

RUMOURS

AUCKLAND

Issue 10 of *Intravene* magazine is out now, and is available from Crawlspace, Real Groovy, Corner Records etc., or write to PO Box 8385, Symonds Street Auckland ... the premiere issue of *Rukkus* ('NZ's Hard Music Magazine') is also in various record shops, or write to PO Box 167, Oneroa, Waiheke Island, Auckland. Featured in the first issue are Krushing Day, Shihad, Raw Meat For The Balcony and Atomic Blossom ... 'Hori'fied One', the first single from the forthcoming *Dam Native* album, will be out early August ... the **12 Tribes of Israel Sound System** takes over the Globe Hotel in Wakefield Street on August 19, from 7.30PM till late, five bucks at the door ... **Pumpkinhead** took two days off during their recent national tour to record a single, 'Nark', at York Street with Malcom Welsford ... **the Nixons** are to be called Eye TV in America, as there is already a US band using their name. Their debut album, *Eye TV*, will be retitled for its US release on San Francisco label Incandescent, and will include tracks from the recent *Special Downtime* EP ... **Shihad's** Powerstation show on August 18 is all ages ... **Billy TK Jnr.** has just returned from the US, where he played at virtually "every prestigious blues club in the country" ... **Moana and the Moahunters'** latest single, 'Give It Up Now', is sponsored by the Maori Smokefree Trust, and the Kerry Brown-directed video features cameo appearances by several World Cup All Blacks. The single also features a remix of 'AEIOU' ... dance duo **Bushbeat** have changed their moniker to **d'bre**, and a single, 'Let Me Know', is due next month ... a brand new **Figure 60** cassette is on the shelves of Crawlspace and Real Groovy right now, finally ... **Social End Product** is the name of a new magazine published by John Baker and Andrew Schmidt, and featuring New Zealand bands from the 50s, 60s, 70s and early 80s. The first issue features Terry Dean and the Nitebeats, and Judge Wayne and the Convicts, amongst others. Write to PO Box 8282, Symonds Street, Auckland, for details.

JOHN RUSSELL

HAMILTON

The annual **Contact 89FM Battle of the Bands** is taking place throughout August. Thirty-seven bands entered (the most to date), and 16 have been chosen for the heats at the Wailing Bongo. The final happens August 25 ... the **Fridge Studios** compilation of 16 Hamilton bands will be out on September 14, with a release party at the Hillcrest Tavern ... **the Romantic Andes** have been recording at the Zoo, and are currently negotiating a deal with Hark Records ... also on Hark, **Blackjack's** new single, 'Gugganaut', is out now. Expect a flood of releases from the label in the next couple of months ... **Greg Locke** of Orange Recording has invested in a new 16 track analogue studio. Orange is currently working on a CD project for the **Tsunami Band**, and also plan a CD for **the Emmersons** (now a three piece, with the addition of Stan Jagger on drums) ... **Inchworm** have nearly finished mixing for their debut CD, which will be released in late September on their own Dedear label. The band are planning a nationwide tour, to coincide with the CD

release ... congratulations to **Greg Page**, who won the Knack award at the *Flying Fish New Zealand Music Video Awards* in Wellington, for his 5 Girls video 'Food'.
JUSTIN HARRIS

HAWKES BAY

Erstwhile Music Machine worker **Steve Levy** was given a great send off at the Hawkes Bay Musicians Club, before leaving for England. **Dan Fern** from Mathers has replaced Steve in the shop, and **Lyndsay Gibb** is taking over his guitar spot in **Woody Allen's Daughter** ... **Kaweka Flyers** have been recording all original material in Wellington with **Robbie Duncan** ... **Richard Nicholson** is leaving *Ingenue*, with **Kevin Watson** replacing him on guitar ... instrumental guitar duo **Strings Attached** (Ralph Gannaway and Ross Clark) have been recording their own stuff at Napier's Radio New Zealand studio ... two to listen out for on Kidnappers Radio are **Trevor Ruffell** on Mondays, with half an hour of folk and rock, and **Graham Chaplow**, now playing alternative country on Friday nights in addition to his Saturday show ... **Beat Not Fish** are close to releasing their debut CD (a first for original Hawkes Bay music), but are facing a name change due to an Australian band having a similar name. The new band name is **Bait**, with the CD having the Beat Not Fish moniker.

