



WHERE'S THE MONEY (DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

In this outrageously fresh comedy, Del (Andrew "King Bach" Bachlor), a quick-witted young man from the streets of South Central L.A., learns that his still-in-prison father (Mike Epps) and just-out-of-jail uncle (Terry Crews) stole a million dollars and stashed it in the basement of an old flophouse. There's just one problem: A major university is encroaching on the 'hood and that old flophouse is a newly gentrified (all-white) fraternity house. Now, with the help of his dream woman (Kat Graham) and best friend (Allen Maldonado), Del must rush the frat, ingratiate himself with the fraternity brothers, and grab the cash before his crazy, gun-wielding uncle or a local gangster gets there first.

RICHARD SIMMONS: SWEATIN' TO THE OLDIES:
30TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION (6-DVD)

TimeLife

This energetic 6-disc set includes the complete collection of Simmons' best-selling *Sweatin' to the Oldies* workout programs. Pairing lively classics like "It's My Party," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Gimme Some Lovin'," "Pretty Woman" and more from the '50s and '60s with rockin' low impact routines and Simmons' humorous banter, encouragement, and sparkly tank tops. With the overstuffed holidays coming and potentially adding on unwanted pounds, there's never been a better time to become re-acquainted with one of the best-selling home entertainment fitness series in history!

PERSON TO PERSON (DVD)
Magnolia Home Ent.

A record collector hustles for a big score while his roommate tries to erase a terrible mistake, a teenager deals with her best friend's new relationship, and a rookie reporter and her metal-head supervisor chase the clues of a murder case involving a clock shop owner. It's all just a day in the life of a group of eclectic New Yorkers as they grapple with the mundane, the unexpected, and the absurd. Boasting an ensemble cast that includes Abbi Jacobson, Michael Cera, Tavi Gevinson, and Philip Baker Hall.

BESIDES BOWIE: THE MICK RONSON STORY (2-Blu-ray)
MVDvisual

An unprecedented celebration of the life and works of guitar virtuoso Mick Ronson — a rock hero virtually uncelebrated despite his direct contribution and involvement in countless compositions, lyrics, and recordings that changed the face of music forever. Despite his work with Morrissey, Lou Reed, Ian Hunter, Mott the Hoople, Bob Dylan, and most notably David Bowie and The Spiders from Mars, it was really Mick Ronson's dynamic support, contribution, and co-creation of this era in music as well as the expansive and multifaceted career of David Bowie that this film explores, and at times, exposes. Narrated by David Bowie.

WIND RIVER (Blu-ray)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

Wind River is a chilling thriller that follows a rookie FBI agent (Elizabeth Olsen), who teams up with a game tracker (Jeremy Renner) with deep community ties and a haunted past, to investigate the mysterious killing of a local girl on a remote Native American reservation.

THE SISSI COLLECTION (4-Blu-ray)
Film Movement

At the age of seventeen, Romy Schneider became an international star through her portrayal of Princess Elisabeth (Sissi) of Austria in the first of three lavish films. While she would go on to work with some of the most influential and daring European directors of the era, Schneider will always be remembered by this defining role. Newly restored in 2K and available for the first time ever on Blu-ray, the Sissi trilogy is presented in its entirety along with *Victoria in Dover*, a precursor to the Sissi films, in which Schneider plays Britain's Princess Victoria.

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE SUGGESTIONS (TV SERIES)

PRETTY LITTLE LIARS: THE COMPLETE SERIES (36-DVD)
Warner Bros. Home Ent.

The secret is out: All *Pretty Little Liars* must come to an end! The mystery begins in the small town of Rosewood when four teenage girls — Aria Montgomery, Hanna Marin, Spencer Hastings, and Emily Fields — receive threatening messages from someone named "A" after the murder and disappearance of their queen BFF, Alison DiLaurentis. What follows are seven suspenseful, scandalous, and terrifying seasons, as the girls spin a sticky web of secrets and lies in order to unearth the very *not* pretty truth about what happened to Alison. Follow team PLL as their friendship deepens over heart-breaking love lives, complicated parents, high school, college, and careers — all as they uncover shocking secrets while exposing a murderous conspiracy. Based on the best-selling series by Sara Shepard, *The Complete Series* contains all seven crush-worthy seasons.

THE VAMPIRE DIARIES: THE COMPLETE SERIES (30-Blu-ray)
Warner Bros. Home Ent.

The Vampire Diaries: The Complete Series is yours for eternity! This passionate eight-volume collection traces the sexy, supernatural vampire love triangle between beautiful Elena Gilbert and the hunky Salvatore brothers, Stefan and Damon, from their first meeting at Mystic Falls High through college, and to their ancestral roots in New Orleans, with prolonged visits to hell and back. Elena's diary entries, filled with longing and tragic loss; Stefan's steadfast devotion to right and wrong; and Damon's cynical, devil-may-care attitude are the touchstones of this pulsing, action-packed romance that grabbed vampire-loving viewers worldwide by the heart ... and never let go. Relive your favorite moments as often as you want, and satisfy your thirst for more with steamy, special extras and bloodthirsty bonus features!

