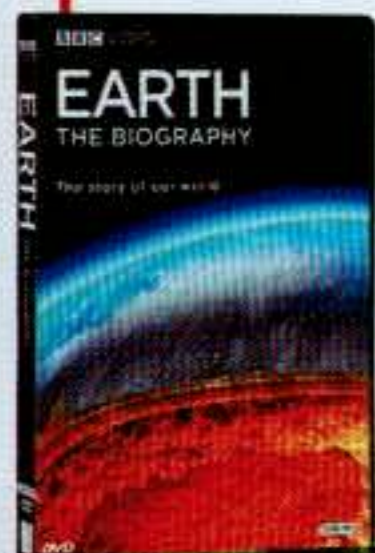


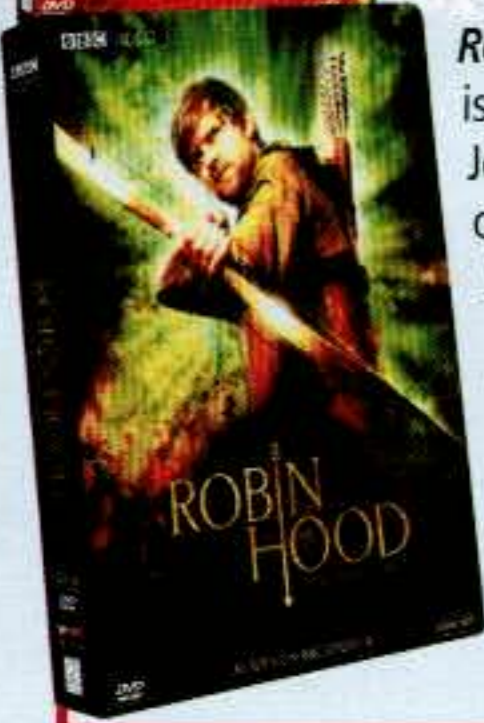
BBC orbits *Earth* programming

One of the biggest trends in releases from the U.K. right now is programming about the planet. "We've seen a surge in natural history," says Burton Cromer, executive VP of consumer products for BBC Worldwide Americas. Besides being topical in that it supports taking responsibility for the health of the planet, such programming lends itself to the high-definition format. BBC Video's next such release will be *Earth: The Biography*, which was shot in high-definition and will be released on Blu-ray as well as standard-definition DVD. BBC also has more releases coming from the comedy and action genres, including the comedy series *Spaced: The Complete Series*, for which Fox has a pilot in development, and *Sensitive Skin: Complete First and Second Seasons*, along with the next season of the top-rated BBC America action/adventure series *Robin Hood*. **VB** —C.S.



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Earth: The Biography (DVD \$29.98, BD \$39.99) This series reveals how the volcanoes, ocean, atmosphere and ice have shaped the landscape, climate and history of our planet; *Spaced: The Complete Series* (three-disc set \$49.98) Starring Simon Pegg (*Shaun of the Dead*, *Hot Fuzz*) and Jessica Hynes (*Shaun of the Dead*, *Son of Rambow*), this edgy comedy show is a cross between *The Simpsons*, *The X-Files* and *Northern Exposure* and features commentary from Quentin Tarantino, Kevin Smith, Matt Stone and others. Both street July 22, prebook June 17



Robin Hood: Season Two The legend of Nottingham is back for a second season in the series starring Jonas Armstrong, Lucy Griffiths, Sam Troughton and others. Street July 29, prebook June 23; five-disc set \$79.98

Sensitive Skin: Complete First and Second Seasons Joanna Lumley (*Absolutely Fabulous*) stars as a 60-year-old woman who struggles with sexual temptation, jealousy and a fear of the future in this dark comedy series. Street Aug. 5, prebook July 1; two-disc set \$29.98



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the Metropolitan Police, based in the heart of London's West End. Street June 24, prebook now; three-disc set \$39.98

Classic British Thrillers The British Cinematograph Films Act of 1927 was passed to give motion pictures made in the U.K. an edge over Hollywood imports, resulting in technically crude, low-budget "quota quickies," including *The Phantom Light*,



