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After recording only three solo albums, Michael Jackson will release a three LP set Greatest Hits package before Xmas with four new songs. Prince is producing the new Time LP as producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis are too busy to be involved in the project. Prince is planning two movie projects with his manager, film director Albert Magnolia — Graffitti Bridge a film about "the theme of spirituality in search of transcendence" and The Dawn, a "street-oriented musical to follow-up Graffitti Bridge ... ex Clash bass player / "punk pin-up" Paul Simenon is back into music after several years of painting in New York and Harley biking in California. His new band is "Latino Rock'n'Roll" and they're called Havana 3am ... the former Billy Idol guitarist is back with a new album as Steve Stevens Atomic Playboys. The vocalist is Perry McCarty and the LP includes a version of Sweet's 'Action'... Tracy Chapman follows up her massive selling debut LP with Crossroads containing the song 'Freedom Now' that she performed on last year's Amnesty International Tour ... the man responsible for Atlantic Records' important early jazz and blues recordings and the founder of WEA International in 1971, Nesuhi Ertegun died of cancer July 15, age 71 years. Ertegen signed and produced artists such as John Coltrane, Charles Mingus, Ornette Coleman, Modern Jazz Quartet, Ray Charles and Roberta Flack ... Cait O'Riordan who was bass player with the Pogues is suing the band over unpaid royalties on seven songs she co-wrote. Cait is now married to Elvis Costello ... American rock magazine Rolling Stone is adding a new column by senior writer David Fricke (a known NZ music fan) on independent releases and "new faces" ... Island Records boss Chris Blackwell has sold his label to Phillips-owned multi-national Polygram for an estimated \$300 million. The label is best known for its reggae, in particular Bob Marley and highly regarded 70s signings such as Cat Stevens, Robert Palmer, Stevie Winwood and Marianne Faithfull. More recently the Island's top act has been U2 and the label has been actively involved in dance music with the Fourth & Broadway and Delicious Vinyl labels and artists such as Womack & Womack and Tone-Loc ... the new Pogues LP Peace and Love is on their own label called Pogue Mahin ... U2 have announced their Sydney dates, Sept 27 & 28 with BB King as opening act ... the Rolling Stones recently announced their USA tour dates and their new LP Steel Wheels due for downunder release Sept 1. When asked whether they had the energy for the lengthy tour Bill Wyman joked "Ask my wife." Two days later Wyman collapsed from "heat exhaustion"... New Christs were orginally formed only to back Iggy Pop on his 1983 Australian tour. They are fronted by ex Radio Birdman vocalist Rob Younger and their first studio LP is Distemper ... the former Cold Chisel guitarist Ian Moss has released his first solo album Matchbook ... Paul Kelly will

tour NZ in September. The new LP So Much Water So Close to Home is released this month and Paul and his group the Coloured Girls are now known as Paul Kelly and the Messengers ... the dudes, Bill Drummond and Jimmy Cauty who have recorded as the Timelords and the Jams are now releasing an ode to the Aussie Soap Neighbours called 'Kylie Said to Jason' as KLFF. They have also written a book The Manual: How to Have a Number One the Easy Way. The "day by day, step by step manual" is subtitled, "The justified ancients of Mu Mu reveal their Zenarchistic method used in making the unthinkable happen."... Hysteria the 1988 Def Leppard LP has sold 12 million copies compared to 1983's Pyromania that sold seven million ... the Eurythmics will take a year off after the release of their eighth album later this year ... Michael Hutchence will soon release an independent non INXS project on CBS.

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An exhibition of New Zealand

Political Cartoons will show at the

historic Alberton Ballroom (Mt Albert) from August 26 to Sept 10. Cartoonists

represented will include Malcolm Walker,

magazine Alley Oop (No.7) with stories on the Axemen, the Clean, Stephen and

Peter Jefferies. It can be purchased by mail

order \$2 plus \$1 postage, to PO Box 5164, Moray Place Dunedin.

Ian Gillan has left Deep Purple to

put his energy into his touring band Garth Rocket and the Moonshiners. Deep Purple

replace Gillan to record a new LP later this

When Bon Jovi play England's Milton

reformed five years ago and intend to

Keynes Bowl they will be helped out by

extravaganza is even hotter with Ozzy

Osbourne, Motley Crue, Aerosmith, Scorpions and Cinderella. The Moscow

Aerosmith will tour Europe in

the Cult and Guns N' Roses. lan Astbury, Jamie Stewart and Matt Sorum joined Gunners Axl Rose and Izzy Stradlin

October with the Cult as the opening act A recent seven hour jam in a New York rehearsal room consisted of members of

on songs made famous by Black Sabbath, Led Zeppelin, the Sex Pistols, Rolling

Stones and Alice Cooper. Guns N'Roses were support act on a Cult USA tour two

show is to raise funds for a Soviet charity fighting drug and alcohol abuse. This show will be televised by a USA cable channel.

