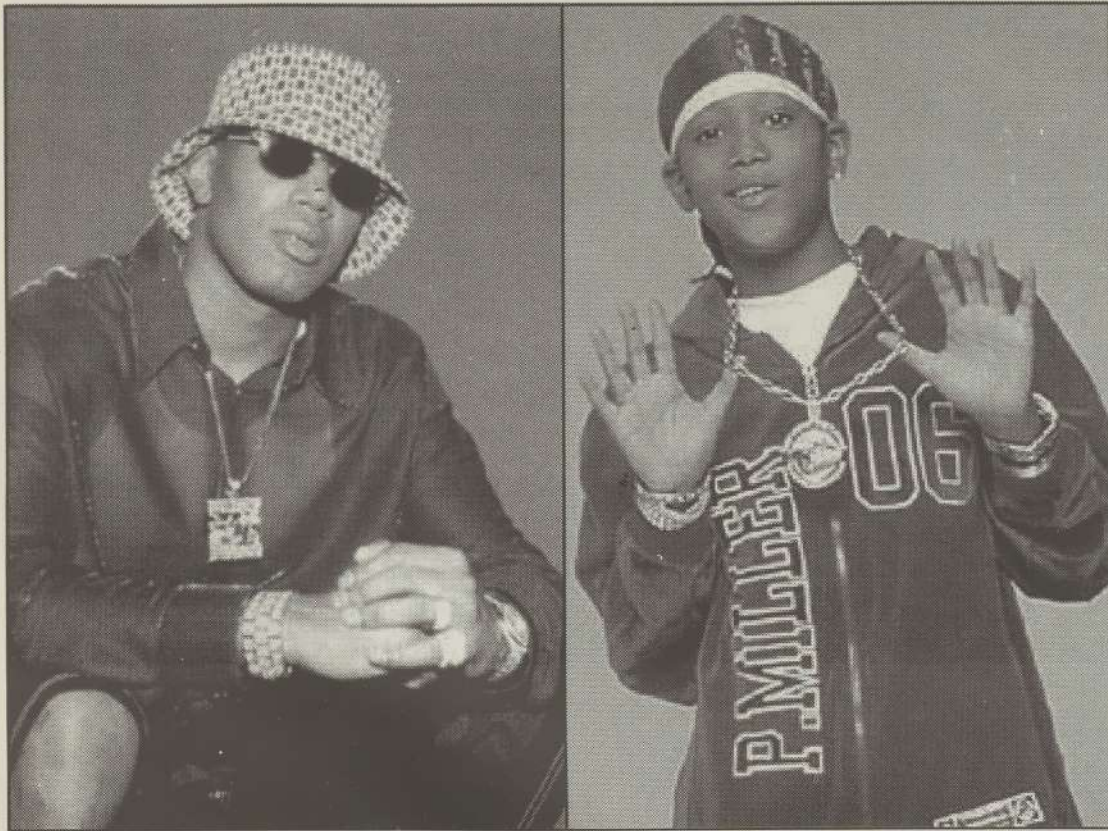


Master P shows his 'Good Side'



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Master P and Lil' Romeo flex their skills in the follow-up to P's 2002 release 'Game Face.'

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One of hip-hop's finest has returned to local record stores, Master P's "Good Side/Bad Side" double CD is in the house. This latest release from southern-bred New Orleans rapper Master P will make hip-hop heads universally listen with delight.

Disk one opens with the hard-toned cut "Act a Fool" and features beat production from Atlanta's premium rapper/producer Lil' Jon. "Act a Fool" has been released as the second single from the album. This pounding gangster cut is the perfect opening to this album. Lil' Jon also makes an appearance on the club hit "Them Jeans" and the gangster cut "Who Them Boyz" making disk one an eight out of 10 on the nod-your-head/break-your-neck o-meter.

Disk one also includes guest appearances from P's own brothers Silkk the Shocker and C-Murder. Murder appears over the phone on two tracks, as he was recently handed a life sentence in prison for a 2002 night-

club beating and shooting Murder and his family are recently appealing the conviction.

Disk two continues with massive listening pleasure. "Good Side" of the album consists of the less "gangster" side of P's music, therefore get a much softer listen. The highlight of disk two comes in the form of the soft-toned "That Ain't Nothing." This track once again features family members shows up again and P's nephew Lil' Romeo lays down surprisingly mature lyrics for a rapper of his age. Disk two unquestionably the stronger however, disk two is also a revelation from an aging rapper that may have lost his "street-cred."

"Good Side/Bad Side" is a noteworthy musical experience for anyone who would venture into the hip-hop world. P's flow, or his rap style is a very slow paced, grunt-like sound. This flow makes it easy for the hip-hop investor to understand.

