

# GRUB DOG MITCHELL



## IN CASE OF SONIC EMERGENCY, BREAK GLASS: HALF-A-DOZEN CDS TO KEEP HANDY AT ALL TIMES

1. **Knockoffs - 12 Sucker Punches** Tom Hutchinson is a great punk-pop songwriter. Great melodies, cathartic screaming. The best over-the-counter primal scream therapy money can buy.
2. **100 Acre Wood - Shove Me** An amazingly eclectic, super-polished record (think the **Style Council**, **Blow Monkeys**, **Al Green**, **Sly & the Family Stone**). Every song is permanently stuck in my head.
3. **Jackpot - Boneville** Jackpot's stellar songwriting and musicianship—not to mention **Rusty Miller's** slow-boil charisma—sets this band apart. This record further defines the band's country-pop sound. Can't wait to hear the remastered version.
4. **The Decibels - Create Action** **Dean Seavers'** songwriting rivals the best of '60's era-garage pop. This is a power-pop gem by the best dressers in the Valley. And they're even better live—if you're not up and dancing by the end of a Decibels set, you should have your live music rights revoked.
5. **Go National - Got My One Good Eye On You** The rest of the world doesn't know what it's missing. Hopefully '99 will bring Go National (and **Poprockit**—Kevin Seconds' label) national recognition.
6. **Grub Dog & the Amazing Sweethearts, (self-titled)** Over the last year-and-a-half, Grub's songwriting has blistered into a morass of raw, compelling storytelling. Better yet, the ever-evolving cast of Amazing Sweethearts gets stronger at every turn. One of the best live bands in Northern California.



## Head-banger Head-banged In The Head

In the story I heard you're like this. The Decibels were my scene. Big Dumb Farted with a bunch of Big Dumb Bands, when Chico gets jumped in the restroom by a bunch of Big Dumb Security Guards who mistook him for some Big Dumb Rocker. Some one of the aforementioned Big Dumb Bands who had started some stuff with "yes rather. Got all that? Ok. Fine off, what the hell kinda security is that? Who hired these gorillas? And eventually... Mac... jumps" again in the bathroom? I mean could you be any more vulnerable? That's me. I know. I got jumped standing at a street corner... and I could come up with all sorts of funny "Crushing Tiger" like stories. For the price you may be asking at that moment, but some of "me" would be very effective against a bunch of Big Dumb Security Guards. To add rock to enjoy!!!! the Decibels then catch crap for not playing up to get afterwards while Chico is performing with a conscience. Oh, man... some Big Dumb Head-Banger Heads are gonna roll...

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don't ya think?) For what it's worth, just about the best local thing I've heard recorded this year isn't even available. Grub Dog and The Amazing Sweethearts' "Goddamned Rock-n-Roll" is, well... Goddamned... Amazing. I'd heard it might come out on Cargo, then I heard it wasn't. How's that for investigative reporting? Watch for it someday, somewhere in your lifetime.

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not their... they know how to market acts, but then CLF kids are selling like crazy over there. Get this... They even had sessions that let them PERFORM! See? Who says there's no future for the LOCAL hip-hop acts to play?

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