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EINSTUERZENDE NEUBAUTEN - PALAST DER REPUBLIK

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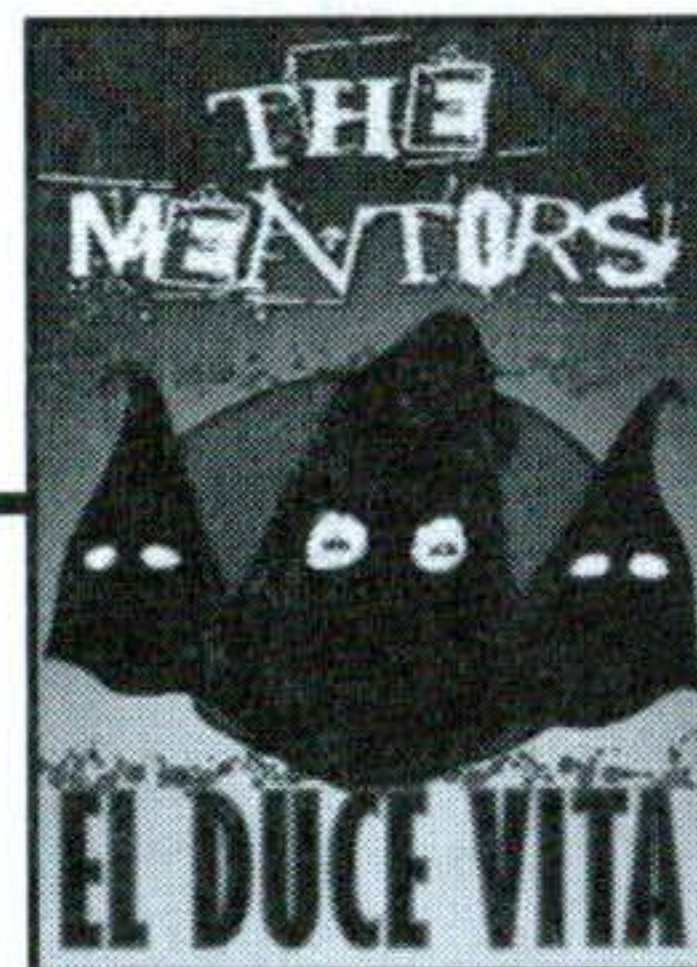
Did you know that Einsturzende Neubauten means "Collapsing New Buildings"? Neither did I. Did you know that front man Blixa Bargeld also played in The Birthday Party and Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds? I knew that. Did you also know that Henry Rollins has the E.N. logo tattooed on his right shoulder? I knew that also. This DVD is a live concert performance filmed in 2004 at the Palast der Republik in Berlin, the former Parliament building and symbol of the no longer extant DDR (East Germany). Trust me, that's what it says on the back cover. Not long after this performance the Palast der Republik was demolished (or torn down). Rumor has it that it was cuz of E.N.'s radical performance, but don't tell anyone that I told you this. This DVD is pretty cool if you like experimental music (noise), and I do. I never got a chance to check this group out live and now I guess I can say I have. This group is really interesting. Most people would call them an industrial band but I don't think that's the right tag for them. Tons of custom made (gadgets) instruments made out of scrap metal and building tools. Lots of percussionists that go at it and make lots of cool weird beats & noises. Blixa even makes noises with his mouth. Wow wee!!! I've been hypnotized... (www.neubauten.org) -Spider



