

tours

Split Enz return home in April to promote *Waiata*, their follow-up to *True Colours*. Blams support Enz except in Napier, Tauranga, Hamilton and Auckland when Penknife Glides open the show. Dates are April 19, Christchurch, April 20 Dunedin, 23 Wellington (St James), 25 Manawatu Sports Stadium, 26 Napier, 27 Tauranga Sound Shell, 28 Hamilton and Logan Campbell Centre, Auckland, April 29.

Outdoors there is **Stevie Wonder** and band on April 11 Auckland and April 13 Wellington. With Wonder are 13 musicians or vocalists, three pianos plus clavichords and synthesizers. Jermaine Jackson on his recent NZ visit claimed that it's the hottest band Motown have ever assembled. Hammond Gamble supports Stevie Wonder in Wellington. Let's hope April is *Hotter Than July*.

Dire Straits play Western Springs on April 15 after a very successful tour of Australia. They sold out six shows in Sydney. New boys Allan Clarke and Hal Lindes will be there.

Late April Aussies **Midnight Oil** tour for two weeks. *Bird Noises* EP is released to coincide with the tour. April 29 they kick off at Otago Uni.

May 5 and 6 **Madness** hit the North Island. Auckland first, then Wellington. Check out this issue's Madness Tour Supplement. Venues are respectively Logan Campbell Centre and St James Theatre. The **Cure** Tour is scheduled for early August. Their single 'Primary' and a album *Faith* will be released by May.

In May there is a tour from Muchmore Associates, namely Ralph recording artist **Snakfinger**.

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UK & USA

Guitarist Al Archer has left the new **Dexys** leaving only vocalist Kevin Rowland and the trombone player from the original band. Funky but sheep! The five ex-Dexys in **Bureau** have a single out here soon titled 'Only For Sheep' ... **Eric Clapton** cancelled his USA tour. He has stomach ulcers. Exhaustion has caused **Bruce Springsteen** to delay his UK tour and **Police** to cancel a tour of Europe. **Blondie** are on holiday for six months ... B side of new **Bowie** single, 'Up The Hill Backwards' is an electronic instrumental, 'Crystal Japan' ... making movies are **Madness** (*Take It Or Leave It*) and **Cure** (*Carnage Visors*). The Cure flick is opening for them on the UK tour. Their album is tentatively titled *Faith* (out here May). On stage they dedicate their new single 'Primary' to Ian Curtis. The remaining Joy Division members are now known as **New Order** ... first **Simple Mind's** LP on Virgin will be produced by Steve Hillage ... **Yes** have fired vocalist Trevor Horn ... the Glimmer Twins are in Barbados sorting completed tracks for a new **Stones** album ... Enzed release is imminent for **Devo** 12 inch live EP featuring 'Freedom Of Choice Theme Song', 'Whip It', 'Gates Of Steel', 'Girl You Want', 'Be Stiff' and 'Planet Earth' ... ditty name of the month goes to the **Freshies** for 'I'm In Love With The Girl On A Certain Manchester Mega-store Checkout Desk'. Second place goes to the **Dead Kennedys** with 'Too Drunk To ****'. Their new drummer is Darin Speedboy ... next **Eno** is funky ... Attraction **Steve Nave** will record a solo LP. What happened to their *Mad About The Wrong Boy?* ... Malcolm McLaren's **Bow Wow Wow** have left EMI ... new UK **Associates** 45, 'Tell Me Easter's On Friday' is on Situation Records ... a **Talking Heads** live album (recorded on USA tour) is likely ... Ian Marsh and Martyn Ware (ex Human League) have formed a production company, **British Electric Foundation** and have released a cassette, *Music For Stowaways*. They are also two-thirds of **Heaven 17** (with singer Glen Gregory) and have released a 45 'We Don't Need This) Fascist Groove Thang' ... first Spartan single by **UB40** 'Don't Slow Down' has been delayed due to legal action by Graduate Records ... who's producing who? Rachel Sweet (Pete Solley), Bram Tchaikovsky (Nick Garvey), Michael Jackson (Quincey Jones) and Iggy Pop (Monkeys man Tommy Boyce) ... the **Knack** play Starwood on April Fool's Day ... forthcoming albums include Spizzles *Spikey Dream Flowers*, Live Wire *Changes Made*, Who *Face Dances*, Diana Ross *To Love Again*, Santana *Zebop*, Judie Tzuke *I Am A Pheonix*, David Johansen *Colours*, Hunter Ronson Band *Theatre Of The Absurd*, Joe Walsh *What's A Guy Like Me Doing In A Dump Like This*, Status Quo *Never Too Late*, Robert Fripp *League Of Gentlemen*, Gang Of Four *Solid Gold*, Rico *That Man Is Forward*, Selecter *Celebrate The Bullet*, Leon Redbone *From Branch To Branch*, Rolling Stones *Sucking In The Seventies* (1974-8 compilation), Badfinger *Say No More*.

