

- *American Horror Story: The Complete First Season*. While the series began well, I thought it quickly devolved into an unwatchable mess. In any case, the FX show has a chance to redeem itself this year when Season 2 premieres Oct. 17.
- *Bond 50: Celebrating Five Decades of Bond*. This massive 23-disc set collects every James Bond flick.
- *Portlandia: Season 2*. **Armisen 'n' Brownstein** deliver a batch of episodes that's arguably their best yet.
- *Damsels in Distress*. **Whit Stillman** returns, and this time he's got the luminous **Greta Gerwig**.
- *The Carol Burnett Show: Carol's Favorites*. This new collection includes one sketch that has always made me laugh out loud: **Harvey Korman's trip to the dentist** (played by **Tim Conway**).
- *Charlie's Angels: The Complete Series*. With 27 discs, somehow this box set manages to outweigh the Bond collection!
- *Gerhard Richter Painting*. I'm eager to check out this documentary about the artist's work.
- *The Game*. Criterion issues the enticing **Michael Douglas/Sean Penn** drama.

**Also out:** *The Letter*, *Silent House*, *Klown*, *Key & Peele: Season 1*, *The Samaritan*, *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns, Part 1* (animated), *CSI: The 12th Season*, *CSI: Miami - The Final Season*, *CSI: New York - The Eighth Season*, *Desperate Housewives: The Final Season*, *Desperate Housewives: The Complete Deluxe Edition*, *Family Guy: Volume 10*, *Gossip Girl: The Complete Fifth Season*, *Law and Order Special Victims Unit: Year 13*, *The Tall Man*, *American Masters: The Day Carl Sandburg Died*, *The Crimson Petal and the White*, *FDR: American Bada--*, *POV: I'm Carolyn Parker*, *Eating Raoul* (Criterion)

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