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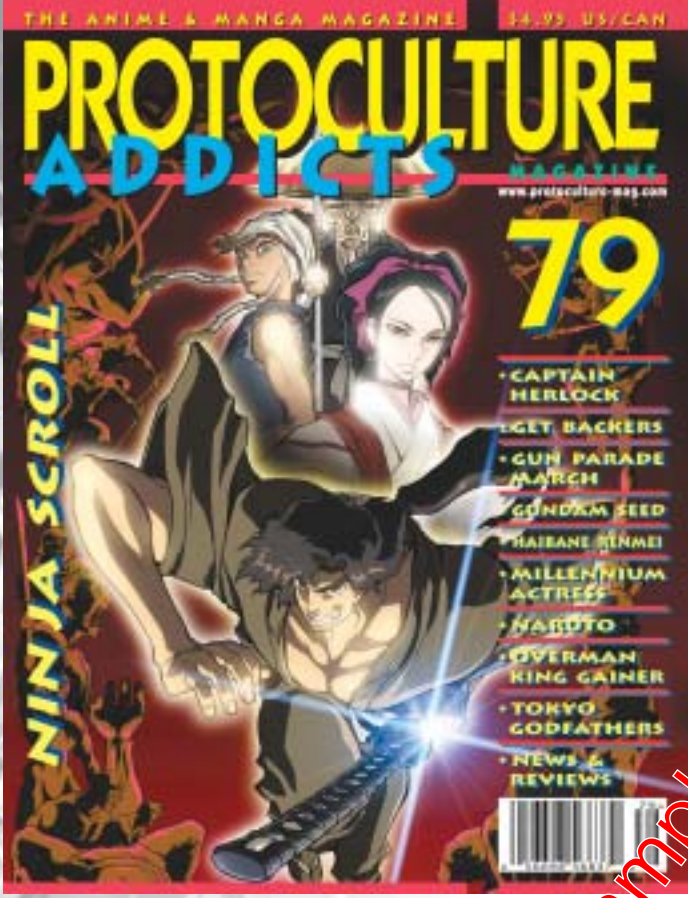
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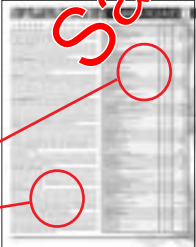


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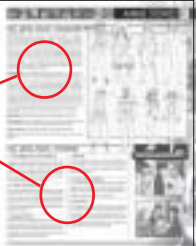
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**Detective School Q (The).** The golden team of *Kindaichi* and Studio Pierrot are working on a new detective anime, titled *The Detective School Q*. This show has started on April 15th, 2003 and is currently broadcast on TBS-TV. The manga version is currently published in Kodansha's *Weekly Boys Magazine*. The main character, Kyu-chan, has wished to become a detective ever since he was kidnapped when he was a little boy and a detective saved him. He is now 15 and is in junior highschool. With his close friends, Kyu-chan gets involved in many cases that need to be solved by a detective. (Source: *Animage* #298, April 2003)

**Implied Sexuality in *Gundam Seed* Gets Broadcaster Mainichi In Trouble!** The Japanese Commission For Better Broadcasting has released an announcement stating that TV viewers complained about a scene in episode 16 of *Gundam Seed*. The 16 years old main character, Kira Yamato, is seen putting on his pants while 15 years old Frey Alster is sleeping in a bed in the same room. While there was no actual scene depicting any sex (or even nudity!), the scene is thought to have SUGGESTED a sexual relationship between Kira and Frey (like if a boy and a girl could not sleep in the same room without doing anything!). Many of the complains had more to do with the fact that the scene was broadcast on TV at 6 pm. Mainichi responded to the criticism stating that they should have given more consideration to the episode before airing it. It seems that even in Japan people consider anime mostly for children! (Source: ANN)

**Stellvia Of The Universe.** Tatsuo Sato's (*Nadesico*) new series is called *Stellvia Of The Universe*. *Stellvia* is a made-up word mixing the Latin "Stella" (Star) and "Via" (Road) to describe "The road to the Universe", which is a space station in the show. It is the story of teenage students who come to study at the space station. Tatsuo Sato wanted to create a love story set in the future, focusing on the school life of the *Stellvia* space station. The story's heroine, Shima Katase, is a 15 year-old student who tries hard, but is extremely disorganized. She has to learn to adjust to her new school life at the space station and meets her classmate Kota Otoyama, who has enormous powers. This anime is produced by Xebec. © Xebec/ Foundation II. (Source: *Animage* #297, March 2003)

**Studio Ghibli's Director Isao Takahata will direct the Japanese language version of *Kirikou Et La Sorciere* (*Kirikou And The Witch*).** *Kirikou Et La Sorciere* is an award-winning French animation which became a big hit in France in 1999 (it won the Grand-Prix at the Annecy International Animation Festival). It is 71 minutes long and was written and directed by Michel Osio. Director Isao Takahata (of *Grave Of The Fireflies*) was enormously impressed and moved by this animation and he decided to supervise and direct a Japanese language version so he could bring this work to Japanese audiences. It is the first time director Takahata has done such work on a foreign animation. This animation will be released in theaters in Summer 2003. The story is set in a small village in Africa. Kirikou was such an independent child that he cut his own umbilical cord after being born! Kirikou found out that the village where he was born was destroyed by a witch, named Karaba. She made the well dry and men were eaten by her. Kirikou's uncle is the only survivor and Kirikou decided to save both him and the village. How can Kirikou, with his frail body, survive such a fight? The animation will be shown at the Tokyo International Anime Fair. (Source: *Animage* #297, March 2003)

**Tokyo Godfathers.** Director Satoshi Kon (*Perfect Blue*, *Millennium Actress*) will be releasing his new feature anime movie, *Tokyo Godfathers*, written, directed and screenplayed by himself, sometime in 2003. It is the story of three homeless people, Gin-chan, who used to be a motorcycle racer, Hana-chan, an homosexual, and Miyuki, a teenage runaway, who find a baby on Christmas Eve. They will spend the night wandering in Tokyo, trying to find the baby's family and experiencing all kinds of miracles. The movie is produced by Studio Madhouse and part of the screenplay was written by *Wolf's Rain* Keiko Nobumoto. A heart warming, new style road movie. © 2003 Satoshi Kon/Madhouse/TGF Production Committee. (Source: *Animage* #298, April 2003)

**Ultra Maniac TV Anime Version!** *Ultra Maniac*, the latest manga of the creator / manga artist of *Marmalade Boy*, Wataru Yoshizumi, which has become a popular title in the monthly *Ribbon Magazine* (a Shojo magazine) in recent months, will be adapted as an anime TV series. The show will be produced by Ashi Production, directed by Shin-ichi Masaki and the characters will be designed by *Gravitation's* Miho Shimogasa. The story is about Nina, who came from the Magic Kingdom to learn about humans. She is fond of Ayu, who belongs to the tennis club. Nina uses a magic personal computer and a magical treasure box. Nina wants to help her friend through magic. And those two get involved with two boys from the baseball and tennis clubs. Yoshizumi, the creator, also came up with new characters for the TV anime version. © Wataru Yoshizumi/Shueisha/ Ultra Maniac Production Committee. (Source: *Animage* #297, March 2003)

• **2003 Tezuka Award Winners:** the Grand Award went to *Kiroi Hon (The Yellow Book)* by Fumiko Takano; the Shinsei Award (New Hope) went to *Hikaru no Go* by writer Yumi Hotta and artist Takeshi Obata; the Short Manga Award went to Hisaichi Ishii; the Special Award went to Shigeru Mizuki. (Source: ANN)

• **Full Metal Panic New TV Version.** The new *Full Metal Panic* TV series is currently being worked on by Kyoto Animation Studio and will feature lots of action, as well as Sosuke and Kaname. The studio does not know the release date yet. (Source: *Animage* #297, March 2003)

• **Nurse Witch Komugi-chan Magi Karte.** A sidekick character from *Soul Taker*, Komugi the nurse, became such an idol with the fans that she got her own OVA! And it was so popular that two other episodes, titled *Karte 3* and *Karte 2.5*, directed by Shinji Arakawa, will be released this Summer! © STP/ Tatsunoko Production/ Mugi Mugi Group. (Source: *Animage* #297, March 2003)

• **Sonic X.** This is the anime version of *Sonic The Hedgehog*, which has been a superstar character of the video game world for years. The story is about the battle between Sonic and Dr. Eggman. It started on April 6, 2003 and is broadcast on TV-Tokyo. One day, Sonic mistakenly moved a mysterious machine and everyone was sucked into a time distortion! (Source: *Animage* #298, April 2003)

• **Steamboy,** the latest movie by Katsuhiro Otomo, will receive a simultaneous theatrical release in Japan and North America in October, according to Bandai Visual. The movie will also be shown at the 2003 Cannes Festival in France, along with a new Madhouse film called *Nasu: The Summer Of Andalsia* (directed by Kitaro Kosaka). (Source: ANN)

• **Submarine Super 99.** Leiji Matsumoto's manga is being adapted as a new TV anime, produced by Vega Entertainment. The fans will see the original source of *Galaxy 999* and *Yamato* through this work. It starts on May 8th, 2003. (Source: *Animage* #298, April 2003)

