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New on DVD
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This week's platinum picks

***Mitzi Gaynor: Razzle Dazzle!
The Special Years***

★★★★, 1968-78/2008, City Lights, unrated, \$25

Back when Janet Jackson was probably still eating Gerber's, the FCC got migraines from Bob Mackie's costumes for Gaynor's TV extravaganzas, which always made guys think they were seeing more than they were. The duds dazzled, too.

Back story: The movies never quite knew what do with Gaynor, as if megawatt babes who could sing and especially dance up a storm were that routine. But in Vegas and here, she was better when near 50 than she was in her twenties.

Extras, extras: This documentary, now running on PBS, is a blast. But superior DVD extras (20 minutes longer) offer full versions of the former's clips plus a smash look-back featurette reuniting Gaynor and Mackie.



Green Isle

In the spotlight: Mitzi Gaynor and Carl Reiner.