



### DEN OF THIEVES (Blu-ray) Universal Pictures Home Ent.

*Den of Thieves* is a gritty Los Angeles crime saga with the inevitable clash between an unbeatable crew addicted to heists and the elite unit of Los Angeles detectives. It all comes to a head as the film blurs the lines between good and evil by examining the rivalry between a police unit, led by Gerard Butler, and a crew of career criminals, featuring Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, Pablo Schreiber, O'Shea Jackson, Jr., and Evan Jones, as they plan a seemingly impossible heist on the Federal Reserve Bank of Downtown Los Angeles. This Blu-ray copy has both the theatrical version and the extended, unrated version with footage not seen in theaters, plus bonus content.

### THE RAILWAY CHILDREN (DVD) Omnibus Ent.

Adapted from E. Nesbit's classic novel, this Olivier award-winning production of *The Railway Children* follows the story of Bobbie, Phyllis, and Peter, three sheltered siblings who suffer a huge upheaval when their father is falsely imprisoned. Along with their mother, they move from London to a cottage in rural Yorkshire, where they befriend the local railway porter, Perks, and embark on a magical journey of discovery, friendship and adventure.

### CLAWS: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON (DVD) Warner Bros. Home Ent.

Brassy, flashy, and utterly outrageous, *Claws* follows five Florida manicurists with a lot more going on than acrylic tips and silk wraps. The Nail Artisans of Manatee County's dedicated crew includes charismatic owner Desna, who lives with and cares for her special-needs twin brother, Dean; Desna's best friend and ex-party girl, Jennifer; enigmatic security guard Quiet Ann; preppy ex-con Polly; and bold newcomer Virginia. When their dreams of an upscale salon are threatened by their male cohorts — gangster redneck Roller; Jennifer's husband and motivational coach, Bryce; Oxy expert Dr. Ken Brickman; and Dixie Mafia crime boss Uncle Daddy — these wild women take matters into their own treacherously talented hands. Roll deep into Florida's glitzy, gritty, gangster underbelly in ten hellacious and hilarious episodes.

### DAVID CASSIDY - I THINK I LOVE YOU: GREATEST HITS LIVE (DVD + CD) MVDvisual

The late teen pop idol is best known for his portrayal of Keith Partridge in the popular 1970s TV series *The Partridge Family*. Cassidy delivered a memorable live performance in Glasgow's Clyde Auditorium in this 90-minute concert film. This rare DVD package features Cassidy's best-loved songs, including his first number one hit, "I Think I Love You," plus "Daydreamer," "I Can Feel Your Heartbeat," "How Can I Be Sure," "Could It Be Forever," "Cherish," "Rock Me Baby," "Some Kind of Summer," "I Woke Up in Love This Morning," "The Last Kiss," and "I'll Meet You Halfway." In

addition, Cassidy offers spectacular covers that include "Hush," "Ain't No Sunshine," and "Hollywood Nights." The DVD version contains twenty-one songs, and the CD has the same songs plus a studio version of "I Think I Love You." Cassidy died in 2017 at the much-too-young age of 67.

### BACKSTABBING FOR BEGINNERS (Blu-ray) Lionsgate Home Ent.

Based on a true story, the edge-of-your-seat thriller *Backstabbing for Beginners* is a compelling story that tells the tale of a young man (Theo James) who lands his dream job at the United Nations Oil and Food program. As he investigates the grisly murder of his predecessor, he uncovers a vast global conspiracy that may even involve his own boss (Ben Kingsley) and soon finds himself in the middle of a worldwide conspiracy. Also starring Jacqueline Bisset. Includes "The Truth Behind Backstabbing for Beginners" featurette.

### THAT GIRL IN THE YELLOW BOOTS (DVD) Indie Pix Films

Ruth has traveled across half the world to find her father — a man she hardly knew but can never forget. Lost and alone in the sprawling chaos of Mumbai, she survives by serving men's desires at an unlicensed massage parlor and clings to the hope that there is a good man at the end of her search. But as the sprawling city threatens to engulf her, Ruth's persistence will reveal a devastating truth, beyond anything she could possibly imagine. Ruth is reeling in a dazzling world, both brutal and beautiful, where pleasure can be bought, but love is elusive.

### MY FRIEND DAHMER (Blu-ray) MVDvisual

Jeff Dahmer (Ross Lynch) is an awkward teenager struggling to make it through high school with a family life in ruins. He collects road kill, fixates on a neighborhood jogger (Vincent Kartheiser), and copes with his unstable mother (Ann Heche) and well-intentioned father (Dallas Roberts). He begins to act out at school, and his goofball antics win over a group of band-nerds who form The Dahmer Fan Club, headed by Derf Backderf (Alex Wolff). But this camaraderie can't mask his growing depravity. Approaching graduation, Jeff spirals further out of control, inching ever closer to madness. *My Friend Dahmer* is the haunting, sad, funny, true story of Jeffrey Dahmer, an American serial killer and sex offender, charged with the murder of seventeen men and boys between 1978 and 1991.

### ENTRE NOS (DVD) Indie Pix Films

*Entre Nos* is an inspiring true story about an adoring mother, Mariana, who has tooted her two children from Colombia to New York City to indulge her husband's whim. But when he abruptly abandons the family, she has to rely on her own imagination and courage and that of her remarkable kids to survive the insurmountable odds they faced during their first summer in the United States.

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

### DOGS LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES

The First Priority Credit Union is teaming up with Great Dog Rescue of New England for a Pet Adoption Day at the Credit Union on Swift Street in East Boston on April 21<sup>st</sup> between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm. Looking for a pet? Check this out.

