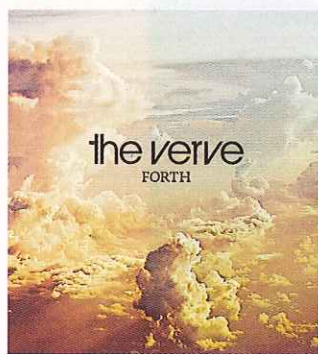


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FORTH The Verve

They are perhaps best known for *Bittersweet Symphony* – which might well be one of the most overplayed radio anthems of all time – but melodic British rockers The Verve are now on their fourth album, hence the title. Their latest offering is more of the same whining, late-night introspective blues rock, this time tinged with a few grittier tunes for better measure. Good news if you're a fan, but a little bit same-old for the rest of us.



THE DØ A Mouthful

Genre-hopping is the taste of the next generation and French-Finnish duo The Dø – much like The Go! Team before them – make a melting pot of folk, rock and avant-garde to come up with a quirky, '60s-sounding album of little coherence but lots of softcore fun. Each track is different in style and substance but the standouts include the flute-heavy *Playground Hustle* and the surprising hip-hop-style *Queen Dot Kong*.

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HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY

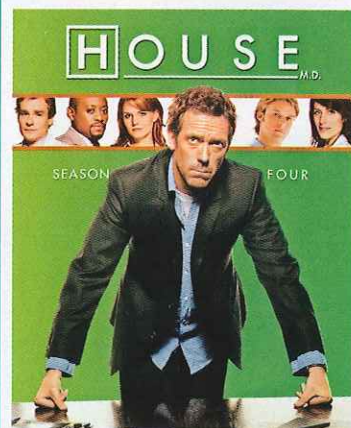
In the second instalment of the *Hellboy* franchise, the mythical world starts a rebellion against humanity and only the Hellboy – a wise-cracking outcast from beyond – can save the planet from demonic occupation. With *Pan's Labyrinth* director Guillermo del Toro at the helm, this sequel takes on a dark, visually arresting atmosphere with a whole gaggle of creepy new creatures.



BONNEVILLE

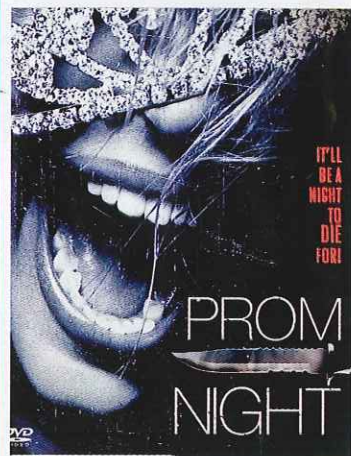
Three of Hollywood's grande dames – Jessica Lange, Joan Allen and Kathy Bates – play friends travelling across the American West in a 1966 convertible to deliver one of their dead husband's ashes to his ungrateful daughter, and come of age a second time on the way. If you think an eye-gouging sounds preferable to watching old biddies on a road trip, think again. This is a touching, witty tale performed to perfection – and scenic to boot.

on dvd



HOUSE SEASON 4

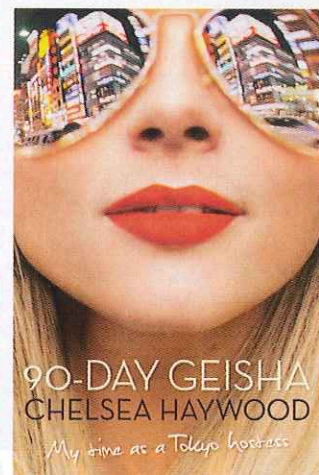
House may stick to the same formula – patient gets sicker and sicker, House saves them with a genius guess at the last minute – but this season offers up a fresh cast to banter with the big grump himself as *The OC* hottie Olivia Wild and *Harold And Kumar* stoner Kal Penn sign up to spice things up. You can even play doctor with the free *House* notepad that comes with this set.



PROM NIGHT

Usually the only horrors that happen on prom night come in the form of neon peach tulle that will haunt photo albums forever – and a pimply date with a voluminous mullet haircut. However, popular girl Donna Keppel's senior prom goes very, very wrong when a mental case from her past turns up and slashes half her graduating class to bits. Will she survive the last night of high school? This two-disc special edition makes for a slick, modern remake of the 1980 original.

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90-DAY GEISHA Chelsea Haywood

Chelsea Haywood's experience as a "hostess" in a Tokyo club is full of expensive shopping sprees, luxury weekends away and madcap millionaires, but there's a price to be paid. Hilarious and fast-paced, this is a book you never want to end.