

DVD Roundup



When I Die

★★★★
if you gotta go, go gonzo

Wayne Ewing Films
Naturally, Hunter S. Thompson wanted himself memorialized on a Colorado hillside with a towering monument topped by a cannon and a 3-D cast of his double-thumbed, peyote-button-gripping fist logo. After HST's death, the wacky sequence of events—including contentious town meetings and a fire marshal's protest—led to this wish becoming reality. Shown here, the monumental outcome is much like the honoree: inflammatory, excessive, awe-inspiring.



Cinderella Man

★★★★
Boxing drama goes the distance

Universal
This fine film, starring Russell Crowe as Depression-era folk-hero boxer James Braddock, comes with collectible postcards and a thick booklet of photos. But the real bonus is the second disc's original black-and-white newsreel footage of the 1935 championship fight, where Braddock's nemesis Max Baer, clad in shorts emblazoned with an enormous Star of David (toned down in Ron Howard's film), appears to be even more brutish than his Hollywood counterpart.



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MVD
As the key link between glam and punk, the New York Dolls were true weirdos in their moment. During three years in the mid-Seventies, Bob Gruen and Nadya Beck shot forty hours of footage of the Dolls rocking out, nodding out and OD'ing on hair spray. Refreshingly free of talking heads or a voice-over, this doc is culled from vintage clips, and shows these FUBAR outsiders growing into a fantastic rock band, until the other platform shoe finally drops.



Take it like a man, buddy. Rogen and Carell (from left) method-act.

Are You Experienced?

The grown man's quest to get his rocks off. By Peter...



The 40-Year-Old Virgin

★★★★
Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd, Seth Rogen
Directed and co-written by Judd Apatow / Universal

While abstinence is the number-one way to prevent pregnancy, it also been clinically proved that if you haven't scored by the time you're destined to become either a serial killer or an expert on action movies (Steve Carell) is the latter, and his horn-dog co-workers at the electronics store (Director Judd Apatow (*Freaks and Geeks*) could've delivered just another comedy. *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* beyond sheer puerile hilarity is Andy's tender little mom (Catherine Keener) and the resulting insights into what makes a real Paul Rudd (as Andy's sensitive friend David) for effectively illustrating the fact that not necessarily solve a dude's deeper issues. Still, *Kinsey* this ain't, and you'll get improv-fueled bonus features. The uncut "You know how I know you're gay?" chest-waxing, and "Andy's Fantasies" are all aces, but the best extra is "Lined servitor for inexplicably cut zingers like "I'd rather sew up my vagina than look

Q&A: JUDD APATOW

The 40-Year-Old Virgin

Freaks and Geeks creator finally scores at the box office
What about Steve Carell made him perfect to play a virgin?
On the set of *Anchorman*, he told me the poker-game scene and the "bags of sand" joke. I told

Universal, and they bought the film on the phone after thirty seconds.

How did you persuade Carell to do the chest-waxing scene?
We knew we would do some sequence where his friends give him a makeover. The only idea that made us laugh was that he would have his body waxed. Steve said, "I don't think it's funny unless I really do it." I'm so callous, I don't care whatsoever about his real pain.

Did the studio actually research real forty-year-old virgins?
Yes. They found Web sites and blogs written by middle-aged virgins. They were shy and would

say things like "my girlfriend is my computer." Would you go? The thing I'd like to see is Little did I know she'd die. She was that that was by seeing her. Were you going to *Geeks* go on? We used to go on Saturday nights on season of *Seinfeld*. "If this came on, we should have then *Geeks* go on. When you were did you ever? I had a beer in my first *Seinfeld* came. I just saw Jon Stewart. me a new *Seinfeld*



Apatow: Both a freak and a geek



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