

Doing the splits: Altered Images have gone their separate ways. Clare Grogan will carry on singing but will concentrate on a film career ... Gang of Four have called career ... Gang of Four have called it a day ... the Raincoats have split on the eve of their new album Moving ... John Williams has left Sky, saying he can't contribute any more to the group ... new Clash lineup is Pete Howard (drums), Vince White (guitar), Nick Sheppard (guitar) and of course Paul Simenon (bass) and loe Strummer (vocals). That's Joe Strummer (vocals). That's right, Joe's not playing guitar ... Jackie Wilson has died aged 49, after being in a coma since suffering a heart attack on stage eight years ago ... Iggy is to be directed by long-time pal David Bowie in his film debut Repo Man ... Tom Waits, meanwhile, will star in two movies this year; Francis Ford Coppola's *The Cotton Club* and another called *Stone Boy*. After those he plans his own off-Broadway show based on Frank's Wild Years' from the Swordfish-trombones LP ... Eartha Kitt has worked with megadisco technocrat Giorgio Moroder on her new single 'Where Is My Man?' ... Frankie Goes to Hollywood single 'Relax' has been banned by BBC Radio One because of its "obscene" lyrics ... Bow Wow Wow are back, minus Annabella, as the Chiefs of Relief, with guitarist Matthew Ashman on vocals

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Singles: Madness 'Michael Caine', Bananarama 'Robert De Niro is Waiting', 23 Skidoo 'Coup'.

The Coca Cola Band War starts at the Gladstone, April 2 and winds up April 14. It is being run along the same lines as the war the White Boys won last year. Prizes include money, clothing and record deals. Any bands or solo artists interested contact Mark Cassin at PO Box 12-015, ChCh, enclosing a photo, resumé and tape before March 17.

Gordons will play their last gig-before leaving for Japan via Melbourne at the Gladstone at the end of the month ... Dunedin's

Pretty Idles have signed to Jayrem. Their bookings are now handled ex Mother Goose member Steve Young

Orientation festivities run at Canterbury and Lincoln from Feb 27 to March 10. Ten "foreign" (non-ChCh) bands are playing. Among the performances is a final one from the Miltown Stowaways before they take off to the UK to

seek fame and fortune. Young Doctors are splitting ... drummer Kevin Emmett (ex Pop Mechanix) and guitarist Williams are leaving Blades and will form "a ragey, uptempo dance band" with Brent Wilson (guitar)

and Simon Rich (bass).
There seems likely to be an all local concert at the town hall in early March plus an Easter special with Netherworld Dancing Toys, Legionnaires, etc Geraldine Gerrard

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The Verlaines have a new drummer in Robbie Yates, a student from Gore, and they begin live work again this month. Still on drummers and the Double Happys have sacked drum machine Herbie Fuckface and replaced him with John Collie, a person, so it's believed.

From the Believe It Or Not department, Wellington's all girl cuddly Barbaric Bunnies, while

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singing 'Hey Big Wanker' to the tune of 'Hey Big Spender' in the Empire last month, incurred the wrath of the barman. A fight ensued during which the barman was bitten and had to go to hospital for a shot of antibiotics.

We kid you not. EMI's shop manager, Ken Muir, has been promoted to Lower Hutt and his replacement will be local bassist John Dodd. Ex Mother Goose Steve Young has taken over the bookings at the Captain Cook.

Getting serious again and Sneaky Feelings new album, released very soon, is called Send You. Drummer Martin Durrant returns from Scotland this month. George Kay

Wellington

Victoria Uni Orientation rogramme this year (27 Feb - 10 March) has music to suit everyone's tastes with acts ranging from Flying Nun's prize package (Chills, Expendables, Children's Hour and Double Happies) through locals Pelicans, Body Electric and Circus Pelicans, Body Electric and Circus Block 4 to the establishment: Legionnaires, Mockers and Hammond Gamble ... Two Armed Men are to record an album at Harlequin Studios in March. While in Auckland the band will do some live work ... Ra and the Pyramids are looking for vocalist Jenny and are looking for

a replacement. There are also murmurings of an expanded line-up and a three disc concept release, Banks of Denial. Soul food?

Jayrem are looking for tapes of "interesting new music radio stations wouldn't play" for a planned 16 track compilation, especially from unrecorded Auckespecially from unrecorded Auck Wellington is to be represented by Vietnam and probably Barbaric Bunnies, Flesh D-Vice and Yellymen. Send tapes to Jayrem, PO Box 3054, Wellington.

Forthcoming releases include: Body Electric's 'Imagination' in 7" and 12" (2ZM has put this on their playlist); Naked Spots Dance Falling LP; Neighbours Vocal At The Local and Freudian Slips 4 track EP will be in the shops Feb 20: Mole Manne Obituary LP; Spines 5 track EP; The Idles 5 track EP Agroculture; and another compilation Songs From Banana

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company had first claim on the Femmes in Auckland on March 16
... Otis Mace and Flying Grey
Matter (Gavin Muldoon and the
Mad Kiwi Ranter, David Eggleton) have collided and formed the Membrains. Low Profile (Phil Bowering,

Steve Garden and seven others) has recorded an EP called *Stripes* at Garden's Basement Studios which is due for release soon. Garden is also completing an album with Ivan Zagni called A Series of Trouble Spots and has finished an album Zig Zag with Graeme Gash and Tom Ludvigsen. Both are due for mid-year release Phil Bowering wants to hear from anyone interested in participating in "a large and colourful multimedia event" on March 17. Phone 763-215 or 865-570.

The Great Unwashed recently recorded songs including the fine 'Can't Find Water' at Progressive to be put on a double 7-inch ... Exploding Budgies have recorded an EP at the same studio ... and, after some years of struggle, Progressive has finally paid for

The Kiwi Animal debut album is now called Music Media. It was recorded at the Old Synagogue. Out in March ... Car Crash Set are currently writing material for recording at Mandrill in March. A live gig soon? ... PR Bar is back to a disco format and is now called the Choice Bar and is under new management ... Adam Holt (who has worked with the Meemees and Miltowns) has joined Sons in Jeopardy on guitar. The band undertake a national tour this

month.

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The band plans lunchtime school concerts ... issue two of the conscientious punkzine Anarchy, Outrage and Serious Intent is out now and available from PO Box 25004, St Heliers, Auckland for a mere 70 cents ... Ima Hitt has very kindly compiled a list of all available NZ cassette releases and how to get 'em. Available for 50 cents or sent out with all orders. Write PO Box 407 New Plymouth. Let them know if you are releasing one yourself.

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Bourgeois Zee are John Key, keyboards (ex Rough Justice); Sleepy Geoff Hughes, guitar and vocals; P.Z. Ewing (ex Precious); Joe Allen, vocals; Pita Watson, CONTINUED ON PAGE 34

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