

HERE'S WHAT ELSE FULKS HAD TO SAY:

Advice for your eldest son, who is turning 21: Never, ever stand in a bar drinking 30 shots of tequila in one hour again. I got so mad at him. Believe me, he won't be doing that again.

Singer who most inspired you: Big Al Anderson, who is a super successful songwriter and a featured vocalist on my Johnny Paycheck tribute, because he sang his f---ing ass off.

Do you regret covering Michael Jackson songs? I love his music, especially "Black and White," but his current troubles absolutely affect me. In fact, I put together a whole album of his songs that I didn't release because I was so disturbed by what's going on, and I didn't want to be hopping on his bandwagon.

Three adjectives to describe yourself: Pious, trusting, svelte.

What got you in trouble in school? Well, from first grade to third grade, I got in trouble for chasing girls around the playground at recess and pulling up their skirts with a stick. I stopped once I was put into this great rehab program called "spanking."

You were once a paralegal - what do you hate most about lawyers? I hate their fat-a-- smarmy attitudes. There were some who treated me very nicely, though. But overall, I hate the fact that there are so many lawyers who are so leech-like and destructive of social civility.

One thing you'd change about yourself: I would be smarter. I'm not a quick reader and I'm terrible at math. If I could be anything else but a musician, I would be a brilliant geometrician.

Accomplishment you're most proud of: Being able to make a living at playing music. Going to another city and having a couple hundred people show up to hear me play.

If you could live in another era, where would we find you? In the Victorian era as a harried housewife with a bad case of the vapors.

Advice to live by: Don't tour with bass players who have blood-sugar issues. Because when you get trapped with them on the road at 2 a.m. in Montana, it's bound to be trouble.

- Lisa Frydman

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