• **You Inoue Dies.** The voice actress You Inoue, best known for her work as Sayla in *Gundam*, died of Cancer on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms Inoue was 56 years old. (Source: ANN)





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**Anime / Live-Action:** A18: Anime 18 (CPM); ADV: A.D. Vision; AE: AnimEigo; AN: Anime Nation; APC: Asia Pulp Cinema; ATX: AnimeTrax (RS); AW: AnimeWorks (MB); B: Bandai; BV: Buena Vista (Disney); CM: Critical Mass (RS); CPM: Central Park Media; CTS: Columbia/TriStar; FN: Funimation; IG: Production I.G. Video; IM: Image; KM: Kitty Media (MB); KP: Kaiju Productions (MB); MB: Media Blasters; ME: Manga Ent.; P: Pioneer; RH: Rhino Home Video; RS: The Right Stuff; SC: SoftCel; SP: Synch-Point; SS: Software Sculptors (CPM); TP: Tokyo Pop; TS: Tokyo Shock (MB); USM: U.S. Manga Corps (CPM); UV: Urban Vision; VV: Viz Video; WB: Warner Brothers; S: Subtitled; D: Dubbed; B: Bilingual; M: Multilingual; E: English; DEL: Delayed. The last four columns are the duration (min.), price (\$US), rating and release date (street).

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**Manga:** AP: Antarctic Press; C1: ComicsOne; CPM: Central Park Media Manga; DH: Dark Horse; DK: Daikajiu; DW: Dreamwave; GO: Guardian Of Order; GS: Guts-on!; IC: Ironcat; IM: Image; M18: Manga 18 (CPM); MV: Marvel; RM: Redlight Manga; SF: Sexy Fruit (IC); T: Titan; TP: Tokyopop (Mixx); VIZ: Viz Comics; W: Wizard; WS: WildStorm; GN: Graphic Novel; BK: Book. \* Adult titles. Columns: Title, Issue, Publisher, Prices (in \$US), Release Month. Sources: *Previews* and publishers' press releases.

## • MANGA SELECTION •

**Battle Angel Alita: Last Order Vol. 1: Angel Reborn.** Master manga creator Yukito Kishiro brings back his most celebrated character, cyborg sweetheart Battle Angel Alita. If you're a longtime fan, prepare to meet Kishiro's latest bevy of bizarre and tormented characters, as well as revisit many of your favorite friends and foes in a post-apocalyptic universe where nothing is as it seems. Viz, by Yukito Kishiro, SC, 192 pg, b&w, \$9.95 US, avail. in June.

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**Anime Acquisitions – ADV Films:** *Abenobashi Magic Shopping District*, *Azumanga Daioh*, *Final Fantasy Unlimited*; Go Nagai Collection (end 2003); *Kino's Journey*; *Neon Genesis Evangelion Director's Cut*. **Bandai:** *Sentō Yūsei Yukikaze*; *Spirit Of Wonder* (new); *Witch Hunter Robin*. **CPM:** *Urotsuki*. **Pioneer:** *Licensed By Royal* (L/R) (Nov); *Macross Zero*; *Heat Guy J* (July 29); *Haibane Renmei* (Aug 26); *Mahoromatic 2* (Aug 26). **Synch-Point:** *DiGiCharat Movie*, *Leave It To Piyoko!*

**Anime Web Directory:** AN Entertainment: www.an-entertainment.com; Beyblade: beyblade.com, beyblade.kidsanimation.com; Chobits: www.chobitsdvd.com; Dragonball GT: www.dragonballgt.com; Haibane Renmei: www.haibanerenmei.com; Hellsing: www.hellsing.pioneeranimation.com; Little Fairy Sugar: www.sugar.pioneeranimation.com; Miyazaki Movies: www.miyazakimovies.com; Onmyoji: www.onmyojimovie.com; Patlabor WXIII: www.patlaborthemovie3.com; Please Teacher: www.pleaseteacher.net; Risky Safety: www.risksafety.com; Saiyuki: www.advfilm.com/favorites/saiyuki/; X: www.dragonofheaven.com, www.dragonofearth.com.

**Manga Acquisitions – ComicsOne:** *Onegai Teacher*. **Dark Horse:** *Berserk*, *Future World* (Tezuka), *Lost World* (Tezuka). **I.C. Entertainment:** *DiGiCharat: Champion Cup Theatre*, *Dragon Fist*, *Hanaukyo Maid Team*, *Mantis Woman*, *My Codename Is Charley*, *Ken Ai*, *The Wanderer*. **Tokyopop:** *Baby Birth* (Haruhiko Mikimoto), *Brain*, *Brigadoon*, *Confidential Confessions*, *FLCL*, *Forbidden Dance* (Tenshi no Kiseki), *G Gundam*, *Gatekeepers*, *King Of Bandit Jing*, *NieA\_7*, *Planets*, *Saber Marionette J*, *Samurai Deeper Kyo*, *Scryed*, *Vampire Game*, *Wild Act*, *X-Day*, *Zodiac P.I.*. **Viz:** *Rurouni Kenshin*.

**Short News:** **FanTasia**, Montreal's International Genre Film Festival, will be held this year at Concordia University from July 17 to August 10. Mostly dedicated to fantasy, action and horror, the festival has always shown anime and Japanese live-action movies. There will be projection in two rooms, but not much is known on the programmation yet. Check www.fantasiafestival.com for details! • Gerald R Molen, producer of *Schindler's List*, has acquired the live-action film rights to the *Lupin III* characters. (Source: ANN) • The 13-episode *Ninja Scroll* TV series, which started airing in Japan on Wowow in April, will be released on DVD in North America by Urban Vision in Fall. (Source: ANN) • The new *Astro Boy* TV series has been picked up by Kids'WB according to *Variety*. No date has been set for the TV series, which is currently airing in Japan, but it is expected to air sometime in 2003-2004. (Source: ANN) • **Tokyopop** expands into the United Kingdom with the launch of Tokyopop UK Ltd. • Tokyopop's *Cowboy Behop* manga series has been included on the New York Public Library's "Book For The Teen Age 2003 List" which is a prestigious honor.

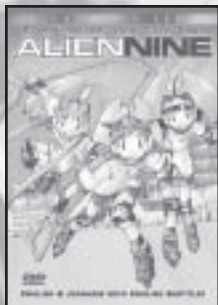


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### ALIEN NINE #1

CPM, Cat.# USMD 2241, 100 min., \$29.99, 13+, avail. on 7/8/03. From the creators of Excel Saga. From the screenwriter of Millennium Actress, Cowboy Bebop and Bubblegum Crisis, and the producer of Tenchi Muyo! Based on the best-selling manga by Hitoshi Tomizawa. Defense from Grade 6! Yuri is totally bummed. She just started 6th grade and has been elected to capture and eliminate the aliens that are constantly invading the school... a difficult and dangerous job! Even worse, she has to wear a creepy symbiotic alien helmet to get the job done... GROSS!

### ANDROID KIKAIER: THE ANIMATION VOL. 1: LONELY SOUL

Bandai, Cat.# 2170, Bilingual DVD, 100 min., \$29.98, 13+, avail. on 08-05-03. The genius robotics professor, Dr. Komyoji has created Kikaider – a humanoid robot tasked with the protection of Dr. Komyoji's son and daughter. Gifted with the 'conscience circuit', Kikaider is given the power to simulate real emotions that helps to distinguish between 'right and wrong'. Can Kikaider protect Dr. Komyoji's children and battle against the evil Dr. Gill and his army of androids? The fight against world domination lies in the hands of Kikaider.

### ANIMATRIX (THE)

Warner Home Video, Bilingual DVD, 90 min., \$24.98, avail. on 06-03-03. An unprecedented fusion of CG-animation and Japanese anime, *The Animatrix* is a collection of nine original short films conceived by the Wachowski Brothers, the creators of *The Matrix* trilogy. Inspired by the visionary action and innovative storytelling that power the trilogy, this spectacularly visual short film series delves deeper into the mind-bending world of *The Matrix* and the characters who inhabit it. Created in the anime style pioneered by Japanese animation artists and helmed by world-renowned anime directors (including Yoshiaki Kawajiri [*Ninja Scroll*], Shinichiro Watanabe [*Cowboy Bebop*], Koji Morimoto ["Franken's Gears" in *Robot Carnival* and "Magnetic Rose" in *Memories*], Mahiro Maeda [*Blue Submarine No. 6*], Takeshi Koike [designer for *DNA*], Peter Chung [*Aeon Flux*], and Andy Jones [*Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within*]), *The Animatrix* also features the voices of actors Keanu Reeves (Neo) and Carrie-Anne Moss (Trinity) in two of the shorts.



### ARGENTOSOMA VOL. 3: NO TEARS

Bandai, Bilingual DVD, 100 min., \$29.98, 13+, avail. on 6/3/03. Ryu Soma continues to work with the men and women of Funeral, but he is beginning to doubt himself. Why hasn't he taken his revenge upon the alien? What is he doing in Funeral? All these questions prompt him to take some rash actions as he engages a merciless enemy in combat. With the largest encountered alien slowly approaching Funeral's home base, the team is rushed to action, but nothing seems to be able to stop it. Their last resort is the Fefnir, a charged particle accelerator, but even this enormous weapon may prove ineffective...

