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#### **DJ** and Vinyl News

This month the Bay Area bids a fond farewell to **Joe Quixx**, who is moving to

who is moving to the Big Apple. I love the way Joe rocks a party and will miss his sets as well as his presence. You've probably already heard that the Invisibl Skratch Piklz are not performing at

Lollapalooza because of the **Dr. Octagon** cancellation. On a happier note, the highly anticipated **Rock Steady Grew** 20th Anniversary takes place this month in New York. The list of performers is impressive, with so many names I can't list them all, but I will mention the one **Grand Wizard Theodore.** (Go to www.hip-hop.com/rschome.html for the latest itinerary.) The ITF **2nd Half Category DJ Battle** jumps off Sunday, July 27th at 9:00 pm at **Tramps** in Manhattan. Tickets are available at **Bobbito's** Footwork, 323 East 9th in New York City.

The Vinyl Exchange (Lady T, Serg, Rasta **Cue-Tip** and me) is presenting a weekly (every Tuesday) hip-hop venue in San Francisco called The New Rotation. Opening night on July 22 will feature performances by Rasco, the Live Poets with DJ RipOne, guest DJs Rob Swift and J-Rocc and resident DJs Peanut Butter Wolf, Rasta Cue-Tip and Serg. Company Flow and D-Styles are confirmed for August 5! We are scheduling future guests and performances, so interested artists and DJs please call us at 415.452.8030. Check the ad on this page for details. This month Dan Ladd and O-D.U.B. bring you the rundown on independent releases to check for (and spend your dollars on) this summer. Can't fit all the dopeness in these eight pages, so check the website, vinylexchange.com. See you at the Rock Steady party in the boogie-down Bronx. (Hey 'Mu!) -DJ STEF

### **Trackheads Anonymous**

Ahh, summertime...heat, humidity and thousands of records being released (proby 90 percent of which are good for summertime picnic fun but that's beside the point). I seriously cannot keep up with all the music being released. It seems like everyone has their own independent label, it's truly a beautiful thing. But



- 1. From the front of the Ready for Battle LP
- 2. "She's Fresh" 12-inch
- 3. From the blue picture disc 12-inch, "Up Rock," (all on Virgin Records, 1984)

enough of my babbling, on to the joints. Are you, like me, not interested in the new **Wu-Tang** record? I seriously recommend you check out the **Gapone-N-Noreaga** LP, *The War Report*. This is definitely the strongest LP, start to finish, that I have heard in quite some time. 20 cuts deep (including interludes, intros and outros) of NY thug rhymes at its finest, over crisp,



huge sounding drums throughout. Stand out, air tight production on every single track quite a feat when done by nine different innovators (including Tragedy, Buckwild, Lord Finesse,

Marley Marl, Glark Kent, EZ Elpee, Charlemagne, G-Money and Carlos Broady). This record is definitely worth your time and money as C.N.N are the best in NY at their style of rhyme. This will be huge, mark my words.

Up next, by the way of the Fondle 'Em label is the triumphant return of **Zev Love X** on the **M.F. Doom** 12". Another sure winner from **the Barber**, stay tuned for the 12" from **Scienzs of Life** up next.

Ninja Tune has been putting out some interesting music as of late—the **Herbaliser's** 12", "The Blend," and **DJ Vadim's** EP, "Conquest of the Irrational." The Herbaliser record contains four different mixes, including the original mix and *continued on page 3...* 

Notes on the Run Part 1: On the Run in NYC

What's Going On In this Crazy Industry Anyway? —

Future Developments
It's me, the Oh Dee
You Bee...finishing up a
10-day trip in the Big
Apple, land of Fat Beats
and \$1.50 Snapple. Basically, I was out there
to...what else...get blessed
off this hip-hop thing like
a dime sack from Washington Square Park (I got

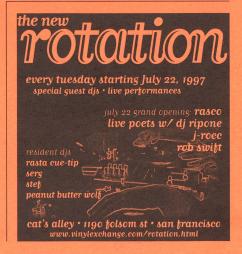
offered no less than six times). In my role as the new Hip-Hop Reviews Editor at *URB*, it made for a good door bell ringer at various labels and with some groups. As my homies at *Ego Trip* would suggest, the visit was "kinda hot. Word the f\*\*\* up."

**BEYOND REAL: DJ Spinna's** group **Jigmastas** already has that new 12" out. Other projects, with summer/fall dates for release, include: **IG Off and Hazardoz, Building Blocks, Scam and Shadowman** and the **Basement Khemists.** Spinna himself has been doing mad remixes, including one for **Faith No More**, plus a beats EP for Rawkus (I think).

