

Rumours

UK & USA

The Bunnymen's Ian McCullough went to church recently and got himself married to Lorraine Fox. A lovely pic under the trees shows Lorraine in white and Ian sporting a dark suit, thin tie and white carnation ... on the London marathon Joe Strummer cut 10 minutes off his previous best ... Dexys have given up dungarees. "They don't feel right" says Kevin. Will they wear their trousers inside out? ... the Beat's Go-Feet label is no longer with Arista ... faves for opening David Bowie's UK outdoor gigs are Icehouse and Psychedelic Furs ... the Animals have reformed. Nineteen years after emerging first time around, Eric Burdon and the Boys plan a world tour ... another comeback, this time from Howard Devoto, who now resides in Paris, is currently performing as vocalist with acclaimed French electronics artist Bernard Szainer (Island album soon). Devoto has completed a solo album for Virgin Records ... Pete Farndon, former bass player with the Pretenders, was recently found dead in the bath at his London flat. No cause of death has been established yet ... Bob Dylan is to form his own record label. He has apparently asked his first idol, Little Richard, to guest on his next album ... reggae singer Gregory Isaacs is in jail in Jamaica awaiting trial on charges of possessing a stolen gun ... Rolling Stone Bill Wyman has almost completed a partly autobiographical film called *Digital Dreams*. The film traces the 16-year relationship between Wyman and his wife Astrid, as well as depicting his rise to superstar status. Gerald Scarfe (*The Wall*) has contributed animation sequences and James Coburn, Jean-Jacques Burnel, astronomer Patrick Moore and Richard O'Brien (who also co-scripted) all make appearances ... former Jam bassist Bruce Foxton has signed a solo recording deal with Arista ... Haircut 100 sans Nick Heyward have signed to Polydor after paying a suitable sum to Arista to be released from

their existing contract ... the Birthday Party have changed labels from 4AD to Mute ... the former (so says NME) Members' vocalist Nicky Tesco and spraycan man J. Walter Negro have joined forces to make a single called 'Cost of Living' ... *Trafford Tanzi*, Debbie Harry's Broadway debut, has reportedly bombed.

New singles include: China Crisis *Tragedy and Mystery*, Style Council *Money Go Round*, Indeeep *When Boys Talk*, XTC *'Great Fire'*, Human League *'Fascination'*, Maximum Joy *'Why Can't We Live Together'* (ex Y, now with Garage label via Stiff).

Albums: Creatures *The Feast*, Bob Marley and Wailers *Confrontation* (unreleased 1979-80 tracks), Uriah Heep *Head First*, Philip Jap *Philip Jap*, Rip Rig and Panic *Attitude*, Twisted Sister *You Can't Stop Rock'n'Roll*, Peter Gabriel *Plays Live* (2LP set), Rickie Lee Jones *Girl at Her Volcano* (live mini-album), B52s *Whammy!*, Kirk Brandon's Spear of Destiny *Grapes of Wrath* (Burning Home label via Epic), Aztec Camera *Highland Hard Rain* (Rough Trade), Angelic Upstarts *Reason Why*, George Benson *In Your Eyes*, Joe Walsh *You Bought It, You Name It*, Heaven 17 *The Luxury Gap*, Nico Drama *of Exile*, Rich Kids *Ghosts of Princes in Towers* (reissue), Meatloaf *Midnight at the Lost and Found*, Flock of Seagulls *Listen*, Marshall Crenshaw *Field Day* (produced by Steve Lillywhite).

Auckland

Split Enz cleaned up at the recent *Countdown* (Oz's RTR) Awards in Australia. Tim Finn got best songwriter award and the band took the most popular group and best album awards.

Days Centrale are in the process of recording their debut single at Harlequin Studios. Tracks are: 'The Appropriate Way', 'I Don't Understand' and 'Closed Minds'. It's being engineered and produced by Doug Rogers and Steve Kennedy and will be issued on Harlequin's Ze Disc label.

Goodbyes: with the departure of Brian Glamuzina, Willie Dayson Blues Band has become simply the Willie Dayson Band. The remaining four members will be aiming for a broader, more upbeat style and bass player Neil Edwards will be concentrating on

his songwriting ... guitarist Barry Caitcheon and the band's rhythm section have parted company with the Mockers. Caitcheon and drummer Brendan Fitzgerald are looking for work, ph 794-643.

Hellos: new band to rise from the remains of the Gurlz consists of former members Debbie (bass) and Shelley (vocals), with Richard Morris (ex Crocodiles) on guitar and Steve (ex Prince Tui Teka band!) on drums. No words yet on projects from other Gurlz... Neighbours' lineup on current tour is Andrew Kimber (sax), Wayne Laird (guitar), John Dodds (temporary bassist). During the winter months the band will do a resident spot at an Auckland nightclub ... former Neighbours' man Dave Hinton has replaced Steve Ward on the drum stool for the Hip Singles. Ward is now with Christchurch cover kings the Blades.

Hello/goodbye/hellos: Screaming Meemees will get together again for another "last" gig at Christchurch's Hillsborough. And will they stay together if their album is released in Europe?

Kiwi Animal are throwing a Bad Taste Party, May 21, 11am to 11pm. It will feature bands, films, videos and supper. Tickets available at \$10 from inner city record stores, or PO Box 6972 ... the Henchmen will be holding a series of dances in halls to co-incide with the release of their new single 'Do the Maelstrom'. See *Coruba Calendar* for details ... the people who brought you the last Mt Roskill punk evening have promised another one May 20 at the Mt Roskill Municipal Hall. It'll feature No Tag, Zykron B and various Wellington bands. Russell Brown

Christchurch

Shazam Battle of the Bands, local winners were Timaru band Sleeping Gas. Second Fondue Trout, third Private Lines and fourth Sheer Fanatics...the Shazam/3ZM Charity Rock Concert in aid of the Fiji hurricane relief fund, takes place at the Town Hall on May 18. Confirmed are the Legionnaires, Wastrels, Narcs and Coconut Rough.

