## STREET SCENE

## Band puts best foot forward for record deal



For the Cali-fornia sku/punk band Goldfinger, getting a record deal with Mojo Records was as easy as selling a pair of shoes.

The came into the shoe store that I worked in at the time. I sold him a pair tim a demo tape and he gave it to his boss, said lead singer/gui-

tarist John Feldmann.
Within six months, the band
was recording its self-titled
debut in between rounds of the
popular video game Mortal
Kombai.
\*\*Darrin (Pfeiffer, drummer)
and Simon (Williams, bassist)
are the best players. I hated it a
first because I'm Mr. Non-Violence Sonic the Hedgehog Video
Guy. 'But it's addictive.'
The hobby has gone out on the
road with them.

\*We've been playing some. We
have a little thing hooked up in

our van. When I play, I get so stressed out that I have to get up and walk around afterward. It's hard to do that in a van.

For a group that was sauffed by major labels, Goldfinger is doing all right for itself. The plucky first single "Here In Your Bedroom," about a couple's first sexual experience, receives nirplay on alternative rock stations throughout the United States. Feldmann said some guys who hear him sing lines like "when I wake up tomorrow/will you still feel the same?" think it's so sensitive that it has to be written from a female's point of view.

"A lot of guys don't think it's a guy's perspective. It was a little song I wrote after my little experience one night. It's just a song, really."

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Love songs prevail on the album that unexpectedly jumps from ska to punk to roggae. "Mable" sings the praises of a new-found relationship. "I kissed her once and now Im able to walk the mile, crack a smile, she makes me want to kiss all the babies/hug the puppy dogwhe makes me feel like my mom/Smell the flowers and plant a tree/I gotta say that tree/I gotta say ble/She's the bomb."

It's not exactly romantic, but

My Girlfriend's Shower Sucks shares the sentiment of plenty of guys who have bathed at their girlfriends homes. It makes me grumpy and/Sometimes I lose hope/The water's hard so I canNever rinse the soap.

After wrapping up a headlining to that come the Scholhouse Rock album on ing tour that comes to St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit on Sunday, May 19, the band will hit the road on different occasions during the summer with No Doubt, the reunited Sex Pistolas, the Buzrocks, and Dog Eat Dog. Goldfinger also jumps on The Warped Tour's for a few dates. This year's ever-changing line-up includes. No EFX, Bad Religion, Pennywise, Civ., and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones.

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Tiffany Lin, Eric Lino, John Bonnenberg and Janice Lio of Livonia.

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