

CHILLS SOFT BOMB

The Chills' album Soft Bomb produced by Gavin MacKillop, will be released in the USA on Slash simultaneously with its Australasian release on Flying Nun.

On Slash's release info Martin Phillipps' collaborators on this Chills outing include local legend Terry Moore, current R.E.M. auxilary member Peter Holsapple and cult hero Van Dyke Parks contributes a string arrangement to the song 'Water Wolves'.

The tracklist is: The Male Monster From the Id', 'Background Affair', 'Ocean Ocean', 'Soft Bomb', There Is No Harm in Trying', 'Strange Case', 'Soft Bomb Il', 'So Long', 'Song for Randy Newman Etc', 'Sleeping Giants', 'Double Summer', 'Sanctuary', 'Halo Fading', There Is No Point in Trying', 'Entertainer', 'Water Wolves', 'Soft Bomb Ill'.

FUNDS INCREASE FOR NZ MUSIC

NZ On Air have increased their budgets for making NZ music videos and NZ Music radio programming.

The video clip scheme has increased by \$100,000 to \$250,000 while the programming budget has also increased by \$100,000 to \$300,000 for the year.

The pilot video scheme funded 36
New Zealand clips including such as
Push Push's 'What My Baby Likes' and
MC OJ & Rhythm Slave's 'Money
Worries' that have had in excess of 20
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The NZ Music on Radio Scheme has resulted in 758 hours of music programmes on 16 commercial and student radio stations. Examples of funded programmes are Counting the Beat on Auckland's 91 fm and Campus

Radio shows such as 95BFM's Freak the Sheep, Crash Hot and Do It Like This.

Brendan Smyth of NZ On Air comments: "We took a punt on these two schemes back in July and it's paid off. We are getting good results and this has encouraged NZ On Air to increase the funds available for these two schemes."

The latest eight video projects to be funded are:

- 1. Greg Johnson 'Isabelle' (Pagan). 2. Rikki Morris 'I Can't Give You Anythina' (Mushroom).
- Anything' (Mushroom).
 3. These Wilding Ways 'Set Love
- A-Sail' (Tall Poppy).
 4. Push Push 'Bullfrags' (Tall Poppy).
 5. D-Faction 'Babe I'm Not Original' (Southside).
- 6. Dead Flowers 'Lisa' (Wildside). 7. Muttonbirds 'Dominion Road' (Front Lawn).
- 8. Maree Sheehan 'Just Because It's Different (Tangata).

DOG-FIGHT OVER!

Was it the "Dog Club" or the "Dog & Trumpet" or the "Teddybears' Picnic", the Auckland venue on the corner of K'Rd and Newton Road has always had a "name" problem. But once again it's open as a regular venue for bands, and there's nothing woofy about the new name. The bar's now known by the name on the sign that's always been above the bloody door, the "Baardwalk Bar". A unique concept!

Sharon McNabb is booking and the nice-size venue conveniently has an in-house P.A., \$250 to hire per night. There's no additional charge for bands to feature in the venue's Thursday newspaper advert.

Thursday night will feature multi-bill solo acts. For upcoming gigs see the Calendar page 39. The gigs are listed as "Dog & Trumpet" but next month

we'll get it right. Woof! Sharon can be contacted at (09) 3761-900.

KIWIS HIT NEW YORK

In June several NZ indie labels will make a combined NZ presence felt at New York's New Music Seminar. The project has been organised with the assistance of NZ recording industry action group, Music New Zealand and the Trade Development Board.

Once again, New Zealand will have a stand at the Seminar and NZ acts 3Ds and Cake Kitchen are expected to perform at New York clubs during the Seminar. Last year the Straitjacket Fits played New York in July's heatwave. This year the seminar has been moved to June to avoid clashing with the Democratic Convention in July.

New Zealand indie labels being represented at NMS this year include Deep Grooves, Flying Nun, Pagan, Southside, Tangata and Wildside. Once again Lena Days (NZ Music Directory) has assisted with the stand initiative.

AUSSIE INVADES L.A.

Only days after the rioting in Los Angeles, the Australian music industry body *Export Music Australia* commenced a six night major export offensive, "The Wizards of Oz" at Los Angeles rock venue, the Palace.

The artists showcased May 10-15: the Angels, Beatfish (Martin Plaza & James Freud), Yothu Yindi, Anna Christensen, Black Sorrows, Kate Ceberano, Club Hoy, Deborah Conway, Pearls & Swine, Poor Boys and Rick Price.

EMA's Brian Peacock explained the showcase concept: "We feel that the power of Australian music is best reflected in its live performance.

Brian May and Roger Taylor of Queen gave one million pounds to the Terrence Higgins Trust from sales of their 'Bohemian Rhapsody' single . . . guitarist Simon Walker has left House of Love . . . encore: Nymphs singer Inger Lorre broke a wrist and two fingers when her boyfriend's car overturned on the freeway between Las Vegas and LA . . . Phil Collins has purchased a 8.5 million Beverly Hills mansion . . . first single from Chills album Soft Bomb is 'The Male Monster from ID' . . . kinky cover versions: EMF embrace Iggy Pop's 'Search And Destroy', Cheap Trick try Trogg's 'Wild Thing', Tom Tom Club do Hot Chocolate's 'You Sexy Thing', Black Crowes try Bob Marley's 'Time Will Tell', Michael Stipe embraces Steppenwolf's 'Magic Carpet Ride' and Scatterbrain stomp L.L.Cool J's 'Mama Said Knock You Out'.

UPFRONT

Kurt Cobain of Nirvana and Courtenay Love of Hole married in Hawaii in February and Courtenay is expecting a child in August. Hole will sign to Nirvana's label Geffen, despite Madonna's desire to sign Hole to her new label . . . Izzy Stradlin has a new band ready to record . . . the new guitarist for Def Leppard is Vivian Campbell (ex Whitesnake, ex Dio) . . . Mudhoney have left Sub Pop to record for Warners . . . Guns N Roses and Metallica will

co-headline a summer stadium USA tour . . . rockin' comedian Sam Kinison was killed when his car collided with a pick-up truck driven by an intoxicated teen . . . Morrissey is not impressed with Johnny Rogan's unauthorised bio Morrissey And Marr: The Severed Alliance. His comment was, "I hope Johnny Rogan ends his days soon in an M3 pile-up." . . . Ice-T and Ice Cube will star in Looters, a movie directed by Walter (48 Hours) Hill. The soundtrack has both rappers on the title track . . . ex Crue vocalist Vince Hill makes his solo debut with 'You're Invited But Your Friend Can't Come' for the movie Encino Man . . . the Black Crowes wrote their new album The Southern Hamony And Musical Companion in a weekend and recorded it in eight days . . . Sonic Youth have recorded 17 tracks for their new LP Dirty . . .

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