

# New On Video & DVD

**ER Seven Season** As Season 7 of this popular medical drama opens, Dr. Carter (Noah Wyle) enters rehab to deal with a narcotics addiction that's plagued him since he was stabbed in the ER. Meanwhile, a love triangle between Nurse Lockhart (Maura Tierney), Carter and Dr. Kovac (Goran Visnjic) heats up. Anthony Edwards, Alex Kingston, Eriq La Salle and Ming-Na also star in this ensemble-cast drama created by Michael Crichton. Disk 1 includes the following episodes: "Homecoming," "Sand and Water," "Mars Attacks" and "Benton Backwards." Additional Actors: Brent Jennings, Gerry Black, John Doe, James Callahan, Rosemary Forsyth, Diana Castle, Jim Jansen, Michael Raynor, Alex D. Linz, Christine Cavanaugh, Duffy Epstein, Alan Young, Keith Diamond, Keri Lynn Pratt, John Lordan. Disk 2 includes the following episodes: "Flight of Fancy," "The Visit," "Rescue Me" and "The Dance We Do." Additional Actors: John Pyper-Ferguson, Vivian Wu, Keith Diamond, Carla Gallo, Alan Dale, Toy Connor, Sally Field, Deezer D, Deborah Lacey, Catherine Paolone, Timothy Paul Perez, Morris Chestnut, Nancy Kwan, Jonelle Allen, Christopher John Fields, Anthony Lee, Lisa Arning, Michael Childers, Matt Craven, Zeljko Ivanek, Aaron Braxton, James Chisem, Donald Sage Mackay, Stuart McLean. Disk 3 includes the following episodes: "The Greatest of Gifts," "Piece of Mind" and "Rock, Paper, Scissors." Additional Actors: Dwayne Adway, Kari Coleman, Kerrie Keane, Jacqueline Kim, Catherine Paolone, Robert Wisdom, Lynda Boyd, Michael Chieffo, Mimi Lieber, Judith Moreland, Jared Padalecki, James Belushi, Chris Sarandon, Alan Dale, Toy Connor, Wendy Gazelle, Anna Getty, John Lacy, James Cromwell. Disk 4 includes the following episodes: "Surrender," "Thy Will Be Done," "A Walk in the Woods" and "The Crossing." Additional Actors: Jay Michael Ferguson, Ann Marie Lee, Walter Olkewicz, Tom Bosley, Tom Poston, Burt Bulos, James Cromwell, Noah Blake, David Naughton, George Plimpton, Missy Yager, Sonya Eddy, Stacy Haiduk, Michael McGrady, Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Harry Northup, Keith Robinson. Disk 5 includes the following episodes: "Witch Hunt," "Survival of the Fittest," "April Showers" and "Sailing Away." Additional Actors: Vincent Angell, Dwayne L. Barnes, Frances Bay, Brad Blaisdell, Diane DiLascio, Whitney Dylan, Terri Garber, Michele Harrell, Sandra Purpuro, Adrian Ricard, Paul Freeman, Casey Biggs, Mandy Freund, Arye Gross, Alex Kapp Horner, Zachery Ty Bryan, Roger Robinson, Lyle Kanouse, Ben Lang, Keith Robinson, Daniel Bryan Cartmell. Disk 6 includes the following episodes: "Fear of Commitment," "Where the Heart Is" and "Rampage." Additional Actors: Tomas Arana, Bette Ford, Jon Gries, Roger Robinson, Henri Lubatti, Don Maloney, Kimberly McCullough, Tom Poston, Sally Field, Ted Marcoux, Jack Hallett, Emmett Shoemaker, J.E. Freeman, Peter Onorati, Victor Williams, Eric Lloyd, Wesley Thompson. **Warner Arthur and the Invisibles** Director Luc Besson (The Fifth Element) tries his hand at a children's film with Arthur And The Invisibles. Based on a book, this adventure follows Arthur (Freddie Highmore) as he journeys in his own backyard to save his home from greedy land developers. When his grandfather disappears, Freddie follows a series of clues that lead him to the land of the Minimoy (aka the Invisibles). Arthur's entrance into their realm takes the film from live-action to computer animation, changing Arthur from a 10-year-old boy into one of the Minimoy. The elf-like people he encounters are so tiny that insects dwarf them. Their warrior princess (voiced by Madonna) is ready to ascend the throne of the tiny kingdom. But first she and Arthur must join forces to outwit the evil Malthazar (voiced by David Bowie), who is intent on destroying the kindhearted race. Arthur And The Invisibles boasts a cast of talented actors. Mia Farrow plays Arthur's concerned grandmother, which is quite a change from her malevolent nanny in The Omen. The trio of musicians-turned-actors (Madonna, Snoop Dogg, and Bowie) are all fun in their vocal roles, and Bowie particularly shines as the villain. Other standouts include Robert De Niro, Jimmy Fallon, Harvey Keitel, and Jason Bateman, while Highmore brings the same wide-eyed wonder to the screen as he did in Charlie And The Chocolate Factory. *Weinstein / Genius*

