DD Smash are recording with Charles Fisher from July 19 in

Marginal Era debut single This Heaven' due for release August. Recorded at Mandrill and released on Reaction records. B-side is 'Best Thing' and instrumental mix of This Heaven'. Look out for a tour

late August.

New Bob Dylan album, produced by Mark Knopfler currently being mixed in New York. Main rhythm section for the was the ubiquitous Sly and Robbie who have since returned to Jamaica to produce albums by Toots Hibbert and Black Uhuru. dynamic duo Wham! will be

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popping in on NZ for a promotional tour in August ... Bow Wow Wow have cancelled dates on their US tour when guitarist Matthew Ashman broke a couple of bones in his hand in a fall off the stage ... new Bunnymen touring lineup includes an extra percussionist, guitarist, cellist and violinist. New single is 'Never Stop' ... release of new Madness single has been held up by the disappearance of keyboardist Mike Barson, last seen setting off to holiday in Europe with his wife to holiday in Europe with his wife

... the Police are to play unannounced UK dates under an alias to warm up for their forth-coming world trek ... meanwhile, the planned Who world tour is off, seemingly because nobody could be bothered organising it ... Paul Weller turned up at a recent Curtis Mayfield concert and was asked to join Mayfield on stage for a version of 'Move On Up'. He shyly declined and instead watched from the audience ... drummer Mel Gaynor has been confirmed as a permanent member of Simple

Minds ... Phil Collins will play on and produce the new Adam Ant

Records: Wham! Fantastic LP; singles, Yazoo You and Me Both', John Foxx Endlessly' (double 7" or 12"), Creatures 'Right Now' (an old Mel Torme tune, featuring 3-piece horn section) and the fabulously named Fabulously Wealthy Tarts 'The Last Time'.

The Royales have new single 'Faster'/'No One Loves a Loser' (produced by Graham Brazier) ...

Steve Roach, last of the Squirm

Steve Roach, last of the Squirm, has a 45 min solo cassette out soon

Martial Law are Keith Dion (ex Tomorrows Parties, guitar), Tones Dugan (ex Visitors, bass, vocals), Phil Stick (ex Stranger Upstairs, drums), Jay FBula (percussion, vocals), David Marshall (ex Lip Service etc,

Rick Bryant has put together a soul band to play on the Neighbours' nights off. Regular lineup will be Bryant (vocals, sax), Alastair Dougal (bass), Andrew Langsford (guitar) and Tim Robin-son (drums). Saxophonists Mike Croft, David Bowater and Chris Green will guest and the band is

looking for a trombonist.

The second Wellington final of the Battle of the Bands takes place on Sunday August 21 at the Horticultural Hall, Lower Hutt.

'BALLONS' FROM PAGE 31 whether I'm sane or not," he

Are you?

I don't know. That's a question I've been asking myself for many

Ballon D'essai will soon (hope fully) have an EP out on Flying Nun. It was recorded in the same place as their first, Nightshift Studios, but they consider it a big improvement on that disc. The EP will bear seven songs and will naturally be accompanied by a comic featuring the work of band members.

'Music and comics unite themselves as far as I'm concerned, Rastrick comments. He's the best

The possibility of an animated film clip is being discussed with Television New Zealand, but that's just a scheme at present. The future further ahead is fuzzy with three in their first year of tertiary study and one at Hagley High as an adult student, opportunities for touring are limited. They hope to release a couple more singles this year.

But enough of long term goals, Mark has a short term one.

"I'm going to make a zombie head. One that actually drips blood.

Russell Brown

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With Ayatollah Khammicky getting is way last month, I took an enforced 'oliday much to the relief of those from Palmerston Cheese. Simon Grigg and those 'orrible bands that played at Propeller's benefit last month.

This month 'as been a totally boring one and, with the abovementioned dictator not letting me slag any more bands, I went to the movies. Started off with a Sunday night at the Lido catching the first of four 'orror movies, The Shining. Not a bad one but not as much blood and guts as I like to see. Only one person 'ad an axe put through im - all the waiting for that wasn't worth it.

Back 'ome to the black and white (best for these movies) to see *The Birds*. Yah, seen it before quite a few times and the same comment - not enough blood and guts. If a movie is going to claim world-wide disaster they may as well do it like George A. Romero's masterpiece Zombies, Dawn of the Dead. Not for the squeamish but it gets a bit funny after a while.

Wednesday brought on Friday the 13th Part III in 3D. What a pile of trash. The best 3D effect was the bloody credits. There was no blood spurting out of the screen, no axes or pitchforks 'itting you. Just popcorn and yoyos. Basically the same sort of idea as The Texas Chainsaw Massacre but, bar the occasional jump, this film 'ad no mouth-opening, gutwrenching good 'orror.

The Burning started in Auckland on Friday but after Friday the 13th I wouldn't pay \$3.50 to see such rubbish

Back to the Sunday 'Orrors (either during or after Radio With Pictures) and Tarantula

- 1955 and you couldn't expect worse. Bring back Dr Phibes. Anyrate, the Auckland Film Festival is bringing a good one - Creepshow. Friday, July 21, 11pm - see you there. 'ARRY



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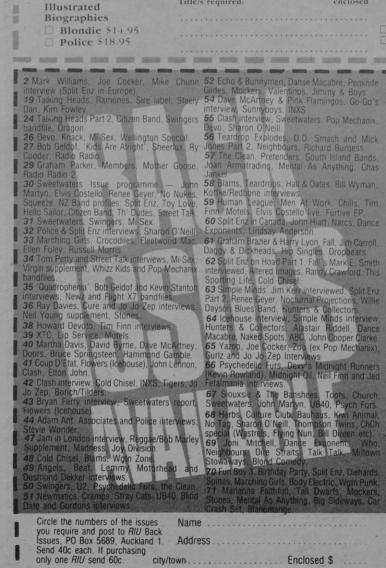
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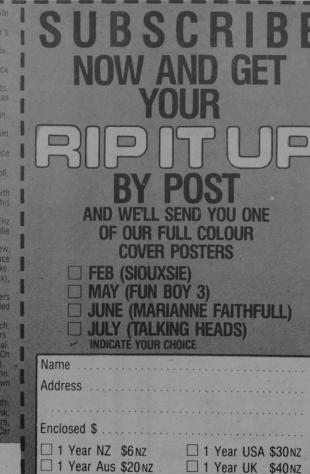
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