



**RUBEN BLADES -  
THE RETURN OF  
RUBEN BLADES  
(Blu-ray)**

**MVDvisual**

As a documentary filmmaker seeking to capture the life and career of Ruben Blades on film, Robert Mugge saw his own biggest challenge as simply keeping up with this seemingly tireless potential subject. Finally, Blades and Mugge came to terms, after which Mugge and his crew spent the spring and summer of 1985 shooting the following: a concert by Blades and his band Seis del Solar at the New York City club S.O.B.'s (Sounds of Brazil); an interview with Blades at his New York City apartment; a conversation between Blades and author Pete Hamill in a New York City park; Blades' graduation from Harvard Law School (including conversations with his mother and his dean); a Spanish-language recording session in Los Angeles featuring Blades and guest vocalist Linda Ronstadt; a joint interview with Blades and Ronstadt (who was then contemplating recording her own albums of Mexican songs she learned at home as a child); and a trip by Blades to his hometown of Panama City. In Panama, Blades was filmed on the balcony of his new high-rise apartment overlooking his city's changing landscape, in front of the bank where he once worked as an attorney, joining his father for a visit to the neighborhood where he grew up, in a courtyard discussing his intention to run for president of Panama one day, and walking along the Panama Canal discussing the sometimes tense relations between his native and adopted countries.

**VIRAL (DVD)**

**Anchor Bay Ent.**

From the producer of *The Visit*, *The Purge*, and *Insidious*, and from the director of *Nerve*, comes the deadly thriller *Viral*. Teenaged sisters Emma (Sophia Black-D'Elia) and Stacey (Analeigh Tipton) live a normal life until their small suburban neighborhood is stricken with a mysterious parasitic virus. As the disease rapidly spreads through town, the two band together to barricade themselves from infection. But it may already be too late — when the virus enters their home, the sisters are faced with an impossible choice: protect each other, or survive the virus.

**TRADES (DVD)**

**Cinedigm**

In 1880s Kansas, a sharpshooter turned rancher, Clay Travis (Michael Paré), goes from happily married father of two to a man on a mission after the disappearance of his 17-year-old daughter Lily. Determined to bring her home and protect what little family he has left, Clay leaves his quiet ranch and heads to Wichita and on to Dodge City, where he's forced to confront Ty Stover (Trace Adkins), an old nemesis, and put his reputation as the fastest draw in the West on the line. With the help of an unlikely companion, hardened old barkeep Billy (Kris Kristofferson),

he leaves a trail of gun smoke and dead bodies in his wake in order to bring his daughter home.

**IN THE DEEP (DVD)**

**Anchor Bay Ent.**

Sisters Lisa (Mandy Moore) and Kate (Claire Holt) become trapped at the bottom of the ocean when a diving expedition to observe sharks goes horribly wrong. When the cable attaching the observation cage to the boat breaks and the cage sinks to the bottom of the ocean, the sisters must figure out a way to get back to safety battling injuries, lack of oxygen, and, worst of all, bloodthirsty, great white sharks. Also starring Yani Gellman and Matthew Modine. Just when they thought it was safe to get into the water!

**CONFIRMATION (Blu-ray)**

**HBO Home Ent.**

*Confirmation* stars Kerry Washington as Anita Hill, along with Wendell Pierce and Greg Kinnear, and takes a look behind the curtain of Washington politics. The movie depicts the explosive 1991 Clarence Thomas Supreme Court nomination hearings, where Anita Hill accused him of sexual harassment, bringing the country to a standstill and forever changing the way we think about sexual harassment, victims' rights and modern-day race relations. Written by Susannah Grant and directed by Rick Famuyiwa, the film depicts a pivotal moment in American culture that became a turning point in workplace equality and gender politics.

**THE KNICK:**

**THE COMPLETE SECOND SEASON (Blu-ray)**

**HBO Home Ent.**

In the second season, *The Knick* faces an upheaval, as Dr. John Thackery's absence (due to his hospitalization for cocaine addiction), a dearth of affluent patients, and financial missteps have led to the board's decision to shutter the hospital and move to a new building uptown. In this world of corruption, invention, and progress, everyone is searching for the new path that will help him or her survive. Whether it's a path toward justice, freedom, love or just plain survival, nothing comes easy. As relocation plans proceed, the gifted but under-appreciated Dr. Algeron Edwards jockeys to become Thackery's successor as chief of surgery, while fellow doctors, nurses, nuns and administrators grapple with personal and professional challenges at work and in their private lives.

**MY GOLDEN DAYS (Blu-ray)**

**Magnolia Home Ent.**

*My Golden Days* is the story of Paul Dédalus, an anthropologist preparing to leave Tajikistan. Reflecting on his life, he has a series of flashbacks that unfold in three episodes. The first includes his childhood in Roubaix, France. He next recalls a student trip to the U.S.S.R., where a clandestine mission led him to offer his identity to a young Russian. Finally, he remembers university life and returning home to party with his sister and shifting circle of friends. Most of all, he remembers Ester, the love of his life.

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

**CURTATONE STANDS WITH  
"BLACK LIVES MATTER"  
BANNER**

Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone has rejected a request by the police union in Somerville to remove the "Black Lives Matter" banner on City Hall and replace it with an "All Lives Matter" banner. Curtatone said he would not take down the banner over the entrance to City Hall.

WRKO radio host Jeff Kuhnner gave him a nickname a while ago, and it fits. When it comes to this offensive banner that many see as anti-police, the mayor has lived up to the Kuhnnerman's tag "Mayor Joe Curtaphony."

**HAMPTON BEACH  
CHILDRENS FESTIVAL**

The Children's Festival is coming to Hampton Beach, NH from August 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to: [www.hamptonbeach.org](http://www.hamptonbeach.org).

**WALSH WANTS MORE  
AFFORDABLE UNITS  
AT THE SEAPORT**

Mayor Marty Walsh is pushing for more affordable units down at the Seaport. He actually said we may have missed the boat because it is mostly high-end development without affordable units. Walsh stated that the city is even looking at the idea of constructing a public school down there. Most of the folks moving there have plenty of money and few, if any, kids. These folks have dogs; they need dog parks, that's it. As far as bringing in families with kids, that sounds like a pipe-dream to me.

**FAMILY FUN DAY  
TENEAN BEACH**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>**

The second annual family fun beach day is scheduled at Dorchester's Tenean Beach, located on Conley Street, on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. For the second year in a row, the Port Norfolk Civic Association was granted funds from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay in addition to support from elected officials who all help to make this day possible.

The fun starts at 11:00 am and runs until 4:00 pm. For more information, contact Carla at [carlatankle@gmail.com](mailto:carlatankle@gmail.com).

**BEST PRICE IN TOWN  
FOR GAS**

The best place in Boston for pump prices is located

in Roslindale on Washington Street at ALFA Fuel where the price is only \$2.05 per gallon.

**DOES THIS MAKE SENSE  
TO YOU?**

Driving the other day, I noticed gas pump prices all over the place. I have seen highs and lows, but not usually at the same intersection. Over in Quincy, near the Quincy Police Headquarters, I noticed Gulf was selling gas for \$2.49 a gallon while right across the road, Super Stop & Shop had a

nicer \$2.09 price tag. Then in Dorchester near Mother Teresa Church (a.k.a. St. Margaret's), I saw Gulf selling for \$2.39 while Speedway across the street was down to \$2.15. Why, I ask, at either intersection would drivers have a hard time choosing what goes in their car? Also, I ask, what kind of special gas should be either 40 to 24 cents cheaper at one gas station compared to the another right next to it?

Just thinking out loud.

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