



We've got no Beef with the Chief, they're just plain old freakin' good

On their debut, Chief Beef deftly blends post-punk, hard rock and progressive rock-influenced sounds into one cohesive album. The band is a classic example of a power trio: their music perfectly balances the necessary space between instruments and the power inherent in that distinction. It's in the middle section where the band hits their stride. "Quitting" is the heart of the album and the quietest song here, building over the course of the song and dropping out on the bridge for a melodic guitar solo before it goes into a crescendo that rivals almost anything Interpol's done. At the album's mid-way point, the band breaks into epic hard rock with "Treadmill at the Gym." The band then finishes the album the way they started: angular, heavy, melodic, humorous and with just the right hint of progressive tendencies. It's a great debut by one of Phoenix's best local bands. **CD Release Show, Hollywood Alley, 2610 W. Baseline Road, Mesa, 480.820.7117, Friday, October 13, 8 p.m., \$5**

Stuff We Really, Really Dig



GRADE B+ **CHIEF BEEF**
Something About Rock
(Chief Beef)



Beck
The Information



The Decemberists
The Crane Wife



The Hold Steady
Boys and Girls in America



The Roots
Game Theory



Lupe Fiasco
Lupe Fiasco's Food and Liquor



A historical timeline will show March 19, 2005, as the critical date. This was the day that Jeff Danzer invented the item pictured here. Let Danzer pick up the story: "My oldest son (now 16) had made it a habit to walk around the apartment in his boxers listening to his iPod ... when my older son's iPod fell out of the waistband and onto the floor! That's when I had my 'aha' moment." The rest is male intimate apparel history. Danzer's breakthrough concept, the iBoxer, was in the stores by Thanksgiving. For those who remain true to the tightie white, no need to shift allegiance to boxers. The iBrief should be available next spring.
— Ellen Warren, *Chicago Tribune*

IN MY IPOD
Each week, we ask: What's in your iPod?



Rachel Bissette

What are the top 5 things you are listening to in your iPod right now?

- 1 Justin Timberlake
- 2 The Fray
- 3 Dave Matthews Band
- 4 Eric Clapton
- 5 Bob Dylan

They rock!

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1. Blitzen Trapper
"On a Dime"
This Oregon band is currently a blog darling with many praising their electro-country-indie sound. Check them out so you can say you were one of the first.

2. 408
"Can I Get That (Hyphy Remix)"
This hip-hop song combines minimalist beats and some epic lyrics.

3. Hologoodbye
"Here in your Arms"
This power pop song employs the use of European dance beats, making it sound a little cheesy, but in that awesome ridiculous way. Check out the hilarious video if you get the chance.

4. Beck
"Elevator Music"
His ber-cool funky sound is back and is undeniably the best stuff he's done since *Odelay*. A potential candidate for album of the year.

5. Weird Al Yankovic
"Trapped in the Drive-Thru"
Brilliant parody of R. Kelly's epic *Trapped in the Closet* with Weird Al arguing with this girl about where to take her out for dinner.