Red Ensign and *The Upturned Glass*. Street July 29, prebook June 23; DVD \$24.98

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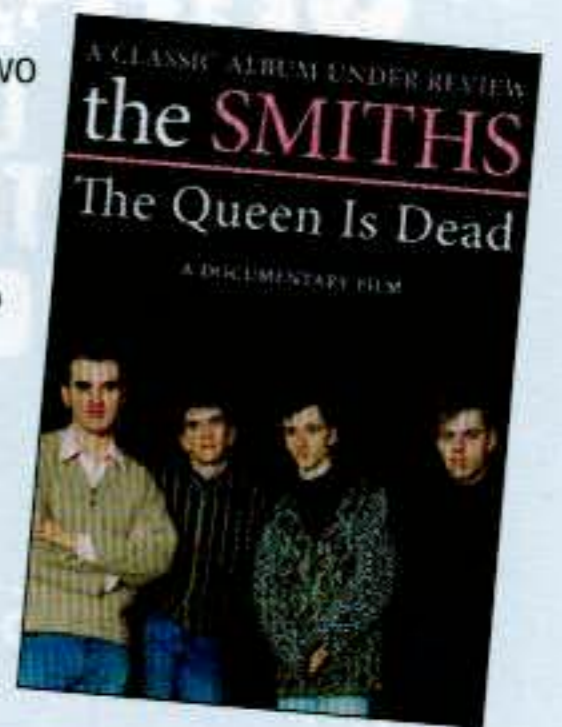
The Planet Mercenaries forced to evacuate their dying planet find themselves on a barren world where they are not alone and have to fight not only for their survival, but also for the future of the universe. Street June 10, prebook now; DVD \$24.95

MVD

Iron Maiden and the New Wave of British Heavy Metal In 1976, few knew there was an old wave of British heavy



metal, but within two years, Iron Maiden had spearheaded a new generation of rock musicians; *The Smiths: The Queen Is Dead—A Classic Album Under Review* A look at the Manchester band's third album and how the writing, recording and production all came together. Both street June 10, prebook now; DVD \$19.95 each



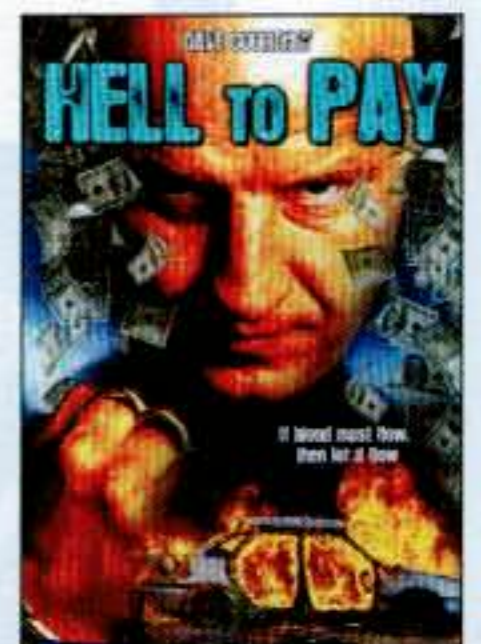
STRAND

Irina Palm British actress and chanteuse Marianne Faithfull stars as a widowed grandmother who must take a hostess job in a sex club to pay for her desperately ill grandson's medical treatment. Street

Aug. 12, prebook July 17; DVD \$27.99

YORK

Hell to Pay A street-tough British gangster is set up by his brother to murder a rival crime boss. Street June 24, prebook May 28; DVD \$19.99



ZEITGEIST

Glitterbox: Derek Jarman This set features four films from queer cinema maverick Derek Jarman: *Caravaggio*,

Wittgenstein (DVD \$29.99 each) and *Blue*, all starring Tilda Swinton, and *The Angelic Conversation*, with loads of supplemental extras. Street June 24, prebook now; four-disc set \$79.99 **VB**

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