

# ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



#### Buon Anno 2011-Make it a Beautiful Year!!!

"Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance" Ciao Bella,

The year is coming to a close. And for some acquaintances as I heard recently it was a "bad" year. How bad could it have been? I saw they were still alive and enjoying their Mother's com-pany. So I decided to write a column that appreciates beauty in a simple manner.

The beauty of life!!!

I would ordinarily focus on all those New Year resolu-tions we normally struggle to keep. All the beauty tips, shortcuts for a cleansing routine and amazing skin remedies will be saved for during the year this time! Anyway I feel it best to focus on the moment of what we have accomplished during 2010. Think of your happiest moments in 2010 and write them all down. Jot that down those things that made you feel that "Wow" feeling-there must have been some. Think of the restful moments when you might have been relaxing with a good friend, a deep and juicy phone conversa-tion, a recent family dinner and /or outing. Remember all the wonderful movies you watched and all the good books you read. Magazine articles and newspaper articles also count as inspira-tional tools. The wonderful NEW friends you met this year that actually changed your life. Or even an old friend that has re-entered your life most happily. Write it all down. If there was a road trip or a trip to Paris or New Hampshire recall the moment, the anticipation, Uncle Al's misplaced suitcase in the airport!!!! The funny stories, jokes you heard and even a favorite comedian should be remembered so you will always remember to laugh again. Think of a grand meal you had, the company and good humor. A baby's birth or a wedding are "wow "mo-ments! Leave all the "nasties" behind and focus on the good that has come out of 2010. Life is not measured with the quantity of breaths you take, but with the quantity of moments that took your breath away. OK-now here come the teachings of my wonderful Mom. They have lived in my mind and kept the spirit of keeping a beautiful life. "A

pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an op-timist sees the opportunity in every difficulty"! How true! "The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they

So as 2010 comes to a close bring all the good moments with you. Making resolutions is part of a new start and a new year. No one says you must make them or keep them. That is also something to be grateful for "our freedom". The freedom to choose whatever we feel like doing! So give thanks for this year and hope next year will be even brighter. God bless all for a happy and healthy New Year

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# **VS**... more than meets the eye

by Bob Morello

#### LEGO: HERO FACTORY RISE OF THE ROOKIES (DVD)

Warner Home Video

Welcome to the Hero Factory, where the most powerful Heroes are built to serve one function - to save the universe from evil! Under the command of Alpha Team Leader Stormer and pros Bulk and Stringer, rookies Furno, Breez and Surge battle vicious creatures as acid-shooting Corroder, the dangerous blade-spinning Rotor and the raging marksman Xplode. But these criminals aren't working alone. A corrupt rogue Hero from Stormer's past is calling the shots, threaten-ing to take down the Hero Factory and unleash destruction across the galaxy. The Heroes will need all their skills, wits and courage to win this, their greatest challenge ever. (1 hr. 28 mins.)

## TYLER PERRY FAVORITES (Blu-ray-DVD)

Lionsgate
If you can't seem to get enough of Tyler Perry's matriarch of the Madea family, Lionsgate has released five favorites on Blu-ray Disc:
Diary of a Mad Black
Woman, The Family That
Preys, Madea Goes to Jail, Madea's Family Reunion and Why Did I Get Married? Timed to coincide with the release of the family's next generation Madea's Big Happy Family (Play). Hilarity abounds on each of the family gatherings, as Perry puts it all into perspective that's relative, and here for all Perry fans to enjoy!

### DEADWOOD: THE COMPLETE SERIES (13-Blu-ray) **HBO** Home Entertainment

Deadwood comes to life with a beautifully boxed 13-disc ultimate set. Revisit the Wild West settlement and enjoy this series hailed as "the greatest dramatic series in the history of American television" by the Newark Star-Ledger. Return to the time when the American frontier's life was unpredictable and dangerous and everything and everyone had a price. Enjoy all three seasons (36 episodes), and a bonus disc, totaling over 36 hours of excitement!

#### AMERICA'S MUSIC LEGACY (DVD)

Quantum Leap-MVDvisual The America's Music Legacy series was recorded in 1983-85 and produced by 20th Century Home Entertainment. Showcasing the musical legends performing the songs that continue to attract and entice the whole world, they truly are the best of all that is America. Eight releases in the series include genres and some of the artists performing: Folk — (The Limeliters, Leadbelly, Burt Ives, Yarbrough,

Christy Minstrels and Doc Watson); Country and West-Page, Moe Bandy, Jerry Lee Lewis and Ricky Skaggs); Blues — (B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Pee Wee Crayton, Jimmy Rushing and Ernie

Andrews; Rhythm & Blues
— (Sam Moore, Sheer
Delight, Brook Benton, Scatman Crothers and Mary Wells; **Dixieland Jazz**— (Woody Herman, Irma Thomas, Della Reese, Teddy Buckner and New Orleans Crothers Jazz All-Star Band; Soul -(James Brown, Ben E. King, Gladys Knight and The Pips, Percy Sledge and Otis Redding); **Gospel** — (Mahalia Jackson, The Chambers Family, Linda Hopkins, Mel Carter, Andrew Crouch and The Winans); and **Rock 'N Roll** — (The Coasters, Chubby Checker, Bo Diddley, The Diamonds and Little Anthony), Each volume runs approximately 2 hours

# THE FILMS OF RITA HAYWORTH (5-DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.
One of the most glamorous movie stars of all time, Rita movie stars of all time, Rita Hayworth was the ultimate bombshell of the 1940s. Known as "The Love God-dess," she was equally adept at playing sultry tempt-resses or dancing her way through splashy musicals. Sony Pictures and The Film Sony Pictures and The Film Foundation have teamed to present The Films of Rita Hayworth, five of Hayworth's finest films on DVD. These fully restored and remas-tered films highlight her charm, grace and allure as a dancer, dramatic actress, and vamp — showcases one of Hollywood's most unforgettable. The collection in-cludes the war-time musical Tonight and Every Night, the lavish biblical spectacle Salome, and the dramatic musical Miss Sadie Thompson, as well as the Rita most iconic films Cover Girl with Gene Kelly and the cel-ebrated **Gilda** with Glenn ord. (8 hrs. 22 mins.,

# THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP (DVD)

HBO Home Entertainment

The Special Relationship is a powerful new look at the human side of iconic leaders. Tony Blair (Michael Sheen), the eager young statesman, and Bill Clinton (Dennis Quaid), the sea-soned and charismatic president, together dream ing of remaking the world in a progressive fashion. Their wives, Hillary Clinton and Cherie Blair (Hope Davis and Helen McCrory), complete a unique foursome connected by shared ideologies and personal affection. When world events and personal water-shed shake the very foundation of their relationships. the two men must come to terms with the ephemeral nature of power and, often-times, friendship. (1 hr.

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