



FLASHDANCE (4K Ultra HD & Blu-ray) Paramount Home Ent.

Flashdance: This new release on Blu-ray, was originally released on April 15, 1983. *Flashdance* was a massive hit — becoming the third highest-grossing film of the year in the U.S. — as well as a pop culture sensation. The film was nominated for four Academy Awards and Irene Cara won for her iconic song “Flashdance... What a Feeling.” Filled with music, drama, and, of course, dance, *Flashdance* remains an influential and wildly entertaining cultural touchstone. Jennifer Beals stars as Alex — a fiercely determined 18-year-old with one all-consuming dream to study at the Pittsburgh Conservatory of Dance. Working during the day as a welder and at night as an exotic dancer, she bravely pursues her dream and undertakes an unforgettable journey that reveals the power of her convictions.

IN THE LINE OF DUTY (Blu-ray) 88 Films

In The Line of Duty: Four classic police stories, in a 4-Disc Blu-ray collection box set, from the Golden Age of Hong Kong action. Broke new ground showing women kicking butt as hard as any man! Michelle Yeoh, Cynthia Rothrock (Cynthia Kahn) star as the toughest cops on the streets, using fists, feet, and guns to take down triads, thieves, and international criminals. Easily the equal of any American action movies from the same era, the *In the Line of Duty* series are enduring proof of the genius of Hong Kong filmmakers. Beautiful HD restorations of these movies by 88 Films. **ROYAL WARRIORS**: Returning from her holiday in Japan, Inspector Yip (Michelle Yeoh) foils a daring mid-air rescue of a gangster being returned to Hong Kong for trial. But Inspector Yip needs to watch her back: that gangster has friends. **YES, MADAM!**: Chicks with kicks! When gangsters murder her friend, Inspector Ng (Michelle Yeoh) is drawn into a deadly search for the men who did it. Just as well, she's got back up from British super cop Carrie Morris (the legendary Cynthia Rothrock). **IN THE LINE OF DUTY III**: How do you top the first two in the Line of Duty films? Easy ... bigger explosions, wilder fights, and even crazier stunts! This time, two Japanese thieves have fled to Hong Kong with a tough J-cop (Cynthia Khan), hot on their heels. It's up to Hong Kong's finest to stop the villains before too much damage is done! **IN THE LINE OF DUTY IV**: The fourth (and for some fans ... the best) of the In the Line of Duty series, sees the return of Cynthia Kahn as Inspector Yeung. This time she's on the trail of some ruthless international drug dealers, ably assisted by Donnie Yen.

POLICE STORY III: SUPER COP (4K Ultra HD & Blu-ray) 88 Films

Police Story III: Super Cop is another adrenaline-pumping, action-packed tour-de-force from Jackie Chan and director

Stanley Tong. In this third installment, Chan reprises his role as maverick detective Chan Ka-Kui, who is recruited by Interpol to infiltrate the operations of a drug lord undercover in a Chinese prison. There, he earns the trust of Panther, a cartel member, by breaking him out of prison. He is paired with Captain Yang (Michelle Yeoh), who plays a tough, butt-kicking mainland Chinese cop. Together they travel to Hong Kong and join up with Panther's gang, Ka-Kui is accepted by the gang's leader, but his operation is jeopardized when Ka-Kui's girlfriend accidentally reveals his true identity. The pair is then forced to survive with their wits, courage, and skills during the most dangerous mission of their careers. Featured are a perfect mix of death-defying stunts, fluid modern-style martial arts sequences, and a healthy dose of Chan's trademark comedic flair in *Police Story III*.

A HANDFUL OF WATER (DVD) IndiePix Films

Jürgen Prochnow stars as Konrad, a cantankerous old man still mourning his wife's death, living alone in a large house with little, but a tropical fish tank for company. At the other end of town, 11-year-old Thurba (Milena Pribek) has other problems: the police are at the door and want to deport and resettle her Yemeni family to Bulgaria. But that only works if all the children are there, so the resourceful young girl jumps from the second floor and runs away to seek shelter and food in Konrad's basement. Unfortunately, and much to his horror, thinking Thurba is a burglar, he accidentally injures her. From there — and despite his initial rejections — the unlikely pair strikes up a tender friendship that will change both of their lives forever. Featuring stellar performances by Prochnow, Pegah Ferydoni, and Milena Pribek in her acting debut, this poignant first feature from director Jakob Zapf is a timely and heartfelt story of courage and compassion.

PILGRIMAGE: THE VOYAGES OF FERNAO MENDES PINTO (DVD) IndiePix Films

Over a span of twenty years, 16th-century Portuguese explorer Fernão Mendes Pinto lived a life of unparalleled adventure while traveling across the continent of Asia as a soldier, merchant, diplomat, pirate, and missionary. Shipwrecked and taken prisoner numerous times, he was one of the first Europeans to visit Japan and was even sentenced to a year of hard labor on the Great Wall of China. Above all, however, he was a highly skilled writer and his controversial memoir, “The Travels of Mendes Pinto,” was published posthumously in 1614. Called by many as one of the greatest adventures ever lived, *Pilgrimage* — adapted from Pinto's writings and featuring songs from the folk musician Fausto Bordoal Dias — details the explorer's legendary journeys at sea and on land in unforgettable fashion.

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

“HELLO MARY LOU, GOODBYE HEART”

While listening to the car radio recently, the deejay began talking about Ricky Nelson, an American singing idol, especially back in the '50s and into the '60s, and he did have a tragically short rebirth in the 80s.

If you were a kid or a teen back in the '50s/'60s, you could never forget *The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet*, which ran on ABC-TV starting in the late '50s through the mid-'60s. At the end of each show, Ricky Nelson would always sing his latest hit on stage. Between his music career and appearing on a weekly TV show with his entire REAL family, he was a constant chart topper.