### AURA BATTLER DUNBINE #1: TALES OF BYSTON WELL

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 125 min., \$29.98, 12+, avail. on 7-15-03. First broadcast in Japan in the mid 1980's, *Aura Battler Dunbine* is widely considered one of the finest and most significant titles from the "golden age" of television anime. Conceived by Yoshiyuki Tomino (creator and director of *Gundam*) and based on Tomino's novel *Wings of Lin*. Mecha designs by Studio Nue. Originally produced by Sunrise. The first volume of the 49-episode anime classic. Welcome to Byston Well, a world that exists in the spaces between sea and land. The only way to get there from here is through the Aura Road, which few can open. Young motocross racer Shou Zama is dragged through the Aura Road and into Byston Well, where he is to pilot a powerful robot weapon, an Aura Battler, in Drake Luft's conquest of the planet. But when Shou realizes the danger Drake poses, can he defect to the other side in time to prevent an invasion of Earth?

### BANNER OF THE STARS VOL. 3: ONLY THE BEGINNING

Bandai, Cat.# 2182, Bilingual DVD, 100 min., \$29.98, 13+, avail. on 05-20-03. The Imperial Star Forces has suffered a catastrophic blow under the might of the United Mankind's new weapon! Admiral Bebaus is faced with losing nearly half his fleet and the main battle has only just begun! On the front lines, the Basroil's doing the best it can, but despite their valiant efforts it looks like the battle may be lost! Lafiel, who is an Imperial princess, isn't used to losing and she isn't about to start now. And just when things look their darkest... disaster strikes! Will Lafiel and Jinto survive this latest challenge?

### BLUE SUBMARINE NO. 6 SPECIAL EDITION

Bandai, Bilingual DVD, 200 min., \$34.98, 13+, avail. on 6/3/03. From critically acclaimed GONZO Digimation (Hellsing, Vandred) with mechanical styling by renowned creator Shoji Kawamori (Macross Plus). In the future, the rising heat has begun melting the polar ice caps. As if humanity didn't have enough problems, a group of ocean-dwelling creatures led by the scientist Zorndyke have seemingly declared war on mankind! Humanity's last hope rests with the state of the art vessel, Blue Sub 6 and her crew! Can Tetsu and Mayumi stop Zorndyke's army before it's too late? Breaking the boundaries of Japanese animation, Blue Submarine No. 6 was one of the first anime series to successfully blend cutting edge 3D CG animation with traditional 2D cell animation. Originally released individually on DVD in 1999, it was broadcast as a special mini-series on the Cartoon Network. The Special Edition collects all four unedited OVA episodes, a collection of new footage from the Japanese Playstation video game, and a ton of DVD extra features in one 3 disc set.

### CASSHAN: ROBOT HUNTER (OVA)

ADV Films, Dubbed DVD, 105 min., \$24.98, 15+, avail. on 5/13/03. Enslaved by an army of rebellious super-robots originally designed to help civilization avert a complete ecological cataclysm, mankind's only hope is Casshan, a legendary hero who wages a solitary war to defeat these Neoroids and restore the Earth to its rightful order. Ironically, Casshan's father is the same scientist who engineered the race of super androids now threatening to destroy all of mankind. On a crusade to clear the name of his father, Casshan must sacrifice his own humanity in order to attain the powers he needs to defeat mankind's powerful enemies. But Casshan's power does not come without a price. Haunted by the memories of his murdered mother and forced to deal with a super robot that has absorbed, and now manipulates, the consciousness of his father, Casshan must put aside his own emotions and fight to preserve the survival of the human race. An extraordinary tale of science fantasy and social relevance, *Casshan* is a story of man's best laid plans paving the way to potential destruction. Animation filled with bold action, pure adventure and remarkable depth. Combines all four OVA episodes of the follow-up to the television series. Directed by Hiroyuki Fukushima (*Speed Racer*, *Gatchaman*) from a screenplay by Fukushima and Yasuomi Umezu (*Angel Cop*, *Megazone 23*), with stateside production by the Carl Macek (*Robotech*, *Doomed Megalopolis*).

### CASTLE IN THE SKY

Buena Vista Home Entertainment, Multilingual DVD (Japanese, English Sub & Dub, French Dub, Spanish Dub), 125 min., \$29.99 US (\$36.99 Can), PG, avail. on 4/15/03. It's a world out of time. A world where a young boy's dreams soar as high as the mythical floating island known as Laputa. Pazu's dreams are about to be realized, when Sheeta, a young princess and government escapee, literally floats down from the skies, saved only by a mysterious, glowing pendant—a pendant comprised of Levitation Crystal, the supposed power of Laputa itself! Now, pursued by pirates and Secret Service agents alike, Sheeta and Pazu seek the fabled island to fulfill Pazu's dreamquest and learn the secrets of Sheeta's clouded heritage. English cast includes: James Van Der Beek, Anna Paquin, Cloris Leachman, Mandy Patinkin, Mark Hamill, Andy Dick. 2-disc DVD includes featurette, trailers and storyboards.

### CITY HUNTER: BAY CITY WARS & MILLION DOLLAR CONSPIRACY

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 90 min., \$29.98, 15+, avail. on 6/3/03. This DVD-only release includes two complete OVAs. *Bay City Wars*. After the US military ousts a sadistic Central-American tyrant, a spirit of merciless vengeance is born. And when the Bay City Hotel unveils its new supercomputer, the deposed ruler and his loyal daughter devise a plan. With the daughter's hacking skills, the very same computer that can help room service deliver breakfast can now deliver a nuclear payload right to Washington's front door. But their nuclear vengeance has one unforeseen problem — City Hunter. And now, the only





question remaining is whose finger is faster? The girl on the button or the man on the trigger? **Million Dollar Conspiracy.** When a mysterious (and gorgeous) stranger shows up needing protection, City Hunter's partner leaps at the million-dollar offer. The price seems a little high, but a beautiful woman with a full purse is pretty hard to resist. And it appears the tall, blonde, and beautiful client isn't above throwing in a little something extra to sweeten the deal. But before City Hunter can collect on his bonus of lacy lingerie and nights of passion, he's got to endure some rather dangerous foreplay—think “a barrage of bullets and deadly, explosive-rigged toys.”

## COWBOY BEBOP THE MOVIE: KNOCKIN' ON HEAVEN'S DOOR

Columbia Tri-Star, Multilingual DVD, 114 min., \$26.95, R, avail. on 06/24/03. Mars - 2071 A.D. On the eve of Halloween, a tanker explodes on a freeway in the crater of Alba City, releasing a deadly virus that kills hundreds. When the surviving witnesses begin to die mysteriously, the police suspect a terrorist attack using a biological weapon and offer an astronomical reward for the arrest and capture of the person behind the destruction. On the space ship “Bebop,” Spike Spiegel and his crew of intergalactic bounty hunters (muscle-bound brute Jet Black, vixen Faye Valentine, computer whiz Ed and data dog Ein) are in dire straits as usual, but the news of the reward changes everything and this rogue vigilante crew gets on the case, each using his or her own tactics to stop the tragedy. Spike begins his search to identify the poison on Moroccan Street, where “anything can be had.” He obtains a vase containing a small round capsule from a guy named Rashid. Meanwhile, using his ISSP connections, Jet comes across a rumor that a pharmaceutical company may be involved in the incident. After analyzing an image taken from the scene of the crime, Ed and Faye discover that the prime suspect has a tattoo on his arm and further investigation leads to the information that he is a military officer named Vincent Volaju. The case becomes stranger as they learn, according to official records, that Volaju has been dead for some time and has a dangerous connection with Spike's love interest Elektra. As the Bebop crew pieces the information together, the mystery takes shape. A suspect who died a long time ago. A pharmaceutical conglomerate. A special unit of the military. And a mysterious round capsule. It's obvious that there was more to this incident than just a random terrorist attack. All the wit, action, adventure, and comedy you expect from *Cowboy Bebop* is presented with theatrical quality animation and attention to detail in this highly anticipated cult hit.