Europe, Vixen and Skid Row. But the

line-up for their two-day Moscow

Bob Brockie, Trace Hodgson and Greg

There's a new issue of Dunedin



John lydon's PiL play Power Station Sept 1.

Warrior Records have signed **Debbie** Harwood (When the Cat's Away) to a solo record contract. Debbie will record a single this month with Michael Chunn and Steve Smith producing. A cabaret evening will be held at Club

Roma, Wed August 16, to support positive AIDS prevention messages. The evening will include songs by **Chris Matthews** and Rupert E Taylor of Headles Chickens, a psycho slut Maxine Fleming, a funky barber shop quartet, an all male revue **Bad Girls** and guest DJs, Lisa Van der Aarde and Barbie. Tickets from Auckland Drug Information Outreach. Ph 398-519.

Jim Wilson will open his popular "Wilson's Army Navy & Western Ltd" store in Auckland August 21 in the old Real Groovy shop, 492 Queen street. The store will stock army and navy surplus, vintage



Music Video

The major new music video release month is the **David Bowie** concert e Glass Spider, recorded in Sydney, 1987. The 20 song, 105 minute video includes a guest appearance by guitarist **Charlie Sexton** on 'I Want to be You Dog' and 'White Light, White Heat'. Other new releases are **Trouble** Funk Live in Japan (90min Festival), Kerrang! Video Kompilation Vol.4 (52min Virgin) and lan Gillan Live at the

Metal acts that appear on Kerrang! Video Kompilation Vol.4 include Black Sabbath, Onslaught, Gary Moore, Quireboys, Cinderella, T.N.T., Hellower Grip, Dogs D'Amour and Kingdom Come

years ago. For the jam they had an audience of 30 friends or fans Lita Ford has married Chris Holmes of

- WASP The WEA labels have an abundance of
- hard rock / metal albums to release in the
- next few weeks. Look at the line-up: • White Lion Big Game
- Aerosmith Untitled
- Motley Crue Dr Feelgood



To commemorate 20 years since the Woodstock Music Festival, Atlantic Records have reissued *Woodstock 2*, a double CD with Jimi Hendrix (1) minutes), Jefferson Airplane, Crosby Stills Nash & Young, Melanie, Mountain plus the

audience singing 'Let the Sunshine In' audience singing 'Let the Sunshine In' CBS has introduced a new line of "Select" CDs, over 120 fitles that have a recommended retail price of \$14.95. These titles are also issued on cassette at \$7.95 RRP.

Three country mid-price CD-only releases from CBS are French compilations / Love New Country, / Love New Country Vol.2 and Country Ladies Vol.2. Artists on the "New Country" albums

New video compilations planned for later in the year are **Meatloaf** Hits Out of Hell, **Luther Vandross** Best of and Bros Push-Over.

August sell-thru releases from CEL video include four **John Wayne** cowboy movies— How the West Was Wan, Angel and the Badman, She Wore A Yellow Ribbon and Wagon Master. The latter two films were directed by **John Ford**. Also on sell-thru is **Elvis Presley** and Nancy Sinatra movie Speedway, Cary Grant in The Bachelor and the Bobby Soxer and cartoon Count Duckula.

Hire Videos

A new three part set of videos has been released So You Want to be a Rockstar. Produced in Australia the series uses nam musicians such as Peter Garrett, Kate Cebrano, Neil Finn and Angry Anderson to examine issues such as management, touring and dealing with record companies etc

A hire movie to look forward to in October is the John Cleese smash comedy A Fish Called Wanda.

• Badlands (Jake E Lee) Badlands Dirty Looks Turn of the Screw

Faster Pussycat Wake Me When It's

• Mr Big Mr Big (Billy Sheehan, ex David

Lee Roth band.) • King's X Gretchen Goes to Nebraska. • Black & White Street gang rappers are joined here by unidentified members of Motley Crue and Guns N'Roses.

include Ricky Scaggs, Bobby Lee Springfield, Larry Gatlin, O'Kanes, Rodney Crowell, the Shooters and Steve Earle. New mid-price CD & tape releases from the Australian Albert Records catalogue

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are the Angels The Angels Easybeats East and three Rose Tattoo albums Assault and Battery Southern Stars and Rose Tattoo.

Mid-price Jazz CD-only releases from CBS are Louis Armstrong Ambassador Satch, Benny Goodman Benny in Brussels, Duke Ellington Greatest Hits and Cab Calloway Hi De

Seven Van Morrison albums that orginally appeared on Warner Bros have been reissued by Polydor UK, for the first ime on CD. They are Tupelo Honey, Saint Dominic's Preview, Hard Nose on the Highway, It's Too Late to Stop Now,

Fighway, its too cate to Stop Now, Veedon Fleece and Wavelength. Recent CD releases include the Clash Sandinista, Emerson Lake & Palmer Works Vol. 1 and George Benson White Rabbit.



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