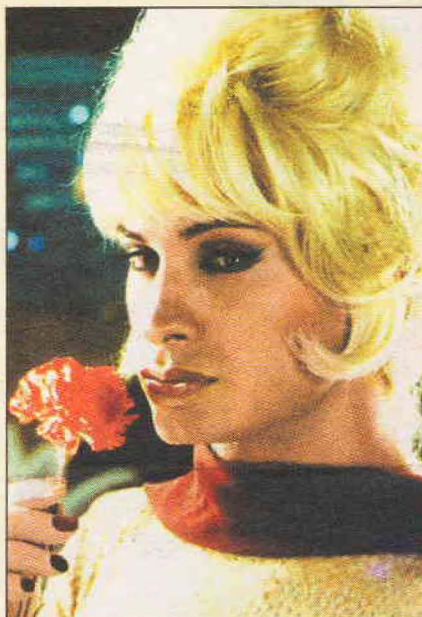


This week's DVDs

By MICHAEL GILTZ

**Bad Education**

★★★

Sony, \$26.96

Most would say director Pedro Almodovar reached his peak with "serious" movies like "All About My Mother." But his comic melodramas like "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown" are a lot more fun. "Bad" falls somewhere in between, with its tale of a pedophile priest, a film director suffering writer's block and an actor (Gael Garcia Bernal) desperate for a part. Extras include deleted scenes and audio commentary.

Hotel Rwanda

★★★½

MGM, \$26.98

"Hotel Rwanda" bears the terrible weight of history. Not the history of genocide in Rwanda that it depicts, but the exact same nightmarish events taking place in the Sudan right now that unfairly make this film seem so impotent. Don Cheadle is controlled and marvelous; the bountiful and sad extras include commentary from the real-life man the film is based on, Paul Rusesabagina, and a documentary, "Return to Rwanda."

The Bob Newhart Show: Season One

★★★★

Fox, \$29.98

Hi, Bob! One of TV's sharpest, drollest comedies comes to DVD sans extras but with the marvelous ensemble (his sexy wife, annoying neighbor, wisecracking secretary and amusingly disturbed patients) that made it a classic. Also out: "All in the Family: Fourth Season" (Sony, \$29.95) and "Sledge Hammer! Season Two" (Anchor Bay, \$39.98).

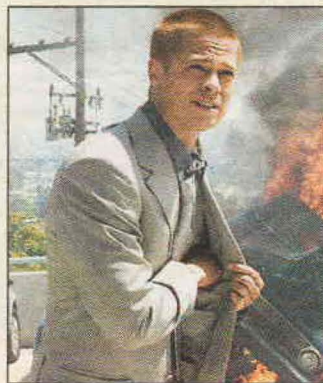
Morrissey: Who Put The 'M' In Manchester?

★★★★

BMG, \$19.98

The Wilde-at-heart U.K.

singer Morrissey enjoyed a comeback, thanks to a strong new album and a live show, well-captured in this concert film. New songs like "Irish Blood, English Heart" and "I Have Forgiven Jesus" stand alongside classics like "Shoplifters of the World Unite" quite nicely. Also out: the engrossing documentary "Dig!" (Palm, \$24.98) about two rival bands — the Brian Jonestown Massacre and the Dandy Warhols — with loads of extras.

**Ocean's Twelve**

★★½

Warner Bros., \$27.95

2001's "Ocean's Eleven" was a fluke: a fun trifle about robbing a casino that far surpassed the dull original. "Ocean's Twelve," unfortunately, is much more in the spirit of a Rat Pack movie: It looks like it was a lot more fun to make than it is to watch. Everyone is properly abashed: there are no extras to speak of.