

The Corporation DVD (Zeitgeist Films)

Based on Joel Bakan's book The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit, The Corporation was almost lost amongst the barrage of popular documentaries in 2004, which means this DVD is your chance to catch Written by Bakan, produced in part by Mark
(Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the



My Own Private Idaho DVD (Criterion)

Gus Van Sant's 1991 film has been long overdue on DVD. This two-disc set aims to rectify the situation by providing substantive extras, including a beautiful 64-page book filled with rare photos and new and old essays. This haunting film focuses on two Portland hustlers: Mike Waters, haunted by his absent mother and dreamlike childction. Mike, played by the late and achingly beautiful River

As far as extras go, this set is a bit of a letdown. The only significant extra (in addition to the animated show) is one interview with George Gaines, who played Henry (you may also recognize him as Commandant Lassard from the Police Academy movies). It's great to hear from him, but an audio commentary from the creators or any input from Soleil Moon Frye, who played Punky herself, would be powerful indeed. (www.shoutfactory.com)

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Public Enemy: It Takes a Nation: The First London Invasion 1987 DVD (Music Video Distributors)

Before Public Enemy was a national joke due to Flavor Flav's recent appearances on VH1 reality shows, they were the best hip-hop act in the world. It Takes a Nation shows the early stages of P.E. right before they recorded their landmark second album It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us

Back while on tour opening for LL Cool J in London to support their first album, Yo! Bum Rush the Show. Classics like "Bring The Noise" and "Rebel Without a Pause" are atmospherically documented here with an '80s-era video camera along with backstage footage of Flavor, Professor Griff, and Terminator X. Frontman Chuck D provides an enlightening and energetic commentary that educates the viewer on the seminal group's beginnings, and an extra CD is included that has the live show and remixes. (www.publicenemy.com, www.musicvideodistributors.com)

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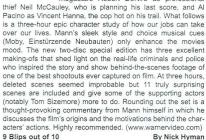
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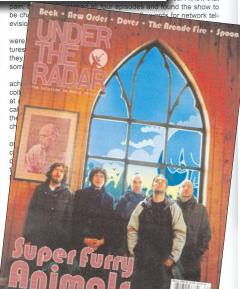


Punky Brewster: Season 2 DVD (Shout! Factory)

Punky power! That was the battle cry heard round the US during the mid '80s when a precocious abandoned seven-year-old named Punky Brewster and her dog Brandon met Henry Warnimont and turned his life upside down. The hit show was on for four seasons and even spawned an animated show (It's Punky Brewster), three

hours of which are featured here as extras

The show managed to be funny, cheesy and heartfelt all at the same time, not to mention trendsetting. Punky's ragtag style influenced thousands of indie-rock girls and boys from the early '90s, whether they'd like to admit it or not. The highlight from the second season has to be the five-part "Changes," with its emotionally charged story of Punky being taken away from Henry when his



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