

# Rumours

UK & USA

Jazzfunkateers Pigbag have ceased to exist, saying they'd taken the group as far as it could go. Some members, including singer Andrea Jaeger will continue to work together ... Gang of Four drummer, Hugo, has apparently been replaced by a drum machine. He is now with Nina Hagen ... Paul McCartney is to return to live gigs soon after three years. The dates are expected to coincide with the release of his new film *Give My Regards to Broad Street* and there's speculation that they will feature the band lineup in the film; Paul (vox, bass), Dave Edmunds, Chris Spedding (guitars), Linda McCartney (keyboards), Ringo Starr (drums) ... Gary Numan has once more returned from retirement and is set to tour the UK ... Grace Jones begins work on a movie for 20th-Century Fox soon ... Birthday Party regroup in London this month to finish their farewell, a double EP ... a London inquest has found that former Pretenders' bassist Pete Farndon drowned in his bath after taking a mixture of heroin and cocaine ... Police have kicked off on a massive world tour due to hit these climes early next year ... Nick Heyward has begun his first live gigs since leaving Haircut 100 ... studio clotheshorses Haysi Fantasyer playing their first dates ever ... new Yello single 'I Love You' is a 3D pic disc. Comes with special glasses ... Culture Club are reportedly planning to make a

film. Boy George is also writing a book ... Dexys Midnight Runners were replaced as support on the European leg of Bowie tour when Kevin Rowland told a French audience what he thought of Mr Bowie. "He has nothing. Brian Ferry has more charisma," said Our Kev. The much less offensive Blancmange were the replacements ... new Go-Betweens member is Robert Vickers ... all five Undertones are likely to continue recording careers but still no details ... Bauhaus singer Pete Murphy is struggling on with the band's European tour, despite double pneumonia ... Icehouse are appropriate support for two of Bowie's big UK gigs ... Orange Juice vocalist Edwyn Collins has been getting away from it all up to the hills to work on wildlife paintings ... South African multi-racial group Juluka has been allowed to play in UK by Musicians Union with proviso that TV fees are donated to an anti-apartheid organisation ... Madness are holidaying after completing about half their new album.

Albums: Pete Shelley *XL 1*, Graham Parker *The Real Macaw*, Aretha Franklin *Get It Right*, Diana Ross *Ross*, Will Sergeant (Bunnymen) *Themes for GRIND*, Richie Havens *Common Ground*, Altered Images *Bite*, Crusaders *Ghetto Blaster*, Gary Moore *Rockin' Every Night* (live), David Thomas *Variations on a Theme*, Robert Wyatt *Nothing Can Stop Us* (re-release), Sparks *Sparks in Outer Space*, Muddy Waters *Rollin' Stone* (tribute, sleeve notes by Charles Shaar Murray).

Singles: Fall *The Man Whose Head Expanded*, Cure *The Walk/The Dream*, Undertones



Bellare have reformed!

New Hip Singles (L-R) Dick, Murray, Brendon, Jim.

retrospective EP (includes Teenage Kicks), Beat 'Ackee 123', Graham Parker 'Life Gets Better'.

## Dunedin

The Netherworld Dancing Toys have a new single, 'The Trusted Ones/Bored To Death', out on Flying Nun at the beginning of August. Trombonist Philip Hurring is leaving at the end of the year so the band is looking for a new horn player. They are also doing live dates in Auckland and Hamilton during August. See *Coruba Calendar*.

The Tunnel Wives are to tour Southland. Blue Murder have a new drummer, ex Knobz Bob Reid. Ex Nerve (Steve Connelly) ex Stallion (Giang Nguyen) and ex Prowler (Alistair Penrose) along with newcomer make up new band Straight Lace. New look Foreign Agent have returned simply as the Agents.

The Shoreline's new Regines bar should provide live work for local bands once the initial promotion and 'overseas band' attraction dies down.