**Letters from Iwo Jima** Clint Eastwood's companion piece to Flags Of Our Fathers is again set during World War II. But in Letters From Iwo Jima, he looks at the war from the Japanese perspective, using Japanese dialogue. With American forces on their way, General Kuribayashi (Ken Watanabe, The Last Samurai) arrives on the island to find his troops woefully under-trained and hopelessly outmatched. Japanese pop and television star Kazunari Ninomiya plays Saigo, a young soldier who asks, "Am I digging my own grave?" as he creates trenches. With no hope of reinforcements, these men have little hope of leaving the island alive. Eastwood and director of photography Tom Stern paint their picture in a palette of taupes and grays. The landscape of the volcanic island is desolate, providing a hellish experience for the stationed soldiers but a stark beauty for the audience. With this bleak setting, Letters From Iwo Jima is a powerful ode to duty in dire circumstances. General Kuribayashi and Saigo provide the emotional center of the film, giving a glimpse into the minds of both seasoned officers and drafted novices. Eastwood doesn't deal in simple heroes and villains; these characters are sympathetic and real, whether their motives are pride, fear, or loyalty to their country. **Warner Breaking and Entering** Jude Law (Closer) plays Will, a landscape architect who succeeds in business but finds his personal life is tougher to navigate. He has been with Liv (Robin Wright Penn, Forrest Gump) for years, but it's difficult to connect with her due to her worry over her teenage daughter. When Will catches a teenage boy named Miro (Ravi Gafron) breaking into his office, he chases the thief home. He later meets the boy's mother, a Bosnian refugee played by Juliette Binoche (Chocolat). His anger at Miro is quickly transformed into attraction to his mother, further complicating his relationship with Liv. *Weinstein*

**The Adventures of Greyfriars Bobby** Like the 1960s Disney movie Greyfriars Bobby, the heartwarming family film The Adventures Of Greyfriars Bobby adapts the true story of a cute little pooch whose loyalty wins the heart of an entire city. When his beloved owner dies, a terrier pup named Bobby spends the rest of his days sitting on his dead master's grave, charming the residents of Edinburgh, Scotland, and becoming a local legend (the real-life Bobby earned a statue near the site of his touching vigil). *Monarch*

**Into The Fire** Sean Patrick Flanery gives a powerful, intricate performance in Michael Phelan's emotional post-9/11 drama, Into The Fire. Flanery stars as Walter Hartwig Jr., a lieutenant for the New York Harbor Unit. When a plane crashes into the river, Hartwig leads his team—which includes his right-hand man, Sandy Manetti (Pablo Schreiber)—on a search and rescue mission. Hartwig finds a dead woman wearing white floating underwater, and he freezes up, needing to be pulled out by Manetti—but not before ripping off an ID bracelet from the victim. The incident brings up frightening memories for Hartwig, who lost his sister to the sea as a child. With his job on the line, he sends the bracelet to the victim's surviving sister, Sabrina Hampton (Melina Kanakeredes), while he also befriends June Sickles (JoBeth Williams), an older woman who lost her firefighting son too soon. Set primarily in Manhattan and on Coney Island (as well as in Queens and on Staten Island), Into The Fire is a poignant, heart-wrenching film that examines love and loss in today's complex world. First-time director Phelan captures the relentless intensity that drives men and women to become cops and firefighters, seeking to help their fellow human being while also battling their own inner demons. *MTI*

**The Mistress of Spices** After leaving India and moving to the United States, Tilo (Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai) sets up shop in San Francisco as the proprietor of an exotic spice store and helps her customers -- including a handsome American (Dylan McDermott) -- change their lives with just the right amount of special seasoning. Paul Mayeda Berges directs this crossover romance based on the book by award-winning writer Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. *Weinstein*

**Girls Next Door Season 2** Get an uncensored look at Hugh Hefner's buxom blondes in this reality series. After the White House, the Playboy Mansion is America's most famous home, and this show gives a glimpse at the lives of beautiful residents Holly, Bridget, and Kendra. The second season of the sexy show features Hef's girlfriends at his epic 80th birthday party, their wild tour through Europe, and Kendra's birthday trip to Vegas. Other season's highlights include their Playboy shoot and the christening of the brand new Playboy Club. This release includes every episode of the second season, plus commentary from the three gorgeous girls. *Fox*

