

RUMOURS

AUCKLAND

Thorazine Shuffle's debut three track single 'An Affair' is now "being held closely under wraps until elaborate release plans for July have been formalised", according to band manager Stuart Broughton. The band will also be absent from the live scene for a while due to one member's "spinal difficulties" ... Anthony Kiedis of the **Red Hot Chili Peppers** was on holiday in Auckland for a fortnight last month, before returning to the US to complete the band's next album ... **Joint Force** (OJ/Slave/DLT) are on a North Island tour this month with **Teremoana Rapley**, **Mighty Asterix** and **DJ Stinky Jim**. See *Gig Guide* for dates ... **Cosa Nostra** have spent a lot of time in Incubator Studio with a live rhythm section recently. According to Trevor 'Giancana' Reekie they want to "bugger around and see what comes out" ... **Cicada** have just released their five track debut CD EP *Oscillator*, recorded at the Lab and York Street ... **Balance** have split up ... every Thursday from 7.30PM to 8PM, Max TV's *Serious Fun Show* features a segment entitled **From The Kerb Up**. Hosted by Zhayne Lowe, the show screens items on music, magazines, record companies and other general interest stories ... **Shona Laing** has re-recorded her 1972 hit '1905' at York Street, and Spearhead's **Michael Franti** spent an evening recording there before the band's Powerstation show ... 'Don't Wait Another Day', the second single from **Greg Johnson's** forthcoming album *Vine Street Stories* is out soon, while the album will be out early August ... **Music Nation** host **Bio Runga's** debut album *Love Soup* is scheduled for a July release ... **Anthony Iossa** of Grace has formed his own record label, Kokobutt, and is looking to record British-influenced dance outfits. If you fit the bill, send your demos to 26 Lichfield Road, Parnell. Meanwhile, **Grace** have three new members: drummer Andrew MacClaren and Bio and Boh Runga on BVs ... **Rhythm Oil** are releasing their debut cassette and accompanying video 'The Art of Flying'.

JOHN RUSSELL

PALMERSTON NORTH

Suraya of **Dog Tooth Violet** has saved Palmerston North from terminal boredom by arranging a new venue called Wild Horse Saloon. Yehhaah, wackadool ... Yellow Bike Recording Cutting at Himintangi (in association with the Foxton museum of Audio Visual Arts and Sciences) has been busy with seven releases on Yellow Bike records and Spotty Dog Records cut in the last month! Records released include **Cunt 12"**, **K-Tel Dancers 7"**, **Baldman** (Dave White) 7", **Lung Feeding Fucking Vera** album, **Ashvins 7"**, **Meat Market 7"** and a split 10" **K-Tel Dancers** and **Cunt** record. **Ashvins** and **Meat Market** celebrated with a gig at the Saloon ... **Lizard Mull Records** recently celebrated two releases at the Wild Horse Saloon ... **State Of Hate** and **Rob Tjome** have both released cassettes on Lizard

Mull ... **Spotty Dog Records** are currently awaiting the arrival of a **Shoeshine** and **Ashvins** joint CD ... just to keep Palmy busy, the Stomach is organising several all age **5 Bands for 5 Bucks** gigs that will feature and debut new and young bands ... speaking of new bands **Burnt Weeping Eyes** played a successful set of Gothic hard core at the New Royal ... **State Of Hate** played in Wellington with Sick Of It All.

CLAIRE PANNELL

NEW PLYMOUTH

The Mushroom Ball was all it should have been — up, energetic, rocking and good vibes. If you weren't there, it was your loss ... **Nefarious** will have a very limited edition single out by the time you read this. If you need to have one, you gotta move quick ... a strange thing has been occurring lately, no gigs for a while, then two on the same night. This happened with **Warp Spasm** and **Nefarious** and the week after **The Ball**, **Inchworm** at the Mill and the **Butchers Club** at the Nitespot. Both gigs being on at the same time results in poor audience numbers, and the only loser is rock 'n' roll. Publicans are looking at live music to deal with dwindling Thursday night bar takes, but if both gigs don't get a crowd, your band won't be wanted in the bar either. Small towns like New Plymouth can only really handle one gig a week. Don't jump when that bar manager calls. Plan your gigs in advance, work out what is best for your band and rock 'n' roll in general. Don't sell yourself short ... upcoming gigs are **Second Child** at the Nitespot, **Upper Hutt Posse** at the Mill and **Greg Malcom** and band at an unconfirmed place ... Palmerston North (the place people always confuse with New Plymouth) band **State Of Hate** are working on playing an all age show in town soon ... any comments, questions, whatever can be directed to PO Box 407, New Plymouth.

