Hillcrest Tavern HAMILTON'S ROCK VENUE AT THE HILLCREST IN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS **Techtones** Midge Marsden Sonny Day Blir & the Blue Boys **Blind Date Airstrike** Steamshack **BOOKINGS PHONE HAMILTON 80431**







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white hope of '81) on the rox with departure vocalist May Lloyd to drama school ... Wallsockets now reduced to a three-piece with vocalist Lynette Dunn having run away with a

Pic 'n mix dept: Rodents fullfilling current obligations with Mark Hornbrook on bass. At least two Rodents soon to leave — regular

bassist and trumpeter required.

On the sunny side: Naked Spots about to unleash new material on an unsuspecting world ... new version of the Red may soon appear ... Steroids have a new drummer ... Insects That Jive are now known as Vertical Smiles ... improving from gig to gig are Preservatives ... Lower Hutt band (no they don't do 'Ten Guitars') Scanners have re-emerged ... also playing around town, Ghetto (reggae), Kull-I-Shay and Mangaweka Viaduct ... performing around town while working on TV series with Rock'n'Roll Revival Club (currently booming) in Tow Shareline ing) is Tom Sharplin.

Christchurch

The **Newtones** are recording an EP. Tracks are 'Santa Anna', 'Christchurch Part Two', 'China' and 'Paint the Town Red'. It will be

china' and 'Paint the Town Red', It will be released on their own label ... Playthings' live work is going from strength to strength. They are thinking about doing a live EP.

Newz will have their appeal heard mid-March. Two of the band will stay in Christchurch until then. Meanwhile a Newz fan club has been formed. Contact PO Box 7336, 'Christchurch the Narcs will reside at the Christchurch ... the Narcs will reside at the Hillsborough for two months. An extensive tour of the South Island will follow. The Solatudes

are also planning a tour.

Steamshack have parted company with their Steamshack have parted company with their Christchurch management. They are now Auckland based ... Murray Couling is in the NI. Hoovers are now looking for a bassist, a guitarist and a keyboards player. New name is the Replacements — phone 897-905 if interested ... 25 Cents are experimenting with their material and their line-up. A guitarist is wanted — phone Mary, 67-451 ... Phillip Clark has left System X. They have a new guitarist and their bass player is doing vocals ... Mike Lewis's PA will be around for a few weeks longer ... the Victor Dimisich Band have split longer ... the Victor Dimisich Band have split but there are plans to record some tracks ... Charles Atlas are Go.

The Androidss are in transit to Auckland Pink Flamingos and Hammond Gamble are booked for the Hillsborough ... the Gordons will return to town with a bigger than ever PA ... bands at the Glad soon include Newtones, Old Dennis, Billy & The Blueflames, Flyte X7 and the Screaming Meemees ... Bandit are now Kick and live at the Aranui.

Laura Mitchell & JW

Auckland
On the eve of the release of Split Enz' new album, Waiata, drummer Malcolm Green has left the band. The Mushroom Records' press release reads: "Changes in attitude were needed on both Malcolm's part and the band's and it was decided that different paths should be trodden." Noel Crombie and Tim may do drumming chores on Enz tour. Expect the Malcolm Green Sound solo 45 on Ripper soon ... Swingers are in the studio for two weeks recoringers are in the studio for two weeks recording a follow-up to their No.1 Oz smash hit 'Counting The Beat'.

Pop Mechanix will tour Australia as support for Split Enz, March 17 to April 16. Their fab new single 'Jumping Out A Window' will be released to coincide with the tour. Whether they return to NZ after the tour is anybody's guess ... also fab and a Ripper is new 45 from Newmatics and the Screaming Meemees ... don't forget the 12 track fab Class Of 81. It's in stores now and the Terry Hogan cover is hard

Rick E. Morris sings 'Hello Girl', Crocodiles' new Aussie 45 ... Andrew Snold produced two tracks for the Screaming Meemees' first Propeller single, 'See Me Go'/'Till I Die' ... expect Herco Pilots EP in stores soon ... Danse Macabre demoed 'Shreds', 'Mission' and 'Torch' for possible Rem Records EP ... next

Ripper 45 will be Lena Days ... Blams will do a 12 inch single for Propeller ... expect Broken Dolls' debut 45 soon ... Coup D'Etat LP is out. Knobz forthcoming album is entitled Sudden Exposure. It was recorded at Mandrill with Alan Galbraith producing and Graeme Myre engineering. The 12 track platter hits stores late March as the band commence a 20 centre. late March as the band commence a 20 centre NZ tour.

At Jaggers in March will be **Mad Ranks** with ex X7 members, Tim Powles and Warwick Keay and Greg McKenzie (guitar, ex Subjects) and Stewart Hunt (keyboards, ex Medusa) ... Dave Wilkinson (ex-Clips) has joined **New Entrants** ... new **Newtones** drummer is Martin Archbold ... member six in Inside Information cabaret is Anna Phillips. Their new show is entitled *The Next Big Thing* ... new Pink Flamingos keyboards player is Peter Allison (ex Real to Reel) ... drummer Steve Wester has left Herco Pilots ... Rhythm Method have informed RIU that "all Cockney accents have been phased Knobz have a saxist, Johnny Tuska. Danse Macabre are not renamed the Ruptured

The Corporation

New-look **Feedback** may turn pro. Demo tracks of four of their songs have been recorded at 4ZB's studios. The band recently supported the Techtones at the Shoreline

Top Scientists made a few friends here with raging stints at the Lion and the Cook ... Techtones battled well against indifference at

the Shoreline.
Which brings us to the Battle of the Bands run by Shoreline manager Hans Buis. Seventeen bands have entered and the contest will take place over eight nights. The winner receives the production of a 45 plus 500 pressings at Tandem Studios, Christchurch, with \$500 cash towards travelling expenses.

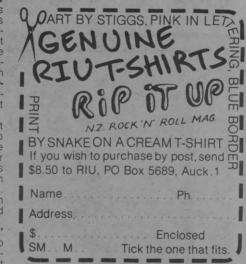
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George Kay

Big news this month is that Stevie Wonder and his band, Wonderlove will do two evening concerts in April. Auckland's Western Springs on April 11 and Wellington's Athletic Park April

The **Pointer Sisters** return in April. Their dates are Hamilton April 21, Auckland 22 & 23, Tauranga 24, Napier 25, Wellington 26, Palmerston North 27, Christchurch 29,

Likely in June are **Devo** and there is talk of **Madness** early May. On April 1 **Kevin Borich** commences an extensive tour of North Island





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