

# New On Video & DVD

**Duckman: Season 3 & 4** Duckman isn't your average suave, sophisticated private eye. In fact, he's rude, ignorant, slovenly, and hasn't had a date in years! With the help of his infinitely more capable sidekick, Cornfed, Duckman manages to solve enough cases to cover his alimony payments and cable TV bills. Duckman is a cult-favorite animated sitcom from the mid 1990's starring Jason Alexander (Seinfeld) as a crude private detective living with his family in the wake of his wife's death. Boorish private dick Duckman returns for more comic misadventures with his partner, Cornfed (Gregg Berger), in this collection of episodes from the cult animated series that serves up sharp satire and a healthy dose of cynicism. Among the highlights from Seasons 3 and 4, Duckman lands himself in the nuthouse, starts a revolution in a third-world country, adopts rap star Coolio and buys a mail-order bride. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Noir Gang," "Fobidden Fruit," "Grandma-ma's Flatulent Adventure," "Color Of Naught," "Sperms Of Endearment," "A Room With A Bellevue" and "Apocalypse Not." Additional Actors: Carl Reiner, Bebe Neuwirth, Laurie Metcalf, Dennis Haysbert. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Clear And Presidente Danger," "The Girls Of Route Canal," "The Mallardian Candidate," "Pig Amok," "The Once And Future Duck," "The One With Lisa Kudrow In A Small Role" and "Aged Heat." Additional Actors: Carlos Ferro, Hector Elias, Robert Cait, Marabina Jaimes. Disc 3 This disc includes the following episodes: "They Craved Duckman's Brain!", "The Road To Dendron," "Exile In Guyville," "The Longest Weekend," "The Amazing Colossal Duckman" and "Cock Tales For Four." Additional Actors: Eugene Levy, Kathleen Freeman, Ron Perlman, Joe Walsh. Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Dammit, Hollywood," "Coolio Runnings," "Aged Heat 2: Women In Heat," "All About Elliott," "From Brad To Worse," "Bonfire Of The Panties" and "Role With It." Additional Actors: Chris Elliott, Catherine Cavadini, Peter Scolar, John Vernon. Disc 5 includes the following episodes: "Ajax & Ajaxer," "With Friends Like These," "A Trophyed Duck," "A Star Is Abhorred," "Bev Takes A Holiday," "Love! Anger! Kvetching!" and "Haunted Society Plumbers." Additional Actors: Michael Jeter, Nancy Linari, Arye Gross, Theresa Randle. Disc 6 includes the following episodes: "Ebony, Baby," "Vuuck, As In Duck," "Crime, Punishment, War, Peace, And The Idiot," "Kidney, Popsicle, And Nuts," "The Tami Show," "My Feral Lady" and "Westward, No!" Additional Actors: Jeremy Piven, Ice-T, Montell Jordan, Leila Kenzle. Disc 7 includes the following episodes: "Short, Plush And Deadly," "How To Suck In Business Without Really Trying," "You've Come A Wrong Way, Baby," "Hamlet 2 This Time It's Personal," "Das Sub," "Where No Duckman Has Gone Before" and "Four Weddings Inconceivable." Additional Actors: Robert Klein, Jeffrey Tambor, Burt Reynolds, Mauricio Mendoza. *Paramount*

**Aqua Teen Hunger Force Volume 6** Somewhere in New Jersey, three roommates with superpowers, Master Shake, Frylock and Meatwad, unite to solve the neighborhood's unnatural mysteries. When they're not fighting crime or each other, they relax by swimming in their next-door neighbor's pool. 4 episodes that have never been seen on [adult swim]! Master Shake, Frylock, and Meatwad are walking and talking food products who spend their days solving mysteries as well as coping with general problems regarding adolescence. 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 sixth volume of episodes from the show presents 12 episodes of fun with the gang in their South Jersey abode. Highlights of this collection include new robot tenants in Carl's house; a visiting trio of sirens; a psychotic ventriloquist dummy; enlistment in the Marine Corps; and much more. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Robots Everywhere," "Sirens," "Reedickyoulus," "Hoppy Bunny," "Laser Lenses," "Couples Skate," "Dummy Love," "The Marines" and "Bible Fruit." Additional Actors: Luci Christian, Bill Fagerbakke, Charlie Adler, Carlos Alazraqui. Disc 2 This disc includes the following segments: "Gene E," "Shake Like Me," "She Creature" and "Chick Magnet." *Warner*

**Sesame Street Elmo Loves You** Elmo is making a very, very super special surprise card for someone Elmo really loves but a gust of wind blows it away! Rosita joins Elmo to chase after the card but they can't reach it. Can Super Grover use his heroic skills to save the day? Will Elmo be able to give his surprise card to someone very special? Join Elmo, Rosita and Grover as they learn about love, emotions and friendship in this lovely tale featuring the new song 'Elmo Loves You' and a special music video about signing 'I Love You.' *Genius*

**Kiss of the Vampire** A sleepy town turns to a place of evil unrest when a covenant of vampires starts to feed there. One man tries desperately to uncover the Vampires' secrets as they ravage the locals and out-smart the police. Now the only one with the power to stop them...is one of their own. Daniel Goddard, Gary Daniels, Costas Mandylor, Matthias Hues, and Katherine Hawkes star. *MTI*