Turns out, he hated to be called Ricky and on his 21st birthday, he rebranded as Rick Nelson, which was more to his liking. His career continued after the TV show ended, then he started to fade in the music industry. He began a rebirth in the '80s when he made peace with his past dislike for the name Ricky. He began going out performing concerts.

Unfortunately, his comeback didn't last that long as on December 31, 1985, on his way to a New Year's Eve concert in Dallas his plane crashed in De Kalby, Texas. He was only 45 years old when he perished in that plane crash.

Ricky's real name was Eric Hilliard Nelson. His dad Ozzie was a fabulous promoter for him. Dad knew that Ricky sounded so much better than Eric Hilliard Nelson did for a teenage Rock & Roll star. By the way, Ricky was born in New Jersey, and tis the cousin of Willy Nelson.

Had he still been living today, he would have been turning 83 years old on May 8th.

THE NINTH SUFFOLK DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY RACE

The 9th Suffolk District upcoming special primary is a pretty gerrymandered district going from the South End not far from Boston Medical Center, parts of lower Roxbury, the Newmarket District, Mass & Cass, Back Bay, the Polish Triangle in Southie, Edward Everett Square near the giant pear and over to a part of Uphams Corner.

The first candidate out of the gate is John Moran, a gay man out of the South End who is endorsed by the LGBTQ+ Victory Fund. If elected, he would be the first gay male to win this House seat. I have no problem with gays and lesbians running for public office, but after watching him being interviewed on BNN-TV, I just wonder if he's actually ready for the job of state representative. When questioned about his background and stances on the issues that affect his would-be constituents, he basically sounded like some office computer guy as he talked about looking for data-base solutions to the many urban issues in need of solutions. He never showed very much passion for the job nor spoke about what his goals were for his district.

I think voters might want to wait and check out all the candidates running before picking

your choice at your voting site.

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

I was still back in college when the first Earth Day celebration was held when I was still only; can you believe it, 22 years old? It has been going on over 50 years now. This weekend on Saturday, April 22nd, Earth Day celebrations will be held at Belle Island Marsh, starting at 9:00 a.m., and also over in Charlestown at Pier 5 in the Navy Yard starting at 12:30 p.m.

TIME TO KICK NADLER AND SCHIFF OVER JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Earlier this week, the House Judiciary Committee's latest on-site in NYC hearing on the out of control crime issue in that city was discussed. Both Rep. Jerry Nadler and Adam Schiff ought to be ashamed of themselves for acting like children.

In the previous House session under Speaker Pelosi, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Green was kicked off all her committee assignments and after watching Nadler and Schiff, it would appear their own reason for sitting on this committee as members of the minority party is to be pains in the ass to Chairman Jim Jordan. Why give them a forum to just be obstinate and condescending? Neither of them deserves to be sitting on this committee.

NEXT ROAR MEETING APRIL 26TH

If you're a conservative or centrist and you're tired of all the liberal bull, you should check out a relatively new political group up in the Wakefield area. I've been a member for a while now. The group's name is Rescue Our American Republic (ROAR for short). The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m., at the Crystal Community Center in Wakefield.

REMEMBERING CHARLIE THOMAS OF THE DRIFTERS

Charlie Thomas from the Drifters will soon be celebrating his heavenly birthday. He was born on April 27, 1937. He passed away this past January 31st at age 85.

MICHELANGELO DID NOT SCULPTURE FORN

The 17-foot tall nude marble sculpture dating to 1504, created by Michelangelo was commissioned by the Cathedral of Florence reflecting the height of the Italian Renaissance. The Florence museum housing the *David* masterpiece draws over 1.7 million visitors each year.

However, according to a charter school in Tallahassee, it would appear from several of the school parents that this masterpiece is a piece of pornographic substance. The mayor of Florence thought this American reaction was “ridiculous.” The principal of that Florida school was forced to resign after some of the six grade parents complained to the school. Some said they were never notified of the subject matter of the lesson plan and a third parent called the statue outright pornographic.

The Italian reaction to what happened to the principal was outrageous. A recent front-page

cartoon in the *Corriere della Sera* newspaper by a leading satirist depicting *David* with his manhood covered by an image of Uncle Sam and the word “Shame.”

I do wholeheartedly agree with the museum director in Florence who stated, “To think that *David* could be pornographic means truly not understanding the contents of the Bible, not understanding Western culture and not understanding Renaissance art.”

ANOTHER HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Actor Ward Bond is remembered by many baby boomers, like myself from his days as a wagon train boss on *Wagon Train* from 1957-60. He passed away on November 5, 1960, at age 57, and was immediately replaced on the TV western by veteran actor John McIntyre.

Many people remember Ward from two great movies. He played a cop in Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* and with John Wayne in John Ford's *The Searchers*.

April 9th, would have been his 120th birthday.

FINALLY, LET'S GO BRANDON

NO, I am not talking about Joe Biden, I am talking about a real life Brandon, newly sworn in Mayor of Chicago Brandon Johnson, who replaced former Mayor Lori Lightfoot. This new guy is so bad, he makes Lightfoot look like Rudy Giuliani.

This past weekend, Chicago turned into a Night of Rage, where lawlessness was seen everywhere, plenty of crime, plenty of violence, and plenty of chaos with the police barely able to keep the city together.

The mayor actually condoned the violence by this out of control mob as if they had the right to strike out in blatant lawlessness. The people of Chicago have only themselves to blame. They voted to replace a terrible mayor with an even more horrible mayor. Don't come crying to anyone about your plight today. You voters there had an opportunity to fix things, but just made them worse.

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