**A Guide For The Married Woman** Julie, a housewife and mother, is bored with her daily routine and disinterested husband. Julie asks her friend Maggie how to spice up her life and Maggie suggests involvement with other men. Soon Julie is having fantasies about every man she meets. *Fox*

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**American Dad Volume 2** From the creators of *The 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 second season continues the show's tradition of stellar guests with appearances from Jason Lee, Jon Stewart, Elijah Wood, Patrick Stewart, and Sandra Oh. Disk 1 includes the following episodes: "Stannie Get Your Gun," "Star Trek," "Not Particularly Desperate Housewives," "Rough Trade," "Finances With Wolves," "It's Good To Be The Queen," "Roger 'n Me" and "Helping Handis." Disk 2 includes the following episodes: "With Friends Like Steve's," "Tears of a Clooney," "Camp Refoogee," "The American Dad After School Special," "Failure is Not a Factory-Installed Option," "Lincoln Lovers," "Dungeons and Wagons" and "Iced, Iced Babies." Disk 3 includes the following episodes: "Of Ice and Men," "Irregarding Steve" and "The Best Christmas Story Never." Deleted scenes are also included. *Fox*

**Epic Movie** From Jason Friedberg and Aaron Setzer (*Date Movie*, *Scary Movie*) comes this everything-in-the-kitchen-sink, blender-set-to-grind comedy, which pokes fun at big crowd-pleasers like *Willie Wonka And The Chocolate Factory*, *Chronicles Of Narnia*, *Snakes On A Plane*, *Pirates Of The Caribbean*, *X-Men*, *Nacho Libre*, *And The Da Vinci Code*, among others. The loose plot involves a gang of teen orphans (including Jayma Mays and Fauna A. Chambers) whose trip inside *Wonka's* candy factory leads them to a Narnia-style wardrobe adventure. Jennifer Coolidge is the evil White Bitch they have to tangle with in this new land, and Fred Willard plays Aslo, the lion. Scene-stealing Crispin Glover plays the *Wonka-be*, David Carradine breakdances, and the vivacious Carmen Elektra morphs enticingly in her *X-MEN*-style blue body paint. A bevy of eerie look-alikes pose as Paris Hilton, Anna Paquin, Samuel Jackson, and P Diddy, among others. *Fox*

**Cagney & Lacey Season 1** Tyne Daly and Sharon Gless join forces as the title duo in this groundbreaking cop show from the 1980s. This series challenged gender roles while providing entertaining drama about two female cops. Daly (*Judging Amy*) stars as Mary Beth Lacey, a hard-working mother and policewoman. Gless (*Queer As Folk*) plays her partner, Christine Cagney, a woman fighting crime and being single in New York City. Daly and Gless racked up a half-dozen Emmy wins between them for these strong characters who encountered more than just murder on the streets of Gotham. Cagney and Lacey also tackled issues such as date rape, racial prejudice, and abortion in its six-season run. This release includes the first season in its entirety, plus a documentary about the show's lasting effect on TV history. Disk 1 includes the following episodes: "Witness to an Accident," "One of Our Own," "Beauty Burglars," "High Steel," "Hot Line" and "Internal Affairs." Additional Actors: Stephen Bogardus, Gloria Gifford, Milt Kogan, Paul Lieber, Lew Palter, Sam Weisman, Michael V. Gazzo, George Loros, Estelle Omens, Catherine Paolone, Bert Remsen, Brian Robbins, Christine Belford, Barbara Cason, Larry Gelman, Rhetta Greene, Conchata Ferrell, Redmond Gleeson, Alex Kubik, Michael McGuire, Pat Corley, Leo Penn, Silvana Gallardo, Philip Baker Hall, Rick Lenz, Laurie Prange, Alex Colon. Disk 2 includes the following episodes: "Mr. Lonelyhearts," "Conduct Unbecoming," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Recreational Use," "Hopes and Dreams" and "The Grandest Jewel Thief of Them All." Additional Actors: Judith Ivey, Steven Keats, Peter MacLean, Peggy McCay, Christopher Allport, Ismael Carlo, Robert Costanzo, Tony Plana, Richard Burns, John Del Regno, Michael C. Gwynne, Richard Masur, Susan French, David Fresco, Peter Jason, Suzy Gilstrap, Floyd Levine, Jan Miner, Randy Rocca, Bernard Behrens, Lelia Goldoni, Julius Harris, Ferdie Mayne. Disk 3 includes the following episodes: "Affirmative Action," "Open and Shut Case," "Jane Doe #37," "Date Rape," "Burn Out" and "Chop Shop." Additional Actors: Talia Balsam, Guy Boyd, Grace Zabriskie, Jonelle Allen, Walter Brooke, Fil Formicola, Buck Kartalian, William Lanteau, Charlie Stavola, Floyd Levine, Stewart Moss, Doris Roberts, Sal Viscuso, William Hootkins, Ken Lerner, Carolyn Seymour, Kathleen Lloyd, Jennifer Warren, Michael Goodwin, Rebecca Balding, Kenneth Mars, Michael Pataki, Harry Caesar, Al Ruscio, Anthony Charnota, Jimmie Walker. Disk 4 includes the following episodes: "Let Them Eat Pretzels," "The Gang's All Here," "A Cry for Help" and "The Informant." Additional Actors: Richard Romanus, Takayo Fischer, Dick Anthony Williams, Scott Edmund Lane, Tracey Walter, Diana Douglas, Michael Des Barres, Xander Berkeley, Maxine Stuart, Vincent Schiavelli, Daniel Pilon, Greg Mullavey, Eda Reiss Merin, Charles Lucia, Geoffrey Blake, Scott Brady, Kevyn Major Howard. *Fox*

