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Beverly Hills 90210: 4th Season Television producer extraordinaire Aaron Spelling launched a pop-culture phenomenon with his 1990s teen soap opera Beverly Hills 90210, a landmark series that not only set the standard for '90s teen culture, but singlehandedly wrote the template for later shows like Dawson's Creek and THE O.C. Created by Darren Star, the glitzy series chronicled the coming-of-age dramas of Minnesota siblings Brandon (Jason Priestley) and Brenda Walsh (Shannen Doherty) as they adjusted to their new lives in the affluent environs of the zip code of the title, where they attended the fictional West Beverly High with a tight-knit group of teenage friends: goodnatured jock Steve Sanders (Ian Ziering); brainy good-girl Andrea Zuckerman (Gabrielle Carteris); naive virgin Donna Martin (Tori Spelling); aspiring DJ David Silver (Brian Austin Green); blonde siren Kelly Taylor (Jennie Garth); and troubled bad-boy Dylan McKay (Luke Perry). Like Degrassi, the series attempted social commentary by crafting storylines featuring a wide range of issues affecting '90s teens, including alcoholism, drug abuse, sex, and depression. Groundbreaking and iconic, 90210's fourth season finds most of the cast beginning their first year of college at California University, moving out on their own, and facing the challenges of adult life. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye," "The Girl From New York City," "Little Fish" and "Greek To Me." Additional Actors: Joe E. Tata, Michael Cudlitz, Mark Kiely, Jennifer Grant, Katherine Cannon, Rachel True, Matt Porretta, Zachary Throne, Brooke Theiss, Paul Johansson. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Radio Daze," "Strangers In the Night," "Moving Targets" and "Twenty Years Ago Today." Additional Actors: Jennifer Grant, Matt Porretta, Gino Conforti, Jennifer Crystal, Joe E. Tata, Ann Gillespie, Matthew Laurance, David Gail, Mark D. Espinoza, Cress Williams. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Otherwise Engaged," "And Did It Way," "Take Back The Night" and "Radar Love." Additional Actors: Ann Gillespie, Matthew Laurance, David Gail, Tracy Middendorf, Dina Meyer, Claudette Nevins, Harvey Vernon, Paul Johansson, William Wellman Jr., Brandon Douglas. Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Emily," "Widstruck," "Somewhere in the World It's Christmas" and "Crunch Time." Additional Actors: Joe E. Tata, Mark D. Espinoza, Matt Porretta, Brooke Theiss, Katherine Cannon, Cress Williams, Dina Meyer, Matthew Laurance, Kerrie Keane, Zachary Throne. Disc 5 includes the following episodes: "Thicker Than Water," "Heartbreaker," "The Labors of Love" and "Scared Very Straight." Additional Actors: Mark D. Espinoza, Ann Gillespie, Matthew Laurance, Zachary Throne, Kerrie Keane, Noley Thornton, Joe E. Tata, William S. Taylor, Joe Greco, Bojesse Christopher. Disc 6 includes the following episodes: "Addicted to Love," "Change Partners," "A Pig is a Boy is a Dog" and "Cuffs and Links." Additional Actors: Joe E. Tata, Mark D. Espinoza, David Gail, Cress Williams, William S. Taylor, Paul Lieber, Dan Spector, Audrey Marie Anderson, Lawrence Monoson, Michael Emanuel. Disc 7 includes the following episodes: "Time Has Come Today," "Blind Spot," "Divas" and "Acting Out." Additional Actors: Joe E. Tata, Cress Williams, Michele Scarabelli, Jack Armstrong, Jason Carter, Noley Thornton, Ryan Hurst, David Hayward, Eric Bruskotter, Nicholas Pryor. Disc 8 includes the following episodes: "Truth or Consequences," "Vital Signs" and "Mr. Walsh Goes To Washington: Part 1" and "Mr. Walsh Goes To Washington: Part 2." Additional Actors: Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, Jason Carter, Joe E. Tata, Mark D. Espinoza, Kathleen Robertson, Tracy Middendorf, Jennifer Grant, Kari Wuhrer, William S. Taylor, Dina Meyer. *Paramount/CBS*

Mannequin & Mannequin 2: On The Move The original Mannequin is one of the films that defined the '80s "brat pack" genre. The film is included on this package, along with its sequel, 1991's Mannequin 2: On The Move. Mannequin stars Andrew McCarthy (Pretty In Pink) as Jonathan Switcher, a young artist who builds the perfect mannequin. The mannequin comes to life as Emmy (Kim Cattrall), who is really an ancient Egyptian princess on a time-travelling mission in search of true love. Mannequin 2: On The Move follows a Medieval maiden whose attempts to shake a curse are brought to a head when she is reincarnated as a mannequin. *MGM*

