



COLD CASE
HAMMARSKJOLD (DVD)
CBS Home Ent. + Magnolia
Home Ent.

U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash on September 18, 1961, while headed to oversee cease-fire negotiations in the Congo. Now, 50-plus years later, Danish journalist, filmmaker and provocateur Mads Brügger leads us down an investigative rabbit hole to unearth the truth. Scores of false starts, dead ends and elusive interviews later, Brügger and his sidekick, begin to sniff out something more monumental than anything they'd initially imagined. Local residents reported sightings of a second plane and a red flash with sounds of gunfire. The duo revisits the crash site and conduct interviews to find out whether the incident was a conspiracy to take down the U.N. Secretary General, and discover a crucial puzzle piece that could send shockwaves around the world.

SCARED OF REVOLUTION
(DVD) Film Movement

Umar Bin Hassan walks with difficulty and there is sadness and fatigue in his eyes. After a difficult early life, he became a major influence on the world of hip-hop through his work as a member of The Last Poets, who expressed the progressive spirit of the time, starting in the late 1960s. Based on Christine Otten's book, *The Last Poets*, it concentrates on Hassan's personal life, in which he still fights his demons. Growing up poor with a violent, unpredictable father, which in turn left him with an inferiority complex, plus he has had a string of bad relationships, left his children without a father figure, and in his darkest hour, battled a crack addiction. Taking control of his life again, Hassan breaks the destructive cycle and does his best to be the devoted father and grandfather that he was never fortunate enough to have.

CITY ON A HILL
SEASON ONE (4-DVD)
SHOWTIME, CBS Home Ent.
& Paramount Home Ent.

Set in 1990s Boston, *City On a Hill* is a cinematic non-drama starring Golden Globe winner, Kevin Bacon and Aldis Hodge. Arriving in Boston, idealistic Assistant District Attorney Decourcy Ward (Hodge) discovers a place rife with criminals and corrupt, racist local law enforcement. He forms an unlikely alliance with Jackie Rohr (Bacon), a crooked FBI agent and local fixture who knows where (most of) the bodies are buried. Together they take on a family of armored car robbers from Charlestown in a case that grows to involve and ultimately subvert the city's entire criminal justice system. *City On a Hill* is executive produced by Academy Award-winner Matt Damon.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (DVD)
Kit Parker Films

Alastair Sim's tour-de-force performance as the ultimate miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, has almost single-handedly made this beloved version of Charles Dickens' story, *A Christmas Carol*, into one of the best-loved

Christmas films of all time. Some of Britain's best filmmakers united behind Sim, who was joined by a delightful cast of accomplished and acclaimed English actors, creating what many today believe to be the best and most faithful production of Dickens' immortal tale. Cranky and curmudgeonly Scrooge learns the error of his unkind ways and is taught the true meaning of the holidays when he is visited by the ghost of his late partner and the spirits of Christmas past, present and future.

THE LOUDEST VOICE
(3-DVD)
Showtime Networks +
CBS Home Ent. &
Paramount Home Ent.

Academy Award-winner, Russell Crowe gives a powerful performance as *Fox News* Founder Roger Ailes in this seven-part limited event series. The series chronicles Ailes' relentless, stop-at-nothing mission to start *Fox News* and build it into a force that changed the media landscape ... and the sexual indiscretions, manipulation and intimidation tactics that tainted his legacy. The series also touches on defining moments in Ailes' political life, where he arguably became the Republican Party's de facto leader, reshaped public opinion and set the stage for Donald Trump's presidency. In today's politically charged media landscape, no figure loomed larger than Roger Ailes, and this inside story of his rise and fall is one for the ages.

HOLLY NEAR:
SINGING FOR OUR LIVES
(DVD)
Omnibus Ent.

Singer, songwriter and social activist, Holly Near, has been performing for well over 50 years and in the process created what Gloria Steinem called, "the first soundtrack of the women's movement." From small-town Northern California to sold-out shows on some of the most iconic stages to million-person peace marches, *Holly Near: Singing For Our Lives* documents the story of the activist and her art. Soaring anthems that call for women's rights, gay rights, anti-war protests and all human rights, Near's music speaks directly to the world's young political activists of today. It also serves as an important testament to a time – a time of protest and coalition building, and the weaving of a multicultural consciousness, always rooted in contemporary activism.

SHADE (Blu-ray)
MVD Marquee Collection

The hand is quicker than the eye in L.A.'s underground gambling scene, hustlers get hustled and fortunes ride on every deal. Three small-time grifters devise a plan to beat the ultimate card mechanic – The Dean (Sylvester Stallone). But a seat at the Dean's table doesn't come cheap. Stallone, Melanie Griffith, Hal Holbrook, Gabriel Byrne, Jamie Foxx, Stuart Townsend and Thandie Newton, star in this stylish thriller where quick maneuvers and shady alliances keep you guessing until the last hand is revealed.

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



I was recently invited to the **Dorchester Board of Trade at the Venezia Restaurant in the Port Norfolk section of Dorchester and met up with Jim Cassetta, President and CEO of Work Inc., and Jack Torchetti (L-R).**

MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM MELANIE



Merry Christmas from Melanie Franklin not to be confused with Ben Franklin from the Adams Village office East Boston Savings Bank.

GANA POR UN VOTO

I picked up a copy of *El Mundo* newspaper the other day and read the headline "Gana por un voto," and I didn't have to know Spanish to know it meant that a Boston City Council election was won by one single vote.

On the campaign trail, I met both Julia Mejia and Alejandra St. Guillen. I knew these two Latina candidates were vying for a spot on the City Council at Large ballot. I also knew both were pulling from the same voter base. I thought their votes would be close, but not THIS close. When the recount was finished Mejia was declared the winner over St. Guillen by a single vote, 22,492 to 22,491.

Hopefully, this election result showed everyone that every single vote counts. Our vote is necessary to ensure that our democratic republic works for



Here is Leigha at the counter at the busy **Everyday Café on Bridge Street in North Weymouth** next to the Christmas tree where customers have been leaving gifts for the shop's **Season for Seniors Campaign**. Leave a gift, and receive a free coffee. What a deal for you and those in need, huh?

all of us.

HOUSE PASSES RX BILL

Last week, up on Capitol Hill, the House passed sweeping legislation that would lower prescription drug prices by allowing the federal government to negotiate the costs of the most expensive meds, including insulin.

The Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act, a.k.a. H.R. 3 would give the U.S. Department of Human Services which oversees Medicare, the power to negotiate the costs of up to 250 of the most expensive drugs.

U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan, D-MA, stated, "Twenty-four percent of Americans didn't fill a prescrip-

tion last year due to the price and one in three Americans report skipping doses due to cost."

However, the House faces an uphill battle in the U.S. Senate and the president has vowed to veto the legislation. Here I support Trahan.

LOU PASQUALE
HONORED IN DORCHESTER



Lou Pasquale with Sal Giarratani

Lou Pasquale who has worked for Phillips Family Hospital on Morrissey Blvd., for over 60 years was honored by Mayor Marty Walsh who named the corner of Freeport Street and Morrissey Blvd., "Lou Pasquale Square" for a great man who has helped thousands of folks and never looked for a pat on the back. He loves people and everyone loves Lou.

QUOTE TO NOTE

"Pope Paul VI once said, 'When I was young the days were short and the years were long. Now that I am old, the days are long and the years are short.'"

— Thomas F. Clasby, Jr.
 Director, Quincy Council on Aging

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