**Surviving the Dust Bowl** A chronicle of the dark years in the 1930s when overplowed fields and poor agricultural practices led to vast dust storms known as "Black Blizzards" across much of America's fertile farmland. Death and disease, compounded by the added hardship of the Great Depression, made each day a struggle in just staying alive--still, some families chose to remain and ride it out. *WGBH Boston*

**Ruby in the Smoke** tells the story of newly-orphaned Sally Lockhart (Billie Piper, *DOCTOR WHO*) as she investigates the shipboard death of her father off the coast of Lavinia. Packing a pearl-handed revolver and a fierce intellect, Sally works to uncover the truth with the help of a streetwise friend and a lovelorn photographer. But, though she makes an admirable detective, Sally will have to keep her wits about her as she vies against some of England's most vicious criminals. *WGBH Boston*

**Short Films 2006** Largely unseen by the public at Oscar-time, 2006's Academy Award-nominated short subjects are given their due in this collection of these remarkable live action and animated films. Included are the Oscar winners *West Bank Story*, a musical comedy set among the West Bank's highly competitive falafel stands, and the animated *The Danish Poet*, which follows a dispirited poet's journey to Norway to meet legendary writer Sigrud Undset. It also features the nominees *Binta And The Great Idea*, *Eramos Pocos (One Too Many)*, *Helmer & Son*, *The Saviour*, *Lifted*, *The Little Matchgirl*, *Maestro*, and *No Time For Nuts*. Rounding out this release are five bonus animated shorts, including Bill Plympton's hilarious *Guide Dog*, the story of a canine's new job aiding the blind, and its disastrous results. *Magnolia*

**Kitchen Confidential** This sadly short-lived series is based on the bestselling memoir of Anthony Bourdain. Bradley Cooper (*Wedding Crashers*) plays Jack Bourdain, a brilliant chef who gives into his bad-boy tendencies a bit too often. His wild lifestyle has gotten him blacklisted in the industry, but he gets one more chance to share his culinary genius with the world at New York's Nolita restaurant. With only 48 hours before the customers arrive, Jack has a lot on his plate. *Kitchen Confidential* also stars Nicholas Brendon (*Buffy The Vampire Slayer*), Jaime King (*Sin City*) and John Cho (*Harold And Kumar Go To White Castle*) as members of Jack's talented but undisciplined staff. Guest stars such as Cooper's fellow *ALIAS* alum Michael Vartan and veteran actor Frank Langella stop by to partake in the fun. This release features the single-camera sitcom from Darren Star (*Sex And The City*) in its 13-episode entirety. Disk 1 includes the following episodes: "Exile On Main Street," "Aftermath," "Dinner Date With Death," "French Fight," "You Lose, I Win," "Rabbit Test," "The Robbery" and "Teddy, Takes Off" Disk 2 includes the following episodes: "Let's Do Brunch," "Praise Be Praise," "An Affair To Remember," "Power Play" and "And the Award Goes To..." *Fox*

**Big** A 13-year-old boy named Josh wants, more than anything else, to be "big". And when he makes a wish on a carnival wishing booth his dreams come true: he transposes into the body of a 35 year old man -- though his mind and spirit remain that of a child. Since he can't really go to school looking like an adult, and his mother doesn't know him in his new guise, he heads to New York with his pal Billy, where they proceed to goof off, play around, and act basically like the kids they are. But when Billy leaves, Josh is subjected to the encroaching needs and responsibilities of adulthood, and he quickly discovers both the pleasures and the problems of being grown-up. *Fox*

