

Hole played an MTV Unplugged show in New York on February 21 ... **D.O.A** drummer Ken Jensen died in a house fire at his home in Vancouver, Canada on January 29 ... Rick Rubin has signed **Donovan** to his American Recordings label ... EMI Records and **Dr Martens** have joined forces to released and album called *Unlaced*, featuring tracks by **Primal Scream**, **Blur** and **New Order** amongst others ... **The Clean** have completed another album at Dunedin's Fish St ... **Surgery** singer Sean McDonnell died on January 18 after lapsing into an asthma-induced coma ... **Diana Ross** will receive a special award at the Soul Train Awards in LA on March 13 ... J-Dee of **Da Lench Mob** was sentenced to 29 years behind bars by an LA court for murdering his girlfriend's flatmate, he was convicted by an all-white jury. In New York rapper **Tupac Shakur** was sentenced to four and a half years for sexual assault. **Snoop Doggy Dogg's** murder trial is now expected to take place in July ... **Loves Ugly Children** are to record their debut Flying Nun album at Fish St. studios with Tex Houston ... **Offspring** have announced plans to record a single with **Courtney Love** ... **Rufus** are expected to release a reunion album later in the year, with **Chaka Khan** contributing to several tracks ... **Blur** have written 40 new songs for their next album ... Wellington band **Banshee Reel** are releasing an album, *Orchestrated Litany Of Lies*, on Loaded Records this month, then go on to tour Canada in May ... **Living Colour** have split up ... the **Specials** have reformed without Terry Hall and Jerry Dammers ... **Quincy Jones** will receive the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award at the 67th annual Grammy Awards on March 27 ... **Sepultura** have returned to Roadrunner Records after spending a short time with major label, Epic ... **Brett Anderson** of Suede has recorded a duet in French for an AIDS charity album ... listeners of the Australian radio station Triple J voted 'Davo' as their preferred new name for **Prince**.

THE SLIMMER TWINS

Diner, Service Station & Takeaway Cuisine

Rock 'n' Roll and food have always been constant companions; Luther Vandross has lost 120 pounds — nine times!, Elvis swallowed burgers and pizza whole, and Mama Cass loved those steak sandwiches to death.

In the first instalment of a regular dining out column, *RipItUp's* digestive duo, The Slimmer Twins, waddle their merry way round the finest (and well priced) eating establishments, without even stopping to mop the gravy from their chins. So sit back, undo your trouser buttons, and feel those arteries harden.

City Express. 9 Customs Street, central Auckland. Open 24 hrs.

Almost every time we've dined at this place the *Commodores Greatest Hits* has been playing. As if that wasn't enough, the staff serve portions so huge you can't even see your plate! A variety of meals incorporating eggs and chips are on offer, but the Slimmer™ choice involves bacon so fresh it literally oinks from the plate. Huge slabs of this delicacy are presented smothered in impossibly yellow fried eggs, and garnished with an avalanche of crispy fried chips (\$5.95). Sure, lentil-soakers will tell you this style of dining will shorten your lifespan, but then so will vegetables — look what they did for River Phoenix.

The Original Baron Of Beef. United Tower, 125 Queen Street, central Auckland.

"Pleased to meet you, with meat to please you", soothes the Baron, and you know you've found a second home. The Baron offers an endless choice of prime cuts from the bone, featuring beef, lamb (with mint sauce!) and pork (with crackling and apple sauce!). Full (\$9.95) or half (\$5.95) portions are served with steaming peas, crunchy roast potatoes, bright orange carrots and pumpkin. It's pork and spicy gravy on the Twins plate more often than not, but not for long, and if you need further convincing — one visit to the Baron and you'll let go a burp that could strip the bark off a tree.

Other notables:

Stables Restaurant. Cnr Fort & Gore Streets, central Auckland. Open 24 hrs.

\$5 breakfast: Bacon, sausages, hash browns, fried eggs, white bread toast, tea or coffee (brown bread is available for those with a taste for the exotic).

Tony's Original Steak Restaurant. 27 Wellesley Street, central Auckland.

\$10 lunch special: Steak, chips and a pint. Bloody marvellous!

Holly's Home Cookery. Main Rd, Paroa.

It's the Chinese Year of the Pie, and for a heavenly chicken pie don't drive by Holly's Home Cookery, main road Paeroa, 200 yards before the big bottle driving South.

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Thur April 13 6:30pm	HALLELUJAH PICASSOS • DLT & SLAVE • URBAN DISTURBANCE
Fri April 14 6:30pm	HAMMOND GAMBLE • HELLO SAILOR
Sat April 15 6:30 pm	DEAD FLOWERS • 3 THE HARD WAY • DLT & SLAVE
Sun April 16 6:30pm	ANNIE CRUMMER • PUREST FORM
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The shows will run non-stop from 6.30 to 8.30 every evening. No seating hassles and plenty of time to catch all the rest of the Easter Show excitement before and after the rock programme. Inquiries: Phone 09 638 9969