

ZOMBIE PUNK DUO WASTEDEADS TO INFECT TACOMA

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Legions of shambling undead have already invaded some of our favorite movies, TV shows and comic books, and now the Zombie Apocalypse threatens to overrun Tacoma's rock scene thanks to the Bay Area's Wastedeads.

The rotting and ravenous rock duo is the braaaaaaaains-child of singer-guitarist Beth Allen — a.k.a. Beth Zombie — who plans to infect local punk fans with the help of drummer/boyfriend Shawn of the Dead on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Valley Pub. Their own “undeading” can be traced back to a zombie-themed pub crawl Allen participated in three years ago.

“I went and did it, and I found my new calling,” she said, recalling just how convincing her makeup was that day. “It was Christmastime in San Francisco, and we met at the huge Christmas tree in Union Plaza. Immediately, I made two small children cry. The police come over and were like, ‘You have to leave this area.’ I’m like, ‘I’m just waiting for the other zombies to show up.’”

A few beers later, and the wheels were turning in Allen's head. “I thought it would be really funny to do a band; just to make videos, not even to play live.” The idea was to moan unintelligibly as they played. “Then we'd have really smart lyrics at the bottom as subtitles. So that was kind of how things got started.”

By now, the duo has an entire closet filled with tattered zombie-wear; and their pre-show makeup routine is down to a tight 30 minutes.

“We've gotten some really good ‘how to zombie yourself’ tips from people as we've gone

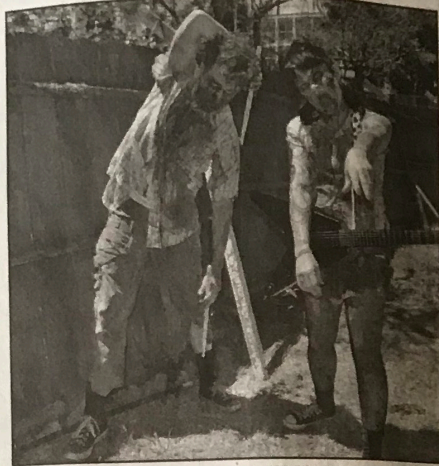


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WASTEDEADS. Zombies to invade Valley Pub.

along,” Allen said. “Teeth are really important to make yourself look disgusting. So I use black tooth paint, and I rinse my mouth out with black food coloring so my tongue turns black. ... Shawn likes to take his clothes out into the backyard and get them really dirty with grass stains.”

The Wastedeads musical arsenal is stocked with scrappy, three-chord rockers with lyrics the living dead can relate to: chowing down on some grade-A cranium; kicking the crap out of rival werewolves and vampires; the inherent lameness of fast zombies.

That last one is the theme of “Fast Zombies Suck,” a topic Allen feels strongly about. “That’s where we’re talking (trash) about movies like ‘World War Z’ and ‘28 Days Later,’” she said. “We’re into the more traditional George Romero-type zombies; brain-eating zombies that move very slowly.”

The Wastedeads two albums, “Rot-N-Roll” and “Live and Loud” are available online at www.bandcamp.com (the former for \$6.66). The duo will also have those and other

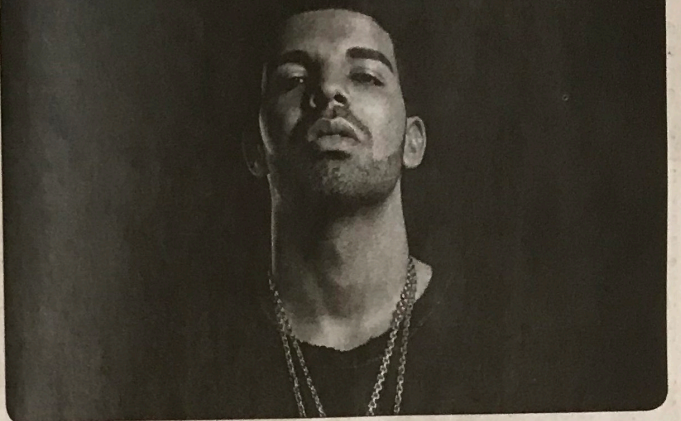
ghoulish merch at the Valley. They’ve got zombie ball caps, panties, and if you’re hungry you can pick up a can of Brains-A-Roni.

“It’s like Chef Boyardee, but it has our little zombie faces as the chefs,” Allen explained. “It has a really nice label on it, and it looks really good.” They’ve been known to sneak them onto local grocery store shelves wherever they go on tour. “It fits right in,” she said.

Joining the Wastedeads onstage will be fellow Bay Area rockers Fuzz Attack and Tacoma’s own Radio On. Music starts at 8 p.m., and there is officially no cover charge, though a collection will be taken for performers. Learn more at www.thevalleytacoma.com and www.thewastedeads.com.

Nightlife

TW PICK OF THE WEEK: WITH MULTIPLE ALBUMS CURRENTLY CHARTING ON THE BILLBOARD 200 — INCLUDING HIS LATEST, “VIEWS,” WHICH WAS AT NO. 4 LAST WEEK — SUPERSTAR RAPPER DRAKE WILL TAKE OVER THE TACOMA DOME ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 16. FUTURE, DREEZY’S COLLABORATOR ON “WHAT A TIME TO BE ALIVE,” WILL OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. TICKETS ARE \$49.50 TO \$129.50 AND ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.TICKETMASTER.COM.



