



**ANGRY BOYS/
WE CAN BE HEROES
(DVD)**

HBO Home Ent.

Chris Lilley, Australia's comedian/actor/writer does it all with his double-barreled comedy series — *Angry Boys* and *We Can Be Heroes*. In *Angry Boys* Lilley uses his chameleon-like talents to play multiple roles in a mockumentary look at the lives of average boys and men, displaying their day-to-day interactions and struggles to fulfill their obligations to family and friends. *We Can Be Heroes* follows the daily lives of five very special individuals who are among the thousands of citizens vying for the prestigious title of "Australian of the Year." Both series are unconventional — hilarious!

**LEGO -
NINJAGO MASTERS OF
SPINJITZU: RISE OF THE
GREEN NINJA (DVD)**

Warner Home Video

Cartoon Network fans can enjoy the first seven action-packed episodes from Season Two, as they follow the Green Ninja on his path to fulfill his destiny and the four ninjas prepare to battle an even more powerful Lord Garmadon. Having defeated the great Devourer, the focus is now on Garmadon who has stolen the four Golden Weapons of Spinjitzu, which control the Serpentine and the ninjas' flying ship *The Bounty*. Now with limited powers, the ninjas must train Lloyd Garmadon to be the Green Ninja and confront his father. As Lord Garmadon unleashes a series of devious plots to prevent his son Lloyd's success, the question remains — will Lloyd be able to fulfill his destiny as the Green Ninja?

THE WORDS (DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

The Words is a moving, romantic thriller that stars Bradley Cooper as Rory Jansen, a literary hopeful who has achieved his every goal: a loving wife, critical success and a best-selling novel. The only problem, he's risked everything he values because his success is not entirely his own. Now, as his conscience starts to haunt him and his past wrongs are revealed, he uncovers the steep price that must be paid, throwing his whole world and relationship into jeopardy. The consequences may just affect the legacy of himself as well as those closest to him. Jeremy Irons, Dennis Quaid, Olivia Wilde, Ben Barnes and Zoe Saldana star in this romantic thriller that keeps you guessing until the very end!

**THE OTHER DREAM
TEAM (DVD)**

Lionsgate

Everyone knows Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan and the other members of the 1992 American Olympic Dream Team. This is the

story of *The Other Dream Team*. They didn't bring their country the gold medal; they brought something much more valuable. After leading the USSR to a gold medal and victory over the U.S.A. at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Sarunas Marciulionis and Arvydas Sabonis were poster boys for the Soviet sports machine. Four years later, after the fall of the Soviet Union, they emerged as symbols of democracy, helping their country break free from the shackles of Communism, and willing newly independent Lithuania to the medal stand at the Barcelona Olympics, free from Soviet rule!

**THE LIFE & TIMES OF
TIM: SEASON 3 (DVD)**

HBO Home Ent.

In Season 3 of *The Life and Times of Tim* mild-mannered 20-something New Yorker Tim is still trying to get a handle on his life. He never catches a break; day-to-day decisions perplex him and he takes bad advice from unsavory characters. Tim's always in a sticky situation, whether he's a key witness in a lawsuit, trying to impress girlfriend Amy's dad by claiming to be a sausage salesman or racking up a huge bill at a strip club. An average guy, navigating hilarious circumstances in the big city, all just a part of being Tim!

**JUSTIFIED:
SEASON 3 (DVD)**

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

In the non-stop, gun slinging third season of the highly acclaimed hit series *Justified* Deputy U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens (Timothy Olyphant) must wield his brand of renegade justice against modern crime live never before. He finds himself surrounded by dirty politicians, drug cartels, murder frames, hidden fortunes and multiple criminal forces warring for control. Including archenemies Boyd Crowder (Walter Goggins) and Dickie Bennett (Jeremy Davies), a mystery man named *Limehouse*, a lethal mob enforcer newly arrived from Motor City and in a final shocking showdown his own father — Givens finds himself in everyone's crosshairs!

**HARRY NILSSON -
THE POINT (DVD)**

MVDvisual

Years ago, there was a place called The Land of Point, because everything in The Land of Point had one — the barns, the houses, the cars, everything — even the people. Everyone in The Land of Point had a point at the top of his head. Everyone, that is, except Oblio, who was born round-headed. Since he had no point, Oblio and his trusty dog were banished to the Pointless Forest. Story and song by Harry Nilsson and narrated by Ringo Starr. A journey of discovery!

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

**TOWNIE SANTA
COMES THROUGH AGAIN**

Volunteers at Townie Santa did their thing again for Christmas and over 100 elderly and shut-ins throughout Charlestown had something to smile about as Townie Santa helpers brought gifts to their doors on Sunday morning, December 23rd. There's an old saying, "We are what we give" and that is exactly what Townie Santa has been all about going back to Christmas 1980.

**RACETRACK GAMBLING
ON SLOTS**

I pass by the Plainridge Racecourse all the time going down toward Rhode Island and back on Route 1. Recently it has decided to spend millions on a parking garage and it isn't being built for horse racing fans. For the partnership that owns the racetrack, the \$20.5 million garage is part of its application for the state's sole slot parlor. This harness racing track is on Route 1, as I've said, and almost next to Interstate 495 and a few miles north of the Rhode Island line. They will be making their case that its development is well ahead of schedule and would be the quickest project to open and produce revenue if awarded the license.

Plainridge would definitely have an impact on Twin Rivers in Rhode Island where many Bay State residents enjoy spending money. Plainridge will keep this cash here and be a potential economic boon to this entire Bay State region.