TONY PARKER

PALMERSTON NORTH

For all of you interested in doing runs of thousands of records at **Yellow Bike Record Cutting**, we only allow 50 maximum until the press is built ... **Shoeshine** and **The Ashvins'** split CD on Spotty Dog Records has arrived. However, Andrew Coy has departed **Shoeshine** for an academic career in Europe. Meanwhile, Matt and Boris are playing as a duo on a new similar project, as yet nameless ... **Next Big Thing** are embarking on a tour to promote their cassette EP called *For Today*, also on Spotty Dog ... new band round town is **Cannibal Sex Kicks**, featuring Blair of Froit Head and Chris of the Ashvins ... **Pollo** and **Scratch 'N' Sniff** proved to be crowd pleasers at the latest *5 Bands for 5 Bucks* at the Stomach ... **Scratch 'N' Sniff** were withdrawn from the *Smokefree Rock Quest* by their school for not being academically minded. Isn't rock 'n' roll about rebellion anymore? To make up for this, they have a song to be included on the next *Valve* magazine 12 inch record, to be cut some time in Spring ... **Foisemaster** have released another seven inch on Lizard Mull records, cut by Yellow Bike Record Cutting ... other record cutting happening on Yellow Bike includes a 10 inch **Surplus Sons of A Factory Nation**, featuring Zane Hookham, Dave White and Rob Groats, in a manic one-night event based around the innards of a piano and bits of steel ... **Blunt** have finally released a cassette called *Grip*, on Yellow Bike Records ... **The Wild Horse Saloon** is the most stylee venue Palmerston North has ever had ... **Meat Market**, **Claire's Un-Natural Twin** and **Froit Head** are all planning tours later in the year ... **Kane Forbes** is the new guitarist for **Wholesale Drainage**, and joins **Rob Froit** in a heavy metal power duo. Rob says they play "really predictable pop songs in a very bogan manner" ... a new catalogue of Yellow Bike, Spotty Dog and Lizard Mull Records is out now. Write to Yellow Bike at PO Box 586, Palmerston North, for yours ... **Craig Black**, our lovely production person at Radio Massey, performed

an amazing live soundscape at The Stomach recently as **False** ... **Kiwi Rock Promotions** is holding gigs around the North Island to raise funds for Amnesty International. Bands supporting the cause are **Nacho Mama**, **Desert Road**, **Next Big Thing** and **the Susans** ... **Dog Tooth Violet** are playing one more gig, and it should be interesting to see what eventuates later from the four women in the band ... **Eliso Bishop** of **Meat Market** and the Spotty Dog Collective has taken up sound engineering, keeping the involvement of women in the Palmerston North music scene on the up and up ... **the Susans** have been working on new material for their upcoming gigs around the North Island, and are booked to record at York Street early in December for release of a four song EP ... **Full Noise** have recorded a second EP called *Head Stoned*, which is soon to be released and promoted with a North Island tour.

CLAIRE PANNELL

WANGANUI

The Wanganui music scene emerges to say hello, to say something nice to your ears ... **Muflar**, **Mafia Staff Car**, **Frayden** and **Sean Jefferies** played an extremely successful gig at the Pit ... *It* will happen again, with new bands. For more information, phone Sean Hammond on (06) 347-2112 ... **Bucket** are looking for a drummer ... **Master Cheese Maker** have released a tape, *Today is a Good Day to Die*. Send \$5.50 to 74 Bell St, Wanganui, for a copy. They had two successful release parties in Wanganui and Palmerston ... **Muflar**, **Mafia Staff Car** and **Master Cheese Maker** play Rotorua for two nights with **Crawlspace**, and will tour during August. For more information phone Ashleigh on (06) 347-2767.

