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"Breakin' and Enterin'," a documentary about California poppin' and lockin' filmed in Los Angeles airs on cable TV, featuring Shabba Doo, Boogaloo shrimp, Pop 'n' Taco, Blue City Strutters (aka Boo Ya Tribe), and Ice-T, Egyptian Lover, Chris "The Glove" Taylor.



The group 2 Live Crew is formed at March Air Force Base (Sunnymead, CA) with Fresh Kid Ice (Born Wong Won in Trinidad, DJ Mr.Mixx (Born David Hobbs) and Amazing V. They release the single "Revelation" (1984) (a political rap song) and it becomes such a big hit in Miami and a second single "What I Like" (1985) after which Riverside native Brother Marquis joins the group. They move to Miami in 1986 and release their debut LP that same year (2 Live is What We Are).



The World Class Wreckin' Cru cut their first record "Slice" b/w "Kru Groove." It features Yella performing the scratching. The record was recorded at Audio Achievements in Torrance for \$100.



Kid Frost releases "Rough Cut" (1984) and "Terminator" (1985), produced by Dave Storr.



Ice T drops "6 In The Morning" on Techno Hop Records. It is considered to be the second gangsta rap record. The melody sounds close to Schoolly D's "PSK".



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Ice cube forms his first rap group called The Stereo Crew. He meets Dr. Dre who becomes somewhat of a mentor, taking him to various parties to perform, including Skateland U.S.A. They perform at parties given by the World Class Wreckin' Cru, and put out a record on Lonzo Williams' "Kru-Cut" label produced by Dr. Dre called "My Posse" (1987).

Dr. Dre, in jail for traffic warrants, is bailed out by Eazy E. They make a deal that Dre will produce tracks for Eazy whenever he forms a record label (Ruthless Records).



Collio drops the single "Whatcha' Gonna Do?"

J.J.Fad (Just Jammin' Fresh and Def) release their self-titled album on Ruthless Records. Discovered by Rudy Pardee of the L.A. Dream Team and snatched up by Eazy-E, the San Bernardino girl group—M.C.J.B. (Juana Burns), Bafy D (Dania Birks), and Sassy C (Michelle Franklin)—are a stark contrast to their labelmates and producers, N.W.A. The single "Supersonic" (produced by Arabian Prince) goes platinum and stays on the Billboard charts for over four months. They become the first female rap group to be nominated for a Grammy.



Members of N.W.A. are detained for performing a few lines from "Fuck Tha Police" at a concert in Detroit.

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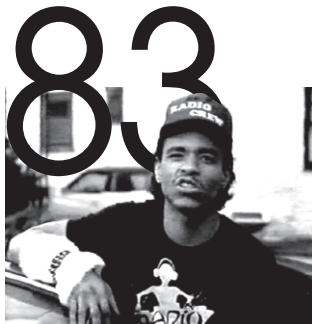
WC (formally a beatbox for the rap group The Organization) teams up with DJ Aladdin, a DJ who made a name for himself on L.A.'s underground party scene, and make up the group Low Profile. They add new flavor to the West Coast rap sound of the late 80's with the release of their album "We're In This Thing Together" on Priority Records. The single "Pay Ya Dues" becomes a West Coast hit.

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Ice T puts out his first single "The Coldest Rap" The Coldest Rap" is produced by Terry Lewis and Jimmy Jam.

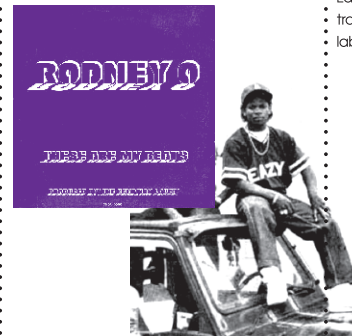


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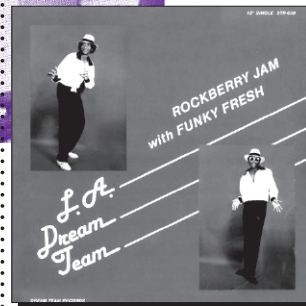
Rodney O releases the single "These Are My Beats" on Egyptian Lover's Egyptian Empire Records.



The L.A. Dream Team release their biggest hit, "The Dream Team Is In The House." It contains the chant "Yo, Baby, Yo Baby, Yo!" that the duo picked up from parties given by Ultra Wave Promotions. The chant becomes a pop icon expression and party chant standard. They sign to MCA and release "Kings Of West Coast"

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The World Class Wreckin' Cru release "Surgery." Written by Dr. Dre it will go on to sell 50,000 copies.



After recording two albums and three singles for the local independent 75 Girls Label, Too Short releases the album "Born To Mack" on his own Dangerous Music label and sells it out of his trunk. This blazes the trail for the Bay Area's "do it yourself" indie rap movement, which will fully blossom years later.