

Vocalist **Joey Belladonna** has left **Anthrax** due to musical differences. The singer was apparently not impressed with the band's hardcore / rap direction. Anthrax's live album will include versions of Kiss's 'Parasite', Trust's 'Anti-Social' and Public Enemy's 'Bring Tha Noize'... **Slash** is now the official spokesman for Black Death Vodka... **Jethro Tull** will record an acoustic live album on their European tour... **Tin Machine** will do a third album and **David Bowie** is still without a record label... **Côteau Twins** have left 4AD and signed to Fontana... the April 20 **Freddie Mercury Tribute / AIDS Awareness Benefit** at the Wembley Stadium will feature **Metallica, Spinal Tap, Annie Lennox, Robert Plant, Roger Daltry, Def Leppard** and **Ian Hunter**. Guest vocalists including **Paul Young** and **Joe Elliot** will join remaining members of **Queen** for what is expected to be their final concert performance... ex **Smiths** (and **Buzzcocks**) drummer **Mike Joyce** is now playing with **PiL**... **Perry Farrell** and **Stephen Perkins** of **Jane's Addiction** have a new band **Porno For Pyros**... the **Smiths** have sold their catalogue to Warner Music for an undisclosed sum... sampling; although **Carter USM** offered 20 percent of royalties from their hit 'After the Watershed', for their use of the lyric "Goodbye Ruby Tuesday", former Rolling Stones manager **Allen Klein** has sought 100 percent of the royalties and worldwide copyright on the song 'After the Watershed'. A spokesman for **Jagger / Richards** said they are not aware of the song or the copyright battle... **NWA** are in pre-production for their "life in the streets" movie **Smilin' Faces**... **Red Hot Chili Peppers** were thrown off England's **Top of the Pops TV** show after the made it clear that they intended to goof around wearing Victorian dresses behind **Anthony Kiedis**' on 'Under the Bridge'... new ways to sell records: on stage in a Californian club **Nymphs** singer **Inger Lorre** began to perform oral sex on her boyfriend, then told the crowd, "That's how a nice Catholic girl gets her voice back. Don't it sound so much better?"... how do you follow that? A greater obscenity: **Jason Donovan** has been invited to play the role of **Robert Plant** in Malcolm McClaren's proposed new 20 million pound movie about **Led Zeppelin**. Representatives of **Robert Plant** were amused... **Trent Reznor** of **Nine Inch Nails** is remixing **Queen's** 'Tie Your Mother Down' and 'Stone Cold Crazy' for an album of **VIP** remixes... **Tom Petty** has moved from **MCA** to **Warner Bros**... new **Ramones** album has **Vernon Reid** guesting and a cover of the **Doors** 'Take It As I Comes'. **Janet Jackson** will be an urban hairdresser / poet in **Poetic Justice**, **John Singleton's** follow-up to **Boyz n the Hood**... is **SEAL**, the new toyboy for **Madonna**?... cosmic shock: **Cure** release their new album **Wish** on **Robert Smith's** birthday April 21.

NZ MUSIC AWARDS

The 1992 NZ Music Awards were held at the Aotea Centre Monday April 6 and broadcast the following night on TV2. Guest presenters included **Tim Finn**, **Diesel** and **Corey Hart** and there were performances by **Push Push**, **Crowded House**, **Moana & the Moahunters** and the **Exponents**.

Major Award winners included **Exponents** winning best single 'Why Does Love Do This to Me' and **Top Male** vocalist, **Jordan Luck**. Meanwhile **Push Push** gained **Top Group** and **Best Video** for 'Trippin' made by the **Mauger Brothers**—**Chris, Tim** and **Andrew**. **Headless Chickens** won **Album of the Year** and **Top Female Vocalist**, **Fiona MacDonald**.

In the most promising categories—**Shihad** won for **Group**, **David Parker** won **Male** and **Teremoana Rapley** (**Moahunter**, ex **UHP**) for **Female**.

