

CDs



DEEJAY OM
Reheated Naan And Curry
Galapagos4

When I received this CD in the mail I was initially a little turned off—but not by the music. Included in the press package was a potent bag full of ground curry that had spilled in transit. I love Indian food, but its pungent odor completely took over my desk. I couldn't rid my area of the smell for days. That said, the enclosed album totally made up for the debacle—cleansing my palate like a cup of soothing masala chai. Deejay Om's prowess on the turntables is impressive, and his tracks are full of hip-hop beats, seamless transitions, warm, vintage samples, and Indian infused flavor. My faves are "The Arrival," "Middle Eastern Swan Song," and "Dancing With The Ladies Of Bombay." Deejay Om's grooves are just as infectious as the curry sent out with his CD.—Mike Fish



KRISTOFFER RAGNSTAM
Sweet Bills
Blu Hammock

This breakout disc from Swedish singer-songwriter Kristoffer Ragnstam demands attention. Make no mistake: this isn't just a guy crooning with a guitar. *Sweet Bills* is full of strikingly intricate compositions, featuring a smorgasbord of instruments, flushed out over many months in various recording studios with the help of skilled musicians and engineers (Ragnstam is a well-versed engineer himself). The Beck comparisons are valid, and so are slight likenesses to Phoenix, The Sea And Cake, and Sondre Lerche. But Ragnstam has his own sound, one that's diverse and somewhat wandering at times—and there's continuity in that eclectic nature, which gives the album definitive flavor.—M.F.



4 QUICK HITS

Aqua Teen Hunger Force *Colon Movie Film For Theaters Colon The Soundtrack*—Seventeen custom-made rippers from the Aqua Teen Hunger Force, Mastodon, Andrew W.K., Brass Castle, and more—it is awesome!

The Go *Howl On The Haunted Beat*—a garage psych-rock gem from a Detroit mainstay—sounds kind of like old White Stripes.

Suva *Souvenirs From The Sun*—good straight forward rock with a glam edge, a bit like The Killers, but a little bit grungier.

Neil Young *Live At Massey Hall 1971*—an intimate concert by the great Neil Young. His voice sounds amazing, backed only by his acoustic guitar and piano on a few songs.



JESUS LIZARD LIVE
MVD

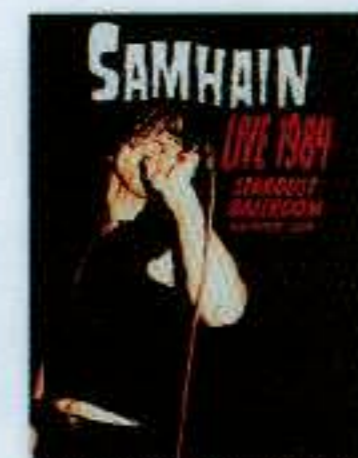
This is one of those bands that I always wanted to see live, and when I did, they did not disappoint. The snarling, sweating, frontman David Yow nearly tore down the walls of The Casbah (in San Diego) as he leapt and crawled all over the crowd, the brutal bass and guitar riffs nearly ripped my ears off, and the tight pounding of the drums almost knocked me over. This is one of the greatest live shows I've ever seen, too bad they broke up and none of us will ever see it again—except for on this amazing DVD. Feel the joy and pain of the Jesus Lizard. Invite some friends over, throw this in the DVD player, and rock the f-k out! A must-see (and hear) for any fan of hard rock in sweaty places.—C.C.

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THE DAWN OF THE STONE AGE
Veeco Productions

From the twisted and brilliant mind of Drewtoonz and Volcom, *The Dawn Of The Stone Age* is a hilarious mind trip that starts on the North Shore, goes into space, all the way back to 420,000 B.C., and somehow, ends up back at Pipeline. Watch in awe as Johnny Stone and Caveman go all the way to the heavy-hitting finals of the Volcom Surf Contest at Pipeline! This could possibly be the best cartoon based on true stories from the Volcom house ever—actually it is. Check out Volcom.com to download this flick—it's e-e-e-e-e-e-pic!—C.C.



SAMHAIN: LIVE 1984 STARDUST BALLROOM
Evilive/flipside

One of my earliest memories of Chris Coté was from high school. He used to have this Samhain T-shirt that was the cover of the first Samhain album *Initium*. The shirt and album cover featured the band members covered in blood. Chris was my hero for wearing this shirt. We both loved Samhain and we both loved that shirt. A couple of years later I inquired on the whereabouts of this coveted shirt and he told me about how his mom hated it and didn't want him wearing it. Apparently she got rid of it with out his knowing. Well, you can't stop the rock, and apparently you can't stop people from releasing poor-quality concert footage on to DVD. Don't get me wrong, this DVD is pretty cool and they even play a couple of Misfits songs. Worth viewing if for no other reason to see Glenn Danzig rocking a sleeveless belly shirt made from what appears to be a black angora sweater.—T.J.



FROTHING
Billabong

This Billabong freebie is a banger! Featuring the talented young Billabong squad (Jordy Smith, Kolohe Andino, Wade Goodall, Laurie Towner, James Woods, TJ Barron, Ryan Briggs, Alejandro Moredo, Sterling Spencer, and more) going absolutely apeshit all over the world. Kolohe, Goodall, and Jordy are standouts, but the rest of the rippers are all on the top of their game—there is no filler and no weak link in this flick. Watch out, world—the Billabong youth brigade is coming up big time! Check your local surf shops, or just snake it out of the new *Surfer Magazine*, then buy ours.