**Man On Wire** tells the story of a truly inspiring figure. In the early 1970s, a fiery young Frenchman named Philippe Petit wanted to shake up the world. When he saw the World Trade Center being built in New York City, he found his mission. Petit was a trained high wire walker, and his goal was to set up a wire between the two towers and give the world a show it could never have expected. As is often the case with these endeavors, the actual high-wire walking was the easiest part of the plan. For nearly seven years, Petit worked on the project, recruiting associates who supported him every step of the way. Finally, after eight months in New York, the day came when Petit and his cronies jumped into action. This wasn't easy. They had to find a way to sneak past security and make their way to the top of the towers with heavy equipment, at which point they had to battle the elements to install the wire. After many close scares, the time came for Petit to realize his dream--and the rest, as they say, is history. Marsh crafts Man On Wire like a heist film, presenting rare and fascinating footage of the actual event alongside flawless reenactments and modern-day interviews with the participants. The result is an immersive, emotionally gratifying motion picture, made all the more stimulating by Michael Nyman's electrifying score. *Magnolia*

**Peter & The Wolf** Spellbinding stop-motion animation reinvigorates Prokofiev's classic musical fable in this Oscar-winning short. Despite the warnings of his grandfather, a fearless young boy, Peter, ventures into the woods where a dangerous encounter with a wolf tests his mettle. Coming along for the journey are a flock of animal friends to add charm to the winsome world created by director Suzie Templeton. Extras include musical themes, story in pictures, making of the film, behind the scenes documentary, and director's commentary. *Magnolia*

**God On Trial** Who is to blame for the greatest of all crimes? Facing extermination at Auschwitz, a group of prisoners solemnly weighs the case against God. Following the harrowing ritual of selection for death or hard labor, a group of new inmates unsure of their appointed fates begins asking how God could allow for so much suffering. The men decide to put God on trial for abandoning His chosen people. The trial unfolds, addressing the age-old question: How can there be evil in a universe ruled by an all-powerful, benevolent God? Some of the prisoners are passionate defenders of their faith, but as the hour approaches when many of them will be chosen to die, they reach a verdict. *WGBH Boston*

**A Viking Saga: Son of Thor** When he was 10, Helgi (Ken Vedsegaard), a Viking, witnessed the mass murder of his entire village, including his father. Though he escaped to live safely with his uncle, the weight of the loss (and desire for revenge) stayed with him as he grew up. Now that he's an adult, Helgi has learned the identity of the Viking King responsible for the slaughter, and must determine the best way to avenge his people. *Koch*

**I'm Through With White Girls** Jay Brooks is that black guy who digs indie rock, graphic novels, and dates white chicks. After a slew of bad break-up, Jay gives up white women 'cold turkey' and goes on a mission: 'Operation Brown Sugar.' Jay doesn't fit the 'brotha' stereotype, however, so he fails miserably with the 'sistahs.' Then Jay meets Catherine, a misunderstood 'Half-Rican Canadian' who's as righteously quirky as he is. But to win her heart, Jay will have to figure out that his commitment issues go beyond race. This festival favorite written by Courtney Lilly is a fresh and funny romantic comedy that proves finding love begins with finding yourself. Anthony Montgomery, Ryan Alosio, Lia Johnson, and Lamman Rucker star. *Image*

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**Max Payne** stars Mark Wahlberg as a New York City cop out to avenge his slain wife and child, and heaven help anyone who gets in his blood-strewn way. The trail leads him into a network of shady characters mixed up with an experimental drug that causes super strength and fearlessness, as well as wild hallucinations of winged angels and demons. As Max gets closer and closer to the truth, he finds himself the target of a massive police manhunt, and in the crosshairs of the powerful kingpin behind the racket; soon enough, the angels and demons become downright deadly. Olga Kurylenko is a beautiful Russian party girl who winds up dead after a late-night visit to Max's pad; her assassin sister (Mila Kunis) first goes after Max, then tries to help him get some answers. Rap star Ludacris (here credited as Chris Bridges) is a tough internal affairs cop investigating Payne's behavior. *Fox*

**Igor** In the 2008 computer-animated comedy IGOR, John Cusack provides the voice for the title character, one of many "Igars," whose sole purpose in life is to assist mad scientists in their diabolical experiments with a dutiful and mindless "Yes, master." When Cusack's bright, determined Igor strikes out on his own and creates the Frankenstein's-monster-like Eva (Molly Shannon), aided by a resurrected rabbit named Scamper (Steve Buscemi) and a mislabeled talking brain named Brian (Sean Hayes), his efforts incur the wrath of the winkingly monickered Dr. Schadenfreude (Eddie Izzard), who is set on putting Igor back in his henchman slot of the horror hierarchy. *Fox*

**Palo Pinto Gold** Saddle up the couch for a western that the whole family will love as Texas Rangers go gunning for trigger-happy fugitives, greed causes good men to turn bad, and young cowboys strive to follow in their father's boot-steps. The year was 1935, and it all started when a reporter for Frontier Times Magazine came looking for a story in the small Texas town of Palo Pinto. Drawn into a conversation with two old timers playing dominoes in the local saloon, the reporter learns of the time when two Texas Rangers - a grizzled veteran and a fresh faced new recruit - captured the notorious bandit Smilin' Rob. Later, turncoat Texas Ranger Shane Stocksteal guns down the elder lawman and abandons the Rangers, instead focusing his attentions on becoming sheriff of Palo Pinto. Though he succeeds in his mission, Stocksteal has been hopelessly corrupted. He kills a miner who has struck gold on the outside of town, and when another Ranger comes to investigate Stocksteal shoots him dead, too. Before the Ranger succumbs to his wounds, he manages to ride back to his ranch and hand the evidence needed to convict Stocksteal to his young daughter Kayla (Joanna Goode). When Kayla is kidnapped by Stocksteal and his thugs, the time comes for a brave young cowboy to finally end the murderous sheriff's reign of terror. *Monarch*

