



THE NAKED GUN (Blu-ray)

Paramount Pictures

Only one man has the particular set of skills ... to lead the elite of the elite Police Squad and save the world! Lieutenant Frank Drebin Jr. (Liam Neeson) follows in his father's footsteps in *The Naked Gun*, as he takes on bad guys with actions like you haven't seen from him before. Director Akiva Schaffer and producer Seth MacFarlane, bring it all to you, starring Pamela Anderson, Paul Walter Hauser, Kevin Durand, and Danny Huston. In this funny, belly laugh loaded comedy.

THE SMURFS (Blu-ray)

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Papa Smurf (John Goodman) is mysteriously taken by the evil wizards — Razamel and Gargamel, in comes Smurfette (Rihanna), who leads the Smurfs on a mission into the real world to save him. With the help of new friends, the Smurfs must discover what defines their destiny to save the universe. *Smurfs* features an all-star voice cast including Rihanna, James Corden, Nick Offerman, Daniel Levy, Amy Sedaris, Sandra Oh, Octavia Spencer, with Kurt Russell and John Goodman. Bonus features include: Blue in the Booth: Voicing the Smurfs — Meet the spectacular all-star cast who voice the Smurfs. — There's A Smurf Like Me: Blue, Old and New — The cast shares their process to bring both classic and new characters to life. — A World They've Never Seen: Animating Smurfs — See how filmmakers came up with the animation styles featured in the film and the evolution from rough animatic to finished art. Composing the Blue — Award-winning composer Henry Jackman takes you through the original score that complements the film's fun songs. — In The Club With DJ Snake — World-famous DJ Snake makes a cameo in the film and brings the party to life in the disco bash scene. — "Higher Love" by Desi Trill featuring DJ Khaled, Cardi B, Natania and Subhi — Music & Lyric Video — "Friend of Mine" by Rihanna — Music & Lyric Video — "Everything Goes with Blue" by Tyla — Lyric Video

SS EXPERIMENT — LOVE CAMP (4K Ultra HD) 88 Films

88 Films presents the global 4K UHD debut of the World War II exploitation cult classic *SS Experiment Love Camp*. The set includes both the 4K UHD and Blu-ray. During WWII, a prison camp in Germany doubles as a human research laboratory run by unethical scientists. The female political prisoners are being used as human guinea pigs for twisted biological and fertility experiments. Colonel von Kleiben oversees an experimental transplant operation so he can recover from a significant war wound received on the Russian front. These diabolical scientists attempt to achieve their intended breakthroughs before

the war comes to an end. Special features include an audio commentary by Italian cinema experts Eugenio Ercolani and Nanni Cobretti; interviews with director Sergio Garrone, editor Eugenio Alabiso, cinematographer Maurizio Centini and music historian Pierpaolo De Sanctis; Italian opening and closing titles; and the original trailer. First pressings also come housed in a double-walled slipcase, along with an illustrated booklet.

LAUREL & HARDY: THE DEFINITIVE RESTORATIONS - VOLUME 2 (Blu-ray) Kit Parker Films

Laurel & Hardy: The Definitive Restorations Volume 2 returns the beloved comedy duo to their full brilliance in this restored Blu-ray collection. Sourced from the original 35mm archival elements, this set offers fans an opportunity to see long unavailable original release versions and previously unseen materials — over six hours of timeless laughter! Included are eight of Laurel & Hardy's most celebrated short films: *Men O' War* (1929) - *Perfect Day* (1929) - *Blotto* (1930) - *Another Fine Mess* (1930) - *Dirty Work* (1933) - *Going Bye-Bye!* (1934) - *Them Thar Hills* (1934) - *Tit for Tat* (1935). These restored gems showcase the comedic genius of the legendary pair, with enhanced picture and audio that make every gag feel fresh again. But the experience doesn't stop there — this volume is packed with amazing bonus features. Whether you're a lifelong fan or discovering their brilliance for the first time, Volume 2 is a must-have addition to any film lover's library. Experience the laughter, fun, and legacy of Laurel & Hardy — restored like never before.

