



## IN THE MIX

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### Underground hip-hop thrives on Thursdays

**T**HURSDAY nights at the Velvet Lounge have built up into one of your best chances to catch the top talent in Honolulu's underground hip-hop scene.

"Connect Four," hosted by **Ion Myke** and **Sean D**, features an open mic downstairs for any MC who wants to spit some game, while upstairs serves as the "B-Boy Park." I've even heard the Velvet Lounge's wall will be whitewashed this week to allow graffiti artists to get-down-with-the-get-down tonight at the club.

This week's special guests include **DJ Risup**, **12" Species**, **Microscopic Syllables** and members of the **Hawaii Slam Team**. Doors open at 10 p.m. for this 18-and-over party, and five bucks gets you through the door. Call 528-4911 ...

AND IT'S THE last weekend of the month, which means the insanely popular "Piranha Room" returns to the Ocean Club on Saturday.

This month, **Russell Tanoue** brings **DJs Frankie** and **Jose2Hype** to town from their regular gig at Tabu in Las Vegas' MGM Grand Hotel. Long lines are guaranteed the later it gets in the evening, so get there early! Cover is \$10 after 9 p.m. Call 531-8444 ...

ALSO ON SATURDAY, the "Glitter & Glamour Experience" returns after a brief hiatus during the holidays. Instead of taking place at the Wave Waikiki, as it normally does, this month's G&G moves to the Hyatt Regency Waikiki, where it'll be incorporated into the usual "Feng Shui" party that goes off poolside at the hotel.

Theme for the night is "The Heavy Petting Zoo," and you're supposed to wear animal prints and/or leather. **DJs Daniel J**, **IKON**, **Scottie Soul**, **Delve** and **XL** will spin in two rooms, and Los Angeles' **DJ REZA** is making the trip to throw down as