

Rumours

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the venue for an "alternative disco" in the Royal International ... **Jhon E Spacific** is a new band which impressed at their debut supporting Sonny Day last month. **John Tucker**, formerly with Mahana, is the frontman, and their first single 'Big Bamboo' — about Tim Shadbolt — has been recorded ... the **Letter 5** need a bass player. Ring Richard James (ex-Pterodactyls) on 505-691.

Poets **Kim Blackburn** and **Sandra Bell** have LPs out soon. Blackburn's (*Lizards in Love*) on Flying Nun, and Bell's (*Blackbirds*) on Volcanic ... check out the 1948 **Wurlitzer jukebox** at the Java Jive cafe. On loan for a month, it plays 78s of Charlie Parker et al while flashing lights galore.

The **Young Achiever's Award** is for NZers between 13 and 23, who show "exceptional promise in their chosen field" (be it the arts, sport, study, or "enterprise") and need further funding to "take them to their next goal". Sponsored by AGC and launched by Peking Man's Pat

Ulrich and All Black **David Kirk**, applications, which must be in by September 26, are available from branches of the AGC, Westpac, or by writing to: AGC Young Achievers Awards, PO Box 7130, Wellesley St, Auckland.

Recording at Mandrill are **Mana** — Jack Allen (bass), Carl Perkins (?) (rhythm guitar), Dek Cox (lead) and Lungi on drums. They'll be out on Lion Records, a new label distributed by Festival ... **Greg Walsh** is **Duck Noises**, a one-person synth band playing techno-rock at Blondies.

Booking the **Gluepot** now is Peter Fairhall, manager of the Narcs. For bookings, bands and managers should contact Fairhall or Tony Waine at (09)797-784. **Chris Bourke**

Christchurch

Radio U recently held their first soul/ska/reggae disco at the Vibrations nightclub. With a large crowd in attendance, reminiscent of the "old" Zanzibar, we can hope this will become a regular event ... and while on the varsity scene, we can expect a change in Orientation for next year, as this year's produced a \$20,000 loss that is still being looked into.

The Venue (Youth Centre) are trying to boost their finances by holding weekly discos. Coming up at the Venue is **Shona Laing** and the **Bats** double bill, **Dread Beat and Blood** and a high school bands war.

Murder Inc have just finished a three week mini-residency at the Marine Tavern, and are now confirming dates in Wellington and Auckland for early September ... **World's Apart** are now resident at the Dux Delux and incorporating an acoustic jazz set to their repertoire; keep an eye out for a few line-up changes too.

Flying Nun have had a setback with both the **Verlaines** and the **Puddles** latest having to be repressed as the first pressings were all buckled ... and it would appear **Wolls** master tape has been lost, causing a major setback.

Amez-Amez have had better luck and have produced a very professional demo tape at Nightshift which could result in a single.

New bands include **Big Elvis** (Charlie White, Wayne Beacroft, Wayne Jamieson, Alan Parks and Simon Darke), the **Brat Brothers**, **Seven and Seven is**, **Max Block**, the **Riptoids**, and **Small Rifleman** (Peter Sweeney, Grant Provost and

Glen Delderfield) ... when **Fat Sally** split after spending a month in residence at the Blenheim Road, Keith Palmer teamed up with Kevin Emmett and Paul Mason. **Emmett, Mason and Palmer** lasted not much longer than a week before Fat Sally reformed with Kevin taking over drums ... congratulations to George from **George and the Dragons** who has recently become a father.

Finally, our condolences to Debbie and the rest of **Steve Cowan's** family. Steve, who was probably Timaru's best-known musician, died on July 19. A memorial night was held at the Old Mill a few nights later, with a very large turnout paying their respects to Steve and his music. **J. Greenfield**

Dunedin

The **Verlaines** are spending the next few weeks in Auckland working on their second album with Victor Grbic at Mascot ... with **Bird Nest Roys** Dunedin performances their last, the **Alpaca Brothers** step in to join **Goblin Mix** as support to the Cramps. The Bros' **Legless** EP has finally seen the light of day ... **Look Blue Go Purple** are soon to record a single at Straw-

berry Studio as part of payment for the Strawberry sponsored orientation tour earlier this year. The studio is meanwhile to launch its own label.

