



**BEST PICTURE
ACADEMY AWARD
WINNERS - FIVE FILM
COLLECTION (DVD)**

Lionsgate

With filmgoers still digesting the results of the recent Oscar winners, Lionsgate debuts five breathtaking films that earned Best Picture — the most prestigious and coveted Academy Award. The compilation includes Best Picture Oscar winners, *Shakespeare in Love* (Joseph Fiennes, Gwyneth Paltrow, Judi Dench, Geoffrey Rush, Colin Firth and Ben Affleck) — 7 Oscars, *The English Patient* (Ralph Fiennes, Kristin Scott Thomas, Colin Firth and Willem Dafoe) — 9 Oscars, *Chicago* (Renée Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Queen Latifah and Richard Gere), *No Country for Old Men* (Tommy Lee Jones and Javier Bardem), and *Crash* (Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon, Jennifer Esposito and Brendan Fraser).

**JUSTICE LEAGUE:
DOOM (Blu-ray)
Warner Home Video**

The Justice League consists of Earth's finest super heroes and protectors of humanity. But in the mind of the Dark Knight, it contains potentially the most dangerous people on the planet. Over time, Batman has compiled top-secret contingency plans, if any of them should go rogue. When these files are stolen by a rising group of super-villains, the Justice League embarks on a collision course.

**THE MORTICIAN (DVD)
Lionsgate**

A mortician's (Method Man) life is changed when a woman's body comes to his table and stirs up memories of his past. While trying to pull himself together, he finds a young boy hiding in his morgue. The boy tells him that he's only there to say good-bye to his dead mother because he's on the run from his father who wants him dead. Determined to help him, the mortician takes on the role of personal protector and stops at nothing to end the cycle of abuse.

**NURSE JACKIE:
SEASON THREE (2-Blu-ray)
Lionsgate**

The Showtime hit series Nurse Jackie ended season two with the ugly truth closing in on super-nurse Jackie Peyton (Eddie Falco). Jackie's best friend and husband put the pieces together about her pill-popping ways and confronted her about her addiction. But if the people in her life think one little intervention is going to stop her, they don't know Jackie. The great white liar returns for another hilarious season of 12 episodes on 2 discs. Enjoy!

**AL DI MEOLA -
MOROCCO FANTASIA
(DVD)**

Inakustik

Considered the ultimate Moroccan music festival, the Mawazine festival in Rabat, Morocco features guitarist, Al DiMeola. DiMeola delivers eight exciting tracks backed by artists of various cultures and religions. Opening with "Misterio," trailed by "Siberiana," "Double Concerto," "Michelangelo's 7th Child," "Gumberio," "Turquoise," "En-core" and "Egyptian Danza." Extra features include excerpts from rehearsals.

**@SUICIDE ROOM (DVD)
WolfeVideo**

Moody, dark and handsome Dominik (Jakub Gierszal) is tormented by his classmates after video footage of his drunken kiss with classmate Alex is spread across the Internet. He begins spending all his time as an avatar in the "Suicide Room" but soon his online adventures begin to dangerously bleed into his real life. This critically acclaimed techno-thriller includes breathtaking sequences.

**WEEDS: SEASON SEVEN
(2-Blu-ray)
Lionsgate**

After serving three years in the joint, the onetime suburban soccer mom is making a fresh start in New York City. She goes back to doing what she does best — selling pot! But when some old friends return, they could send everything up in flames. Starring Mary-Louise Parker, this Blu-ray disc is loaded with bonus features.

**TAYLOR SWIFT -
AMERICAN BEAUTY (DVD)
Violen Films**

This unauthorized documentary tells the story of Taylor Alison Swift who has evolved into one of music's most popular stars. Her strong voice and natural charm has made her the most successful country music artist in history. Her success is no coincidence as Swift is one of the hardest working performers in music. This unauthorized documentary goes beyond the music and explores the challenges and triumphs of Taylor Swift — the American Beauty!

**BORGIA FAITH AND FEAR:
SEASON ONE (3-DVD)
Lionsgate**

In the era of Da Vinci and Michelangelo, of enlightened creativity and unparalleled intellectual achievement, rampant lawlessness and incessant war also reigned. A crime family emerged and would open the most infamous chapter in the history of the Catholic Church. In the center of the story is Rodrigo Borgia — pope and ruthless dictator, on a quest for power and the ultimate prize, the Chair of St. Peter. Includes all 12 one-hour episodes.

• **News Briefs** (Continued from Page 1)

have been around since 1970 but they are becoming more numerous. Once all you needed was to show a utility bill to register now many states support laws requiring voters to show picture IDs. Most of these new laws have been passed by Republican legislatures to prevent fraud. Democrats for the most part oppose them and say they keep the poor, the elderly and minorities from voting.

In December, the US Justice Department blocked South Carolina's voter ID law under its authority in the Voting Rights Act to review places with a history of discrimination. The feds say non-whites are less likely than white voters in the state to have a photo ID and thus the new law would be discriminatory. About 82,000 non-whites in the state do not have a photo ID or drivers' license.

South Carolina officials sued on February 7 to overturn the federal move. I agree with South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley who stated, "If you have to show a picture ID to buy Sudafed, show a picture ID to get on a plane, you should have to show a picture ID to do that one thing that is to vote."