AGATHA CHRISTIE: WHY DIDN'T THEY ASK EVANS? (DVD)

Alliance Home
Entertainment/
Fifth Season

Alliance Home Entertainment announced the DVD release of *Agatha Christie: Why Didn't They Ask Evans?* The three-part mini-series, starring Will Poulter and Lucy Boynton and directed by Hugh Laurie. Released under the exclusive distribution partnership with the production company Fifth Season. The Britbox original premiered in 2022 and was adapted from Agatha Christie's detective novel of the same name. Only the Bible and the works of William Shakespeare surpass one of the best-selling authors of all time, Agatha Christie's book sales. In *Why Didn't They Ask Evans?*, a stranger's death on a Welsh cliff spurs Bobby Jones (Will Poulter) and Lady Frankie Derwent (Lucy Boynton) to investigate. With little experience but plenty of spirit, they race to uncover the meaning behind the man's final words: "Why didn't they ask Evans?" Also starring Jim Broadbent, Emma Thompson and Hugh Laurie.

North End Community Center Ground Breaking Ceremony December 4, 2025

Please join Mayor Michele Wu and Boston Centers for Youth and Families to celebrate the start of construction of the new BYCF North End Community Center, on December 4, 2025, 11:00 a.m., 475 Commercial Street. This new center is part of the city's long-term plan for the neighborhood, consisting of a modern, expanded facility operated by BCYF and will eventually house the programming currently offered at the Nazzaro Community Center.

The historic Nazzaro Center, at 30 North Bennet Street, will undergo major renovations to remain a community resource, preserving its role



while updating accessibility and building systems. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to celebrate this exciting milestone

with Mayor Wu and the North End community as they invest in welcoming accessible spaces for all generations.

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 LOVE THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES

One of my favorite shows on television nowadays is *The Brokenwood Mysteries* on PBS. Locally, it is on PBS Mondays at 9:00 p.m. Ninety minutes without commercials and the acting is great as are the show's plots. It is filmed over in New Zealand and has been since 2014. Season 12 is now underway with a scheduled 2026 release expected.

Locally, you can find it on Xfinity Cable. I get three PBS stations, two in Boston (channels 801, 802 and down from Rhode Island on channel 1036). Remember: Mondays at 9:00 p.m. Unfortunately, PBS is only up to Season 6. What else is new with PBS? It always seems to be a day late and a dollar short and asking us to chip in with a few bucks almost all the time.

**WHY DID
NEIGHBOR HEALTH FORGET
ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH?**
I kept waiting the entire month of October to see whether this neighborhood clinic would remember that the month of October was Italian

American Heritage Month. They didn't forget that September 15 to October 15 was Hispanic Heritage Month. You could see their social media page and you could see all the advertisements they ran in the *East Boston Times* from September 15 until Halloween. However, they said boo about East Boston's Italian American community. Was it an error on their part or was it deliberate? I'm thinking it wasn't a mistake myself. How about you? Let me know at sal.giarratani@gmail.com.

GETTING BACK TO THE MUSIC ON THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES

The soundtrack for this New Zealand detective show is fantastic. The country/alt rock theme song in this show is by Tami Neilson and on the last episode I just watched, I heard Esther Stephen singing a haunting cover of "Banks of Ohio" and Robert Fin Finley doing "Livin' Out A Suitcase." In the last episode I watched, Detective Inspector Mike Shepherd was dog sitting a little Corgi while one of his ex-wives went out of town. Of course, the dog was named Willie as in Willie Nelson.

WHO DOES A BETTER HALLOWEEN BLOCK PARTY THAN FOLKS ON WEBSTER STREET

Once again, this past Halloween, friends and neighbors on Webster Street in Jeffries Point got together for their annual block party.

