



Purple Rain Special Edition

★★★

Warner Bros., \$26.99

YOU can't compare this 1984 hit with "A Hard Day's Night," but when the so-so dramatics stop and the music starts, this is about as exciting as pop musicals get. Extras include mini-documentaries, although there's no input from the Purple One himself. "Graffiti Bridge" of 1990 and "Under The Cherry Moon" (1986) are also out; but the only really worthy companion is the raucous concert film "Sign O' the Times," from 1987.

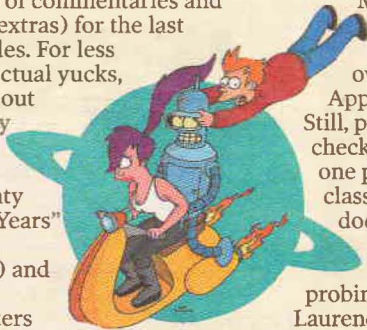
Futurama Volume 4

★★★★½

Fox, \$49.98

A bittersweet finale for "Futurama" fans. Matt Groening's follow-up to "The Simpsons" was treated with disdain by Fox, but gets the deluxe treatment on DVD (loads of commentaries and other extras) for the last episodes. For less intellectual yucks, check out "Benny Hill: The Naughty Early Years" (A&E, \$49.95) and "The Munsters First Season" (Universal, \$59.98).

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fairy-tale narration by John Hurt, makes clear that this is about the dangers of dominating another human.

The Apprentice/ The World At War

★★/★★★★★

Universal/A&E, \$59.98/\$149.95

MOST reality shows aren't worth a second look once the finale is over, and "The Apprentice" is no exception. Still, potential contestants can check out advice from season-one players. But a "reality" classic, the legendary 1973 documentary "The World At War," will last forever, with 26 probing episodes, narration by Laurence Olivier and 12 hours of extras.

Dogville

★★★★½

Lions Gate, \$26.98

DIRECTOR Lars von Trier tricked people into thinking this absorbing, unusual drama about a woman (Nicole Kidman) hiding out in an isolated town from her gangster father is an anti-American diatribe. In fact, everything, from the "Our Town" staging (the movie is filmed on a soundstage with no sets and minimal props) to the

When The Mountains Tremble/Merton

★★★

DocuRama, \$26.95

"WHEN The Mountains Tremble" is the 20th anniversary edition of a documentary about Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu and the struggles of the Mayan population in Guatemala. And "Merton: A Film Biography" (1984), is a brief look at the Trappist monk who garnered an audience with his many philosophical books.