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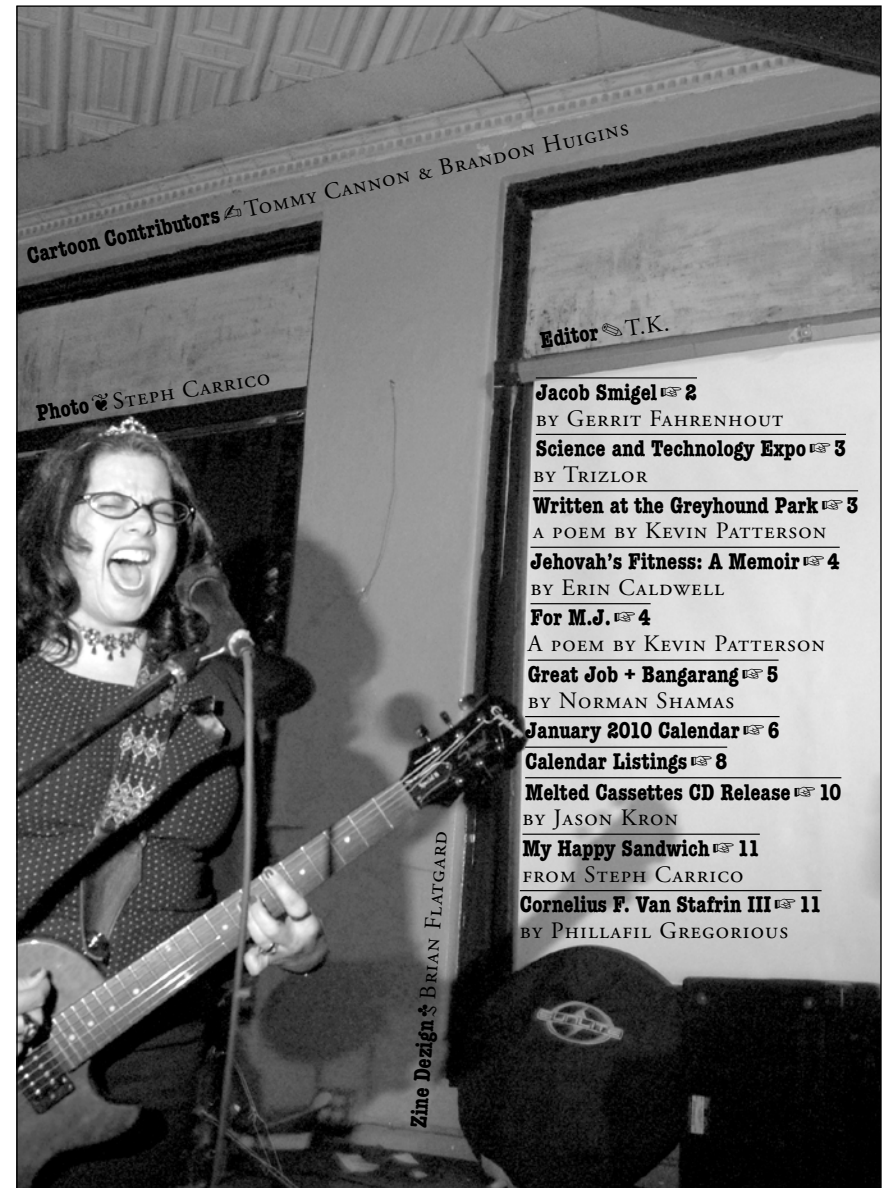
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## Jacob Smigel

BY GERRIT FAHRENHOUT

There's impermanence to hearing a record for the first time. Though your conscious mind is occupied with tussling with the cellophane and sliding the virgin vinyl out of a sleeve or gently prying a disc from the plastic casing, the subconscious is about to undergo something very important that can never be recreated in quite the same way. The color of the walls in a room, who sits with you on the cold floor, or what town your car is headed all contribute; often times, the ephemera means just as much as the recorded document.

Jacob Smigel's brand-new *Hope This Passes The Secretary* is an example of how gorgeous and powerful a first-time listening can be -- odds are that, years from now, you'll remember exactly where you were and how you felt while listening to the accessible and pensive self release.

