

FUTURE RECORDINGS

Kyuss, And the Circus Leaves Town (Warners).
Oasis, Morning Glory (Epic) — Sept release.
U2, Music For Films (Island) — "underground / urban" sounds due in November.
Garbage, Garbage (Festival) — Butch Vig's new band.
David Bowie, Outside (Virgin) — a collaboration with Brian Eno.
Rancid, And Out Come the Wolves (Epitaph / Flying In).
Prince, Gold Experience (Warners) — singles are 'I Hate You' and 'Pussy Control'.
Blur, The Great Escape (EMI) — single 'Country House' in August.
Nick Cave, Murder (Mute) — Nov. Single 'Wild Rose' in October.
Lenny Kravitz, Circus (Virgin).

The Fall, 27 Points (Festival) — live double recorded this year with Brix Smith on bass.
Goldie, Timeless (Metalheadz / Polygram) — 103 minutes from Bjork's opening act in Europe.
Ziggy Marley & the Melody Makers, Free Like We Want 2 B (Warners).
Ramones, Adios Amigos (EMI).
Portastatic, Slow Note (Flying In) — Mac from Superchunk's second solo outing.
Tumbleweed, Galactaphonic (Polygram).
Urge Overkill, Exit the Dragon (Geffen).
Boy George, Cheapness & Beauty (Virgin).
Letters to Cleo, Wholesale Meats and Fish (Festival).
Young Gods, Only Heaven (Flying In).
Ed Kuepper, A King in the Kindness Room (Flying In).
Dambuilders, Encendedor (Flying In).
Peter Dinklage, Frampton Comes Alive II (IRS).
Dire Straits, Live at the BBC (Polygram).
Debbie Peterson, Kindred Spirit (IRS) — ex Bangles.
Wonderstuff, Live in Manchester (Windsong) — recorded 1991.
Julian Cope, 20 Mothers (Festival).
Banarama, Ultraviolet (Ave Trax).
Breeders, Pacer (4AD) — delayed.
Triffids, Treeless Plain (Festival).
Gavin Friday, Shag Tobacco (Island) — ex Virgin Prunes singer.
Heather Nova, Glowstars (Festival).
Christine Anu, Stylin' Up (Mushroom).
Ride, Tarantula (Warners).
Wildhearts, PHUQ (Warners).
Stereolab, Refried Ectoplasm (Flying Nun).
Blondhound Gang, Use Your Fingers (Sony).
Paw, Death to Traitors (Polygram).
Underground Lovers, Dream It Down (Polygram).
Aimee Mann, I'm With Stupid (Imago/Warners).

AOTEAROA

Various, The Sound is Out There (Flying Nun) — August.
Cinematic, Let It Burn (Loaded) — Sept.
Banshee Reel, Live in Canada (Loaded) — Oct.
Greg Johnson, Vine St Stories (Pagan).
Loves Ugly Children, Cakehole (Flying Nun) — Sept.
King Loser, You Cannot Kill What Does Not Live (Flying Nun).
SML, Is That It? (Wildside).
Various Artists, ABBAsalutely (Flying Nun) — Abba tribute album, Sept.
Able Tasmans, Store in a Cool Place (Flying Nun) — October.

Bats, Couchmaster (Flying Nun) — October.
Snapper, ADM (Flying Nun) — October.
Barry Saunders, Weatherman (Pagan).
Bilge Festival, Gravel Slide (Wildside).
Warners, Bogans' Heroes (Wildside).
Hard to Handle, Beginning of the End (City Lights).
Various Artists, Raw 1 (Wildside).

