

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

CSI: VEGAS - SEASON ONE (3DVD) / CBS Home Ent. + Paramount Home Ent.

Watch as Jorja Fox and William Peterson from the original *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* return to their infamous roles as Sara Sidle and Gil Grissom. *CSI: Vegas - Season One*, follows the team as they return to where it all began, where they are faced with obstacles and try to keep the city of Las Vegas from disaster. *CSI: Vegas - Season One*, the sequel to the Network's global hit *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, opens a brand-new chapter in Las Vegas — the city where it all began. Facing an existential threat that could bring down the entire Crime Lab and release thousands of convicted killers back onto the neon-lit streets of Vegas, a brilliant new team of investigators led by Maxine Roby (Paula Newsome) must enlist the help of old friends, Gil Grissom (William Petersen), Sara Sidle (Jorja Fox) and David Hodges (Wallace Langham). This combined force will deploy the latest forensic techniques to do what they do best — follow the evidence — in order to preserve and serve justice in Sin City. This 3-disc collection features every shocking episode from the first season with three bonus featurettes and deleted scenes.

THE GREAT: SEASON TWO (4DVD) / Paramount Home Ent.

The critically acclaimed and wildly entertaining comedic series *The Great Season Two*, was created and executive produced by Academy Award and Golden Globe nominee Tony McNamara. *The Great* has garnered notable awards recognition since its debut in 2020, including multiple Emmy, SAG Award, Critics Choice Awards and Golden Globe nominations. *The Great* has also been nominated for four Writers Guild Awards, with Tony McNamara winning for Episodic Comedy in 2021. *The Great* is a satirical comedy — and occasionally true story — about the rise of Catherine the Great (Elle Fanning) from outsider to the longest reigning female ruler in Russia's history. With Elle Fanning and Nicholas Hoult reprising their Golden Globe-nominated roles, Season Two finds Catherine finally taking the Russian throne for her own. But if she thought coupling her husband was difficult, it's nothing compared to the realities of liberating a country that doesn't want to be. She'll battle her court, her team, even her own mother (played by two-time Emmy Award-winning actress Gillian Anderson) in a bid to bring the Enlightenment to Russia. The 4-disc DVD set features all ten episodes from Season Two, plus exclusive deleted scenes and an uproarious blooper reel, and is also available to stream on Hulu.

a-ha - a-ha: The Movie (Blu-ray) Lightyear Ent.

The music of Queen and the Velvet Underground instilled a sense of destiny in three teenagers living in 1970s Norway. That dream led to

A-ha: featuring keyboardist Magne Furuholm, vocalist Morten Harket, and guitarist Pål Waktar-Savoy. "Take on Me" was one of the biggest pop songs ever made and made these teens global superstars. 36 years and 50 million albums later, a-ha still sells out arenas worldwide — but can they mend broken friendships to get on stage and create new music still? Everybody remembers the iconic video, but most Americans don't know that there have been 10 studio albums and 5 live albums since their debut. *a-ha - a-ha: The Movie* follows the band over their entire career, telling the full story of how three young men followed their impossible dream of becoming worldwide pop stars and what happened after that. a-ha still creates magic on stage with their melancholic and timeless music. They tour the world but drive in separate cars and stay apart backstage. They only meet on stage, while doing the one thing they love. The film closely portrays the challenging creative and personal dynamics of a group of three strong individuals. A story of great music, big ambitions, broken friendship — and maybe forgiveness.

A LIFE AMONG WHALES (DVD) IndiePix Films

Up until recently, whaling was more or less universally accepted and whales were seen as resources to be exploited rather than thinking, feeling animals with their own intrinsic value. But thanks to the work of passionate conservators as Dr. Roger Payne, a renowned whale biologist and activist credited with spearheading global public awareness of the plight of whales, the world no longer turns a blind eye to these beautiful ocean behemoths. Weaving together a unique hybrid of natural history and biography, the award-winning *A Life Among Whales* is a fascinating exploration into Payne's life and pioneering work in the '60s and '70s. Featuring remarkable cinematography and capturing Payne's infectious spirit and fascinating discoveries, *A Life Among Whales* is released just in time to celebrate Earth Day (April 22nd), shining a light on films that celebrate the very best of their highly-curated catalog. Dr. Payne's pioneering spirit has consistently advanced the boundaries of science and activism. His dedication to protecting and saving whales, forces us to question our stewardship of the earth and co-existence with some of its most intriguing creatures.

GIRL ON A CHAIN GANG (Blu-ray) / Film Detective

William Watson, Julie Ange, and Ron Charles star in this stirring shocker about three young people who are framed, arrested, and tossed into jail by corrupt Southern police. Producer Jerry Gross exercised his social conscience in this drama about Southern cops. It was made one year after three civil rights workers were murdered in Mississippi, a subject Gross must've believed was worth exploiting into drive-in theater fare.

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

RHS Class of '82 40th Reunion

On Friday, July 29th, the Revere High School Class of '82 Committee is getting ready to celebrate their 40th year. Boy, does time fly. They want you to join them at the 1st Hotel on Revere Beach. Time to have a fun night from 7:00 - 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact: reverehighclassof82reunion@gmail.com.

No admittance at door without prepayment — cocktail party, appetizers, desserts, music, dancing, and much more.

Don't Forget to Register to Vote

There is an election coming up soon for the District 1 City Council special election on Tuesday, May 3rd. Don't forget to register in time to vote for the candidate of your choice.

Sixth Annual Moroccan Festival in Revere

The 6th annual Moroccan Festival is returning to Revere on Saturday, June 25th, from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at the Whalen Elementary School on Newhall Street. The event will highlight the culture and history of the city's growing Moroccan community, now at least 10 percent of the city population. The event is free and open to the public.

Sometimes

I Just Don't Get Trump

Former President Donald Trump is still angry at Brian Kemp of Georgia over the 2020 election. Trump has decided to endorse former U.S. Senator David Perdue to challenge Kemp in the state primary after Kemp refused to overturn the state's election results. Strange thing though, Georgia Republicans still largely support his re-election bid.

Trump should stay out of this governor's race because he can only weaken Republican chances of holding on to the governor's office. If Kemp wins, the party is divided. If Perdue wins, the party is equally divided. This can only make Democrats smile. Stacey Abrams might even win with such a GOP split thanks to the Trumpster. Stopping the Democrats and Abrams should be the number 1 priority.

New York, New York

Singing New York, New York to sell Philadelphia Cream Cheese? Why did the cream cheese company use Frank Sinatra's hit tune in their 1980s commercial? Remember the lyrics, "Start spreading the news," that's why.

Did You Know?

The first cell phone call was made on April 3, 1973, but the phone was so huge that you needed a suitcase to carry it in.

Never Mess with Pigs

News story out of nearby Connecticut: a pair of pigs fought off a big bad bear that had climbed into their pen. According to the video of this brawl, it looked like the WWF. The pig couple Mary and Hammy wasn't going to allow a bear to spoil their day and the bear found himself backed into a corner up on its hind legs. Moral of the story: before you enter the pen, make sure you can beat them up first. Otherwise keep moving along.

Really Crunchy Peanut Butter

Skippy has recalled tens of thousands of jars of peanut butter in 18 states over concerns that they may have been contaminated with fragments of stainless steel from nearby manufacturing machinery. No peanut butter injuries reported so far.



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