RUMOURS

UK & USA

Siouxie Sioux has been ordered to stop singing until the new year. A European throat specialist says she's got to rest, and change her vocal style, or risk losing her voice completely. British specialists agree. Sioux's been told she must have a biopsy operation to remove have a biopsy operation to remove tissue, followed by a long con-valescence. She'll also be taking speech therapy to learn how to project her voice instead of harming her vocal chords. The Banshees will appear at the Elephant Fayre, Cornwall on July 31, but completion of the new album and a planned world tour later this year have been shelved. Pretenders members have been

too shocked" to comment after the death of guitarist James Honeyman-Scott. Honeyman-Scott (25) had returned to London after completing the second half of the Pretenders world tour. He was staying at a friend's flat and died in his sleep. An inquest is yet to be held. His death occurred just a day after bassist Pete Fardon left the band ... Jazz saxophonist Art Pepper died after a cerebral hae-morrhage (56) ... two Killing Jokers left behind when Jaz and Geordie went to Iceland have formed a band called Brilliant — Big Youth (bass), Paul (drums) and newcomers Marcus (vocals) and Tintin (bass). The double bass band have recorded a single 'Push'/'Good Friends'.

Teardrop Explodes are now a trio. Guitarist Troy Tate and bassist Ron Francois have left. Remaining drops Julian Cope, Gary Dwyer and Dave Balfe will record soon ... the Stranglers volunteered to entertain British servicemen in the Falklands, but were turned down. A defence spokesman said: "This isn't a war, it's an operational exercise." ... Pigbag are playing live with new members. New single is 'The Big Bean' ... Clash are touring the USA with original drummer Terry Chimes replacing Topper Headon

Chimes replacing Topper Headon ... Blockhead drummer of six years Charlie Charles is leaving to go solo ... Mods author Richard Barnes has a new book on the Who with flexi-disc of home-Who with flexi-disc of home-demos 'My Generation' and 'Pin-ball Wizard' by Pete Townshend. Meanwhile Pete's compiling his own album of demos ... RCA have withdrawn one-sided Bow Wow Wow single T Want Candy' at manager Malcolm McLaren's request guitarist Brian Robertrequest ... guitarist Brian Robertson has joined Motorhead for upcoming USA and London dates, replacing Eddie Clark ... John



Mike Caen, Blind Date.

Martyn is recovering in hospital with fractured ribs and a punctured lung after trying to leap punctured lung after trying to leap a fence which collapsed ... Electric Guitars have signed to Stiff. Their first single 'Language Problems'/ Night Bears' is produced by Martin Rushent. The drummer's kit includes a Quality Street toffee tin, and a huge metal sheet ... TV21 have broken up, a fortnight after supporting the Rolling Stones in Scotland ... Robert King (ex Scars) has first single 'Paperheart' out on Charisma ... Chris Stein has releases coming up on his Animal Record label (through Chrysalis) from the Brattles, Iggy Pop, James White and the Blacks, and Gun Club, as well as soundand Gun Club, as well as sound-tracks to movies *Union City* and *Polyester* ... **Dead Kennedys** are

Records. Forthcoming albums: Dexys Midnight Runners Too-Rye-Ay, King Crimson Beat, Passage Degenerates, Scottish Kultcher (Supermusic compilation, tracks by Revillos, Brills, Cheetahs), No Platform for Heels (Deleted Records, includes tracks by Missing Persons, Victims of Romance, Digital Dinosaurs), Dennis Brown Love Has Found Its Way, Shakin' Pyramids Celts and Cobras, Gary U.S. Bonds On The Line (produced by Springsteen & Miami Steve), Pere Ubu Songs of the Bailing Man, Monochrome Set Eligible Bachelors, Jakko (ex Rapid Eye Movement) Silesia, Talk Talk The Party's Over, Church The Blurred Crusade, American

recording an album for September release ... Shriekback with David Allen (ex Gang of Four), Barry Andrews (ex XTC) and Carl Marsh (ex Out on Blue Six) have released single 'Sexthinkone'/Here Comes My Handelan' on Y

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Meemees, Mainstreet

Express Jazz-Funk Fusion, Albert Lee Albert Lee, Toyah Changeling (produced by Steve Lillywhite), Positive Noise Change of Heart, Richard Hell & Voidoids Destiny

A new Phil Judd album has been completed at Mandrill for Mushroom, Australia. Judd produced ... This Sporting Life are at Lab studios working on a Flying Nun eight tracker. Includes: Total Loss' 'Soul Turkey' 'Time' Loss', 'Soul Turkey', 'Time', 'Understand Your Lies', 'Safe House'... Neighbours are record-ing 'Watching Westerns'/I Only Wanted Fun'.

