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Nothing At All ... TV3's New Zealand music show Frenzy, now screens on Sunday nights at a ridiculous hour ... the Nixons all ages benefit show at the Powerstation was a huge success. The venue was donated free of charge by manager Carmelle Bennett, and the band raised more than twice the amount they were expecting. As yet, there's still no word on the missing gear. If you've any info, contact the Takapuna Police (09) 489 4008, or the Nixons (025) 747 536 ... the new issue of Planet magazine will be in the shops March 10 ... Dave Dobbyn, Otara Millionaires Club, Maree Sheehan, Muttonbirds, Tama Renata, Semi MCs and Purest Form are performing at Hayman Park in Manukau City at 3pm on Sunday March 12. The concert, organised by former Blam Blam Blam bassist and MCC special events manager Tim Mahon, is free ... new Wildside act Lodger are recording their debut album at the bFM studios ... KAFM 93.8's Thursday night (7-9pm) NZ metal show is growing in leaps and bounds. Bands keen to have their demos playlisted can contact Studio 2, PO Box 167, Oneroa, Waiheke Island ... ex-Chills drummer Earl Robertson has joined Grace ... Nick D'Angelo's Absolute Retro is on at the Box, Squid and Cause Celebre on Thursday March 9. This celebration of the 70s and 80s features DJs Sam Hill, Sample Gee, Manuel Bundy, Roger Perry, Andy Vann, Jon Davis and D'Angelo, plus performances by Mika, the Drag Bables and the NDA Breakers ... the annual Pasifika Festival takes place at Western Springs lakeside on March 4, 9am-6pm ... 'top act' Cosa Nostra will release their debut album, This Thing Of Ours, early March, with a single to follow in April ... the collaboration between OJ and Slave and DLT mentioned last month will be released under the name Joint Force ... Tadpole have a new singer and play at Squid on March 10 amd 16 ... Friday March 10 sees the return of Skavoovle at Squid, featuring the Managers, plus DJs Big Matt, Dubhead, Slowdeck and Skabrim ... Upper Hutt Posse release a new single, 'As The Blind See', in March, and an album, Movement In Demand, follows late April ... Chris Knox has signed with American label Caroline, who will oversee the US release of the LP Songs Of You and Me ... Jungle Fungus have been recording a single, 'Crushed', at the Lab, while the Hallelujah Picassos are recording demos for a new album there also. They play at Squid on March 16 ... King Loser will release their second album, Rock Action, in May ... the Able Tasmans have completed demos for their next record and begin recording this month ... New York house DJ

Dead Flowers' temporary bassist is Dion from

Erick Morillo will do a two hour set at the Raise Your Hands dance party, that also features Reel to Real, at the Powerstation April 1. The show is all ages and tickets are available from Quaff Records and Truetone ... local promoter Greg Hammerdown has recorded a single live-to-disc at King Records in Geraldine. The limited edition release features two original compositions and a Mighty Lemon Drops cover ... 1993 Smokefree Rock Quest winners Halucian release their debut single, 'Good Morning Mrs Earth', on Pagan Records this month ... bands performing at Auckland's annual Easter Show include Hallelujah Picassos, Urban Disturbance, Hello Sallor, Dead Flowers, 3 The Hard Way, Purest Form, Fagan, DLT and Slave, Tuffy Culture and Dubhead, Hammond Gamble and Emma Paki. The Easter Show gets going at the Auckland Showgrounds on April 12 and continues until the 17

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HAMILTON

The third annual Contact 89FM busking competition is being held from March 8 till 10 ... Contact are also introducing a new logo and merchandise at a gig at the Exchange featuring Garageland, Inchworm and the Widdershins ... Widdershins plan to release some recordings made with Greg Locke's Orange label on vinyl ... Wendyhouse have released a new tape Dead Man's Shoes. Their gulatrist Daniel has left for England, but he will continue to record with them from there ... MSU recently released their debut tape My Pyjamas Smell Acidiky. Watch out for them at an orientation gig near you ... Dean Leary, former manager of King Biscuit, Five Girls, Swamp Goblin and Inchworm has moved on from two years of band management to take up the position of distribution and marketing manager at 'Television Hark Records Knightshade's first single off their forthcoming album, was recently released on Hark ... the vocalist for Valhalla has left and the band are currently looking for a new one ... Fridge Records are planning two very possible CD compilations of Hamilton music for 1995.

ILISTIN HARRIS

WELLINGTON

The Wellington invasion of Europe will soon be underway. Shihad are touring there supporting Faith No More (or is that the other way around?) Head Like A Hole are to storm through the old **CONTINUED ON PAGE 38**



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