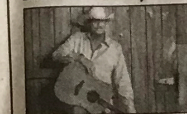
FRIDAY, SEPT. 16



WASHINGTON STATE FAIR: Charlie Wilson with Joe (R&B) 7:30 p.m., \$45-\$65, AA

- B SHARP COFFEE:** 322 Jazz Collective (jazz) 8 p.m., \$7, AA
- CULTURA:** Latin Fridays (Latin DJ) 9 p.m.
- G. DONNALSON'S:** Chris Burchett Band (jazz) 7:30 p.m., NC, AA
- GREAT AMERICAN CASINO:** Notorious 253 (dance) 9 p.m., NC
- JAZZBONES:** Nivanish with Gebular (Nirvana tribute) 8 p.m., \$7-\$10
- KEYS ON MAIN:** Dueling pianos, 9 p.m., NC
- LOUIE G'S:** S.A.S.S. (blues) 8 p.m., \$10, AA
- REAL ART TACOMA:** Hot Cops, Cloud Person, Bullets or Balloons, Etchings, Furniss, Bread Pilot (indie-rock, alternative) 7 p.m., \$8, AA
- THE SWISS:** The Hipsters (rock covers) 9 p.m., \$5-\$10
- TACOMA COMEDY:** Tom Green (comedy) 7:30, 10:30 p.m., \$24-\$30, 18+ early show
- UNCLE SAM'S:** Wayward Strangers (blues, rock) 8 p.m.
- THE VALLEY:** Flames of Durga, Blanco Bronco, Bitter Ex-Lovers (alternative, indie-rock) 8 p.m., NC

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17



WASHINGTON STATE FAIR: Alan Jackson (country) 7:30 p.m., \$50-\$85, AA

- B SHARP COFFEE:** T-Town Blues Revue (blues) 8 p.m., \$7, AA
- G. DONNALSON'S:** Nancy Zahn (jazz) 7:30 p.m., NC, AA
- GREAT AMERICAN CASINO:** Notorious 253 (dance) 9 p.m., NC
- JAZZBONES:** “I Heart Bad Girls” with The Real Miss Melissa, Natalie Nunn, AK, OHJMarie, DJ Don Gee and more (DJ dance) 9 p.m., \$15-\$20
- KEYS ON MAIN:** Dueling pianos, 9 p.m., NC
- LOUIE G'S:** Bonestaker, 80 Proof Logic, Inside the Gates, Shadow the Thief (rock) 8 p.m., \$10, AA
- REAL ART TACOMA:** Redeem the Exhile, I Am the Vision, Chris Bernstorf, Kevin Schliereth, Qajaq (metal, post-folk) 6:30 p.m., \$8, AA
- THE SPAR:** Tara Tinsley (alt-country) 8 p.m., NC
- THE SWISS:** Social Network with The Dance Factory Horn Section (pop covers) 9 p.m., \$5-\$10
- TACOMA COMEDY:** Tom Green (comedy) 7:30, 10:30 p.m., \$24-\$30, 18+ early show
- UNCLE SAM'S:** OOC Benefit with Gritty Kitty, 8 p.m.
- THE VALLEY:** The Wastedeads, Fuzz Attack, Radio On (punk, garage-rock) 8 p.m., NC

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

THE SWISS: Puget Sound Music For Youth (all-ages open mic) 4 p.m., NC, AA

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR: Voz de Mando, Proyecto X, Mariachi Divas (Mexican regional) 5 p.m., \$15-\$30

MONDAY, SEPT. 19



THE VALLEY: How, Sister Act, Garbage Type Items (punk, hardcore)

- B SHARP COFFEE:** Creative Colloquy (literary open mic) 7 p.m., NC, AA
- DAWSON'S:** Heather Jones and the Groove Masters (R&B, soul, funk) 8 p.m., NC
- G. DONNALSON'S:** G's showcase with Brian Feist (blues) 7:30 p.m., NC, AA
- JAZZBONES:** Rockaroke! (live band karaoke) 7 p.m., NC
- THE SWISS:** Chuck Gay (open mic) 7 p.m., NC
- WASHINGTON STATE FAIR:** Chris Young with Cassadee Pope (country) 7:30 p.m., \$40-\$60, AA

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

- ANTIQUE SANDWICH CO.:** Open mic, 6:30 p.m., \$3, AA
- DAVE'S OF MILTON:** Jerry Miller (blues, rock) 7 p.m., NC
- DAWSON'S:** Doug Skoog and Brian Feist (blues) 8 p.m., NC
- G. DONNALSON'S:** G's showcase with Brian Feist (blues) 7:30 p.m., NC, AA
- NORTHERN PACIFIC:** Stinky Brim Slim (blues) 7 p.m., NC, AA
- STONEGATE:** Leanne Trevalyan (open mic) 8 p.m., NC

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21



WASHINGTON STATE FAIR: Gavin DeGraw & Andy Grammer (pop) 7 p.m., \$43-\$65, AA

- DAWSON'S:** Linda Myers Band (R&B, blues, jazz) 8 p.m., NC
- G. DONNALSON'S:** James Hays (blues) 7:30 p.m., NC, AA
- HARMON TAPROOM:** Open mic with Steve Stefanowicz, 7 p.m., NC
- NEW FRONTIER:** Open mic, 8 p.m., NC
- NORTHERN PACIFIC:** Open mic, 7:30 p.m., NC, AA
- STONEGATE:** Dave Nichols' Hump Day Jam, 8:30 p.m., NC
- TACOMA COMEDY CLUB:** Comedy open mic, 8 p.m., NC, 18
- TOWER BAR & GRILL:** Michelle Beaudry (jazz guitar) 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22



WASHINGTON STATE FAIR: Dierks Bentley with Tucker Beathard (country) 7:30 p.m., \$45-\$100

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