New, as yet untitled line-up about town is Syd (guitar), Kelly (sax), Grant (trumpet), Pete Marshall (voice), Stefan (drums) and Adam on bass. They're looking for a permanent bassist \$3,500 was raised at the Blams benefit concert. The money goes toward replacing damaged gear, bills accrued etc ... Sonja Waters (ex Instigators) has joined Bombers on vocals, keyboards Bombers on vocals, keyboards and percussion. First gigs late July. Warwick Agar (ex Vivid Militia) the Set are recording at Mandrill. Single 'When I Look In To Your Eyes' out early July ... Nocturnal Projections have single 'In Purgatory'/Nerve Ends In Power Lines' out. This month they record a four track EP.

Blond Comedy are recording a

Blond Comedy are recording a 12 inch single at Mandrill, 'Rebecca' (after Hitchcock movie)/'Vacation', They're off the road soon to write new material Hamilton's Accessories are releasing a single 'Accessory'/Friday Night' ... Henchmen have single out Tve Got A Right' on Cadaver Records at Sounds Unlimited.

Christchurch

Star and Garter will run a battle of the bands for two weeks in mid July. A first prize of \$500 plus 3ZM recording time is offered. Ring Michael at 61483 to enter ... Desperate Measures single is out.

NEW SINGLE out now **ACCESSORY** FRIDAY NIGHT

They play PJs soon. 'Who Cares'

John Bongo

Hip Singles will be in the North Island for six weeks, commencing July 15 at the Gluepot. Grant July 15 at the Gluepot. Grant Fraser is now mixing ... new Steve Driver band features Lance Parkyn. They start Aranui residency soon ... Nude Wrestling have split ... Alan Johnston has joined Breaking Glass who reside at Shirley Lodge. Nancy Keil travels to Oz and Annie Davis remains ... Trick Cyclists are splitting. Bob Ogilvie and Charlie White with newcomer Luke Neary White with newcomer Luke Neary will form a boogie band ... Jos Hodzelmans has left Ikista. The band play a six week residency at Doodles before touring ... Lisa Bouillir has joined Pedestrians on bouilir has joined Pedestrians on vocals ... ex Ballon d'Essai guitarist Lindsay Davis has formed Vorwand, pronounced Vorv-Aunt ... according to Anton Jenner the Wastrels may venture to Auckland. They play PJs mid August.

PJs will show new wave videos at Matinee rock club on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. By the way, there's no admission fee on Sunday nights for members and

Jim Wilson & Pete Waller

Australia

Very cold and quiet in Sydney. Cold Chisel are back on the road, crowds forming six hours before the band hits stage Mondo Rock are back from mixing LP in LA ... Midnight Oil have joined drummer Rob Hirst in UK. Rob has set up gigs for the band after recording new album there ... Mother Goose are back in the pubs again with new single and less costumes. and less costumes ... new album from Jimmy and the Boys is In Hell With Your Mother ... new Iva Davies alone, Icehouse single

'Great Southern Land' due out soon followed by album *Primitive Man* (recorded in LA with Giorgio Moroder) ... Split Enz are supported by Sparks and Duran Duran on USA dates ... Skyhooks and Dragon are reforming for Oztours ... new Mushroom single 'I Am Joe's Music' (alias Fane Flaws and Peter Dasent) getting lots of Am Joe's Music (alias Fane Flaws and Peter Dasent) getting lots of TV. Work begins soon on mini album, Life In Asia ... soul band Blue Tongues are doing demos. BT member and ex Crocodile Tony Backhouse wrote Love So Sweet', Renee Geyer's new single, with B-side 'I've Got News For You' by another ex Croc Jonothan You by another ex Croc Jonothan Swartz ... Misex are on the road, drummer Paul Dunningham sports shorter hair ... yet another ex Croc Barton Price has joined Melbourne's Models ... new Birthday Party LP is Junkyard, recorded in both Australia and LIK Guitarist Rowland Howard UK. Guitarist Rowland Howard has teamed with Lydia Lunch to has teamed with Lydia Lunch to record Nancy Sinatra/Lee Hazle-wood hit 'Some Velvet Morning' ... Jan Preston is demoing at EMI's 301 ... Jenny Morris is taking a break from her album, produced by Charles Fisher (Air Supply, Moving Pictures fame) ... Valen-tines looking for management and tinos looking for management and recording deals before rehearsing with Mark Stanton on keyboards ... ex Tiger Steve Lunn about to record album with Ward 13 ... Angels are back early from USA tour ... Rolling Stones have just confirmed Nov/Dec dates ... new Australian Crawl album is Sons

Dunedin

on Beaches

Snap of the Yard

Ex Bored Games Shayne Carter is forming a new band. Recently recorded BG songs to be released by Flying Nun ... ex Chills CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

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