

RUMOURS

AUCKLAND

Crowded House will take over York Street Studio in July and August to record their fifth album, the follow up to *Together Alone* ... the Auckland Youth Theatre (behind the Town Hall) is opening its doors to live bands again for the first time since June 1990, when a budding interior decorator at a Warners gig decided a section of the toilet wall would look better in the foyer. **Balance, Here's Proof and Diswomble** play an all ages show there on May 31 ... the hardest touring band in the land, **Evilis** play at Squid on May 17 ... 95bFM are organising a high schools tour by **Nothing At All!** for the last week of May and the first week of June. If your school might be interested in accommodating the band, phone Simon at bFM on 366-7223 ... Aaron Carson played his last show with the **Dead Flowers** at the Powerstation on April 26. The band are presently searching for a new bassist. Meanwhile, former DF guitarist **Riqi Hadfield** has returned to Auckland and is piecing a new band together ... **Max TV** filmed the recent **Chills/Garageland** double bill at the Longview in Howick, for two forthcoming specials on each band ... **Pumpkinhead** make their first visit to Auckland since the *Big Day Out*, playing an all ages show at the Powerstation on May 17 ... ex-Supergroove members **Tim Stewart** and **Che Ness** have formed new bands and are finalising recording plans ... **Nathan Haines** is releasing a live in the studio album on Huh! ... **Bizarre Beats** have closed up shop at 1 O'Connell Street, and instead are setting up mail order distribution. For lists or info, PO Box 8385 or fax (09)623-3323 ... the next batch of Flying Nun seven-inch singles will be out on June 4. The lucky recipients this time round are King Loser's **Celia Patel** and **Sean O'Reilly**, the 3Ds' **David Mitchell** and **Denise Roughan**, and Dunedin's **Cloudboy** ... newcomers **Tim Teen & the Teentones** have recorded their debut single, 'Let's Rock', for independent cassette release in early June ... the May 10 Auckland show by **Anthrax** and **Cyco Miko** was postponed until May 24, after drummer Charlie Benante's brother was shot dead in New York ... the **Doris Days** have recorded four songs at Ground Zero for a proposed EP release next month ... **Spacesuit** are now looking forward to recording in November ... Christchurch's **Loves Ugly Children** are shifting to Auckland this month, and will immediately begin work on a new album with former SPUD guitarist Matthew Heine. The trio play two shows in Auckland during May, at Kurtz on Saturday 11, and at the Powerstation supporting **Shihad** on Friday 24 ... don't forget the **Hatching Battle of the Bands**, entry is open till May 31. Phone Rayna (358 1846) or Trish (377 5441), for info.

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PALMERSTON NORTH

The long line of new bands coming (but hopefully to survive) continues with these bizarrely named projects: **Sesqui Kings** (featuring members of Wholesale Drainage), **Earl Grey and the Biskettes**, **Fusion Refugees** (born out of the Johnny Carson "school" of free jazz), and **Mechanic** (an aural landscape and blasting from local artists Jack Black and Dan Campion). **Mechanic** had a tape release party in April (along with other Lizard Mull label mates **Foisemaster**) ... **Bullfrog Rata** have been playing around town with **Midge Marsden** ... the **Wild Horse Saloon** is having too many gigs, and the bands are suffering as a result, due to the audiences spreading themselves too thinly ... the **Susans' It's Their View** CD release party was weird, because nobody

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actually played, but the wine was bloody good! ... people recording lately include **Harassment, Matt Soong, Wholesale Drainage, EZ8 and Cytoplasm** ... **Kiwi Rock** are organising a battle of the bands, which is being held at the Albert ... Dave will you a record at **Yellow Bike** record cutting if you beg ... **CUNT** had the best time with **Unsane** on the tour. Speaking of which, **Unsane** have a track on the next **Valve** magazine release, which is a CD — vinyl fanatics, don't cry. **Valve** has gone all cosmopolitan now, with people on it from other places too, including Jello Biafra, along with hordes of other wonderful people like: **Stump Thumper, Deluxe Doom Inc., Foisemaster, CUNT, Body Bomb, Rhonda K, HDU, Baldman, Gaylene** and the **Undertakers, Sandra Bell, Leonard Nimoy** and **Jack Black**. Contributions for future issues and purchase orders (\$15) can be made to PO Box 4391, Palmerston North.

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DUNEDIN

Radio One is to hold its own *Onefest*, a weekend of mayhem and joy. It will cover the weekend May 9-12. Line-up includes **Suka, HDU, Cloudboy, Love Consort, Johnathan Talbot, Slate** (Andrew Dickson), **Crude, DJs Nosleep and Big Phil**, a film premiere and more ... Genevieve McLean is popping back into town to do some recording with **Mink** and **Love Consort** ... Johnathan Talbot, who frequently appears on Radio One's *Top 11*, is to release a tape of solo recordings in May, and a Geraldine single is also in the pipeline. His group **Eve** is gigging as usual, and are set to release a tape in the near future ... **Axiom**, who describe their music as 'progressive thrash', have released a six-song tape. By far the best metalish (my comment) band in these parts. Available from PO Box 2244, Dunedin. They are also looking for a new bass player ... *The Dunedin Sound Exhibition* is up and running. A series of cool performances is swinging along. Reformations aplenty, **Look Blue Go Purple** will have done their thing for the first time in many years by the time you read this. The triple CD *But I Can Write Songs Okay* has been released on Yellow Eye in conjunction with the exhibition, and contains some very cool and rare pre 80s material, along with the later, more obvious material; 73 tracks and a great booklet written by Roy Colbert — a musical history of Dunedin music ... **Gamaunche**, mid-80s non-flying Nunners who played on the same bill as Alastair Galbraith and Bob Scott, have been moved to do new recordings ... also released is new book, *Kiwi Rock*, which chronicles NZ music in the modern era (post-*Stranded in Paradise*). It comes with an eight-track CD, for the most part previously unreleased songs by the **Chills, David Pine, Strailjacket Fits, the Bats, the 3Ds, JPSE, Snapper** and a live version of 'Iggy Told Me', by the **Enemy** ... **Chug** have finished recording a new album ... despite geographical difficulties, the **Verlaines** are recording a new CD ... **Fold** have released their self-funded CD, *Plantlife*, and are gigging all over the place ... **Pimply White Thighs** continue to be the ultimate support band, next in line are the **Able Tasmanians** ... **Polyp** may be reforming. While those outside of Dunedin may not give a shit, this is big news locally. Well, sort of big ... lastly, the annual *Freek Ball* held at Fox River on the West Coast is blasting off at 8PM, June 1 and keeps going till dawn. Playing are **Inunga Funga, Horse, Snort, Soma, Lonesome Throats** and **DJ Tin Tin**. Tickets available throughout the South Island. Should be a wild time ... any info, phone 472-7291.

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