



### NIGHTBEAST (Blu-ray) Troma Films

*Nightbeast*, an alien with an appetite for blood and disembowelment is set loose on a small town when a spacecraft crashes and explodes. When Sheriff Jack Cinder and the local militia arrive on scene to investigate, a violent battle ensues, leaving only Jack, and his sensuous lady deputy and a wild-eyed redneck as survivors. With a corrupt mayor unwilling to stand up against the Nightbeast's reign of carnage, it's up to Jack to evacuate the townsfolk and save the day.

### MY MEXICAN BRETZEL (DVD) IndiePix Film

Director Nuria Giménez discovered some home movies made by her grandparent's mid-way through the last century. Based on that rich material, which shows the couple — she, of similar elegance to Ingrid Bergman; he, as burly as a circus strongman — traveling around the world. Giménez planned a sophisticated and fascinating film structure; created a diary recounting specific moments of her existence, her worries and her innermost thoughts. The result is this experimental feature, *My Mexican Bretzel*, using silent home movies, fleeting snippets of sound, and diaristic narration to tell the story of Vivian Barrett, a wealthy Swiss woman, and her husband, León, a WWII pilot-turned entrepreneur. A partial hearing loss doesn't impede León from creating a pharmaceutical wonder drug that changes their lives, propelling the go-lucky couple into a world of adventure, romance, and mystical truth seeking. From the '40s through '60s, from the Alps to Le Mans to Manhattan to Hawaii, vulnerability, belonging, truth and mid-century opulence are explored in a way that only the magic of cinema allows ... with a dazzling twist.

### HONOR KILLING (Blu-ray) Troma Films

When a young woman is brutally attacked, she seeks the aid of her own flesh and blood, but she is further betrayed when her own family decides the only honorable thing to do is to kill her. But you can't keep a good woman down. After surviving the botched execution, she becomes driven by one thing, revenge. She hires, and is trained by a shady, rugged bounty hunter named Viktor, in the many ways to inflict pain. The woman takes her new skills on the road in search of the man who pulled the trigger, her father. Taking a knife, bullet and fist to every male obstacle along the way, she leaves a trail of savage men along her journey.

### WATERBOYS (DVD) Corinth Films

*Waterboys* tells a humorous and moving story of the evolving relationship between crime

novelist Victor and his cello-playing son Zack. When his girlfriend dumps Zack, and Zack's mother dumps Victor on the same day, the two men grieve and briefly console one another before heading off on a trip to Scotland where Victor hopes to promote his latest book and spend some time booking with Zack. Victor's selfish tendencies nearly alienate the fragile relationship he shares with his son, and the trip becomes increasingly turbulent as the reasons for the pair's domestic troubles come to light.

### ENTRE NOS (DVD) IndiePix Films

In this passionate film titled *Entre Nos*, Mariana is determined to keep her family together. Her children, Gabriel, 10, and Andrea, 6 grew up in Colombia without their father, who immigrated to the U.S. years earlier to make a better life for his family. Finally, after years of separation, the family is reunited in New York City. However, Antonio announces he has found work in Miami, and will be moving there alone, and will send for the family when he is settled. Much time passes and Mariana doesn't hear from him. Worried and desperate, she finds out from her only friend that her husband will not be coming back. Alone, with fifty dollars to her name, in a strange city, where she can barely speak the language, Mariana must find a way to provide for her family, not only financially as she faces eviction and homelessness, but also emotionally. After all her options run out, Mariana turns to the city's trash collecting cans in order to put food on the table. With Gabriel and Andrea working beside her, the family finds the most stability they have known since their arrival, and it is during these challenging moments that the family triumphs.

### WOMEN WITHOUT MEN (DVD) IndiePix Films

*Women Without Men* chronicles the intertwining lives of four Iranian women during the summer of the upheaval of the 1953 coup d'état. The 1953 Iranian Islamic revolution, a cataclysmic moment in history, when an American-led, British-backed mission led to the overthrow of Prime Minister, Mohammad Mossadegh, and reinstalled the Shah to power. Over the course of several days, four disparate women in the Middle East from Iranian culture are brought together against the backdrop of political and social chaos. As the political turmoil swells in the streets of Tehran, each woman seeks to be liberated from her predicament. It is only a matter of time before the world outside the walls of unrest seep into the lives of these four women as their country's history takes a tragic turn. *Women Without Men* is a hauntingly powerful allegory and statement on women's desires and political freedoms — especially in, but not limited to Iran, where the film is banned.

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 Giaratani

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...

ROSA NAPOLI super hair stylist from Salon International on Lubec Street, East Boston, just celebrated her birthday on Wednesday (April 7<sup>th</sup>). I recently ended up in one of her chairs for a 9-1-1 emergency haircut. During the pandemic I tried cutting my own hair and thought it was pretty good, but when many, including my daughter two weeks ago, looked at it and said, "You need a haircut because you're starting to look like Moe, one of the *Three Stooges*," I knew it was time and Maria did some magic with my hair. Happy Birthday, again from this grateful friend who was in need of a hair intervention! An added bonus, you can find copies of the *Post-Gazette* at her shop every week, too.

