

VIDEO VIEWS ... more than meets the eye
by Bob Morello

ATHENS, GA INSIDE OUT: RED TURNS INTO BLUE / (DVD) / MVDVisual

Athens, GA Inside Out: Red Turns Into Blue, is a sequel to the original; *Athens, GA* traces the rise of a political movement in Athens-Clarke County. While still driven by the powerful music of the Athens scene, the new film traces the rise of a political movement in Athens-Clarke County and how it has filtered out, impacting the region and most recently arrived at the very forefront of this national moment! Led by the success of the B-52's and R.E.M., Athens, Georgia was the most happening music scene in the country by the mid 80's/ Following several different bands from different genres, this film paints Athens as a magical artistic environment where bands are not in competition, but co-exist in harmony. Musical performances by Cindy Wilson of the B-52's, Drive By Truckers, Kishi Bashi, Mariah Parker AKA Linqua Franca, Pylon Reenactment Society (with Vanessa Briscoe Hay), Oh-Ok, Elf Power, Nihilist Cheerleader, David Barbe with New Madrid, Happyness with Peter Fancher and more.

MY STEPMOTHER IS AN ALIEN (Blu-ray) / Arrow Video

She's gorgeous, and she's never been kissed. Needless to say, she's from another planet. He married a girl from out of town ... Way out of town. Dan Aykroyd, Kim Basinger and Jon Lovitz star in a fish-out-of-water comedy with a sci-fi twist that questions whether a romance between two star-crossed lovers who are literally worlds apart can ever work. When widowed astronomer Steve Mills (Aykroyd) inadvertently causes a gravitational disruption in deep space, a race of hyper-advanced alien life forms sends one of their own to investigate, disguised in the alluring human form of Celeste (Basinger). Tasked with seducing the lovelorn Steve in a bid to gain access to his scientific research, Celeste finds herself falling for the man she's been sent to swindle. But they've not counted on Steve's young daughter Jessie (Alyson Hannigan), who's none too thrilled by the prospect of a new mother - especially not one from another planet. Funny and touching in equal measure, *My Stepmother is an Alien* is an off-beat and at times surprisingly risqué comedy that confirms the adage that what unites us is far greater than what divides us ... even if what divides us happens to be an entire galaxy.

MEMORY HOUSE (DVD) / Film Movement

In this audacious debut feature, Joao Paulo Miranda Maria conjures a surreal image of the racial and social rifts in modern-day Brazil. Cristovam, an Indigenous Black man from the rural North, moves to an industrialized Southern town populated by the descendants of Austrian expats to work in a milk factory. Immediately confronted with their virulent racism, he becomes more and more estranged from the white world. Upon discovering an abandoned house filled

with objects reminding him of his origins, Cristovam begins a spiritual and physical metamorphosis.

ROH (DVD) / Film Movement

Far from civilization, deep in the bamboo wilderness, a brother and sister encounter a mysterious girl covered in clay. After providing her food and shelter, their mother warns about superstitions of seen and unseen dangers lurking in the jungle. The next day, the girl delivers an ominous prophecy - they will all die before the next full moon. As strange and terrifying events unfold, an unspeakable evil from inside the forest grows even closer. *ROH* is a visceral, spine-tingling revelation.

CALLING FOR LOVE (DVD) / Filmrise

Podcast host Samantha has an aversion to romance, but is assigned to host a show that reunites lost loves. Samantha fall for charming Jake who calls in with a problem she is determined to solve. *Calling for Love* stars Karissa Lee Staples and Tajh Bellow.

MARY PICKFORD: SPARROWS (Blu-ray) / VCI Entertainment

With *Sparrows*, Mary Pickford once again gave her audience what they wanted by playing "the hoyden, the protector, the fighter." Mary stars as the oldest of a dozen children held hostage at what was then called a "baby farm" where children of unwed mothers or deserted wives were deposited and then sold illegally to adoptive parents or as slave labor. By creating an empathetic melodrama that pulled on the heartstrings, Pickford helped put a spotlight on this evil and increased public awareness and outrage. Completed just as the industry neared the end of the silent era, Mary's acting is not only superior, but this is her least glamorous role ever.

JUICE (Blu-ray) / Paramount Home Entertainment

Q, Raheem, Bishop, and Steel spend their days hanging out and looking for a way to get the power and respect they call Juice. Q hopes to earn respect by becoming a scratch 'n' mix DJ. Bishop has a deadlier plan - take it through an armed robbery with his crew. Ernest R. Dickerson made his directorial debut with this powerful drama steeped in '90s urban lifestyle. *JUICE* features the acting debut of Tupac Shakur and a hit soundtrack that includes Eric B. & Rakim, Naughty by Nature, Big Daddy Kane and Salt N' Pepa.

WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS (Blu-ray) / Persik Productions

Where the Red Fern Grows, tells what 10-year-old Billy Coleman wants most in the world is a hunting dog. After two long years of hard work, he saves up enough money to buy a pair of redbone hound pups, and its love at first sight! Before long, Billy trains "Old Dan" and "Little Ann" to be the finest hunting team in the valley. As the inseparable trio chases the wily "ghost raccoon" and confront danger together, Billy learns the meaning of loyalty, courage, and perseverance.

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

WHY ARE THERE STILL SO MANY OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS STILL ON?

Actually, not really that many but enough to catch my eye. Usually, the outdoor lights shine near each other like the house next door. I am making an assumption that neither homeowner wants to blink first and both want to be the last house still wasting Yule time electricity. I don't see any other reason, especially now with all the Bidenflation going on.

OH HOW I MISS LUTHER VANDROSS

Luther Vandross had such a great singing voice full of passion. He was one of the best R & B crooners of all time. He died many years ago at age 58, reportedly losing his fight with diabetes just like Barry White at the same age and from the same diabetes.

I thought of him today while listening to my car radio when the station played "A House is not a Home," a great slow dance song from 1981. I miss his voice and as do many out there.

WHAT'S WITH THE WRONG WAY CRASHES?

Monday saw the latest in a recent spat of news stories about wrong way drivers getting killed in a highway crash. What gives? The latest involved a van and a tractor trailer. We know who lost in that crash.

I would imagine that alcohol is usually a factor in these wrong way crashes. I have been out on a highway late at night and the moment I see an apparent impaired motorist behind the wheel, I just dial 911. Too many drivers still don't know when they shouldn't be behind the wheel and end up either dead or killing someone else.

Back in 1971, I let a friend drive me home after a party and that decision almost killed me. My friend decided to drive around the Sullivan Square rotary the wrong way. I told him to pull over and I walked the rest of my way home. I never let a drunk driver drive me home again.

I took my chances getting mugged rather than get creamed by a tractor trailer that almost got me that night over 50 years ago.

AS IF THE CHURCH DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH

Way over on the other side of the state in the Berkshires (towns of Adams and Cheshire), the Bishop of the diocese removed a pastor serving two parishes for the last 10 months for "imprudent" action. He and his flock were not seeing eye to eye and the word got to the bishop who then acted by removing the pastor to hopefully end the turmoil reportedly in the pews.

Among the alleged actions that led to his departure as pastor at two parish churches, were the issue of eulogies and music at funerals. Reportedly many parishioners were confused by a Mass Intention on Christmas in which they say he prayed for the conversion of Jews.

The pastor also allegedly spoke in the pulpit on Covid-19 and his personal critical opinion on vaccinations.

Seems like turmoil is everywhere as we battle through this pandemic. Where is middle ground? Does it even exist anymore?

"DOBIE GILLIS" IS DEAD

As a kid I loved watching *The Many Lives of Dobie Gillis* week after week, year after year. If you're a baby boomer, you know this old show quite well. I was shocked to hear he was 87 years old. I guess I suppose I have gotten old too but not quite as old as Dwayne Hickman. Did you know his older brother Daryl is still alive. He's going on 91 this year.

CLASSIC CAR CORNER

Recently, *Post Gazette* columnist John Christoforo emailed me a great photo of his 1966 Ford Thunderbird which he garages down in Florida at the moment. What a beauty. He told me it has been his car for some 40 years now.



1966 FORD THUNDERBIRD
Photo by John Christoforo
MAYBE HE SHOULD HAVE SENT IT AIRMAIL?

A 22 year old U.S. Army Sergeant from Woburn wrote a letter to his mom on December 6, 1945 from Germany where he was stationed at the time. The letter just arrived last week in the mailbox where his widow still lives in the family home.

I wonder how often this happens and does a 77 years travel time make the Guinness Book of Records?

FORGET CAMBODIA, WHAT ABOUT AMERICA

Up in Lowell, which, by the way, has the second highest Cambodian population in America, State Sen. Ed Kennedy, D-Lowell just filed a resolution on Beacon Hill in support of fair and free elections in upcoming Cambodian elections.

Personally, I am much more concerned about free and fair elections here in the United States but that's just me talking.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. ES21P3813EA

Estate of
JAMES ALBERT DONN
Also Known As
JAMES A. DONN

Date of Death: October 27, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Margaret A. Rowe of Georgetown, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Margaret A. Rowe of Georgetown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. M121P6570EA

Estate of
JIPING CHENG
Date of Death: March 08, 2021

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Rose Li Wang of Lexington, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Rose Li Wang of Lexington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. M121P4056EA

Estate of
BARBARA J. MOYNIHAN
Date of Death: February 16, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Thomas Moynihan of Atlantic Beach, FL, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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