**That Thing You Do** Tom Hanks wrote and directed this tribute to the bubblegum bands of early rock 'n' roll. In 1964, teenage garage band *The One-ders* -- singer Jimmy (Johnathon Schaech), guitarist Lenny (Steve Zahn), drummer Guy (Tom Everett Scott) and a nameless bass player (Ethan Embry) -- become an overnight sensation when their debut song jumps to the top of the charts. But internal tensions threaten to make the group's fall just as rapid as their rise. *Fox*

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**Rawhide Second Season Vol. 1** Before he became a fixture in the spaghetti Western genre, iconic actor Clint Eastwood shot to fame in the 1950s and '60s television series RAWHIDE. Considered one of the best TV Westerns of all time, the classic series followed the episodic adventures of a band of rovers hired to drive cattle through the lawless terrain of the 1870s Wild West while encountering both natural and manmade dangers like anthrax and cattle rustlers. Eastwood starred as rover Rowdy Yates, the straight-arrow assistant to a tough-as-nails trail boss, Gil Favor (Eric Fleming), who also presided over trail hands Mushy (James Murdock), Quince (Steve Raines), Nolan (Sheb Wooley) and Wishbone (Paul Brinegar). This collection presents the first half of the cult-favorite series' second season. **Paramount Porky's The Ultimate Collection: Porky's The One Size Fits All Edition A** raunchy, irreverent comedy classic released in the early 80s to set the tone for all other teen flicks of that era, Porky's takes a look at the sex lives of a group of teenage boys in 1950s Florida in all their obsessive, unfulfilled glory. Pee Wee, the main character in this group of six Angel Beach high schoolers, is so named for the size of his appendage; nonetheless, he wants nothing more than to lose his virginity. All six spend most of their time devising easy ways to score and spying on coeds in the shower, taking breaks only to insult their large dictator-like teacher, Ms. Ballbricker, and play pranks on each other. They devise a plan to take a trip to a divey strip club in the Everglades called Porky's, where they are sure to get some action; unfortunately, owner Porky doesn't much care for the underage likes of them, and after humiliating them and stealing their money, he kicks them out. The boys are deflated, but not for long! What follows is one of the most elaborate and uproarious revenge plots ever committed to film, one that cemented this movie's place within the canon of comedy forever. Director Bob Clark culled his own childhood memories to write the film over a period of 15 years, and the personal quality as well as the elements of racism that were characteristic of post-WWII Florida, lend the film an authenticity that rises above the mere sex comedy. It also stars Kim Cattrall, who went on to star as Samantha in SEX AND THE CITY. **Porky's 2 The Next Day** When the students of Angel Beach High decide to stage "An Evening With Shakespeare," their efforts are threatened by Miss Balbricker, who views the works of Shakespeare as obscene. She enlists the help of Reverend Bubba Flavel, a religious fanatic who brings along his flock of followers to pressure the school into shutting down the production. When they succeed with the help of corrupt city officials seeking re-election, the gang don't get mad... they get even! **Porky's Revenge Meat**, an Angel Beach high school student, picks up a shapely girl when she appears to have broken down by the side of the road; he is, however, shocked when her face doesn't match her figure. Not only that, she turns out to be the daughter of Porky, who has re-opened his nightclub in a Mississippi riverboat. Is this Porky's opportunity for revenge, or will the Angel Beach crowd outwit him once again?

Fox

**Mash Goodbye, Farwell and Amen** After 11 seasons, one of television's landmark series says goodbye with an epic tale of redemption and hope. As the Korean War comes to a close, Hawkeye (Alan Alda) struggles with his sanity; B.J. (Mike Farrell) gets sent home; Charles (David Ogden Stiers) finds unlikely kindred spirits; and Father Mulcahy (William Christopher) loses his hearing. This fond farewell also features numerous extras, including interviews, bloopers and promos. Fox

**The Siege** When the U.S. military abducts a Muslim leader, New York City becomes the target of several terrorist attacks in this gripping political thriller ripped from newspaper headlines. Denzel Washington stars as Anthony "Hub" Hubbard, the head of the FBI terrorism task force who is charge of investigating the bombings. Ironically, Hub's partner, Frank Haddad (Tony Shalhoub), is Arab-American and must fight for his family's rights as the citizens of New York become increasingly paranoid about the Arab-American population. Elise Kraft (Annette Bening) is an undercover CIA official and Middle East expert who is also investigating the terrorist attacks and joins Hub and Frank as they search for the terrorists. As Hub, Elise, and Frank work to uncover the source of the terrorism, the city erupts in escalating madness, spiraling out of control until the government sends in General William Devereaux (Bruce Willis), who takes over the city and declares martial law. Ultimately, the government seizes the male Arab-American population of New York in makeshift internment camps in this incredibly relevant and cautionary thriller that examines the real dilemma of how a democratic society can uphold the rights of its citizens while under military protection. Fox

