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**DVDs THIS WEEK**  
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Peters Sellers in "The Pink Panther Strikes Again."

### **THE PINK PANTHER FILM COLLECTION ROCK HUDSON AND DORIS DAY ROMANCE COLLECTION**

Think Pink! This Pink Panther collection (\$69.96, MGM) offers five movies (including two 1964 classics, "The Pink Panther" and "A Shot in the Dark," and the 1976 "The Pink Panther Strikes Again") — but not the franchise-reviving 1975 entry "Return of the Pink Panther." To compensate, you get a new half hour documentary, with everyone from Blake Edwards to Peter Sellers' biographer **Ed Sikov**, and six cartoon shorts, all in a nifty black vinyl case. Rock Hudson and **Doris Day** star in a pink boxed set with three movies — the Oscar-winning (for writing) "Pillow Talk" from 1959, and two other frothy collaborations — as well an eight-song Doris Day CD, all at a bargain price (\$29.98, Universal).

### **"FREAKS AND GEEKS": COMPLETE SERIES**

Fans still lamenting the 2000 cancellation of "Freaks and Geeks" after only one season have reason to rejoice. Here are all 18 funny and delightful episodes (\$69.98, Shout) with great music (from Styx in the first episode to the Grateful Dead in the last) and a tremendous cast (including stars in the making **Linda Cardellini** and **James Franco**, not to mention the intimidating **Busy Phillips** and the **De Niro**-like **Martin Starr**). TV doesn't get any better than this and neither do DVDs, thanks to copious extras like 29 (!) commentary tracks, audition footage, promos and loads of bloopers and deleted scenes.

### **"MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS" SPECIAL EDITION**

Movie musical moments don't get any better than Judy Garland singing "The Trolley Song" in the classic 1944 charmer "Meet Me in St. Louis" (\$26.99, Warner Bros.). It comes bursting with extras like an intro from **Liza Minnelli**, three documentaries, audio commentary from **Margaret O'Brien** and others, a deleted musical number and even the pilot of a TV series spin-off. Also just out: four other Garland movies, including 1938's "Love Finds Andy Hardy," for \$19.98 each.

### **"IN LIVING COLOR": SEASON ONE**

**Keenen Ivory Wayans** masterminded this instantly successful sketch comedy show (\$39.98, Fox), but Fox drove the series into an early grave by airing it two or three times a week until Wayans finally left in disgust. But that doesn't dim the pleasures of sketches like Homeboy Shopping Network, Men on Film and Homey the Clown. Loads of talent on-screen, including **Damon Wayans**, **David Alan Grier**, **Jennifer Lopez** as one of the Fly Girls and **Jim Carrey** — who got second billing after Keenen.

### **Also out:**

**Merchant Ivory's** commercial breakthrough "A Room With a View" Special Edition (\$26.99, Warner Bros.); **Steve Martin's** gotta-pay-the-bills work on "Cheaper by the Dozen" (\$29.98, Fox); more celebration of "Sesame Street's" 35th birthday via "What's the Name of That Song?" (\$12.98, Sony Wonder); the deflating final episode of the **Keanu Reeves** silliness "The Matrix Revolutions" (\$29.95, Warner Bros.); **Steve Guttenberg's** mom's favorite "Police Academy" Complete Collection (\$59.98, Warner Bros.); and Ross McElwee's eccentric "Sherman's March" (\$29.95, First Run).