VIDEO VIEWS ... more than meets the eye

by Bob Morello

CLOVERFIELD
(4K Ultra HD SteelBook)
Paramount Home Ent.

Cloverfield, the groundbreaking film that started a global franchise, celebrates its 15th anniversary in 2023. Fans can celebrate the milestone with a new Limited-Edition 4K Ultra HD SteelBook, from Paramount. *Cloverfield* is a game-changing blockbuster that took the found-footage genre to monstrous new heights. Produced by J.J. Abrams and directed by Matt Reeves, the latter directs this tale of five young New Yorkers thrown into an unprecedented invasion by a monster the size of a skyscraper. *Cloverfield* debuted in the U.S. on January 18, 2008 and became a smash hit, the film thrilled critics and audiences alike with its shocking, first-person video account of the horrifying attack on Manhattan by this unknown — and seemingly unstoppable — force. Also included is a wealth of legacy bonus content, including: Commentary by director Matt Reeves; The Making of *CLOVERFIELD; CLOVERFIELD Visual Effects; I Saw It! It's Alive! It's Huge! Clover Fun; Deleted Scenes with Optional Commentary, and Alternate Endings with Optional Commentary*

BEING THUNDER *(DVD)*
Film Movement

In Indigenous cultures, a Two-spirit person embodies masculine and feminine qualities through many gender expressions informed by Indigenous traditions and community roles. *Being Thunder* introduces this Native American role by focusing on the life and advocacy of Sherente Mishitahin Harris, a Two-spirit genderqueer teenager from Rhode Island's Narragansett tribe. Wearing traditional female dress, Sherente joyfully performs a traditional female dance in competition at Powwows around New England, but not everyone accepts Sherente's inclusion in the "girls" category. *Being Thunder* is the stirring story of Sherente's persistence, aided by love and unconditional support from peers and family. Facing biased Powwow judges to tackling college applications, Sherente shines through as a role model for youth worldwide to go against the grain and live their authentic selves with tenacity and grace. French filmmaker Stephanie Lamorré quietly documents Sherente's life and family interactions over the course of several years, revealing the struggles and triumphs faced by the determined teen courageously navigating questions of identity, expression, and how to be one's authentic self.

MEN AT WORK *(Blu-ray)*
MVD Classic Collection

With little respect for their superiors, and even less for the law, garbage collectors Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez have made trouble a way of life. Practical jokers with a gift for the truly twisted gag, the two pranksters glide through work with one eye on the ladies and the other on the surf shop they dream of owning. But their fun-loving life is turned upside down when they discover the corpse of a local politician - and realize they will be prime suspects. Pursued by both the police and the real killers, Sheen and Estevez know that to save their hides, they'll have to solve the case. Hilarious supporting performances from Leslie Hope, Keith David, Dean Cameron and Cameron Dye and an all-star soundtrack keeps things hot as they careen through kidnappings, car chases, and an unlikely romance, all in the name of justice ... It's a dirty job, but someone's gotta do it!

THE LAST AMERICAN VIRGIN
(Collector's Edition) *(Blu-ray)*
MVD Classic Collection

The Last American Virgin is the cult-classic 1980's teen comedy about close-knit group of high school friends, Gary (Lawrence Monoson), the shy guy; his friend Rick (Steve Antin), the ladies man; and David (Joe Rubbo), the comic foil, and their exploits in pursuit of love ... or at the very least ... their first time! Also starring Diane Franklin, Louisa Moritz and Kimmy Robertson, this funny, dramatic and nostalgic time capsule chronicles the ups and downs of friendship, romance, and the bittersweet memories of youth, set to a classic 80's soundtrack.

POPPY *(DVD)*
IndiePix Films

Nineteen-year-old Poppy Simpson (Libby Hunsdale) is an irrepressible young woman with Down Syndrome and an assumption she should get to do what everyone else does – have a job, drive a car, get married. Holding her back is Dave (Ari Boyland), her older brother and only family since the death of their parents. Poppy and Dave work together in their inherited car repair business, and its clear Poppy has mechanical smarts. But her super-protective brother doesn't think she's up to getting her driver's license or the apprenticeship she was promised by their late father. Quietly rebellious, Poppy secretly begins to teach herself to drive. And it's not until she teams up with an old school friend who needs his car fixed in time to enter the local burnout competition that her plans progress in this acclaimed feel-good drama.

CONTRABAND *(Blu-ray)*
Cauldron Films

Naples, Italy: An idealistic cigarette smuggler, Luca, runs into problems when a sadistic drug-dealing gangster from France decides to muscle his way into operations. As he tries to wipe out the competition, all hell breaks loose and the bodies start piling up! Luca joins forces with rival smugglers and the local mafia to counteract the power play, which only increases the body count until the explosive gunpowder and gut-busting conclusion. Starring Fabio Testi, Marcel Buzzuffi, Ivana Monti and Saverio Marconi. This hard-hitting mafia story filmed through the eye of an unrelenting horror master contains the music by legendary composer Fabio Frizzi.

