

VIDEO VIEWS... more than meets the eye

by Bob Morello

CROCODILE DUNDEE TRILOGY (Blu-ray)

Paramount Home Ent.

The box office smash that started it all, Paul Hogan became an overnight sensation as Michael J. "Crocodile" In "Crocodile" Dundee — Hogan's hilarious, endearing performance made "Crocodile" Dundee the #1 comedy at the U.S. box office in 1986. Dundee is a free-spirited Australian who hunts crocodiles with his bare hands, stares down giant water buffaloes. Dundee follows a reporter back to New York, shaking the Big Apple to its core, and drinks mere mortals under the table. In "Crocodile" Dundee II — Dundee and his girlfriend are targeted by a gang of ruthless drug dealers. To even the odds, Dundee leads the big city hoods into the treacherous Australian outback in this fish-out-of-water twist on the first movie. The third time's a charm, with "Crocodile" Dundee in Los Angeles — which brings Hogan's hero across the country when he suspects foul play at a movie studio.

BATWOMAN: THE COMPLETE SECOND SEASON (Blu-ray)

Warner Bros. Home Ent.

Javicia Leslie takes on the mantle of DC Super Hero Batwoman, in *Batwoman: The Complete Second Season*, from Warner Bros. Home Entertainment. Strap yourself in for a thrilling ride with all 18 episodes from the second season, plus never-before-seen bonus content including deleted scenes and a gag reel. At the end of the first season, Crows Commander Kane (Dougray Scott) has declared war on Batwoman, forcing everyone around them to choose sides. Season two kicks off with a major game-changer that alters Gotham City and The Bat Team forever. A new hero emerges from the shadows. Relatable, messy, loyal, and a little goofy, Ryan Wilder (Leslie) couldn't be more different than the woman who wore the Batsuit before her, billionaire Kate Kane. Living in her van, Ryan has been made to feel trapped and powerless by the system her whole life and believes the Batsuit is the key to breaking out of it. But what she'll come to discover is that it's not the suit that makes Ryan Wilder powerful, it's the woman inside of it who finds her destiny in changing Gotham City for good.

THE EQUALIZER: SEASON ONE (3-DVD)

CBS Home Ent. / Paramount Home Ent.

The Equalizer is a reimagining of the classic 1985 TV series following Robyn McCall, an enigmatic woman with a mysterious background who uses her extensive skills as a former CIA operative to help those with nowhere else to turn. McCall presents to most as an average single mom who is quietly raising her teenage daughter. But to a trusted few, she is *The Equalizer* — an anonymous guardian angel and defender of the downtrodden, who's also dogged in her pursuit of personal redemption. Robyn's clandestine work remains a secret from her smart and observant daughter, Delilah, and her aunt Vi, who lives with Robyn to

help her balance life as a working mother. Joining Robyn as champions of justice are William Bishop, her former CIA handler and longtime friend; Melody "Mel" Bayani, an edgy bar owner and a colleague from Robyn's past; and Harry Keshegian, a paranoid and brilliant white-hat hacker. As Robyn aids the oppressed and exploited, her work garners the attention of shrewd NYPD Detective Marcus Dante, who doggedly seeks to uncover the identity of the vigilante known as *The Equalizer*.

NIGHT OF THE ANIMATED DEAD (Blu-ray)

Warner Bros. Home Ent.
Revisit George A. Romero's 1968 horror classic in an altogether unprecedented presentation as Warner Bros. Home Entertainment releases *Night of the Animated Dead*, a new, star-studded animated recreation of the thriller, that includes never-before-seen, exclusive animated scenes not found in the original live-action film. Siblings Barbara and Johnny visit their father's grave in a remote cemetery in Pennsylvania, when suddenly bloodthirsty zombies begin amassing everywhere. Barbara flees and takes refuge in an abandoned farmhouse along with stranded motorist Ben and four local survivors found hiding in the cellar. Together, the group must fight to stay alive against the oncoming horde of zombies while also confronting their own fears and prejudices. *Night of the Animated Dead* features the voice talents of Josh Duhamel as Harry Cooper.