Shirley Temple America's Sweetheart Collection: Young People Shirley Temple stars as the orphaned Wendy in her final film with Allan Dwan. Adopted as an infant by the husband and wife vaudeville team of Joe (Jack Oakie) and Kit Ballantine (Charlotte Greenwood), she grows into childhood as a vital part of their act. But, as she approaches school age, the couple feel that life on the road is not the best thing for Wendy, and they decide to buy a farm in Vermont and settle down. However, the local populace, led by the stiff-necked Hester Appleby, openly express their doubts about the morality of show business people. Mike Shea (George Montgomery), the owner of the local newspaper is alone in his openness toward the Ballantines. When Joe agrees with Mike's notion of promoting tourism at a town meeting, the citizenry sardonically appoint the vaudevillian a one-man chamber of commerce. When Wendy turns a school play directed by Hester into an impressive vaudeville show, the children's parents are scandalized by its content and call a halt to the show in mid-performance. Yet, all is not lost for the resourceful Ballantines. This standard Temple vehicle includes an interesting sequence of film clips revealing the child star's growth from her earliest screen appearances to adolescence. Wee Willie Winkie Shirley Temple considered this the best among her films, a belief seconded by critic Andrew Sarris, who regarded it more highly than director John Ford's contemporaneous masterpiece The Informer. She stars as Priscilla Williams, a young girl traveling with her mother, Joyce, to join her paternal grandfather (C. Aubrey Smith), a British army colonel, at the post he commands in northern India. Upon arrival, they witness the capture of Khoda Khan (Cesar Romero), leader of the rebel Indian faction. Priscilla plays at being a soldier and is even given a uniform and allowed to drill by the genial Sergeant MacDuff (Victor McLaglen), but her gruff grandfather disapproves and insists she remain apart from the troops. She eventually charms him, along with everyone else on the post, including Khoda Khan, whom she wins over by returning a talisman he's dropped. When the attractive Lieutenant Brandes (Michael Whalen) deserts his post to take Joyce to a dance, Khan escapes, and Brandes is arrested. As hostilities with the rebels mount, Priscilla and servant Mohammed Dihn (Willie Fung)--actually an Indian spy--take off for Khoda Khan's stronghold. Departing from the Kipling story, Ford places Temple in a military setting with a wonderfully expansive feeling not unlike that of his classic cavalry films. The high production values and excellent supporting cast further illuminate Temple's eternally fresh and ebullient allure in this irresistible gem from Hollywood's golden age. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld has observed that the phrase "family entertainment" is an oxymoron, but in the case of this delightful film he's mistaken. & Stowaway Shirley Temple stars in this musical as an orphan who changes the life of a playboy. When young Barbara "Ching-Ching" (Temple), the former ward of Chinese missionaries, gets lost in Shanghai, she meets Tommy Randall (Robert Young), an American ladies' man who helps her. Later, Ching-Ching stows away aboard a U.S.-bound ship, where she orchestrates a high-seas romance between irresponsible Tommy and fellow passenger Susan Parker (Alice Faye). *Fox*

Dance Off The Inches Fat Burning Belly Dance Burn calories the easy way by turning each workout into a fun dance routine. With this innovative program, viewers are invited to blast pounds away while learning dance moves from instructor Michelle Dozois. Michelle and her pals offer simple choreography as part of three dance routines. *Anchor Bay*

Treasure Island Pirates of Treasure Island A villain (Randy Quaid) claiming to be the descendant of Captain Flint wreaks havoc on Camp Treasure Island, where he hatches a plan to seize the island and steal its hidden gold. It's up to the kids, led by rebellious teen Charlie (Nicko Vella), to save the day. If they don't act fast, it's curtains for beloved camp owner Conrad Dawson (John Callen) and his family, held hostage by the dastardly Flint in this fast-paced family adventure. *Porchlight*
Grizzly Tales Based on a series of books by Jamie Rix, this animated children's show introduces twisted morality tales where unruly children learn their lessons in dreadful ways. In this episode, young Lorelei discovers to her horror what happens to lazy kids who pretend to be sick in order to skip school. *Porchlight*

Funky Valley Clara the hen, Fergus the fox, Batty the bat, and Daphne the grumpy old duck get up to no good in this children's animated series. But they are soon told off by their watchful parents, the sun and the moon. *Porchlight*

The Savages is a sometimes-funny, sometimes-sad look at family dynamics, but this time around the sense of humor is more wry than riotous. Laura Linney and Philip Seymour Hoffman play Wendy and Jon Savage, a pair of siblings on the cusp of middle age. She's earning money in New York City as a temp as she writes an autobiographical play about their childhood, while he lives in Buffalo, teaching college and finishing a book on Bertolt Brecht. Their estranged father (Philip Bosco) lives across the country, but the Savages reluctantly rush to see him when they learn that he may not be able to take care of himself any longer. Jon and Wendy bicker over problems old and new as they try to figure out what's best for a man they barely know. *Fox*

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Alien vs. Predator Requiem Alien vs. Predator relegated its intergalactic grudge match to Antarctica, keeping most of humankind gleefully ignorant. This time around, though, the destruction takes place in suburban America, and those who have been waiting for it finally get to witness facehuggers, alien hybrids, and the dreadlocked Predator wreak some homeland havoc. Directors Colin and Greg Strause (billed as "The Brothers Strause") don't seem concerned with achieving the tension of the original Alien and Predator films, instead using their visual effects backgrounds to create a steady stream of monsters, gore, and goo. Picking up where AVP ended, Requiem sees Predator on a homebound spacecraft when a baby alien/Predator hybrid bursts from his chest, causing the ship to crash in the Colorado woods. Several facehugger specimens escape, planting eggs down the throats of a hunter and his son. Soon, baby aliens emerge from their bodies and head for town, where ex-con Dallas (Steven Pasquale), Iraq War vet Kelly (Reiko Aylesworth), pizza delivery boy Ricky (Johnny Lewis), high school heartthrob Jesse (Kristen Hager), and sheriff Morales (John Ortiz) have their own separate encounters with the creatures. The dead Predator's home planet receives a transmission of the alien outbreak, and a fellow denizen of his world is dispatched to clean up the multiplying aliens, eventually causing enough death and destruction for government intervention. A government conspiracy plot thread and an ambiguous ending ensure that this battle isn't over yet. *Fox*

