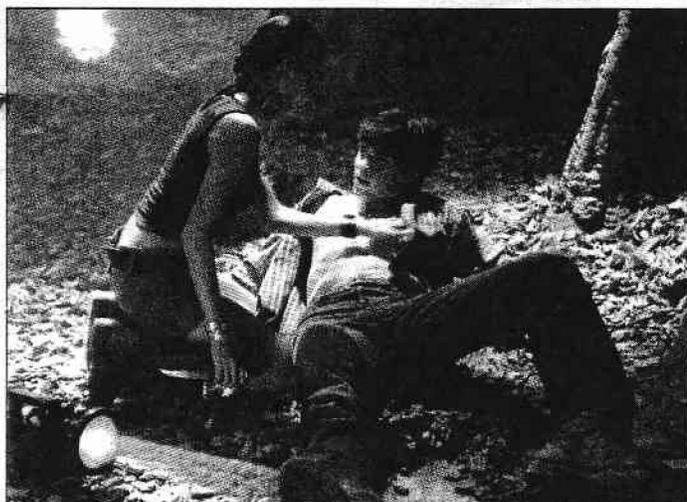


This week's DVDs

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The WB / David

Smallville: Complete Second Season ★★★

Warner Bros., \$59.98

"Smallville" overcame its "creature of the week" habit from the first season and blossomed into an entertaining soap opera with superhero overtones. Unfortunately, it dropped the ball just as quickly, so this is the peak of the series. Extras include commentary, deleted scenes and featurettes on Christopher Reeve, who's made guest appearances, and the special effects.

Walt Disney Treasures: On the Front Lines

★★★½

Walt Disney, \$32.99 each

Disney's "Treasures" are truly collectables, and the latest batch of titles is no exception. The best this week is "On the Front Lines," which boasts rare wartime footage meant to boost morale, train soldiers and get up the fighting spirit. From the feature length "Victory Through Air Power" to laughers like "Donald Gets Drafted," this is great, long forgotten art. It includes 32 shorts in all, along with interviews of Roy Disney, intros by Leonard Maltin and more.

The Reagans

★★

Lions Gate, \$19.98

James Brolin may have found the role of a lifetime in Ronald Reagan. This TV movie is actually watchable, thanks to Brolin and Judy Davis as a brittle Nancy Reagan who melts only for her man. Politically controversial deleted scenes are among the extras.

Speed Racer: Volume 2

★★★

Lions Gate, \$22.98

Why didn't Tom Cruise play

born to tackle? (Instead we got "Days of Thunder.") Fans can take comfort with this collection of episodes 12-23 from the 1967 first season of the animation classic. Modest extras and their refusal to offer the entire season in one set keep this from a higher rating.

Miracle

★★★½

Buena Vista, \$29.99

Nothing makes grown men weep like a sports movie. "Miracle" continues the tradition with Kurt Russell in this box office hit about the U.S. hockey team that triumphed over the Commies at the 1980 Olympics. And what synergy! The extras for this film, which was in theaters in February, include ESPN's roundtable with the original athletes and Russell shooting the breeze.

Casey Kasem's Rock 'n' Roll Goldmine

No stars

Kultur, \$59.95

Here's a very shabby boxed set. Less than five hours of rock 'n' roll footage stretched out over five discs, none of them much longer than 50 minutes. Even at half the price, this motley collection of archival performances (Jimi Hendrix, Van Morrison, Elvis et al.)