



BLADE ANIME/ WOLVERINE ANIME (2-DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Both two-disc sets include all 12 episodes from each series, with epic battles and action-packed story lines. **BLADE ANIME** features the voice of Harold Perrineau as Eric Brooks, a/k/a Blade. The three new featurettes include: The Marvel Anime Universe: Blade Re-Awakened, Blade: The Vampire-Slayer and Special Talk Session: Marvel Anime's Blade and Wolverine. **WOLVERINE ANIME** stars Mio Ventimiglia voicing the title character of Wolverine. The three new featurettes have: The Marvel Anime Universe: Wolverine Reborn, The Ferocious Anti-Hero: Wolverine Defined and Wolverine Meets X-Men. Both sets feature interviews with series creators.

STEP UP (Blu-ray)

Touchstone Home Ent.

Experience the dynamic dancing and awesome music of 'Step Up' starring Channing Tatum as Tyler Gage, a streetwise hunk with a reckless streak. This exhilarating movie is about never giving up on your dreams. When Tyler is sentenced to do community service at a school for the performing arts, he wants nothing to do with their world ... until he meets a beautiful dancer who gives him a chance and helps him discover his astonishing pure talent. Music track with Yung Joc, Sean Paul, Chris Brown, Kells, Mario and Ciara. Electrifying!

DEATH WATCH (Blu-ray)

Shout! Factory

'Death Watch' is a highly acclaimed 1980 film whose story is part human drama and part futuristic cautionary tale. The focus is primarily on two people: terminally ill Katherine (Romy Schneider), and Roddy (Harvey Keitel), who after having a camera planted into his brain, is hired by the producer of the TV series 'Death Watch', to film a documentary of Katherine without her knowledge. A deeply moving and fascinating look at society in decay, and poignant as well, knowing that Schneider herself died tragically two years later.

BOARDWALK EMPIRE: THE COMPLETE SECOND SEASON (5-Blu-ray)

HBO Home Ent.

Season two of 'Boardwalk Empire' begins in 1921 Atlantic City. In the wake of Prohibition, Enoch "Nucky" Thompson (Steve Buscemi) wields ultimate power in "the world's playground." After rigging the Atlantic City mayoral election, Nucky and young WWI veteran Jimmy Darmody appear to be in control of the city. However, their grip soon begins to un-

ravel as Nucky is arrested for election fraud and members of both his inner circle and family begin to question their allegiances. Mobsters like Arnold Rothstein, Lucky Luciano, Meyer Lansky, and Al Capone wait in the wings, looking for the opportunity to grab a bigger piece of Nucky's pie!

TWO AND A HALF MEN: THE COMPLETE NINTH SEASON (3-DVD)

Warner Home Video

Season Nine comes with big changes — and even bigger laughs from TV's favorite comedy! When hopeless nebbish Alan Harper (Jon Cryer) and his fast-maturing son Jake (Angus T. Jones) suddenly find themselves without a place to call home, their solution walks in off the beach in the form of Internet gazillionaire Walden Schmidt (Ashton Kutcher). Walden buys the Malibu beach pad and offers to let Alan and Jake stay. Soon, the three guys bond, forming a substitute family, and find themselves involved in all sorts of comedic exploits. Check out 24 fresh episodes and bonus gems!

THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE NEW YORK GIANTS (2-DVD)

NFL Films-Gaiam

Vivendi Ent.

Since 1925, the New York Giants have been a model franchise for the National Football League. The record speaks for itself: 22 division titles and six world championships, including four Super Bowl victories. Captured are all of the great moments in Giants history, including their upset victories over the New England Patriots in Super Bowls XLII and XLVI. Bonus features include an in-depth "Greatest Games" feature on the team's victory in the 2007 NFC Championship Game. A must-have DVD set for all NFL fans!

BOB DYLAN AND THE BAND - DOWN IN THE FLOOD (DVD)

Sexy Intellectual

In 1966 Bob Dylan began his first electric world tour. It was a landmark moment, both for Dylan and for the history of rock music, and it bitterly divided his audience. Backing Dylan on stage was an obscure group of Canadian musicians collectively known as The Hawks. In the months following the tour they would join Dylan during a lengthy convalescence in New York's Catskill Mountains. When both parties emerged Dylan had undergone an artistic transformation, and The Hawks became 'The Band' — one of the most important recording groups of their generation. Together, the duo also made legendary amateur recordings in Woodstock. History!!!