**EMI:** Forget the **Booglemonsters**, how 'bout some **Gang Starr?** New album, believe it or not, is targeted for September, with a July 12" on tap. It's about time.

FONDLE 'EM: Bobbito's going to re-release the Genobites (Godfather Don and Kool "Krazy" Keith) EP with a new track or two this month. Late summer projects include the Juggaknots, Siah & Yeshua and the

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# **Underground Superfest! and Vinyl Exchange Record Swap**

B-Boy Kingdom, Project Blowed and Afterlife Entertainment will host the Underground Superfest Peace and Indypendence Benefit in Los Angeles, California, Saturday, August 23rd and Sunday August 24th. The purpose of this peaceful gathering of west coast hip-hop communities is to increase awareness and growth of independent hip-hop labels and magazines throughout the west.

The Vinyl Exchange will hold a record swap on Saturday, along with a piece book signing, to promote DJing and street art. (Rasta Gue-Tip and I will be letting go of at least fifteen crates from our vinyl library!) Other events scheduled for the Superfest are Verbal Kombat MC competion, Saturday Night Blowed, Nappy At Da' Roots and the B-Girls N Tha' Park BBQ. Artists performing include Aceyalone, Mystik Journeymen, Medusa with DJ Drez, the Beat Junkies and Jurassic 5.

Big ups to **J-Smoov** for organizing this much-needed event. For more information or booking call 213.778.WEST, fax 213.778.9378 or email BBOYKNGDOM@ aol.com. Also be sure to check out www. expoitedmusic.com. To reserve a table at the Vinyl Exchange swap, call me at 415.452.8030.

-DJ STEF

# **Crew Report: Innernational Crew**

Every issue the Vinyl Exchange will focus on one of the many talented DJ crews that exist throughout the world.



RipOne, Hector, Trace and Glitch are four of the ten Innernational Grew DJs.

Be on the lookout for the Innernational Grew, a true hip-hop crew consisting of DJs, MCs and graf writers that all hail from California. The crew was formed in 1995 by DJ Day and has performed at various events and showcases, including Radiotron and an event called Universal Jam, which is put together by the Innernational Crew. Innernational DJs are: DJ Day, RipOne, Kair One, Myk B, Gasey, Hector, Glitch, Chico, Trace and Larock. MCs representing the crew include: Alive, Amen, Nacho, Osha and Nakai. Graf writers for the crew are: Sage, Shuks, Drunk and Choke.

To further explore the talents of the crew, be sure to check out the "Innernational Compilation Volume One." It features a barrage of masterful scratching and dope rhymes that will leave you begging for more. For more info contact RipOne at 805.288.9496. Future projects for the Innernational include a Compilation Volume Two and eventually a Volume Three on vinyl! Recently DJ RipOne had the opportunity to practice with Mix Master Mike of the Invisibl Skratch Piklz. When asked what it was like practicing with a World Champion DJ, RipOne replied, "It was an honor and an experience I'll never forget." Props go out to the very talented Innernational Crew for keeping it real.

-NICK CALDARONE

#### Ninja Tune Wax Sack

The Ninja Tune Wax Sack is (literally speaking) the fattest record bag I have ever seen or used, featuring superb design in both form and function. It fits up to 50

12-inches or LPs, with adjustable side straps that allow you to change the width to fit the number of records you're carrying. A front pocket holds an additional 20 7-



inches. It can be carried by the handles or over the shoulder with the detachable strap. There's a zip-up pocket inside the bag and a snap pocket on back to store straps not in use. Best of all, it has back straps so it can be worn as a backpack. The velcro closure in front is extrastrength and won't rip open when the bag is full of records and you pick it up by the handle. (Don't you hate when record bags do that?) There are even instructions on building your own Ninja Sentinel on the inside. (Hope you can read Japanese.)

-DJ STEF

#### O-D.U.B.'s Notes On the Run

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#### Arsonists.

**GEE ST.: Jungle Brothers** hit the streets last month. DJ Spinna's doing a remix of "Brain" that should be out real soon. **Gravediggaz** are the next major project...the album's done, now it's just a matter of finding a release date. My guess: September. Give the Wu some time to cool off. Later after that, expect **RZA's** sold joint to drop.

