



DEVOTION (4K Ultra HD & Blu-ray) Paramount

Jonathan Majors and Glen Powell star in the epic and inspirational true story of two elite U.S. Navy fighter pilots who helped turn the tide in the most brutal battle in the Korean War: Jesse Brown, the first Black aviator in Navy history and his fellow fighter pilot and friend, Tom Hudner. Their heroic sacrifices and enduring friendship would ultimately make them the Navy's most celebrated wingmen. Bonus features include: *The Aviation of a Forgotten War*: Take a deep dive into the world of 1950s U.S. Naval aviation and experience the epic aerial action brought to life in *Devotion*. Meet the actors in real planes used during the Korean War in this incredible behind-the-scenes look at the making of the film. **The Legacy of Jesse Brown**: Discover the extraordinary life of Jesse Brown, the first African American Naval Aviator, and explore his personal journey during the Korean War. Hear from the cast and crew as they discuss Jesse's unique and complex story.

JUNK HEAD (DVD) Synergetic Distribution

Ten years into the making, this *Junk Head* animation masterpiece is set in the distant future where most of the people live miles below the surface. *Junk Head* is revived to explore what's left of humanity. Mankind can no longer reproduce because of gene manipulation aimed at making life longer. The clones ruling the bottomless underworld may have become fertile. Parton is selected to go on a mission through a subterranean labyrinth crawling with monsters to secure humanity's future.

UNIDENTIFIED (DVD) Film Movement

When an obsessed cop seeks answers to an unsolved case, his investigation plunges him into darkness and violence in *Unidentified*, a sharp, tightly woven Romanian crime thriller mystery, and a seething neo-noir touching on police corruption, prejudice, and toxic masculinity. A small city in Northern Romania: despite growing debts and a complicated personal life, police detective Florin Ispas is determined to solve a hard case that no one else seems to care about. Ordered to put down the file, the cop continues his off-the-record investigations, soon turning up a strong lead for two hotel fires that resulted in several deaths. The suspect is Banel, a security guard of Roma descent, but he denies everything. Faced with the refusal of the police chief to support his inquiry, the mistrust of his colleagues, and his own inner demons, Florin resorts to extraordinary measures to achieve a form of justice.

MURDER IN A BLUE WORLD (DVD) Caudron Films

In a violent, dystopian consumer-fed future, David blackmails nurse Ana after witnessing her commit a murder. When Ana and Victor discover David is a known gang member with an extensive criminal past,

they make a plan to turn the tables and use him for their own clandestine purposes. *Murder in a Blue World* is director Eloy de la Iglesia's dystopian spin on Stanley Kubrick's 1971 film, *A Clockwork Orange*.

ADIEU GODARD (DVD) Film Movement

When an old man from a small, conservative Indian village discovers the work of legendary filmmaker Jean Luc Godard, he enlists his neighbors to throw a film festival in this slice-of-life comedy, *Adieu Godard*. Ananda, an older resident of a small, has a problem: he's addicted to pornography. Much to the chagrin of his wife and daughter, he's a frequent renter of films at a local video store, and he brings them home and watches with friends. One day, he accidentally brings home a DVD with a Jean Luc Godard film inside the case. And though his friends are disappointed and leave, Ananda is fueled by curiosity with the French director, develops an obsession and begins to rent all of Godard's films. Eventually, he decides to host a village film festival dedicated to the filmmaker — and that's when things start to become interesting ...

PANTHER (Blu-ray) MVD Marquee Collection

A time of tension, of rioting in the streets, a time of change! In Oakland, California, 1968, The Black Panthers, led by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale have armed themselves and a ready to fight for freedom. To the people, they're heroes, but to the FBI they're Public Enemy Number One. Now the Feds will do everything they can — on the right or wrong side of the law — to bring them down. Written by legendary filmmaker and author Melvin Van Peebles, based on his own novel, and directed by Mario Van Peebles, *Panther* features an all-star cast including Kadeem Hardison, Joe Don Baker, Angela Bassett, Chris Tucker, Chris Rock, James Le Gros, M. Emmet Walsh, Robert Culp, James Russo, Bobby Brown and Tyrin Turner.

QUEEN OF GLORY (DVD) MVD Marquee Collection

Queen of Glory, is a charming, modern take on the classic New York City immigrant's tale. Brainy scientist Sarah Obeng, a doctoral student at Columbia University, is weeks away from following her very married boyfriend to Ohio when her mother dies suddenly. Her inheritance was a small, but beloved, Christian bookstore in the Pelham Parkway section of the Bronx, where she was raised in the tight-knit Ghanaian immigrant community. Tasked with planning a culturally respectful funeral befitting the family matriarch, Sarah must juggle the expectations of her loving yet demanding family while navigating the reappearance of her estranged father all while grappling with what to do with the bookstore. Aided by an only-in-New York ensemble of Eastern European neighbors, feisty African aunties and a no-nonsense ex-con co-worker, Sarah faces her new responsibilities while figuring out how to remain true to herself.

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

SIGNS OF AN EARLY SPRING

Forget what that little rodent saw back on Groundhog Day, you know spring is coming this year with the announcement that City Councilor Michael Flaherty will be holding his annual spring fundraiser on Wednesday, March 8th starting at 5:30 p.m. over at Amrheins, 80 West Broadway in Southie and the annual parade will be held on Sunday, March 19th.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NORMAL AND CRAZY



Kudos to Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee for her rebuttal to Biden's State of the Union speech. She was great at calling out the difference between Biden Democrats and America, basically the difference between "normal" and "crazy."

Right on! Who really wants to be crazy when you can be normal again?

