

This week's DVDs

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**Columbo:
First Season**

★★★

Universal, \$59.98

The rumpled detective hits DVD, with all seven TV season and the two TV movies that introduced Peter Falk as Columbo before the show became a series.

One more question: Why no extras? Other popular detectives out on DVD include the first season of the mustachioed "Magnum, P.I." (Universal, \$59.98) and the trench-coated third season of "A Touch of Frost" (MPI, \$49.98).

**American Dreams:
Season One**

★★★★

Universal, \$89.98

This delightful drama set in the '60s was overlooked by the Emmys, but you've got no excuses. Whether you prefer the wholesomeness of "7th Heaven," the sharp, ensemble acting of "The West Wing" or the soapy delights of "The O.C.," this show has it all. And anyone looking for the next Julia Roberts should look no further than star Brittany Snow.

Making Sense" and "The Last Waltz." The canon expands with this look at artists like Wilson Pickett and Ike and Tina Turner. The soundtrack is included as an extra. Another disc just as memorable for the off-stage action is "Wattstax 30th Anniversary Special Edition" (Warner Bros., \$24.98), with performances by Isaac Hayes and others, an intro by Jesse Jackson and the comedy of Richard Pryor.

La Dolce Vita

★★★½

Koch, \$34.98

Fellini's crazy three-ring extravaganza about the jaded, frantic life of the jet set, with Anita Ekberg dancing in that fountain, "paparazzi" becoming



part of the language and Marcello Mastroianni looking world-weary. Finally on DVD with audio commentary, rare shorts and more. But before Fellini became "Fellini," he made some of his most perceptive movies, like the thoughtful second film, "I Vitelloni" (Criterion, \$29.95).

**Soul Plane:
Special Edition**

★★½

MGM, \$26.98

An R-rated, silly satire about the hippest airline in the world with its fair share of laughs, thanks to Mo'Nique, Snoop Dogg and Method Man. Also out in a slightly naughtier, unrated edition, though both have the same basic extras. Another goofy comedy just out is the 10th-anniversary edition of Kevin Smith's career-maker, "Clerks 10" (Miramax, \$34.99), full of extras on three discs.

Soul to Soul

★★★

Rhino, \$24.99

Any discussion of great concert films is usually restricted to "Woodstock," "Stop