



**BABYLON**  
(4K Ultra HD & Blu-ray)  
Paramount Home Ent.

From Damien Chazelle, *Babylon* is an original epic set in 1920s Los Angeles led by Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie and Diego Calva, with an ensemble cast including Jovan Adepo, Li Jun Li and Jean Smart. A tale of outsized ambition and outrageous excess, it traces the rise and fall of multiple characters during an era of unbridled decadence and depravity in early Hollywood.

**SADNESS AND JOY**  
IN THE LIFE OF GIRAFFES  
(DVD)

IndiePix Films

Based on the play by renowned Portuguese playwright Tiago Gomes Rodrigues and adapted for film by director Tiago Guedes, *Sadness And Joy In The Life Of Giraffes* follows the adventures of Giraffe (Maria Abreu), a quirky 10-year-old girl, tall for her age, addicted to dictionaries and determined to figure out how the world works for a school project. Unable to find the answers at home, she heads out across the city of Lisbon with her big, fat, mildly suicidal teddy bear companion, Judy Garland (Tónan Quito) in search of the only person who can help her on her quest: the prime minister of Portugal. A nationwide economic crisis, the Discovery Channel, a black panther, and the Russian playwright Anton Tchekhov are all part of the heroic journey of this little girl with an enormous problem to solve. Winner of Best Adapted Screenplay at the 2020 Portuguese Film Academy's Sophia Awards and nominated for Best Picture at the Guadalajara International Film Festival, *Sadness And Joy In The Life Of Giraffes*, garnered acclaim at film festivals the world over.

**TUBULAR BELLS**  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR:  
LIVE AT THE ROYAL  
FESTIVAL HALL  
(Blu-ray)  
Cauldron Films

Mike Oldfield's *Tubular Bells* is one of the most iconic pieces of music ever created. Recorded when Oldfield was just 19 years old, the album was released on May 25, 1973, as the debut album from Virgin Records. While initial sales were positive, the album became a worldwide phenomenon when the first track was used as part of the soundtrack for *The Exorcist*. Despite only being featured in a couple of scenes, *Tubular Bells* has become closely associated with the film, with many referring to it as "the theme of *The Exorcist*," and the haunting sounds regularly earning a spot on horror playlists. In the fifty years since its release, the album's popularity has not waned, racking up more than 17.5 million copies sold and 18 million streams. *Tubular Bells* was also a staple of the 2012 Summer Olympics Opening Ceremony. Academy Award-winner Danny Boyle, director of the opening, stated that he wanted to make the music the "cornerstone" of a 20-minute

sequence of the ceremony. *Tubular Bells* has regularly appeared in advertisements, television shows, movies, and has been incorporated into live performance by Tori Amos. In celebration of the album's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a live concert performance was held over three days at London's Royal Festival Hall. The music was accompanied by dance and acrobatic feats by the Circa Contemporary Circus to create a beautiful and memorable experience that truly brings this masterpiece to life. This once-in-a-lifetime performance was captured in 4K and is available on home video in both a 2-disc Blu-ray and 2-disc DVD set. Home audiences will be able to experience the unique performance while being treated to a feature-length documentary on the history of the *Tubular Bells*.

**WENDY O. WILLIAMS -**  
**WOW:**  
**LIVE AND LOUD**  
**FROM LONDON**  
(DVD) Pandemonium

Overlooked, and deserving of a second mention is the release of this rare live concert footage of the indomitable High Priestess of Metal, the late Wendy O. Williams, featuring Special Guests Lemmy and Wurzel from Motorhead, on DVD. *Wendy O. Williams - WOW: Live and Loud from London*, was shot at London's Camden Palace in London in 1985 and originally broadcast on Sky TV, the footage captures Williams in a rare and pinnacle moment in her now iconic and legendary career — with trademarked backbend screams and scorching vocals at an unmatched, blood-pumping, high-energy athletic pace. The largely speed-metal set features an appearance by Lemmy and Wurzel from Motorhead, who join Wendy onstage for the song "Jailbait," as well as audience sing-alongs for "Bump and Grind," with lead guitarist Michael Ray on Wendy's shoulders, the song "You'll Succeed," a crowd pleaser that never made it onto an album, Wendy's "Banana Rap," and much more. Wendy's musical career began in 1977, when she met radical counter-culture artist Rod Swenson in NYC and he created the Plasmatics, a band of changing musicians around her that revolutionized American culture, creating a shockwave still felt today. By 1982, after the release of two albums (*New Hope for the Wretched*, and *Beyond the Valley of 1984*), and an EP entitled *Metal Priestess*, the Plasmatics released the landmark punk-metal fusion album *Coup D'Etat*. For the next two albums, Williams and Swenson decided not to use the Plasmatics name, eliminate the theatrics ("been there, done that"), and focus on Wendy's vocals. Tragically, Williams committed suicide at the age of 48 via a self-inflicted gunshot wound, April 6, 1998. Tracklist from *WOW* includes: "Goin' Wild," "Pedal to the Metal," "No Class," "Party (Tonight)," "Jammin'," "Hoy Hey (Live to Rock)," and "Ain't None of Your Business)."