The album's opening tune "It Is Raining" begins with a half-minute unmastered aria before blossoming into a hi-fi blend of infectious pop and grounded folk that features the lyrics, "First you were the speaker in my speaker phone/I aimed to change you then so you drove to my home/And we camped on a grade school's roof that was never my own/And I told you falsely then that I was full grown." From there, the 45-minute LP, which includes two live tracks, showcases stripped-of-the-fat narratives encased in a folk-pop hope chest.

The disc also contains Smigel's patented found sounds that are a dream for thrift-store hunters -- "Punks vs. Freaks," which chronicles a woman engaging in a not-thinking-before-speaking denunciation, is especially stimulating in a discomfoting manner.

If anything, it's evident that well-spent time was taken in crafting this effort, which means that one can be rewarded with time spent on this album.

Jacob Smigel, Stephen Steinbrink, RPM Orchestra, Hi My Name and Ryan and Pillowfort, and Finding Grampa's Monsters are scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, January 16.

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## My Happy Sandwich

FROM STEPH CARRICO

Serves 1

Ingredients (use vegan versions):

1/2 avocado, mashed  
two cloves garlic, minced  
1/2 small onion, chopped  
1/2 small tomato, chopped  
1-2 mushrooms, sliced  
lemon juice to taste  
sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste  
2-3 tablespoons sunflower seeds  
1/2 cup rice  
2 slices of bread

Directions:

Combine all ingredients except bread. You can add more or less or completely omit whatever you choose. After everything is mixed spread it on bread. That's it!

## Cornelius F. Van Stafrin III

BY PHILLAFIL GREGORIOUS

Stop what you're doing. Hear that? That's music, man. At the very least, whatever is within earshot right now (and at all times) is sound.

Whether it's the ringing in your ears or the fabric on your body that sings every time you move, there are heaps of fugitive noises awaiting capture. One can also look at it like this: think of sounds as feelings that need to be paid attention to or else they hibernate and eventually die. That's why the sound art of folks such as Cornelius F. Van Stafrin III is so crucial to healthy living on this planet.

The sound cultivator showcases found-sound audio that's slowed down, percussion that listens like a kitchen-utensil percussion ensemble, and haunted house-like piano interspersed with skin-crawling bowed cymbals. There are also plenty of meditative drone and feedback arias that sound like chirping crickets. Or are they real crickets? We're not sure. That's the beauty of it. (Many of these sounds can be found in the artist's impressive discography of unpublished podcasts and various cassette releases, such as a 12-tape set of solo music recorded straight to a Realistic SCT-17.)

The evening of Tuesday, January 5 will also feature folk-centric band Turn Back O Man as well as the epically sad solo songs of Brett Thomas' latest solo project Du Pre (pronounced "Do Pray," this will be just the project's third gig ever). Also on the bill is noise-centered trio La La Lumberjack. During a recent gig at Revolver Records' Outer Bounds of Sound experimental-music series, the ensemble featured amplified and distorted cello, an ice-crushing blender, and a hobo-like drum kit.

## Melted Cassettes CD Release

BY JASON KRON

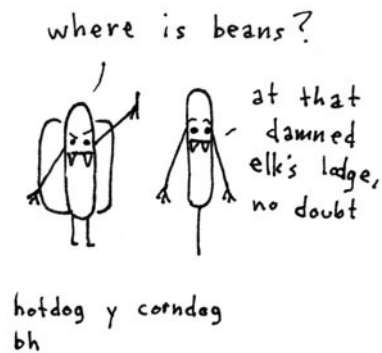
The genesis of Melted Cassettes was in 1977, when lounge singer Abir Raheem and male dancer Jaali Daoud met at a party in Pakistan that was celebrating 30 years of independence for that country. It was discovered that Abir was sleeping with Jaali's girlfriend at the time, and a knife fight ensued. However, while talking during the fight, the two ended up discovering their common bond: love of popular polka artists of the time. These included Slavko Avsenik, Walter Ostanek, Eddie Blazonczyk, and Haunted Colonge. Abir and Jaali have played music together ever since.

