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**DVD PLAYHOUSE: MARCH 2010**

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**ROSA AND THE EXECUTIONER OF THE FIEND** (MVD) Spanish-language film about a lonely widow, a Jew who escaped Nazi persecution in 1939 and lives across from the U.N. building in New York, who is taken hostage by an enraged Cuban who, armed with a sniper rifle, vows “to execute one of the greatest fiends the world has ever known” as he arrives at the U.N. Strong, claustrophobic drama feels more like a play committed to film, but is still powerful, and somewhat reminiscent of Frank Sinatra’s film *Suddenly*, about an assassin who takes a family hostage in a small town. Widescreen. Dolby 5.1 surround.