## CRYING FREEMAN

A.D. Vision, Bilingual DVD, 100 min. ea., \$29.98 ea., 17+, avail. on 03-11-03, 05-06-03 & 6-17-03. **Vol. 1: Portrait Of A Killer.** Brainwashed by the 108 Dragons, a powerful Chinese crime syndicate, Yo Hinomura is transformed into a killing machine known as “Crying Freeman” for the silent tears he sheds for his victims. When a lovely artist witnesses one of his killing missions, Freeman is ordered to eliminate her. But the heated chemistry between Emu Hino and her would-be killer spurs an immediate reaction. Hunted by the police and the mob, victim and assassin vow to face whatever fate has in store for them together. **Vol. 2: A Taste of Revenge.** By taking the Chinese names “Ron Tayan” (Dragon Sun) and “Fu Ching-Ran” (Tiger Orchid), Hinomura and his wife Emu Hino show their commitment to the venerable Hong Kong cartel *The 108 Dragons*. Now they face both betrayal from within their own group and a hostile take-over attempt by a new terrorist gang trying to muscle in on the international crime scene. Later, master Naiji—a powerful and driven fanatic—schemes to use the 108 Dragons' influence to spread his “Great Bear God” religion throughout the world. Forging an unlikely alliance with two of Freeman's past enemies, Naiji plans to replace the reluctant leader of Hong Kong's pre-eminent crime cartel with a perfect double capable of fooling everyone, even his wife! **Vol. 3: Abduction in Chinatown.** A bold kidnapping foreshadows a desperate plan by the 108 Dragons' female leader of a deadly army of mercenaries. It is simple: transform Freeman - the enigmatic leader of the powerful crime syndicate The 108 Dragons - into a mindless “killing machine” fueled by desire and self-indulgence. Once again Freeman is forced to fight for his life, this time against combat-hardened “gladiators.” Later, Freeman must ferret out a traitor bent on destroying The 108 Dragons. Freeman's final pulse-pounding battle is bracketed by a bittersweet journey of enlightenment punctuated by vice, violence and vengeance.



## DAI-GUARD #6: THE BOTTOM LINE

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 125 min., \$29.98, 12+, avail. on 5/27/03. The sixth and final volume of the series includes episodes 22 through 26. So far, so good. The Dai-Guard pilots have beaten back the enemy. They've saved mall after mall from certain destruction. They even found time for a tune-up. But the battle for the human race is about to enter its final stage and all of humanity is one breath away from defeat. Can our trio of heroes go the distance? Who will be left standing and how much will their insurance rates go up? Will they be given a heroes' welcome? Or will they have to work overtime, holidays, and weekends? The only way to find out is to watch.



## DEVIL LADY #5 (THE): THE PURGING

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 100 min., \$29.98, 17+, avail. on 6/24/03. In a desperate attempt to stave off the encroaching Devil Beast incursion, mankind responds with a typically crude escalation of global military might. But man's ignorance may defeat all the grand plans of advanced technology and massive armaments. Meanwhile, Jun, the only true hope for mankind, is on the run from those who do not understand her plight and those who understand it all too well. An enemy of both the state and the forces that seek to destroy humanity, she must surmount impossible obstacles to save civilization... and her soul. Rumors of war are becoming fact. Whispers in the dark draw closer. The fetid breath of destruction warms the night. Contains episodes 18 to 21.

## EDEN'S BOWY #1: THE HUNT IS ON

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 125 min., \$29.98, 12+, avail. on 6/3/03. Yorn gazes up at two massive cities—“Edens”—floating in the sky and dreams of discovering their mysteries. Without warning, those mysteries come looking for him! Edenic assassins murder his father and Yorn is next on the hit list. Only a nameless old man and a mysterious young girl can help Yorn on his quest to find his long lost mother—and the truth. But killers are hot on their trail! Follow Yorn and his companions as they race to save the world from the dark designs of the technological overlords who watch from the sky. Can Yorn find his royal mother before the murderers do? Who is the strange girl who stays by his side and why won't she say anything? And why does everyone keep calling him the God Hunter? Based on a manga by Tennoji Kitsune, directed by Tsukasa Sunaga (*Southern Cross*), with character designs by Kazui Hiroko (*Ranma 1/2, Oh! My Goddess!*).



## FULL METAL PANIC!

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 100 min. ea., \$29.98 ea., 15+, avail. on 6/10/03 & 7/22/03. **Mission 01.** On the surface, Kaname Chidori appears to be a normal, popular high school student. The problem is, she doesn't realize just *how* popular she is. Unbeknownst to her, a group of terrorists believe she possesses the special powers of “the Whispered,” and they're out to kidnap her. Enter Sousuke Sagara, a young, hotshot agent from the stealthy anti-terrorist organization *Mithril*. Will he be able to protect Kaname without her finding out what's really going on? Or will he just drive her crazy as he tries to fit in as her awkward, gung-ho, war-crazed classmate? **Mission 02.** They say vacations never go according to plan, and school trips are no exception. Instead of enjoying sunny skies in Okinawa, Sousuke and Kaname's classmates are under cloud cover in Siberia, playing the part of hostages. A vicious and unbalanced terrorist has kidnapped Kaname to donate her brain to science—with or without her consent! Will Sousuke and MITHRIL be able to scramble an ad-hoc rescue? Will they be able to get everyone out alive? The series was directed by Kouichi Chigara (*Gate Keepers, Phantom Quest Corps*) and produced by GONZO Digimation (*Hellsing, Blue Sub No. 6*).

## GENESIS CLIMBER MOSPEADA

ADV Films, Subtitled DVD, 625 min., \$89.98, 15+, avail. on 6/17/03. Contains all 25 episodes of the legendary series in one package. The Earth has been invaded by the mysterious Inbit, and it's up to a handful of survivors from Mars Colony to liberate the planet. After an unsuccessful first attempt to retake the Earth, the inhabitants of Mars Base are ready to try again. Unfortunately, it's been many years since they have been to Earth and they miscalculate both the strength of the enemy and the strength of the Earth forces—with disastrous results. When the Second Liberation force is all but wiped out entering the Earth's atmosphere, the



fate of the planet winds up in the hands of a single survivor, Stick Bernard. Joined by a bare handful of resistance fighters born on Earth, Stick must journey to the Inbit's headquarters at Reflex point in an attempt to discover the secrets of the Inbit and find a way to defeat them. Seven young warriors and their transforming planes and motorcycles are all that stand between the Inbit and Earth's freedom in one of the outstanding series that comprised the multi-generational favorite *Robotech*.

### GUN FRONTIER VOL. 2: MIDNIGHT SAMURAI

AnimeWorks, Bilingual DVD, 100 min., \$29.95, avail. on 6/24/03. Tochio wanders the West, an outcast because of his short stature and round face. Only his good friend Harlock stands beside him, as they track the inhabitants of a legendary town called Samurai Creek. Will they uncover the secret of Tochio's kinsmen, or will the secret find them first?

### HEAT GUY J #1: SUPER ANDROID

Pioneer, Cat.# 12052, Bilingual DVD, 100 min., \$29.98, 13+, avail. on 7/29/03. Android J was secretly built by the government as a special agent to combat crime in the oceanic city-nation of Judoh. While J initially appears to be human, the illusion quickly disappears in clouds of scorching steam when he fights. Together with his partner, Daisuke Aurola, the most dangerous criminals will soon find themselves on the run- from the underground legend known as the Heat Guy! From the director and staff that created the Escaflowne Movie comes a brand-new, action oriented cop drama! Aired in Japan in early 2003.

### HIS AND HER CIRCUMSTANCES #4: FORMULATION OF TRUTH AND SENTIMENT

Right Stuf, Cat.# RSDVD8014, Multilingual DVD, 150 min., \$29.95, 13+, avail. on 6/24/03. Summer might be ending, but things between Arima and Yukino are just heating up! While Arima's prolonged summer absence gives Yukino some time to think about their relationship, she's still left in doubt. Does she really love him? Meanwhile, Arima's thinking about taking the relationship to the next level. But will Yukino feel the same way? Then it's time for the Culture Fest! It sounds rather boring to Yukino until she discovers it's a competition with class notes up for grabs. Now Yukino is determined to win, but can she stand up against Class F's secret weapon? And there's a new mystery man in school with some diabolical plans in store for Tsubaki! Who is he and what does he want with Tsubaki? Contains Episodes 17-21.

### IF I SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS (TV)

AnimeWorks, Bilingual DVD, 120 min., \$24.95, avail. on 6/24/03. Misou, a twenty-something salaryman, has finally admitted his true feelings for the demure Nagisa, despite all the other men competing for Nagisa, and despite all of the girls who are interested in ending up in a compromising position with Misou. When Misou is knocked back to square one, he has to run the gauntlet again to make Nagisa his. Contains episodes 1-16.

### JO JO'S BIZARRE ADVENTURE VOL. 2

Super Techno Arts, Bilingual DVD, 60 min., \$24.99, avail. 5/15/03. Contains two complete adventures! Jotaro and his comrades rush out to India, but soon find themselves in trouble when confronted with Dio's new assassins, Hanged Man and Emperor. Avdol loses his life under the combined assault of the two deadly assassins, even as the deadly shadow of the Hanged Man draws near to Kakyoin and Polnareff!

### JUNKERS COME HERE

Bandai, Bilingual DVD, 105 min., \$29.98, 7+, avail. on 8/19/03. Hiromi Nozawa is in the sixth grade and she hardly gets to see her parents at home because both her father (Shintaro) and mother (Suzuko) are busy with work. But she still manages to stay cheerful in the company of her dog, a schnauzer that speaks the human language and always cares for Hiromi. He is an excellent companion and his name is Junkers. One night, Hiromi overhears her parents discussing a divorce and is disturbed by this unexpected news. While trying to comprehend her parents' feelings, she cannot admit that she is feeling lonely, and in the midst of all this, Junkers reveals to Hiromi that he can make three miracles happen. What may these miracles be? Can Hiromi restore happiness in her life? Based on Naoto Kine's two-volume novel published in 1999. Directed by Junichi Sato; Cast including Shinnosuke Furumoto, Mei Oshitani, Katsunari Mineno, Sakiko Tamagawa, Hiroko Takahashi, Momoko Ashi, Tomihiko Nakajima, Mitsuaki Madono, Kappei Yamaguchi; Produced by Minoru Takanashi, Kazuo Yokoyama, Yoshimi Asari; Screenplay by Hiroichi Suga; Music composed by Naoto Kine and SYS musicians. A touching fantasy story about true friendship and a tale of family ties.