**The Great Polar Bear Adventure** takes audiences to a whole new world by combining wildlife footage of polar bears in the Arctic with cutting edge animation normally the domain of big budget studio features. The story begins with Ikuk who becomes pregnant for the first time. She gives birth to two beautiful cubs, Cassie and Asak, but is nervous about how to teach the cubs survival skills. The family befriends a skitter arctic fox, Pupa (voiced by Howie Mandel), who scavenges after their food and warns of threats from the dangerous, old polar bear, Krakush. With the rise of global warming, Ikuk discovers her traditional hunting grounds have melted and is forced to take her family to dangerous .two-leg. territory to scavenge for food. There she is separated from her cubs, who must ward off unexpected danger before reuniting with their mom. At the end of their story, we learn that the narrator is Cassie, grown from a young cub into a mother herself, and she recounts this story from her youth to the next generation of bears. *Genius*

**King of the Hill** Terror hits new heights in this "brilliant, vicious little piece of work" set in a remote mountain wilderness. After a man traveling alone has a steamy encounter with a beautiful stranger, the pair join up and take a detour through the hills. But they are suddenly forced to abandon their cars when an unseen sniper puts them in his crossfire. Without understanding why they are being targeted, the strangers must survive their ruthless pursuers and their harsh surroundings. *Genius*

**Charlie & Me** Casey, a precocious 12-year-old, and her grandfather, Charlie, are the best of friends. She has inherited his love of jazz, chess and corny jokes; he has maintained her sense of childlike whimsy. When Charlie experiences heart problems, he pushes through without self-pity, and teaches Casey and her dad to remember how precious life is and to live it to its fullest. Stars: Jordy Benattar and Tom Bosley. *Genius*

**Savage Grace** Julianne Moore plays Barbara Daly, a damaged but beautiful woman who elevates her status when she marries Brooks Baekeland (Stephen Dillane), heir to a plastics fortune. The birth of a son, Tony (Eddie Redmayne), does nothing to solve Brooks and Barbara's conflicted relationship. As Tony grows older and the family relocates from New York City to Paris to Spain to Ibiza throughout the 1950s and '60s, Barbara's fanatical smothering has left her son a sheepish wreck. The fact that he's homosexual only makes matters worse. Unable to escape from his mother's clutches, Tony begins to lose his mind, spurring a fatal act that will destroy the family. *Genius*

**Hit and Run** Hit and Run A night of Spring Break partying turns into a living nightmare for student Mary Murdock (Laura Breckenridge; "Related") after hitting a bump on a dark road only to find a man dangling from her car's bumper. Panicked, Mary frantically beats him unconscious, buries him in the woods and returns home to cover her tracks. But when it becomes clear that her victim survived her brutal attack and wants her dead, Mary stops worrying about evidence and becomes more concerned with living through the night. *MGM*

**Haunted Histories Collection** From the Devil to Dracula, from exorcism to voodoo, this spine-tin-gling, five-DVD collection explores the darkest recesses of evil around the world and through the ages. Be prepared for the best of the worst as we look at what many believe to be the supernatural force behind all evilthe Devil himselfand describe the mysterious ritual of exorcism as it is practiced today. Watch the horrors of the Salem witch trials and the hardship, superstition, and hysteria that may have triggered them. Explore a sinister mystery as modern researchers delve into the lore of Prince Vlad Dracul, the sadistic figure who inspired the story of Dracula, and describe the unexplained tragic. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Bloodlines: The Dracula Family Tree." Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Exorcism: Driving Out the Devil." Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Witch Hunt." Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Exorcising the Devil." Disc 5 includes the following episodes: "Voodoo Secrets." *A&E*

**Primal Fear** Put on a brave front and face your worst fears armed with fascinating information -- scientific, psychological and historical -- that explains why they actually scare you. Through expert interviews and illuminating CGI animation, this thought-provoking History Channel program examines three of the most common primal fears: the fear of being buried alive, the fear of snakes and the growing fear of terrorist attacks. *A&E*