**GUESSWHYLD:** About to make more mad moves than the NBA draft. **Mike Zoot** is getting the lion-share of label attention right now (then again, they only have

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remixes by **Peanut Butter Wolf** and **Jonny Guba.** All feature the lyrical blessing of **What What** (from NYC's own, **Natural Resource**) so you know that can't go wrong with any of them. DJ Vadim's project is seven tracks in length, two of which feature French rhyme architect, **Jupiter.** Being unable to speak French myself makes this quite annoying for obvious reasons. The last cut, "Lord Forgive Me Part 3," is an ill instrumental track which I have been rocking quite frequently. Be sure to look for both of these joints. Incredible packaging on both releases as well.

The NY/Philly connection is back in effect with the new **Adagio** 12" on EMO Recordings. After quite a long hiatus these two are back with four new tracks (on clear vinyl, always a nice touch) for your spinning pleasure. "The Break" and "Obvious 2" are definitely the choice cuts on this plate. While this crew always seems to come with some nice cuts, there just seems to be something lacking, I just can't pinpoint it. Check it out for yourself and you be the judge.

**One** (aka B-1), **Kool G. Rap's** boy, has a nice little 12" out on Rawkus. It's a two-songer, "Verbal Affairs" (which supposedly features **Extra P** on it, maybe mine's defective, I don't hear him) and "Empire Staters." Extra P or no Extra P, the stuff is still hot. Production chores are handled by two previously unknowns (unknown by me anyway), **Yusef Lewis** and **Ghuckie Madness.** They might not have familiar names yet but they definitely got some nice tracks for One to bless. Rawkus continues to be a force to be reckoned with.

From the out of nowhere department comes **Mass Influence.** On Elemental Recordings out of Atlanta, this crew is a definite welcome surprise to my record collection. I really am feeling the B-side, "Under Pressure," which is a nice mid tempo cut with pounding drums and an infectious **Beastie Boys** sample ("On the Mic"). As far as I'm concerned this is one of the hottest tracks out there right now. It seems to bring to mind early **Artifacts** actually, and in my book that is very good. Definitely try and find this record, it is well worth your time searching.

Nova Scotia, hello. The **Sebutones** 12", on FourWaysToRock/Funtrip, is one that you must find at all costs. Three cuts deep (like every good 12" should be), the standout being "Sebutonedef," which rocks a crazy sounding bassline very close to that of the one **Ultramagnetic** used on "Poppa Large." The production is type ill, trust me. Lyrically strange, **SixToo** and **Buck 65** sound like no one ever has on the microphone, both innovative and refreshing at the same time. Chalk up another victory for the independents. This is the best record that you have never heard.

The new issue of *Grand Royal* magazine has some nice treats in it. The magazine that is notorious for giving dope stuff away in it (like the **Biz Markie** flexi-disc, and the Grand Royal T-shirt iron on) continues the tradition with an incredible poster of all kinds of different turntables, old and new. This is a definite must have for all record collectors. Funny interviews with **Kid Rock** and the **Invisibl Skratch Piklz** as well. Highly recommended. Find of the month: Not a record this time but a record player. Vacuum records in Japan has the coolest thing I have ever seen to play records with. It's called the Vinyl Killer and is a small plastic bus that when turned on can lock itself into a groove of a

record and play it through the built-in speaker in the top. This thing will be great for those breakbeat searches at stores, or flea markets with no record players available to use. Be sure to peep the new *Grand Royal* for the ad for them (yeah, you can buy it!) or check out the Vacuum web page at http://www.osk.threewebnet.or.jp/~vacuum05.

Until next time...Daniel Ladd, 61 Esker Lane, North Kingstown, RI 02852. Email dan@ids.net.

The Vinyl Killer

-DANIEL LADD

two artists). He has three, count 'em, three projects set to go off. In the US, there's going to be a new Mike Zoot 12" with remixes for "Service" and "High Drama" (remixed by **Shawn J. Period** and **Mayhem** respectively) plus a re-release of "Service" which, apparently, was messed up on the first printing. Within a month or so after that, he'll have another 12" out. Only one song is for sure, a group cut done with **Dutchmin** and **Street Smartz**.

t that swerve on son. And then, there's the recently released, Japanese-exclusive Mike Zoot double 12"...seven tracks (plus instrumentals) which is only being sold, commercially, in Japan. Long story, don't ask, BUT www. sandbox.pair.com has a

handful for sale. With production by **Showbiz, Buckwild, EZ Elpee,** DJ Spinna and the **Beatminerz,** it should be a hot item so check for that.