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

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY GRANDPA**



Happy St. Patrick's Day to our Grandpa (Sal G) from Owen and Emily Morrison  
(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

**QHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS**  
**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS,**  
**MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup>**

This *Little Shop of Horrors* presentation is a zany musical adaptation of a 1950s horror film by the same name. A few months ago, I was able to watch an early TV adaption of this horror film that came without any music but plenty of suspense.

This production is intended for high school audiences and adults due to thematic material. It will be held in Quincy High School's auditorium. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$5 for students. Show time at 7:30 p.m.

**SENATOR MIKE RUSH**  
**TO HOST HIS**  
**ANNUAL ST. PATTY'S BREAKFAST**



(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

This past Sunday morning, I was over at the Corrib Pub in West Roxbury for Senator Mike Rush's Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast and once again, his breakfast celebration was well attended. As I entered the establishment, all I could see was a sea of green and Mike Rush up on stage singing a few Irish songs. I am sure if they had a tune about "Westie is My Hometown," he would have been singing it.

**I GUESS WE CAN KISS GOODBYE**  
**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
**GOING FORWARD!**

A judge has recently ruled that biological men can now compete in women's powerlifting competition. There goes another assault on women's sports competitions. They might as well abolish Title IX protections for female athletics while they're at it.

The crazies are now in charge of our society today, they can't even define what the word "woman" means. I could say who cares, but I care and so do lots of young female athletes who are now under a full-scale assault on all women's sports competition.

Call yourself a "woman," and take home a trophy because all that matters is you. I guess that also means we can forget about the need to pass any ERA Amendment up on Capitol Hill because the crazies are twisting equal rights, too, and women are no longer in need of equal rights because today anyone can be a woman by just saying so. Maybe it's just me. Maybe not?

**YOU KNOW YOU'VE GOTTEN OLD WHEN ...**

This past Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> was Timmy's 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday. I wonder how old Lassie is now in dog years. Happy birthday to Jon Provost that little kid is now an old guy like me.

By the way, if you're an O.G. like me, you remember before Timmy, there was Jeff who owned Lassie. The actor was Tommy Rettig who played Jeff Miller. By 1957, Rettig was aging out of the show at 16 years old and was replaced by Jon Provost. Rettig passed by the way in 1996 at age 54.

**LOOKING FOR YOUR**  
**POST-GAZETTE IN REVERE?**

If you are looking for your latest copy of the Post-Gazette over in the City of Revere, you can always find it at Luberto's Pastry on Broadway, and now there is a new spot for you. You can now also get the paper over at Vinny's Food Market on Malden Street. Angelo Prezioso opened this market in 1977 and on April 20, Vinny's Market will be celebrating its 46th anniversary in business.



Angelo Prezioso with Lucia Fasulo behind the counter waiting to service his customers. Angelo is holding up a copy of his favorite paper too, he loves getting his Post-Gazette every Thursday.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

**BOCCE ON THE BEACH 2023**

Bocce on the Beach 2023 will take place this year on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will benefit the Rumney Marsh Burial Ground Committee. For more information, go to [rmbgcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:rmbgcommittee@gmail.com).

**SHAMROCK SPLASHING**  
**FOR OUR BEACHES**

This past Sunday a large bunch of shivering beach lovers took a plunge into Constitution Beach to raise money for Save the Harbor's Better Beaches Program Partnership. The so-called "Shamrock Splashes" have already raised more than \$45,000 on their way to their \$50,000 goal to protect all our beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

**MET UP WITH**  
**JULIE DEVEREAUX AT WMEX RADIO**



Sal Giarratani and Julie Devereaux  
(Photo by Benny Rabi)

Last week while down in Marshfield at the WMEX studio distributing food to veterans outside the radio studio's front door, I met up with the newest radio show host Julie Devereaux. She's been on the air a few weeks now and going strong between 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. As soon as I heard her name, I recognized it. She used to be on WROR years back on the FM dial with Lauren & Wally. I always had my dial on 105.7 back then before WMEX returned to the air where I listen to old rock and roll music today.

**GAS PRICES ALWAYS RIGHT DOWN ON**  
**ROUTE 139 PEMBROKE-MARSHFIELD**



Great price last week, so I filled up the tank instantly!