ASHLEIGH ROONEY

NEW PLYMOUTH

New release: **Wretched Skinny** cassette, *Happy Jesus Teenage World* ... band break-ups and line-up changes: **Schizo-phrenia** have a new drummer and **Nefarious** is on permanent hold — but nothing is permanent in Nefarious Land. Already rising from the ashes of that band is **Horror Business** ... recording: **Sticky Filth** and **Jallal**, both at Rowan Studios in Kaponga ... **Te Korimako O Taranaki 94.8 FM** started a whole new run of shows on July 1. Included is a Saturday night rock show. Don't forget **National Radio's The Story of Pop**, at 4PM on Saturdays. This is preceded by a New Zealand music show, The same station also has *Hits and Myths* on Sundays at 2.30PM. It only runs for a few weeks ... local gigs coming up (or have just been) feature names such as **Sam Hunt** and **Gary McCormack**, **Cicada**, **Upper Hutt Posse**, **the Verlaines**, **Pumpkinhead**, **Suka**, **Swam**, **State of Hate**, **Dave Dobbyn**, **Semi Lemon Kola** and **Bulfrog Rata**. That's enough variety to keep everyone happy ... if you wanna play here or know any more, get in touch C/- Ima Hitt, PO Box 407, New Plymouth, phone/fax (06) 758-9988.

BRIAN WAFER

WELLINGTON

Bar Bodega main man **Fraser** has been vocalising annoyance at the amount of poster space taken up by big corporate giants (new age fruit drinks and leather boot companies, but we're not pointing the finger) who can afford multi-media advertising, but choose the

common garden poster so they can appear more 'in tune with the kids'. Why don't you go back to your non-sensical TV ads and leave the space for those without huge advertising budgets? ... **Sweet Family Unit** are creating plenty of beautiful noise sensations of late. Their cassingle is widely available this month (inexpensive and high quality) ... **The Incubation** is happening on August 20 at Cuba Cuba ... organisers of the **New Zealand Smokefree Composing Womens' Festival** are looking for an old piano. If you have one, make it a gift, rather than a loan. They intend to burn the thing on the first night of the festival next month ... **Hammers and Gongs** is the name of an upcoming percussion show by **Garoth Farr**. For these shows he will be joined by the **Strike** percussion quartet and string duo **Strung Up** ... Pacific cross-over sensation Igelese will be performing hometown gigs sometime this month ... old school stalwart **Wayne Mason** is putting the finishing touches on his album ... **O'Blique** are proving the Capital is up to the mark when it comes to the world of trance. Watch out for them at Escape ... speaking of Escape, the Voodoo Productions presentation **Full On**, featuring **DJs Clinton, Lemon, Trent, Leon, Filc, Jazz and Matt Ford** is happening mid-month ... **Apollo 10** have been in the studio ... as have **Short** (long awaited release some time soon) ... the new **Emulsifier** release is expected to veer on the side of heavy, rather than cruising down the funky road ... **Truckstop** made a welcome return for the Sebadoh support. August is going to be their month.

DONALD REID

CHRISTCHURCH

Leonard Nimoy are providing the sounds for the Wyrd Gallery's wearable art exhibition, as well as playing in Dunedin in August and completing material for a CD ... **Golf Course Alligators** reappear for the first time in a couple of years for an August 18 gig at Warners, with **Salmonella Dub**, **Trawler**, **Loves Ugly Children** and **Nit-State** ... **Squim's** new recordings are being mastered at Tai Poutini studio in Greymouth, and they may also support **Loves Ugly Children** for their album release in Auckland ... **Human** and **Dark Tower** are producing videos at the moment, while **Trawler** and **Salmonella Dub** are receiving Cry airplay with their's ... congrats to **Martin J** on becoming the new programme director at RDU ... **Nick Hodgson** (Urinator) has just released a half hour tape of short, poppy songs, all recorded on a tape deck, called *Cubicle* ... **the Bats'** latest Nightshift Studios recorded album is tentatively called *Couchmasters* ... another free magazine, *Buzz: the Christchurch Musicians Handbook*, has hit the streets. For information phone (03) 349-4164 ... hardcore and alternative musicians are bringing a local Black Sabbath night to the Arena on August 12 ... **Loves Ugly Children** tour Australia with **King Loser** and **Garageland** in August, for eight gigs in 10 days, tour nationally in September, produce a video in Auckland, then tour the UK for three months ... **Holocene** plan a cassette release in October to support their 'Hollywood Ego' video. They have a second drummer for the future, with the birth of Sam (Holocene's bassist) and Caroline's son, Cailum ... **the Doctor Lovegland Sound System** plan to release an eight track mini-album cassette, featuring live to air tracks recorded on RDU, on the Bent Recordings label ... **Brother Love** supported Sebadoh at Warners recently, after being approached by Sebadoh's Australasian promoter ... **AZZZ**

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