A few years ago, they moved to the States and changed their names to David Turner and Mike Warden. Now, they live relatively stable lives in the Phoenix Metropolitan District. The pair has gone through many breakups, style changes, and name changes. At various points, they have been known as Zucchini Kill, L'il Bastards, and the Jerry Seinfeld Space Project.

Now known as Melted Cassettes, the band's style of keyboard noise and electro scum will beat your ears with a whip while making them plead for more. Drawing on influences such as Big Black, AIDS Wolf, Arab on Radar, and Camera Obscura (the original one), Melted Cassettes have molded their own style through brutal screams, MIDI controller insanity, and onstage blacklight buggery.

Now, I bet you're wondering, "Gee whiz, when can I see these guys get their groove on?" Well fear not, true believer. On Sunday, January 17, the duo is playing at the best venue in Arizona, the Trunk Space. The show is a celebration of a split CD release with North Carolina noise scoundrel Cheezface, a mindfuck orgy of old-time song samples and drum-machine tourettes attacks. The split features some of the best Melted Cassettes songs, a good variety of loud dance-a-longs (Shock Sickness and Attak Pak), dirgier proclamations of doom (Lor, Sounds From Hell Vol. 2), and just plain fucking noise (Fantasy Garden).

The Trunk Space CD-release show will also feature performances by BOAR and Swim Ignorant Fire, and you know what? They're pretty darn good, too.



## Science and Technology Expo

BY TRIZLOR

If you haven't heard, everyone's favorite kid scientist, Jason Kron, has put together one of the most ridiculously epic lineups we've seen in years. It could very easily be the biggest and most important show of 2010. Don't believe me? Listen up: along with local rad dudes Treasure Mammal, Fathers Day, Kids Day, The Black River Bandit, Hug-Of-War and Bangarang, it features Monster Pussy and The Lifers (two of Tucson's sexiest punk bands); California's star Gameboy-King Wizwars and apocalyptic jug band Blackbird Raum; and Flagstaff's Feel Free and the legendary smelly drunk I Hate You When You're Pregnant, who hasn't played in Phoenix in more than 3 years. Missing this show on Saturday, January 23 would be like missing your own birth.



## Written at the Greyhound Park

A POEM BY KEVIN PATTERSON

These are some of the things that I understand why people collect; Cabbage Patch dolls, license plates, coins, stamps, art, old farm tools, rocks, porn.

These are some of the things that don't make any sense; Beanie Babies, vintage (used) porn, modern art, old Coca-Cola bottles.

License plates from other places sold at flea markets means someone left for permanent adventures; they took their car, packed all their belongings, and went elsewhere. They stayed and replaced their plates.

He was a good man, hardworking, or he would have been hardworking if there had been work. But around here, all he could find was pedaling someone's forgotten identities.

# Jehovah's Fitness: A Memoir

BY ERIN CALDWELL

I didn't know anything about Jehovah's Fitness when I saw a poster for the Village In My Mind tour in my boyfriend's bedroom. He wasn't my boyfriend then, but the point is that I thought the name Jehovah's Fitness was the most clever band name in the whole world. Ever.

I didn't ask my not-yet BF any questions about the band because I hate it when people find out that I don't know anything about music. So I waited it out and thankfully, Jehovah's Fitness came to town from San Diego a few months later, which means I got to hear the hoopla behind the band name. Danny Ruiz, who is Jehovah's Fitness, sat on the floor of the Trunk Space and strummed stories of love, loss, family, and friends on a beat-up acoustic guitar between poetic explanations. He did it all prettily and without making me feel like a shithead, so I bought a CD and still jam it all the time. Then he slept on my now boyfriend's bedroom floor and we found out that we both went to the same middle school on Maui. Weird, huh.

This time around, Jehovah's Fitness is bringing along Koalacaust, another batch of Bay Area awesome with a fucking great name. They're like Against Me but way better and with jungle beats. Local pop-punk band Bangarang is also playing, which rules, along with Foxes and Hello The Mind Control, everyone's favorite Mesa high-schoolers with posi folksy tunes. The show starts at 8 p.m. Tuesday, January 19.

