thing." The band also agree that the next volume of "Free Aspirin" should be a **Wholes** album.

I questioned whether they foresee a problem with their name since there is a band called **Hole**. Surprisingly, they were more concerned with **Butthole Surfers** because they used to get compared to them a lot.

And who do these guys listen to? Thornton's first reaction was, "I'd rather not say... because then

we'll be compared to them." But, then answered "Killdozer." Shjibe chooses **The Redskins**, and Lester likes **Plastiland**. Stone just sits and ponders this question without ever arriving at an answer.

They aspire to one day do a trilogy rock opera based on the lives of **The Bee Gees** where Andy gets killed by John Belushi's girlfriend. Yes, these guys are slightly warped, but that's OK because they are very amusing.

Speaking of amusing, their live show sounds like one to catch. "We played Yuma, Arizona," says Stone as he tells about a benefit they played for the homeless and "the crowd stepped back three feet when we started playing." So, naturally I had to ask why they scare people. "We jump around a lot and show graphic television. Stuff that would piss Jesse Helms off," answers Thornton.

Lester was quick to add that Vegas is different. "How could

anyone be scared of us after growing up with Wayne Newton." He's got a point!

**Wholes** have travelled all over bringing their sounds to Colorado, Berkeley, San Francisco, and even **Wholes**, Alaska. Is that by Cicely?

According to Lester "people outside Vegas have to, what is it when you put a new fish in a tank?" He is answered by the rest of the band saying "acclimate." He continues, "Yeah, acclimate to us."

They've played shows with **Steele Pole Bathtub**, **Death Ride 69**, and **Fragic Mulatto** which was their favorite show. "The band actually came out of the bar to hear us play. We appreciated them telling us that," admits Thornton. At least **Wholes** didn't scare them away.

Actually, Thornton states that "We're shiny, happy people." Stone announces, "All shiny, happy people to the left. All meal-eating, gun-toting people to the right."

So, I should have been feeling safe, but then they told me about the 45 they're doing.

It features three songs that are "Lost Vegas," "Caffiend," and "Crack Baby Up All Night Shakin" and is known collectively as "Serial Killers for Punk Rock." It's being produced by two UNLV students who call their company **Bucky Records**.

**Wholes** hate the word "alternative" and they aren't punk rock. So, I advise that you go check them out and draw your own conclusions.

Thursday (tonight) Oct 28- Club Foot at The HobNob with **Terror Train**- 10 p.m.

Saturday Oct 30- The Henderson Elk's Lodge with **Fried Green**, **Zuh Zub**, and **Surprise Band** All Ages- 8 p.m.

**Horoscopes**

By Vaedra Roseman-Sowerby  
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**Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18)**  
Cheaters never win, so try to study this time, loser! Avoid all romantic involvement and reddish foods. Your color for today is purple.

**Pisces (Feb. 19- Mar. 20)**  
Try to make a solid decision about that situation you have been deliberating about and move towards action. Your color for today is white.

**Aries (Mar. 21- Apr. 19)**  
So...you thought you wouldn't get caught, eh? You thought that you could just

mosey on in, do your deed, and leave, huh? **WRONG!** Well, now you have to face the music. Good Luck! Your color for today is rainy day grey.

**Taurus (Apr. 20- May 20)**  
You can catch more flies with honey...blah blah **BLAH!** So, stop lecturing your friends and they will begin to hang with you again. Your color for today is maggot white.

**Gemini (May 21- Jun. 20)**  
Do not impose your boring past times on others. No one cares, but they do not want to hurt your feelings. Be kind to the elderly and small animals. Your color for today is orange with tiny white hearts.

**Cancer (Jun. 21- Jul. 22)**  
Try to avoid conflict with your higher ups. You are not always going to come out on top. If you find any unusual foliage, eat it! Your color for today is poisonberry.

**Leo (Jul. 23- Aug. 22)**  
So you wanna be a gangster. Well, Scarface, how about trying to make some "clean" money for a change? Money acquired honestly will multiply rapidly. Your color for today is purple.

**Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 22)**  
Some serious romantic situation is about to occur between you and someone that you don't yet know. Remember to be cautious and

level-headed. Your color for today is any found in the health clinic's safe sex packets.

**Libra (Sept. 23- Oct. 22)**  
Dream your dreams, and don't let anyone tell you can't do anything. Avoid long telephone calls on controversial topics, someone is listening. Your color for today is wine.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21)**  
Quit complaining and enjoy living. Think of all of the poverty-stricken individuals who would consider you royalty. Your color for today is any that Madonna's hair has been in the last ten years.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)**

You will have very good luck this weekend. Try to remember all of the promises you have made and stick to them. Involve yourself with sports and you will go far. Your color for today is baby blue or white.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19)**

Stay in touch with your family. There will come a time when they will be all you have to turn to. Enjoy exotic foods and green vegetables. Your color for today is neon green.

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