The Democrats apparently aren't concerned with making sure who shows up to vote. On the King Holiday, NAACP President Ben Jealous appeared with US Attorney General Eric Holder at a rally outside the state Capitol in Washington, D.C. and declared South Carolina "ground zero" in the voting rights battle.

Give Me That Lunch Little Girl

News story just out of North Carolina. Local health officials trying to follow USDA guidelines for healthy school lunches are now apparently confiscating lunches brought in by children if parents are packing unhealthy stuff. In one case, a four-year-old's lunch was taken because mommy gave her a turkey and cheese sandwich, a banana, a bag of chips and apple juice. Seems this lunch was unacceptable to those that know better than parents what to feed their children. The pupil was given a hot lunch from the cafeteria containing chicken nuggets and some other '. The school also sent home a bill for the school lunch too.

What is wrong with this picture? Parents are too stupid to give their children healthy lunches? School officials need to stop acting like storm troopers when it comes to a turkey cheese sandwich. This isn't Nazi Germany. This is America.

• **Gas Saving Gimmicks** (Continued from Page 1)

maintain a constant speed and, in most cases, reduce your fuel consumption.

Keep your tires properly inflated and aligned. Automobile manufacturers must place a label in the car stating the correct tire pressure. If the label lists a psi (pounds per square inch) range, use the higher num-

ber to maximize your fuel efficiency.

Obama the Statist Does Makeover of American Gov't

When our founding fathers created this democratic republic of ours, it was unheard of in Europe for such a kind of republic governed by a constitution that limited the power of government. Ben Franklin once said that we shall try to live with a government protected by a constitution until and when if the people wish to live under despotism again. He and the others like Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Adams and Alexander Hamilton all knew that our strength as a government came from the people and not the leaders such as themselves. It was a radical idea in the 18th century and today it still remains a radical idea for most of the world that meets at the United Nations.

Many conservatives and fringe groups on the far right see Obama and think dictator. Some call him a commie. Some call him a socialist. I think he is a statist infected with an ailment known to me as Mussolini. He likes hearing himself talk. Recently, he asked the Congress to cede to him the authority to re-organize federal agencies. We have a careful Balance of power in our government that has worked since 1791. We have three co-equal branches of government. No one branch rules. They all rule together as checks and balances on each other.

I enjoy listening to Glenn Beck on the radio but sometimes he can look like a wing-nut. He recently played the audio of the union address and then with the help of a computer added the sound track of the crowds cheering Darth Vader ranting about the Empire.

Obama so enjoys his populist class warfare shlick and the pitting of Americans against each other. Keeping America divided and playing both ends against the middle. His is the politics of envy and division. This was not the change most of us were hoping for back in 2008.

The Coronation of a Kennedy

He has not even announced yet but already Joe Kennedy 3K had earned the endorsements of both SEIU and the AFL-CIO. Young Kennedy just moved into the district to attain district residency which was a sure bet he is running but shouldn't the unions at least wait un-

til after his announcement?

I am down in the new 4th district all the time. Much of it further down toward Rhode Island is pretty conservative. US Sen. Scott Brown hails from Wrentham where he previously was elected to the state senate. Republicans can win down there. Republican Sean Bielet almost beat Frank two years ago before the district lines moved more to the right. For over 70 years a Republican (Speaker Joe Martin and then, Margaret Heckler) represented most of what is now the new 4th district on Capitol Hill.

The question is can Bielet or anyone else beat a Kennedy at election time in Massachusetts?

His father is Joe Kennedy II, a former congressman who replaced Speaker Tip O'Neill Jr. in the 8th district back in 1986. His grandfather was Bobby Kennedy one of my political heroes back in my younger days.

I've heard this latest Kennedy speak over at the Kennedy Library and he presents himself well and reminds me more of his grandfather than his father.

Does Camelot still rule in Massachusetts? Is there still a love affair with the Kennedy family?

Can this latest version of a Kennedy seek and win election on his own merits? Where does he actually stand on the important issues of the day being debated both here locally and in Washington, DC.

This too early union backing could actually have a blowback effect on his candidacy. Nothing should ever look like a done deal for anyone. I have a feeling this Kennedy knows that too.

"The Artist"

Was Best 2011 Movie?

"The Artist" a French black and white, silent movie about a little dog has won the best picture of the year award at the 84th Annual Academy Awards Show. Why? Who saw this movie? Who wants to see it? What about movies that actually drew millions at the box office? Who picks these winners and why? By the way, one of the losers in this category was "The Driver." The fact it even got nominated was outlandish to me. I saw it and it stunk big time. This one was in full color and had sound. This movie needed to be silent to be better. How much sociopathic babble can you take before you lose it yourself? This movie was definitely of the crash and burn type, except it took too long to crash and it didn't burn quick enough. OUCH! I say to this cinema presentation.

ber to maximize your fuel efficiency.

Anticipate the driving condition. Driving smoothly and steadily makes the best use of your fuel. If you can, avoid sudden acceleration or braking.

Change your oil and replace air filters regularly. Clean oil reduces wear

caused by friction between moving parts and removes harmful substances from the engine. Your air filter keeps impurities in the air from damaging internal engine components.

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