

# New On Video & DVD

**Aqua Teen Hunger Force Volume 5** Fast-food friends Frylock, Meatwad and Master Shake continue their quirky adventures as they hang out in their home state of New Jersey and stumble into all kinds of trouble in these episodes from the popular Cartoon Network series. Shake sells out to Boost Mobile phone company, Meatwad works at a car wash, things go awry when Frylock creates a dog named Handbanana, and Shakes's new nuclear-driven grill is a lot more powerful than expected. Part of the Cartoon Network's Adult Swim series, which targets 18- to 34-year-olds, *Aqua Teen Hunger Force* is strikingly original entertainment. This fifth volume of episodes from the show contains two-and-a-half hours of fun with the gang. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Dirtfoot," "Boost Mobile," "Dickesode," "Uncensored: Dickesode," "Hand Banana," "Party All the Time," "Bart Oats," "Global Grilling," "Grim Reaper Gutters" and "Moonjuana." Additional Actors: Nick Ingkatanuwat, Ned Hastings, Schooly-D, Killer Mike, Andy Merrill, Mike Schatz, Tommy Blacha, Brendon Small, Andrew W.K., Tera Patrick, Jay Edwards. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Ezekiel," "Antenna," "Carl Wash," "Star Studded X-Mas Special (Part 1)," and "Star Studded X-Mas Special (Part 2)." Additional Actors: Will Forte, Mike Judge, George Lowe, Patton Oswalt, Jim Fortier.

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**Walker Texas Ranger 4th Season** Texas Ranger Cordell Walker (Chuck Norris) serves up his own brand of Southern-style justice -- a dizzying blend of razor-sharp martial arts maneuvers and Old West crime-solving techniques -- in the fourth season of this long-running CBS series. As the action unfolds, it's a race against time as Walker moves to stop an escaped psychopath (Ed O'Ross) from exacting his revenge on a long list of innocent victims. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Higher Power," "Patriot," "Ghost Rider" and "Brotherhood." Additional Actors: Yuji Okumoto, John Fujioka, Tyrees Allen, Lynne Moody, John Savage, Tod Thawley, Art Evans, Brian Keith, Jameson Parker, Cyril O'Reilly. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Plague," "Redemption," "Codename: Dragonfly" and "Silent Cry." Additional Actors: George Marshall Ruge, Bob Hess, Rod Taylor, Stephen McHattie, Keith Szarabajka, Marshall R. Teague, Richard Herd, Reni Santoni, George DelHoyo, Mark Rolston. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Swan Song," "Cyclone," "Lucky" and "The Deadliest Man Alive." Additional Actors: Rheagan Wallace, Edward Albert Jr., Karis Paige Bryant, Eamonn Roche, Wayne Dehart, Kevin Page, Juli Erickson, Maud Adams, Brady Coleman, Kirk Griffith. Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "A Ranger's Christmas," "Mayday," "Last Hope" and "Full Contact." Additional Actors: Fawn Reed, Nikki Deloach, William Jordan, Terry Kiser, Jordan Warkol, David Allen Brooks, Mila Kunis, Bill Cobbs, John Haymes Newton. Disc 5 includes the following episodes: "99th Ranger," "Devil's Turf," "Days Past" and "Trial of LaRue." Additional Actors: Jeff Kober, Tammy Lauren, Damian Chapa, Bobby Jacoby, Eric Bruskotter, Scott Hamm, David Born, Don Harvey, Jennifer Grant, Richard Portnow, Tonea Stewart. Disc 6 includes the following episodes: "Heart of the Dragon," "The Neighborhood" and "A Father's Image." Additional Actors: Ralph Ahn, Makoto Iwamatsu, Steven Ho, Clyde Kusatsu, Stoney Jackson, Kyla Pratt, John Lafayette, Margaret Avery, Tammy Lauren, Dan Lauria. Disc 7 includes the following episodes: "Sons of Thunder (Part 1)," "Sons of Thunder (Part 2)," "Texas vs Cahill" and "Rookie." Additional Actors: Marco Sanchez, Shane Meier, Ed Bruce, Tess Harper, John Amos, Cynthia Dorn, Blue McDonnell, Rod Taylor, Robert Forster, Christopher Allport. *Paramount*