**The Magnificent Seven Season 2** Seven men bound by a quest for justice protect a small frontier town in this series based on the classic film. Vin (Eric Close) is extradited to Texas for a murder he didn't commit, a tragic mistake devastates J.D. (Andrew Kavovit), and Chris (Michael Biehn) learns more about the death of his wife and son, finally confronting their killer. Fan support brought the series back for this second and final season. Disk 1 includes the following episodes: "The New Law," "Sins of the Past," "Love and Honor" and "Vendetta." Additional Actors: Robert Vaughn, Lola Gludini, Michelle Phillips, Vincent Castellanos, A Martinez, Jesse Borrego, Dana Barron. Disk 2 contains the following episodes: "Wagon Train (Part 1)," "Wagon Train (Part 2)," "The Trial" and "Chinatown." Additional Actors: Kathryn Morris, James G. MacDonald, Michael Woods, Carl Lumbly, John Cho, Kathleen Luong, Fabaina Udenio, Bruce McGill. Disk 3 includes the following episodes: "Achilles," "Penance," "Ladykillers," "Serpents" and "Obsession," the last four of which were never aired. Additional Actors: Glynn Turman, Siena Goines, Rebecca Cross, Ashlee Levitch, Todd Allen, Kay Lenz, Bill McKinney, Kristen Dalton. Fox

**Cutthroat Island** In this action-packed adventure film, a female pirate named Morgan Adams fights off her villainous uncle while attempting to retrieve a buried treasure hidden away on Cutthroat Island. Before Morgan's pirate father dies of a wound obtained in battle, he tells her about the hidden riches and the map that will lead her to them. Morgan assumes command of her father's ship and sets off to find the treasure. To help her accomplish her mission, she turns to William Shaw, an educated slave who is the only one who can interpret the part of the map written in Latin. However, Morgan's evil Uncle Dawg and his band of swashbuckling henchmen stand in their way. Plenty of sword-fighting action ensues before the treasure can be found. Lions Gate

**The Ninth Gate** was Polanski's first feature after a long break following the release of 1995's *Death And The Maiden*--in between, there was an aborted project that faltered when designated star John Travolta opted out. Dean Corso (Johnny Depp) is a cynical rare books dealer hired by Boris Balkan (Frank Langella), a scholar specializing in books on Satanism, to recover the only two remaining copies (in addition to the one owned by Balkan) of *The Nine Gates Of The Kingdom Of Shadows*, a 17th-century text with cryptic illustrations supposedly contributed by Lucifer himself. Corso's investigation takes him to Europe, where he is pursued by a strange girl (Emmanuelle Seigner) who seems to assume the role of his guardian angel. Bizarre deaths inspired by the book's morbid illustrations befall all those who come into contact with the book--except himself. This occult mystery should satisfy fans of subtly creepy, stylish tales of the supernatural along the lines of Polanski's own *Rosemary's Baby*. Lions Gate

**You and Your Stupid Mate** Upon hearing that their favorite soap opera, "Sons of Surf," is about to be cancelled, suburban trailer park slackers Philip (Nathan Phillips) and Jeffrey (Angus Sampson) launch a misadventure of ridiculous proportions to save the show from extinction. But their heroics might stem from their real motivation: the chance to meet the soap's curvaceous star (Rachel Hunter), a woman they've fantasized about ever since puberty. Lions Gate

**Drive Thru** Nothing ever happens in the tiny Orange County, Calif., town of Blanca Carne, but that's about to change. Hella Burger's evil mascot, Horny the Clown (Van De La Plante), is on a murderous rampage. Tired of seeing her friends slaughtered by Horny's meat cleaver, 17-year-old Mackenzie (Leighton Meester) decides to put an end to his killing spree. Nicholas D'Agosto, Lola Gludini and Larry Joe Campbell co-star in this darkly comic terror-fest. Lions Gate

**Van Damme Triple Feature: Kickboxer, Replicant Universal Soldier Special Edition** "The Muscles from Brussels" pummels his way through this three-pack of favorites. **KICKBOXER**: When American kickboxing champ Eric Sloane is crippled in the ring by the dastardly Tong Po, his younger brother Kurt (Jean-Claude Van Damme) vows revenge. But if he is to defeat Po, Kurt must first learn a martial art known as Muay-Thai, so he seeks out the expertise of fight guru Xian Chow. Thanks to Chow's unconventional training methods, Kurt becomes an expert kickboxer. But is he good enough to defeat Tong Po? **REPLICANT**: Belgium's most successful export, brooding action hero Jean-Claude Van Damme, stars in two opposing roles in this highly original sci-fi action film. When a ruthless serial killer nicknamed "the Torch" (Van Damme) proves virtually unstoppable, a cunning detective (played by Michael Rooker) thinks up an unprecedented and controversial plan in order to catch him. Using the Torch's DNA samples, scientists construct a killer clone programmed to obey the FBI's orders. His mission--to catch the very human that is the basis of his own being! **UNIVERSAL SOLDIER**: Luc is a genetically enhanced supersoldier pitted against his former comrades in arms as he tries to remember his past. Andrew is also a universal soldier who, driven by a hatred born decades before in Vietnam, wages a deadly pursuit against traitorous Luc. But something goes wrong and these war machines begin to revert to their past selves and slip away from their creators. Lions Gate