**The Love Boat Season 2, Volume 1** Take a voyage to romance aboard this ocean liner that whisks its passengers, and surprising guest stars, on panoramic journeys that lead to love. Playing tour guide and matchmaker are the Pacific Princess' trusty crew, including cruise director Julie (Lauren Tewes), yeoman Gopher (Fred Grandy), ship's doctor Adam Bricker (Bernie Kopell), drink-slinger Isaac (Ted Lange), and, of course, Captain Merrill Stubing (Gavin MacLeod). Amid luxurious surroundings, and the tempestuous heat of the tropics, anything can happen in this show that is by turns heartwarming, sentimental, and slapstick funny. With several storylines per episode, this escapist gem offers a garden of delights for the romantic at heart. The passenger list includes Billy Crystal, Red Buttons, Melissa Gilbert, Vincent Price, Richard Dawson, Janet Leigh and her daughter Jamie Lee Curtis. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Marooned/ The Search/ Isaac's Holiday," "Rocky/ Julie's Dilemma/ Who's Who?" and "The Man Who Loved Women/ A Different Girl/ Oh, My Aching Brother." Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Julie's Aunt/ Where Is It Written? /The Big Deal," " Mike And Ike/ The Witness/ The Kissing Bandit" and "Ship of Ghouls." Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "A Time For Everything/ The Song Is Ended/ Accidental Cruise/ Anoushka," "Till Death Do Us Part-Maybe/ Locked Away/Chubs" and "Man Of The Cloth/ Her Own Two Feet/ Tony's Family." Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Heads Or Tails/ Mona Of The Movies/ The Little People," "The Captain's Cup/The Folks From Home/ Legal Eagle," "El Kid/ The Last Hundred Bucks/ The Isosceles Triangle" and "Julie Halls Hard/ Double Wedding/ The Dummies." *Paramount/CBS*

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**Cheers Final Season** One of the most beloved and critically acclaimed television series of all time comes to an end in this final season of Cheers. The classic sitcom ran for 11 seasons and centered on the colorful staff and patrons of the Boston bar "where everybody knows your name." Run by former Red Sox pitcher and ladies' man Sam Malone (Ted Danson), the establishment's ever-present characters include neurotic bar manager Rebecca Howe (Kirstie Alley), salty barmaid Carla LeBec (Rhea Perlman), dimwitted bartender Woody Boyd (Woody Harrelson), barflies Norm Peterson (George Wendt) and Cliff Clavin (John Ratzenberger), pompous psychiatrist Frasier Crane (Kelsey Grammer), and his frosty love interest Lilith Sternin (Bebe Neuwirth). The much-watched series finale brings back Diane Chambers (Shelley Long) for a reunion with her old flame, Sam. This collection presents every episode of Cheers' 11th season. It's last call for Boston's most famous tavern in the Emmy Award-winning show's final season, when Rebecca accidentally sets the bar on fire, Sam escalates the war of practical jokes with a neighboring saloon and Frasier and Lilith break up for good. Meanwhile, Norm gets a job as a brewery's beer taster, Cliff discovers he may be a father, and in the last episode, long-lost Diane returns to Cheers for a final reunion. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "The Little Match Girl," "The Beer Is Always Greener," "King Of Beers," "The Magnificent Six," "Do Not Forsake Me, 'O My Postman," "Teaching With The Enemy" and "The Girl In The Plastic Bubble." Additional Actors: Peter Kevoian, Peter Keleghan, Amanda Carlin, Robert Machray. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Ill-Gotten Gains," "Feelings...Whoa, Whoa, Whoa," "Daddy's Little Middle Aged Girl," "Love Me, Love My Car," "Sunday Dinner," "Norm's Big Audit" and "It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Bar." Additional Actors: Eric Payne, Erick Avari, Sondra Currie, Robert Cornthwaite. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Loathe And Marriage," "Is There A Doctor In The Howe?," "The Bar Manager, The Shrink, His Wife & Her Lover," "The Last Picture Show," "Bar Wars VII: The Naked Prey," "Look Before You Sleep" and "Woody Gets An Election." Additional Actors: Leah Remini, Josh Lozoff, Dennis Cockrum, Peter Vogt. Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "It's Lonely On The Top," "Rebecca Gains, Rebecca Loses: Part 1," "Rebecca Gains, Rebecca Loses: Part 2," "The Guy Can't Help It" and "One For The Road: Part 1," "One For The Road: Part 2" and "One For The Road: Part 3." Additional Actors: Mike Ditka, Kim Alexis, Shelley Long, Tom Berenger. *Paramount*

**Chris Rock Kill The Messenger** Comic superstar and three-time Emmy Award-winner Chris Rock stars in his fifth solo HBO stand-up performance. Four years after 2004's Never Scared, Chris Rock returns with another hilarious standup performance in Kill The Messenger. Intercutting between performances held in South Africa, London, and New York City, the program finds Rock riffing on the upcoming 2008 presidential election, Barack Obama, and (as always) the troubles between men and women. It's fascinating to watch how Rock improvises with each crowd, and their differing reactions. Thankfully, the effect never becomes tiresome or overdone, and as always it's Rock's passionate delivery, razor-sharp timing, and fearless take on life that take center stage. This 3-disc Special Edition contains nearly 5 hours of exclusive bonus features: Rock's uncut performances from Johannesburg, London and New York, Behind-the-scenes footage from all 3 shows, and exclusive interview with Chris Rock. *HBO*

**The House Bunny** Comic actress Anna Faris shines in her starring turn in The House Bunny, a hilarious and heartfelt tale of female empowerment. As the film opens, Shelly Darlington (Farris) is Big Bunny on Campus at Hugh Hefner's Playboy Mansion. With her 27th birthday approaching, Shelly eagerly anticipates fulfilling her dream: to be centerfold of the month. But when she learns that she's being booted from Bunnyland, Shelly finds herself with no family or place to call home. Desperate for both, she lucks across the socially inept sisters of the Zeta Alpha Zeta sorority. With no hope of attracting new pledges and the consequent threat of losing their sorority, the girls of Zeta take in the bubbly Shelly as their new "house mother." Shelly immediately sets to work helping the Zetas bring out their inner glamazons, luring in boys while drawing the ire of rival sorority Phi Iota Mu. Shelly also catches the eye of Oliver (Colin Hanks), who forces her to realize that it will take more her Playboy Mansion ways to win over a good man. Plus, Shelly discovers that her social insights have transformed the Zetas into the very superficial types they once railed against. And when Hugh Hefner calls to offer Shelly her dream centerfold shoot, she must choose between returning to the family that loved her best and saving the family that needs her most. The House Bunny is an irresistible tale of inner beauty and "sisters" sticking together. *Sony*