## For M.J.

A POEM BY KEVIN PATTERSON

Don't ask for forgiveness

She was angry about

Saviors hiding out on Ferris wheels.

She claimed she did not know why she was angry. Bullshit.

She claimed she had been kind and sweet and accommodating for her entire life but she wasn't going to be so tonight.

I always have the worst timing.

"My horse is dead," she said "give me yours."

"It's tough walking alone in the desert," she offered.

I agreed, I didn't really need that horse anymore. I have a Honda Accord.

The booze and drugs pretend they help. Last chance for adventure, Last chance for freedom. I am hemmed in, blocked in, henpecked in, escape at 85 mph. A horse just won't do for me anymore. Let's see how many miles she can get out of the ride.

**Tues. 19th:** On tour, Jehova's Fitness & Koalacaust! Hosted by Bangarang w/ help from Hello The Mind Control and Ben Porchowitz! [www.jehovasfitness.org](http://www.jehovasfitness.org), [myspace.com/koalacaust](http://myspace.com/koalacaust)

**Wed 20th: 7-9:** Tango! Hosted by Ravi from Tango AZ. \$5 per dancer. Intro lesson for first timers.

**Wed 20th 9pm:** Hazardous Guadalupe WA noise art on tour. Marlo Eggplant tells it like it is w/ a mixer, distortion, & a huge bag of tricks! w/ the return of Balloons Is Fun!, & Magilicuddy (Political noise by Avery/Jemsek) [myspace.com/marloeggplant-music](http://myspace.com/marloeggplant-music)

**Fri 22nd:** Stand presents a night of local folk, pop, & rock to benefit The Invisible Children Campaign. [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com)

**Sat. 23rd 6pm:** Science & Technology Fair (Aka Chrome Fest), I Hate You When You're Pregnant [myspace.com/ihywywyp](http://myspace.com/ihywywyp), Fathers Day [myspace.com/fathersday](http://myspace.com/fathersday), Kids Day, Hug Of War [myspace.com/thebestmusicofalltime](http://myspace.com/thebestmusicofalltime), Treasure Mammal [myspace.com/treasuremammal](http://myspace.com/treasuremammal), The Black River Bandit [myspace.com/theblackriverbandit](http://myspace.com/theblackriverbandit), The Lifers, Monster P\*ssy [myspace.com/monsterpussycat](http://myspace.com/monsterpussycat), Feel Free [myspace.com/feelfreeflagstaff](http://myspace.com/feelfreeflagstaff), Blackbird Raum [myspace.com/blackbirdraum](http://myspace.com/blackbirdraum), Wizwars [myspace.com/wizwars](http://myspace.com/wizwars), Bangarang [myspace.com/bangarangphx](http://myspace.com/bangarangphx). This show will rock your ass off and teach you about science.

**Sun 24th:** Stellaluna Hosts Paddle Boat & Black Mamba from CA (old friends from Vision of A DyingWorld) With Alex Benson & Shortstack Lightening! [myspace.com/thepaddleboat](http://myspace.com/thepaddleboat), [myspace.com/blackmambasongs](http://myspace.com/blackmambasongs).

**Wed 27th:** Longform Improv w/ Mail Order Bride & Apollo 12! Beginning their 5th year of Wed Improv Greatness! Intelligent & Funny! [myspace.com/mobimprov](http://myspace.com/mobimprov), [myspace.com/apollo12](http://myspace.com/apollo12)

**Sat 30th:** JJCnV hosts Tucson 's The Pork Torta & Ultramaroon! w/ Man About A Dog. Punk Rock from veterans of the genre. Redefine what you know about the scene. [myspace.com/porktorta](http://myspace.com/porktorta), [www.myspace.com/mikeanddick](http://www.myspace.com/mikeanddick)



## Calendar Listings

**Fri. 1st, 6-10pm:** Artlink's First Friday Artist Reception, new art by Allison Karow! Drawings and mixed media work. Audio accompaniment from Glochids! FREE

**Sat. 2nd, 7PM Sharp:** Galapagos presents, The All City Bingo Jam & The Neighborhood. Improv at its finest--anyone can join The Jam, and The Neighborhood features storytellers from Phx and beyond! Improv that kicks ass and takes names.

