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Jennyanykind shows many sides

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Jennyanykind

As Halloween nears, the elements of spookiness and abnormality are revealed in unexpected ways. And for the North Carolina rock band Jennyanykind, what has been revealed is just plain weird, vocalist and guitarist Michael Holland said. "This band has totally been brought together by acts of God and pure coincidence," Holland said. The band formed in Chapel Hill in 1991, when it was comprised of Holland and a drummer. Then Holland placed an advertisement in a paper to find a bassist. "I just talked on the phone to everyone who was interested in the position," Holland said. "Then I decided the only way I'd find a good bass player was if I actually went out and met the guys and gave them our tape. The only guy I did that for ended up our bass player."

Another unusual coincidence occurred when the drummer decided to quit to play full time with another band. "The very day our drummer said he was quitting my brother called to say he was leaving the Army and was coming to Chapel Hill," Holland said. Holland's brother Mark became the new drummer, and the trio began making music professionally. Holland said the band recently acquired a pianist for its live shows. "I kept saying I was going to get a pianist, but I had gotten lazy. So one night, I promised I would put an ad in the paper the next day," he said. "I went out that night and ended up meeting a guy who played piano and is now touring with us."

The band has released two full-length albums and one album with an independent record label. Jennyanykind released its most recent album, *Revelator*, with Elektra Records.

Christian band. "The significance of religion in our songs is the same as its significance in life. There's no escape from it," he said. "It doesn't matter if you're Christian or Jewish or whatever. It's not about religion, it's about life." Holland, who is a Charles fan, said he has seen musicians who express their pain of living translated into rejoicing. Although Holland said his favorite songs to play are "Cross of Jesus" and "Right With God" because of the honesty of the lyrics and the "good beat," he said he prefers not to say what the lyrics mean to him. "Interpreting the lyrics messes it up for people," he said. "I would hate to try to put anyone in a certain direction."

Holland said the band is locally oriented, but the show tonight at Vertigo will also be on visuality. "It just rocks," he said. "It is meant to be enjoyed in the shows vary from night to night but they're never serious."

Bill Bryson of Gainesville, Fla., is the band's booking agent and owner of a club called Ered Dish. Bryson said Jennyanykind forms an intense show.

"They're outspoken musicians but it's not like a Superstar show," he said. "It's more of a narrative and physical experience. You just sit back and listen. They're very genuine, which translates equally through their music." After Jennyanykind comes to its tour, the band members will return to Chapel Hill and more music, in what Holland said is destined to be a unique style. "Our themes are universal," he said. "We're not about style trends — it's rock 'n' roll. We're musicians, and we're not trying to project an image. A lot of independent rock is trite — our music is very American."

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Madonna gives birth to girl

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Madonna's mama.

The 38-year-old pop diva and actress gave birth Monday to a healthy 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon.

Madonna, baby and daddy Carlos Leon were resting comfortably, spokeswoman Liz Rosenberg said. It is the first child for Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone. The 30-year-old father is her personal trainer and boyfriend.

The girl was born at 4:01 p.m. at Good Samaritan Hospital, Rosenberg said. She and hospital officials declined to release other details of the birth, including whether it was a natural birth or a Caesarean section delivery.

Dr. Paul Fleiss, father of Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss, told TV crews as he left the hospital that he was the baby's pediatrician.

Fans all over the world celebrated the news of the baby. MTV ran a series of Madonna videos along with congratulatory messages from fans on the bottom of the screen.

The New York Daily News reported earlier this month that Madonna had wanted a natural childbirth, took birthing classes, considered having the baby at home and planned to breastfeed the girl.

Gossip columnists had also said she would name her baby "Lola." Instead, she settled on Lourdes. It also is the name of a



Madonna

French city where millions seek healing each year at a shrine to the Virgin Mary. Maria is Leon's mother's name.

TV camera crews, reporters and tabloid photographers continued to stake out the hospital entrance today, but it was unclear whether the maternal girl was even there.

Months before announcing her pregnancy, Madonna told ABC's *Primetime Live* she planned to take out a personal ad to find a suitable candidate for "the fatherhood gig."

Leon got the job but Madonna did not use him as a "stud service," she says in November's Vanity Fair, which published excerpts of a diary she kept while filming *Evita* in Argentina.

Madonna says she didn't get pregnant for "shock value" in one entry describing feeling her fetus during an ultrasound test. "I was stunned when I saw the ultrasound a tiny, living creature spinning around in my womb. Tap-dancing. I think I was holding its tiny arms around me, trying to suck its thumb. I've never had a son. I've never had a daughter. I've never had a child. I've never had a woman who has mass-market appeal. I've never had a woman who has mass-market appeal. I've never had a woman who has mass-market appeal."

She was rarely photographed while pregnant and was reported to be scaling down her lifestyle this summer. After putting her Hollywood Hills mansion on the market, she moved into a smaller, \$1.5 million home in the Los Feliz neighborhood, the Los Angeles Times reported.

For years she has said she wanted a child. Her mother-in-law, when she was a young girl, told her she said, with "a feeling of emptiness."

She met Leon, an amateur cycle racer, while running in Manhattan's Central Park. Two months later, Madonna, having Thanksgiving dinner with Carlos' relatives in Miami, told her she was pregnant.

"Even then she talked about babies," Carlos' brother, who told People magazine,

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