**Becker Season 2** Ted Danson stars as Dr. Becker, a sharp-tongued physician whose arrogance is only matched by his dedication to his patients. Brash and opinionated, Becker is a specialist in rubbing people the wrong way. But beneath the prickly exterior Becker is really a softhearted teddy bear--just don't tell him that. Operating a small practice in the Bronx, Dr. Becker has an entourage of opponents/associates that includes happy-go-lucky neighbor Chris Konnors (Nancy Travis), dependable head nurse Margaret (Hattie Winston), and spoiled-rich-girl Linda (Shawnee Smith). With this wry series Ted Danson finally found success after Cheers, as an irascible character who would erase all memory of bartender Sam Malone. All 24 episodes from season two--including "Point of Contact," "Stumble in the Bronx," "Santa on Ice," "One Angry Man," and "Panic on the 86th"--are featured in a three-disc set. *Paramount/CBS*

**Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired** In 1977, director Roman Polanski was untouchable. Film such as Rosemary's Baby and Chinatown had cemented his reputation, and he staged a successful return to filmmaking following the death of his wife, Sharon Tate, in '69. But his appetite for narcotics and free love landed him in serious trouble with the law after an ill-fated photo shoot with 13-year-old Samantha Gailey led to full sexual intercourse. Roman Polanski: Wanted And Desired is a documentary that looks at the court case and media feeding frenzy that followed Polanski's arrest in '77. Director Marina Zenovich takes an intriguing approach by focusing less on the incident itself, and more on the actions of the judge who presided over the case. Polanski isn't interviewed, but key figures such as the two opposing lawyers and Gailey all step forward to offer a harsh critique of judge Laurence Rittenband's handling of the trial. Zenovich's film is a real triumph. She expertly blends archival footage of Polanski with current-day reflections on the case from a host of key players. The build-up to the director's eventual exit and exile from the U.S. is executed with real tension, and the biggest surprise is that no one involved on either side of the case blamed Polanski for fleeing. Rittenband is painted as a highly corrupt, media-hungry figure whose ego dominated the proceedings. No one involved in the case denies that Polanski did something terribly wrong, but it's to Zenovich's credit that she doesn't dwell on this point. Instead she forms a harsh critique of a justice system that allows people like Rittenband to operate freely. The only missing part of the puzzle is the judge himself, who died in '93. But the body of evidence against his actions is skillfully dissected in this impressive feature. *Image*

**This American Life Season 2** Documenting unique and compelling stories about everyday people through field recordings, essays, memoirs and found footage, host Ira Glass brings his Chicago Public Radio show back to the small screen for a second season (Emmy-nominated for Outstanding Nonfiction Series). Highlights include profiles of an obsessed birdwatcher, a 27-year-old quadriplegic man and his caregiver mother, and two convicts who nearly escaped from a Wisconsin prison using dental floss. *Paramount*

**The Secret Life of Bees** Dakota Fanning stars as Lily, a 14-year-old girl living with her abusive father (Paul Bettany) in South Carolina in 1964. Lily struggles with a burden of guilt after she accidentally killed her mother a decade before, and she longs for knowledge of the woman. When the family's caretaker Rosaleen (Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson) is arrested after standing up to a group of violent white men, Lily seizes the opportunity to run off with Rosaleen and search for clues to her mother's life. They arrive at the home of the Boatwrights, a trio of black sisters. Motherly August (Queen Latifah) cultivates the state's most coveted honey, June (Alicia Keys) focuses on her music and on rebuffing the advances of an ardent suitor (Nate Parker), and childlike May (Sophie Okonedo) struggles to stay happy in the turbulent time. But in a still-racist world where the Civil Rights Act has just been passed, the Boatwrights' home acts as a haven for Lily as she searches for information about her mother's past. *Fox*

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**Pride and Glory** Edward Norton, Colin Farrell, Jon Voight and Noah Emmerich star in a gritty, tension-packed tale of a multigenerational family of cops facing hard realities and tough choices. The son of a New York City police officer, Gavin O'Connor serves as director and co-screenwriter of this tale of family, loyalty, and corruption. The NYPD runs in the Tierney family's blood. Francis Tierney Sr. (Jon Voight) is the Chief of Detectives, his son Ray (Edward Norton) is a detective, and his son Francis (Noah Emmerich) is in charge of the precinct where his son-in-law, Jimmy Egan (Colin Farrell), serves. When four officers who work in Francis's house die in a drug bust, Ray, a former wunderkind who has been lying low working on missing persons cases for the past few years, is appointed to investigate. But as he starts to put the pieces together, Ray realizes that all signs indicate there are some dirty police in the city, and worse yet, he may actually be related to some of them. Faced with the toughest decision of his life, Ray has to choose between his loyalty to his family and to the department, and decide what is right. A stellar cast supports this film, with strong performances from the four lead players and from the supporting actors who portray both criminals and police officers. *Warner*