### I THINK FRANK & ERNEST MAY HAVE SOMETHING THERE

During this long haul pandemic, I have started reading the funny pages again just like I did as a kid. The other day in the *Patriot Ledger*, I was reading the comic strip *Frank & Ernest* by Bob Thaves. In one panel, Frank says, "The expression 'turn the corner' means things are improving and moving ahead." In the next panel, Ernest replies, "But it's illogical because if you continue turning corners, you end up right back where you started."

Isn't that the problem as we continue in our battle against COVID? They keep telling us we're turning the corner but seem to be no better now than we were before we turned that last corner before heading to the largest corner.

### BROUGHT TO JUSTICE WITH DNA FINGERPRINTING

The first criminal brought to justice by something new called DNA fingerprinting was Colin Pitchfork.

### FROM MY INBOX

Just received another quick note from Publist! "I just found *The Art of the Deal* by Donald

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Estate of  
SUSAN ERIKA YOHALEM  
Also Known As  
SUSAN E. YOHALEM  
Date of Death: February 19, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Emily C. Haan of Berkeley, CA, Petitioner Zachary D. Chaloner of Portland, ME, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Emily C. Haan of Berkeley, CA, Zachary D. Chaloner of Portland, ME has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Run date: 04/09/2021

Trump. It is hard to find in bookstores. I learned in it, that defeat or failure is NOT in his character or DNA. Every good person should read it."

### I'M FEELING SORRY FOR "MAJOR" BIDEN

Recently, *The Guardian* published a piece on "Major" one of the two president's dogs that just went after another White House staff member. However, it turned out the dog "nipped" at someone. There was no bite. There's a big difference between getting nipped or bitten. I wonder if the staff at *The Guardian* is run by a bunch of cat people.

### DOES TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD HAVE TO BE CANCELLED, TOO?

Back in school, I read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee who won the 1960 Pulitzer Prize in Literature for the very first novel she ever wrote. At the time the book came out, the *NY Times* called this novel "Marvelous, Miss Lee's original characters are people to cherish in this winning first novel."

I also liked that black and white movie version of the book starring Gregory Peck. I recently picked it up again and started to reread it. However, I got to page 49 and said, "Hold everything." Have the Woke cancel culture crowd looked at this book. Right there on page 49, one of those original characters in the book to be cherished said the n-word.

The word was written not to glorify it but to put into context the era the book portrayed and written in, an era (1960) when the canceled culture authoritarians didn't exist. I see this book being pulled out of school libraries and required reading, too. A great piece of literature will likely be cancelled out of our lives now like so many other things thanks to this New McCarthyism.

### BISON BURGERS, ANYONE?

I tried my first ground buffalo burger recently and it was sweet. I never had a bison burger before and didn't even know about 'em either! I hope it is okay to eat buffalo meat without being accused of expropriating Native Americans. I never want to be accused of what U.S. Senator Liz Warren was accused of doing. I also hope I am not called out as a white supremacist for liking buffalo on a hamburger roll.

### REMEMBERING B. J. THOMAS ON WMEX RADIO

I love listening to WMEX station because I love those old hit tunes, many of them classics. When I was younger, I always listened to 1510 AM mostly to catch the Arnie "Woo Woo" Ginsburg *Night Train Show*.

Well, sadly, Woo Woo has gone to the radio station in the sky, but WMEX is still rocking and rolling. They still have Larry Justice, Jimmy Jay, and Benny Rabbi, the youngster on the air compared to the first two oldsters DJs.

They're all my radio buddies now as I have been constantly getting on the air to talk good music. Recently, on a Saturday morning, (Jimmy Jay does the weekend shows on Saturdays and Sunday) he rebroadcasted an interview he did with B. J. Thomas last year. The interview was great and kind of sad, too. B. J. has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Lung Cancer. I loved the give and take between Thomas and Jimmy. I learned so much about B. J. Thomas I never knew and I got to hear lots of his great hits once again. I don't think he ever sang a bad song. He has such a voice. What kind of a singer was he besides a good one? He is country, pop, gospel, soul, and he is Texas/Delta Blues, too. One of a kind! He lives in Arlington, Texas today, but was Houston born and raised. He spent time at the Grand Ole Opry fine-tuning his style.

B. J. is no phony, he is exactly who he says he is. Thank you, Jimmy Jay for rebroadcasting the year-old interview show with him. One more good reason why you should become, or return to being, a WMEX Good Guy or Good Gal! Sometimes you can go home again at least on the radio.

Say a prayer for B. J., he could use 'em right now.

### WE INTERRUPT THIS COLUMN FOR A COMMERCIAL BREAK

The gang I hang with thinks the Burger King up the Heights on Bennington Street is the best fast food joint in Eastie. Recently, Angelo the store manager was putting up new posters outside announcing a brand-new chicken sandwich and so we all took time from yelling at each other over politics and gave it a try.

The price was right and the sandwich, a "hand-breaded for the next-level crispiness" two piece chicken sandwich took chicken to the next level. The only complaint from my crowd of guys was that it was too full of stuff. I took mine home and the next day had it for dinner and used a fork to eat it. Yum, yum, yum! Back to the column!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CAPT. JAMES T. KIRK

Actor William Shatner, a/k/a Capt. James T. Kirk of the *Starship Enterprise* and a/k/a *T.J. Hooker* turned 90 years old on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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