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(IVE, \$89.95, R) is a rough-and-rowdy tale of city kids who find the wide-open spaces of the desert not so relaxing. Jon Cryer stars.

Other Videos and News

Movies-on-tape aren't the only videos that can make you laugh or cry.

In the laugh category, Warner is releasing "The Best of Abbott and Costello Live" (\$19.98), an hourlong collection of the team's sketches from the early-'50s "Colgate Comedy Hour." And if saving money brings smiles to the faces of Prince's fans, Warner has reduced the "Lovesexy" singer's two films, the highly praised "Purple Rain" and the much-derided "Under the Cherry Moon," to \$19.98. Also down to that price: Mel Gibson in "Lethal Weapon," Sly Stallone in "Over the Top," Clint Eastwood in "Firefox."

More price drops and vintage humor: MGM/UA has lowered the tag on five cartoon cassettes, including "The Secret of NIMH" at \$19.95 and "Tex Avery's Screwball Classics" (\$14.95). The latter is an animation-buff must—a collection of eight incredibly wacky cartoons, filled with Avery's trademark bug-eyed wolves and undistressed damsels.

On the serious side, MGM/UA has just made "Four Days in November" available on video for \$29.95. The two-hour David L. Wolper documentary on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy will be followed on Sept. 29 by CBS/Fox's "John F. Kennedy: The Commemorative Video Album" (\$19.98), a 110-minute retrospective produced for home video by CBS News. Nov. 22 will mark the 25th anniversary of the President's death.

Also new this week: "Dr. Heimlich's

Home First-Aid Video" (MCA, \$19.95), a 36-minute illustration by Heimlich of his anti-choking technique, plus information on how to handle other health emergencies.

Get-out-of-the-house videos: EZTV is presenting an evening of "Goddess Videos" at 8 tonight, including "Our Lady of L.A.," "Lunatune" and "Remembering the Witches." Information: (213) 657-1532. Meanwhile, LACE will be offering continuous screenings of Erika Suderburg's new video "Displayed Termination," a 25-minute "contemplative collage." Information: (213) 624-5650.

Coming soon to your video store: "Cinderella" (Oct. 4), "Supercallanetics" (Oct. 6), "Beetlejuice" (Oct. 19), "Three Men and a Baby" (Nov. 15).

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