

Rumours

UK & USA

Singer Peter Wolf is reportedly bitter after getting the boot from the J. Geils Band, the first lineup change in 16 years. The group will complete a half-finished album without Wolf ... **Birthday Party** posthumous EP is *Mutiny*, featuring 'Jennifer's Veil', 'Mutiny in Heaven', 'Swampland' and 'Say Spell'. Singer Nick Cave has already recorded a solo EP which will also be released on the Mute label ... **Public Image Ltd** experiencing heavy ticket demand for their first UK tour in five years ... controversy and a BBC ban of Julian Temple video for **Rolling Stones** single 'Undercover of the Night', which features Mick as Sth American kidnaped who is eventually shot ... **Ian Dury**, recently subject of hour-long BBC documentary, has new single 'Really Glad You Came' ... **Style Council** have had to break UK touring commitments to work on debut album ... **Marine Girls** have split amicably for geographical reasons. All will continue musical careers ... **Sting** recently screen-tested for the role of Pontius Pilate in **Martin Scorsese's** upcoming Jesus flick ... **Steve Strange** currently before the UK courts on a cocaine charge ... ex **Teardrop** **Julian Cope** will resume live work soon, pending the release of his new solo album ... planned **Psychic TV** gig at Prestwich Mental Hospital postponed after the governor expressed concern for the welfare of patients. No bloody wonder ... the **Fall** go upmarket and join the video crowd with an hour-long videotape planned for release soon after new album *Perverved By Language* ... **Cabaret Voltaire** have their soundtrack LP to acclaimed BBC movie *Johnny Yes No* and new single 'Dream Ticket' and are working on new album in their Sheffield studios ... the former **Rip Rig and Panic** members who had banded together under the name **Les Enfants Terribles** are now **Float Up CP**, apparently sick and tired of snide comments about their first choice name ... **Stiff**



Christchurch's Triffids.

have signed up the Inspirational Choir of the Pentecostal First Born Church of the Living God for a five-track mini-LP, *Clean Heart*. The 31-strong choir first entered the recording world as backing vocalists on the new **Madness** single 'Wings of a Dove' ... a total of 11 LPs will result from last year's Reggae Sunsplash festival. The first features **Toots and the Maytals** ... American **Larry Buchanan** is making a film intended to show that the deaths of **Janis Joplin** and **Jimi Hendrix** were no accidents but political assassinations carried out to stop the pair poisoning impressionable young minds.

Albums: Thin Lizzy *Lizzy Life*, Joan Armatrading *Track Record* (best of), Cramps *Smell of Female*, Brian Eno *Working Backwards 1983-1973* (11 LP set), Ministry *Work for Love*, Weather Girls *Success*, Four Tops *Back Where I Belong*, *This Are Two Tone* (compilation), Cocteau Twins *Head Over Heels*, Alex Harvey *Soldier on the Wall*, *The Essential Jean-Michel Jarre*, Millie Jackson *ESP* (Extra Sexual Persuasion), John McCoy (ex Gillan bassist) *McCoy*, David Jay *Etiquette of Violence*, Adam Ant *Strip*.

Singles: Marvin Gaye reissue 'What's Going On' b/w 'Heard It Through the Grapevine', Madness 'Sun and the Rain', JoBoxers 'She's Got Sex', Who *Ready Steady Who* (1966 tracks, including 'Batman', 'Disguises' and 'Barbara Ann'), Death Cult 'God's Zoo', Revillos 'Bitten By A Love Bug'.

Auckland

Soon-to-be-redundant bass player from a certain award-winning group, the thinly disguised **Jag Moritz**, has a new single 'Boot Up' out on Hit Singles soon. It's backed with a "Random Mix" of the same ... **Sons in Jeopardy** will have their debut single 'Ritual'/'Worlds Apart' out on Rootbeat Records via EMI ... gremlins got into last month's *Rumours*: the **Diehards** have in fact signed a world-wide contract with RCA and will begin work on an EP at Mandrill early January. Album likely later in the year ... new **Wastrels** single, also from Mandrill, is 'All Out to Sea'. A limited number of copies will be backed with the infamous 'Slutty Mole', which was recorded in a suitably sleazy session at Progressive. After the limited edition runs out 'Time for A Ride' will be the flip ... expect some time in the New Year a batch of releases from the South's TV Eye Records, including a 45 by **Say Yes to Apes** and Hyphen-Smythe's *Badass* tape album.

The city's latest live venue is the Milford Marina which will be featuring bands weekly from January. Bookings are through PAMSAB, ph 396-066 ... **Sonya Waters** has left the Big Sideways and is now playing keyboards and singing with **Martial Law** ... **Ivan Zagni**, **Peter Scholes** and the recently returned **Don McGlashan** have been working together and will play the Christchurch City Festival in March ... fellow former

Blam **Tim Mahon** has conceived the **Dead Sea Scrolls**, a strictly limited timespan affair which self-destructs next week at the PR Bar. Lineup is **Tim Mahon**, bass; **Carol Mahon**, drums; **Greg Blanchett**, guitar; **John Wallace**, vocals and guests.

Car Crash Set will now not be making their second appearance at Quays but at Zanzibar's Christmas extravaganza on Dec 22. Tickets are available at the club ... new **Marginal Era** drummer is **Darron Johns** (ex Sporting Life). Band is still looking for a new guitarist or bassist ... **Vulgar Beatmen** (ex Crocodiles, Hulamen, Mammal) doing well in Sydney and set to tour back home early next year with a single under their belts.