**Family Ties 3rd Season** Michael J. Fox catapulted into superstardom--and created one of the most beloved television characters of all time--in the 1980s sitcom *Family Ties*. Created by TV impresario Gary David Goldberg (Lou Grant, The Bob Newhart Show), the series offered a clever take on the generation gap through the family interactions of two former '60s hippies, public-television producer Steven Keaton (Michael Gross) and his architect wife, Elyse (Meredith Baxter). Together, they struggle to retain their leftist ideals while raising three radically divergent children in suburban Columbus, Ohio: tomboy Jennifer (Tina Yothers); ditzy mallrat Mallory (Justine Bateman); and, most notably, Wall Street Journal-reading young Republican Alex P. Keaton (Fox), who served as the series' main comedic foil. A fun and warmhearted throwback to the greed-is-good decade, *Family Ties* is resurrected in this collection of the series' third season. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "The Gambler," "Here We Go Again," "Little Man on Campus," "Love Thy Neighbor," "Keaton 'N Son" and "Fabric Smarts." Additional Actors: Seth Jaffe, Mark Price, Timothy Busfield, Michael McGuire, Matthew Barry, Sal Viscuso, Warren Munson, Frances Bay, Marsha Warfield, Marc Price, Doris Belack, Alison La Placa. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Hot Line Fever," "4 RMS OCN VU," "Best Man," "Lost Weekend," "Don't Kiss Me, I'm Only the Messenger" and "Help Wanted." Additional Actors: Jeffrey Joseph, Sam Whipple, Shawn Schepps, Earl Boen, Beverly Archer, Jeff Cohen, Marianne Warman, Timothy Busfield, Lily Mariye, Michael Zorek, Geena Davis, Anne Ramsey, Robert Costanzo. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Karen II, Alex 0," "Oh Donna," "Auntie Up," "Philadelphia Story," "Birth of a Keaton (Part 1)" and "Birth of a Keaton (Part 2)." Additional Actors: Marc Price, Geena Davis, Robert Pine, Christopher Rydell, Barry Sobel, Jack Blessing, Julie Fulton, David Paymer, John Petlock, Enid Kent, Alan Blumenfeld, Edith Atwater, Matthew Faison, Ben Piazza, James Cromwell, John Hancock, Ron Karabatsos. Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Cry Baby," "Don't Know Much About History," "Bringing Up Baby," "Cold Storage," "Remembrance of Things Past (Part 1)" and "Remembrance of Things Past (Part 2)." Additional Actors: David Wohl, Jeffrey Joseph, Nancy Everhard, Robert Schanche, Steven Peterman, Kurt Smedsin, Marc Price, Jack Blessing, Karlene Crockett, Julie Fulton, David Paymer, Norman Parker, Anne Seymour. *Paramount*

**MXC Season 3 Most Extreme Elimination** Challenge is a Japanese television show in which contestants are eliminated through a series of outrageous stunts that usually take place above water, mud, or other liquids. Entertaining mostly because contestants are willing to do anything to win, this reality TV experience is shot entirely on location in Japan, the home of shockingly bizarre game shows. Impossible tasks and stunts are carried out -- and usually over a giant pool of mud. Viewers are greeted with egregious displays of eagerness, humiliation and courage, a humorous and often hazardous gauntlet of physical acumen and self-determination. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Republicans vs. Democrats vs. Third Party," "Unemployed vs. Environmentalists," "Snack Food vs. Print Media," "Baby Products Industry vs. Paranormal," "Dentists vs. Explorers" and "Country Kids vs. City Kids." Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Organized Crime vs. Weight Loss Industry," "Novelty & Gift Industry vs. The Death Industry," "Amusement Park Industry vs. World's Oldest Profession," "Oil Industry vs. Make-Over Industry," "Film Industry vs. Phobias," "Romance Industry vs. Firearm Industry" and "Footwear vs. Electronic Gaming." *Magnolia*.

**Care Bears Gruzzle-Ly Adventures** The cuddly bears who live in the clouds of the city of Care-A-Lot continue their good deeds in these two episodes of the popular kids' television series. When a child needs help, the bears ride their cloud mobiles down to earth to lend a paw. As usual, the friendly buddies are adhering to their sworn motto of "Caring and Sharing" as they make the world a better place in "Broken" and "Emma's Dilemma." *Fox*

**Madeline Meet Me In Paris** Take a tour of the famed landmarks of France with young Madeline, the Parisian schoolgirl immortalized in the beloved books by Ludwig Bemelman. Our redhead, yellow-hatted heroine finds fun and adventure in "Madeline at the Louvre," "Madeline at the Eiffel Tower" and "Madeline in Cannes." As an added bonus, the charming rhyming narration is provided by acclaimed actor Christopher Plummer. *Fox*

**Mr. Untouchable** Known as "the black Godfather," Nicky Barnes was one of the most powerful drug lords in the history of New York City, transforming himself from a down-and-out junkie to an infamous multimillionaire kingpin. Marc Levin's fascinating documentary recounts the rise and fall of this notorious figure, with Barnes himself breaking a 23-year-long silence to share his perspective on his legendary story. *Magnolia*