**BELLOTTI HONORS FLYNN
IN EVERETT**

Frank Bellotti, a prominent political figure in Bay State Democratic politics for nearly 60 years, recently visited the "E" Club of Everett to visit friends and congratulate attorney Peter Flynn who began his career under then Attorney General Frank Bellotti. Flynn received a Civic Achievement Award from the "E" Club recognizing his many accomplishments and contributions to the Everett community. Bellotti, by the way, was first elected lieutenant governor back in 1962 and later served three terms as Attorney General of the Commonwealth and turned the office into a model for national and local prosecutors alike.

This past September, as previously reported here, the Quincy District Courthouse was renamed the Francis X. Bellotti Courthouse in his honor with retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Souter giving the keynote address. Bellotti thanked Flynn for being a good prosecutor and attorney over the years and remembered him as a young man at the Attorney General's office.

**BEACON HILL SEEING
SIGNS OF PROTEST**

A Boston outdoor advertising firm is fuming over a new rule that bans billboards and other outdoor ads in certain neighborhoods and makes them conditional and is using signs to fight back. Spon-

sor Co., has mounted two large signs recently near the corner of Bowdoin and Cambridge Streets. One billboard calls for an end to alleged City Hall and State House corruption and another quotes Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. Said owner Damien Jacob, "We are strongly considering filing a lawsuit against the city. I am also thinking I might initiate action against the state." He also has set up a website *MassPolitics.com*.

**TALK RADIO DISAPPEARS
FROM FM BAND**

WTK 96.7FM *Talk* has switched over to a music format and leaving talk radio behind. Gone is Michael Graham, a great conservative radiomeister. Graham noted, "I had a great seven years." Also, gonzo are NECN's Jim Braude and *Boston Herald's* Margery Eagan from the *Jim & Margery Show*. Now Boston's only talk radio station is *WRKO AM 680*. Thank God we still have Howie Carr, Mark Levin and sometimes Michele McPhee.

**MARKEY JUMPS FIRST
INTO SPECIAL
SENATE ELECTION**

Nineteen-term U.S. Rep. Ed Markey, D-Where's Malden? Is the first big name Democrat to jump into the upcoming U.S. Senate special election to replace the soon-to-be new Secretary of State John F. Kerry. Markey has been a congressman for 36 years. He is now 66 years old and has great name-recognition since he has spent more than half of his life on Capitol Hill. Others expected to join are fellow U.S. Representatives Mike Capuano and Steve Lynch. I believe, after watching Capuano back in 2010, his temperament doesn't seem well-suited for the Senate. Lynch, on the other hand, is not a loony liberal and can attract voters across the political spectrum and be the most trouble for ex-U.S. Senator Scott Brown to take on in the special election. Others surely will jump into this political fray.

**ROADSIDE MESSAGES
CAN BE QUITE INSPIRING**

While pulling out of the best-priced gas in all of Boston, the Alfa gas station near Roslindale Square on Washington Street, I noticed an outdoor advertisement at the MBTA bus stop, "We are what we give... Be a good tool." The advertisement was sponsored by Oxfam which fights world hunger. Then the next day driving along the Southeast Expressway just before Exit 12 at Neponset Circle, Citizens Banks had its own billboard message, "Ending Hunger starts with Citizens like you."

Two great, inspiring messages about people taking time to help other people in need. This is a good message during the Christmas and New Year's holiday period and also good for any time of the year. As someone who has grown up Catholic, these twin messages remind me of the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi

about being instruments of peace. And like that message at the Roslindale bus stop stated, "We are what we give." We really are!

**FLEETWOOD MAC
HEADED TO BOSTON**

Fleetwood Mac is headed for the TD Garden. The group will be here on April 18, 2013 and tickets are on sale now at www.liveration.com or stop by the TD Garden Box Office on Causeway Street. Lindsey Buckingham, Stevie Nicks, Mick Fleetwood and John McVie will be there. Will you? Wasn't Fleetwood Mac the musical background for Bill Clinton's eight years?

**FOXWOODS FIGHTING TO
KEEP ITS BAY STATE
CLIENTELE**

Foxwoods Resort Casino loves its parking lots filled with Bay State licenses, folks driving across the border for this Connecticut destination. Foxwoods knows casinos are coming to Massachusetts and are trying to hold on to as many Bay State gamblers as possible. There is planned expansion coming, a new outlet mall and remodeling and stepped up marketing too. Down in Rhode Island table games are coming soon to Twin Rivers slot parlor. In New Hampshire folks are talking about a casino for Rockingham Park in Salem near the Bay State line. Meanwhile, Suffolk Downs and its partner Caesar's plows forward with its plans and hopes for a license to open up a casino resort. For now, Everett, incredibly, is still in the mix too.

**RAY FLYNN GUEST
SPEAKER AT SOUTH
BOSTON ARTS
ASSOCIATION**

Recently former Boston Mayor and U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican was a guest artist at the monthly meeting of the South Boston Arts Association. His talk was entitled *From Southie to the Vatican*. As a writer, Flynn spoke of his experiences in co-authoring his two books with Robin Moore: a novel *The Accidental Pope* and *John Paul - A Personal Portrait of the Pope and the Man* to the audience and answered questions they had about his time as mayor and ambassador as well as his college basketball days.

**MT. CARMEL SURVIVES -
SUPPORTERS COME
OUT OF THE COLD**

The weekly Sunday morning services at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be held indoors for the winter months at the Embassy Suites Hotel Boston Logan Airport located at the corner of Cottage and Porter Streets. Folks from Mt. Carmel now have a place to gather when it is simply too cold or inclement to do so by the Padre Pio statue across from the church itself. The generosity of this East Boston hotel is very much appreciated. A deal was worked out between hotel management and Mt. Carmel supporters. An upcoming gathering in late January or

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