**Lace Da Booms** also has a couple of projects set to rock. The first will be a three-song 12" this month. I've only heard one song, but it uses the beat from **David Bowie's** "Let's Dance." What? No "Under Pressure"? I'm playin'. Lace will probably also have another 12" coming out later in the summer

**Jemini the Gifted One:** His spray paint tags are all over Manhattan sidewalks, too bad his EP is incognito thanks to him getting dropped off of Mercury. However, the label was kind enough to furnish Jem

with the masters so there's talk that he's going to re-release, in some fashion, "Scars and Pain." Rumor has a Canadian label factoring in, but I can't confirm anything more than that.

JIVE: So check this out...**Tribe** is supposed to release an EP of NEW songs sometime in the summer. Rumors suggest that this is ATCQ's attempt to reclaim their street credibility with heads who thought *Beats, Rhymes & Life* was just a tad crossover. Also, did you know that Jive's been re-releasing old Tribe classics like "Award Tour" and "Bonita Applebum"? No word about "Can I Kick It?" or "Oh My God," but it's all possible.

**MERGURY/DEF JAM** (they share the same publicist so I killed two birds with one chat): **Diamond's** new album is set for late August. "Hiatus," the first single, should be out this month. Also, look for promo copies of the Diamond EP that re-releases some of his classics off of *Stunts...* That's it for Mercury.

On Def Jam, expect the **EPMD** album in September. Fourth quarter includes new albums from **Onyx**, **LL Cool J**, **Method Man** and **Slick Rick. Gormega** might be coming out too. **Foxy Brown** has one last single plus remixes, out last month. The **Cru** 30-track album, *The Dirty 30* (Def Jam/Violator) is due out mid-July. (Why wait? The album's been delayed forever already.)

Believe it or not, both Redman and Jay Z seem to think that they're going to put out albums in the winter and fall respectively. I'm not with that. Redman should chill until mid-'98 and how you going to put out a new album from Jay Z when "Who You Wit" is still blowing up the radio like an EMF pulse? I got reason to doubt, a'ight? Put that sh\*t on hold too dun. BTW, Roc-A-Fella has a new distribution deal with Def Jam, not Priority like the first album. Lastly, Paula Perry's now on Def Jam now that Loose Cannon folded. October album date. Public Enemy (you heard it right) will be making their next album in the summer of 1998.

**Natural Elements:** They already have "Magnetic" about to drop on Fortress, then expect "Bustmine" b/w "Paperchase" to come out on Dolo, as part of the (**Stretch**?) mix tape album that's coming out on Dolo soon. They're currently shopping a deal with other labels for distribution on the album. A dope ass demo is about to get finished up real soon. Underground heads should keep an ear out for "Mayday" and "My Nature" which drop on the *Lyricist's Lounge* compilation (see Rawkus below).

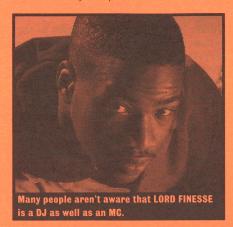
**PAYDAY/MO' WAX: OG's** got a new single that is strictly for the radio. His album is due out August 19th and I hear that his manager is sitting on the advance like it's the golden goose. Look, OC's not about to

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#### **InterVIEW: Lord Finesse**

"The brotha ya hafta hear"



**Lord Finesse** is truly one of hip-hop's funkiest technicians. Whether it's on the microphone, turntables, or in the studio, you can be sure that he'll provide something creative and original. He understands and works in a convoluted industry that provides us with a portal into his art.

## VE: Many people think of you as strictly an MC, but don't you also DJ?

**Lord Finesse:** Yeah, I just came from Japan, DJing, that was fun.

Did you start out as a DJ?

Yeah, I started out doing house parties and talent shows. I always had the knack to do both.

...to me, I love music all around. Whether it's R&B, hip-hop, rock, it don't matter to me. Just bring it my way, I'll remix it.

You've also done a lot of remix work with some R&B acts like JEFF REDD and SWV, and of course with a lot of hip-hop acts, one of the most recent being RASGO for PEANUT BUTTER WOLF. How did that come about?

I got a call from Peanut Butter Wolf and he hooked up through **A.G.** and A.G. hooked me up with him. PBW sent me

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the DAT with the acapella and I hooked it up. That's one of my most recent, then I did some stuff for **Capone-N-Noreaga** and then I did a joint on the **Shay** album.

#### How did you get involved in the R&B remixes?

Well, you know, it's like to me, I love music all around. Whether it's R&B, hiphop, rock, it don't matter to me. Just bring it my way, I'll remix it. It's like right now, I'm getting ready to do a remix for this kid, he's half Swedish and half Jamaican, another R&B joint. I like R&B cuz I get to bring the soul and the funk with a little hip-hop bounce to it.

