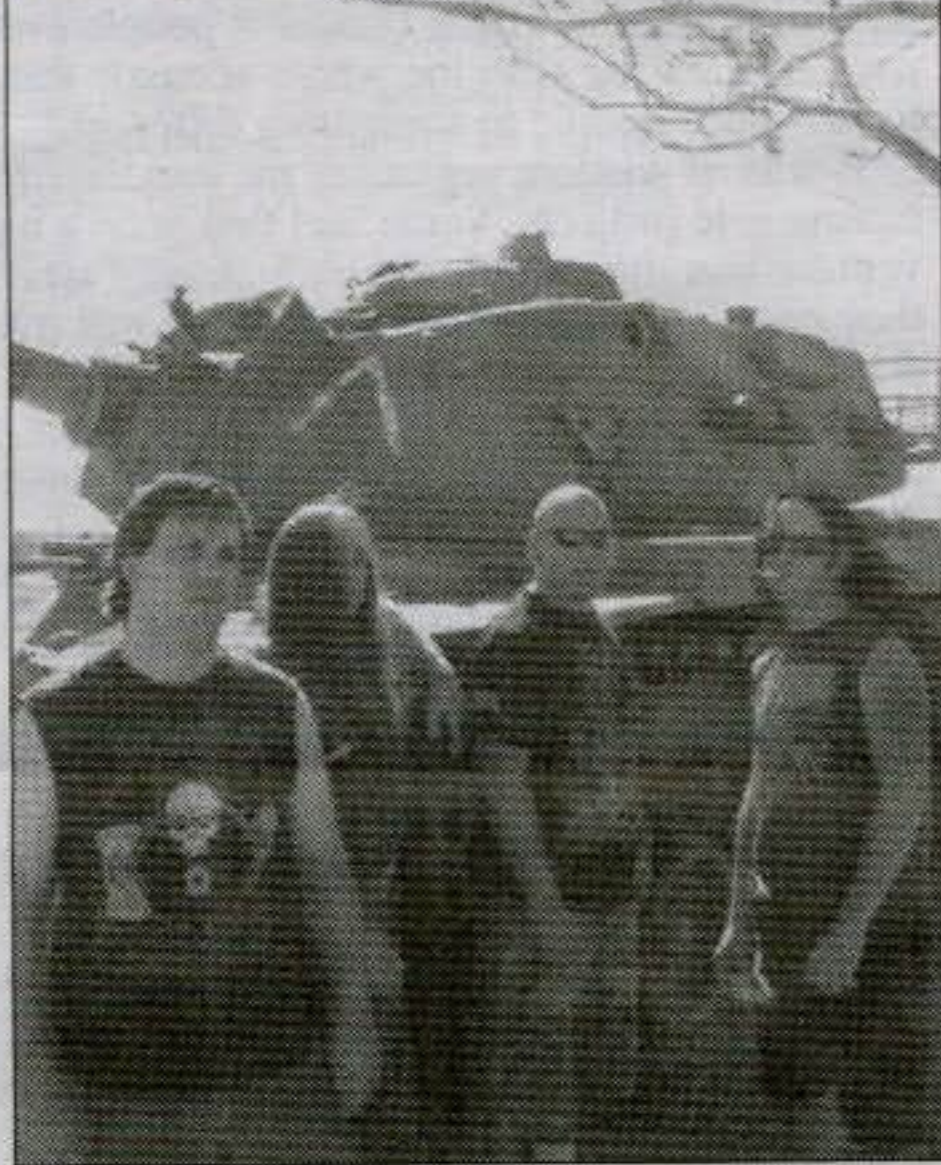


guitarist/vocalist Matt Harvey will be working on the first demo from his new band **Scarecrow**, which is a more

year. You can hear a demo track, "March of the Red" currently on their MySpace page.

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straightforward metal project than the usual thrash n' gore. Expect this to result in a delay of any future **Exhumed** activities.