During his speech, he stated how Democrats and Republicans agree that Social Security and Medicare is now safe from any chopping block. However, within 24-hours at a union rally, Biden went back to saying the Republicans want to cut both those programs. Doesn't he even remember what he said less than 24-hours earlier?

I see Sarah Huckabee as the face of the Republican future. She is the youngest governor today at 40 years old. Biden would be 82 in 2024. Even Trump will be 78 years old. Is it time for a new generation of leadership? If the choice in '24 were between Biden and Trump, I would still vote for Trump, but would rather have younger candidates running for the White House nowadays.

I was 12 years old back in 1960 when John Kennedy was running for president against then Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the last president born in the 19th century. It was time for a new generation of leadership then and maybe the time has come again.

Huckabee made a lot of believers in her rebuttal for so forcefully challenging the status quo of American politics. How old is too old? Just remember when Ronald Reagan ran and won in 1980, he was 69 years old and they called him old. Today, that same age is sounding more like a spring chicken.

HIS MAGIC MOMENT HAS DISAPPEARED UNDER THE BOARDWALK

The legendary member of the Drifters, the silken-voiced Charlie Thomas passed away on January 31st at 85 years old. He was part of this Doo-Wop, R&B/Soul vocal group for 60 years. Several of their classic hits come immediately to mind like "Under the Boardwalk," or my favorite "This Magic Moment." Their only number one song was "Save the Last Dance for Me."

CONGRATS TO CLAUDIA CORREA

Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo recently announced that Claudia Correa, the city's Director of Human Resources has been promoted to the new Chief of Talent and Culture for the City of Revere.

Prior to joining the City of Revere, Claudia worked for both Boston City Hall and the Commonwealth, where she held roles that allowed her to interact with many residents. Her experience gave her the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of state and local government and make the delivery of services more accessible. She currently lives with her family in Revere and is the mom of two children.

I often worked with her during her days at Boston City Hall and the East Boston community she served so well for many years. Our loss is a definite Revere gain.

DIDYA KNOW DEPT.

The very first Walmart opened up in Rogers, Arkansas by Sam Walton in 1950, and by 1962 there were 16 stores in his store chain. His main competitor at the time was the Woolworth chain. Sam's business plan is still working quite well today while Woolworths has fallen into the dustbin of history along with Kresge's.

WARNING: POLITICIANS ARE TRYING TO SAVE US FROM THE COLD

On Friday, February 3rd, with temps about to crash later in the day to record lows and horrible wind chill factors included, many of our elected politicians were there for us. Several politicians cranked out e-mails of which I received many warning us with the breaking news that we are about to be hit with a cold emergency. Note to these politicians: I was born and raised here my whole life, cold is not an emergency.

Here are some of their many tips. Where mittens instead of gloves. If you can, don't go outside. Wear a scarf over your mouth to protect your lungs. Wear layers of clothing. Don't forget your hat, too.

I had no idea that I should heed this warning of theirs. Oh, wait a minute, didn't my mother tell me all this back when I was a little kid growing up in Boston during wintertime?

THE SECRET SPOT IS 88.9 WERS

Every weekday evening at 10:00 p.m., if you like good R&B music, you should be listening to 88.9 FM WERS Emerson College. The "Secret Spot," brings you the best soul music anywhere. Great music for driving around at night, going out, or coming home!

RECENT BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Here's a list of recent birthdays celebrated: Ayanna Pressley, Bill Bulger, Tommy Smothers, Shakira, and Governor Maura Healey.

WORD HAS IT ...

It appears State Rep. Ed Coppinger, D-West Roxbury, was recently seen in the Departure Lounge as he was in talks with MassBio, a bio tech lobbyist group.

If Coppinger moves out of the legislature, surely there will be a certain crowded special primary to finish out Coppinger's seat.

THE SUPREMES OFFICIALLY BROKE UP IN JANUARY 1970 BUT ...

Most folks believe that Diana Ross & the Supremes officially last hit together in December 1969 with the tune "Someday We'll Be Together." However, truth be told that hit song wasn't really the last by the group, but was actually Diana Ross singing her first solo hit. It was just her singing at the mic with a group of Motown background singers vocalizing in the background. Now you know.

WHERE WOULD QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL BE WITHOUT MIKE WAKING THEM UP IN THE MORNINGS

I've been working full-time at Quincy High School since the beginning of the pandemic and I know that students and staff love entering the building from the back parking lot to the music of Mike, one of the school's security staff. He's out there rain or shine with Pandora on.

One day last week, he had Sam Cooke blasting out "Everybody Loves to Cha Cha Cha," one of his great tunes. Walking past him into the building the music instantly wakes you up and puts you in the school mode of operation. I thought the song was by Trinnny Lopez but Mike corrected me, this version was definitely Sam Cooke.

I'm gonna tell Mike, he should play Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, "Wake Up Everybody."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. D.A.

Team Hayden is putting together a birthday time for Kevin Hayden at Florian Hall in Dorchester on March 7th. Stay tuned for more info right here.

BABY, IT WAS COLD OUTSIDE



A photo of the cold is worth a thousand words
(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

The first weekend of February was a frigid one. On Saturday, February 4th, the temps fell below zero with wind chill factors making it seem much worse. That Saturday morning I traveled to Burger King up the Heights where I joined the usual morning crew of old guys like me. When I was entering the store, I looked over at the digital bank sign showing minus 8°. After having two cups of coffee, I headed out and looked over at the same sign, it read minus 4°, and I thought it was a heat wave!

I wish I had my camera in hand when I went in but still took a photo of that minus 4° on the sign to send to family out of state in warmer climates.