## Are we gonna see Lord Finesse remixing METALLICA?

Yo, I'll do it man! For real, I'll do it.

## Do you have any advice for bedroom producers and DJs?

All I can tell them is keep up the hard work, don't ever stop, and don't ever be afraid to bring your original work to the hip-hop community or the industry—period. A lot of producers are always looking at what the next person is doing, and eliminate their own original structure and sound to come with an imitation when their origination could have been something real ill and maybe changed hip-hop.

Who put out your greatest hits record
(From the Crates to the
Files)?

Nah, that wasn't me. I'm still looking for those kids. Then there's some other one called Lord Fin-

esse—"One for the Homies." I saw that shit when I was in Europe.

#### What is your role with Penalty?

Nothing really. I'm gonna do this album, I'm my own A&R, my own V.P. and everything. So, that's my role at Penalty. As far as getting shares and being a stockholder, that wasn't offered to me.

#### Your new LP is coming out soon?

Yeah, it's called *The Underworld Experience*, it should be out in September/ October, I'm working out a few kinks with the label right now. As soon as we resolve our little differences, that'll be done.

#### Who is working on the album with you? Everybody! We got Show, Buck, Diamond, Primo. Everybody.

#### What's going on with the new D.I.T.C.?

That starts the whole new era of **D.I.T.G.** "Day One" came out and that's still selling extremely well. And then you got the newest one we're working on, "Internationally Known" and that has "The Enemy" on the B-side. And then we're gonna get back in the studio within the next couple of weeks.

If you gonna do an independent, do some dope shit. I think independence is when you something rather unique to offer the industry...

## Is D.I.T.C. gonna stick with its original crew of MCs?

Well, we're gonna start off with the original members, the eight of us. You've got Show, A.G., Buckwild, **Fat Joe**, Diamond, **0.G.**, **Big L** and me. That's what the album is gonna consist of. The whole thing is to really blow up the original members and then we can put somebody else on. But, we can't put somebody else until this whole D.I.T.C. thing is established.

## You're a big vinyl shopper. How many records do you have?

I got like over 4,000. I love records. I love like old hip-hop, **Graig G**—picture disc. I picked up **Kool G. Rap.** I'm lookin for two "Knock Him Out Sugar Ray"s. And I pick up stuff like **Lionel Ritchie** and **Stevie Wonder.** I like anything with soul.

## What are some of your favorite spots to hit off in the U.S. or world?

Yo, there are spots I ain't even hit yet. I love England and Japan. I like Japan cuz they come out here and take these trips and take all these records back to Japan, so when you go to Japan it's all right in front of your face, you just have to pay the price. Then they got their own Japanese reissues. Sometimes their reissues are damn-near as good as the originals.

## What do you think of the reissues of the old stuff like Blue Note?

It's cool. I think of it like this, I get both because it depends on the quality. Sometimes I sample off the reissue and sometimes off the original. Sometimes when they digitally duplicate it, it thins out the sound. It's not warm, it's not as full as the original. With the old Blue Note stuff and old records, they're easy to wear. The

grooves are real delicate—you just can't throw a sharp Ortofon needle on, you gotta throw a Stanton or a nice light needle and lighten up your weight on it.

What are your views on a lot of the independent hip-hop that's happening and the resurgence of vinyl with it?

I think it's a good thing and I



think it's a bad thing. Like D.I.T.C., we look to sell records, we're over like 17 thousand. A lot of people are looking to sell only like 5,000 copies and that'd be the end of it, and half don't be no good. Half of it sounds like it's straight out their man's cabinet. The industry is becoming over-saturated with a lot of this bullshit. If you gonna do an independent, do some dope shit. I think independence is when you got something rather unique to offer the industry and the industry isn't up on it and you gotta channel your own ways and put out your own vinyl.

## What are some of the groups out there that you feel are doing it the right way?

I like Peanut Butter Wolf and his Stones Throw label, he handles his business properly. The way they handled me and paid me, it was professional, that's how it should be. There's an independent called Streetlight, they handle the Ruthless Bastards, that's my manager that runs that, he knows what time it is. I like that kid Godfather Don, out of all the independents that I've heard he's like one of the cats that really sticks out, the way his production is, the way he put his whole shit together, I'm feelin that cat. There's tons of wack shit though. I ain't even about to go off on that.

#### Final words?

The new album—it's just real diverse, I'm doin' everything, but the way I'm doin' it is in a soulful manner. I just wanted to do something real different. It's going to be wild, you just gotta hear it.

