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### **"Dennis Hopper: The Early Works"**

Release date: Nov. 9

Details: 1955-64, Video Services Corp.

Rated: Not rated

The lowdown: A DVD that chronicles the early career of the late actor-director on television and the cult film that shot him to prominence.

Included on the disc are Hopper's appearances on four TV series -- "Medic," "The Loretta Young Show," "Public Defender" and, believe it or not, "Petticoat Junction."

Also included is the low-budget thriller "Night Tide," in which Hopper plays a sailor who falls in love with a mermaid.

The disc's audio and visual restorations are OK; no major problems were noted.

Don't miss: No bonus materials.