Juno The word "quirky" has become the quick and easy way to describe films such as Little Miss Sunshine and Lars And The Real Girl that straddle the lines between indie and studio films and comedy and drama. While Juno fits into that same category, this distinctive dramedy is in a class all its own. Ellen Page (X-Men: The Last Stand) stars as Juno, a witty teenage girl whose boredom doesn't lead her to the mall. Instead, she makes a one-time trip into the arms of her best friend Paulie Bleeker (Michael Cera). When Juno discovers that she's pregnant, she's forced to grow up fast as she tries to find adoptive parents for her quickly growing child. Juno might have a lot of strengths--Page's award-worthy performance, a pitch-perfect soundtrack, excellent direction from Jason Reitman--but it's the screenwriting debut of writer Cody Diablo that makes this such a winning film. Famous for her blog and her book Candy Girl: A Year In The Life Of An Unlikely Stripper, Diablo has a unique voice and an incredible ear for dialogue. But even the nearly perfect script wouldn't sound so good if it weren't for the talents of these actors, particularly Page. She won't rave for her first major role in Hard Candy, but this performance proves it wasn't a fluke. The rest of the cast, especially J.K. Simmons as Juno's dad, is just as worthy of attention. Juno continues Cera's cinematic ascent after his success with the hit comedy Superbad, and his Arrested Development costar Jason Bateman uses his dry delivery to great effect as a potential parent for Juno's baby. Songs from Kimya Dawson perfectly capture the film's tone with the music's sweet, smart, and funny sounds. *Fox*

Melrose Place Season 4 Creator Darren Star and executive producer Aaron Spelling followed up on the massive success of their 1990s teen drama Beverly Hills 90210 with a spinoff series that went on to match its parent show's popularity (and made its Monday night timeslot an evening of must-see TV). 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 20-somethings 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); tough New York transplant Jo Reynolds (Daphne Zuniga); the utterly psychotic Kimberly Shaw (Marcia Cross); manipulative rich girl Brooke Armstrong (Kristin Davis); and, of course, villainous vixen Amanda Woodward (Heather Locklear). Starting off with a bang, this season opens with the explosion of the apartment complex, and wallows in the fallout for another year of red-hot treachery. The ultimate guilty pleasure, Melrose Place's fourth season is presented here in its entirety. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Postmortem Madness," "Melrose Is Like A Box of Chocolates," "Blind Ambition" and "Simply Shocking." Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Drawing Henry," "The Jane Mutiny," "Let the Games Begin" and "Dial 'M' for Melrose." Disc 3 This disc includes the following episodes: "Amanda Unplugged," "El Syd," "Free Kimmy" and "Kimberley Does L.A." Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Hook, Line, and Hayley," "Two Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Oy! to the World" and "Holy Strokes." Disc 5 includes the following episodes: "The Brooke Stops Here," "Sydney, Bothered and Bewildered" and "The Bobby Trap." Disc 6 includes the following episodes: "No Lifeguard on Duty," "Devil in a Wet Dress" and "The Circle of Strife." Disc 7 includes the following episodes: "Run Billy, Run," "Ruthless People," "The Burning Sofa" and "Triumph of the Bill." Disc 8 includes the following episodes: "What Goes Up Must Come Down," "True Fibs," "Melrose Unglued" and "Peter's Excellent Adventure." Disc 9 includes the following episodes: "Full Metal Betsy" and "Dead Sisters Walking." *Paramount/CBS*

Loch Ness Terror An entertaining action-packed thrill-ride about a crypto-zoologist on the hunt for the infamous, man-eating Loch Ness monster! From deep uncharted waters and through cavernous subterranean tunnels emerges into Lake Superior an unknown and menacing species. The gruesome bloodshed to follow doesn't stop at Nessie; she's brought her vicious offspring to help terrorize the innocent townspeople living around the lake. No man on land or water has a chance against this forty-foot bloodthirsty reptile and her spawn... no man except the only one who has ever survived Nessie's wrath. Driven by a deep-seeded vengeance, James Murphy (Brian Krause, TV's "Charmed") hunts down this terrible species with skillful force. Will Murphy save the locals of Lake Superior or end up as one of Nessie's countless casualties?. The Loch Ness Terror DVD will feature the following bonus materials: "The Making of Loch Ness Terror" Featurette Bonus: Includes entire first episode of TV's "Blood" *Sony*

Inside Access Derek Jeter Many athletes rise to the top of their game and put up legendary stats, but few have the off-the-field class or poise of Derek Jeter. His numbers and career with the Yankees speak for themselves. But what makes Jeter a true superstar is his personality. In this rare glimpse into the star shortstop's life, fans will get a chance to experience Jeter's persona through interviews, television appearances, and footage from his pre-Yankee days in the minor leagues. Both charming and possessing a great sense of humor, Derek Jeter is in that rarified category of sports legend whose demeanor might be even more impressive than his fielding and hitting. *ESPN/Genius*

Charlie Wilson's War The first time the audience sees Texas congressman Charlie Wilson (Tom Hanks) in the early 1980s, he seems far from a model politician. Surrounded by strippers, a Playboy Playmate, and cocaine, the naked congressman lies in a hot tub at a party. Despite the distractions, the TV news catches Charlie's attention as Dan Rather reports from a war-torn Afghanistan. As Soviets invade the country, the Afghans lack the money and technology to defend themselves. Enter Joanne Herring (Julia Roberts), a wealthy Texan who champions the cause of Afghanistan and, by extension in the Cold War, America. Together with CIA Agent Gust Avrakotos (Philip Seymour Hoffman), Charlie begins a secret war where he must unite Israel, Pakistan, Egypt, and America to defeat the Soviets. *Universal*

