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EAST BAY RAY AND THE KILLER SMILES - S/T: While the Dead Kennedy's were touring East Bay Ray was using his spare time writing new material along with Skip McSkipster from the Wynonna Riders and recent DK's tours. Between them they've written a pretty cool twelve track album produced by Paul Leary of Butthole Surfers fame. While there's some DK influence in there it's fair to say that this self released is far from predictable. When the opening track 'Raising The Stakes' came blasting through the speakers I did think this was going to be another DK's album but as the album went on I realised that they had some really good songs on this release. Just have a listen to songs such as 'The Heart Is Something' and 'I'm A User' which prove that East Bay Ray and Co can exist without having the need to mimic the DK's. I'm so pleased this album came my direction as it's pure Rock n Roll with social aware lyrics which are certainly up there with the likes of Bad Religion and Social Distortion. Forget what the past arguments have been about the DK's and check out what these guys have been up to in their own right and you'll be pleasantly surprised like I was. I promise this album will kick ass big time! **8.5/10**

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