**Fireproof** from the same team that made the 2006 hit *Facing The Giants*, is a Christian relationship drama with a very strong message. The film stars Kirk Cameron of the classic television series *Growing Pains* as Captain Caleb Holt, a fireman whose fearlessness is limited to his work. At home with his wife of seven years, Caleb shows little of the bravery he displays on the job, and has a failing marriage as a result. Fighting over every little thing, Caleb and his wife, Catherine (Erin Bethea), are on the verge of signing divorce papers when Caleb's father and coworkers urge him to approach his marriage in the same way he fights vicious flames. When Caleb's father gives him the "Love Dare," a 40-day guide to religiously motivated marriage help, Caleb begins a difficult journey to reclaim his wife, and in the process, his faith in God. With several action-packed scenes, *Fireproof* uses fire metaphors in its exploration of marriage. The film offers an alternative to the common romantic comedy and, some might argue, a more multidimensional view of romance. The film examines both the ups and inevitable downs of married life, offering faith as a prescription for saving what may at first glance appear to have already failed. Likely to please its target audience, the film offers a fresh perspective on marriage and inspiring relationship tips viewers may want to try regardless of their faith. *Sony*

**College** Kevin (Drake Bell), Carter (Andrew Caldwell), and Morris (Kevin Covais) are three nerdy high school seniors who need some adventure in their life. After Gina (Alona Tal) breaks up with Kevin, the trio decides to have a wild weekend at Fieldmont University, where Kevin and Morris are planning on going to college in the fall--Morris on an academic scholarship. When their preassigned dorm room is not ready for them for reasons best left unsaid, they turn instead to one of the fraternities, where a cousin of Carter's was a member, hoping to be treated as legacies. But the frat, which is on probation and cannot have a new pledge class, takes advantage of the situation by turning Kevin, Carter, and Morris into pre-frosh pledges for the weekend, torturing them in numerous and disgusting ways, some involving pigs, nitrous oxide, bathrooms, and lots of alcohol. The three nerds try to find solace and possible sex with Heather (Camille Mana), Kendall (Haley Bennett), and Amy (Nathalie Walker), but the frat brothers have other plans. *Fox*

**Rocker** Slovenly drummer Robert "Fish" Fishman is booted out of his 1980s hair metal band, Vesuvius, right as they're signed to a big label, crushing his dreams and leading to a 20-year stretch of office park employment. A second chance comes in the form of his overweight teenage keyboardist nephew (Josh Gad) who needs an emergency drummer for his band's gig at the prom. It's an odd match--an '80s metal guy in a teen emo-lite band (their name is A.D.D.)--but he's soon offering fatherly counsel to fatherless boy singer Curtis (Teddy Geiger), giving hair gel tips to the foxy bassist (Emma Stone), and working to get the band a club gig. Soon A.D.D. is signed to the same label as Vesuvius, poised for major MTV-stardom, all leading to a big arena spot as the opening band for the dreaded Vesuvius. Fish needs to overcome his tantrum-throwing ways and step up to the kit, if he wants to impress Curtis's hot mom (Christina Applegate) and outrock his former colleagues. *Fox*

**RocknRolla** Guy Ritchie returns to form with this cockney crime caper starring Gerard Butler and Tom Wilkinson. Lenny Cole (Wilkinson) is a bungling London crime boss who calls the shots in London's underworld. We learn all about Lenny from Archie (Mark Strong)--his second in command--who serves as the film's sly narrator. When a wealthy Russian property dealer by the name of Uri (Karel Roden) looks to Lenny for help on a major new deal, Lenny is eager to assist (for a very large fee, of course). Uri agrees to pay, and as a show of faith, he insists that Lenny borrow his "lucky painting." Uri then asks his accountant, Stella (Thandie Newton), to transfer the money to Lenny, but things quickly go awry when two crooks known as Mumbles (Idris Elba) and One Two (Butler) intercept the money before it reaches him. To make matters worse, the lucky painting has mysteriously been stolen, and the number one suspect is a crack-addicted pop star, Johnny Quid, who is presumed dead. Violent hijinks ensue as Lenny desperately tries to locate the painting, Uri calls in some sadistic thugs to recover his money, and Johnny Quid suddenly resurfaces. Men are battered with golf clubs, fed to crawfish, and attacked with machetes, and a surprise twist ending neatly ties up the whole bloody mess. *Warner*

**Deep Winter** Pals since childhood, mad downhill skier Tyler Crowe (Eric Lively) and sick snowboarder Mark Rider (Kellan Lutz) hire a guide to lead them deep into the untamed lands of Alaska, where they seek out the ultimate downhill snow sport experience. Can they carve up the untouched slopes for fame and glory, or will the mountain send them home, bodies bruised and spirits crushed? Mikey Hilb directs this drama that also stars Michael Madsen and Luke Goss. *Sony*

**Vicky Cristina Barcelona** Academy Award winner Javier Bardem stars in the latest effort from legendary filmmaker Woody Allen as a flamboyant painter who finds himself in the middle of a unique relationship with Vicky (Rebecca Hall) and Christina (Scarlett Johansson), a pair of American tourists. Penélope Cruz also stars as Bardem's insanely jealous ex-wife, Maria Elena, in this quirky romantic dramedy (nominated for a handful of Independent Spirit Awards and Golden Globes) set in Barcelona. *Weinstein/Genius*