Radio Active are **Peter Ilich** (guitar, keyboards, vocals), **Martin Stewart** (guitars, vocals, keyboards), **Mark Ilich** (drums), and **David Ilich** (bass). They have their debut single 'Angela' out now ... local releases coming up include **Richard Cranium Blues Band** *Midanca* (out now), **Mary Briefcase** *Lucid Dreams* (Feb-March), **Leadness Bristle Band** *Your Fingers Are Too Good for Me I'll Eat Your Ears Instead* (Feb) and **RCBB** *Into the Fire* (April). All available from Old Age Records, PO Box 6199, Auckland ... the **Kiwi Animal** recording continues. The duo plan a South Island tour in February and a tour of North Island alternative venues.

Local studio-only outfit **Albatrocity** will have their rather good Last Laugh-recorded single 'Martyr Martyr' out on Jayrem Records in early February. The video they have made will hopefully be shown on *Radio With Pictures* at the same time ... and at **Harlequin Terror of Tintown** are recording their second single 'Just One Life' ... **Days Centrale** are near completing their debut *Ze Disc LP* ... **Alistair Riddell** has been recording with **Gerard Carr** ... **Josie Rika** has a single, followed by a mini-album out soon on Mushroom Records. **Russell Brown**

Dunedin

For the next two months the **Netherworld Dancing Toys** will be touring the country. **Steve Renwick** (trombone) and **Neville Schwabe** (tenor sax) have replaced **Phil Hurring** and **Matthew Truhovich** and next month a five

track EP will be released containing three live songs recorded at the Windsor.

The **Cartilage Family** have officially broken up and bassist **Peter Gutteridge** has rejoined his original **Clean** colleagues in the **Great Unwashed's** projected national tour beginning at the Empire with the **Double Happys** on New Year's Eve.

Look Blue Go Purple are off the road for a while to rehearse new songs and they are also looking for practice rooms. The **Newburgs** are back live but rumours of lack of direction may lead to problems. The **Double Happys** will play at **Flying Nun's** Recording Party.

Ex **Stones** **Graham Anderson** and ex **Gamaunche** **John Collie** have been jamming. And **Martin Phillips'** new band, as yet unnamed, debuts at the Empire on Dec 17. **George Kay**

Wellington

On Dec 11 **Rick Bryant's Jive Bombers** and the **Pelicans** are playing at new venue the **Ascot Theatre** in Newtown (space for 300 on the dancefloor and 300 seated upstairs). Tickets \$8 from **Colin Morris** Records and the **Cricketers**. **Gaylene Preston** is filming the show.

Other recent events: **Not the 1983 Music Awards** featured **Yellyman**, **Unrestful Movements**, **Barbaric Bunnies** and half of **Christchurch's Evasive Action** among others. Also the Nov 26 gig at **Circus Block 5**, **Jimmy Sung** and **Jungle Mice**. Both shows indicative of healthy DIY attitude local bands are developing to get around venue problems ... for those organising gigs there's a new security service available, **Blackbelt Security**, contact **David Blackman** ph 729-329. They know the people who attend functions and don't discriminate on a looks basis ... the **Pelicans'** fine album is into its second pressing already. A video will be on **RWP** on Dec 11 ... **Body Electric** recently did a show at the **Majestic Cabaret** for **RWP**. Meanwhile, three Australian companies are interested in releasing **BE's** debut album.

Still across the Tasman, **Sydney's JJJ** radio has been playing most of **Jayrem's Barking Up The Right Tree** compilation. **Hulamen's** 'Barking Up The Wrong Tree' has proved especially pop-

ular ... **2ZM's** **Scorching Bay** concert for '84 is set for January 2 and is to feature **Precious and Mockers** ... **Bryan Staff**, guru of **Ripper Records**, is moving to Auckland to set up a **Jayrem** office and keep **Ripper** producing. Over Xmas he'll be breakfast DJ on **Radio Fyfe** in Nelson.

Jayrem have set for local release through their reciprocal arrangement with Australia's **Hot Records**: the **Celibate Rifles'** LP *Sideroxylon* and **Triffids'** (not **Christchurch** outfit) album *Treeless Plain*. December sees release of **Flesh D-Vice** and **Capital Chaos** waxings. For the New Year there's **Naked Spots** *Dance Falling LP* and one from the **Neighbours** entitled *Made In The Gluepot*. **David Taylor**

Christchurch

Hailed as 'Biggest Event of the Year' is the **Titties and Beer Spectacular** to be held Saturday afternoon, Dec 17, in the Hillsborough car park and features **Hammond Gamble**, **Miss Canterbury**, **Rodney Bryant**, a **Wet T-Shirt** competition and a custom car display, etc.

Wastrels will play the **Caledonian or Horticultural Hall** on Dec 16, supported by **Triffids** (who will soon hit **Timaru**) and **Haemogoblins** ... **Dance Exponents** play the **Christchurch Town Hall** on Dec 29 ... **Gordons** play locally Xmas Eve and expect to commence NZ tour early Jan ... founder **Clean** member **Peter Gutteridge** will join the **Kilgour** brothers for the first **Great Unwashed** national tour from late Dec. The trio will be hitting the streets, parks, camping grounds and occasionally even buildings of the nation with a portable generator in tow. Tour includes **Akaroa**, **Takaka**, **Coromandel**, etc, and culminates in **Auckland**. See *Coruba Calendar* for dates ... the **Bats** plan something similar with a rural tour round **Canty**, stopping in every small town possible. They are recording at **Nightshift** on **Arnie's** new **Series Five** console and if they're happy with songs will release an EP. They'll also be playing some of **City Council's** free summer gigs at the **Band Rotunda** which will hopefully start soon but nothing is firm at present.

Chain Reaction are: **Phil**
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