



Barenaked Newz is here to bring you the full exposés on everything the band doesn't want you to know! We have four of the most exciting, shocking and lurid BNL stories never told in this special issue!

How do I know these things? All you have to do is hold 'Mil' up to a mirror to answer that – mil | Jim

That's right, I'm Jim's secret evil twin. And that's only the start of the things I have to tell you...

- Mil

## Stern to Release Barenaked Ladies Pinball Machine

Stern Pinball, one of the world's top pinball designers and manufacturers, have announced Barenaked Ladies will be joining the ranks of the Rolling Stones, AC/DC, Metallica and Kiss by being immortalised in their very own pinball machine.

A spokesperson from Stern said, "It was easy really. Their album *Silverball* gave us everything we needed to rip off- I mean, inspire the design." The spokesperson then went into the special features of the BNL machine:



"Every machine comes with a full set of Gordon-coloured pinballs instead of the usual silver. The ball launch mechanism goes, "It's been..." when pulled back before launching into an instrumental version of 'Silverball' on loop. And all the bumpers go, "Chickity," then, "China," alternately when hit.

"Mode-wise the machine features a variety based on the band's greatest hits:

- In 'Brian Wilson' you have to defeat Dr. Landy and Pavlov's dog, then help get Brian Wilson out of his bed by repeatedly hitting it with the ball until he gets up and drives downtown to the late-night record store.
- Or in 'One Week' you have to hit various items mentioned in the song – The ones that were copyright-friendly – that flash up on the targets around the playfield within the time limit of the song before landing your ball in the mini Birchmount Stadium at the top of the playfield to finish.
- For 'The Big Bang Theory Theme' you have 30 seconds to get your little 'Earth' ball past some dinosaurs, Neanderthals and the pyramids that pop up on one of the ramps so you can then shoot the ball all the way round the playfield and kick-start the universe.

"There's also 'Light Up My Room' where the entire playfield goes completely dark and you have to hit targets to light it back up, 'Pinch Me' where you have to hit incoming underwear that pops up on moving drop targets or 'Alcohol' where the flippers become drunk and erratic but scoring is way easier. There's a 'Boomerang' ballsaver, a 'Who Needs Sleep' multi-ball and you can increase your field multiplier by collecting chimpanzee postcards on drop targets around the playfield. We wanted to add a 'Spider in My Room' mode that released live spiders inside the machine but we couldn't, partly because of animal cruelty laws but mainly because of the unions – Spiders actually have a trade union; who knew?

"The machine also has bonuses like the 'Box Set' bonus if you complete all 6 main modes to make a full set or the 'If I Had \$1,000,000' bonus which, admittedly, isn't many points in pinball but it's not that much money these days either.

"And to make sure no one cheats, each machine is preloaded with boxes of Kraft Dinner that it will throw at you if the tilt sensor is set off – *Those in the know don't tilt!*"

When asked about the funding for the project, Stern's spokesperson said, "Yes, it was expensive but the band's lead singer has bought so many pinball machines from us over the years that we were able to fund it entirely from his money alone."

Ed Robertson, leader singer of the band and pinball fanatic, reportedly hyper-ventilated with pleasure upon hearing the news and passed out.



**The only question is where will he put it?**

## The Creeggan Family – The Modern Munsters

After extensive covert research, Barenaked Newz has uncovered the true and supernatural nature of the Creeggan brothers! They are not presumed to be dangerous but Sarah Michelle Gellar is on stand-by just in case.