**Meerkat Manor Season 4** In this season of *Meerkat Manor*, the Whiskers are a house divided. Splintered by the bitter rivalry of a powerful pair of sisters, the new families are locked in a struggle for dominance and survival in the Kalahari. Under the leadership of their matriarch Rocket Dog, the Whiskers are still battling against their arch enemies the Commandos and now their own sister Maybelline and her mob of rebellious subjects - the Aztecs. It's an archetypal tale of family feuds and fierce factions, one which threatens to undo them all. Whatever the outcome, one thing is certain - life in the Manor will never be the same. Disc 1 includes the following episodes (1-7): "To Have and To Have Not," "All Manor Of Love," "Rising Star," "The Family Way," "The Mark of Zorro," "Great Expectations" and "The Bodyguard." Disc 2 includes the following episodes (8-13): "Divided We Fall," "To The Manor Born," "The Birds," "The Rovers Return," "Home Alone" and "The Darkest Day." *Genius*

**Black Swarm** Welcome to Black Stone, "The Township of Good Neighbors," and now home to something a more ominous: a pack of intelligent--and deadly--genetically-modified wasps. Exterminator Devin Hall (Sebastien Roberts, Lucky Number Slevin) has seen a lot when it comes to peculiar insect behavior, but nothing like the swarm of wasps that descends on a homeless man and kills him. Amassing as a black swarm, they have a single, terrifying purpose: to kill. When the dark cloud descends, you haven't got a chance. The Black Swarm is here. *Genius*

**Depth Charge** Veteran Naval Commander Krieg has lost his mind and has overtaken his own submarine with the help of a band of mercenaries. He demands a large ransom in trade for sparing the lives of billions from a nuclear attack. However, still on board are two of the Montana's original crew and the duo will do anything they can to stop the madman from his dangerous and destructive plan. On a ship home to the deadliest weapons on earth, a standoff begins fathoms below sea level with the fate of the world at hand. Director: Terrence O'Hara. Stars: Eric Roberts, Barry Bostwick, and Jason Gedrick. *Genius*

# New On Video & DVD

**Lakeview Terrace** takes place in upper-middle-class Californian suburbia. The film's ubiquitous purple sky and poolside lighting create an air of domestic bourgeois comfort just waiting to be upended by deadly social unease. In this mode, the surprises start when the film opens with intimate household scenes not of the film's purported heroes, an interracial couple who's about to move next-door, but of its not-entirely-apparent villain--a curiously middle-aged beat cop (Jackson) who raises a few eyebrows when he close-mindedly bullies his children, but seems sad and sympathetic. The cop, a black man named Abel Turner, watches blankly from his home when the first new neighbor he sees is an African-American wife (Kerry Washington)--and then reacts with quiet shock and disgust when he realizes that the white mover is actually her husband, Chris (Patrick Wilson). The invasion in this home-invasion thriller is, ironically, the one perceived by its psychologically damaged bad guy. Abel, offended and ostensibly law-immune, immediately begins jabbing Chris with a toxic passive-aggression that quickly becomes impossible to ignore. *Lakeview Terrace* adheres to a satisfying thriller construct. It's also a little interested in exploiting the archetypes of squirm-inducing domestic threat--all the nasty scenarios viewers recognize from those earlier movies--to consider several facets of American racism: its inevitability in familial and casual issues and its existence in liberal white guilt as much as its poisonous mixture with mental illness. *Sony*

**Soul Men** The late Bernie Mac gives one of his final performances as Floyd Henderson, a retired back-up singer for a '60s soul act known as the Real Deal. When the group's lead singer, Marcus Hooks--played by real-life soul singer John Legend--suddenly drops dead, the two remaining members of the group, Henderson and Louis Hinds (Samuel L. Jackson), are enlisted to play a tribute concert at the Apollo Theatre in New York City. Hinds, an ex-convict trying his best to stay out of the limelight, is persuaded by Henderson to drive cross-country for the chance to re-ignite his music career. The classic comedic trope of road-trip antagonism reaches new heights as the pair curse and claw at each other for the entire voyage, taking occasional breaks to stage impromptu roadside rehearsals and other, less PG-rated misadventures. Throughout, Mac's formidable skills at slapstick play against Jackson's no-nonsense, tough guy demeanor--a veneer that, at times, cracks enough to reveal some genuinely tender moments between the two. But *Soul Men's* final, most poignant post-script is a cameo by fallen soul legend Isaac Hayes--who, coincidentally, died the same week as Bernie Mac--casting a bittersweet pall over the film's enjoyably comic shenanigans. *Genius*

**Poison Ivy 4 The Secret Society** When country-girl Daisy Brookes heads off to college, she finds herself thrust into a clique of young femme fatales known as Ivy Society. These Lolitas may appear harmless, but they have a grisly past that includes murder; and when Daisy refuses to join them, she may be next. With even the dean among their ranks, Daisy's only hope for survival is to put an end to these bad girls' treachery before she becomes one more victim. This loose sequel to the *Poison Ivy* films bears closer resemblance to *Cruel Intentions* than its ostensible predecessors. *Warner*

**When Weather Changed History Collector's Edition** The forces of Mother Nature and human nature collide in surprising and sometimes tragic ways in this riveting Weather Channel series, which examines how history has been shaped by various meteorological events. The intriguing episodes revisit the dust storm that hampered Operation Eagle Claw and the rescue of U.S. hostages in Iran, the cold weather that may have thwarted the doomed space shuttle *Challenger* and more. *KC Sales*