Crowded House won **Top International Performer** and **Songwriter of the Year** went to **Neil Finn** for 'Fall at Your Feet'.

Roger Shepherd of **Flying Nun** was given the annual **Special Award** for his outstanding contribution to **New Zealand Music**.

Moana and the Moahunters won **Top Maori Record** for 'AEIOU (Akona Te Reo)' whilst musician **Hamish Kilgour** won **Cover Design Award** for the **Flying Nun** compilation **Flying Saucers Over the Southern Alps**.

Other Awards were:
Producer of the Year, **Steve Garden** for **Midge Marsden's Burning Rain**.
Engineer: **Nick Morgan** for **Burning Rain**.

Jazz Record of Year: **Alan Broadbent**, **George Christolm**, **Frank Gibson** and **Andy Brown** for **Fine & Dandy**.

Country Record: **John Grenell** for **Windstar**.

Classical Record: **Donald McIntyre**, **Christopher Doig** and **Alessandra Marc** for **Wagner**.

Folk Record: **Lorina Harding** for **Lucky Damn Woman**.

Polynesian Record: **C'est Toi Ma Vie** by **Charles Peni** and **Andre Tapena**.

Gospel Record: **O Mai la Iesu** by the **Pacific Island Choir**.

CHICKENS FLEE

The **Headless Chickens** start their Australian tour on 8 May, taking in **Adelaide**, **Melbourne**, **Sydney** and **Brisbane** with Aussie bands **Third Eye** and **Caligula** in tow, plus DJ **Gavin Campbell**. On their return they hope to undertake a small North Island tour of **New Plymouth**, **Palmerston North**, **Hamilton** and **Wellington**. Look out for

their new single released 20 April 'Donde Esta La Pollo?' in three remixes (metal, extended dance and video). The video, made by **Rachel Churchward** and **Bruce Sheridan** was shot down at **Victoria Park** and involved a lot of people in a tent. The B-side is 'Cruise Control' with three remixes by **David Harrow** of **On-U Sound** fame. Meanwhile, catch them at the **Powerstation** on 2 May with **MC OJ & Rhythm Slave**, **Supergroove** and **DJs Roger Perry**, **Stinky Jim** and **DLT**.

NEVILLE BROTHERS' MAORI CHANT

When the **Neville Brothers** welcome a contingent of **Maori** musicians to **New Orleans** on 24 April, they'll be reciprocating what they experienced as one of the most meaningful compliments of their long career.

On tour here recently they visited a **South Auckland** marae. They were so impressed with the performance of 'Whataaria Mai' ('How Great Thou Art') that they've included it on their forthcoming **Family Groove** album.

"The feeling was indescribable," says **Cyril Neville**. "It was like meeting long-lost members of our own families."

Once back in **New Orleans** **Cyril** hit on the idea of inviting **Moana** and the **Moahunters** to perform at the **Crescent City's Jazz and Heritage Festival**. The greeters at **Tippitina's**, the **Neville's** unofficial home club, will include **Abdoulouye Camera**, **Kumbuka African Drum and Dance Collective**, **Salongo Productions Drama and Dance Ensemble** and the **Free Spirit African Dance Co.**

STUDENT ARTS COUNCIL

After 20 years in operation the **Student Arts Council** will close in **December**—student associations no longer feel the need for a central office to assist the provision of arts activities on campus. Many of **New Zealand's** most talented performers like the **Topp Twins**, **Sam Hunt**, **Limbs** and **Split Enz** began their careers as part of the **Council's** touring programme. However, nationwide tours are no longer considered financially viable and **Social Activities Managers** are looking to promote local artists on their individual campuses.

With money saved in dissolving the central office, student associations will be able to put more resources into artistic activities locally so students shouldn't suffer any loss of entertainment by the closure.

