

# New On Video & DVD

**The Office Season 3** Steve Carell shines as the comedic center of this Emmy-winning show about a group of uninspired Pennsylvania office workers and their obnoxious, incompetent boss. In the program's third satirical season, Jim (John Krasinski) and Pam (Jenna Fischer) wade through the aftermath of their Casino Night kiss, and Michael (Carell, with an Emmy nod) accidentally outs a gay employee. Fischer and co-star Rainn Wilson each received their first Emmy nominations for their roles. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Gay Witch Hunt," "The Convention," "The Coup," "Grief Counseling," "Initiation," "Diwali" and "Branch Closing." Additional Actors: Jerome Bettis, Rashida Jones, Ed Helms, Charles Esten, Ursula Burton, Robert R. Shafer, Nancy Walls. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "The Merger," "The Convict," "A Benihana Christmas" and "Back from Vacation." Additional Actors: Ed Helms, Wayne Wilderson, Ursula Burton, Rashida Jones, Nancy Walls, Brittany Ishibashi, David Koechner. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Traveling Salesman/The Return," "Ben Franklin," "Phyllis' Wedding," "Business School," "Cocktails" and "The Negotiation." Additional Actors: Warren Sweeney, Rashida Jones, Ed Helms, Yvette Nicole Brown, Charlotte Stewart, Robert R. Shafer, Jackie Debatin, David Koechner, Andrew Daly, Maile Flanagan, Michael Patrick McGill. Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Safety Training," "Product Recall," "Women's Appreciation," "Beach Games" and "The Job." Additional Actors: Karly Rothenberg, Patrice O'Neal, Rashida Jones, Robert R. Shafer. *Universal*

**Heroes Season 1** Combining comic book style and geeky in-jokes, HEROES is a stellar series that draws comparisons to fan favorites such as *Lost* and *The X-Files*. But thanks to its well-drawn characters and intricate plot, this drama reels in more than just superhero fans. Heroes revolves around the premise of seemingly ordinary people developing fantastic powers. There's Claire, a Texas cheerleader who can't be killed. Matt is a cop in Los Angeles who can read minds. New Yorker Peter has the power to adopt other heroes' abilities, while his politician brother has a special power of his own. Though the show boasts many other characters, its secret weapon is Hiro (Masi Oka), a Japanese office worker who is delighted to discover he can move through space and time. But heroes wouldn't be heroes if there weren't villains and a coming apocalypse to fight, and the show features a truly creepy bad guy in the seemingly omnipotent Syler. In addition to all the episodes from the first season, this release also includes a never-before-seen, 73-minute version of the show's pilot. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Genesis," "Don't Look Back" and "Unaired Pilot." Additional Actors: Cristine Rose, Deirdre Quinn, Ashley Crow, Thomas Dekker, James Kyson Lee, John Prosky, Greg Wrangler, David Ury, Brian Tarantina, Richard Roundtree, Clea DuVall, Josh Clark, Carl Ciarfalo, Stacy Haiduk, Richard Steinmetz, Matt Landers. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "One Giant Leap," "Collision," "Hiros" and "Better Halves." Additional Actors: Nora Zehetner, Clea DuVall, Danielle Savre, Jimmy Jean-Louis, Thomas Dekker, Elizabeth Lackey, Cristine Rose, Rick Scarry, Eugene Byrd, Tina Lifford, Matt Bushell, Toni Lewis, Nicole Bilderback, Archie Kao, Adam Harrington, Michael Reilly Burke, Karri Turner, Paul Raci. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Nothing to Hide," "Seven Minutes to Midnight," "Homecoming" and "Six Months Ago." Additional Actors: Clea DuVall, Ashley Crow, Thomas Dekker, Matthew John Armstrong, Cristine Rose, Elizabeth Lackey, James Kyson Lee, Rena Sofer, Kate Connor, Stephen Spinella, Jayma Mays, Javin Reid, Nora Zehetner, Erick Avari, Clay Wilcox, Sally Champlin, Josh Clark, Rick Peters, David Berman, Graham Beckel. Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Fallout," "Godsend," "The Fix" and "Distractions." Additional Actors: Clea DuVall, Zachary Quinto, Thomas Dekker, Jimmy Jean-Louis, Conroe Brooks, Christopher Eccleston, D. Elliot Woods, Kevin Chamberlin, Link Baker, Paula Newsome, Brad Greenquist, Jesse Corti, Jessalyn Gilsig. Disc 5 includes the following episodes: "Run!," "Unexpected," "Company Man" and "Parasite." Additional Actors: Cristine Rose, Bill Fagerbakke, John Lacy, Paul Perri, Jessalyn Gilsig, Kevin Chamberlin, Missi Pyle, Ethan Cohn, Stana Katic, Rusty Schwimmer, Stan Lee, Missy Peregrym, George Takei, Christopher Eccleston, Annie McKnight, David Barrera, Ian Gomez, Malcolm McDowell. Disc 6 includes the following episodes: ".07%," "5 Years Gone," "The Hard Part" and "Landslide." Additional Actors: Eric Roberts, James Kyson Lee, Missy Peregrym, Cristine Rose, Matthew John Armstrong, Malcolm McDowell, Stana Katic, Jimmy Jean-Louis, Kellan Lutz, Rena Sofer. Disc 7 includes the episode "How to Stop an Exploding Man." The bonus features include the Making of Heroes, Special Effects, Stunts, The Score, Profile of artist Tim Sale, audio commentary and trailers. Additional Actors: Richard Roundtree, Cristine Rose, George Takei, James Kyson Lee, Zachary Quinto. *Universal*