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Late News

The new **Coup D'Etat** line-up will debut at Jagers, Thursday 23 to Saturday 25 April. After several weeks out of Auckland they play the Gluepot early May. Expect several new songs ... rehearsal studio, **Studio 132** now has 4 track facilities for bands to record their progress and building is completed.

The Steroid organised *Wellington Zone* concert was a sell-out. The 2ZM promoted concert featured Steroids, Mockers, Beat Rhythm Fashion and Digits ... first release for Ocean Records is the compilation tape *Whirl Pool* with songs by Geoff Clarkson, Jo Hodzelmanns and others ... work is underway on Progressive Music's new Anzac Avenue set-up. If you can help, see page 23 ad ... if you sent a tape to Sweetwaters for the new band spot, the organisers would like to return them. Send your address to Sweetwaters, PO Box 47-237, Ponsonby, Auckland 1 ... **Maceys** is the new licensed late venue in Hamilton. Top Scientists play final gigs with Rick Bryant at Maceys Easter weekend.

Buzzcocks have split. Pete Shelley will pursue a solo career. John Maher drums for *Invisible Girls* ... **Robert Plant** gigged recently fronting seven-piece band the Honeysuckers ... new *Pil Flowers Of Romance* is out. Old Cream drummer **Ginger Baker** has been hired for Pil's UK tour ... bass player on **Adam & the Ants'** UK and USA tours is **Gary Tibbs** of Roxy Music ... **Ian Dury** may leave Stiff. **Mickey Jupp** is back ... **Undertones** have signed to EMI ... **Yoko Ono** is recording an album, *Season Of Glass* in New York, with the *Double Fantasy* musicians and Phil Spector producing.

The first **Digits** album *Dog Wrestled To Ground By Underarm Combat Flea* is completed and due out in May. It's on Sausage Records. *DWTGBUCF* is the first in a series of three albums. Side One is produced and mixed by Tony Parkinson (Smashed Executive, 1979) and Side Two by Robbie Duncan. Working titles for records two and three are *Grendle The Savage Is Off His Gumboots* and *Flying Saucers Steal My T.V.* ... seen in Christchurch,

Dick Driver and some Australians ... **Pop Mechanix** missed Enz's dates in Brisbane and Cairns to record a video (with same producer as 'Counting The Beat' clip) and play more Sydney gigs. The video is largely black & white.

Borich Returns

Since the demise of the legendary La De Das, guitarist Kevin Borich has successfully fronted his own band, the Kevin Borich Express. With him on his first ever NZ pub tour are bassist Michael Deep and ex Dragon drummer Kerry Jacobsen. The tour coincides with the release of the album *Angel's Hand*.

After playing nearly every night in recent years, he is now spending more time on studio work and songwriting. Jacobsen joined after Borich played on recent Marc Hunter sessions.

Working with other artists, is something he does quite often. Renee Geyer and Dutch Tilders are two of the most memorable.

"They were both similar in that both were blues albums. In the case of Renee, it was a contractual obligation that she wanted to do quickly. As it turned out, I think it is probably



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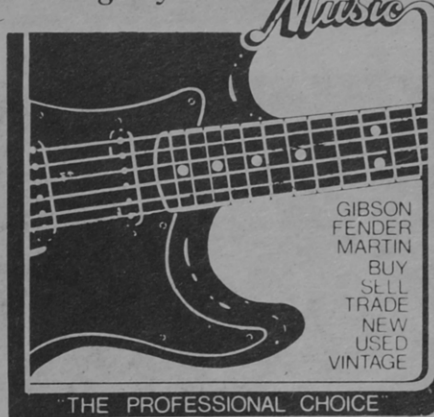
one of her best albums.

"The one with Dutch Tilders, sparked out of having a jam with him. We did it direct-to-disc, so we had to play straight through. We did one side one night and the other the next. It was like a live performance in that there were no overdubs. I really enjoyed it but I wouldn't like to try it again for a while."

The tour takes Borich to the major North Island pubs: "I'm looking forward to going places I haven't seen since the days of the La De Das."

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