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FUGEES Zealots

'Zealots' is from the album The Score by the premier new hip-hop act out of the USA, the Fugees. This hiphop group have made it into Newsweek! They reflect Haitian and African American culture. Wyclef Jean says: "Black people are a diverse group. That's why our sound is different. We're different!"



2 LIONROCK Straight At Yer Head



After a long string of killer 12 inch releases, here's the first single off Lionrock's debut album Instinct for Detection, featuring MC Buzz B on vocals. The distorted breakbeats of 'Straight At Yer Head' heralds a new sound in British clubland.

5 RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE Bulls On Parade

The big rage out from the Big Day Out, the band that overcame the deluge and created a concert event, have now released their new album Evil Empire. 'Bulls on Parade' (watch for the video) is a taste of the funk and the rock of Evil Empire that reignites the power of their debut album.



6 OCEAN COLOUR SCENE You've Got It Bad



'Riverboat Song' (with Paul Weller on keyboards) has introduced to Enzed, Britain's favourite sons for 1996, The Ocean Colour Scene. Noel Gallagher (Oasis) has dropped the band's name in interviews. They recently supported (and backed) Weller on his UK tour. Q magazine says of the No.2 chart debut album Moseley Shoals: "Remarkably consistent, occasionally inspirational, this is exceptional stuff indeed. (4 stars)"



BROTHERHOOD One Shot

The Brotherhood — Shylock, Spyce and DJ Mr Dexter — are the leading voices in the British hip-hop community. The NME says Elementalz may be "the best British hip-hop record of all time." Produced by Hood Lynchpin and the Underdog (knob twiddler for Massive Attack). "A landmark LP." (NME)



PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Boll Weevil



After two hit single 'Lump' and 'Peaches' here's 'Boll Weevil' another killer song from the Presidents of the United States of America's self-titled album. This crazed Seattle trio are expected to tour downunder soon.

7 HOLY BARBARIANS Space Junkie

The Cult's Ian Astbury went back to his hometown, Liverpool to record his new band. The album title Cream is named after the club they frequented while recording at Parr St Studios, Liverpool. Astbury found his new guitarist Patrick Sugs in a punk band featuring the guys who run the Fuct! clothing label. The first single is 'Space Junkie'.



8 SEVEN MARY THREE My My

This three-piece came from nowhere with the hit 'Cumbersome'. On the USA indie Mammoth, this hard-gigging, unpretentious, University band now have a mega-selling album American Standard where you will find 'My My' plus their latest single 'Water's Edge'.

