

Rumours

'RUMOURS' FROM PAGE 6 details ... Marmalade has been busy with a video and single for **Hot Cafe** entitled 'Dancing Chicken'; an album will follow shortly ... also at Marmalade are **Two Armed Men**, **Savoy** and **Waterfront** with singles, and the **Netherworld Dancing Toys**, who plan to spend six weeks recording tracks for their new album, which is likely to be mixed in New York ... finally, watch out for **Radio Active's** 10th anniversary party at the Electric Ballroom. Promises to be a goodie!

Andre Upston

Auckland

It's rumoured that **Miles Gillett**, who lived in New Zealand until he was eight years old, has been asked to replace Roger Taylor as drummer in **Duran Duran** ... playing at the Melba are **Billy Kristian**, **Mike Walker** and **Edwina Thorne**, a New Zealand trumpet-player living in New York ... **Rhythymopolis** is a performance by dancer **Barbara Doherty**, poet **David Eggleston** and **Otis Mace** at the Freeman's Bay Community Centre on August 6,7,8.

Soul On Ice will shortly be releasing a single through WEA ... **Sonny Day's** new single is 'Walking on Water', written by Dave Skinner of Roxy Music ... it's **Beaver** versus **Whitney Houston** in the battle for the rights to release 'The Voice Inside' ... the **Lab's** new studio with its live feel is now finished; recording there have been **Chris Knox** and **Alec Bathgate**, plus the **Chills** have been mixing live recordings from the Windsor taped before their UK tour.

Everything That Flies' single 'As the Sun Goes Down' is finally out this month on 7" and 12"; the 12" also includes their first single 'Bleeding Hearts'. They will support Icehouse this month, then tour the North Island in August ... the **Mockers** celebrate five years in the business with a compilation LP of all the singles over this period. Included are the original recordings of 'Woke Up Today', 'Good Old Days', 'Murder in Manners St', 'Trendy Lefties' and 'So Close and Tonight'. The band will have a two week tour in August,



Murder, Inc — winners of Christchurch's War of the Bands.

and **Peter Dawkins** will be producing their fifth album ... **Beat Soldiers** have a new drummer, **Willy Uhrle**, ex-Moving Targets, and will start a residency at the Mon Desir each Thursday from July 17 ... **Peter Cathro**, director of the Chills-in-Britain doco, is interested in hearing from bands (with current record releases) needing assistance with video clips. Phone 769 413 ... the **Tunnellers** would like to hear from "Peter", who requested two of their tapes, but whose address has been mislaid. Write P O Box 6292 Auckland.

Acoustic musician **Nick Smith** has an EP out on Real Groovy Records ... the **Texas Rangers** have a new bassplayer — I R Ranger (**John Robie**), ex-Tomorrow's Parties. A live EP is out on Ode in late July to coincide with a national tour. The Rangers are looking for a guitarist with a knowledge of country and jazz; phone Simon Elton 797 784 ... the **Drone**, with their new percussionist **Gareth Farr**, have recorded a single 'Land of the Free', out soon ... new band are **Four**, ex-IQU and Plans for a Building, watch for their single 'Torn By Nature' ... **Whiteline**, who play at the Club 21, are looking for a guitarist, "attitude important" — phone Tony, 875 069.

The **Chills** are still looking for a keyboardist and drummer, after some possibilities have fallen through. To contact them send a tape to P O Box 68-216 Newton, Auckland.

Chris Bourke

Dunedin

With the axis of **Graeme** and **Peter Jefferies** now resident in Dunedin, **This Kind of Punishment** will make their only live appearance for the year at Otago University this month. The Jefferies will be joined by **Mike Morley** on bass and **Shayne Carter** on guitar ... meanwhile Carter's new venture with drummer **John Collier** and bassist **David Wood** rejoices under the banner of the **Straitjacket Fits**. Both bands join **Look Blue Go Purple**, the **Rip**, and **Bird Nest Boys** at the Radio One hop on July 18.

The **Puddle**, who recently had keyboardist **Peter Gutteridge** leave, have been recording at Radio One for the NSR compilation album, as have all-women band **Cassandra's Ears** ... meanwhile a new Dunedin EP produced by **Ivan Purvis** has been cut by Flying Nun. It features tracks by **Gamaunche**, **Love in a Gas Oven**, the **Moas** and **Inner Circle** ... the **Rip** have completed four songs for an album with **Peter Jefferies** at the controls.

Former Idle **Jim Taylor** has an EP on its way through Jayrem, while **Look Blue Go Purple** have one track left for their EP, planned for September release ... Women's Festival week in late June finished off with an extremely successful gig at Chippendale House featuring **LBGP**, **Cassandra's Ears**, **Delawares**, **Indigo Underworld** from Auckland and the **Chicks** ... meanwhile Dunedin mayor **Cliff Skeggs**

was an unlikely guest at a Mongrel Mob do at the same venue recently ... the busy **Sneaky Feelings** are recording again ... new bands include the **Rothmen**, the **Kaftans** and the **Benders** ... finally, condolences to the family and friends of Puddle hornman **Lindsay Maitland**, who died suddenly on June 29th. He was 29.