### K.O. BEAST #1: PASSWORD TO TREASURE!

Right Stuf, Cat.# RSDVD2031, Bilingual DVD, 90 min., \$24.95, 13+, avail. on 6/24/03. Created and Produced by Satoru Akahori (*MazeTV*, *Master Of Mosquiton*, *Saber Marionette J*, *Sorcerer Hunters TV*) with Director Hiroshi Negi (*Burn Up W*, *Tenchi Muyo Movie 1: Tenchi In Love*, *Tenchi Muyo Universe TV*), and Original Character Designs by Takehiko Ito (*Outlaw Star*)! T-t-t-treasure?? Who cares about saving the world when there's treasure to be found! When Wan and his voracious appetite hook up with bossy little Mei-Mer and playboy Bud Mint, they won't let anything stand in their way (including each other) to find all that glitters! Kidnapped by their mortal enemies, the Humans, our compatriots just happen to stumble upon the Humans' secret password - Dr. Password that is. In exchange for freeing his granddaughter Yuni, Password hands the greedy little gang the key to the greatest treasure the world has ever known! Of course they have no idea what it is or where it is, but they're not about to let the Humans get their grubby hands on it first! Now if they can only manage not to kill each other before they can find it... Contains episodes 1-3.

### KAI DOH MARU

Manga, Cat.# MANGA4138-2, Bilingual DVD, 75 min. (50 min. + 25 min. Bonus), \$24.95, 17+, avail. on 6/24/03. This dramatic new film is centered around a strong female lead character. *Kai Doh Maru* tells the story of an orphaned girl raised within a group of Knights as a boy, but as she develops into a young woman, she discovers her true inner feelings of love for another man. In Feudal Japan, the battle for the Capital city of Kyo rages as warring political factions vie for power against hereditary rulers. After the murder of her parents at the hands of her seditious uncle, a young girl named Kintoki flees to the mountains to lead a harsh life; she is renamed Kai Doh Maru by the local villagers. Rescued by Raiko, the Captain of "The Four Knights," honorable defenders who protect the peace of the city, she is raised within their group as a boy. Living among the Knights, she learns the practices of martial arts and develops into a skillful samurai, becoming a permanent member of their team. Now, as a young woman of seventeen, she begins to discover new feelings of passion and love for Raiko... but she also discovers that these new emotions cause a storm of jealousy and rage in another woman linked to her past. Set in feudal Japan's Heian Era (794 to 1185 AD), the animation team created a unique color scheme reminiscent of Japanese artwork from the period focusing on the seasons, virtues, and elements of the Earth as they related to spirits of nature. Political intrigue and complex human drama are both brought to life in this atypical story of love, honor, jealousy and betrayal. Produced by the incomparable animation team at IG Plus / Production IG.

### KIKI'S DELIVERY SERVICE

Buena Vista Home Entertainment, Multilingual DVD (Japanese, English Sub & Dub, French Dub, Spanish Dub), 105 min., \$29.99 US (\$36.99 Can), G, avail. on 4/15/03. With her trusty whisk of a cat Jiji by her side, 13-year-old, headstrong Kiki, a first year apprentice witch, is ready to take on the world, or at least the quaintly European seaside village she's chosen as her new home. There, a bakery owner befriends Kiki and helps her start her own business: a high-flying delivery service! As Kiki tries to fit in, she discovers that the confidence she needs to overcome the challenges of growing up is within herself and not in her magic. English cast includes: Kirsten Dunst, Phil Hartman, Matthew Lawrence, Debbie Reynolds and Janeane Garofalo. 2-disc DVD includes featurette, trailers and storyboards.





## KIMAGURE ORANGE ROAD TV

Animeigo, Subtitled DVDs (Vol. 1-12), 100 min. ea., \$24.95 ea, avail. on 4/29/03. Kasuga Kyosuke is a high school student with some problems. He's fallen in love with the beautiful and mysterious Ayukawa Madoka, but is unsure of her feelings for him. At the same time cute and bubbly Hiyama Hikaru has fallen head over heels for him and has started calling him "Darling." Throw in Kasuga's two bratty twin sisters, two sex-crazed buddies, a tough guy from the Karate Club who is annoyed about Kasuga stealing "His" Hikaru, and the fact that he and his sisters have inherited the family gift of Paranormal Powers and you have *Kimagure Orange Road!*

## KING OF BANDIT JING # 1

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 100 min., \$29.98 (with Box: \$39.98), 13+, avail. on 7-22-03. Hide your coin pouches! No priceless bauble or exquisite jewel is safe from the leering eyes and stealthy hands of Jing, the King of Bandits. With a heart of gold and a wisecracking, girl-crazy bird sidekick, Jing steals his way through one exciting adventure after another! Ep. 1: "The Capital of Thieves." We meet our intrepid heroes in the notorious Capital of Thieves, home of the fabled Double Mermaids, a treasure under guard by the city's evil mayor! Jing will do anything to retrieve the prize, but this jewel isn't quite what everyone expects! Ep. 2: "The Ghost Ship of Blue Hawaii." Jing and Kir arrive in Blue Hawaii, a harbor town terrorized by a ghost ship. With the help of a local cop named Rose, whose father has fallen prey to the spell, Jing and Kir infiltrate the ship and expose it for what it really is in this parable of human greed. Ep. 3-4: "The Adonis Capital of Time" (Parts 1 & 2). Join Jing and Kir on a quest to steal the grapes of time! Or will they get embroiled in a plot to liberate the people from the tyranny of the wicked Master Gear? Can they restore peace in a town cursed by the Demon of Time or will the clock run out for them all? Directed by Hiroshi Watanabe (*Orphen, Kiki's Delivery Service*); based upon a manga by Yuchi Kumakura.

## MACHINE ROBO: REVENGE OF CRONOS VOL. 1

Software Sculptures, Subtitled DVD, 125 min., \$19.99, 13+, avail. on 6/10/03. The planet Cronos is a world of super-robotic lifeforms, ruled by the wise Master Kurai. But their peaceful existence is shattered by the conquering armies of the Gandora robots. Now, Master Kurai's son, Rom, must lead a company of transformable mecha warriors into the fray! Contains episodes 1-5.

## MADARA

AnimeWorks, Bilingual DVD, 120 min., \$29.95, avail. on 5/27/03. Born of legendary origins, the young Madara has grown up in obscurity as an apprentice blacksmith. An encounter with the demonic Mouki reveals his destiny, and catapults him into the middle of a mystic quest. Madara fights for revenge with the help of freedom fighters, magical swords and Kirin, the master of the Majin. His goal is to defeat his brother and then overthrow his father, the despotic Miroku.

## MEDABOTS

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 100 min. ea, \$29.98 ea, G, avail. on 05-06-03 & 7-01-03. **Vol. 9: A Taste Of New Robots.** Contains episodes 36-39. Fall is in the air, along with the smell of octopus balls. And their sweet aroma draws Ikki like a bee to honey. But when he finds the street vendor who's selling them will he find more than the perfect octopus ball recipe? Will it be true love at first sight? Then, an unseasonable cold snap brings a Canadian medafighter riding on the winds of a snowstorm. Afterwards, when rock 'n' roll calls, will Cyandog answer? Or will Spyke be able to recapture the heart of his metabot friend. Finally, when Squidguts sets up shop on a bridge over a busy street, children are forced to robattle the bully or risk their lives crossing the street. Can Ikki and the gang defeat him? **Vol. 10: World-Class Medabots.** All the world's a stage and the medabots and their medafighters are taking the starring roles. The World Robattle Tournament has finally arrived! It's time for Ikki, Koji and Space Medafighter X to step up and prove that the medafighters of Japan are second to none. But it's not going to be easy. Even an exhibition bout with Victor and the team from Kenya proves a bit too much to handle when Space Medafighter X is nowhere to be found. And then there are the real matches to worry about. The Carribean team, the French team and the Amigo Brother from Mexico all present their own unique challenges for the Japanese team. Are Ikki and Koji up to the challenge? And will Space Medafighter X ever show up for a match? The long anticipated World Robattle Tournament finally gets underway in this action-packed volume of medabots!

## MIRAGE OF BLAZE VOL. 1: THE SUMMONING

AnimeWorks, Bilingual DVD, 100 min., \$24.95, avail. on 6/24/03. Mizuna Kurahara's acclaimed novels become an animated story of possession, destiny, and the beauty of darkness. Takaya Oogi is a street-smart high school student, dedicated to protecting his best friend Yuzuru Narita. The two are wrapped up in an ancient war of darkness and tragedy, begun during Japan's chaotic Warring States Period. The psychic powers of long ago find new life in the hearts of Takaya and Yuzuru, as rival clansmen seek to destroy them, fulfilling the wishes of the long-dead warlord, Shingen Takeda. Contains episodes 1-4.