Cloverfield The movie begins at a party for Rob (Michael Stahl-David), who has accepted a promotion that will send him to Japan. Hud (T. J. Miller) is entrusted with the responsibility of videotaping the party--and as the trouble grows, he holds on to the camera, recording everything that happens. In fact, the entire movie is seen through the lens of his camera, reminiscent of The Blair Witch Project. As terrified people in a post-9/11 New York City take to the streets, Rob decides to head uptown to try to save Beth (Odette Yustman), the woman he loves, though he's afraid to tell her so. Rob is joined by his brother Jason (Mike Vogel), Jason's girlfriend Lily (Jessica Lucas), Lily's friend Marlana (Lizzy Caplan), and Hud, who has a thing for Marlana. Rob is determined not to give up, even after almost being crushed by the Statue of Liberty's head and as the military shows up to force evacuation of the city. *Paramount*

The Adventures of Baron Munchausen Terry Gilliam tells the legend of an old man who has lived a fairy-tale life. In the late 18th century, the Age of Reason has no room for fantasy. In a town besieged by murderous enemies, a traveling company is putting on a stage show about the apocryphal Baron Munchausen, who, with his motley crew of servants, supposedly circled the globe and the universe, following each bizarre adventure with one even more strange and ludicrous. But then a man appears at the theater claiming to be the real Baron, and to prove it, he goes off on one final journey to save the town, chased all along the way by the winged specter of death. Gilliam never met an epic spectacle he didn't like. Munchausen is loaded with brilliant set pieces, including spinning heads on the moon and a giant Botticelli clamshell in the bottom of a hellish volcano. *Sony*

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The Bette Davis Collection: The Nanny This suspenseful chiller concerns a nanny who's suspected of drowning a young girl in her charge. Then the victim's brother Joey, who was sent away after his sister's death, returns home from a school for the mentally disturbed. The boy begins an intense cat-and-mouse game with the governess. Who killed the baby girl -- was it her 10-year-old brother, or her dotting nanny?, Hush...Hush. Sweet Charlotte Bette Davis plays Charlotte Hollis, a hermetic spinster haunted by memories of her murdered fiancé. Charlotte, whose only social contact is with her maid, Velma (Agnes Moorehead), is crushed to learn that the state wants to tear down her mansion and put up a highway in its place. She calls on her cousin Miriam (Olivia de Havilland) for help, but Miriam fails to offer any assistance other than bringing in the family physician (Joseph Cotten) to have her troubled relative committed. As the nightmares of her fiancé continue to haunt her, Charlotte ends up fighting not only for the Hollis estate but for her sanity as well. Director Robert Aldrich resumes the electric collaboration with Davis begun in the terrifying smash hit *What Ever Happened To Baby Jane?* Davis heads up the stellar cast (which includes Bruce Dern and George Kennedy in small, early roles and Mary Astor in her last film appearance) with a performance that radiates desperation, entrapment, and inevitable collapse. Hush...Hush, Sweet Charlotte provides a chilling investigation of a heartbreakingly demented mind., *The Virgin Queen* Looking to explore the New World, Walter Raleigh befriends Lord Leicester, who introduces the young explorer to the Queen Elizabeth I. A friendship arises between the aging Elizabeth and Raleigh. But the Queen becomes angry at her youthful new friend when she finds out that Raleigh is having an affair with the Queen's beautiful lady-in-waiting. Feeling betrayed Elizabeth has Raleigh imprisoned in the infamous Tower of London. But she soon softens and changes her mind, allowing him to take ships across the sea and marry his love., *Phone Call from a Stranger* On an airplane, David Trask becomes friends with three fellow travellers: a stripper, a mentally unstable doctor, and a boorish salesman. But when the plane crashes, David is the only one of the four to survive. He decides to call and visit the immediate families of each of the deceased, and impart to them information of the loved one they've lost. In the process, David changes their lives -- and his own -- forever. & *All About Eve* An unforgettable, acerbic look behind the scenes of New York theater, *All About Eve* depicts the glory days, even as it reveals its denizens' naked ambition as they stand always-in-the-ready to topple the current talent and step into the limelight. Bette Davis mesmerizes as Margo Channing, leading dame of the New York stage until she is pushed aside by a fresh-faced fan who becomes her understudy, the duplicitous Eve (Anne Baxter). Eve's humble background and eager innocence fools all while she subtly digs in her claws, tearing Margo from her friends and colleagues as she desperately grasps her chance for stardom. Wit and sarcasm, though touched with pathos, reign supreme as the determined diva and diva-in-training duke it out. George Sanders as the viperish theater columnist is oily perfection, winning an Oscar for his portrayal. The film won seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and Best Director and Best Screenplay prizes for director-writer Joseph L. Mankiewicz. Both Davis and Baxter were nominated for Best Actress Oscars for their superb performances. *Fox*