### Jim Creeggan: Vampire



#### Evidence

- ✧ Just listen to 'In the Drink!' – Everyone knows there's nowhere better to hide than in plain sight (especially if you don't reflect in mirrors)
- ✧ Jim hasn't aged at all since he joined the band. [See left] (Any recent signs of aging are entirely voluntary to throw people off the scent – The scent of blood that is)
- ✧ No one stays that thin in this day and age if they eat solid food. Only *liquid-only* diets get those results, if you know what I mean.
- ✧ Jim is notoriously difficult to rouse in the mornings (Leading to the nickname 'Grampah' and his bass 'Grammah') The real reason? Nocturnal.
- ✧ There's a drawing of Jim inside the cover of *Barenaked Ladies Are Me/Men* where Jim has vampire fangs – Team Macho knows the truth. (What do you mean you can't find it? No, no, it's on the other side. Left a bit. Try looking under your thumb. Oh, never mind)
- ✧ Some fans report feelings of mesmerisation/hypnotism/arousal upon making eye contact with Jim. (Similar reports from eye contact with Ed and/or Kevin are currently under investigation. Jim may have infected other band members in the course of using them as blood donors)

### Andy Creeggan: Werewolf

#### Evidence

- ☾ That stubble he's often sporting? Totally werewolf fur. It grows too fast for Andy to shave it.
- ☾ Wolves' eyes are better at distance but worse at fine detail and in the periphery – Glasses.
- ☾ Andy manages to maintain a serious facade most of the time but watch when he loses himself in the joy of playing an instrument and you'll see his real self come out. That eager, excitable behaviour like a puppy who's just heard he's getting his testicles reattached could only come from someone part-canine.
- ☾ He's a big fan of ultimate frisbee - A rather *interesting* sports preference.
- ☾ Most concerts take place in the evening or inside – No problem for a vampire. But a werewolf that transforms every full moon? It's time for fans to know the real reason Andy had to leave the band!



Who's a good boy! Who's a good boy!

The band have made no official comment regarding this investigation but they did request fans not throw garlic at any future shows.

## Tyler's a Pucking Smuggler!

A massive maple syrup smuggling operation has been uncovered in the world of Canadian Hockey, all masterminded by our very own Tyler Stewart. With the majority of Canadian maple syrup distribution controlled by the Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Production there is a lucrative smuggling trade to be had in the sweet sap, one Tyler took advantage of using his position on the board of The Ladies First Hockey Foundation.

"It was easy," Tyler stated as the handcuffs were slapped on; "we just hollowed pucks out like Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and put the syrup inside them. And no one noticed a thing because no one pays any attention to women's sports."

Similar smuggling operations were discovered involving Tyler's other hockey connections including Curtis Joseph, goalie for the Toronto Maple Leafs. A spokesperson for the NHL said, "Who would have thought the Maple Leafs were actually just fig leaves for maple syrup smuggling?" before cracking open a hockey puck over his stack of pancakes.



**The other band members are currently presumed innocent of involvement but investigations are ongoing.**

## "All I Need Is a Time, and a Place, and a Time Machine..."

Strange evidence has surfaced showing Kevin on a number of famous album covers from throughout music history that the general consensus is he wasn't originally on, or even alive for in some cases.

It was this second fact that tipped Barenaked Newz off to begin investigating this peculiar situation. Our investigation results are currently inconclusive but in the hope of encouraging anyone with further evidence to come forward here are our three leading theories:

A Time Machine – Kevin has a song titled 'Time Machine' on his album *Night Light*. Not much evidence by itself, you may say, but they do say songs are drawn from personal experience.

Not the age he seems – It's possible that Kevin was alive for the recording of these albums and may even have taken part in many of them – He's certainly skilled enough of a musician to after all – What we are currently seeing may not be Kevin inserting himself into history but instead his deceptive erasing of himself from history to conceal his real age falling apart. We have no idea what Kevin's actual age may be in this case but concealing true ages isn't unheard of in BNL [See page 2]

Alien – All his references to Zignon 5? The picture of aliens arriving in the liner notes of his first solo album? His sometimes inhumanly awful fashion sense? If this is the case Kevin's artwork may be depictions of his home world and species there. Could any human play as many instruments as Kevin can?

It is also possible a number of these factors may be at play at once, if for instance his species has access to technology we humans don't or if they age more slowly than us- Wait, time lords have all these things! Perhaps there was one Doctor Who regeneration we didn't hear about...

Once again, if you have any more evidence please send it in.



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