## MOBILE FIGHTER G GUNDAM COLLECTOR'S BOX SET 4

Bandai, Bilingual DVD, 325 min., \$49.98 (#10-12: \$19.98 ea), 13+, avail. on 6/17/03. The Battle Royale begins! Domon must defeat his friends and face the Four Evil Kings. But with the fate of his brother still fresh on his mind, Domon and the rest of the Shuffle Alliance must face the ultimate test as they rocket into space to save the Earth. Beside them stands all of the Gundams from all of the nations of Earth. The Gundam Federation has been formed to prevent the destruction of the Earth from the Ultimate Gundam. But is it too late?

## NEO RANGA #3: THE RIGHT OF KINGS

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 120 min., \$29.98, 15+, avail. on 5/27/03. It's fun in the sun for the Shimabara sisters on the island of Kyushu. The locals have even planned a festival to honor Neo Ranga. But when sinister forces awaken another old god, all plans for fun fall to the wayside. And this ancient god isn't the only thing trying to tear down the town... Meanwhile, anti-Ranga sentiment is on the rise. In Tokyo, ugly rumors have started to spread that Neo Ranga is no god, but a devil! With the National Defense Force and the U.S. Army standing by, what kind of welcome will the girls receive on their return? Will they be able to convince the people that Neo Ranga is truly good? Will they show themselves to be true kings? Get ready for a gripping showdown as the girls go up against criminals, politicians, and gods alike!

## NOIR #4: DEATH WARRANT

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 100 min., \$29.98, 15+, avail. on 6/24/03. In a world where no one is what they seem, faith and trust become the key objectives and ultimate goal. Driven by the machinations of the mysterious Chloe, Altena and an all new crime family, Kirika and Mireille must fight for their lives both at home and abroad as the action explodes across the globe. Yet even as the mystery surrounding the origins of Noir slowly begins to give up its clues, the two assassins find themselves being driven apart, both by conflicting emotions and by conflicting goals. The survival of Noir is at stake in the fourth tension-filled volume of *NOIR*. Directed by Koichi Mashimo (*Dirty Pair, Dominion*).

## OMISHI MAGICAL THEATER: RISKY SAFETY # 1

AN Entertainment, Bilingual DVD, 80 min. (Eps 1-8), \$29.95, avail. on 7/8/03. Based on a manga story by Ray Omishi, the creator of *Sorcerer Hunters, Risky Safety* is a heartwarming story for viewers of all ages. Young Moe Katsuragi, depressed because she believes she has to break up with her boyfriend, is confronted by a small and spunky apprentice death spirit named Risky. Risky tries to pressure Moe into giving in to despair and giving up her soul until a glimpse of hope brightens Moe's attitude and causes Risky to transform into the apprentice angel Safety. In fact, the testy devil Risky and the compassionate angel Safety share the same body! This comical struggle between light and dark, and the tug-of-war over possession of Moe's soul forms the basis of a humorous and touching drama certain to appeal to established fans of Japanese animation and viewers new to the unique appeal of anime. For more information about *Risky Safety*, visit the official website at [www.RiskySafety.com](http://www.RiskySafety.com).



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### PATLABOR: THE MOBILE POLICE TV SERIES

CPM, Cat.# USMD 2282, 100 min., \$29.99, 3+, avail. on 5/13/03. Featuring some of the top talents in Japanese animation! Yutaka Izubuchi (Record of Lodoss War), Kazunori Ito (Maison Ikkoku), and Akemi Takada (Kimagure Orange Road). **Vol. 5.** From the character designer of Record of Lodoss War!, Noa discovers an underground cavern and is trapped in a monster's lair. She'll need the help of her giant robot, Alphonse, to escape with her life! Contains episodes 19-22. **Vol. 6.** Adventure in the sky! After a disastrous going-away party, Lieutenant Clancy is leaving Section 2 for good. But her plane is hijacked before it's even off the runway, and she checked her gun at the gate. Luckily, the bumbling bad guy is at least as incompetent as the police force she just left. Now, her only hope for rescue is a giant robot and the lovable lunatics of Section 2. Contains episodes 23-26.

### PLEASE TEACHER!

Bandai, Cat.# 2270, Bilingual DVD, 100 / 75 min., \$29.98 ea, 13+, avail. on 05-06-03 & 07/01/03. **Vol. 1: Hot For Teacher.** Kei Kusanagi isn't your typical 15-year-old high school student. He's actually an 18 year old with a rare disorder that puts him into what he calls, a "standstill". When he was younger, this disorder left him in a deep coma which stunted his growth for the next three years! Mizuho Kazami isn't your typical teacher either. She's actually an alien sent by the secret, Kei must... marry the alien?! Homework, dating, and a gorgeous wife – going to school has never been quite this fun! Also avail. as **Limited Edition** (Cat.# 2274, \$54.98) including the collector's box, the original CD soundtrack, a postcard set and a mini-manga.

### RAHXEPHON ORCHESTRATION 3: HARMONIC CONVERGENCE

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 75 min., \$29.98, 15+, avail. on 6/17/03. Just when Ayato thought he had finally learned the truth, the walls between the world of the Mu and our own "real" world begin to crumble once more. With the enigmatic Quon and Reika as guides, he must discover the truth of his own nature or be forever trapped inside a prison of his own dreams. Reality and fantasies intertwine in nightmarish rhythm, but the ultimate horror is yet to come as the fabric of time and space itself begins to unravel in the third volume of *RahXephon*!

### READ OR DIE

Manga, Cat.# MANGA4139-2, Bilingual DVD, 90 min., \$29.95, 13+, avail. on 5/27/03. Based on the novels and manga by Kurata Hideyuki. This is the story of Yomiko Readman, a substitute teacher who has a consuming passion for collecting books! However, when the occasion arises, she has an altogether different occupation: she's an operative for the Special Operation Force of the British Libraries! Yomiko becomes entrenched in a plot for world domination revealed through the margin written of certain rare books. From the banks of the Ganges to the burgeoning book stalls of Tokyo, Ms. Readman and her fellow super-powered operatives must tangle with the likes of Tokugawa-era scientist Gennai Hiraga, aviation pioneer Otto Lilienthal, and 19<sup>th</sup> century entomologist Jean-Henri Fabre in a desperate race to find the books and save the World!

### REVOLUTIONARY GIRL UTENA #7: TEMPTATION

CPM, Cat.# SSDVD-6210, 100 min., \$29.99, 13+, avail. on 7/8/03. From Keiichi Ikuhara (Director of Sailor Moon), Shinya Hasegawa (Key Animation Supervisor of Neon Genesis Evangelion), and based on the original manga by Chihito Saito. A new duelist has appeared, a man who may steal Utena's championship status, and the heart of her friend Shiori. But this dashing swordsman hides a terrible secret. Does he mean to break Shiori's heart, or use her as a pawn against his opponent? Swords clash and secret passions are revealed as Utena struggles to defend her title, and save Shiori from herself. Contains episodes 27-30.

### RONIN WARRIORS: NEW ADVENTURES OVA 1

Bandai, Bilingual DVD, 150 min., \$29.98, 13+, avail. on 5/27/03. Things have calmed down considerably since the defeat of Talpa. Sage has gone off to America to study, Ryo is celebrating his birthday, and Kentarō won the lottery! However, the joyous mood disappears when the local news breaks a story about a strange killer in New York wearing mysterious armor! When the four warriors arrive to investigate, they are met by a new sinister force. The ancient sorcerer Shikaisen has discovered the power of the armors and has an intent on making them his own! Never before seen in North America. This installment continues the epic Ronin Warriors series originally broadcast on Cartoon Network and Sci-Fi channel.

### RUNE SOLDIER #2: ADVENTURE FOR DUMMIES

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 100 min., \$29.98, 15+, avail. on 6/3/03. Two treasure hunters needed a good magician to help them open magic seals on ancient site. But they got Louie. And now they can't seem to shake him. This time, it's a field trip for some junior priestesses. The purpose? To clean out a zombie nest and give the Juniors some training. But when the zombies keep coming, it turns into a learning experience for everyone. Back in town, Melissa's old fiancé surprises everyone and demands her hand in marriage. Will Louie defend her honor? What's Merrill saying about a "Darling Jar?" And what surprises will Louie and the girls find in the Palace of Ordeals? Crack open your textbooks and get ready to find out in the next thrilling volume of *Rune Soldier*!

### SAILOR MOON SUPER S PEGASUS COLLECTION VII

Pioneer, Bilingual DVD, 70 min., \$14.98, 13+, avail. on 05-13-03. The Final Dream... Pegasus sacrifices his freedom and the Golden Crystal to save Mini-Moon's life, but just as everyone begins to fear that Queen Nehelena has won, the Queen is betrayed! Sailor Moon attempts to use the power of the Golden Crystal, but that's not enough. Will Mini-Moon's idea defeat Nehelena, and even if it does, can Sailor Moon and Mini-Moon avoid being trapped on the dark moon?!