ONE DARK NIGHT: COLLECTOR'S EDITION (Blu-ray)

MVD Rewind Collection
World-renowned psychic Raymar is found dead after announcing that he had uncovered the secret of how to become even more powerful in death by the use of telekinetic powers. At the same time, two high school girls plan an initiation night for their friend Julie (Meg Tilly), who is determined to shed her "goody goody" image. Her test is to spend the night locked in the crypt — the same one that Raymar has been buried in that very day. The crypt soon becomes a battlefield of horror, involving unmatred special effects with vaults cracking and exploding open, coffins sliding out and splintering open to release decayed corpses at Raymar's bidding. The climatic surprise ending will chill the audience and consume them with terror in this shocking tale of horror!

SWEET THING (DVD)

Film Movement

Taking place during the course of one eventful summer, *Sweet Thing* is a bittersweet, yet uplifting portrait of that magical time in youth when a day can last forever. In coastal Massachusetts, a dysfunctional family portrayed in all shades of black-and-white, lead forgotten lives. Discovering freedom and enchantment among the boats and railway tracks of New Bedford, 15-year-old Billie and her 11-year-old brother Nico embark on an adventure into the fantastic and poetic world of childhood, unseen by the adults around them.

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

VETERANS FUNDRAISER IN REVERE

There will be a veteran's fundraiser on Sunday, October 10th from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Mottolo VFW Post 4524, 61 Lucia Avenue, Revere. All proceeds to benefit Disabled and Limbless Veterans Association. Donations \$20. For more information, call 781-284-9598. Trifecta will be on stage with the music. If you loved Vinyl Groove, you will love Trifecta.

SAL G. MEETS ELVIS IN MARSHFIELD



Elvis and Sal G., are in the house (Photo by Elizabeth Cytrynowski)

Recently I was down at the WMEX radio studios and actually went on air with both Larry Justice and Benny Rabi. I felt like an actual DJ reaching for my inner Woo-Woo Ginsburg.

As I entered the studio, I was met by a larger than life Elvis Presley, so we fist-bumped each other.

VIVA PUERTO RICO AND CHELSEA



Glady, Taniari Garcia, and Sal G. (Photo by Roy Avellaneda)

Recently, I met up with friends from Chelsea at a union rally in Central Square, East Boston.

SHOPPING AND COUGHING
While shopping recently, I heard a shopper coughing big

LATEST STAND UP FOR EASTIE PROTEST RALLY



Protesters gather together

A couple of weeks back (on September 25th) members of the Stand up for Eastie group held a rally in Central Square East Boston in its fight to halt the overdevelopment of this neighborhood.



A message that says it all (Photo by Sal Giarratani)

One of the leaders of this group, Joni DeMarzo, speaking to the crowd, said that when it comes to many developers, the sky's the limit and then pointing to the traffic in the square, adding that down here on the ground the infrastructure is bringing life as we know to a halt. I and many others in the neighborhood frustrated with overdevelopment know exactly of what she speaks.

time. I looked over toward the cougher and saw a woman wearing her mask on her chin. There is a time and place for a mask; this was definitely one of those times!

REAL ESTATE ADVERTISEMENT FORGOT ONE THING TO MENTION

The other day a real estate postcard arrived in the mail. It was advertising a new condo listing in a building. It didn't list where the condo was located, but I had a good idea, and I was right. Turns out while

this condo may be close to the T, highway, and tunnels, or not far from Spinelli's and Santarpio's, the advertisement failed to acknowledge the first floor unit is used as a funeral parlor. For me that would be a game-changer, how about you?

The last thing I want is to keep listening for noises downstairs at 2:00 a.m. Sounds silly, but I want to sleep well at night and not be awakened in a horrible horror movie. Know what I mean?

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as well as our neighbors in
surrounding communities, a

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