



J. Mascis likes them apples



Wondering where long-haired Dinosaur Jr. guy **J. Mascis** has disappeared to of late?

Get ready — the master of squealing alt-rock riffology is back, even appearing **Jan. 14** at **Cafe Du Nord** in San Francisco.

But not in the way fans might be expecting.

He's part of a brand-new outfit called **Sweet Apple**, and backing their Tee Pee debut disc "**Love & Desperation.**" But the group's story doesn't start with him, however, but with Cobra Verde frontman **John Petkovic.**

When his mother passed away from a protracted battle with cancer, a depressed **Petkovic** decided to deal with the pain the only way he knew how — by a long, peaceful road trip east from his home in Cleveland.

Along the drive, he got a phone call from Witch bassist **Dave Sweetapple**, who invited him to Brattleboro, Vt., where the duo wound up jamming with mutual chum **Mascis.**

Once the trio added Cobra Verde alum **Tim Parmin**, **Sweet Apple** ripened — a fruit that didn't fall far from the noisy Dinosaur Jr. tree. Better bring your earplugs for this three-guitar assault.

For more information, visit www.sweetapplesongs.com.