### RINGO STARR COMING TO BOSTON

Ringo Starr and his All Star Band will be in Boston on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Boch Center Wang Theatre. For more information, call 1-800-982-ARTS.

### NEAA HONORING TED TOMASONE

Opening Day for 2018 NEAA Baseball will be held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, with a 1:00 pm first pitch ceremony. Ted Tomasone will be honored by NEAA as a past player, coach, umpire, director, mentor and chief fundraiser for over fifty years.

Coffee and donuts will be served at 10:00 am and a BBQ for players and families starting at noon. Be there for the kid and, be there for Ted Tomasone, too!

### SWIMMERS PEEING IN WALDEN POND

Researchers are asking folks to stop peeing in Walden Pond after a new study showed the water is turning murky and putting the iconic spot at risk. The study points out, "More than half of the phosphorus budget of the lake may now be attributable to urine released by swimmers."

Researchers think a swimmer education program is needed to stop the endless flow of pee. What would Thoreau say about all this?

### ST. ANTHONY DINNER JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>

Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston will be holding its St. Anthony Dinner on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 pm before the 6:30 pm Mass, downstairs in the hall. Tickets will be sold in May.

### BAKER SKIPPED PENCE FUNDRAISER

Not only did Governor Charlie Baker decide to skip a Republican fundraiser in Westport last week, but neither he nor Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito met the Vice President at Logan when his plane landed, either.

Many Republicans were angry but hardly surprised by Baker's move. The gap between the Republican grassroots and Baker & Company continues to grow wider.

Baker apparently thinks he can get away with his shunning of Pence because he is standing tall in the polls while awaiting one of three Democratic candidates challenging him for the governor's post. However, no candidate can ever say he or she is a cinch to win.

Mass. Democrats will rally around the winner of the Democratic primary, but what will many more conservative Republicans do when given the choice of Baker or a Democrat? If they stay home on Election Day come November, he has little to fear; but if they come out to vote, they could show their displeasure by voting for the Democrat. Then what for Baker?

### ONE BOSTON IN THE NORTH END

Last week, the kids from the Nazzaro Center were down at the Prado honoring One Boston Day with tourists and locals.



Jeremy Sarzana and Josie Lepore with the kids from the Nazzaro Center (Photo by Sal Giarratani)

### ST. ROCCO 89<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Over in Malden, the St. Rocco 89<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Anthony's in Malden starting at 6:00 pm. If you love dinner-dances, this one is a must. Music by Sea Breeze with Steven Savio. For further information, go to [saintroccomalden@verizon.net](mailto:saintroccomalden@verizon.net).

### CONGRATS TO OFFICER JOHN GRAZIOSO ON RETIREMENT

A longtime friend, John Grazioso, has just retired from the Quincy Police Department after thirty-two years on the job. He spent the last twenty-two years as a Quincy DARE officer, during which time he taught more than 17,000 Quincy students (including my daughter years ago) in middle school. A great guy, a great cop, and a great friend!

### CULTURE SHOCK IN BRAVE NEW WORLD?

Are progressive parents out there deciding to liberate their kids from the chains of genderization? More and more, I see parents giving their children gender-neutral names and using gender neutral pronouns. Gender-neutral toys, too.

These folks think the environment and culture create human behavior. They forget about genes. Don't make your kids' lives nothing more than a social experiment.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE BOSTON HERALD?

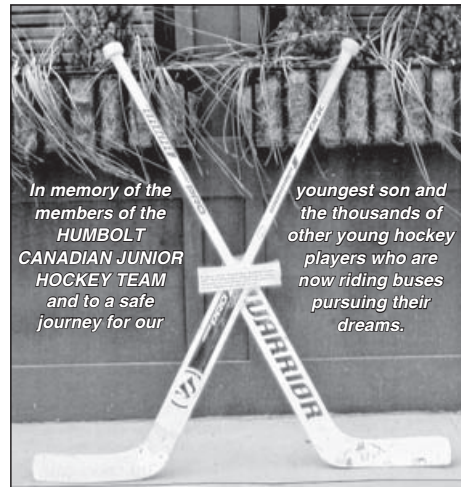
It does seem to appear that the new ownership at the *Boston Herald* is making it no longer a newspaper that values its readership's viewpoints. This newspaper, going back to the days of the old *Record American* and *Sunday Advertiser*, always printed a ton of Letters to the Editor. Lately, it appears to be talking to itself and maybe doing letters one or two days a week. Now, the *Boston Globe* is printing far more Letters to the Editor. What happened with the *Herald*? Don't forget your roots as a readers' newspaper!

### VFW POST #2452 SPRING FLING

I was at the VFW Post in Norwood last weekend for its Spring Fling Fundraiser, hosted by the VFW Auxiliary. Folks danced the night away with DJ Joe O'Neil and enjoyed a great Italian buffet.

While there, I bumped into Steve Eosco, a Marine veteran, post member, and also the president of the Norwood Sons of Italy Lodge. Steve is a very busy older guy and a realtor. Norwood, while being very Irish, also has a large Italian-American community, too.

Steve and I talked about our mutual friends, Dr. Dean Saluti and wife Marge. You never know who you will bump into at a veteran's post, huh?



In memory of the members of the HUMBOLT CANADIAN JUNIOR HOCKEY TEAM and to a safe journey for our

youngest son and the thousands of other young hockey players who are now riding buses pursuing their dreams.