**House Season 3** The surly, controversial doctor is in! The complete third season is full of more medical mysteries and strange patients, matched only by the strangeness of their physician. In this season, House confronts a number of bizarre cases including an alleged alien implant, a musical prodigy with mysterious talents, and an ethical dilemma that puts him between a mother and her unborn child. His patients are tough, but they're only half his problem as he deals with his gunshot wounds and troubles with the law that threaten to get him banned from medicine for good. Every one of these 23 episodes is full of the humor and clever medical conflicts that have made the show a critical success. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Meaning," "Cane and Able," "Informed Consent," "Lines in the Sand" and "Fools for Love." Additional Actors: Remy Thorne, Bobbin Bergstrom, Stephanie Venditto, Sheryl Lee, Joel Grey, David Morse, Kat Sawyer-Young, Jurnee Smollett. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Que Sera Sera," "Son of Coma Guy," "Whac-A-Mole," "Finding Judas" and "Merry Little Christmas." Additional Actors: Kadeem Hardison, Pruitt Taylor Vince, John Larroquette, Alan Rosenberg, Deborah Lacey, Patrick Fugit, Paula Cale, Meredith Eaton. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Words and Deeds," "One Day, One Room," "Needle in a Haystack," "Insensitive" and "Half-Wit." Additional Actors: Tory Kittles, Meagan Good, Katheryn Winnick, Wendy Makkena, Jake Richardson, Mika Boorem, Josh Stamberg, Dave Matthews, Kurtwood Smith. Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Top Secret," "Fetal Position," "Airborne," "Act Your Age" and "House Training." Additional Actors: Marc Blucas, Anne Ramsay, Jenny O'Hara, Erich Anderson, Carla Gallo, Bailee Madison, Joel Moore, Charles S. Dutton, Beverly Todd. Disc 5 includes the following episodes: "Family," "Resignation," "The Jerk" and "Human Error." Additional Actors: Adina Porter, Thomas Mikal Ford, Jascha Washington, Piper Perabo, Tony Spiridakis, Tracy Howe, Colleen Flynn, David Bowe, Mercedes Renard, Omar Avila. *Universal*

**Samurai Jack Season 4** Animated entertainment at its finest, SAMURAI JACK tells the story of a Japanese samurai who is transplanted to a future world that is controlled by the evil Aku. He must find a way to survive until he is able to return to his ancient world and get rid of Aku once and for all. This release contains every episode from the show's fourth season, which first aired on cable's Cartoon Network. Disc 1 includes the following episodes (XL-XLVI): "Samurai Versus Ninja," "Robo-Samurai Versus Mondo Bot," "Samurai Versus Samurai," "The Aku Infection," "The Princess and the Bounty Hunters," "Scotsman Saves Jack (Part 1)" and "Scotsman Saves Jack (Part 2)." Disc 2 This disc includes the following episodes (XLVII-LII): "Jack and the Flying Prince and Princess," "Jack Versus Aku," "The 4 Seasons of Death," "Tale of X9," "Young Jack in Africa" and "Jack and the Baby." *Warner*

**Unaccompanied Minors** A Midwest-wide blizzard strands passengers at an airport on Christmas Eve in this family comedy. Security corrals the kids traveling without parents into a large, windowless room. Sans supervision, the area quickly descends into a sugar-fueled LORD OF THE FLIES frenzy, with food fights substituting for any real violence. Five kids attempt to escape: awkward-but-normal teen Spencer (Dyllan Christopher), Harvard-bound brain Charlie (Tyler James Williams), gentle giant Beef (Brett Kelly), rebel Donna (Quinn Shephard), and rich girl Grace (Gina Mantegna). Thwarted by the holiday-hating head of passenger relations (Lewis Black) and an unlucky underling (Wilmer Valderama), the kids try to salvage their Christmas holiday. Black is perfectly cast as the acerbic villain. Though he has toned down his barbs from his normal rage-spewing routine (this is family fare, after all), he's still one of the highlights of the film. Each of the child actors has had a lot of experience for their age, and it shows here. *Warner*