-KUUK)

Lord Finesse will perform at the Rock Steady Anniversary, July 26th, 1997 in the Bronx.

## **DJ Serg's Top Ten**

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- 1. Invisibl Skratch Piklz vs. Da Klamz Uv Deth - INVISIBL SKRATCH PIKLZ (White Label test pressing)
- 2. Through These Veins FUNKY FRESH FEW feat. Afu Ra (Grand Central)
- 3. Swollen Members EP SWOLLEN MEMBERS feat. Aceyalone, Tony Da Skitzo, Mix Master Mike (Battle Axe Records)
- 4. Supa Supreme THE BEATNUTS (Relativity)
- 5. Surface RAHEIM (Khari Ent.)
- 6. U Call This a Song? (Produced by Rhettmatic) - VISIONARIES (Up Above Records)
- 7. Just Don't Matter PHARCYDE (White Label)
- 8. Iced Down Medallions ROYAL FLUSH (Blunt)
- 9. Dead Bent M.F. DOOM (Fondle 'Em)
- 10. Service (Remix) MIKE ZOOT (GuessWhyld)

#### **ABORIGINALS**

"Chemistry"/"Compositions"/"QNA" (Mecca Life Entertainment)

Their last single came out over a year ago, but the wait was worth it. "Chemistry" is my favorite joint on this three-cut 12"...basically, a hip-hop tribute piece to the magic and wonders of good chemistry between artists. Starting with the sample of "a good combination," the ABs run down who some of their favorites are over a vibed-out track. Nice stuff. "QNA," on the Bside, is produced by FINGATIP and features MIKE ZOOT-a good, very bassline-heavy song. But ayo...how come I've heard the phrases "Common Sense" and "soul by the pound" used twice in recent songs? "Compositions" begins with a mellow flute track but kills it for a less-likeable beat that sounds hollow (literally). Wisely, they bring the flute track back in the refrains, along with a good hook. A very strong 12" from the ABORIGINALS-look for it.

-DJ 0-D.U.B.

#### ATTICA BLUES

"Tender" Remixes (Mo' Wax)

The main reason heads will check for this single is because ORGANIZED KONFU-SION are featured on the remix by the same name. It's a good pair of verses from PO and MONCHE but it ends fairly soon, leaving us with the rather uninspiring singing that closes out the longer remainder of "Tender." The jungle remix on the B...I skipped. At the cost of around \$8 (since it's an import), I think only die-hard O.K. fans will want to shell out the green backs to get with this.

—0-D.U.B.



#### FANATIK

"The Beat Tape" (Heratik Productions)

Flexin' this month on his new beat tape is FANATIK. Leadoff hitter for this jammie is the instrumental version of RASCO's "The Unassisted," tight. From there follows a selection of previously released cuts (from "Phanatik Beats," also very dope), instrumentals and new unreleased joints. Some standouts include: "Mission One," "Sun Torture," "Creeper" and "Big World." The work from "The Unassisted" alone has put Fanatik on the map. This tape (along with his previously released beat album) should push him to the next level. —UPRISE

(To order, please send your address with \$10 check or money order payable to Parlay Graphics, to the Vinyl Exchange, attn: Fanatik Tape. (Our address is on page 2.)

#### THE INVISIBL SKRATCH PIKLZ

"The Invisibl Skratch Piklz vs. Da Klamz Uv Deth" (Asphodel Ltd.)

The first thing that one would expect from an ISP joint at this point is breakbeats and pieces and bits of ole hip-hop hits. In actuality what they serve up this time around is far more intriguing than that. This is bomb shiznit! It's basically a turntable assault orchestrated by DJs Q BERT, MIX MASTER MIKE and SHORTKUT. No funny segues, no skits, just straight skills. It's funky as f\*ck from beginning to end and is a must for all turntablists and fans of turntablism alike. —UPRISE

(Visit Asphodel on the Web at http://www.asphodel.com. White label test pressings may still be available from ISP; skratchpiklz.com or call 415.878.2747.)