PLANET RULES

Now into its seventh issue, **Planet** magazine is the indispensable handbook for **Auckland's Inner City Bohemians** (to coin one of the editor's own phrases). Published four times a year between glossy coloured pages, it's predominantly black-and-white inside, which is appropriate since one of the premises of this publication is the multi-ethnic nature of **Auckland's** cultural life. **Planet** manages to combine an impeccably **PC** editorial tone with items on where to drink the most stylish coffee and why **Terraboots** have taken over from **Blundstone** as the new boot to clump around town in. Being a culture magazine, articles on art, film, music and related personnel are the main editorial meat, but you can rely on **Planet** to run articles explaining just what those tricky, pop-culture buzz words like **Virtual Reality** and **Smart Drugs** really mean. The editorial team includes **Grant Fell** from the **Headless Chickens** and the editor is **Russell Brown**.

NZ MUSIC 'IN FOCUS'

TV3's teen TV show **In Focus** returns to the small screen on April 25 with some hot rock stories in the pipeline. The famous outdoor **Devonport** concert (reviewed in last month's **RIU**) screens **Saturday May 2, 4.30pm**—your chance to see the likes of **Rumblefish**, **Nixons**, **Dead Flowers**, **Showfinger**, **Braintree** and **Peoplehood** do the **Woodstock** thang. And some time in mid-May expect a feature on **Tin Soldiers**, one of **Dunedin's** younger, groovier bands. **In Focus** is, of course, the show that gives teenagers a chance to script, shoot and edit their own video news items.

ONE-OFF CDs

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YAHOO'S TRIGGERS

If you got up at 9am a few Saturdays ago you might have seen **TV3's** hilarious alternative **Music Awards** on **Yahoo**. This is the programme that manages to lure wild rock bands onto its sound stage at an hour when all

self-respecting rocksters should be climbing into bed, but there they all were, ready to get their awards, everyone from **Push Push** and the **Headless Chickens** to **SMAK** and **Freakpower**. **Push Push** won the **Best Use Of Hair** award, which seemed a little unfair since a lot of 'alternative' bands have just as much hair and are even posier with it; **Most Use Of Water** in **A Video** went to **David Kilgour** for 'You Forget'; **Classic Rock** **Stance** award went to **Rumblefish** (also nominated for the **Hair** award); The **Awesome Lyric** Award was scored by **SMAK** for the immortal lines "We're glad we're bad" (narrowly nudging out the **Exponents** "Tell me what oh whatever happened to Tracey"; **Best Video** was won by **MC OJ & Rhythm Slave** for 'Money Worries' directed by **Matt Palmer**; **Best Single** went to **Headless Chickens** for 'Cruise Control' (**Chris Matthews** has shaved all his hair off) and the **Fabulous Performers** Award went to **Supergroove**. **Moana** kept thinking she was gonna win an award and finally won the **I Work Here** So I Should Get One award and **Jordan Luck** won the **Big Nose** Award. Oh yes, **Fagan** won the special category **Nick Cave** **Bodypainting** Award—**Karen's** idea perhaps? All in all a great piece of spoof TV, pity it didn't screen later in the day.

DOBBYN THEME

Dave Dobbyn has been commissioned to compose the title track for **TV3's** first local drama series **Homeward Bound**. Based around the lives of three generations of a typical **New Zealand** family and starring such well-known local actors as **Peter Elliot**, **Tina Grenville** and **Sylvia Rands**, it's expected to screen in the middle of the year.

VOLCANO BOOGIE

Described as a rollerblading "rockdrama" **City of Volcanoes** is a production from **Mike Off The Edge** **Firth**, featuring an original score by well-known **New Zealand** musician **Mike Farrell**. The movie closes on a music video for the song 'There Is No Limit' with lyrics written by **Auckland** law student **Brooke Howard-Smith** and special guest appearances by **Midge Marsden** and **Jacqui Fitzgerald**. Watch out for the cassette 'There Is No Limit' being released later this month on the **Scoop de Loop** label and distributed by **Metro Marketing**. **City of Volcanoes** is for sale at **Whitcoulls** stores and selected retail outlets.

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