**Sputnik Declassified** This captivating NOVA presentation explores the political and social factors that resulted in the Soviet Union beating the United States in the race to space in 1957. In "Sputnik Declassified," NOVA probes the prehistory of the Space Age, examining what makes Earth orbit so difficult to achieve; why the superpower rivalry in the wake of World War II made spaceflight attainable for the first time in history; and how a worldwide civilian science effort called the International Geophysical Year served as the occasion for both Sputnik I and the American response. *WGBH Boston*

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**Charlie Chan Volume 4:** City in Darkness Arriving in Paris for a reunion with his World War I buddies, exceptional sleuth Charlie Chan (Sidney Toler) becomes embroiled in investigating the murder of a munitions manufacturer who's been selling arms to his country's enemies. Set during the Munich Crisis of 1938, in which Europe's major powers negotiated an agreement dividing up Czechoslovakia in response to Adolf Hitler's demands, this classic mystery takes on a political tone. At Treasure Island Considered by many to be the best of the Charlie Chan mysteries starring Sidney Toler as the eponymous sleuth, this classic film opens with Chan's writer friend (Louis Jean Heydt) dying in an apparent suicide at sea. On board the same ship for a journey to San Francisco, Chan and his son (Victor Sen Yung) are skeptical of the official ruling and vow to find the real murderer with the help of a magician (Cesar Romero). In Reno While obtaining a divorce in Reno, Mary Whitman (Pauline Moore) is arrested for the murder of another divorce-seeker staying at her hotel. But the crime is much more complex than it seems, and it's up to super sleuth Charlie Chan (Sidney Toler) to make sure justice is served. Kane Richmond co-stars as Mary's husband, Curtis, and Slim Summerville portrays the dim-witted local sheriff who makes Chan's job more difficult. In Honolulu Super sleuth Charlie Chan (Sidney Toler) is on the case after a murder takes place on a Hawaiian freighter docked in Honolulu. But as he tries to track the perpetrator, Chan faces challenges from his overly enthusiastic son (Layne Tom), who wants to help out. Meanwhile, the ship's captain is pressuring for a quick resolution so he can take the liner back out on the ocean. Victor Sen Yung co-stars as Charlie's second son, Jimmy.

Fox

**Dirty Laundry** Talented, gay and African-American, Patrick (Rockmond Dunbar) is a rising journalist at a New York City magazine who suddenly must confront his Southern roots and a mother not yet comfortable with her son's choices and sexual identity. Patrick and his partner's perfectly cosmopolitan world is shattered when an unexpected knock at their door brings to the forefront the issue of lifestyle acceptance within the down-home community of his youth. Fox

**Touch** Based on a novel by Elmore Leonard, Touch chronicles a young former Franciscan monk's return to Los Angeles following years spent in a remote jungle monastery. Charlie Lawson—or Juvenal (Skeet Ulrich), as he is known—takes a job in a rehab center, where he discovers stigmata on his palms and a gift for healing when he restores a blind woman's sight. As word of his miracles gets out, con man Bill Hill (Christopher Walken) sees money in these divine occurrences and sends promoter pal Lynn Faulkner (Bridget Fonda) to infiltrate Juvenal's world and find out if he's authentic. In true farcical style, she falls for him in the process. What follows are many slightly zany attempts to capture Juvenal and his powers by a religious zealot and two sharklike reporters. Surprisingly slick and light, TOUCH (based on the novel by Elmore Leonard) is highlighted by a knockout supporting cast and is filled with cool dialogue and enhanced by hip production design. Director Paul Schrader once again looks at religion in the context of the modern world--this time with a sense of humor--in this fun and original film. MGM

**Zapped** Scott Baio is a high school chemistry whiz who stumbles upon a formula that gives him telekinetic powers. With help from pal Willie Aames, Baio begins to put his newfound abilities to their best uses: getting money and undressing girls. Heather Thomas, Felice Schacter, Robert Mandan, and Scatman Crothers co-star in this sci-fi-flavored teen comedy. MGM

**Some Girls** Cockeyed and very charming comedy starring Patrick Dempsey as a college kid who's invited to spend a family Christmas with the girl of his dreams...but her bizarre, spookily sensual relatives make his visit a sexual nightmare! Also stars Jennifer Connelly, Lila Kedrova, Andre Gregory. MGM

