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Flipper's summer of 'Love'

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With Spinal Tap, it was the drummers who kept changing. Flipper, on the hand, has trouble holding onto bassists.


Tired of touring, Krist Novoselic — the one-time Nirvana bassist — somewhat recently gave notice he'd be leaving the Bay Area punk legends. Novoselic bass duties with Flipper in December, 2006 for a tour of the U.K. He had replaced Bruno DeSmartass, who had departed a few months earlier, and now, the band has called on former Frightwig, Mudwomen and Van Gough's Daughter bassist Rachel Thoele to replace him.

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Having to make another change at bass gave Flipper — who still have a core of three original members, including Falconi, Bruce Loose and drummer S DePace — a sense of deja vu. Although the situation wasn't nearly as tragic when Flipper lost bassist and founding member Will Shatter to a heroin overdose (Shatter's replacement, John Daugherty, also died of a drug overdose).