Resurrecting the Champ In *Resurrecting The Champ*, Samuel L. Jackson sheds the cooler-than-thou persona he's perfected in films such as *Pulp Fiction*. But even previous turns as the downtrodden characters in *Changing Lanes* and *Black Snake Moan* are nothing compared to the role of Champ in this film from director Rod Lurie (*The Last Castle*). Jackson transforms into a homeless man, completely changing his voice and carriage to reflect someone who has lived on the street for years. When the audience first meets Champ, he is being attacked by a group of 20-something men. A sports journalist named Erik Kernan happens upon the scene and rescues Champ from a brutal beating. But it's Erik who needs rescuing as well: his job at the *Denver Times* is in jeopardy as a result of his pedestrian prose, and his marriage to a fellow journalist (Kathryn Morris, *Cold Case*) is on equally shaky ground. In finding Champ, he's found his story. Champ isn't an average man living on the street. Instead, he boasts of being famed boxer Battling Bob Satterfield, and he hands Erik a Pulitzer-worthy story of a life gone wrong. Based on a true story, *Resurrecting The Champ* is less a typical sports movie than it is an engaging drama. There's enough boxing history and action to satisfy sports fans: Satterfield is said to have battled big names such as Jake La Motta of Raging Bull fame, and bouts are fought and won throughout the film. But it's Erik's internal conflict that makes this an interesting film. He is a man forever caught in the shadow of his father, a famed sports broadcaster he never really knew, as he tries to raise his own son. *Fox*

Magus In a mysterious world of magic, a hard-luck wizard named Felix (Bill Steele) finds himself facing the ultimate foe -- one who could spell doom for his secret society. The Magus is an evil wizard consumed with killing to strengthen his power. With this dark lord's nefarious mission of murder threatening the sorcerers' world, it's up to the unlikely Felix to uphold the Wizard's Code and save his society from destruction. *MTI*

Child's Play The Lake Shore Strangler, a mass murderer who has plagued the Chicago area for months, meets his untimely end when he gets shot in a toy warehouse. Left for dead, the killer summons the strength to recite a voodoo chant which causes his soul to be "reincarnated" into one of the dolls resting on the shelves. The incantation also sparks an unnatural lightning storm, and when lightning hits the warehouse, it burns to the ground. Only one doll survives: the doll possessed by the killer's soul. Later, a mother innocently buys this doll as a present for her son. At first, everything seems fine, but soon the doll starts communicating with the young boy. Then he slays the child's babysitter. That's only the first of his many gruesome exploits, however. So watch out... because just when you think Chucky's gone he might be coming back. *Fox*

Music Within Based on a true story, *Music Within* depicts how one man helped change policies and attitudes toward people with disabilities. Richard Pimentel (Ron Livingston) grew up with an emotionally unstable mother (Rebecca De Mornay) and lost his father in a freak accident, so he turns to public speaking in school to find direction in life and seek the approval and praise he needs. After receiving insightful advice from a public speaking mentor (Hector Elizondo), Richard enlists in the army and serves in Vietnam. He returns with impaired hearing and finds it difficult to get a job. Through friendships with Art (Michael Sheen), who has cerebral palsy, and fellow Vietnam vets with various ailments, Richard finds his calling as an employment placement advocate for those with disabilities. Catching the attention of the state governor, his innovative work leads to a breakthrough opportunity: to write the training program for employers and government agencies to improve conditions, hire, and retain employees with disabilities. His efforts ultimately result in the creation of the congressionally approved Americans with Disabilities Act. *Music Within* impeccably fulfills its mission to inform as it entertains, as it seriously explores this sensitive subject but never loses its sense of humor when dealing with the issues. Livingston is perfectly cast as Richard; his earnest Everyman style inspires, and his deadpan comic timing adds warmth to a story that showcases how cold people can be. Sheen is a marvel as the brilliant and witty wheelchair-bound Art. Their chemistry is spell-binding and their characters' unique relationship is the heartbeat of this endearing film. *Fox*

Farmkids: Chaos in the Country Life in the petting zoo was good for the Farm Kids. They were pampered, loved, and led a celebrity lifestyle any animal would envy. But when they get relocated to Dude Ranch, a real working farm with real mud, real work, and real adventure, will they survive? Here are the first seven episodes of a show that puts a clever twist on the theme of city slickers who find themselves in the boonies. *Porchlight*

Farmkids: Hair, Wool, Feathers and Fur Now that the Farm Kids are beginning to get used to their new environment in the country, far away from their safe and comfortable home at the petting zoo, they find themselves mixed up in all sorts of trouble and adventure. Here are episodes eight through thirteen of this hilarious show that asks if fancy pampered animals can survive the gritty, down-in-the-dirt lifestyle of a real working farm. *Porchlight*

A Room With A View in this beautifully lighthearted tale of Edwardian manners. Helena Bonham Carter stars as a young Englishwoman, Lucy Honeychurch. When Lucy and her spinster chaperone, Charlotte Bartlett (Maggie Smith), travel to Florence, they meet an unconventional Englishman, Mr. Emerson (Denholm Elliott), and his romantically unhappy son, George (Julian Sands). After George makes the grievous mistake of kissing Lucy during a picnic in the Florentine hills, Charlotte rushes her back to England. Safely home, Lucy becomes engaged to the stiff, very proper Cecil (Daniel Day-Lewis), but after finding out the Emersons have moved close by, Lucy has a hard time ignoring her attraction to the unsuitable George. *Warner*

Sharkwater Documentarian Rob Stewart dives into shark-filled seas to disprove fear-based stereotypes and raise awareness of the world's dwindling shark population. But he ventures into dangerous waters when he battles shark poachers in this award-winning film. With renegade conservationist Paul Watson, Stewart exposes the criminal and highly profitable harvesting of shark fins, risking his life and facing a corrupt court system for his efforts. *Warner*

