

Video Previews

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MUSIC

Judas Priest, "Metal World 73-93," Columbia Music Video, 90 minutes, \$19.98. The high Priest of metal gets a ceremonious tribute in this entertaining documentary that follows front man Rob Halford and company from their embryonic days in Birmingham, England, to their current international fame, guided by CBS Records (now Columbia Records). Interviews with Priest devotees such as Ozzy Osbourne and members of Def Leppard, Deep Purple, and Pantera convey the breadth of influence the veteran act has had, and live footage from concerts throughout its career, including the heady motorcycle-on-the-stage stunt, show these metal mavens aren't all talk. Also included is archival footage that spans a variety of topics, including the highly publicized Reno suicide case that absolved the band of any connection and was upheld by the state Supreme Court earlier this month.

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"Journeys," Ellipse Productions (801-466-4648), 40 minutes, \$19.95.



The ethereal, free-flowing music of Narada composer/recording artist David Arkenstone serves as the soundtrack to a journey through several breathtaking patches of Americana, from sparkling California beaches to lava fields in Hawaii to an autumn forest in New England. The six tracks included here find Arkenstone meandering along the same musical path that earned him a Grammy nomination in the new-age category in 1991: plenty of swirling synth and keyboard sounds. As visually stunning as it is aurally soothing, "Journeys" takes viewers away from their everyday surroundings—which, for most of us, are not the Redwood forests and Gulf Stream waters. As such, it should garner considerable interest.

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and even grandparents, "Sing Me A Story" features the amiable Black, acoustic guitar in hand and backing band in tow, engaging the crowd to sing along with such numbers as "Alpheg Bet Boogie" (about the importance of learning the Hebrew alphabet) and "Afikomen Mambo" (which teaches about the Passover tradition).

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Nicholson to Arnold Schwarzenegger—shine brightest, although his sharp wit also extends to such topical fodder as Pee-wee Herman's arrest ("Who called the police, anyway?"). Pollack, who now resides in L.A., also pokes plenty of fun at the entertainment industry and the quirks and neuroses of Jewish people (the title is a reference to the painful cries of a "Kung Fu Jew"). A winner.

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DOCUMENTARY

"Wonders Of Nature," "Wonders Of Man's Creation," "Wonders Sacred & Mysterious," Reader's Digest Home Entertainment (800-234-9000), 60 minutes each, \$59.95 set, \$24.95 each. These three titles, available separately or packaged together in a classy leather box, present a thoroughly enriching and lavish view of many great wonders of the world. "Wonders Of Nature," which originally aired on the Disney Channel, just took Emmy Awards for best program in special class, daytime TV, and achievement in single-camera photography. And it's no wonder. Sweeping photography of such marvels as the Grand Canyon, Sahara Desert, Ayers Rock, and others is backed with a fact-packed narrative. The other videos are equally impressive: "Man's Creation" details eight creations, including Rome's Colosseum, the Great Wall of China, and Mount Rushmore; "Sacred & Mysterious" looks at Stonehenge, Egypt's Great Pyramids, the Taj Mahal, and more. Viewers will feel they've traveled the world without leaving their living room.

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MADE-FOR-TV

"Land Of The Lost," Worldvision Home Video, 45 minutes each, \$14.98 each.



When Sid and Marty Krofft introduced their live-action Saturday-morning TV series in the early '70s, it was one of the first sci-fi dramas aimed at children. Their "New Land Of The Lost," currently airing on ABC-TV, continues the tradition, but has a distinctly '90s feel. Some of this updating, such as the Porter family documenting their adventures with a handheld camcorder, works. Others, including references to Hollywood icons such as Madonna, do not. "Jungle Girl" and "Shung The Terrible," one of Worldvision's initial six releases (two episodes per tape), are a bit corny, but still fun. And with the recent onslaught of dinomania fueled by "Jurassic Park," "Land Of The Lost" should see plenty of action.

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INSTRUCTIONAL

"I've Got A Great Idea: How To Make Your Brainstorm Bankable," R&B Films (516-588-8010), 121 minutes, \$29.95.

For all those aspiring Einsteins and Edisons out there, this tape is for you. From analyzing the potential of an idea to creating a prototype to securing a patent, all aspects of invention are discussed and detailed through interviews and running examples of the steps a modern-day inventor of childcare products has taken to make her dreams a reality. Packaged in an attractive, albeit oversized box that also houses a handy booklet of information and sample documents, the video is thorough almost to the point of tedium. Which is the only complaint. Of course, the fast-forward device allows viewers to skip over parts that don't specifically pertain to them, and therefore get exactly what they want out of the two-hour program.

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CHILDREN'S

"Hip-Hop Animal Workout," A&M Home Video, 25 minutes, \$9.95.

When a group of youngsters lament for a new way to work off some energy, their wish is granted by a fit, hip-hoppin' dodo bird who transports them to a magical, mountainous place where they appear in colorful workout gear ready to have fun with a peppy, smiling trainer who looks pretty young herself. Propelled by a body-wriggling soundtrack and well-choreographed moves such as the Elephant Glide, Orangutan Swing, Funky Kangaroo, and other animal-inspired imagery, the routine is invigorating without being too rigorous. A great way for kids to channel some of that excess energy and get into shape, "Hip-Hop Animal Workout" would be well-placed in the children's or fitness section at retail.

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"Sing Me A Story: Rabbi Joe Black In Concert," Lanitunes (612-546-4216), 45 minutes, \$19.95.

A far cry from the long, droning lessons often suffered in Hebrew School, Minneapolis associate rabbi Black's program of storytelling and song is fast-paced, fun, and immensely educational. Filmed at a concert in front of kids as well as their parents

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COMEDY

"Kevin Pollack: Stop With The Kicking," New Line Home Video/Columbia TriStar, 58 minutes, \$39.95. Standup comedian recently gone actor ("A Few Good Men") delivers one hilarious punch after another in this performance taped last year in his home town of San Jose, Calif. First presented as an HBO comedy special, "Stop With The Kicking" features several backstage shots in black and white that cleverly mimic Madonna's "Truth Or Dare" show-all flick. Of the live material, his trademark impersonations of Hollywoodians—from Peter Falk's Columbo to Jack

Billboard.

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| 32 | 22 | 25 | A YEAR AND A HALF: VOL. 1 ▲ Elektra Entertainment 40146 | Metallica | LF | 19.98 |
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| 34 | 36 | 52 | LIVE AT THE EL MOCAMBO ● Columbia Music Video 19V-49111 | Stevie Ray Vaughan | LF | 19.98 |
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