

New On Video & DVD

X-Files: I Want to Believe This cinematic follow-up to the series picks up years after it ended, but the characters are still the same ones that audiences loved. Fans who followed the show religiously (and was there any other way to watch it?) won't be surprised to learn that Mulder (David Duchovny) is currently living in hiding, still researching the paranormal while he grows a shaggy beard. Meanwhile, Scully (Gillian Anderson) is working as a doctor at a Catholic hospital. When an F.B.I. agent goes missing, the bureau calls on the pair to return to their old work. The paranormal element of their case is found in Father Joe (Billy Connolly), a former priest who is having psychic visions and leading the team from the F.B.I. to evidence to help them solve their case. Mulder and Scully return to their roles of believer and skeptic as they join in the search. Just as in the show, *I Want to Believe* is a genre-bender that combines science fiction, horror, and thriller. In fact, the film seems like a two-part episode of the show--and that's meant as a compliment. Though six years have passed since the series' finale (and 10 since the first cinematic incarnation), the show's central elements are intact, especially the interaction between Mulder and Scully. For those who weren't fans of the show, *I Want to Believe* offers chills similar to *The Silence Of The Lambs* and *The Bone Collector*--but minus the gore. The show was always more about the unseen horrors, and the film works well as it follows its predecessor's lead. **Fox Law & Order Season 6** With hundreds of episodes, dozens of awards, and a handful of spin-offs under its belt, NBC's *Law & Order* is the elder statesman of police procedurals. Every entry of the wildly successful drama unfolds according to a time-tested formula: the first half follows NYPD detectives as they investigate a crime (often "ripped from the headlines"), and the second half sees the DA's office prosecute the prime suspects. This complete season six collection offers 23 fascinating episodes that see the return of wise-cracking detective Lenny Briscoe (Jerry Orbach), hard-hitting assistant district attorneys Jack McCoy (Sam Waterston) and Claire Kincaid (Jill Hennessey), and introduces Benjamin Bratt as the cocky police officer Rey Curtis. *Law & Order: The Sixth Year* also features guest appearances by Michael Imperioli (The Sopranos), Jennifer Garner (The Kingdom), and Peter Sarsgaard (Rendition). Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Bitter Fruit," "Rebels," "Savages," "Jeopardy" and "Hot Pursuit." Additional Actors: Richard Venture, Amanda Peet, John Ventimiglia, Tim Ransom, Maria Tucci, Peter Frechette, Victor Garber, Timothy Wheeler. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Paranoia," "Humiliation," "Angel," "Blood Libel" and "Remand." Additional Actors: Chris Cooper, Sandy Duncan, Abe Vigoda, Peter Sarsgaard, Fisher Stevens, Jonathan Walker, Elizabeth Hanly Rice, Michael Dolan. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Corpus Delicti," "Trophy," "Charm City," "Homicide: Life on the Street 'For God and Country'" and "Custody." Additional Actors: Frank Converse, Laila Robins, Richard Belzer, Leo Burmester, Andre Braugher, Kyle Secor, Amber Kain. Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Encore," "Savior," "Deceit," "Atonement" and "Slave." Additional Actors: Jean-Claude La Marre, Larry Miller, Michael Imperioli, Timothy Landfield, Ellen Pompeo, Tom O'Rourke, Leslie Hendrix, Adam Zolot. Disc 5 disc includes the following episodes: "Girlfriends," "Pro Se," "Homesick" and "Aftershock." Additional Actors: Dana Ivey, Jennifer Garner, Patti LuPone, Denis O'Hare, Carolyn McCormick. *Universal*

Step Brothers Brennan Huff (Ferrell) and Dale Doback (Reilly) are deadbeat man-children thrown together when the single parents with whom they live marry. The two initially despise one another, but become fast friends over a shared love of ninjas, COPS, porno mags, and the comforts of living in the fantasy world of a prolonged adolescence. What makes *Stepbrothers* so much fun, however, has nothing to do with story or script; rather, it's McKay's foresight to step back and let Ferrell and Reilly run wild. The duo kick and punch, fart and burp, laugh and cry, yet somehow elevate such banalities to a level of grotesque poetry, hitting upon what feels like an entirely new comedic language. When the pair act like children, they are not presenting themselves as immature adults, but are literally acting like children, meticulously duplicating everything from the fears and concerns to the speech patterns and awkward physicality of children. It sounds simple enough, but it requires a dexterity and sense of timing and delivery that is actually quite amazing. *Sony*

