

DVDs are cool.

Various Artists
"Sub Pop Video Network Program 1"
(Sub Pop)

The lovely folks over at Sub Pop decided to reissue their first music video compilation from way back in 1991 (remember Nirvana kids? whoa!). This DVD is a great must have for any fan of independent music that spent their formative years in the nineties (upon initial viewing of the DVD, a small cluster of individuals reported having continuous dreams/nightmares of Lewis Largent hosting "120 Minutes."). With videos from Nirvana, Mudhoney, Beat Happening, Afghan Whigs and Seaweed among eight other Sub Pop standouts from yesteryear, this video compilation is a perfect gift. It's a very informative and educational gift as well; much like a dradle. World domination is such a chore.
www.subpop.com



Gordon Downs

Punk Rock Holocaust
(Spring Man)

Hate the guys from Simple Plan as much as I do? Then check this thing out and watch them get killed one by one. "Punk Rock Holocaust" features the most realistic and believable plot of all time (a killer is haunting the Warped Tour and won't stop until everyone is dead, the promoter doesn't want the shows

to get cancelled so he keeps them going, a reporter smells a rat, etc.) and a body count that rivals that of a small war. Simple Plan isn't the only one getting the ax (or poisoned, shot, run over, electrocuted, pushed off a building, etc.) here, as other victims include: Atmosphere, Me First, Glassjaw, Face to Face, Suicide Machines, The Used and many, many more. It won't win any Oscars but it will make you laugh and keep you entertained, plus you could keep rewinding to the part where Simple Plan bites it.
www.springmanrecords.com

Brian Greenaway

Devo
"Live in the Land of the Rising Sun: Japan 2003"
(Music Video Distributors)

Somewhat wistfully and with a very dry sense of humor, an older and wiser Devo returns to Japan a quarter century after its last tour there. The set list of the paper-suited band includes "Girl U Want", "Mongoloid", and "Freedom of Choice". Interview clips break up the footage of the arena show. Bonus tracks material includes more extended interviews with band members as well as vault video footage from 1980.
www.musicvideodistributors.com

Tom "Tearaway" Schulte



The Hebrew Hammer
(Comedy Central)

Though it never made the theaters, The Hebrew Hammer is actually pretty fucking funny. The basic plot revolves around the Hebrew Hammer, a Jewish mix of 007 and Pootie Tang, played by comedian Adam Goldberg, and Santa's evil son, played by Andy Dick. Along with some help from Mario Van Peebles, Judy Greer and an assortment of other actors and guest-stars, The Hebrew Hammer holds it's own as a movie, which is pretty surprising, what with the lack of reviews and press. Also included on the DVD is the original Hebrew Hammer short, deleted scenes, a gag reel and some minor crap you'll never ever watch. If you like both Koshier and anti-Semitic humor, you'll dig this.
www.thehebrewhammer.com



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MxPx
"B-Movie"
(Side One Dummy)

12 years of compiled concert footage, interviews, and the usual hijinx and shenanigans. Probably worth your time if you're an MxPx fan (e.g., you're in 7th grade) but probably best avoided if you're not. With their punky-pop sounds playing throughout the disc, the boys from MxPx come across as pretty



down to earth type guys, which I guess is always nice in this age of prima donnas and whiney bastards. Of course, the aforementioned groups make for good cinema, which "B-Movie" is a long ways from being. This is mostly a feel-good fest designed for the fans who just can't get enough of that perky-ass sound.
www.mpxx.com

Brian Greenaway

Slayer
"Still Reigning"
(American)

In life, there are few precious circumstances that when properly combined produce an almost sure-fire recipe for success. Serving turkey (or tofurkey) with stuffing and cranberry sauce at Thanksgiving dinner is one. Another safe bet is providing gifts at Christmas. Also guaranteed to produce desirable results is the pairing of water and well-endowed women at a wet t-shirt contest. Slayer's new DVD, Still Reigning, is yet another such win-win situation. Here's how it's done: document a live performance by the world's seminal thrash/speed metal band. Return to the throne, for the first time in over a decade, double-bass drum monster and original member, Dave Lombardo. Play, in its entirety, the undisputed 28-minute metal masterpiece, 1986's Reign in Blood. Unleash 150-liters of theatrical blood on the band during the classic song "Raining Blood". Mix with excellent sound. And add six, sick Slayer songs ("War Ensemble", "Hallowed Point", "Necrophilia", "Mandatory Suicide", "Spill the Blood" and "South of Heaven") as bonus material. For dessert, provide interviews with the band members. Voila! A recipe for success. Eat up!
www.americanrecordings.com



Michael Caldwell

Various Artists
"Death Metal - A Documentary"
(Bill Zebub Productions)

This documentary is an education for those into metal and those not. A series of interviews elucidate the state of death metal and its history from architects of the genre and more recent adherents. This is fleshed out with video clips and live footage, some of it X-rated. Among the guests interviewed is Peter Steele, vocalist for Carnivore.
www.musicvideodistributors.com

Tom "Tearaway" Schulte



411 Presents
"911 Slams"
(411 Productions)

I was initially disappointed. The box says "Skateboarding's most nut-racking, gut-wrenching, bone-crushing slams." I thought that would mean that they would talk about some of the most classic spills. I expected to see Neil Mim's face plant, Jamie Thomas knocking his teeth out, Heath Kirchart

compacting his spine, Corey Duffel upside down at the bottom of a set of steps, Danny Way breaking his wrist, Arto Saari glassy eyed in his own vomit, Matt Mumford with a hole in his head, or that guy that broke both his shins at the Leap of Faith. None of that was in the video. In retrospect it's a good thing that the video isn't loaded with played out footage. It took me a second viewing to appreciate the brutal corporal punishment contained in the video. It's 411, so you know there's loads of commercials, but it's tolerable. As the video begins, the host, Tim O'Connor, advises against watching before you go skating. I'd have to agree. He does these black and white monologues between sections like Ashton Kutcher on Punk'd. They are only slightly less annoying. The first of seven sections is the weakest part of the video. It consists of two tricks shown over and over. The rest of the video makes up for it. This would be a good thing for parents to show to their children, to keep them from skating. The slams get harder every time you watch them. However, it's not all discouragingly brutal. There are some funny and interesting parts as well. There's a really cool section devoted to the full loop contest in Tampa that covers the whole event as much as the spill at the end of it. They go into detail about two of the worst nut slams to date. Skateboarders and reality TV junkies alike will truly appreciate how gnarly this video is.
www.411VM.com

Sebastian U.

Anti-Flag
"Death of a Nation"
(A-F)

A great DVD for any Anti-Flag. "Death of a Nation" comes with 23 live videos of tracks, a few 'real' music videos, interviews, band footage, materials on activism and other stuff you'd expect from the Bouncing Souls of political punk. Also worthy of a mention is that the DVD is region free, meaning that it will play in any punk'er's DVD player no matter what country he/she lives in. Nice.
www.a-frecords.com



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