### SAIYUKI

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 125 / 100 min., \$29.98 ea, 15+, avail. on 6/10/03 & 7/22/03. **Vol. 2: Old Friends, New Enemies.** The future of the world is at stake as Sanzo and his eccentric band of travelers continues west to prevent the revival of the Gyumaoh. But first, Sanzo must confront his past when he meets a demon killer, called Rikudo, with great Talismanic powers. Is he friend or foe? Next, a mysterious fortune teller predicts death for a member of their party. Whose future does he see? The answer may come when they battle Gyumaoh's son, Kougaiji. In the meantime, a group of imposters has been passing themselves off as the Sanzo Party. But with Sanzo's fame, comes Sanzo's burden. It's five more demon-filled episodes, journeying on where the first volume left off. Don't be left behind! **Vol. 3: Confronting Their Demons.** The Sanzo Party heads further into the thick of the demon plague terrorizing the Earth, and dangers threaten them every step of the way. And no matter how far west they go, the group's past is always one step behind! The ruthless fortune teller Chin Yisou seeks to avenge the slaughter of a thousand of his brethren by destroying Hakkai. Then, it's dangerous to trust anyone on this journey - a lesson Goku learns the hard way when he is tricked into eating a forbidden fruit. In the third episode of the volume, Gojyo's love of the ladies could lead to his doom when he agrees to help a young girl find her kidnapped parents. Finally, every member has something they would like to forget. A fact they must confront as the party must hole up to wait out a storm. Four more episodes lead Sanzo and his band deeper into demon territory, and reveal more about your favorite demon slayers' mysterious origins. Based on a manga by Kazuya Minekura, and directed by Hayato Date.

### SAKURA WARS OVA COLLECTION

ADV, Bilingual DVD, 300+ min., \$29.98, 7+, avail. on 05-06-03. Originally created to accompany a video game, *Sakura Wars* far outstripped its origins, winning legions of fans who have kept close tabs on the continuing saga of the Imperial Flower Combat Troupe's 1920s defense of Japan against demonic invaders, and their subsequent trials and triumphs as part of a musical comedy troupe. Now, three original video animation (OVA) volumes (*Sakura Wars, Return Of The Spirit Warriors, and Wedding Bells*) have been gathered into one Collection! Venture into the lives of Sakura Shinguji and the Imperial Flower Combat Troupe as they defend the world from evil. Witness the battle that will shape one girl's destiny and seal the fate of many. Follow the legendary warriors as they struggle with the shadows of their past and the demons of their future.





## SAKURA WARS TV #1: OPENING NIGHT

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 125 min., \$29.95, 12+, avail. on 5/27/03. It is the 1920s, and Japan is under attack by demonic invaders. The government has designed sturdy, albeit steam-powered, robot armor suits for the impending battle, but only young ladies with the proper combination of virtue and spirit can pilot the robots successfully. Enter young Sakura, arriving in the Imperial Capital from the countryside to join the Imperial Flower Combat Troop. She has the qualifications to be a fine robot pilot, but she's surprised to learn that this secret Defense Force has a cover story as a musical theatre troupe-and they take their cover jobs very seriously indeed. It's costumes, line readings and robot combat galore, as Sakura struggles to learn the ropes, learn her lines, and do her part to save the nation! Also avail. with Collector Box (\$39.95).

## SAMURAI DEEPER KYO VOL. 1: THE DEMON AWAKENS

AnimeWorks, Bilingual DVD, 125 min., \$29.95, avail. on 6/24/03. During Tokugawa Ieyasu's epic battle of Sekigahara, two samurai face off outside of history. In the heat of the duel between Kyoshiro and Demon Eyes Kyo, a shooting star slams into the plains, shattering the ground and engulfing both of them. Four years later, the bounty hunter Yuya finds the good-natured Kyoshiro, now a traveling medicine man. Hidden deep inside Kyoshiro is the soul of his old opponent, the merciless samurai Kyo. When Yuya and Kyoshiro are thrown into battle, the medicine man's friendly personality will recede, and the whole world will learn why Kyo is called a demon! Contains episodes 1-5.

## S-CRY-ED VOL. 1: THE LOST GROUND

Bandai, Bilingual DVD, 125 min., \$29.98, 13+, avail. on 7/15/03. In the desert wasteland of a devastated Yokohama, lawless super-humans known as Alter Users terrorize the terrain. The remaining champions of morality and order have formed a special task force called HOLY, mandated to bring these mutants to justice. Only Kazuma, a lone Alter User with an empathic heart and a hair-trigger temper, stand against both — an advocate of the defenseless in a world polarized by power. Also avail. as a Limited Edition with the Collector Box (\$49.98, 7/01/03).

## SPACE PIRATE MITO VOL. 3: RANBAN DEAREST

AnimeWorks, Bilingual DVD, 75 min., \$24.95, avail. on 5/27/03. Mito isn't just another space pirate, she's a three foot tall childlike alien with enough guts to outshine a supernova. She's known as the galaxy's most dangerous pirate, but all she really wants is to be called "Mom." Now, Aoi, her earthbound son, is thrust into a star-spanning adventure that will bring him to all corners of the universe, with the first working mom to carry a pulse rifle!

## SPECTRAL FORCE

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 50 min., \$29.98, 13+, avail. on 6/3/03. In a time when demons rule the world and mankind seeks freedom, human rebels gain control of the demon-slaying sword Tenmaken and attempt to assassinate the Demon King Janus. To preserve the sovereignty of her homeland, the half-human, half-demon Princess Hiro must overcome her deep hatred of the humans or face a war that will ravage the entire world! Includes both OVA episodes of the series, based on a video game, directed by Yoshiaki Sato.

## SPIRITED AWAY

Buena Vista Home Entertainment, Multilingual DVD (Japanese, English Sub & Dub, French Dub, Spanish Dub), 125 min., \$29.99 US (\$36.99 Can), PG, avail. on 4/15/03. From Hayao Miyazaki (Princess Mononoke) comes the Winner of the 2002 Japanese Academy Award for Best Picture and the Golden Bear at the Berlin Film Festival! While on holiday with her parents, a young girl named Chihiro accidentally stumbles into an enchanted village where ancient Japanese demons go for rest and relaxation. After her parents are unfortunately transformed into enormous pigs, Chihiro is forced to take a job as a cleaning girl in a devil-filled onsen (Japanese bath house), where she contends with eight-legged spider-men, gorgeous kyubagans, and a silent, love-struck wraith. Caught in a strange new world of spirits, she must call upon the courage she never knew she had to free herself and rescue her parents. English cast includes: Daveigh Chase, Suzanne Pleshette, Jason Marsden, Susan Egan, David Ogden Stiers, Lauren Holly, Michael Gough, John Ratzenberger and Tara Strong. 2-disc DVD includes featurette, making-of, trailers and storyboards.

## VANILLA SERIES (THE): DARK

Critical Mass, Cat.# CMDVD6985, Bilingual DVD, 65 min., \$24.95, 18+, avail. on 5/27/2003. Shinji Yagami had always heard the rumors about female students being raped on campus — everyone did. Of course he never believed them until the day he stumbled across a website showing detailed pictures of female students being assaulted in the classrooms. Shocked to find himself turned on by what he sees, Shinji begins his descent into a world of voyeurism, S&M, and rape guided by fellow sadist Satoshi Kojima. When Shinji's childhood friend Miku Iino begins to suspect that he may be involved with the string of campus rapes, she decides to confront him. Torn between his own dark desires and the horror of his crimes, will Shinji continue to hide his secret from Miku, or will she become the next target of his vicious desires?

## VARIABLE GEO

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 75 min., \$19.98, 15+, avail. on 5/27/03. The action is sudden and fierce. The TV cameras are close behind. With every match, beautiful winners inch closer to the grand prize — gorgeous losers strip naked before an audience of billions. Harmless fun? Not quite. Black magic oozes from every pore in the tournament's public facade. Variable Geo is about more than the opponent in the arena. It's about the reach of an international conglomerate, the genius of well-paid scientists, the bond between best friends and what it truly means to be alive. It's about one powerful woman's burning desire to achieve life everlasting, and defeat the one opponent that stalks us all. This collection that includes all three episodes of the OVA, directed by Toru Yoshida (*Black Magic M-66*), with designs by Takahiro Kimura.

## VIRTUA FIGHTER "ROUND 1" (Eps 1-12)

AnimeWorks, Bilingual DVD, 300 min., \$39.95, avail. on 5/27/03. Legends speak of a great constellation of stars, only visible to those who possess true strength. Having lost his ability to see those stars, Akira walks the earth in search of answers. His quest pits him against powerful fighters like the Koengan and the mysterious Kage Maru, and lands him in the center of an international conspiracy. For the first time on DVD, come the adventures of Akira, Jacky, Sara and Pai. Facing off with the greatest martial artists from all over the world, all the top characters from the best-selling video game are ready for action!