Chippendale House celebrates its first birthday with a multi-band extravaganza this month. Membership now numbers 500 plus three full-time staff, with new appointees David Kilgour, Stella Corkery and Mike Morley ... **Rhythm Cocktail** have released a cassette ... **Luke Hurley** plans a concept album based on *Hamlet* ... **Gaumaunche**, with new bassist and singer in tow, have evolved into the **Moon** ... it has been bloody cold.

The Cartilage Family

Wellington

Passing for Human are a new band playing original and innovative rock. They have been recording at Frontier and have strong connections with past Wellington bands such as Lot 49, Digits, Troy Tempest and Smashed Executive ... **Strikemaster** are currently rehearsing for a North Island tour and have been busy writing new material with their keyboard player who is a relatively new addition to the band. They have two tracks

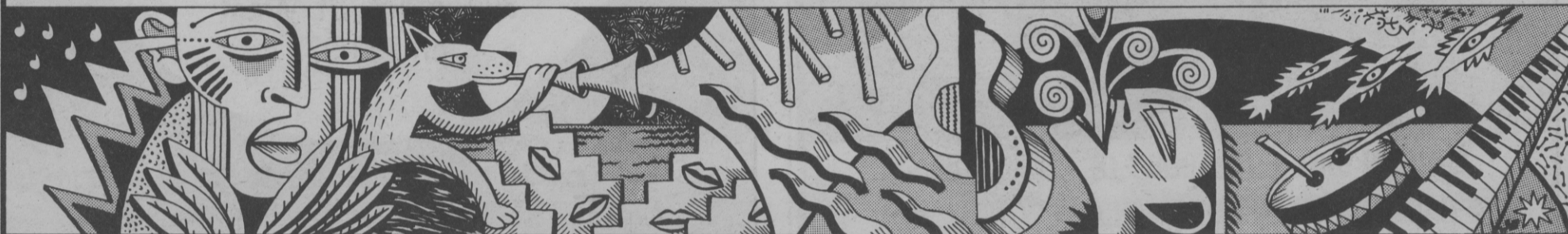
on the forthcoming *Attack From Down Under* compilation.

The **Jonahs** are a new band as are **Vox Pop** who will be making a bid for the popular opinion polls with ideas of covering some 60s sounds ... **Jungle Mice**, a three-piece with a stand-up drummer, have a live tape of a recent Crickets gig which will be available sometime in September ... **Lionheart** have put a temporary hold on their new album while a dispute with their record company is sorted out. The band, who describe their music as progressive rock, hope to be on the road again soon ... the Hutt Valley may soon be rocking again with the reopening of the Quinn's Post for rock bands.

Crawbilly Creeps will soon be touring and have a track, 'A Day in Lucky Gulch' on the student radio compilation ... **Primates** have a mini-album coming up on On-set/Offset Records ... ex-**Brothers Gorgonzola** will continue in some new form and may soon link up with **? Fog** for a tour ... **On a Weta** have a new 7" called 'Dance Little Children' and has been described as "psychoelectric new age dance" ... **Just a Lie** is a new Stuart Clews project.

Gerald Dwyer

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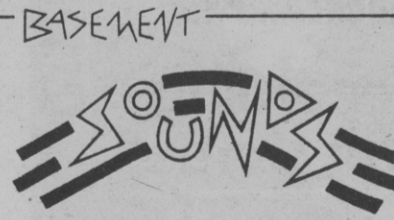
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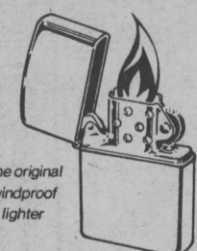
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