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Round the Bend with Rob Noxious

By Craig Anton

It was the worst of interviews, it was the worst of interviews, it was the Rob Noxious interview.

In a nutshell, Rob Noxious is a loud, insincere master of sincerity, a comic who leaves his audiences in nosebleeds, and the self-proclaimed king of Nebraska.

"Comedy is my wife," says Noxious, an eight-year veteran of stand-up comedy. Working part time as a blood donor scanner, Rob Noxious generally tours the Midwest harassing crowds, women on golf courses and small children. Noxious will be the feature act tonight and Sunday evening at Rocky Rococo's Comedy Corner.

DN: Do you have any albums out?
Noxious: Yeah, Foreigner's Cold as Ice, and Cheap Trick's Live at Budikahn.

DN: Who have you worked with?
Noxious: I've gigged with Howie Mandel, Gallagher and Kitty Wells... opened for "Dance Fever," I did the warm-up for Playboy's "Girls of the Ivy League" — it's a video special coming up later this year on cable. Yeah, I've done it all.

DN: What's your current plan of action?

Noxious: Well, I'm currently writing and performing with an improvisational company based out of New York called 42nd City. However, the shows are usu-

ally done in Omaha. I've been writing McFortunes for McDonald's, you know, all the bad ones like, "Your parents are secretly selling crack to the CIA." I've been seen in the movies: "Boystown" with Art Carney and also "Beach Girls" — you can catch that one on cable.

DN: Where did you get your start?
Noxious: I began as a child extra on "Nanny and the Professor."

DN: Where have you been and where are you going?

Noxious: I'm waiting for a nuclear winter right now because I've invested most of my money in ski rental equipment, I plan to make a bundle.

DN: I've heard that you're the man who discovered Bonnie Franklin. Is this true?

Noxious: That's right, and I just saw her last weekend with Janelle Holliway at a Prince concert. I was a little disappointed; the man has no sense of rhythm.

DN: Are you registered to vote?

Noxious: Are you serious? I am a little concerned with Reagan's new crackdown on drugs, though. Think about it, Reagan wants the death penalty for all dealers, and that includes antique dealers, automobile dealers, and in Las Vegas they'd have a blood bath with all of the card dealers.

DN: Latest rumor that you've heard?

Noxious: Well I know for a fact that Idi Amin is alive and working as the night cook at Denny's on Ninth Street.

DN: Where do you see yourself five years from now?

Noxious: I will attain the papacy or super stardom within the next three years. But in five, well I see myself luffa diving off the coast of Bimini with several scantily dressed babes.

DN: What are your big turn-ons?

Noxious: Hot new Bananarama videos and Zamfir, king of the pan flute coming over for dinner on Friday. I think us kings should stick together.

DN: Can you recommend a good book?

Noxious: "Curious George" and "The Man With the Big Yellow Pants."

DN: Are you a health nut?

Noxious: Hell no. I do smoke plain-label cigarettes, though. Yeah, they're very in now. If you smoke plain label cigarettes the chances are good that you'll get plain-label cancer, and that's much cheaper to treat.

DN: What's hip for the '80s?

Noxious: The drink of the '80s is a Robitussin and 7 in a tall glass.

DN: What are you going to be for Halloween?

Noxious: I'm not sure yet, but I did go through a haunted trailer at the Sapp Brothers truck stop. It was wild — the ghost of Boxcar Willie chased me around for about an hour.

Rob Noxious, a legend in his own mind. Just a stand-up comic with a few gripes, a few opinions and a few thermometers.

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