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This Day in History



Battle of Waterloo: Napoleon's Last Battle (1815)



After returning from exile at Elba, Napoleon reinstalled himself on the throne of France for 100 days. During this time, the forces of the rest of Europe converged on him. On June 18, Napoleon began a massed attack against the British center, but the British stemmed the tide until the arrival of Prussian forces. This event proved the turning point of the battle. Routed, the French retreated, and Napoleon left the field and signed his second abdication. The battle resulted in how many casualties? [More...](#)

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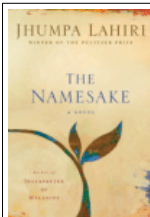
Paul McCartney (1942)



McCartney is a singer and songwriter who, together with John Lennon, founded the Beatles. The group defined a musical genre and helped jump-start a cultural revolution among young people in the 1960s. McCartney is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the most successful composer in popular music history. He is credited with a record twenty-nine US number one singles. How many of these were with the Beatles? [More...](#)

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Article of the Day



Jhumpa Lahiri



Jhumpa Lahiri is a contemporary Indian-American (Bengali) author based in New York City. Her debut, *Interpreter of Maladies*, addresses sensitive dilemmas in the lives of Indian immigrants, exploring themes involving marital difficulties, miscarriages, and the disconnection between first and second generation immigrants in the US. A film adaptation of her novel, *The Namesake*, will be released in November 2007. She is a vice president of what important organization? [More...](#)

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Word of the Day



[befuddled](#)

Definition: (adjective) Perplexed by many conflicting situations or statements; filled with bewilderment.

Synonyms: [bewildered](#), [confounded](#), [baffled](#), [mixed-up](#), [bemused](#), [lost](#)

Usage: The audience was befuddled by the speaker's contradictory statements.

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Quotation of the Day



He was a wise man who invented beer.

Plato
(427 BC-347 BC)



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In the News



Teens Beware - Sleeping in May Cause Jetlag



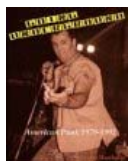
At SLEEP 2007, a conference of [sleep](#) experts and professionals, researchers presented the results of a study on weekend "catch up" sleep and its overall effectiveness. [Teens](#) often sleep little during the week and, in order to compensate, they try to catch up on weekends by sleeping late. The unfortunate consequence is that the body's [biological clock](#) resets to that later wake-up time; this causes a kind of "[jetlag](#)" on Monday morning that can result in poor academic performance.

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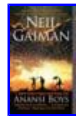
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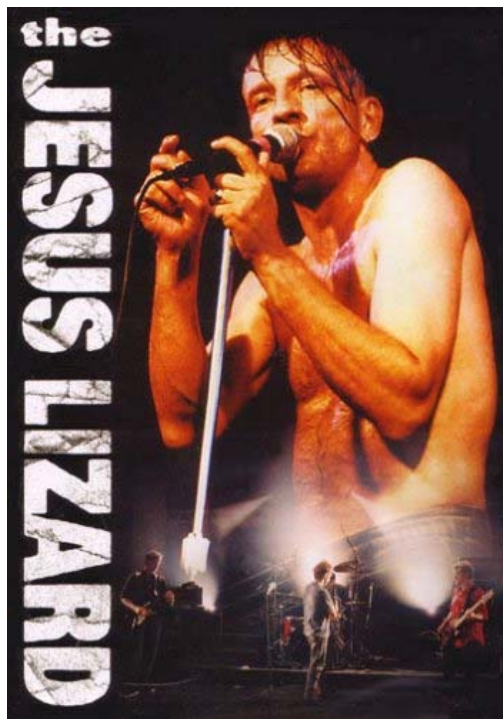
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The Jesus Lizard DVD

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It was a low period in what I'd refer to as standard punk rock back in the late 1980s/early 1990's. Most of the bands I spent my teenage years listening to either radically changed their sound, broke up or went metal (and thus they typically sucked). The "new" [punk bands](#) were these cookie cutter "youth crew" bands that were of absolutely zero interest to me. I spent those years discovering other genres of music and a sort of new punk rock was born in the guise of

noisy indie rock bands. Labels like [Sub Pop](#), [Amphetamine Reptile](#) and [Touch and Go](#) were putting out some pretty great records back then and a new scene was born. One of the best bands from that era was born out of the ashes of an old-school punk rock band called Scratch Acid and the band I'm referring to is The [Jesus Lizard](#).

The Jesus Lizard were nearly every bit as unconventional as Scratch Acid but in a different way. No one sounded like them. They put out a handful of really good, powerful, noisy records and toured relentlessly. The shows were often chaotic and full of energy as wild front man, David Yow, flailed about the stage while wailing into his microphone. He'd often sweat, sometimes bleed, and always ended up in the crowd throughout the shows; usually surfing on top of them. They'd seldom play much longer than 45 minutes but they didn't need to, that was all the time required to deliver the goods. Eventually they put out a major label release, left their home of Touch and Go Records, and sort of fizzled out as their records became less and less inspiring.

This DVD features a live show recorded at the tail end of the era I consider their prime in 1994. The show was filmed in Boston for a cable TV show on two cameras. The band were loud and pretty full on energy and this is a very good document of what it was like to see a typical Jesus Lizard show back then. David Yow howls, growls, wails, and sails through the crowd throughout the show while being backed by a loud and powerful band, showing off their craft as they belt out their unique style of music. The last time I probably saw the band was on this tour, and it was really a nice little trip back through time watching this live footage.

The video is full frame and the picture quality is mostly very good. There are times of graininess during scenes of especially low light but for the time period it seems they used some pretty good equipment. The audio comes in two flavors; stereo and 5.1 surround. The 5.1 track sounds a bit thin, I preferred the stereo track. Overall the audio quality is quite clear, though lacking a bit on the low end. The main feature runs about 45 minutes for the live show and is followed by a 10 minutes or so of interview footage shot at the same show. As a bonus there is a 10 minute live set from CBGB's recorded by [Merle Allin](#) (GG's brother). That footage is single camera and not nearly as good quality as the main feature but was still pretty neat to see. This makes the total running time of the DVD about 65 minutes.

As a one time large fan of The Jesus Lizard, I was pretty excited to see this DVD come out as a memento from a time long past. It is nice to see that some stuff from this era of independent music is finally starting to get some retrospective documents. Hopefully this will be the beginning of a trend. If you are/were a fan of this band in their prime, it's probably worth your time to add this to your collection.

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