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**Freedom Writers** Based on actual diary accounts of several teenagers following the L.A. riots, *Freedom Writers* is the story of an idealistic teacher's attempts to make a difference in the lives of her at-risk students. Located in gang-ravaged Long Beach, California, Woodrow Wilson High is a hotbed of violence due to a voluntary integration program which brings Black, Latino, Asian, and White students together. Rather than having the desired effect of creating healthy diversity, this program breeds constant war between all parties involved, the result being daily gun shots, constant racial slurs, and gang violence. Played largely by young unknowns, the freshman class in question is both naïve and wise beyond its years. While never having heard of the Holocaust, these kids are well-versed in the pain of poverty, the legal system, and death. Despite being up against unthinkable violence, devoted first-time teacher Erin Gruwell (Hillary Swank) never gives up, slowly bonding with her class of at-first unreachable pupils, breaking down their tough exteriors and getting at the real people beneath through requiring the students keep daily journals. Meanwhile, a strain is put on Erin's marriage as her student involvement gradually takes priority over her personal life. The intensity with which Erin relates to her work threatens her husband (Patrick Dempsey), who in seeing Erin's transformation, is reminded of his own stagnancy. *Paramount*

**The Marines** This PBS documentary salutes the United States Marine Corps by examining what it takes to become a Marine and what it truly means to be one, outlining the rigorous training process that each recruit must endure to become a commissioned officer. Originally formed in 1775 as a naval infantry to guard the fledgling United States of America, the Corps has since evolved into a highly respected elite branch of the military. *Paramount*

**Summer School** A laid-back high school coach (Mark Harmon) reluctantly forfeits a Hawaiian vacation to teach remedial English to a class of likable misfits. This goofy comedy tells the sweetly inspiring story of the group of high school slackers who seem destined to fail until they land in the coach's class. As both students and teacher accept the fact that they must complete the course, all learn a great deal about themselves, their priorities, and friendship. *Paramount*

**True Grit** A pure western in which a lawman tracks a criminal, *True Grit*, based on Charles Portis' novel, reunited John Wayne with director Henry Hathaway (The Sons Of Katie Elder). Wayne is crotchety U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn, who would rather stay home than chase criminals. He heeds the call, though, when fourteen year-old Mattie Ross (Kim Darby) calls on him to avenge her father's death at the hands of a man who has escaped into Indian territory. Glen Campbell is a Texas ranger who accompanies them for his own reasons. Wayne reprised the role six years later in *Rooster Cogburn*. *Paramount*

**The Wedding Night** Author Tony Barrett (Gary Cooper) is in a creative slump until he meets Manya (Anna Sten), a beautiful Polish immigrant. Newly inspired, Barrett bases a story on Manya, and finds himself falling in love. Too late, he discovers that her upcoming arranged marriage to the brutish Fredrik (Ralph Bellamy) will keep them from being together. Walter Brennan co-stars in director King Vidor's story of forbidden romance. *Fox*

**The Adventures of Marco Polo** Venetian explorer Marco Polo (Gary Cooper) sets sail for China, where he discovers gunpowder, spaghetti and the beautiful Princess Kukachin (Sigrid Gurie). In the court of Kublai Khan (George Barbier), he foils a plot by Khan's adviser Ahmed (Basil Rathbone) to overthrow the ruler. Directed by Archie Mayo, this epic costume drama co-stars Alan Hale and H.B. Warner. Lana Turner plays a handmaiden in one of her earliest roles. *Fox*

**Casanova Brown** Cass Brown (Gary Cooper) is about to marry for the second time; his first marriage, to Isabel (Teresa Wright), was annulled. But when he discovers that Isabel just had their baby, Cass kidnaps the infant to keep her from being adopted. Isabel's parents hunt for the child and discover that Cass and Isabel are still hopelessly in love. Patricia Collinge and Edmond Breon co-star in this classic comedy. *Fox*