**Griffin & Phoenix** Divorced, disconnected from his kids and living in a gloomy bachelor's pad, Griffin (Dermot Mulroney) is already down when he's diagnosed with inoperable cancer. Thus, it's with resignation that he enrolls in a class about accepting death -- never dreaming that he'll learn to accept life instead. Hope comes in the form of his academic adviser, the lovely Phoenix (Amanda Peet). Soon, the two embark on a romance that will change both their lives. *Fox*

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**The Great American Bash 2007** Celebrate life, liberty and the pursuit of championship gold with this star-spangled supercard. John Cena puts his WWE title on the line when he takes on Lashley; a triple-threat match for the world heavyweight belt pits Kane and Batista against champion the Great Khali; the legendary Dusty Rhodes defends his son Cody's honor in a Texas bullrope match against Randy Orton; you won't believe the winner of a five-man elimination match for the cruiserweight title; and much more. 180 min. Standard; Soundtrack: English Dolby Digital stereo. *Genius*

**Robot Chicken Season 2** Ostensibly about a dead chicken reanimated by a mad scientist and forced to watch endless bad television, Robot Chicken actually exists as a madcap exercise in cramming as many inane pop-culture references, gags, and juxtapositions into a 11-minute time period as is humanly possible. Created by actor Seth Green (Austin Power, The Family Guy, Buffy The Vampire Slayer) and ToyFare editor Matthew Senreich (the two met and bonded over their mutual love for action figures and collectible figurines), the Cartoon Network show uses stop-action animation and a host of dolls and action-figures to perform outrageous send-ups of television, film, and postmodern America. This release contains every episode from the second season of the show. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Suck It," "Easter Basket," "1987," "Celebrity Rocket," "Federated Resources," "Dragon Nuts," "Cracked China," "Rodiggity," "Password: Swordfish" and "Massage Chair." Additional Actors: Christian Slater, Alex Borstein, Mila Kunis, Corey Feldman, Corey Haim, Phyllis Diller, Dana Snyder, Michelle Trachtenberg, Ginnifer Goodwin, Abraham Benrubi, Jordan Ladd, Peter Gallagher, Hal Sparks, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Michael Ian Black, Miguel Ferrer, Rachael Leigh Cook, James Van Der Beek, Rick Schroeder, Hulk Hogan, Jimmy Kimmel. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Metal Militia," "Veggies for Sloth," "Sausage Fest," "Drippy Pony," "The Navy," "Adoptions an Option," "A Day at the Circus," "Lust for Puppets," "Anne Marie's Pride" and "Book of Corrine." Additional Actors: Wayne Brady, Mindy Sterling, Cree Summer, William Mapother, Sarah Silverman, Kelly Hu, Alan Cummings, Gene Simmons, Scarlett Johansson, David Hasselhoff, Alfonso Ribeiro, Elijah Wood, Paul Rudd, Charlize Theron. *Warner*

**The Sure Thing / Valley Girl** **THE SURE THING:** When free-spirited but juvenile Walter "Gib" Gibson (John Cusack) meets studious, uptight Alison Bradbury (Daphne Zuniga) at an unnamed Ivy League college, sparks fly; unfortunately, they are mostly of the disastrous variety as all of Gib's attempts at courtship fall painfully apart. Inevitably, the duo is tossed together when they both answer the same ad for a ride to California. While Alison is traveling to reunite with her tidy law school boyfriend, Gib is on the road to meet a beautiful girl his best friend promises him is "a sure thing." Before too long, Gib and Alison's bickering inflames the driver, who promptly deposits the two with their suitcases on the side of a lonely highway thousands of miles from their destination. As the misadventures pile up, the initially contentious pair begin to take a liking to one another--but do these two dare fall in love? Rob Reiner's initial attempt at romantic comedy pays subtle homage, with gentle lyricism, to the classic screwballs of early Hollywood. The film is buoyed by the stellar performances of the two leads, Cusack (in one of his first significant roles) and Zuniga, who are reminiscent of the great studio pairings of the past. **VALLEY GIRL:** It's a "totally tubular" scene as a "grody-to-the-max" punk from the wrong side of the Hollywood Hills, Randy (Nicolas Cage), falls for Julie (Deborah Foreman), a mall-dwelling Valley Girl, in this time capsule of 1980s teen vernacular. Julie and Randy become passionately involved; yet, despite her feelings for Randy, Julie succumbs to the peer pressure of her mall-obsessed friends and gets back together with her Valley dude boyfriend, Tommy (Michael Bowen), who whisks Julie off to the Senior Prom. Randy doesn't give up so easily, however, and chases Julie to the prom, with the help of his faithful friend, Fred (Cameron Dye), in an attempt to wrest her back. *Fox*