A series of Rock Against Racism gigs are being arranged under the auspices of HART. The first takes place at the Great Hall, Arts Centre May 8 but they will hopefully become a weekly occurrence.



Auckland Walk

Admission is 50 cents and any bands interested in playing (for free) at future gigs contact Joe, ph 45-385 or Dave Merritt ph 64-390.

An album in memory of the late En Can MA (Mass Appeal) is to be released early June. Titled *Living It Up*, it was recorded last year in Auckland and in local hotels. The Clash's Topper Headon guests on one track! The band's singer-guitarist Ljimon Mihell will be taking his current group, ECF, on a national tour, entitled 'God Help Us' in early June. An ECF EP will be released to coincide with the tour. Title track is 'Filthy Punk Rocker'. It's out on Toy Records.

Radio U has been inundated with tapes for its compilation cassette but tapes for inclusion on its Sunday night programme are still welcome...on similar note, ex Hauraki DJ Mike Catton is back on air with 3ZM. He has taken over Mike McLeod's 'talent scout' position and will be keeping an eye out for local talent. Currently, Paris and the Wastrels are recording demos at the 3ZM studios.

Once again the Star and Garter is out of bounds to young local bands. The new management have put a resident band in on a six week trial. Previously unheard of, they rejoice in the name Moose Boots, The Green Banana Band.

Two members from the now defunct Desperate Measures have recently formed Evasive Action. Eric (bass), Eugene (vocals) and Harry Hepworth (ex Unauthorised, guitar) desperately need a drummer. Call 64-874...Vortex, who reached the final of the

Shazam Battle of the Bands, lineup Simon Beall (rhythm guitar, vocals), Mark Wilson (lead guitar), Bruce Coppins (drums), Chris Perry (bass) are looking for work. Call Simon 382-926.

The Alternative Entertainment Bureau presents 'Yet Another Party' at the Caledonian Hall, May 27, 8pm. Features four bands and only a dollar on the door. The AEB is a group of unemployed people aiming to provide cheap entertainment for others in the same position. Any suggestions for other events are welcome...the main bar of the Old Star Tavern has been renovated and fitted with a first-class sound system and will be featuring A Certain Bar-type music late week. The name is Zanzibar and the inimitable Tony Peake will be spinning the platters. Expect something a little different.

Incestuous burglars are now Champion Beat...Clients have two new additions: (1) Phil Johnson (ex Unauthorised) as an extra guitarist. (2) A two ton truck. Geraldine Gerrard

Wellington

Shazam Battle of the Bands Wellington heat held May 8. Toughing it out: Blue Rock, Career Boys, Driving Sideways, Strikemaster, Taste of Bounty, Unrestful Movements, Vanguard and Work Daze.

Jayrem blitzing the competition with 6-track releases from Mole Manne and Unrestful Movements. Expect 4-track Tin Syndrome late May. In a reversal of recent trends, they're also set to release a 5-track EP by Aussie band Soggy Porridge.

Remember Shona Laing? She's formed a rock outfit with Andy Drey and Leo Kean. They're still searching for a keyboardist/guitarist.

Van Valen Brothers from New Plymouth have recorded a demo at Marmalade Studios. Also recording there are Ed Morris (of Beat The System Tapes), and Michael Warmuth, deft exponent of the hammer dulcimer. Expect Warmuth LP in the next couple of months.

Naked Spots Dance intend to record an album with Doug Hood in July ... Naughty Bits, formed two months ago from ex 69, Wall Sockets and Domestic Blitz personnel, recorded live at Cosgroves recently. Expect a single.

Angst will release an EP post-humously through Jayrem ... Barton JBL concert PA for hire.

Contact Sue Barlow, 843-716.

We regret the passing of Les Crew, king of the one-line put down, to local poison arrow. David Taylor

Dunedin

Ex Bored Games' Fraser Batts' band, the Newbergs (a temporary name) has made a debut appearance. The band includes two other ex Bored Gamers, Jeff Harford and Jonathan Moore and new vocalist John Devereux ... Wreck Small Speakers For Expensive Stereos features a couple of ex Aucklanders who've impressed with their novel approach.

The new Netherworld Dancing Toys line-up have begun playing the local pub circuit ... new band Scant Voices features bassist Tony Dooley, brother of ex Toy Love drummer Tom Dooley.

Dunedin's first all women band Look Blue Go Purple has finally become a reality ... response to the Shazam Battle of the Bands scheduled for the Town Hall, May 21 has been poor. In contrast Leptoid Promotions' May Day Sunday Concert Chamber stint featuring Dance Exponents, The Diehards, Netherworld Dancing Toys and the Rip was a success. George Kay

D.D. SMASH TO RESIDE IN OZ!

After a quick visit home to say their goodbyes, DD Smash will head back across the Tasman for good. The band is in Sydney at present, playing almost every night. Most of the gigs have been headliners at pubs and rugby league clubs.

Bass player Ian Morris told RIIU the band would return to New Zealand in about a fortnight and spend about three weeks on extensive promotion. Then it's back to Sydney to live and to record their second album.

No decision has been made on what studio or producer the band will use. Their current single 'Outlook for Thursday' is getting some airplay in Oz but the band is waiting on the promotional video which should create more interest.

The band is working hard - during a recent 12 day trip to Melbourne they played 14 gigs.

At the moment it appears that Morris, originally only a stand-in bassist, will be staying with the band.

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