

# FAST FORWARD

The latest from the home-video front

■ **TITANIC ON THE DVD DOCKET?** In a move that made Twentieth Century Fox the last major studio holdout, Paramount announced April 27 that it would start issuing DVDs. The studio gave the word even before deciding what titles to put out or when, prompting industry speculation—and hope—that a certain ship with a tech-savvy director at the helm will boost DVD sales by year's end. Meanwhile, the industry wonders how long Fox can remain the non-digital lone wolf.

■ **HERE'S ONE ON THE Q.T. AND VERY HUSH-HUSH...** The DVD of *L.A. Confidential* keeps flying off the shelves. A conspiracy among rabid fans and Warner Bros.? Heavily laden with extras, the movie comes on a dual-layer disc that's trickier to produce, which means a lot more hit the trash heap, sometimes as many as one out of three, says a leading DVD retailer—a high body count even for film noir. The initial shipment in early May disappeared quickly. Ditto a second batch two weeks later. The same source also predicts a short-fall for the new James Bond DVD, *Tomorrow Never Dies*. So if you see one, jump but fast. —*Michael Giltz*

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