So go out and boost your hip-hop horizons and buy the new album, ya' heard.

Firefox 'rains' supreme in web browser race

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After several years of playing second fiddle to Microsoft's Internet Explorer, Mozilla has released its new web browser, Firefox 0.8, and with it a legitimate claim to the title of "best" browser.

Firefox (available for download at www.mozilla.org) is riddled with features that users of other browsers would have to download from third-party developers. The built-in pop-up blocker is more effective than that offered by the Google Toolbar (the only plug-in every Internet Explorer user should download) and is easily customizable to allow predetermined pop-ups to pass unobstructed. Speaking of Google, users can search via the powerful

search engine from an integrated search field placed conveniently next to the address bar.

Firefox also utilizes tabbed browsing, which allows for multiple websites to be loaded into one browser window, eliminating desktop and taskbar clutter. Easy-to-navigate tabs help sort the pages.

With its included extras and Mozilla's notorious reputation of being slow to load, the most pleasant surprise is the speed at which Firefox opens. Mozilla browsers have deterred many prospective users in the past with their loathsome load times; this trend is over. Firefox is noticeably quicker than not only its predecessor but also its Microsoft counterpart.

Ironically, Firefox's strongest trait is its room for improvement. It's open-source, which means it's free to the public and so is its

source code. Any programmer is allowed, and for that matter encouraged, to contribute to the development and betterment of the browser. Because of its open-source policy, many developers create add-ons or "extensions" to help enhance its functionality. One of the most notable extensions is one called "Adblock." Adblock allows, via right-clicking, to remove ads from webpages by removing and blocking images, flash documents and even entire iframes from being displayed, all but eliminating annoying banner ads.

Firefox is available for Windows, Linux and MacOS X, which means there's no excuse for anyone with a computer and the Internet to not give it a try. Its meager file size (6MB compared to roughly 20MB for Internet Explorer 6) and many features make for a guilt-free indulgence any web user can appreciate.

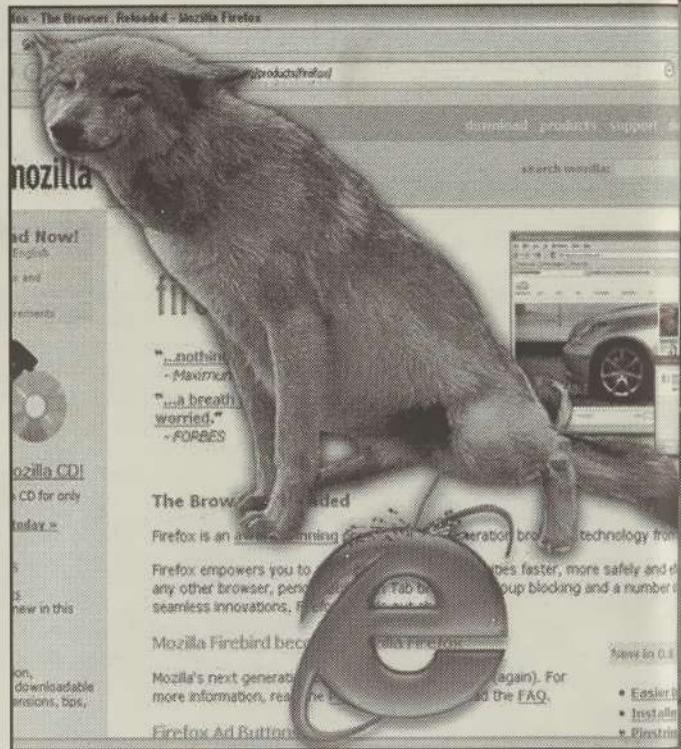


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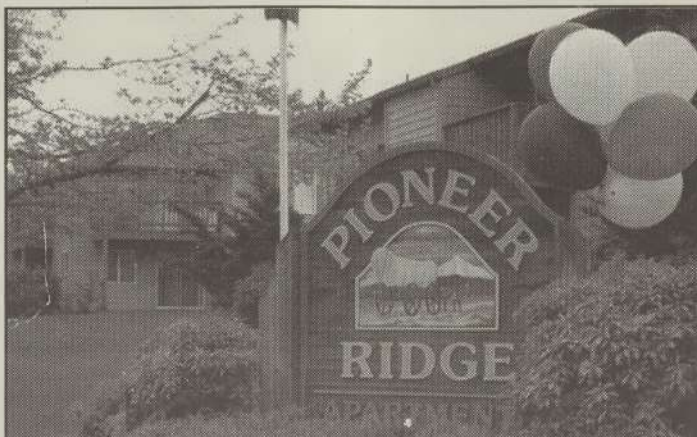
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