Here's an update from the **Kuru** camp. Some time ago, the band parted ways with bassist John Borrmann and guitarist Tom Persons, who left to focus their energies on **Mucus Membrane**. The slots were later filled by **Times of Desperation** members Rob Murietta on bass and Joe on second guitar. Now those two have left the fold, but the band is only searching to fill the bassist position. During this time, they are continuing to practice and write new material, and were scheduled to enter the studio late last month to record three new songs for an upcoming 7" release - with or without a bassist.

Apparently, **Darkin Fluid** broke up several months ago. I wish someone had told me. Fortunately, three of their members (vocalist Sean Edmondson, guitarist Brian Alarid, and bassist Adrean Ortez) have resurfaced in **The Darwin Nightmare**. The band promises to "tear the music scene apart" with their debut album, *Audio Guide for*

**Children of Umlaut** have parted ways with bassist Rob Gebhard and vocalist Sarah Stickel. The remaining members, guitarists John-Jury Luis and Michael Loperena and drummer Phillip Hailey, will continue on as an instrumental trio complete with a new name and new material that is said to be "even more progressive" than their current material. Rob can continue to be seen around the scene in the **Motley Crue** tribute outfit **Generation Swine**, where he takes on the Vince Neil role.

**Testament** vocalist Chuck Billy and former **Exodus** vocalist Steve "Zetro" Souza have joined forces in a brand new project called **Dublin Death Patrol**, which also features such notables as Phil Demmel (guitar, **Machine Head**), Willy Langenhuisen (bass, **Laaz Rockit**), and Chuck's brother Andy (guitar). They are currently in the studio putting the finishing touches on their debut album, due in 2007. In related news, Exodus manager Steven Warner and Jonnie Zaentz have teamed up to establish Zaentz Records, an independent artist-friendly upstart label that features an in-house state-of-the-art



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recording facility. Visit their website at <http://www.zaentzrecords.com> for more information - including their submission address.

With that, we close the final report of 2006. This is probably where you were expecting some sort of top ten list, but we'll do that next time. Making those lists isn't easy - just ask any kid who writes to Santa (or Satañ). Want to share your thoughts on the year past or anything remotely related? Hit me up at [norcalmetal@ksjs.org](mailto:norcalmetal@ksjs.org) - because Madman cares. Awwww.

The legendary **Skitzo** have inked a deal with Open Grave Records, and set a Spring date for the long-awaited release of their new album, *Five Point Containment* (formerly known as *Heavy Shit*) . . . **Shoulder of Orion** mastermind Pete Rice recently hooked up with ex-**Salmon** drummer Pat Ruiz as the bassist in a new project called **If Time Fails** . . . **Heathen's** classic *Victims of Deception* album will be rereleased in the U.S. in January via MVD Entertainment Group. . .

**Mudface** have welcomed new bassist Ron Pitchford (also of **Kevel**) into the band . . . **Sol Asunder** recently entered the

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studio to record their next full-length album, *Horribly Human*, the first to feature new bassist Nate Vennarucci . . . **Decrepit Birth** has set *Diminishing Between Worlds* as the title for their long awaited sophomore album, and parted ways with guitarist Mike Turner . . . **Lost in Apathy** are now in search of a bassist . . . **Stagnant** have recently added drummer AJ Curtis (ex- **Starch**) to their lineup . . . **Kalas**, featuring **High on Fire** frontman Matt Pike, has disbanded after releasing just one album . . . **Artillery Hell** are short one guitar player these days . . . **Blame It on the Sex** have recorded some low-quality demos, but are still in search of a vocalist . . . guitarist/vocalist Kimo Sanborn's (**Falling to Pieces**/ex-**Starch**) long-dormant **Pop Murder** project has finally resurfaced on the live circuit, with a lineup that includes fellow FTP members Eric Stewart (guitar) and Nick Benigno (drums), Jerry Langhorst (-tion, bass), Jim Utterback (guitar, ex-**Skepticism**), and Vinny Salinas (ex-**Age of Aggression**) on vocals . . . drummer Jason Schabert has also departed **Age of Aggression** . . . while I'm at it, -tion also features former **Bearing** frontman Craig Lemoge.