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

"TAKE BACK THE STREETS" SHOULD BE MORE THAN SLOGANS

The recent violence in our neighborhoods hurts so much. As the first of three women gunned down sitting inside a car is laid to rest, the clergy and families ask for violence to stop. At numerous rallies, we hear politicians like Mayor Menino or folks like Police Commissioner Ed Davis saying we must take back our streets from those that have turned the place into a killing field. Speeches and sound bites give little hope because actions speak louder than words. At the funeral for Sharon Perkins, Rev. John M. Borders from Morning Star Baptist Church in Mattapan stated, "We have to expose the people, call names of those who run in gangs, those who commit violent acts must be exposed to the light ... We cannot be afraid of exposing what we know to the authorities ... We need to learn to report all suspicious activity like we report a suspicious bag of luggage at an airport." Rev. Border's strong sermon was answered with a loud "Amen!" However, amending a sermon isn't enough. It is far past the time for people to lament at funerals and then forget everything 24 hours later like it never happened. A neighborhood is a community and a community is a shared experience. This means everyone is in it together. Things will be as good as we want them to be and as bad as we allow them to be. Stop b*tch*ing and start doing. The police react but only the people can act.

DEMOCRATS GO NEGATIVE ON TISEI

Former State Senator Richard Tisei, R-Wakefield, was a very effective state senator in his Senate district and also an effective Republican leader up on Beacon Hill. Two years ago, he was Charlie Baker's running mate for lieutenant governor. This year he is running for U.S. Congress up in

the North Shore against embattled U.S. Rep. John Tierney, D-Salem, who is mired in a family scandal gone federal. His family's legal troubles have cast a pale on his re-election campaign as he basically started acting and sounding like Sgt. Schultz from "Hogan's Heroes."

The Massachusetts Democratic Party has launched a two-pronged attack on Tisei over Tisei's family's past legal issues. They have put up a website, www.TiseiFacts.com. Republicans have their own website, www.HowCouldTierneyNotKnow.com. Also, Tisei just unveiled another website, www.TierneysTales.com devoted to calling for an ethics investigation of the eight-term Tierney.

I AM BACKING BETH CHILDS AGAINST BIELAT

Over in retiring U.S. Rep. Barney Frank's District the Republicans are having a primary between Sean Bielat, who almost took down Frank two years ago and Beth Childs, a Republican from Brookline. I've known Childs for over 25 years. I see her as a moderate Republican. Meanwhile, Bielat is a hard-line conservative and Tea Party favorite. I find him to be a conservative wing-nut, too far out of the mainstream for this social conservative. Can anyone beat Jo-Jo-Jo Kennedy is anybody's guess. Who is the most qualified in this race is an open question. This House district runs from liberal Newton and Brookline down to Wrentham, North Attleboro, Plainville to the Rhode Island border, which is much more Republican country. This district was once held for decades by former Republican Speaker Joe Martin from North Attleboro.

I will be rooting for Childs in this race. Hopefully, she will go on to that matchup with the Kennedy Dynasty.

WALGREENS WANTS WILAT IN DOWNTOWN CROSSING?

Walgreens is hoping to open its Boston flagship store this fall in Downtown Crossing at the old Borders Bookstore site across from the Old South Meeting House on Washington Street. The Illinois drugstore chain is seeking to sell alcohol. There's a law in Boston preventing drugstores from selling cigarettes because smoking is bad for you. I don't think alcohol sales seem appropriate for a drugstore either. If you can sell beer, why not sell cigarettes too?

Supporters included the Midtown Park Plaza Neighborhood Association as is the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District folks too. Rosemary Sansone is the president of the latter group and stated, "We feel they are a reputable company ... With a growing number of residents in the district, it's important that a number of options be offered to them and the Walgreens emporium will do just that." Besides beer, Walgreens stated it will be selling smoothies, sushi, wraps, salads, sandwiches and the usual drugstore goods. I guess that means, like, prescription medicines, which is what a drug store is supposed to do, huh?

"NO REPRESENTATION WITHOUT TAXATION"

The above was an actual bumper sticker seen by me over in the Peoples Republic of Jamaica Plain. Apparently those politically correct liberals have completely forgotten why we went to war against Britain and King George. Did they also forget the Boston Tea Party, Bunker Hill and they seemingly forgot the slogan, "No taxation without representation" too.

The other day I heard U.S. Senator Scott Brown on the radio warning all listening that come New Year's Day, all Americans would wake up with huge tax increases unless all of us storm the gates of Capitol Hill. We need to let Capitol Hill know we want them to act quickly to stop those coming tax hikes.

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