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In The Name of the King Much like cult-favorites Lara Croft: Tomb Raider and Mortal Kombat, In The Name of The King: A Dungeon Siege Tale is a fantasy-adventure based on a popular video game series, Dungeon Siege. The film follows the simple but heroic and fearless Farmer, portrayed by Jason Statham, as he gets caught up in the brink-of-war tensions of King Konraid (Burt Reynolds), his backstabbing nephew Duke Fallow (Matthew Lillard), and the evil wizard, Gallian (Ray Liotta). The film features similar plot-points to the critically acclaimed The Lord Of The Rings Trilogy (2001-2003), including a sinister beastly army parallel to LOTR's orcs of Mordor, called the Krugs, responsible for killing members of Farmer's family and kidnapping his wife, Solana (Claire Forlani). High-adventure follows, as Farmer, and his brother-in-law Bastian (Will Sanderson) and friend Norick (Ron Perlman) pursue the Krugs, which lead them to a vast underground lair of enslaved humans, orchestrated by Gallian, as he seeks to create and rule a hellish underworld with magic and mysticism. The film also includes John Rhys-Davis (The Lord Of The Rings, Raiders Of The Lost Ark) as Merick, a noble wizard, and the King's closest confidante and spiritual healer; and Leelee Sobieski as Merick's daughter, who as the scorned lover of Gallian, has put the kingdom at great risk. Although some of the all-star cast seems a bit out of place in a sword-and-sorcerer epic, video game fans won't mind much as the majority of the two-hour film contains nonstop action and intriguing fantasy characters. *Fox*

Alien Nation: Ultimate Movie Collection: Detectives Matt Sikes (Gary Graham) and George Francisco (Eric Pierpoint) are back in these feature-length sci-fi dramas that pick up where the TV series left off. "Alien Nation: Dark Horizon" In the original "Alien Nation", escaped slaves from the planet of Tencton came to earth in search of sanctuary. Gradually, they won their civil rights, integrated themselves into society, and settled down. But even as many earthlings grew used to the "newcomers", splinter groups, called the "purists", resisted their entry into our world. "Alien Nation: Dark Horizon" continues the story, once again focusing on George, a Tencton who joined the police force, and his partner Matt. But now this intergalactic tale shifts into an even darker mode. The purists have developed a virus designed to harm only aliens -- and George's wife and daughter are among the first to fall ill. But danger comes from their own kind as well, in the form of a Ahposno, a bounty hunter from back home who wants to bring the escapees back to Tencton... where they would once again become slaves -- or worse. (1994). "Alien Nation: Body and Soul" Sikes and Francisco are called in to a case when a mysterious young girl, who looks part Newcomer, part human, appears. Her huge, brutish counterpart tries to free her from the precinct, and their bizarre relationship turns out to be the result of a slaveship medical experiment. Meanwhile, Cathy and Matt are going to sex school, in preparation of becoming intimate, while Buck distresses his parents by his anti-human opinions (1995), Millennium It's 1999, and as the end of the millenium approaches, people are attempting to find spiritual enlightenment. But a few people want to skip all the work that entails, and a holy Tenctonese relic in the hands of a heretic is giving them a shortcut. But it's not quite as easily controlled as she says., The Enemy Within When detectives Sikes and Francisco is presented with the mysterious death of an Eeno, Matt is stupefied to discover that George rudely snubs the case. He, like most newcomers, reviles the outcast Eenos. As the case unfolds, George has to reassess his prejudices, and George's family help save the city from an alien threat originating in an Eeno waste disposal facility. & The Udara Legacy Matt and George investigate a series of strange occurrences involving newcomers, who are found to be programmed to carry out someone's dirty work. The method by which they are brainwashed dates back to the slave ship's rebellion group, the Udara, who we find Susan is a part of. Susan and George's lives are further disrupted when Buck enrolls in the police academy. *Fox*

Bigfoot Meteor Shifting Gears Meteor and his monster truck friends learn the importance of talking and listening to each other in six exciting, action-filled episodes. Join the big-wheeled friends as they get stuck in the mud, go off-road racing, and receive a package from Meteor's mom during her mission on Mars! And the fun doesn't stop there as Little Tow discovers how listening in on other conversations can cause major confusion, Meteor learns the value of his grandpa's stories about the past, and Little Tow and Meteor talk about some of the times they got in trouble. Everyone is on the move!

Genius

Meerkat Manor Season 2 More drama than a soap opera, more violence than a gangster flick, who could be so scandalous, so outrageous, that their behavior would never be accepted in normal social circles? Why it's the meerkats of course. They're back for their second season of mischief and wild behavior that has made this animal reality TV series such a phenomenon. Flower, Whiskers, and Mozart have returned as well as a new team of rivals known as the Commandoes. Then, later in the season, a flurry of pregnancies will introduce the next generation of these Kalahari rascals. Who will sleep with whom? Who will betray the group? Who gets killed? This collection includes the complete second season with almost five hours of all this meerkat madness! Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Cold Comfort," "The Three Amigos," "Young Blood," "Iron Lady" and "There's No Place Like Home." Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "When Flower Met Hannibal," "United We Stand," "The Enemy Within" and "The Art of Leadership." Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Balance of Power," "Growing Pains," "The Godmother" and "The Quiet Fields." *Genius*

