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Do you like the way I delegate all my writing and still get paid? It's a thug's life, son. I better do a little bit of work though. **Joey Chavez** will be the next release on ABB. 'After The Heat' will feature all new tracks from **Evidence** ('Reservation For One'), **Iriscience** ('The Chills') and **Defari** ('Develop Tools'). Look out for new joints by **Swollen Members** and **Mark B** featuring **Blade** on Jazz Fudge. The **Anonymous** on Goodvibe drops 'Green Gold' featuring **Eminem**, but on the flip there are guestings by Iriscience and **Mystik Journeymen**, to name a few. Also on Goodvibe comes **The Kraken's** 'Dusty

You have to buy **Necro's EP**, if only for the sleeve pic of **Linda Blair** from *The Exorcist*.

Subliminal Rhymes EP'. Very fresh and virulent to wack emcees. **Mike Zoot's** 'Urban Harvest'/'Midnite Run' featuring **Tek** (GuessWhyld) is out right about now. Check it out kid.

UK rude boy trio **Phi Life** have dropped their EP with 'Baddest Man', 'Da Shinin'' and 'Rap N Bullshit' and will no doubt be making noise in a hot sec. **The Mudkids** (Surf Records) from Indianapolis have released their excellent 12-inch with 'Freekyaa', 'Mashit It Up' and 'Water To The Earth' plus instrumental versions. Try and seek out the 'Planet Mars EP' which is an essential seven-tracker with the crème de la crème of Toronto hip-hop. **Thrust's** 'Emcee', **Frankenstein's** 'Lab Experiment 22' (first heard on my mix-tape) and **Solitaire**,

WRAPLE SYRUP

A CANADIAN UPDATE BY GODD DAMMIT...

What's up everybody in the UK? Thought I'd take a break from playing hockey for a minute and let y'all know the deal with the Great White North. **Supreme Being Unit** have just pressed up CDs and vinyl for their outstanding debut album 'Mental Rebirth/Spiritual Rebirth' (Astral Majesty). Look out for **Swollen Members** new 12 'Bottlerocket' (BattleAxe), featuring **Everlast** and **Divine Styler**. **Buck 65's** 'Vertex' album is some of the most incredible hip-hop you'll never find in any store, especially the track 'Centaur' which may see a vinyl release soon. Also on the east coast, **Little T & DJ Moves** 'Truth Of The Trade' (Low Pressure) album is 27 tracks of drunkenness, and **The Goods** 'Secondary Education' (Goodnight) is sarcastic Buddhism at its best. Vancouver's **Ease** has one out called 'All Praises Due' (EQ), and Montreal's **D-Shadow** has just dropped 'Do The Math'/'Full Contact' (Audio Research).

The Grassroots will soon be releasing a compilation featuring some of Toronto's best on Seattle's Conception Records, who also have TO's **Arcee** on their roster. In the near future, look out for new stuff from **Choclair** (who just signed to Virgin), **Thrust's** 'Chosen Are Few' LP (Blueprint), **Mad Fiber** (a Toronto compilation on KneeDeep), and **Saukrates** (Warner). Also look for Canadian clothing companies and magazines on the worldwide rise. In print, trust **In Search Of Divine Styler Magazine** (Toronto) and **Vice** (Montreal) to give you the truth and nothing but the truth. If you're looking for some dope Canadian gear, **Geek Boutique**, **Snug Industries**, **Fiction**, **Lithium**, and **Too Black Guys** are names to look for.

If you're after underground Canadian music that you can't find in any stores, **Divine Styler Magazine** has set up Divine Distribution, which carries records, tapes and CDs from across Canada, and does mail-order worldwide. Peep the site www.interlog.com/~styler or send \$5 for a magazine and mail-order catalogue to: Periodik Measures, 650 Dupont St, Suite 501, Toronto On, M6G 4B1, Canada. Peace with the Northern Touch.

THE 'G' FILES

#24) FOUR WAYS TO ROCK

LABEL OWNERS Marc Costanzo, Suroosh Alvi

DISCOGRAPHY Sebutones 'Sebutoned'/'Flux Capacity'/'To Mock A Killingbird'; Obscure Disorder 'Lyrically Exposed Pts I & II'; Mr Dibbs '231 Ways To Fry An Egg' EP.

ROSTER Mr Dibbs, Golden Section, Stinkin' Rich, Len

FORTHCOMING Mr Dibbs 12 and album, Golden Section (Moka Only & Birdapres), Stinkin' Rich 'Best Of...', 1200 Hobos compilation, Len feat. Biz Markie and Cryptik Souls.

LABEL HISTORY Four Ways To Rock Records was born out of indie imprint Funtrip, a label started by production group/band Len to put out "our own records and our friends' records," says label manager Derek Mackenzie. After releasing a couple of rock groups, owner Marc Costanzo heard a tape by the Sebutones and decided that it needed to be released on vinyl, so began Four Ways. Suroosh Alvi (also the editor of *Vice* magazine) came on board in '97, and brought Montreal group Obscure Disorder (who boast membership of DMC champion DJ A-Trak). The Obscure 12-inch was released in conjunction with Montreal production group Audio Research, and really set the label off in terms of sales and props. Marc and Derek had also been talking to Ohio's infamous Mr Dibbs for a few months, verbally battling each other over the phone. And despite bigger offers from other labels, Dibbs decided to go with Four Ways since, in his own words, "Marc and Suroosh know how to suck cock".

"It's funny, the props that we're getting with budget we have," continues Mackenzie. "The strength of Four Ways, is that we don't give a fuck. We just put out shit that we like. We have other things going on, other pay cheques, so we're not relying on this label to make a living. We can do what we want, and have a laidback attitude about it. It's pretty funny that we're actually selling records."

And by the looks of things, they'll continue to sell records. Look out for a new 12 soon from Mr Dibbs, with an album to follow in early '99. 4 Ways have also just signed Vancouver's Golden Section, consisting of emcees Moka Only and Birdapres with DJ Sichuan. Also on the way is a 'Best of... Stinkin' Rich' LP and a series of 12's from production group Len, featuring Biz Markie, Cryptik Souls, and others. Any last words, Mr Mackenzie? "Well, Dibbs is not as mean as people think he is, and I'm friends with Biz Markie now. That's pretty funny."

Marvel and **Choclair** on 'Conversation' are all on there.

Steppin' Razor bring us 'Calafia' with **DJ Revolution** on the cut. **Necro's** EP on Uncle Howie will be disturbing to some listeners but you have to buy it, even if it's just for the picture of Linda Blair from *The Exorcist* on the sleeve. It's really very excellent, so purchase that on the really. The **Beat Junkies** 'Present The Associates' (Blackberry Records) is an all-star left coast line-up featuring 'From The Ground Up' with **LMNO**, **Dilated**, **T Love** and 'Ubiquity' with **Divine Styler**. Super dope on a rope.

Missing Linx 'Missing In Action' with **Al Tariq**, **Black Attack** and **Cuban Link** will I'm sure be pumping across the world as we speak, and the Rawkotics have a finely produced cut out called 'What It Look Like' b/w 'Going All Out'. On a final note, check for a new 12-inch by **Mathematik** featuring **Bahamadia** called 'Following Goals' out on Beat Factory. Highly recommended from the Greenpeace crate of hits. Now do one. ♣

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