# Video reVIEW: The "Vestax Turntable Mechanic Workshop"

The **Invisibl Skratch Piklz** present their newest and most hilarious video yet, the "Vestax Turntable Mechanic Workshop." Starring their arch-rivals, the **Miserable** 

Snatch Pickers: DJ LeBlanc, Billy Goat Billy, Slod and the infamous Professor Flod, this video demonstrates all the features of the newest DJ



equipment from Vestax. The 05Pro mixer features a monitor switch, crossfader mode knob (which sets the crossfader to fade loud in the middle to loud at the end), replaceable faders, input selector switches which can be adjusted vertically, horizontally or upside-down, laser crossfader, reverse fader ("Hamster") switch and panning switch. The 06Pro is a compact version of the 05Pro, with headphone and monitor switches on the front rather than the top, reverse fader switch and handle. The video is instructional as well, as Billy Goat Billy demonstrates both basic and advanced skratches: forward, reverse/back skratch, military march, baby skratch, transformer, tear, fades, tip skratch, skribbles, chirps, tweaks, ccraabbs and various combos. He also gives some tips and tricks of the trade, like how to mark records. Professor Flod also shows, once and for all, the best way to fix a warped record. The madness really begins when Invisibl Skratch Piklz D-Styles, **Shortkut** and **Q Bert** show up at the Vestax Workshop and Professor Flod challenges Q to a DJ battle. Flod invents "the craziest skratch in the whole wide world, the



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—DJ STEF

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move units like Wu Tang...you can't afford to deny people a chance to get some advanced hype going. Buckwild, **Premier** and **Ogee** are supposed to help contribute beats on the album. **DJ Shadow** will have a new song out in the summer as well. **DJ Krush** has a new album slated for August...this time Mos Def and others are featured. **Goldie** and **KRS** are teaming up to do a single. **Attica Blues** has an album in August.

**BLUNT/TVT: Royal Flush's** album *finally* seems ready to come

out. "Iced Down Medallions" is set to drop July 8th and Ghetto Millionaire, the pitifully long-delayed album (sample clearance, what else?) album will be out August 18. Maybe. Mic Geronimo's back in the studio. He's done a



track for the Def Jam "How To Be a Player" soundtrack, called "Usual Suspects." New album...fourth quarter in '97 or first in '98.

profile: Camp Lo is still Profile's main priority. *Uptown Saturday Night* is close to gold status right now and with a new yideo and remix for "Black Nostaljack" set to go out, it might be the last push Lo needs to make the half mil sales mark.

**DJ Quik, DJ Run** (from **Run-DMG**) and **Smoothe Da Hustler** are all set to have summer/fall albums out on Profile. For those waiting to hear more from **Tone Hooker** ("Crew Love") don't bother. Roc-A-Fella has effectively killed what was supposed to be the commercial single since Jay Z is featured on it (along with "Crew Love"). Hooker is back out on the corner

(no pun intended) for a deal with someone else.

RAW SHACK: J-Live will have two major projects set for release between now and the end of the year. The biggest will be his 12-cut album, Timeless (quickly becoming quite a popular name among hip-hop titles) which is mostly likely going to come out in September. I heard four new tracks off this joint, including this massively dope cut called "In the Wee Hours" done with the Arsonists. Sh\*t really is simply incredible. Georges Sulmers will be doing the bulk of the production though he co-produces with DJ Spinna and everyone's favorite ego tripper, Chairman Mao, on two cuts respectively. One interesting thing, and such a simple idea that it's damn near brilliant, is that Sulmers (who runs Raw Shack) wants to use almost all new tracks on the album. Most likely, the original "Braggin Writes" will make it, just on the strength, and maybe "Longevity" too, but only with new lyrics. Sulmers wants to give fans as many new tracks as possible. But what about the older tracks you say? Like "Can I Get It?" and "Hush the Crowd"? Either during the summer or late fall, Raw Shack plans to put out an EP that has one or two new songs, PLUS all the old ones. Like I said...it's so simple, I'm amazed no other artist has ever thought to do it. It's annoying to have to listen to so many old songs on what's supposed to be a new album. Mr. Complex has a longer project in the works, but nothing slated so far. Raw Shack is also starting to work with other local artists, but nothing to confirm as of yet.

**Flow's** 20-cut *Funcrusher*+ album drops this month. In the meantime, the single, "Blind"/"Tragedy of War" is out now. Next up? Mos Def, whose "Magnetic" is

currently in the promo stage. No immediate plans for a longer album—bro's still shopping for a contract and really doe, someone needs to give him one. Reflection Eternal is a new Rawkus project, featuring Talib Kweli and DJ Hi Tek (not to be confused with **Hi Tech** on Mass Vinyl). Kweli's already been featured on the new Mood album (Blunt Records) and his EP, "Groundation" sounds pretty good based on the two cuts I've heard so far, including a fly song done with Mos Def and Mr. Man (Bush Babees) called "425 Live." Keep this on the hush-hush, but also listen for a new single by the Brick City Kids. I can't divulge who they really are, but let's just suggest they're not from the right side of the tracks. Good to see these New Jerus kids going for self. It should be the...umm...ultimate. (Can someone help me take this tongue outta my cheek now?) Speaking of tongue-incheek, Sir Menelik and Dr. Octagon come back with a new remix 12" featuring an Automator mix of "So Intelligent" and a new track with Kool Keith, "Space Cadillac." Guaranteed to be bugged.