**Teen Witch / The Heavenly Kid** **TEEN WITCH:** A sweet young teenage girl wants to get the most popular boy in school to notice her. But how? All the hairdos and hip clothes in the world don't work. It may just take some of that old black magic to get him under her spell. **THE HEAVENLY KID:** The spirit of a young man who was killed in an auto accident must earn his "ticket to heaven" by helping a mortal through a life crisis. When he successfully completes his mission, he will become "The Heavenly Kid." *Fox*

**Desperately Seeking Susan / Something Wild** **DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN:** Rosanna Arquette is Roberta Glass, a bored New Jersey yuppie housewife who finds escapism from her mundane life in the New York personal ad exploits of a flighty bohemian named Susan (Madonna). When Roberta travels to the city to witness an ad-inspired meeting between Susan and her lover Jimmy, she bumps her head, loses her memory, and for all intents and purposes, becomes Susan, thanks to a case of mistaken identity. As a result, she is pursued by crooks and other shady characters through the funky East Village of the early '80's. Quinn is the confused film protectionist who stumbles into the role of Roberta/Susan's protector. Madonna, not quite a superstar when this was filmed, uses this small role to show the sort of charisma she would soon shower upon the world in larger doses. Steven Wright, Giancarlo Esposito, Richard Hell, Ann Magnuson, John Lurie, and Arto Lindsay also turn up in small roles in this screwball '80's love letter to the downtown scene. **SOMETHING WILD:** Melanie Griffith and Jeff Daniels star in this quirky road movie from director Jonathan Demme. Charlie Driggs (Daniels) is a timid New York investment broker who lets himself be abducted during his lunch hour by an attractive nut named Lulu (Griffith). While drunk, she drives him to a New Jersey hotel for some kinky sex and petty thievery, and later convinces him to accompany her to Pennsylvania and pose as her husband at her high school reunion. More misadventures ensue, and Charlie gradually finds himself loosening up and falling in love, but then the film makes a sudden left turn with the appearance of Ray (Ray Liotta), Lulu's real husband--a violent ex-convict. As the film's tone oscillates from lightheartedness to darkness, Demme's affection for his characters never wavers, and he keeps things moving with a jubilant soundtrack of global music and a roster of cameo appearances that include directors John Waters and John Sayles, and musicians the Feelies and Sister Carol. It's a comedy, it's a drama, it's a look at the pleasures and dangers of stepping outside the norm, in life and in film. *Fox*

**Once Bitten / Vampire Kiss** **ONCE BITTEN:** A horny vampiress goes on the prowl for young virgin males. Since she has to find them in modern-day Los Angeles, she has quite a problem. **VAMPIRE'S KISS:** Nicolas Cage plays Peter Loew, a sleazy literary agent who prowls the bars in the evening looking for some action. One night he hooks up with Jennifer Beals, and in the course of their relations, she bites him on the neck. When he wakes up the next morning, Peter doesn't feel quite right. He is irritable, and has a hard time dealing with life at the literary agency, where his secretary takes the brunt of his ire. Suddenly, it dawns on Peter that he was bitten by a vampire, so he goes out and buys a set of real fangs. However, mere plot exposition can't begin to get at what makes this movie so amazing. Well, the film itself isn't really amazing--it's Cage's performance. Here, it seems, he was given free rein to act like a complete madman. There is absolutely no precedent for this performance anywhere in film history, and Cage is a wonder to watch. Though this film is usually mentioned only when people want to talk about how Cage ate a live cockroach once because he insisted on absolute realism, his performance here dwarfs everything else he's ever done. The movie might be rather silly, what with its pretentious device of using Peter's transformation into a vampire as a metaphor for his other life as a parasitic literary agent and lady-killer, but Cage overacts so stunningly that you can't take your eyes off the film for a second. *Fox*

**Guarding Eddy** Eddy (Brian Presley), a developmentally disabled 18-year-old, has always dreamed of playing professional basketball for the Los Angeles Clippers. But when he runs away to L.A. in order to make his dream a reality, the strangeness of the city leaves him lost and disoriented. At the homeless shelter where Eddy winds up, he is introduced to his new Big Brother, Mike (Kiko Ellsworth), who once played in the NBA but ended his career with a knee injury. Working at the shelter as part of his community service, Mike at first approaches his time with Eddy as an obligation; but the relationship grows into a genuine friendship as Eddy opens Mike's eyes to the power of holding on to your dreams. *Monarch*