DEAD KENNEDYS - IN GOD WE TRUST, INC. - THE LOST TAPES

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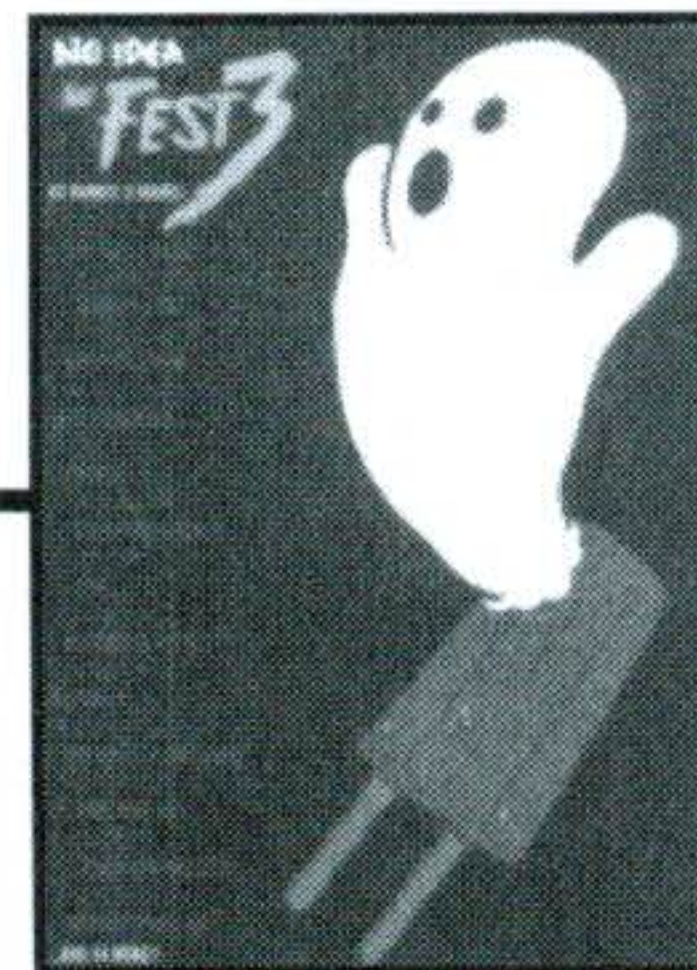
This DVD is pretty good for those of you who are into the Dead Kennedys. It's like a Christmas present in the middle of summer, but instead of a present, it's a giant glass of water and instead of summer, you're in the middle of the Sahara. Actually, I don't know if it's all that great, but the imagery is nice. Anyways, this disc is full of some great video footage, the main part being the videos recorded during the first recording sessions of "In God We Trust, Inc." I say first because the album was actually recorded twice because the first time around, the tape used to record fell apart during mastering, so they had to record again. Watching the band lay down the tracks and the banter in between takes is really fun to watch. The band was really well tuned at that point and you can see how much fun it was to be laying down tracks in a tiny hole in the wall studio in the early 80's. Also contained on the DVD are live versions of each track from the record, but performed in live settings spanning from 1979 to 1986. I really enjoyed watching this flick, and I'm pretty sure you will to, even if you aren't a fan of DK, it's still a great documentation of punk rock history. (www.mvdb2b.com) -Pedro Bob



THE MENTORS - EL DUCE VITA

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All I know is that if you've never heard of The Mentors, you need to see this DVD. Even if you have seen The Mentors, you need to see this DVD. This DVD has some great music videos. Probably the best ever created. You think you've seen great music videos, but you haven't seen shit until you've seen the music videos The Mentors made in the early 80's. They are vulgar, crass, sick, disgusting, and downright beautiful. You are guaranteed to see nothing less than nudity (full-frontal male and female), depictions of urination and defecation, menstruation, drinking and drug abuse. This is the kind of video that you watched with your friends when your parents were gone. This is the kind of video that even myself, at age 27, would be embarrassed if my parents caught me watching it. There's no explanation to The Mentors sick sense of humor and depiction of it in video. Do yourself a huge favor and go out and grab this DVD. You also get a couple of live shows to boot. Then go out and tell your friends that you know who El Duce was, then try and be just like him. There's no one cooler. (www.myspace.com/thementors) -Pedro Bob



NO IDEA RECORDS - THE FEST 3

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No Idea Records made a DVD chronicling an event they call The Fest. I guess The Fest is a three daylong gig-going adventure. Three venues, three days and something like 60 bands. It all takes place over Halloween weekend and looks like a good time. The sleeve touts the whole event as a drunken time, but that doesn't come across in the DVD content... unless I missed something. All the footage is just bands playing, nothing else. Not like there's anything wrong with that, but there's no other footage that really conveys the goings on of The Fest other than bands playing. Besides the disc lacking personality in that regard, the bands are great, and it's a fun watch. My favorite feature is that the disc is chapterized per each band, so if you get bored of whatever song you're watching, click next and you have a new band and a new tune to trip on. A few of the highlights for me was seeing Against Me!, Lucero, and Pedro's own Toys That Kill. This DVD's perfect for those nights where you feel like watching some bands play, but don't feel like hassling with people, bouncers, bar tabs and all that jazz. Grab a twelver and this DVD and you're set. (www.noidearecords.com) -Pedro Bob