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## SMALL STUFF



Adam & the Ants

Replacement for Jah Wobble in PIL is Jeanette Lee. The single live album, *Pairs Au Printemps* is released and the band is working on their studio album. Lydon reckons that "everything just plays on dynamics. No time is played, there is no melody going through any song. We just piled a whole lot of instruments in the corner of the studio and thought, what can we do with this?" Lydon also gave a favourable review to the recent live outing. He told NME, "it's a hell of a lot cheaper than a bootleg and much better quality." ... **Clash** have three albums in one sleeve this time. It's called *Sandnista!* there's 36 tracks and it was largely recorded in New York ... **Human League** have parted company, as have **Dexy's Midnight Runners**. Dexy's are two now. The rhythm section and the horn players have formed a band while the singer, guitarist and the keyboard player will retain the name, and there is talk of Bryan Ferry producing the next album. Expect

their debut LP out locally by February ... **Factory act, A Certain Ratio** are doing a single with **Grace Jones**, covering Talking Heads' 'Houses In Motion' ... following his USA, Europe and Japan tours, **Bruce Springsteen** will do concerts downunder ... ex Doll, **Syl Sylvain** has a new band, the Teardrops ... **Richard Hell** has signed to Red Star label. His new band sounds similar to the Voidoids ... the **Beat** and **Buzzcocks** are recording albums in January ... Mathieu Hartley has left the **Cure**. They are once again a three piece ... **Dave Edmunds** is producing the next **Squeeze** album ... cover of forthcoming **Crosby, Stills & Nash** compilation is a watercolour by Joni Mitchell ... **Sting** has signed to act in a Robert Stigwood movie ... **Kinks** are recording next in February. Some of the material Ray Davies co-wrote with Chrissie Hynde ... newest **Blondie** single is 'Tide Is High', a cover of a Duke Reid reggae tune ... CBS will record an album with the **Escalators** featuring Talking Head Jerry Harrison and regular offsider Busta Jones ... Geffen Records (Elton John, John Lennon and Donna Summer) have announced three new signings: Mac McAnally, Greg Copeland (produced by Jackson Browne) and songwriter David Lasley ... new albums on horizon — Jam *Sound Affects*, Monochrome Set *Love Zombies*, Ian Dury & the Blockheads *Laughter*, the Fall *Grotesque (After The Fall Gramme)*, Linton Kwesi Johnson *LKJ In Dub*, The Tourists *Luminous Basement*, Poly Styrene *Translucence*, Blondie *Autoamerican*, the debut from Tom Robinson's Sector 27, Adam & the Ants *Kings Of The Wild Frontier* (sold big as an import so Epic are releasing LP in USA), Grace Slick *Welcome To The Wrecking Ball*, Dolly Parton 9 to 5 and Odd Jobs, Glaxo Babies *Put Me On The Guest List*, Reddings (two sons of Otis Redding and cousin) *The Awakening*, Warren Zevon *Stand In The Fire* (live), Bad Manners *Loonee Tunes*, Dammed *The Black Album*, Rough Trade sampler *Wanna Buy A Bridge* (Raincoats, Swell Maps, Spizz Energi, Essential Logic, Slits etc) and Boomtown Rats *Mondo Bongo*, Sham 69 *The First The Best & The Last* (compilation), Killing Joke *Malicious Damage*, Modettes *The Story So Far*, Weather Report *Night Passage*, M *The Official Secrets Act*, Chris Spedding *I'm Not Like Everybody Else*, Whitesnake *Live In The Heart Of The City*, Chrysalis reggae soundtrack *Babylon*, Saxon *Strong Arm Of The Law*, Bow Wow Wow *Flick Pack Pop* (eight track cassette) ... by the way **Bruce Springsteen** single from *The River* is 'Hungry Heart' and flip is not available elsewhere 75 second track, 'Hold Up With A Gun' ... in the UK new **XTC** 45 is 'Take This Town' a tune they wrote for Stigwood movie *Times Square* ... new **Beat** single is 'Too Nice To Talk To' / 'Psychedelic Rockers' ... paunchy **Joe Cocker** is back on the road in Britain. His T-Shirt says it all — "Rotten Food And Lousy Coffee".

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## The Push ON TOUR

New Station Hotel, Auckland.  
December 26 & 27.

Te Mata, Havelock North  
Dec 29 to January 3.

Westown, New Plymouth  
January 5 to 10.

Cabana, Napier  
January 12 to 17

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**TOP SCIENTISTS**

DECEMBER	ROTORUA	JANUARY	NGAMUTU, NEW PLYMOUTH
19, 20	WINDSOR	6-10	HILLCREST
22-24	WINDSOR, KICKS	12-17	GLUEPOT
26, 27	WHANGAMATA	22-24	SWEETWATERS
28	RIVERBAR, GISBORNE	25	TERMINUS, WELLINGTON
29-3		28-31	