The Cartilage Family

Christchurch

The **War of the Bands** drew to a close with the finals at the Gladstone on June 7. The whole event was judged by public vote instead of the customary panel of "celebrity" judges. Final placings were **Murder Inc** first, **I M Force** second, **Mea Culpa** and **Prodigies** third equal, and **Amez-Amez** fourth. Over 30 bands took part ... and while a lot of new bands have emerged for the war (**Target**, **Greens**, **I M Force**, **Amez-Amez**, **Woll**, the **Vickis**, the **Others**, **Borderland**, **Talon** and **Two Bob Bit**), a lot of casualties have occurred outside the war with **Rockaholics**, **Mr Meanor**, **Agent Orange**, **Spalbound**, **Scorched Earth Policy**, **Spatback**, **Louie** and the **Hotsticks** and **No It's Not Fashion** all splitting in the last few months.

The departure of **Louie** and co from the Gladstone has meant weekends are now available for local and touring bands once more — anyone interested phone John at 522270 — but the tavern is cracking down on dress standards ... War of the Band winners **Murder Inc** are certainly not new to the scene, with lead singer/bassist **Mark Brooks** previously playing in the Newtones and White Boys, guitarists **Jamie Verhyde** and **Mike O'Grady** both in the Venetians and drummer **Nick Ruddell** was with the Surgeons. The band saw the war as a good way of appearing in front of as many people as possible over a short period of time, and actually winning is an added bonus. They plan to record at least a single (part of their prize is recording time) in the near future and will then look at playing further afield.

World's Apart have lost bass-player **Astrid Muller** who has set off to explore the world. **Dan Briggs** (ex-D Faction) has taken the vacated position in time for their residency at the Marine Tavern. ... While the **Axmin** prepare to release their latest (double) album, guitarist for the band (and noted

city mall busker) **Steve McCabe** is releasing his own solo album. Recorded in a central city lock-up session, the album is titled **Sweat It Out** and is initially being released as a limited edition of 400; send \$10.50 to Sleek Bott Records, P O Box 2764, Christchurch.

Flying Nun news: **Jean Paul Sartre Experience** should be out on vinyl late August, and keep a lookout for the **Inner Circle**, which is the latest greatest act from Dunedin.

A **Record and Music Fair** is to be held Saturday August 9 at the Horticultural Hall. Collectors and Retailers from around NZ will be present and an auction will be held. Anyone wanting space ring 485 916 Christchurch or write P O Box 6125 ... **Speaking Jivanese** have gone through another lineup change and are now **This Burlesque** ... **Ain't Half Hot** have changed their name several times and have now settled on **Nuclear War** ("Something you can't beat," they tell me) ... **Tan Zen Jungle** have returned to Christchurch ... watch out for a "Lady Sings the Blues" special and comedy night coming up at the Gladstone ... **Amez-Amez** require a keyboardist. Phone Andrew or Justin at 555 683 ... **Shane O'Neil** (ex-ECF) has returned from Australia and is setting up a studio in Bedford Row ... **Simon Darke** (ex-Newz, Le Club) and **Alan Parkes** (ex-Louie and Hotsticks) have joined forces for their latest band ... and there's a whisper of a warehouse venue opening.

John Greenfield

Palmerston North

Proceeds from the concerts held at the closing weekend of the Commercial Hotel have gone towards an 11-track compilation album on **Meltdown Records** which includes performances by 11 local bands ... **Remarkable's Chris Heaphy** and **Paul Westbury** have since eased the venue vacuum caused by the Commercial's demolition by introducing the **Swamp**, a slightly more upmarket alternative music venue, located within the Southern Cross nightclub. Local and touring bands are planned to complement the Swamp's alternative music disco. Contact the Southern Cross (063)74686 for bookings.

Meltdown also plan to release in August a 7" four-track EP from

Auckland's the **Warners**; an EP from Ashurst band **The End** titled **Paris Connection**; and in September, a six-track EP from **Cement Garden** *The Only One*. Both the End and Cement Garden have recently received QEII grants to go towards their current recording projects ... a national tour by the Cement Garden and the Remarkables is planned for late July ... the Remarkables' single 'Vegetarian'/'Skin Condition' is to be released in Brisbane.

Triad Video have begun work on their first major project, a 15 minute documentary outlining the last five years in the history of the Palmerston North music scene. Triad are also available for band videos. Phone Dolphin studios (063) 81265 ... the **Radio Massey** section of the National Student Radio compilation has been completed at Marmalade studios, with tracks by the **Remarkables** and **Three Leaning Men** ... station manager **Jo Ritchie** is keen to further increase the tempo of support for NZ music and has suggested national New Zealand music days be held monthly.

Gerard Martin

Nicaragua Benefit

The **Topp Twins** and the **Tombolas** are two of the artists who will perform at a benefit concert for the people of Nicaragua, to be held in Wellington.

Also in the concert, at the State Opera House on July 20, are satirists Reg and Shell, magician Tim Woon, political writer Tom Scott, and the Irish rebel music group Ourselves Alone. Proceeds from the concert will go towards the purchase of educational materials and medical supplies for the people of Nicaragua, as part of the nationwide Nicaragua Must Survive Campaign. A similar concert is planned for Auckland in August.

"Nicaragua needs our help," says Tom Scott. "Anyone who lives in a small country that is being pushed around by a superpower deserves our support."

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