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"The HazMat Experience" - a combination of lyrical crack, town business, and true MC'ing. 10 MP3 Songs HIP HOP/RAP: West Coast Rap, SPOKEN WORD: With Music Details: OAKLANDs BEST KEPT SECRET Dont Even (Kevin Stewart) and Epic (Anthony Msaky) may be considered fresh to Oaklands hip hop scene although both have been practicing their craft for years. Progressing from turning out any and every crowd with their lyrical free styling skills, and battling all comers at open mike competitions, Dont Even and Epic have signed a recording contract and as HazMat are going on tour performing recorded songs. We caught up with HazMat during a break at the studio and chatted with them about their growth as artists. So it seems like you two are moving from being "Underground Soldiers" to a more professional level? Epic: Yeah you can say that. The first phase of "craft construction" is done and we're stepping it up a level and raising the bar lyrically in 2006. Don't Even: The term "underground soldier" is basically saying my first love is underground music, but at the same time I know in order to be more successful I need to have some type of connection with the mainstream audience. Is HazMat filling a void in the Hip Hop scene? What does you music represent? Don't Even: I wouldnt say were filling a void I would just say were bringing something new to the hip hop community and being were from Oakland CA a lot of people dont even look at us as hip hop, but the HazMat Boyz are about to change all that. Were really not trying to represent any one or any thing all were trying to do is put new faces and a new spin on hip hop period. Were really not trying to represent the music were just letting our music represent us. Epic: I wouldnt say filling the void; I would say starting a new venue because our music is educational dirt. Meaning while it still contains a rugged edge, it still has strong messages with in it. And we look at our music as being the cleansing element for the industry, which we see currently as being contaminated by a lot of toxic material. Do you have a particular message in mind when you write or are you inspired from hearing the

beat? Epic: Well a beat can ignite powerful lyrics, but being a poetic individual writing comes natural. Beats are helpful but not required for me to write a hit. Don't Even: Me personally, I am beat driven, but at the same time Im a poet so that really gives me a little but of an advantage because I could write with or without a beat. And seeing that poetry is my first love coming up with concept and ideas is nothing to me, but when I hear a beat especially if its tight man i have thousands of topics going to and fro and that when you get the best of me. What do you two bring to you live performance that distinguishes you from the "pack", in other words, what can I expect for my \$20? Don't Even: All I can say is when you come and see a HAZMAT show your seeing just that, a show, unlike any other show and the reason why I say that is because lve been to a lot of shows, but you rarely see the artist go into the zone and what I mean by the zone is when you totally open up your third eye and are now acting, saying, and even living out your words in front of total strangers and by the time were through you would have forgot you paid 20, 25 or even 30 dollars, but you will leaving feeling like a part of something special. Epic: We like to call it "The Hazmat Experience" which is a combination of lyrical crack, town business, and true MC'ing. Were not looking at our listeners as fans because they come and go. We consider them "folks", and when we finish our show we kick it with our folks. Don't Even, you started out as the poet, Scarecrow, do you plan to incorporate some spoken word on future songs or do you consider your verses poetry? Don't Even: I consider everything I say is poetry and the reason I say that is because I put though into any and everything I say before I say it and poetry is just that words somehow some way I was able to collect my thoughts my emotions and my spirit and put it on paper, then speak those same words to my friends, my family, and my folks and now they can see my vision thats powerful. So to answer this question my verses are poetry and my poetry is verse. What does Hazmat have planned for 2006? Epic: There are several projects in the works for us. Well be on the radio very soon, hopefully hitting international waters and a lot of upcoming show dates. Watch out for the compilation dropping just before the summer, and the HAZMAT album hitting the nation in the fall. Don't Even: To take over the world like Pinky and the Brain, but the only difference is me and E.P.I.C both got mad brains so watch out world!!

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