And back from the dead comes **Gut Master DG** who'll hopefully give **DJ** Kool a run for his wack money. This old school DJ is making some breakbeat type songs. I'm not too jazzed on it, but hey, it's all good right? Last but not least, Rawkus is putting out the *Lyricist's Lounge* compilation, which the Mos Def song is part of. There are a lot of cats representing on this particular album, including **Natural Elements, KRS-One** and a bunch of other people. From all rumors, this album should be off the hizzay. August release date ("man I can't wait").

-DJ O-DUB

For all of O-D.U.B.'s Notes on the Run, go to his site at www.igc.apc.org/ollie/ozone.html.

#### **NEW WAX**

ABB

**Single** Third Degree/Confidence/Global Dynamics - Dilated Peoples

ALL GOOD VINYL (UK)

Single Run the Line feat. Rasco b/w The Undercover feat. Encore - Peanut Butter Wolf

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**BAD BOY ENTERTAINMENT** 

**Single** It's All About the Benjamins - **Puff Daddy** &

the Family feat. The Notorious B.I.G., Lil' Kim & the Lox

**BATTLEAXE RECORDS** 

EP **Swollen Members** feat. Aceyalone, Tony Da Skitzo, Mix Master Mike and more

**BEYOND REAL** 

**Single** Chandon b/w Iz You Dee - **Jigmastas** 

**BIG BEAT** 

Single Not Tonight (Remix) feat. Da Brat, Left Eye, Missy Elliott and Angie Martinez b/w Crush On You (Remix) -Lil' Kim

COLUMBIA

**Singles** The Sweetest Thing (Mahogany Remix) - Lauryn

Hill feat. Forté All That - Yoko Ross (Includes mixes by Groove Brothers!, E.

COLUMBIA (FRANCE)

Singles Affirmative Action (St Denis Style Remix) - Nas (Version adaptée par NTM) The Snooze Theme b/w Your Consciousness Goes Bip -Snooze (double vinyl)

**D&D RECORDS** 

Singles Jaz-O b/w Foundation Remix - Big Jaz Unstoppable b/w Styles - Mama Mystique

DARK

Single Off Balance - Laster feat. Ed O.G.

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**DEATH ROW RECORDS** 

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DEF JAM

**LP** How To Be A Player Soundtrack - **Various Artists** (*Includes "Never Seen Before" by EPMD*.)

DRASTIC RECORDS

Single Taking Drastic Measures -Cappadonna (Visit the website at www.mindspring.com/ ~cappadonna/. RETAIL ONLY call 212.465.3274.)



#### **804 FLAVA**

Singles Come Get It - Lonnie B./Unseen World Pt. II - The SupaFriendz feat. Mad Skillz b/w Make It Hot - Danja Mowf feat. Lonnie B.

#### EI EMENTAL

Single Life to the MC b/w Under Pressure - Mass Influence

#### **EMI RECORDS**

**Single** Hey AZ - AZ feat. SWV (Produced by Trackmasterz.)

#### EMO

Single The Break - Adagio

#### **GEE STREET**

LP Raw Deluxe - Jungle Brothers (Production by The Roots, Roc Raider, Stereo MCs and more; double vinyl.)

#### **GFM**

**Single** (No Title) - **Heather B.** feat. Ajax

#### **GUESSWHYLD**

Single High Drama Remix b/w Service - Mike Zoot, Mos Def, Shawn J. Period

#### HOLLYWOOD RECORDS

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Dream (The Angel Steps Into the Dream Remix) - Peter Buffett and the New World Ensemble

#### HYDR

LP Hydrabeats Volume 5 (Produced by the Beatnuts) Single Piece of the Action b/w Seeds of Hate - Godfather Don

#### **INTERSCOPE**

**Single** Fix - **Blackstreet** feat. Ol' Dirty Bastard and Slash

#### JIVE

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#### **OUTHOUSE RECORDS**

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#### RCA

**Single** Someone - **SWV** feat. Puff Daddy

#### RELATIVITY/VIOLATOR

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#### REVOLUTION

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