The Longshots Based on the true story of the first female quarterback to play in a Pop Warner football game, *The Longshots* is an inspiring underdog story of personal triumph and small-town values. The film opens in down-on-its-luck Minden, Illinois, where 11-year-old Jasmine Plummer (Keke Palmer) copes with the pain of an absentee father and her classmates' constant antagonism. Jasmine's fortunes begin to change with the emergence of her uncle, Curtis (Ice Cube). Once a rising football star but now out of work, Curtis dreams of escaping Minden for the sunny promise of Miami. But when he sees Jasmine's gift for throwing the football, Curtis helps her overcome self-doubt and skepticism to join Minden's woeful Pop Warner team. Inspired by Jasmine's skill and toughness, and with the addition of Curtis as a coach, the team earns a spot in the Pop Warner Super Bowl in Miami. But as the national media swoop in to cover the team's story, Jasmine and Curtis come face-to-face with their biggest obstacle: the reappearance of Jasmine's father. Will Curtis and Jasmine lead the team to glory, or will Jasmine's father once again tear apart a loving family? *Weinstein/Genius*

Cannon Season 1, Volume 2 Cannons are hefty, difficult to maneuver, and explosive. So is Frank Cannon. He's a gruff ex-cop who may be losing his hair but not his hunger for gourmet cuisine--and justice. As a private detective he doesn't come cheap, but he certainly provides his clients with their money's worth, making wrongs right and eating criminals for breakfast. Playing the overweight gumshoe is William Conrad, one TV's most unconventional stars, who later went on to headline one-half of *Jake And The Fatman* (you can guess in which role). This collection presents the second volume of the 1970s series' debut season, bursting with daredevil car chases and dialogue so sharp it could cut through a T-bone steak. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Death Is A Double-Cross," "The Nowhere Man," "Flight Plan" and "Devil's Playground." Additional Actors: Burke Byrnes, Wilma Francis, Fritz Weaver. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Treasure Of San Ignacio," "Blood On The Vine," "To Kill A Guinea Pig" and "The Island Caper." Additional Actors: Hal Baylor, Warren Parker, Christopher Connelly. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "A Deadly Quiet Town," "A Flight Of Hawks" and "The Torch." Additional Actors: John Rubinstein, Louise Latham, Fred Sadoff. Disc 4 includes the following episodes: "Cain's Mark" and "Murder By Moonlight." Additional Actors: Carmen Mathews, David Birney, Jimmy Lydon/ *Paramount/CBS*

Jake and the Fatman Season 1, Volume 2 William Conrad stars as Jason Lochinvar "Fatman" McCabe, a rotund, cigar-chomping district attorney with a bulldog's tenacity. Along with his suave investigator, Jake Styles (Joe Penny), he secures convictions for some of Southern California's most bewildering crimes, bringing to justice a despicable mix of killers, thieves, and rapists. Assisting the odd couple are Jake's sunny assistant Derek, his fork-tongued secretary Gertrude, and of course his wrinkly old bulldog Max. Hawaiian cop turned district attorney Jason "Fatman" McCabe (William Conrad) and his partner, Jake Styles (Joe Penny), clean up Los Angeles's streets in the second half of the first season of this Emmy-nominated hit. Though they don't always see eye to eye, their differing styles (McCabe is uptight, Jake more laid-back) come in handy when dealing with the city's stalkers, murderers, kidnappers and other sundry evildoers. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "After You've Gone," "It Had To Be You," "But Not For Me" and "What Is This Thing Called Love?" Additional Actors: Michael J. Aronin, James Olson, Richard Marcus. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Lady Be Good," "I'll Be Seeing You," "Babyface" and "Blues In The Night." Additional Actors: Stacy Edwards, Ivor Barry, Robert Mangiardi. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "How Long Has This Been Going On?," "I Guess I'll Have To Change My Plan" and "Rhapsody In Blue." Additional Actors: George DelHoyo, Frantz Turner, Jere Burns. *Paramount/CBS*

Gunsmoke Season 3 Vol. 1 James Arness vaulted into the annals of television history with his iconic portrayal of U.S. Marshal Matt Dillon in the long-running television Western *Gunsmoke*. Armed with a quick draw and an even quicker wit, the principled and intelligent Marshal Dillon brought peace and righteousness to the lawless frontier of 1800s Dodge City with the help of his trusted deputy, Chester Goode (Dennis Weaver), his friend Doc Adams (Milburn Stone), and saloon keeper Miss Kitty (Amanda Blake). Marshal Matt Dillon (James Arness) rides again, aiming to keep the peace in Dodge City for another season in this long-running television Western. Among other adventures, Dillon and Deputy Chester investigate a conspiracy to rob a stage coach, Doc Adams guns down a horse thief and Miss Kitty falls under suspicion for assisting a bank robber. Keep an eye out for guest appearances by Robert Vaughn, Barbara Eden and Jack Lord. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Crackup," "Gun For Chester," "Blood Money," "Kitty's Outlaw," "Potato Road," "Jesse" and "Mavis McCloud." Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Born To Hang," "Romeo," "Never Pester Chester," "Fingered," "How To Kill a Woman" and "Cows and Cribs." Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Doc's Reward," "Kitty Lost," "Twelfth Night," "Joe Phy," "Buffalo Man" and "Kitty Caught." *Paramount/CBS*