George Kay

## Christchurch

ChCh Battle of the Bands is on again during the first two weeks of August. First prize is \$1000 cash and two days recording in 3ZM's studio. Runner-up gets same studio time and \$500. Also a special prize for Most Original Band of time at Harlequin Studios and two weeks of major gigs in Auckland. Organiser Michael Gonzevekes wishes to hear from interested bands, ph 69-383. He is also looking for acts to play the Gladstone early week.

White Boys, new band for Mark Brooks (ex Vauxhalls, Newtons), will soon be doing early weeks at Gladstone ... Midge Marsden's Jumpers will hit the Glad mid-August ... They Were Expendable and Not Really Anything set off soon on Southly Change tour. NRA will use Expendables' Robert as second drummer on tour. Expendables will also do a quick tour of major centres when their *Big Strain* six-song EP is released early August. NRA plan a live 12" of two songs recorded at the Gladstone.

Mainly Spaniards have new single ... expect Ballon D'essai EP shortly ... Cleano Productions have a posthumous, 20-track, C90 *Oddities*, featuring bits of *Clean* stuff from '79-'81 thru Flying Nun ... Yen have gone back into hibernation and are writing new material.

ChCh's most independent cinema, the Academy, will feature *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* every Fri/Sat night at 11.30 pm. Prizes for costumes, etc, water pistols and rice welcome.

Hillsborough was able to rescind loss of entertainment licence at last moment but touring bands will now be put into Gladstone. Cover

bands Moose Boots, etc to be swapped from Star and Garter to Hillsborough for trial six weeks or so, door charge to be artificially low ... national tour by ECE has been postponed with their vocalist otherwise disposed. In meantime band will continue as a three-piece with bassist Ljion and guitarist Shane sharing vocals. Geraldine Gerrard

## Auckland

The tapes from the Mainstreet Fall gig are apparently at last to make vinyl. By agreement with the band, a live album, entitled *Fall In A Hole*, and possibly a 12" 45 will be pressed. The same persons seem likely to do something similar with tapes from the recent Birthday Party tour ... Dave McCartney has just begun work on a new solo album at Harlequin. Overseas response to demo tapes has already been encouraging and McCartney plans to play live later with a pick-up group under the Flamingos banner ... new Narcs single will be 'Look the Other Way'. Recorded at Harlequin, it's the first digitally-recorded single in NZ. Keyboardist Liam Ryan is now a permanent member of the band.

Live EP of DD Smash at Mainstreet July 28, 29 will be out early August. RWP TV special will screen on August 27 and will also feature Hip Singles, for whom a live mini-LP is also planned ... Dance Exponents album recently completed at Mandrill Studios is being mixed in Australia at present. Expected release is in Sept/Oct.

Hammond Gamble has begun a new, self-financed album at Mandrill studios ... Miltown Stow-

always album, *Tension Melee*, will soon be mixed at Harlequin. It was recorded at Last Laugh Studios ... Diehards back in the studios recording a follow-up to their first single. Will it be a version of 'Ten Guitars'?

Kilgour brothers, Hamish and David, playing as The Great Unwashed, will have their album *Clean Out of Our Minds* out soon on Flying Nun ... contrary to rumour, Christchurch's Wastrels have not split up but have been spending time off the road writing. A five song EP recorded at Harlequin will be out on Hit Singles next month, to be followed up by a single of new material. The band undertakes a schools tour in July and then a major tour North to become resident in Auckland.

New Grammar Boys single 'Don't Know You'. The 12" will be an extended version with 'World of Our Own' on the flip ... Auckland Walk are now practising with former Blond Comedy guitarist Damian Saunders.

Childrens Hour have recorded a five track EP and This Sporting Life have recorded a single at Progressive Studios. In the same studio the Henchmen are recording an album and Eight Living Legs an EP ... *Silent Decree* release a cassette EP *In Loving Memory* on their own Sanctus Decay label. Available at present from Bluebeat or Marcus' Clothes shop and soon by mail order. Costs \$4 and it too was recorded at Progressive.

Daggy and the Dickheads are now simply the Dickheads. The name shortening coincides with the release of their new single 'Afternoon TV / Wine and Roses' ... Dalvanus is currently recording an LP at Mascot

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