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Favorite Summer DVD

My favorite new DVD release this summer was the *Hip-Hop Time Capsule: The Best of 1993*. In that year, I was still working "in the casino" and would take my break in time to catch the last half hour of *Yo! MTV Raps* and the first half of BET's *Rap City* (when Chris Thomas was "Da Mayor.") This DVD has the first Redman video "Tonight's Da Night", Dr. Dre's "Dre Day" from *The Chronic* LP, and "It's On," from Naughty By Nature. Featuring some of 1993's best music videos along with great interviews (especially with Kool G Rap, who I see from time to time at the Home Depot in Egg Harbor Township). The best features, however, are the exclusive interviews and clips from the funniest, most truthful hip-hop movie to date: *CB4*.

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