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25 Jackie- O Motherfucker – Valley of Fire (Textile)
Latest from MFers builds on the more "accessible" stuff on "Flag" (title track) and (i.e. gorgeous 20 minute free) jazz freakout and a Beach Boys cover for good measure.

24 September Collective – All the Birds Were Anarchists (Mosz)
OUT-TRONIC supergroup crafts a sparse, mesmerizing batch.

23 The North Sea – Exquisite Idols (Type)
first(?) "legit" (non CDR) release from free-folk activist Brad Rose.

22 Alasdair Roberts – The Amber Gatherers (Drag City)
I WANT A SCOTTISH ACCENT! Pristine pop buried beneath a healthy layer of

21 Strategy – Future Rock (Kranky)
lots of hot shit out on the Krank this year. fuzzed out folk.
Dance, playful bumps and grind.

20 Sunburned Hand of the Man – Fire Escape (Smalltown Supersound) K-Holes gives SONBURNED their first rock record from behind the boards.

19 Menomena – Friend and Foe (Barsuk)
LATE to the PARTY on these guys; as unique and enthralling as rightbrain and

18 Black Moth Super Rainbow – Dandelion Gum (Graveface)
Bands of Canada hop on a psych-rock ice-cream "indie" sets, tucked

17 Zellenople – His/Hers (Type) track and ride off into the sunburst.
Delicato | Decostar, cocktail of deep dance drive and mustard out

16 Rock Plaza Central – Are We Not Horses? (Yeprock)
wild thang whoo to early Polvo and Neutral Milk. Raucous, sole-stirring stuff.

15 Life on Earth! – Look!! There is... (Subliminal Sounds)
Punk from Durango takes the raingame and

14 Deerhunter – Cryptograms (Kranky)
One out door for these guys. Peep the singers' Atlas Sounds record

13 Castanets – In the Vines (Asthmatic Kitty)
Another gorgeous, haunting sort from the criminally overlooked Raymond Raposa.

12 Burial – Untrue (Hyperdub) Taught me to dance
and cry like it was the very first time.

11 Ghost – In Stormy Nights (Drag City)

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10 Shining – Grindstone (Rune Grammafon) Too liberally used by critics describing music. The term generally applies in this case, I shit you not.

09 The Eternals – Heavy International (Aesthetics) Twisted dub-punk monster mash

08 Jesu – Conqueror (Hydrahead)
Ten ton shoegaze masterpiece.

07 Wooden Wand – James and the Quiet (Ecstatic Peace)
Took many good cues to the Wand moniker from the band of brave and epic black

06 Animal Collective – Strawberry Jam (Domino)
Hype or no hype....

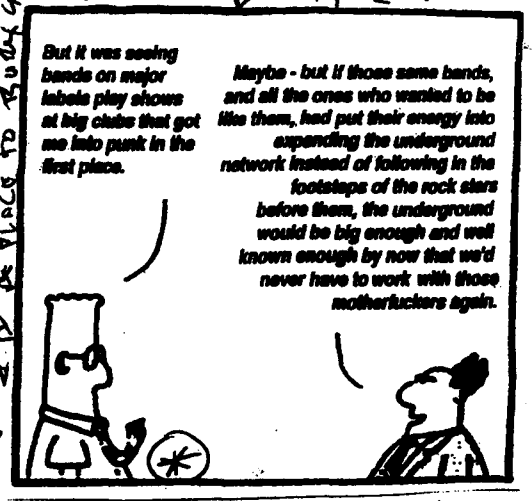
05 The National – Boxer (Beggar's Banquet)
Not quite the white collar East Coast Beard

04 Kammerflimmer Kollektief – Jinx (Staubgold)
My discovery of the year. Working through the back catalog has been quite satisfying.

03 Panda Bear – Person Pitch (Paw Tracks)
... this is the stuff of magic...

02 Grails – Burning Off Impurities (Temporary Residence)
CAN Reincarnate? I hate to throw these terms around, but these guys are probably the most underrated band

01 Stars of the Lid – ...And Their Refinement of the Decline (Kranky)
Two discs that sustained me when my belly was empty and my head was full. An important lesson for all us musos': the beauty of silence!



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