**Peter's Friends** After his father's death, the grieving Peter (Stephen Fry) invites a group of college friends, who have been separated for 10 years, to a New Year's Eve reunion at his English countryside estate. In scenes by turns funny and sad, they talk over old times, reassess their life choices, and finally come together to help each other through an unexpected crisis. Kenneth Branagh's ensemble comedy is punctuated by a classic rock soundtrack that recalls the chums' university days. A witty, heart-warming film, Peter's Friends includes fine performances by Branagh, Emma Thompson, Hugh Laurie, Imelda Staunton, and Rita Rudner. MGM

**Margot At The Wedding** Writer-director Noah Baumbach follows up his Oscar-nominated The Squid And The Whale with another bitingly funny and painfully honest dissection of family life. This time around, the topic is sisterhood. Margot (Nicole Kidman) and her adolescent son Claude (Zane Pais) take a train from New York City to Long Island, where Margot's sister Pauline (Jennifer Jason Leigh) is about to get married to Malcolm (Jack Black). Even though Margot is a successful writer with a compassionate husband (John Turturro), she is repressed, bitter, insecure, and angry, and she takes out her frustrations on anyone and everyone around her. Pauline is initially happy that her sister has decided to come to the wedding, but she quickly realizes that Margot is still her terrible old self. Over the course of a few days, past conflicts erupt and present conflicts explode, threatening not only to put a damper on the wedding, but to ruin it completely. Baumbach's gift for dialogue is unmatched. His seemingly effortless ability to blend humor with seriousness makes it difficult to categorize Margot At The Wedding as a drama or a comedy, for it is both. Kidman proves that her Academy Award wasn't a fluke, delivering a fearless performance that is at times difficult to watch in its virulence. Baumbach's wife, Leigh, is her typically exceptional self, but it's Black who is the film's true revelation, playing it straight like never before, to heartbreaking effect. Paramount

**I Could Never Be Your Woman** Is that what mom and TV producer Rosie (Michelle Pfeiffer) is destined to tell Adam (Paul Rudd), a younger actor completely smitten with her? Their blossoming attraction for one another gets the attention of Mother Nature (Tracey Ullman), who can't help but poke her nose into this complicated affair of the heart. Charming romantic comedy from writer/director Amy Heckerling ("Clueless") co-stars Jon Lovitz, Saoirse Ronan. Genius

**He-Man And The Masters Of The Universe Volume 1** The first 13 episodes of the series--including the three-part "The Beginning," "The Deep End," "The Siren's Song," "Dragon's Brood," and "Night of the Shadow Beasts"--are featured in a three-disc set. 4 3/4 hrs The show focuses on He-Man's early years as he learns how to use his powers and also faces his arch enemy, Skeletor, for the first time.

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**Women's Health Perfect body Workout with Amy Dixon** Created by the knowledgeable editors of Women's Health magazine and hosted by enthusiastic trainer Amy Dixon, this total body exercise program is designed to burn fat, blast calories, strengthen and tone your muscles and flatten your stomach. By following along with such sports-inspired workout routines as the tennis shuffle and the back-stroke, you'll be on your way to achieving your ideal body.

**Great World of Sound** When Martin (Pat Healy) answers an ad for record producers, he's paired with a fellow trainee (Kene Holliday), and the two hit the road to find fresh talent. But with a mandate to sign anyone who will pay the \$3,000 "producing fee," Martin is soon disgusted by the realization that he's simply a huckster peddling fantasies of overnight success. And his victims are dreamers -- like himself -- who truly cannot afford his worthless promises. Magnolia

**Weirdsville** Royce (Wes Bentley) and Dexter (Scott Speedman), two hapless stoners appropriately from the town of Weeds, launch a chain of catastrophic events when they assume their friend Matilda (Taryn Manning) has overdosed on drugs they've stolen from a dangerous dealer. Soon, the slacker duo finds themselves on the run from a gang of vengeful thugs, angry Satanists and, worst of all, a mob of marauding little people all in one night. Magnolia

**Marathon Challenge** This installment of PBS's Nova series follows the progress of 13 unfit and inactive contestants who undergo a punishing nine-month training program in order to compete in the 2007 Boston Marathon. Marathon Challenge also takes a scientific look at the physical implications such as heart risk and dehydration of taking part in a long-distance running event. WGBH Boston

**Cops 20th Anniversary** "Whatcha gonna do?" to celebrate the first two decades of "Cops"? Well, you can start by checking out this two-disc set that features unedited moments from the groundbreaking Fox reality series. Join fearless law enforcement officers as they take on a variety of (often shirtless) crooks in this collection that includes the pilot episode, a Las Vegas special, fan favorites, and more installments. 6 1/2 hrs. total. Fox