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ALBUMS

MOVIES

DEAD PREZ LET'S GET FREE

Dead Prez has to be the most schizophrenic rap group in the history of hip-hop. The themes off *Let's Get Free* read like an insane hippie's daily to-do list: overturn government, destroy school system, kill whitey, eat tofu, throw party. Thankfully, Dead Prez can't kill you through the speakers, so even Caucasian squares can rap along with "I'm An African" and "Hip-Hop."

DEAD KENNEDYS FRESH FRUIT FOR ROTTING VEGETABLES

Reganomics might be a thing of the past, but the anti-supply-side fury of Jello Biafra gives the music of Dead Kennedys a timeless energy. Of all the group's albums, *Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables* features the most hits: "Holiday in Cambodia," "Kill the Poor" and more. Even though the railings against California Gov. Jerry Brown are dated, it's tough to top the manic "California Uber Alles."



THE ROLLING STONES EXILE ON MAIN ST.

It's sometimes hard to believe, but The Rolling Stones once really were the world's greatest rock 'n' roll band, and in 1972 they delivered their masterpiece, *Exile on Main St.* They might have made other outstanding albums, but they never made another one as ambitious, raunchy or influential as this.

PIXIES DOOLITTLE

In the frizzy-haired wasteland of '80 rock, the Pixies emerged with *Surfer Rosa*, a tongue-in-cheek up yours to contemporary pop culture. On *Surfer Rosa* they opened Pandora's Box, but with *Doolittle* they harnessed the noise to craft a real masterpiece and their best recording.



APHEX TWIN RICHARD D. JAMES ALBUM

With powerful, twitch-inducing tracks like "Cornish Acid," sequencer Richard James' autobiographically titled album is both the best in the Aphex Twin catalog and one of the highlights of '90s techno. Don't come expecting dance tracks — this mixture of rapid-firing breakbeats is all but standard. The varied, unforgiving tracks will get toes tapping, often uncontrollably, as the album drives to its conclusion. Do your pulse a favor.

DUMB & DUMBER

It's probably the stupidest — yeah, stupidest — 101 minutes of film ever recorded, but if there is one thing that elementary school taught us it's this: mocking dumb people is not only easy, it's fun. This is also the last hurrah before Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels tried to become legitimate actors, killing their careers.



Although it harkens back to the days of slumber parties and recess, the overwhelming nostalgia can't cloud the position of "The Goonies" in Generation Y pop culture. This movie made foraging in the attic cool, since any kid would love to find lost treasure the way Mouth, Chunk, Data and, of course, Sloth did. Sean Austin might make a mean Hobbit, but he'll always be Mikey.

GOONIES

DRUNKEN MASTER 2: THE LEGEND OF DRUNKEN MASTER

Jackie Chan's finest film answers the question often on everyone's mind: Can a suit-wearing businessman kick, and kick repeatedly, over his head? Yes. Yes, he can. The second film in the "Drunken Master" series, this string of eye-popping confrontations has more speed, style and, well, drinking than any domestic Chan release. Honestly, by now, who isn't sick of Chris Tucker?



ANY MONTY PYTHON FILM

Oh, those cheeky Brits. Droll humor is a guaranteed way to combat the torpor that results from confinement. The classic scenes of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" can never be run into the ground with repeated references. "The Meaning of Life" pushes boundaries, but a little lewdness never hurt anyone. In the words of Homer Simpson, "The Life of Brian" is "sacri-licious." Although John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle and others moved on, it's tough to beat them in any picture with this screwball collective.

THIS IS SPINAL TAP

A rite of passage for anyone who grew up with the absurdity of '80s music, "This is Spinal Tap" is quite simply one of the most unrelenting satires in all of cinema. Christopher Guest loved the "mockumentary" approach so much he's since based his career on it. "Spinal Tap" is the perfect film for when you need that extra push over the cliff.



MIXED BAG

DRINKING

In the Simpsons episode "Homer vs. the 18th Amendment," Homer toasts, "To alcohol — the cause of, and solution to, all of life's problems." Just think about it: It keeps you warm in snowy weather, makes you funnier, more likely to do funny/stupid/funny and stupid things and invariably increases your chances of getting some action. With this evidence, why not grease the wheels this winter?

NINTENDO GAME CUBE

Before you even consider this option, know that you'll be playing games featuring cartoon characters and a flaming plumber. That said, the Gamecube has the best multiplayer games on the market today. With such soon-to-be classics as "Mario Kart: Double Dash," "Super Smash Brothers" and any of the "Mario Party" games, this 8-inch box provides preschool-themed fun for those with motor skills.

BOARD GAMES

Remember how miserable family night used to be? Thankfully, games nowadays have moved beyond the staples, surpassing "Yahtzee," "Stratego" and "Monopoly," young capitalism at its best. Parker Brothers and crew have wised up and created some adult-themed games, with potential for edgy hilarity. Highlights include "Cranium," "Trivial Pursuit" and the countless lewd variations on "Jenga."

CARDS

Violent games of "War" at camp, amiable "Rummy" with the family and those lonely, lonely games of "Solitaire" — cards are, dogs aside, man's best friend. Now that the World Series of Poker is a hot television item, everyone's convinced they're god's gift to visors and Texas hold-'em. But you can still have some fun without losing your student refund check with classics such as "Euchre," "Spades" and more.

ANY OF THE ABOVE PLUS DRINKING

If you've never been to class, walked through the Pit, talked to a friend or left your room, you can still leave college with this lesson: Anything can be turned into a drinking game. The other

day, when you were sledding by the Dean Dome, you'd probably been drinking. Want to make "The English Patient" a bucket of fun? Take the edge off first. Worried the latest Ibsen revival

might be a little stiff? You have options. Where would "Dumb and Dumber," card games and Keith Richards be without sweet lady liquor? To quote Andre 3000: You know what to do.

DISCLAIMER: Do not drink if you are underage. Do not drink and drive. Also, do not drink excessively. Please be responsible.