**Mon. 4th:** "miss ellen sunday & her fantastic cats" country folk like the west used to make! Hosted by Tierra Del Fuego , with Haymarket Squares! [myspace.com/mis-sellensunday](http://myspace.com/mis-sellensunday)

**Tues. 5th:** Ghost to Falco on tour with Cornelius F. Van Stafrin III. Wastland-style sonic rock--think Joy Division meets Television. CFVS3 = deep orchestral groans on a sinking ship. With locals Turn Back O' Man, Lala Lumberjack, and Du Pre. [myspace.com/corneliusfvanstafrinthe3rd](http://myspace.com/corneliusfvanstafrinthe3rd), [myspace.com/ghosttofalco](http://myspace.com/ghosttofalco)

**Thurs. 7th:** Grand Ave Live, Ernesto Moncada brings the beloved downtown live talk show back! Episode 2, can we keep our hats on?! [www.myspace.com/emoncada](http://www.myspace.com/emoncada)

**Fri. 8th:** Drew Andrews, on tour with Odawas from San Diego . Absolutely brilliant pop. With Owl & The Penny, Snow Songs, & Dominique Leon. Presented by Select shows. [myspace.com/drewandrews](http://myspace.com/drewandrews) \$8.

**Sat. 9th:** Free Sushi Records presents a night of local pop music. [myspace.com/freesushirecords](http://myspace.com/freesushirecords)

**Sun. 10th:** Toby Lightman & Aslyn, hosted by President Gator. [myspace.com/toby-lightman](http://myspace.com/toby-lightman), [myspace.com/aslyn](http://myspace.com/aslyn). tentative

**Mon. 11th:** Lam & The Ladies hosts Aids Free and The Assailants! [myspace.com/aids-freetheband](http://myspace.com/aids-freetheband), [myspace.com/theassailants](http://myspace.com/theassailants), AZ SKA houseparty, Tucson represent!

**Wed. 13th:** Bangarang return from tour and brings the awesome back with a powerfully epic show! On tour--Mt. Righteous (TX Marching Band!), We're Into Survival (slathered punk), Great Job ( Tucson ). w/ Shortstack Lightening. [myspace.com/mountrighteous](http://myspace.com/mountrighteous), [myspace.com/wereintosurvival](http://myspace.com/wereintosurvival) Highly recommended

**Fri. 15th, 6-9pm:** 3rd Friday Artist Reception. Details tbd. Grrrr.

**Fri 15th:** Arroyo Death Match! Killer broken+Amped+tweaked ukulele. Folk punk with heart and balls. Locals tbd. [myspace.com/arroyodeathmatch](http://myspace.com/arroyodeathmatch)

**Sat. 16th, 6pm:** Jacob Smigel Cd Release! This will be 2010s first great lp! A mix of fresh folk, found sound, & reworked songs. With: Stephen Steinbrink, Finding Grampa's Monsters, RPM Orchestra, Ryan Avery, Porch Holler (world class thugs 'light') & Pillowfort! [www.jacobsmigel.com/](http://www.jacobsmigel.com/)

**Sun 17th:** Melted Cassettes Tape release! Hosting Swim Ignorant Fire from Chicago & Boar from IL. Tapes are the new zine. [myspace.com/boarnoise](http://myspace.com/boarnoise), [myspace.com/swimignorantfire](http://myspace.com/swimignorantfire)

## Great Job + Bangarang (Tour Comeback)

BY NORMAN SHAMAS

Bring your bicycles, your friends, and prepare for a good time. Local pop-punk rockers Bangarang and Tucsonian folk-punk rockers Great Job are touring in January and return on Wednesday, January 13 for a rock 'n' roll rumpus at the Trunk Space.