Taras Bulba The spectacular hordes of Cossack horsemen flying across the steppes to do battle with first one enemy and then another are the highlights of this otherwise thinly scripted costume drama set in the 16th century in the Ukraine. After the Cossack leader Taras Bulba (Yul Brynner) makes a pact with the Poles to join forces against the Turks and drive them from the European steppes, victory brings betrayal as the Poles then turn on their ally and force the Cossacks into the hills. From there, Taras Bulba decides that one of his sons, Andrei (Tony Curtis), will be sent to Polish schools to better learn the nature of their enemy. While away from home and hearth, the adult Andrei falls in love with a Polish noblewoman, Natalia (Christine Kaufmann, who would become the second Mrs. Curtis). As time progresses, the tensions between father and son, loyalty and love, ethnic identity and assimilation steadily increase until they end in tragedy. Taras Bulba was nominated for a 1963 Academy Award for "Best Music", scored by Franz Waxman. *Fox*

Big Brother Binky Arthur's best buddy Binky Barnes is about to go through a serious life change--he's going to become a big brother! No, his parents aren't having another child, they're adopting one. But this is no ordinary adoption, since Binky's new kid sister is coming all the way from China! This is the story of Binky and his family going to China to meet their new family member and how they learn about a different culture as well. Big Brother Binky is an animated spinoff from the popular Arthur series and is a great way to introduce children to a complex topic. It is also a humorous and entertaining TV show that has charmed public television audiences for years. *WGBH Boston*

Arthur Season 10 Wow, everyone's favorite Aardvark is already in his 10th season and shows no signs of slowing down. One of public television's most popular children's series, Arthur is a great way for young minds to get excited about learning and developing healthy social behavior. Collected here are all the episodes from season 10 in which Arthur and his pals get really into baseball, learn how to eat healthily, and find out that it's okay to get scared once in a while. It's another season of educational adventures presented with all the humor and charm that the ARTHUR series is known for. More life lessons are in store for 8-year-old Arthur Read, the world's most celebrated aardvark, in this 10th season of the Daytime Emmy-winning series based on Marc Brown's children's books. In this collection of episodes, Arthur and Buster regret watching a horror film; Francine and Arthur make a bet to see who can conserve the most water during a drought; and Arthur launches an investigation after he's suspected of breaking a crystal platter. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Happy Anniversary," "The Squirrels" and "Fern and Persimmony Glitchet." Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Desert Island Dish," "The Secret About Secrets," "Feeling Flush" and "Family Fortune." Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "D.W. Aims High," "Flaw and Order," "The Curse of the Grebes" and "Arthur Changes Gears." Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Unfinished," "D.W., Bossy Boots," "Binky Vs. Binky" and "Operation: D.W.!" Disc 5 includes the following episodes: "Do You Speak George?," "World Girls," "What's Cooking?" and "Buster's Special Delivery." *WGBH Boston*

New On Video & DVD

American Dad Volume 3 From the creators of Family Guy comes another outrageous and over-the-top take on the American nuclear family. With his doting wife, Francine, at his side, Stan Smith--CIA agent, anti-terror operative, and upstanding citizen--runs a household that includes his ultra-liberal daughter, Hayley; his dweeb son, Steve; a sarcastic alien named Roger; and a lascivious German goldfish, Klaus. The third volume contains 19 episodes. The last 10 episodes from season two and the first nine episodes from season three--including "Bush Comes to Dinner," "An Apocalypse to Remember," "Joint Custody," "Vacation Goo," and "Frannie 911"--are collected in a three-disc set. *Fox*

Lars and the Real Girl As the title character, Ryan Gosling is a strange but likeable young man who manages to keep down a job but keeps mostly to himself. He only leaves the garage where he lives when his older brother Gus (Paul Schneider) and loving sister-in-law Karin (Emily Mortimer) drag him to their house next door for dinner. Lars doesn't take well to questioning, so the disturbing level of his isolation is never openly discussed. It's only when he announces he has a girlfriend in the form of an anatomically correct doll he purchased via the Internet that everyone must admit his precarious mental state. No one quite knows how to help Lars, so they play along, careful not to do anything that might push him or Bianca (his plastic fiancée) over the edge. The results are touching efforts on the part of all those who love him to help Lars through what his psychologist (Patricia Clarkson) assures them may be only a stage. Kelli Garner shines as Margo, the real, live girl who Lars seems incapable of seeing. Despite being ignored, Margo hangs in there, hopeful Lars will come around to sanity and to her. Craig Gillespie's *Lars and the Real Girl* is a sweet love story and a film which deals with mental illness in surprisingly subtle ways. With a formula that could easily have manipulated for cheap laughs, the film achieves quirky humor in parts but mostly touching observations about the nature of delusions themselves. The film's talented cast gathers around Lars, a sensitive character who the film respects and who Gosling brings fully to life. *MGM*

Big Comfy Couch Upside Down Clown It's time for fun and learning with The Big Fluffy Couch, featuring Loonette the Clown and Molly the Doll. Geared toward children between the ages of two to five, this program contains great lessons on numbers, letters, and, more importantly, sharing, caring, and cooperation. There's no better combination of good times and good education than this popular award-winning series. *Genius*

Gabriel In the long-standing fight between good and evil, Gabriel (Andy Whitfield), the lone surviving archangel, must engage in an epic last stand against the fallen angels to save the citizens of purgatory. Taking on human form, Gabriel wrestles with earthly emotions -- including a romance with a prostitute (Samantha Noble) -- and launches a fierce battle against purgatory's ruler (Dwayne Stevenson) in this dark actioner. *Sony*

What Not To Wear: Mom Makeovers Knowing what not to wear might be even more difficult than keeping up with the latest trends--especially with all the challenges of parenthood. But now there's help from Clinton Kelly and Stacy London! Here are all 13 episodes of *What Not To Wear*, with a special emphasis on moms. From hair to shoes, the makeovers featured here are as dramatic as they are realistic. This isn't some fantasy "new you" show, with unattainable goals and ridiculous fashion. This is all about common sense and looking good without the sacrifice. *Genius*

