

DVDs/Theatrical releases

Steam

DVD release: Sept. 29

This terrific new drama unfolds the stories of three amazing and very different women (a divorced Mom, an elderly widow and a young lesbian coming out and falling in love) whose paths cross in a steam room. "Steam" stars Ally Sheedy ("High Art," "The Breakfast Club"), Ruby Dee (the legendary actress of "Raisin in the Sun" fame) and sexy newcomer Kate Siegel ("Curse of the Black Dahlia") as a young lesbian coming out and falling in love. Plus, an awesome appearance by Chelsea Handler!

Where the Wild Things Are

Theatrical release: Oct. 16

From director Spike Jonze comes the film adaptation of Maurice Sendak's beloved children's book, *Where the Wild*



Things Are. Max, a sensitive and mischievous young boy, is sent to bed without dinner after disobeying his mother. Alone, Max's imagination takes over, transporting him to a fantasy kingdom full of mysterious creatures.

The L Word, Final Season

DVD release: Oct. 20

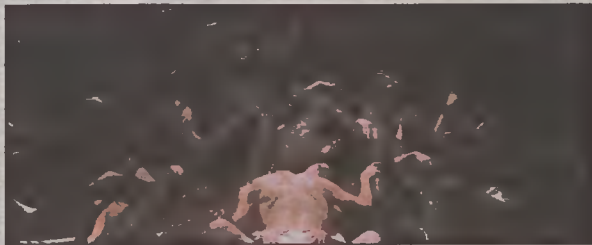
It's the final season of the show that won our hearts and got us talking; the show that *The New York Times* called: "a Sapphic Playboy fantasia" for its unwavering dedication to portraying sexy lesbian characters in a steady stream of increasingly hot and wild story lines. Season 6 is wilder than ever as it revolves around the \$64,000 question: "Who Killed Jenny?" Nope, that's not a spoiler — the first episode begins with that question and we spend the whole season in flashback lead-

ing up to the big event.

Antichrist

Theatrical release: Oct. 23

Grieving after the loss of their young son, a couple retreats to their forest-bound cabin, "Eden." As the story unfolds in four chapters with a prologue and epilogue,



the darker, crueller side of human nature becomes apparent.

Wrecked

DVD release: Nov. 10

An edgy drama about a gay teen's tumultuous descent into drugs and anonymous sex, "Wrecked" smashes cinematic taboos while it spins its cautionary tale. Ryan is an earnest 18-year-old trying to develop a career as an actor and getting his life on the right track. This course is quickly threatened with the sudden arrival of his sort-of ex, Daniel, who arrives at Ryan's door wanting a place to stay and offering the promise of a normal, loving relationship. But Daniel's drug



addiction and attitude towards casual sex derail any hope for normalcy and soon ensnares Ryan in his own downward spiral. Handheld cameras, a hot young cast and a

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boldly upfront approach to sex combine to make "Wrecked" a unique film experience.

Make the Yuletide Gay

DVD release: Nov. 10

Rob Williams, the director of "Long-Term Relationship," "Back Soon" and "3-Day Weekend," brings us a hilarious addition to the gay holiday genre. The holidays get overly festive as Olaf "Gunn" Gunnunderson (Keith Jordan), an out-and-



proud gay college student, crawls back into the closet to survive the holidays with his parents (hilarious performances by Derek Long & Kelly Keaton). He keeps his cool as

his quirky Midwestern hale and hearty parents try to set him up with his high school sweetheart, Abby (Hallee Hirsh). But when his boyfriend, Nathan (Adamo Ruggiero), shows up at their

doorstep unannounced, Gunn must put on a charade to keep the relationship a secret. With pressure mounting from all sides, will Gunn come out before the truth does?

Shank

DVD release: Dec. 8

Worlds collide as the lives of Cal and Olivier intersect in "Shank," a gritty British coming of age/rites of passage drama. Cal, an 18-year-old Scally lad and gang member has nothing in his life except drugs, sex, random acts of violence and a secret that he keeps hidden from his mates. An online hook up for sex with a stranger, temporarily satisfies but fails to dampen his unspoken desires for his best mate, Jonno. Nessa, their twisted, foul-mouthed and controlling gang leader, suspects that there is something going on between them but she can't put her finger on it. Jonno, putty in Nessa's hands, can't express his own deep rooted and unrequited attachment to Cal. Manipulating situations that bring her closer to having her suspicions confirmed, Nessa

sets out about dividing loyalties and encouraging conflict. ▽



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Music's big day out

A trio of superstar releases set for Sept. 29

Fans of popular music's biggest divas — who are likely still giddy from the return of Whitney Houston — might feel like Christmas is coming early this year. Tuesday, Sept. 29, to be precise, the day new releas-



es hit simultaneously from superstars Barbra Streisand, Madonna and Mariah Carey.

Streisand delivers the vocal jazz collection "Love Is The Answer." The album was produced by contemporary jazz favorite Diana Krall and recorded live in the studio with her small ensemble backing Streisand throughout the sessions. Songs on the 13-track set include "In The Wee Small

Hours Of The Morning," "Spring Can Really Hang You Up The Most," "Here's That Rainy Day" and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes." "Love Is The Answer" is Streisand's 33rd studio collection; 21 of her previous albums made the top 10.

Madonna concludes her career-long association with Warner Bros. Records with "Celebration," a two-disc greatest hits collection. The 36-song retrospective spans

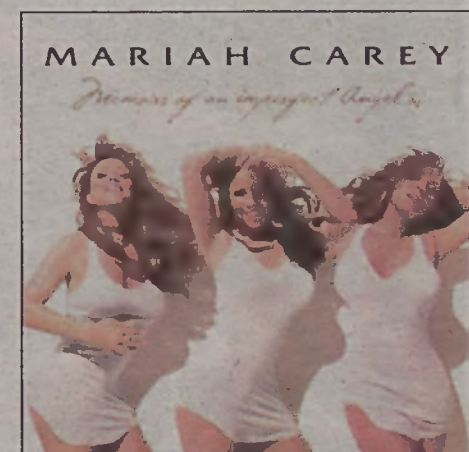


from Midge's 1983 eponymous debut to last year's "Hard Candy." One new track is tacked onto the end of each disc to entice hardcore fans who already own the material to break down and re-buy. The set's thumping new title cut is already ruling nightclub dancefloors. As stated, this ends Madonna's contract with WB;

her future material will be released by concert giant Live Nation.

Carey follows up last year's chart-topping "E=MC²" with "Memoirs Of An Imperfect Angel," the first album she's released since marrying actor Nick Cannon. The superstar has amassed 18 number one Billboard pop hits to date — second only to The Beatles 20. If radio gets behind this project and the public likes what it hears,

Carey has the potential to tie or surpass the Fab Four for this impressive chart record. ▽



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