## VOICES OF A DISTANT STAR

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 30 min., \$19.98, 13+, avail. on 6/10/03. A Japanese animated short film created by animation prodigy Makoto Shinkai using a spectacular blend of traditional cel and lush computer-generated (CG) animation. It tells in deft strokes a tale of two lovers torn apart by tides of war and millions of miles of interstellar space. The fact that the film was written, directed and animated by Shinkai, using only a Macintosh G4/400 computer and assorted consumer- and professional-level design and animation programs, makes it an even greater achievement. Only the music (composed by Tenmon) and voice acting were not performed by Shinkai. When a mysterious alien force begins their annihilation of the human race, a young pilot feels called to join the resistance. But the danger of an interstellar battle is not Mikako's greatest concern. For she has left behind the one young man she loves. And as Mikako flies further into deep space, her only way to connect with Noboru is by cell-phone text messages. While Mikako risks her life to save mankind, Noboru waits. At first days, then months, then years for each new message that will let him know whether Mikako is still alive. And while she barely grows older in the timelessness of space, Noboru ages. How can the love of two young people, torn apart by war, survive? To what distance would *you* go... for your one, true love?



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**WILD ARMS**

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 100 min. ea (#5: 125 min), \$29.98 ea, 12+, avail. on 04-29-03, 6-10-03 & 7-08-03. **Vol. 3: The Return Of Laila.** After Sheyenne and Kiel help an ace safecracker who wants to go straight get out of the business, a mysterious woman out of Sheyenne's past appears to trouble his dreams. Her name is Laila, but she doesn't stay in his dreams for long. Sheyenne finds she's alive and well and living in the next town they reach. But there are sinister forces in motion, their sights are set on Sheyenne and his Wild ARMS, and they aren't above using anything or anyone to get to him. Without his adult body, can Sheyenne protect his long lost love? **Vol. 4: Lie, Cheat & Steal.** Mirabelle has a suitor! After a chance encounter with a picture of Mirabelle, Count Ampire has his heart set on having her for his wife. Unfortunately for everyone concerned, Mirabelle has some strenuous objections. Then Sheyenne and the guys become bodyguards for a beautiful girl named Sybil who promises to tell them where Sheyenne's true body is if they'll take her to Port Crackpot. It's the one thing Sheyenne's been searching for, but is the price too high? Danger lies around every corner as a routine train trip becomes a deadly game of hide-and-seek. **Vol. 5: Sheyenne's Last Stand.** Sheyenne hasn't found his body yet, but he has found Laila. The trouble is she's in the hands of an evil cult who thinks she's the reincarnation of a goddess. To make matters worse, someone's posted a huge reward for Sheyenne, Kiel and Issac. Is five million gald enough to make the girls turn on them? Plots are unraveled, justice is paid and everyone gets their just rewards in the final action-packed volume of *Wild Arms!* Directed by Toshiaki Kawasaki (*Arc the Lad*).

**X VOL. 5: FIVE**

Pioneer, Cat.# 11828, Bilingual DVD, 75 min., \$29.98, 16+, avail. on 05-27-03. Two choices, Two sides. One future. X. The two Kamuis finally awaken! Kamui has chosen to be a Dragon of Heaven, forcing Fuma, Kamui's twin star, to become a Dragon of Earth. Battle between the two is inevitable, but not while Kamui is still unconscious from the shock of Kotori's death. Subaru dives into Kamui's dream to save him, as Fuma contacts other members of the Dragons of Earth – Kakyo and Nataka.



**YOU'RE UNDER ARREST: MINI-SPECIALS**

ADV, Bilingual DVD, 150 min., \$29.98, 15+, avail. on 05-06-03. This volume is collecting 20 mini-episodes of the racy, humorous tire-squealing, siren-screaming Police adventure series, based on the manga by Kosuke Fujishima. The mean streets of Tokyo are that much safer when the ladies of Bokuto Police Station are on patrol! When the fun-loving and free-wheeling Natsumi teams up with the mechanical wizard Miyuki, criminals don't stand a chance. From booby-trapped handbags to exhibitionists from beyond the grave to geriatric gearheads, you'll be rolling on the floor with laughter at these 20 mini-episodes. Will they be able to protect their undergarments and co-workers from the depredations of an army of Tokyo's oversexed peeping Toms? Can Natsumi's finances hold out until her next paycheck clears? Chaos ensues and neither speeders nor sneaks stand a chance as Miyuki and Natsumi show that crime doesn't pay!

**ZONE OF THE ENDERS: DOLORES, I**

ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 100 min. ea, \$29.98 ea, 15+, avail. on 05-06-03 & 7-01-03. Originally created as a companion to the Playstation game, and a follow-up to the OVA *Zone of the Enders-IDOLO*, *Zone of the Enders: Dolores, I* is set in a distant future in which human colonization of Earth's solar system extends to Mars and beyond, and relationships between the humans on different colonies are decidedly hostile. **Vol. 4: The Enemy Within.** A new assault has been launched! Just who are the sharp young pilots of these hot new LEVs? And who is their superior, Naphth Pleminger, Metatron arms dealer extraordinaire? The family business isn't what it used to be, that's for sure! All in all, there's more happening on Mars than could have ever been imagined on Earth. Can James Links maintain his sanity long enough to stay in the battle and figure it all out? Instead of coming together, the family seems to be coming apart at the seams. Perhaps his long-lost wife can help. Is that really Rachel Links? **Vol. 5: Only the Strong Survive.** Get ready for action as the war for Mars rears its ugly head. James Links is finding it no easier to keep his friends than it is to evade his enemies. And tearful reunions and departures bring the Links family closer to their ultimate fate. In this uncertain world there are surprises and setbacks, but the headstrong family bond is keeping the Links' defiant. They are determined to do the right thing, not only for Orbital Frame Dolores and for Mars, but the whole galaxy as well.



**LIVE-ACTION**

**BEAUTIFUL WEAPON**

CPM, Cat.# APCD 2306, 75 min., \$29.99, 17+, avail. on 7/8/03. Produced by Makoto Okada (*Dead or Alive*). Murder in the Dark! She is a blind but beautiful assassin who lures her prey into a deadly trap. None have lived to escape her murderous kiss. But now she knows too much, and a criminal mastermind has hired a killer to silence her forever. Sparks fly, and the two assassins find themselves locked in a forbidden embrace. One will live, and one will die. But the Beautiful Weapon will not die easily.

**GAMERA 3: REVENGE OF IRIS**

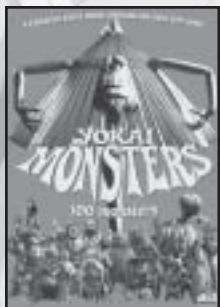
ADV Films, Bilingual DVD, 110 min., \$19.98, 12+, avail. on 6/10/03. Popularized in Japan in a series of films in the 1960s, Gamera was brought back in the 1990s, combining the heart of the original titles with new actors, new plots and cutting-edge special effects. This is the third and final volume of the new *Gamera* movies. Still reeling after the hard-fought battle to repel Legion, Japan is now reminded of a deadly foe from the past. The Gyaos have returned, and this time the ornery man-eating birds have not only increased their numbers, but also added a menacing new member-Iris-to their destructive little club. Raised by a young girl whose parents Gamera accidentally squished, the flying, blood-sucking squid monster Iris takes her learned hatred and goes out on the warpath. Dr. Nagamine and Inspector Osaka are reunited to help Gamera in his relentless quest to protect and save the human race. Can Gamera ground the Gyaos? Can the turtle tie up the terrible tentacles? Do the hapless humans and the rowdy reptile have what it takes to thwart the revenge of Iris? Directed by Shusuke Kaneko, from a screenplay by Kaneko and Kazunori Ito, screenwriter of the legendary anime film *Ghost in the Shell*. Special effects are by Shinji Higuchi.

**ONMYOJI: THE YING-YANG MASTER**

Pioneer, Bilingual DVD, 116 min., \$19.98, R, avail. on 8/12/03. During a dark age of demons and ghosts, the Heian Emperor relies upon the imperial order of the Onmyoji to protect the kingdom. However, as the birth of the emperor's heir approaches, political intrigue and jealousy will lead to the most dangerous of betrayals—from within the Onmyoji and the Emperor's family! It will be up to the most talented of the order, Seimei, to face his master, Doston, and the dark magic that threatens to destroy them all! Onmyoji the movie is based on the famous serial novels set during the popular Heian period by author Baku Yumemakura. Theatrically released in Japan, October 2001.

**YOKAI MONSTERS #2: 100 MONSTERS**

ADV Films, Subtitled DVD, 90 min., \$19.98, 12+, avail. on 7/15/03. A crooked Shrine Magistrate and a greedy developer scheme to evict residents from an apartment building and demolish the adjoining shrine, forcing the townspeople into submission. When the apartment owner attempts to reclaim the property, he is murdered, and a masterless samurai with deep secrets steps into the fray. The situation in the human world is definitely awry, and as in the past, the Yokai (Spirit Monsters) must take action to correct the wrongs. Divine justice is coming! *Yokai Monsters*: many legends, but only one message: Heed the spirits, or face their wrath! Featuring a cast of scores of "Yokai," benevolent spirits that permeate Japanese folklore. Produced by studio Daiei.



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