

The Jeff Healey Band DVD/CD Set

Live in Belgium
Eagle Rock North

I remember the first time I saw Jeff Healey, he had put out an independent video of his hit, "See The Light." Here was a blind guitar player with his axe laid out on his lap, playing in the most unorthodox fashion, yet the music leaving the instrument sounded as if he was exorcising the devil music from his Stratocaster, playing as if he was on a mission from God. The performance was just an amazing visual that still sends chills down my spine to this day. This live DVD captures the energy and passion of the late

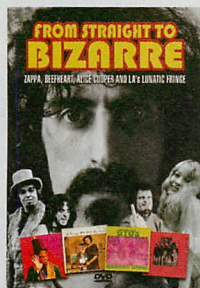
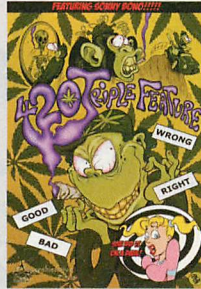
Healey's awesome live performances. I'm sure it will leave you in awe of this talented and riveting musician. **ML**

420 Triple Feature DVD

Apprehensive Films

Man, I loved this package. If Grindhouse films had a child with Reefer Madness, 420 Triple Feature would be their baby. Sitting through this propaganda DVD of old "educational" marijuana films put a smile on my face from ear to ear, further proof that shit is just plain funnier when you're stoned.

With misinformation and lies tucked firmly in place of the truth, marijuana comes off looking like pure evil. Lucky these films are a thing of the past and education is now replacing the false accusations and utter nonsense. Just the same, any half-decent baked enthusiast of the plant will honestly laugh out loud at these absurd films. It's mind blowing that these movies were really used to inform the public and it's quite easy to see why fear of marijuana use was so strong in the '50s and '60s. **ML**



From Straight to Bizarre DVD

Sexy Intelligent Films

Frank Zappa was a genius and visionary. When you add those two qualities on top of being a control freak, Zappa was just an artist who couldn't be contained by a record label, so he figured out that what he had to do was form his own label and born was Straight and Bizarre.

Of course he recorded and put out his own amazing work, but Zappa now used his newfound freedom to also release unique acts, radical music and extreme personalities onto the world. The original freak was using his power to release music and work from other talented and far out freaks and oddball characters.

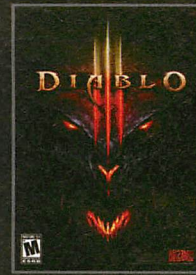
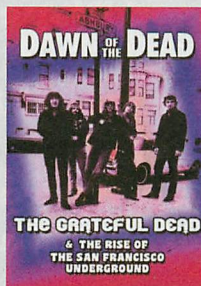
From Wild Man Fischer, a gang of ex-groupies that formed the all-female GTOs, live recordings of Lenny Bruce, the first outing of Alice Cooper and of course Captain Beefheart, the out-casts now had a voice via Frank's vision. This DVD reveals the wild times when the doors were blown off and all the fringe artists were given a chance to come out and shine. **ML**

Dawn of the Dead: The Grateful Dead & Rise of the San Francisco Underground DVD

Sexy Intellectual Productions

It's impossible to think of the Haight-Ashbury district, the San Francisco musical scene and the '60s without bringing up The Grateful Dead. This DVD is a capsule that will send you back in time and have you reach for flowers for your hair and hits of acid by its end.

While the bulk of the feature details Jerry Garcia's and his pals' rise and run as the pioneers of the psychedelic age, the DVD is still wise enough to touch on a handful of other influential bands and leaders of the San Fran laid back vibe. You couldn't have the '60s as we know them without what went down on this DVD. **ML**



GAME

DIABLO III

Blizzard Entertainment
PC/MAC

When a game has the power to sell 3.5 million copies in 24 hours, you have to take notice. I have to be honest right out of the gate, I'm not a huge fan of the genre. In fact, I'm tired of the overhead view of a group of players ganging up on an evil creature and via their lethal weapons slaying said creature and in return being rewarded with money and more weapons. In most cases, the orgy of death is just too busy to enjoy or follow as players kind of gangbang the evilness to death in a series of explosions, sword swings, magical weapons and fire bombs that when all happen at once fail to amuse me anymore. I have to admit, the artwork that goes into making the sets is a sight to see as the dungeon crawl and other scenes are topnotch.

Sure, all my friends who picked up the game enjoy it to the wee hours of the morning. I, on the other hand, grew tired of it rather fast. What it boils down to is, if you enjoy the previous incarnations of Diablo, you're going to get wet and hard playing this release. From where I play, I truly believe Diablo can go to hell. **ML**



3 spliffs out of 10

