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**PUPPETS WHO KILL: THE BEST OF SEASON 3 AND 4 (2DVD) - VSC** 50/100

Puppets Who Kill's original run ended in 2006, this 'the best of' is a reminder or revisit for many who may have long forgotten about the series. The story of four puppets or dolls (Cuddles "created to help people with problems ... now he is the problem" the comfort doll, Buttons the bear, Bill the ventriloquist dummy and Rocko the dog) who live in a halfway house "in a last desperate stab at rehabilitation" with owner Dan Barlow (played by Comedian Dan Redican) is an often profanity-laced, sometimes witty story of the weirdness that the four and other myriad characters are involved in. Naturally each doll has its or his own nuttier side, be it the aforementioned profanity fetish, the overactive sexual drive, the psychopathic behaviour or just simply aggressive nature. The comedic standard is not always the highest and as such it sometimes fails to keep viewer interest, especially when a 'best of' in itself is near 290 minutes. However, there are high moments including one where at a corporate presentation Rocko the dog, along with Bill the ventriloquist dummy, advises a board meeting - chaired by Canadian actor Gord Robertson - by declaring that "Based on my lengthy experience in prison here are my tips on how to improve efficiency of an organization; One, it pays to lie like a bastard..."

Thirteen episodes and extras make up this, not properly chaptered, double DVD. Episode titles include Buttons And The Make A Wish Foundation and The CBC Is Killing Again. The extras are mainly made up of writer and director commentary, John Pattison and Shawn Alex Thompson in this case. - Anna Tergel

**SISTER SMILE - THE TRAGIC TALE OF THE SINGING NUN (DVD) - MVD VISUAL** 50/100

Sister Smile is the story of Soeur Sourire also known as the Singing Nun, a Belgian nun here played by Ginevra Colonna. She gained mainstream success in 1963 with a single called "Dominique." This Italian language film tracks her youth from taking up the guitar and joining a convent to her eventual lesbian relationship and eventual death. We see her having nightmares of being plunged into hell and dreams of singing with guitar in hand. At one point she leaves the convent, without warning, and rumours soon spread that she has joined a satanic cult. Instead she joins the 'Hope House' where she meets the counselor, played by Simona Caparrini, whom she falls in love with. We see her unusual behaviour such as placing a tape on her mouth and drawing lipstick over it or drawing on her chest while in front of a mirror. The director tries to draw a picture of an unstable person who suddenly runs to her father but returns to her lover soon after. The film showcases the darker side of Sister Smile's life and with the short-lived success barely given a place. This is director and screenwriter Roger Deutsch's take on a real life story, sometimes powerful sometimes confusing and underwhelming.

Two short films by the director, Dead People and Mario Makes A Movie make up the bonus material. Italian with English subtitles. - Anna Tergel

**SPOKANARCHY - WHERE WERE YOU IN '82? (DVD) - CARNAGE & ROUGE** 40/100

SpokAnarchy is a documentary about the early 80's punk rock scene in the city of Spokane, USA. It starts with a brief history of the city where it is called the 'biggest hick town'. Jack Kendall, a vintage clothing storeowner from the area described as a destination for 'youth with the outsider culture', talks a bit about the times. Jan Gregor of Sweet Madness, an early punk band of the era, gives his thoughts too so does Charlie Schmidt, a graphic artist. Many characters continue to give their take on the situation and atmosphere back then, these include Francois 'one of the first punk rockers in Spokane' Haraldson, Mikal Vollmer who published a zine back then and other natives or those who happened to live at or near the scene such as Erica K. Schisler who is now a Director of Product Development in Adobe Dynamic Media engineering! Sometimes bizarre scenes, sights and sounds are interspersed with sometimes lengthy interviews with the above-mentioned characters and others. There is nothing in here that is widely famous or known outside of the area, perhaps Vampire Lezbos is an exception but otherwise this is a tale of odd, underground art and fashion and not just music. Bonus material include photo galleries of flyers and zines of the time and short films with one titled Go F\*ck Yourself which features the aforementioned Mikal Vollmer showing off his paintings including one called Monsters Fucking Kids. - Anna Tergel

**GG ALLIN & THE MURDER JUNKIES - BLOOD, SHIT, AND FEARS (DVD) - MVD VISUAL**
30/100

This DVD features three shows from 1991 (at the Antenna Club, Fuped Duck and Orpheus Theater) and two from 1993 (at the Penguin Pub, The Metro), all scattered throughout the US. The late GG Allin, the pseudo-