FUNKY

Cypress Hill, Temple of Boom (Sony).
Rebirth of Cool Vol.5 (Polygram).
Vesta, Changes (MCA).
D.I.G., Speak Easy (Polygram).
General Public, Rub It Better (Sony).
Bitty McLean, Natural High (Festival).
Randy Crawford, Naked and True (Warners).
Master Ace, Sittin' On Chrome (EMI).
Hami, Funk Descendants (EMI).
Jon B, Bonafide (Sony).
Reg E. Gaines, Sweeper Don't Clean My Street (Mercury / Polygram).
Shaggy, Bombastic (Virgin).
Xscape, Off the Hook (Sony).
After 7, Reflections (Virgin).
Leon Ware, Taste the Love (Kitchen).
MoKenStef, Azz Izz (Def Jam).
Charles & Eddie, Chocolate Milk (EMI).
Smokin' Popes, Born to Quit (EMI).

ROOTS

Paul Kelly, Hungry (Mushroom).
Paul Butterfield, The Original Lost Elektra Sessions (Rhino) — 19 tracks previously unissued worked on by Doors producer Paul Rothchild prior to his death earlier this year.
Rickie Lee Jones, Naked Songs (Warners).
Jethro Tull, Roots & Branches (EMI).

FUTURE REISSUES

Jesus & Mary Chain, The Jesus & Mary Chain Hate Rock 'N' Roll (American) — USA compilation album.
Lee Scratch Perry, Reggae Greats (Island).
Willie Nelson, A Classic & Unreleased Collection (Rhino) — 3-CD set with 30 years of rare and unreleased live and studio tracks.
The Show Soundtrack (Def Jam) — best of.
Beastie Boys, Licensed to Ill (Def Jam).
LL Cool J: Bigger & Deffer, Mama Said Knock You Out, Radio, Walking With the Panther (Def Jam).
Public Enemy, It Takes A Nation of Millions (Def Jam).
Love, Love Story (1966-1972) (Rhino) — 2 CD, 44 track anthology.
Bread: Bread, Manna, On The Waters (Rhino) — Bread's first three albums on mid-price.



PUBLIC ENEMY QUIT TOURING

When Public Enemy headlined the Phoenix Festival Chuck D announced that Public Enemy have retired from live performance, though they may continue to make records and videos.

Chuck D has been very critical of their label Def Jam; "I call Def Jam the House of Scam. They're a blemish on my career, if they dropped me it would be a dream."

A statement from Chuck D via the UK record company says:

"Public Enemy is like a Lamborghini on a mud road. Now it's time to build the highway on the much exploited circus of hip-hop and move onto a higher level."

It appears that Chuck wants Public Enemy to make way for new acts. He plans to start his own record label and to sign new artists.



COURTNEY LOVE IN PUNCH-UP

Courtney Love appeared at the second gig on the Lollapalooza tour with her arm in a cast after punching Bikini Kill singer Kathleen Hanna, a former lover of Kurt Cobain. Hanna was at the side of the stage as Sonic Youth played when the attack took place. Love's bodyguards intervened. Hanna is expected to file assault charges.

TEX CANCELS CRUEL SEA GIGS

The Cruel Sea July NZ dates were cancelled after singer Tex Perkins had severe back problems on their final Sydney tour date, two days before their Powerstation show.



Despite treatment from an acupuncturist, a masseur and an osteopath, Perkins was unable to take the stage and the band offered the audience their money back or an instrumental performance. 75% of the crowd stayed for the show. The Powerstation show has been rescheduled to Thursday August 17.



R.E.M. TOUR STOPS AGAIN

Bassist Mike Mills was hospitalised in Germany for abdominal surgery July 11. The successful operation, a laparotomy, was for an adhesion on his small intestine. Seven shows including Prague and Madrid were cancelled. Some of the dates were rescheduled shows that the band had to cancel earlier this year after drummer Bill's brain haemorrhage. The tour was expected to resume July 22 in Dublin.



EVAN DANDO BOOED OFF

Evan Dando was in the wrong place at the wrong time when he took the stage at the Glastonbury Festival in Portishead's slot. He had failed to turn up for his afternoon time and the capacity Portishead crowd in the acoustic tent started chanting "Dando Shit" forcing him to leave the stage after five songs muttering "dumb hippy fuck fest." Dando would've been better off with his new Lemonheads line-up including former Dinosaur Jr drummer Murph.