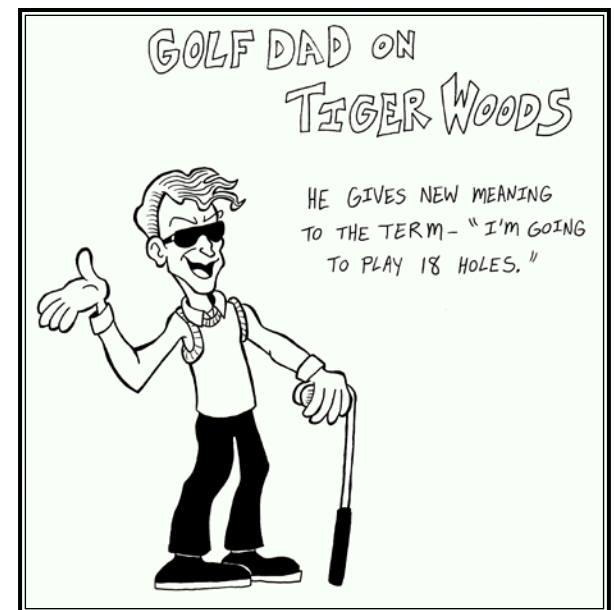
Bangarang is a modern incarnation of classic pop punk. The guitar driving the song forward. The lyrics avoiding political commentary, simply displaying life as it is for people and verging on social commentary.

It is not hard to tell how much fun Bangarang is having playing its songs through their recordings. Further, the band consists of seasoned local favorites such as Tristan Jemsek, Liam Murtagh, Jason Kron, and tk Campo. As with previous and concurrent projects, seeing Bangarang play will bring a smile to your face and a dance to your step.

Great Job takes the commonality of Kimya Dawson, folk-punk musicality, and the innocence of Madeline and smashes it together into a new and inventive fashion. With songs that range from losing a pet to having a song stuck in your head, the whole of daily life is encompassed.

Listening to Great Job reminds the listener of the simplicity and beauty in life. From the basic musicality (with influences of Americana) to the lyrics about antics similar to those that filled my high school and early college days, it is impossible to scowl while listening to Great Job.

With a powerful permutation of pop power, there is no excuse to miss the Bangarang and Great Job show. So come prepared to dance and smile and have fun.



# January 2010 Trunk Space Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>01</b> 1st Friday!	<b>02</b> Improv Theater with Galapagos, and bingo Jam
<b>03</b> 4pm» TS on RadioPHX! 4-6pm	<b>04</b> 7:30pm» Miss Ellen Sunday and her Fantastic Cats, Tierra Del Fuego, & Haymarket Squares	<b>05</b> 7:30pm» Cornelius F. Van Stafrin III, LaLa Lumberjack, Turnback O'Man, Du Pre, Ghost of	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b> 8pm» Grand Avenue Live hosted By Ernesto	<b>08</b> 7:30pm» Drew Andrews, Odawas, Dominique Leon, & Snow Songs	<b>09</b> Free Sushi Records events! details soon.
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30pm» The Assailants, AID Free, Liam and the Ladies	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Great Job, Bangarang, Mt. Righteous, Rumspringer, Shortstack Lightning, We're In	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Arroyo Death Match	<b>16</b> 7pm» Jacob Smigel, Hi My Name is Ryan, Pillowfort
<b>17</b> Melted Cassettes, BOAR, Swim Ignorant Fire	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Jehovas Fitness, Bangarang, Koalacaust, Porches, & Hello The Mind Control	<b>20</b> 7pm» Argentine Tango hosted by Ravi 7pm» Hazardous Guadalupe, Balloons is Fun, Magilicuddy	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Stand presents a night of local music	<b>23</b> 7pm» Blackbird Raum, Treasure Mammal, Feel Free, Monster Pussy, The Lifers, Kids Day,
<b>24</b> 7:30pm» Stلالuna hosts Tugboat, & Black Mamba w/ Alex Benson & Shortstack Lightning	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8pm» Improv Theater with Mail Order Bride, & Apollo12	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30pm» JJCNV, The Pork Torta, Man About a Dog, Ultramaroon
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