**Ball of Fire** Gary Cooper plays a serious but lovable English professor working with his intellectual colleagues on a dictionary of American slang. When Barbara Stanwyck, as a red-hot nightclub singer on the run from the mob, takes refuge in their house, she also finds a place in their hearts. But where there's a ball of fire there's bound to be trouble, and before they know it, the professor and his colleagues are learning a lot about language and life. *Fox*

**Gary Cooper Collection:** The Winning of Barbara Worth A very popular silent western, this film features two engineers vying for the affections of the adoptive daughter of a landowner. Barbara Worth (Wilma Banky) wants to help her father, Jefferson Worth (Charles Lane), build a dam on the Colorado River to help irrigate the desert land he owns. The elder Worth gets a loan from a New York banker, who brings with him his stepson, Willard Holmes (Ronald Colman), an engineer. Local engineer Abe Lee (Gary Cooper, in one of his first big roles) and Holmes both fall in love with Barbara. The banker cheats on materials for the dam as part of a shady deal. Jefferson Worth discovers the ruse and tries to finish the project himself, but he runs short of money to pay his hired hands. With the dam in jeopardy, the two rival engineers bury their differences and ride off on horses to get money to salvage the dam and save Worth, who is at the mercy of a lynch mob., *The Real Glory* Set during the turn-of-the-century Moro uprising in the Philippines, *The Real Glory* stars Gary Cooper as an American Marine doctor and David Niven and Broderick Crawford as a pair of rowdy mercenaries. While staving off the insurgent Moros, Cooper must also combat a cholera outbreak. Once this matter is disposed of, Cooper joins Niven and Crawford in attempting to blow up a dam built by the Moros to cut off the American fort's water supply. After all this activity, it's small wonder that Cooper elects to return to private practice in the States with his new bride Andrea Leeds. While *The Real Glory* never skimps in the action department, the film is somewhat lacking in historical accuracy: the Moros were hardly the bloodthirsty savages depicted herein.. *Vera Cruz* In Robert Aldrich's action-packed Western, Benjamin Trane (Gary Cooper) and Joe Erin (Burt Lancaster) are American soldiers of fortune hired by the Austrian ruler of Mexico, Maximilian, to safeguard a royal convoy transporting gold and an Austrian countess to the port of Vera Cruz. Things get complicated for the mercenaries when they begin to mistrust one another--and when Erin starts to fall for the countess. Aldrich throws a bit of European exotica into the standard oater formula of guns, grit, and gold to create a striking, memorable film that showcases the acting talents of Cooper and Lancaster, two monumental Hollywood stars. The director also sprinkles some trenchant historical commentary into his powder-keg narrative by showing the Hapsburg empire's bumbling attempt to annex Mexico., *The Cowboy and the Lady* In this Best Sound Oscar winner, bored patrician Mary Smith (Merle Oberon) can't have any fun because the least hint of scandal could ruin her father's presidential bid. Feeling rebellious, she persuades two maids to take her to the rodeo. Pretending she's also a maid, Mary falls for a cowboy (Gary Cooper), and soon, the two elope. Now, she must keep her marriage a secret from her father -- and her husband in the dark about her true identity. *Fox*

**An Officer and a Gentleman** Zack Mayo (Richard Gere) has nothing--the son of an alcoholic, indifferent military father, he's grown up in the Philippines living on top of a brothel. But after college he decides he wants more and, despite his father's mockery, enrolls in the navy's Officer Candidate School to become a jet pilot. His sergeant, brilliantly played by Louis Gossett Jr., makes his life a living hell from day one, but Zack won't quit. The candidates are warned to stay away from the local girls looking for naval husbands, but Zack and his bunkmate, Sid (David Keith), find themselves falling for two friends, Paula (Debra Winger) and Lynette (Lisa Blount), who work at the local paper mill. Zack fights his feelings for Paula, determined to let nothing sway him from his goals. But as the hellish weeks of training go by, Zack begins to see that maybe he can't do it alone--and that what's getting him through are his friends in the ranks, and the girl he's been pushing away. *Paramount*

**To Catch A Thief** A supposedly reformed cat burglar, out to prove himself innocent of a recent crime spree, tries to capture the thief who's terrifying the French Riviera. Cary Grant is devastatingly elegant as the reformed thief, John Robie, and charming enough to attract the attention of the lovely Frances Stevens (Grace Kelly), a wealthy and spoiled American traveling the Riviera with her widowed mother (Jessie Royce Landis). However, things do not begin on a romantic note. Robie is more interested in clearing his name than in pursuing the beautiful American, but the two will not go their separate ways so easily. When Mrs. Stevens has her jewels stolen, the snubbed Frances puts the police on Robie's trail. Now the dashing Robie will have to win the confidence and assistance of Frances if he is to ever set things right. *Paramount*