Prism After witnessing the murder of his parents, a young autistic boy retreats into himself and becomes catatonic. When a brilliant psychologist attempts to help him, she begins to unravel the sinister truth about his condition. But can she bring the child back to reality before losing her mind? Dynamic supernatural thriller stars Brett Lee Alexander, Karen Garcia, Jeff Boyet. *Monarch*

Flash Point Action masters Wilson Yip and Donnie Yen deliver nonstop martial arts thrills in this tale of triad gang warfare in pre-handover Hong Kong. Reckless Detective Ma (Yen) threatens the careful work of his partner, Wilson (Louis Koo), who's finally infiltrated a notorious triad gang. As the operation begins to collapse, Ma enters the fray to go one-on-one against the triad leader (Collin Chou) before he takes over the streets. *Genius*

Laverne & Shirley Season 4 Laverne DeFazio (Penny Marshall) and Shirley Feeney (Cindy Williams) first graced America's television screens as Richie and Fonzie's cheap and easy dates on an episode of *Happy Days*. Before long, their spinoff show, *Laverne & Shirley*, would go on to match, and arguably surpass, its parent show's success with the winsome comic adventures of its two spunky heroines. Sharing a basement apartment in Milwaukee and working as bottlecappers at Shotz Brewery, the blue-collar girls navigated through 1950s America with the help of an endearing assortment of oddball characters: their goodhearted landlady, Edna Babish (Betty Garrett); Laverne's gruff, pizza-slinging father, Frank DeFazio (Phil Foster); hunky dance instructor--and Shirley's sometime romantic interest--Carmine Ragusa (Eddie Mekka); and, of course, wacky greaser neighbors Lenny Kosnowski (Michael McKean) and Andrew "Squiggy" Squiggmann (David L. Lander). But most of all, the series showcased the deep and abiding friendship between brassy Laverne and sweetnatured Shirley with warmth, hilarity, and a few helpings of milk and Pepsi. This collection presents every episode from the beloved show's fourth season. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "The Festival (Part 1)," "The Festival (Part 2)," "Playing the Roxy," "The Robbery," "The Quiz Show" and "Laverne & Shirley Go To Night School." Additional Actors: Bernie Kuby, Rick Podell, Penny Santon, Timothy Jerome, Howard Mann, Larry Bishop, Kip Gilman, Hans Conried. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "A Date With Eraserhead," "The Bully Show," "A Visit To The Cemetery," "A Chorus Line," "Laverne & Shirley Move In" and "Dinner For Four." Additional Actors: Terence Goodman, Paul Willson, Larry Hankin, Toni Basil, Jeffrey Kramer. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "It's A Dog's Life," "Oh, Come All Ye Bums," "Who's Papa?," "The Third Annual Shotz Talent Show," "Supermarket Sweep" and "Lenny's Crush." Additional Actors: Murphy Dunne, Wayne Powers, Jack Somack, Hamilton Camp, Ed Begley Jr., Rance Howard, Jack Lukes, Byron Webster. Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "The Fire Show," "Squiggy In Love," "The Feminine Mistake," "Tenants Are Revolting," "There's A Spy In My Beer" and "Shirley And The Older Man." Additional Actors: Cynthia Harrison, Jay Leno, Jack Perkins, Richard Libertini, G.W. Bailey, Dick Yarmy, Robert Alda. *Paramount/CBS*

Mist: The Tale of Sheepdog Puppy All Mist wants to be in life is the best sheepdog possible. The problem is, the harder she tries the more she fails. It doesn't help that the head sheepdog is mean, that her aunt is sneaky, or that there is a group of surly rams who like to stir up trouble. But with a little hard work and devotion, Mist might just pull it off--especially when she's given a challenge nobody else can handle. This family film starring real sheepdogs is a treat for anyone who loves canines and a good story about overcoming obstacles. *Allumination Film Works*

Jack London's Call of the Wild Jack London's classic adventure story has been interpreted for the screen a number of times, but this version does one of the best jobs of capturing all the excitement and the drama of London's timeless coming-of-age tale. Starring Nick Mancuso and Shane Meier, this film is perfect for the entire family. *Allumination Film Works*

Toddworld Making New Friends It's a wonderful, colorful world with Todd and his pals in "ToddWorld!" There's a rainbow of fun waiting as you follow Todd to a place where kids, animals, and even aliens from another planet can live and play together! Every day's an adventure in "ToddWorld!" Includes 6 episodes.

27 Dresses Katherine Heigl stars in this romantic comedy about a selfless young woman who is trapped in the role of perennial bridesmaid. Set in New York City, the film opens with Jane (Heigl) racing by cab to appear in two friends' weddings in the same night. She is the maid of honor for both fetes, and she rushes back and forth in time to shimmy to both electric slides. She meets Malcolm (James Marsden), a cynical young man who, unbeknownst to her, writes for a newspaper's wedding column. Malcolm is intrigued by the sheer number of times Jane has played bridesmaid, and he secretly decides to write a story about her. To further complicate Jane's life, her younger sister Tess (Malin Akerman) has just come to town and ensnared Jane's longtime crush, George (Edward Burns). When George and Tess become engaged, Jane faces the humiliating prospect of playing bridesmaid in the wedding of her sister and the man she loves. Meanwhile, Malcolm continues hounding Jane, and Jane's life and closet soon explode in a taffeta-tangled mess that forces her to make some big changes. *Fox*