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

TO DEMOCRATS EVERYTHING'S A PHOTO OP

Kudos to the *New York Post* for its recent editorial (Joe's El Paso Photo Op, January 9th). When Biden arrived at the El Paso border town and walked along the border wall that he's against, smiling with border agents and nearby politicians everything looked hunky dory. There wasn't a migrant to be found. They had been all swept away as far as they could to avoid an accidental meeting between the president and migrants. Some were even transferred back across the Mexican border for a few hours before being allowed back in.

Photo ops are no substitute for real policy, which is still not insight. Walking along the border doesn't even mean Biden even sees it. It is nothing but pathetic to see Biden and his minions trying to pretend they have a plan to fix what they broke.

The area looked spic-and-span for Biden's short three-hour visit. Then it was back to reality for border agents and local police. The hordes return, fentanyl smuggling is back, and overcrowded shelters get worse. Things won't get better here until the next presidential visit. The policies of the past 24-months will continue to be our future.

THEY CAME FROM NEW BEDFORD, MAN!

Once again, while listening to SiriusXM Soul Town 49 music, radio host Jeff Foxx was talking about Tavares, and again said the band was from Providence, RI, which is only partially right. The first place we all know they really hail from is New Bedford, MA. These guys growing up moved a lot, but any real Tavares fan knows home base was not across the border in Rhode Island. Get it right, Jeffrey.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

My pal Richie Barnett from East Boston, one of the gang from Burger King up the Heights celebrated his birthday last week. Birthday greetings from the whole gang!

WHAT FLAG SHOULD FLY IN CLASSROOMS?

A recent *Boston Globe* article on an ongoing controversy at Stoughton High School concerns parental and school staff opposition to banning Pride and BLM flags from flying inside school classrooms. The directive banning all these flags came reportedly from the town's school superintendent."

One school parent who was quoted in the piece said he "was just taken aback. What it does is it makes students — Black, and brown and LGBTQ students — feel not wanted. A lot of schools have flags, and it's just part of the decor." I support the new flag ban. We don't need all these different flags inside the school. I don't even support flying the Thin Blue Line or Christian flag inside our public schools. There is only one flag that belongs in our school building and that is the U.S. Flag that flies for all of us. All the other flags are seemingly agenda driven.

You want to see a site flying all kinds of flags outside its building, take a trip to the United Nations in New York City. What's okay for the U.N. is not necessarily okay for Stoughton or any other public school system. How about trying some new concept like trying to find ways to unite us rather than divide us.

CAR RADIOS WERE THE GREATEST IDEA EVER — AFTER TIRES

I wonder who ever came up with the car radio or even the need for a car radio. I can't imagine driving around in dead silence. I need a car radio, and I need it badly. This past weekend, I heard lots of great music on the road, the Beatles singing one of their number one double-sided hits that was topping the charts 57 years ago. One side was "We Can Work It Out" (Paul McCartney) and the flipside was John Lennon's "Day Tripper," which actually was an anti-drug tune. That was on WMEX. I flipped over to Country 102.5 and heard Jon Pardi singing "Last Lonely Night," then it was over to Classic Rock 100.7 with a twofer, "Watchtower" by Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin with "Black Dog."

Driving while listening to good music certainly calms your nerves and lowers incidents of road rage, too!

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

I love reading newspaper comic strips. One of my favorite is *Pearls before Swine* by Stephan Pastis. One of his most recent was the rat character sitting in his doctor's office as the doctor tells how high his blood pressure and cholesterol was and tells the rat he would have to change his diet. When the rat asks about what kind of changes, the doctor said he created a chart for him to follow. The chart said in large lettering was "EVERYTHING YOU LIKE GONE!"

BIDEN COMPARES IMMIGRANTS WITH JEWS FLEEING THE NAZIS IN WWII

Joe Biden last week spoke with reporters and compared our borders being overrun with illegal immigrants crossing over with Jews fleeing persecution from the Nazis during World War II. He just returned from a three-hour tour of our southern border, but only after all the illegals flooding El Paso were rounded up and hidden from sight or actually, get this, shipped back into Mexico, and told them to stay put until the coast is clear.

DID YOU KNOW???

March 1, 2023, will be the 50th Anniversary of the release of *Dark Side of the Moon* by Pink Floyd. Seems like it couldn't be that long ago, but it was! I was a mere 25 years old when that song was a brand new hit.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI22P6695GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of
YACOB MULATU GEBRU
of Ayer, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Amy Gebru** of **Ayer, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Yacob Mulatu Gebru** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Amy Gebru** of **Ayer MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **February 02, 2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 05, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 01/20/2023

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Estate of
NANCY H. DEMAND
Also Known As
NANCY DEMAND

Date of Death: January 25, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Paul Meltzer** of **Worcester, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Paul Meltzer of **Worcester, MA** 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: 01/20/2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **February 04, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

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VIN #1FAHP34N19W248019

2001 HONDA ACCORD
VIN #1HGCG16591A070742

2001 TOYOTA CAMRY
VIN #4T1BG22K31U052775

2009 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER
VIN #JTEES41A992143282

2002 JEEP LIBERTY
VIN #1J4GL48K32W152643

2005 NISSAN MAXIMA
VIN #1N4BA41E15C804245

2010 ACURA TL
VIN #19UUA8F58AA012782

Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.

01/20, 01/27, 02/03/2023