**Columbia Space Shuttle Disaster** In 2003, the space shuttle *Columbia* disintegrated over Texas just 16 minutes before it was due to land. All 7 astronauts aboard perished; the worldwide repercussions on the future of the space shuttle program were enormous. What caused the *Columbia* disaster? Through interviews with astronauts and their families, as well as with members of the *Columbia* Accident Investigation Board, this program gives viewers a new look at the *Columbia* tragedy--and at NASA itself. This DVD gets to the heart of what went wrong and explores why the shuttle program (scheduled for retirement in 2010) fell short of its ambitious goal to make space travel routine, cheap, and safe. *WGBH Boston*

**Private Valentine: Blonde & Dangerous** Jessica Simpson is Megan Valentine, a pampered Hollywood starlet whom no one takes seriously. But when she loses her money, her boyfriend, and her home, all in one night disastrous night; she ends up making the snap decision to join the Army. The transition from designer duds to camouflage fatigues isn't easy, but she's determined to be all that she can be. With a little help from her fellow recruits, they'll show each other that they have what it takes to face anything and still be fabulous. DVD Features: The Making of *Private Valentine: Blonde & Dangerous* Deleted Scenes. *Sony*

**Bottle Shock** For connoisseur Steven Spurrier (Rickman), there's no finer art than French wine, despite rumors that the new California wine country holds the future of the vine. Positive the small Napa wineries are no match for established French vintages, Spurrier challenges the Americans to a blind tasting. But when he finds the valley full of ambitious - and talented - novice vintners like Jim Barrett (Pullman) and his son Bo (Pine), he realizes his publicity stunt may change the history of wine forever. Based on a true story *Fox*

**Jon & Kate Plus Eight Season 3** Jon and Kate had a pair of twins. Then they had sextuplets. Now they have the oh-so-enviable task of cleaning up more messes than is humanly possible, dealing with unruly--yet surprisingly charming--toddlers, and just trying to keep their cool as they juggle eight little lives. This TLC reality series benefits from its firm hand on cutesy control. The kids feel real, and the young parents express their affection for their spawn as well as for each other--primarily through refreshingly sarcastic humor and dry wit. Still, the Gosselins come across as one of the happiest and most loving families in reality television. In the hit reality show's third season, Jon, Kate and their eight children take two special trips: The whole Gosselin brood heads to Utah for a winter vacation (of sorts), and Kate's dream comes true when they all go to Chicago to meet Oprah Winfrey. Other big events and momentous experiences include the twins (who narrate one episode) starting first grade, the sextuplets turning 4 and the kids meeting ticklish Muppet Elmo. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Trip to the Zoo," "Day in the Life," "Twins Turn 7!," "Kate Hires a Nanny," "Winter Preparation," "Potty Training the Boys," "Family Photo Shoot" and "Kate's Wardrobe Makeover." Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Gosselin Family Christmas," "Plane Ride to Utah," "Gosselins Go Skiing," "Twins Get Musical," "Cooking with the Twins," "Carpeting the House" and "Valentine's Day." Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Color Me Gosselin," "Leah and Joel," "Aaden and Hannah," "Alexis and Collin," "Mady's Day," "Cara's Day," "Jon & Kate's Special Day" and "Oprah Here We Come." Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Household Chores," "Gosselins Take the Stage," "Games Gosselins Play," "Memorial Day Picnic," "Discipline," "Jon's Hair Raising Experience" and "Jon & Kate Family Movie Night." *Genius*

**Melrose Place Season 5, Volume 1** A grownup, racier version of 90210, *Melrose Place* harked back to the days of classic nighttime soaps like *Dynasty* and *Dallas* while adding a decidedly younger, hipper edge with amped-up levels of sex, betrayal, murder, and a multiple personality or two. The backstabbing action centered on a group of fashionable, affluent twentysomethings living in a stylish apartment complex on the L.A. strip of the title: vulnerable ad exec Alison Parker (Courtney Thorne-Smith); her roommate/love interest, Billy Campbell (Andrew Shue); conniving doctor Michael Mancini (Thomas Calabro); his sweetly innocent wife, Jane (Josie Bissett); her trashy stripper sister, Sydney (Laura Leighton); nice guy Jake Hanson (Grant Show); openly gay Matt Fielding (Doug Savant); the utterly psychotic Kimberly Shaw (Marcia Cross); and, of course, villainous vixen Amanda Woodward (Heather Locklear). Divorce, deception, and brain tumors metastasize among the show's photogenic cast in the show's fifth season. This collection presents the first 19 episodes which welcome restaurateur Kyle McBride (Rob Estes) and his devious wife Taylor (Lisa Rinna) to the seedy mayhem. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Living With Disaster," "Over Dick's Dead Body," "Moving Violations," "Hunka Hunka Burnin' Love" and "Un-Janed Melody." Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Jane's Addiction," "Young Doctors In Heat," "Mission: Interpersonal," "Farewell Mike's Concubine" and "Nice Work If You Can Get It." Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Sole Sister," "Quest For Mother," "Crazy Love," "The Accidental Doctor" and "Escape From L.A." Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "The Eyes Of The Storm," "Better Homes & Condos," "Great Sex-pectations" and "Catch Her In A Lie." *Paramount/CBS*