BRIAN WAFER

WELLINGTON

Barry Saunders' solo album *Weatherman* is due in July ... **Mark Leaderman**, previously of **Blige Festival**, has formed **Horris Patients**. They played their first gig recently with two other new bands, **Svelte** and **Cowcatcher**. More is expected from all three ... new young band in the city are **Letterbox Lambs** (they assure me the name is only temporary). They have already been playing shows (with Mellowthumb from Napier) and have recording plans ... Acid Jazz is as popular in the city as it ever was, and the **Jazziz II** show on Edward St was evidence of this. More (too much?) is expected in the near future ... **Funkmutha** have stopped playing live gigs indefinitely, as the drummer is fighting an uphill battle with RSI. Despite this, they hope to record near the end of the year ... **Southside of Bombay** are about to embark on a national tour. As is their tradition, they will cover every inch of the country, going to all the 'one pub, one shop' towns, taking funk-tinged reggae with them. They have a new single, 'Umbadada', out this month ... **Seep** are described as 'avant-garde post post industrial', and are working on soundtracks for performances around local theatres ... members of **Wendyhouse** and some of their friends are planning an international musical experiment. Different pieces of four-track recordings will be sent to various people around the globe, where

tracks will be added and mixed. "It could be good, and it could be bad," says Wendyhouse Pudding.
DONALD REID

CHRISTCHURCH

It took a while, but **Dark Tower** have released their 8 track CD EP *Real Zeal Man*. They were luckily into their last song in an awesome set at their CD release party before their backing sample tape unwound ... **147 Swordfish** made a reappearance at Pumpkinhead's *Sloth* party recently ... the **Bats** are recording at Nightshift studios, the place they recorded a lot of their original material ... also at Nightshift at the moment are the **Tardigrads**, recording for a five track cassette release ... **Loves Ugly Children** have finished 18 songs in Dunedin for their Flying Nun album, tentatively entitled *Cake Hole* ... the second of **Creeley's** cassette trilogy *Step Ahead* is available now from PO Box 1619, Christchurch ... Rob Mayes' Failsafe label is busy at the moment, with the **Dolphin** album (a double CD) *Out Of Hand* released in May. The second CD is called *Finally Think It's Time* and features outtakes and "the other good stuff that might seem out of place on the album" ... also due out on Failsafe are a **Throw** album, *Rememot*, in June and a **Chicane** EP, for June also, a **Cicada** EP and videos from **Throw**, **Springloader** and the **Malchicks**, half of whose was shot in Japan ... out of pocket after their North Island tour with the loss of a \$500 rental hire bond are **Ape Management**, who are looking for gigs to earn this money back. Look out for a Rob Scuzz designed T-shirt with their single release ... **Chicane** are to be included on *Kiwi Hit Disc 14* ... rumoured is a **Jay Clarkson** tour, a **U-Card** party, the **3Ds** at the Caledonian Hall and a hip-hop/dub extravaganza ... **Wadd's** CD release has been delayed until June 15 ... new bands around town include **Hawaii 5-0** and **Beats and Pieces**, with a hip-hop/jungle sound ... picking up at the moment is the number of bands looking for bookings at the Dux, in contrast to Quadrophonia, where bands find it hard, at times, to cover the venue's booking overheads ... **Wallpaper** and **Yellow Crayon** are to debut as support for **Trawler** at the Dux ... the finalists from Christchurch in *Operation Music Storm* were **Human**, **Atomic Blossom**, **Snort**, **Disgraceland** and **Trawler** ... **The Sheep Technique #2** is RDU's compilation cassette of Christchurch music for the student radio network, and will feature **Rainy Taxi**, **Creeley**, **Atomic Blossom**, **Hawaii 5-0**, **Disgraceland**, **Ape Management** and **In Vitro** ... any rumours ph 379-6320.

HAT

DUNEDIN

Operation Music Storm has been and gone, attracting huge interest from bands and public alike. Eighty-two bands entered from as far afield as Invercargill and Nelson ... new bands **Seven** and the **Underwoods** debuted recently at the Empire. **Seven** also played an impressive set at Sammy's a few nights later with the **Verlaines**, **Trash** and the **Renderers** ... both **Trash** and the **Renderers** have just finished recording new CDs at Volt Studios and Fish Street ... more Fish Street news: **Lets Planet** are due down soon, **Loves Ugly Children** are still recording, **3Ds**, **Chug**, **Magick Heads**, **Clean** and **Able Tasmans** have all been recording songs for the Flying Nun compilation of ABBA songs. The whole studio, including **Tex**, was shipped up to Auckland for the recording of the new **Able Tasmans** CD ... the studio is upgrading to 24 tracks any day now

... Volt studios continue to be busy. **Brendan Hoffman** is currently recording a compilation for IMD which will include established and new Dunedin artists ... **OMIT** (Blenhiem) and Aaron Sharma have both released Geraldine singles on the Trinder label ... **Gaylene** is rumoured to be starting a punk band ... Grant Millman is soon to leave his job as programme director at Rox FM and is set to produce a music show on the new Southern TV channel ... new dance venue **Bath Street** has become instantly popular ... the **Dunedin Musician's Club** is to host monthly performance nights for original bands in an effort to boost membership and encourage younger musicians to join. The first such gig featured **Jay Clarkson**, the **Magick Heads**, **Runt** and **Firehouse** ... **My Deviant Daughter**, **High Dependency Unit** and **Chris Heazelwood** will play at Squid soon ... **Swarm**, **Suka** are now to tour with the **Verlaines** instead of **Trash**, because Robbie Yeats is off to the States with the **Dead C**.

DAVID MUIR

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