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

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
SHOULD LOOK TO
AUSTIN, TX

Austin, Texas, just opened its brand-new state-of-the-art \$126-million Central Public Library. I used it well on vacation and toured the place on the fourth day it was open.

I was curious about folks inappropriately using the library facilities as has been reported here in Boston at our main library branch in Copley Square. Seems many homeless and drug addicts have been misusing the place and I hear library officials have no idea how to deal with this issue. They keep saying everyone has

a right to use the library and they can't seem to decide how to deal with drug addicts and homeless populations doing naughty things there.

In Austin, library officials have no hesitation when it comes to curbing inappropriate behavior. If someone is misusing the premises (e.g., using drugs), it is handled immediately by library officials and, if necessary, law enforcement. Someone caught using the library as a homeless shelter three times in 90 days gets banned from the library for one year. Someone caught selling or doing drugs is handled by the Austin police. If that person eventually returns to the library

and misuses it again two more times within that 90-day period, they get the one-year ban, too.

Why can't the Boston Public Library do likewise? Don't just simply throw your hands up in the air, take action and mean it.

PIZZA IN TEXAS

I wasn't in the North End anymore. Down in Texas, things are different. Once I got pizza at a place called "Sullivan Pizza." Sullivan Pizza! Only in Texas would a pizza parlor be named after someone named Sullivan. Meanwhile, last week driving to Waco, I saw a billboard for "Fratonelli Pizza." At least the name is Italian, right?

Create Priceless Memories This Holiday Season with the
14th Annual Mayor's Holiday Special

Thousands of Discount Tickets to More than
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Highlights of the 2017 Season include fan favorites such as *Boston Pops Holiday Pops*, *Disney On Ice Presents Dream Big*, José Mateo Ballet Theatre's *The Nutcracker*, *Urban Nutcracker*, *A Christmas Carol*, *A Christmas Celtic Sojourn*, *The Christmas Revels*, and *Black Nativity*.

Martin J. Walsh has launched the 14th Annual Mayor's Holiday Special, supported by the Highland Street Foundation, produced by ArtsBoston, and created in partnership with the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau. Tickets are on sale now at www.MayorsHoliday.com and at the ArtsBoston booths located at Copley Square and Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

The Mayor's Holiday Special is an annual event designed to shine a light on arts and cultural events that take place in Greater Boston during the holiday season. This two-month celebration of performing arts features thousands of great deals for over 500 mostly holiday performances as well as dining experiences and an online calendar of free holiday events across the city.

"The holiday season brings out the best of every neighborhood, and I am proud that through our partnership with ArtsBoston, we are able to ensure even more residents can have the opportunity to enjoy this year's holiday celebrations," said Mayor Walsh. "Boston's thriving performing arts

scene provides some of the best memories for families. Together with ArtsBoston, we are making these performances more accessible to all, fostering the spirit of community as we celebrate our holiday traditions."

From local arts groups to national touring shows, the 2017 Mayor's Holiday Special offers something for everyone to enjoy. Looking for a traditional performance this year? Don't miss the *Boston Pops Holiday Pops* or José Mateo Ballet Theatre's production of *The Nutcracker*. Interested in a different type of *Nutcracker* this year? Check out Tony Williams' production of *Urban Nutcracker* at John Hancock Hall.

For those interested in a performance that's a little less festive but still rings in the fun, the Mayor's Holiday Special has you covered. Check out shows like *Blue Man Group* at the Charles Playhouse, *Man of La Mancha*, presented by New Repertory Theatre, or *Bedlam's Sense and Sensibility*, presented by American Repertory Theater.

"Boston is home to a vibrant arts and culture scene throughout the holiday season and it's important to us that everyone is given the chance to experience these performances," said Catherine Peterson, Executive Director at ArtsBoston. "The Mayor's Holiday Special offers that opportunity, making it easy and affordable to create

special lifelong memories with family and friends through the performing arts."

Family outings during the holiday season are made effortless by the variety of family friendly shows included in the Special. Kids create cherished lifelong memories with their parents seeing shows like Boston Children's Theatre's production of *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *The Velveteen Rabbit*, the American Repertory Theater's *Charlotte's Web*, and Feld Entertainment's *Disney On Ice presents Dream Big*.

"There is no place like Boston during the holiday season. For residents and visitors alike, Boston becomes a destination for family and friends to share joy and celebrate," said Patrick Moscaritolo, President & CEO of the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau. "The Mayor's Holiday Special helps to make this happen, offering an easy way to get tickets to a show, find a restaurant for a holiday meal and access information on free events across the city. It's a valuable resource for everyone visiting Boston this holiday season."

This Holiday Special is presented by Highland Street Foundation and supported by the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment. This program is also supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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