



Former Japan vocalist **DAVID SYLVIAN** (pictured) seems to have followed the lead of his mentor, **DAVID BOWIE**, in getting involved in movies. With Japanese musician **RIUCHI SAKAMOTO**, Sylvian has recorded a vocal version of the main theme from 'Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence', in which Bowie stars. Sakamoto wrote the film's soundtrack and is now set to star in Francis Ford Coppola's new film about Japanese novelist Yuko Mishima. Bowie himself, meanwhile, has not restricted himself to gadding about in front of the cameras in the Pacific. He stars alongside Catherine Deneuve in 'The Hunger' (watch for an appearance by Bauhaus) and has a brief cameo role as, wait for it, a shark, in the pirate spoof 'Yellowbeard' (pictured). But what's this dishevelled look? Should someone tell Mr Sylvian?



The **HEARTSTARTERS** take a break for a smoke and a special coffee. This new Auckland act has so far only played at Paremoremo Maximum Security Prison, where they reportedly went down a storm. First major venture will be a North Island tour in late September. Pictured are: (L-R) Carol Varney (ex Gurlz), Phillip Christie, Kim Willoughby (ex Gurlz), Otis Mace (ex Zombies of the Stratosphere), Greig Blanchett (ex Gurlz) and Simon Shanahan.



If you've been at Mainstreet lately you might have seen on the video screens an act that looked rather like the **BIRTHDAY PARTY**. Well, it was — sort of. With the recent Birthday Party tour here, interest in the band's previous incarnation, the **BOYS NEXT DOOR**, has been stirred up. Pictured above are the callow youths as they were in 1978. Guitarist Roland Howard had yet to join.



This is the wee thing who sang 'Happy Birthday'? With the release of **ALTERED IMAGES'** new single 'Don't Talk to Me About Love', singer **CLARE GROGAN** has gone for a marked change of image. The new, sophisticated Clare also appears on the group's forthcoming album 'Bite'.



UK label Y records is now being distributed in this country by Festival Records and two of the first acts to be released here are **PIGBAG** and **SHRIEKBACK** (pictured). Unfortunately, with the single 'Hit the 'O' Deck' comes the news that Pigbag have broken up. However, Shriekback, formed by former Gang of Four bassist Dave Allen, appear to have a bright future, judging from their new single 'Lined Up'.

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