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Anarchism in America DVD (AK 674-A 23rd St Oakland CA 94612) Filmed in 1980 this documentary explores the history of anarchism in the U.S., especially pursuing the idea that the tenets of the philosophy are inherently American. One interesting theme here is that the youngest ideologues seem the silliest (a campus group in the 60s is interviewed in a clip shot by the filmmakers as students, and "groovy"s and "far out"s abound), and despite being incredibly impressive, extremely old anarchists seem more cute than threatening. It is the middle aged, sharo, articulate anarchists that seem the most powerful, and their power sadly lies in part with their

recognition of the unlikelihood of revolution. One gentleman's description of the ways blind patriotism dampens dissent in times of crisis eerily foreshadows today's America. A bonus on this disc is a second documentary on Jewish anarchism.

The Rolling Stones Under Review 1962-1966 DVD (Sexy Intellectual) This entry into this series of rock-critics-tell-you-what-to-think music documentaries does well by focusing on a concise developmental segment of Stonesology. The footage of the band from that era is amazing, the stories are great, and "I left the Stones for the Pretty Things and I'm OK with that" Dick Taylor is the coolest old man in rock.

Pornstar Pets (Brinkfilm) No deception in the title. Adult film performers turn out to be pretty devoted pet owners. Classic stars like Kitten Navidad and the Hedgehog (who has a turtle, not a hedgehog) join the muscular men and modified maidens of modern stag films to show off dogs, cats, horses, and their real personalities. Note: apparently some adult film industry folks may be a bit insane. On the other hand, this is as honest, forthright and revealing as you will ever see some of them.

G.B.H. "Charged G.B.H. on stage - City Baby Attacked by Rats" DVD (MVD) If you think you want to see a 2004 G.B.H. concert, you are mistaken. Ouch.

Funk You Very Much DVD (inakustic) Drawing from the brightly lit, unfunky German *Ohne Filter* TV series DVD collection, these clips are less groovy than you would expect from a DVD comp with Johnny "Guitar" Watson, Curtis Mayfield, Gatmouth Brown, Tony Joe White. But it's better than buying all 13 DVDs.

Snakes & Music "isabelle" (Union City 404 Adams St. Hoboken, NJ 07030) Sweetly venomous!

Look At The Love We Found: LIVE A Tribute to Sublime (MVD) Sublime must have been really nice guys because I can't believe the tribute and love they are getting based on that one mediocre, posthumous LP.

Small Faces "Under Review" DVD (Chrome Dreams) We all need reminders now and then that if things had just gone slightly askew we could all be debating if Beatles or Faces were the best band ever, rather than Mick whatshisname and co. We also need to remember that the fringe dudes on the

British bluesy scene in the 60s are only eclipsed in nuttiness by the mods. Thanks for the reminders Mr. DVD!

Velvet Underground Under Review DVD (Chrome Dreams) One of the best Under Review DVDs because there is such a compact history that it can be thoroughly covered, and because Moe Tucker is interviewed, and nobody is cooler than Moe Tucker. There's some really boss archival footage, and if any band ever lent itself to music experts jabbering, it's VU. And it isn't bullshit to talk about a band like this at length. You have to!

Roy Ayers "in concert" DVD (inakustic) Unlike most releases from this series of the German *Ohne Filter* productions, this isn't from the 80s, and is not as dated or hard to get into as its *Miami Vice*-couture-clad brethren. Ayers set, recorded in 1994, features a helping of vibraphonic soul that will make everyone love the sunshine even more. While there are some cool jazz clichés that will annoy purists, Ayers puts in a focused, deep performance that is really easy to dig.

Lee 'Scratch' Perry "in concert The Ultimate Alien" (MVD) Some folks offer that Mr. Perry is pretending to be crazy to avoid certain legal responsibilities. This concert, interview and rehearsal DVD seems to convince me that he's the real deal. Not only is he the stage-commanding, magic bringing, George Clinton of Jamaica...he's also genuinely nuts.

Radiohead: ok computer - a classic album under review DVD (Sexy Intellectual) Wow, can you believe they were able to assemble a group of British rock critics to talk about this particular album? This really fills in the gaps missing from the 1.3 billion words already written about the CD.

Moistboyz "Live Jihad" DVD (MVD) Nasty!