

VIDEO VIEWS... more than meets the eye

by Bob Morello

PRETTY LITTLE LIARS: ORIGINAL SIN - THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON (DVD)

Warner Bros. Home Ent.
Prepare to be on the edge of your seat with HBO Max's new generation of liars in the secretive and suspenseful drama series that has captivated audiences everywhere with the release of *Pretty Little Liars: Original Sin: The Complete First Season*. Enjoy 10, one-hour episodes from the series, plus almost one hour of bonus content that goes behind the scenes of the series, as it is now available to own on Digital via purchase from digital retailers and to stream on HBO Max. Twenty years ago, a series of tragic events almost ripped the blue-collar town of Millwood apart. Now, in the present day, a group of disparate teen girls — a brand-new set of Little Liars — find themselves tormented by an unknown assailant and made to pay for the secret sin their parents committed two decades ago ... as well as their own. In the dark, coming-of-age horror-tinged drama, we find ourselves miles away from Rosewood, but within the existing *Pretty Little Liars* universe — in a brand-new town, with a new generation of Little Liars.

THE RETURN OF SWAMP THING (4K Ultra HD & Blu-ray) Lightyear Ent.

In time to commemorate its landmark 35th anniversary, everyone's favorite muck-encrusted plant man is back in a special edition of *The Return of Swamp Thing* featuring a stunning new 4K restoration! The sequel to the original cult classic is based on the award-winning DC Comics series. In *The Return of Swamp Thing*, Swampy falls for sexy Abigail Arcane (Heather Locklear), stepdaughter to the world's maddest scientist, Dr. Anton Arcane (Louis Jourdan). Abby owns a plant store, and is more comfortable talking to her plants than to men in the local singles bar. However, when she meets the half human/half plant, she immediately sees beyond the horror of his physical form and falls in love with Dr. Alec Holland, the man behind the muck, who also happens to be busy saving her from her father's nefarious and murderous plans. Befitting the special edition release, the 4K Ultra HD & Blu-ray set features two brand new special features: a *Reflections on Swamp Thing 35 Years Later* interview with producer Michael E. Uslan.

FILL'ER UP WITH SUPER (Blu-ray) Radiance

Klouk is a car salesman who has to miss a family holiday to deliver a luxury Chevrolet station wagon to his boss' wealthy client. He decides to take his friend Philippe along with him for the ride across the length of France from Lille to the Cote d'Azur. On the way they give a lift to hitchhiker Charles who also brings along his friend Daniel. A buddy road movie that came together from genuine friendship and developed

throughout the months-long script workshop giving the film a casual and naturalistic quality that pre-dates Richard Linklater's similar approaches by some decade, *Fill'Er Up with Super* is one of many touching road movie comedies about youth in a line of classics. A meditation on friendship and masculinity, it was voted one of the greatest of all French films by Time Out Paris which described it as a precious secret, one which could be likened to a documentary, yet in its more surreal moments retains a freshness larger than life. Includes newly translated English subtitles - Reversible sleeve featuring designs based on original posters - Limited Edition booklet featuring new writing on the film

ALL EYES OFF ME (DVD)

Film Movement

Tel Aviv, today. At a party, an anxious girl named Danny is looking for Max, a recent casual fling, to share that she's pregnant with his child. Through the haze of drugs and promiscuity of the partygoers, Danny doesn't get far in her search. Meanwhile, Max is busy with his new girlfriend, Avishag. He attempts to realize her rough sexual fantasies but Avishag instead turns her attention to another burgeoning relationship with Dror, an older man for whom she dog-sits. In these three, loosely connected vignettes, director Hadas Ben Aroya's second feature film proves to be an atmospheric exploration of a self-possessed generation of young Israelis. Though beautiful, confident, and sexually liberated, *All Eyes Off Me*, winner of several awards at the 2021 Jerusalem Film Festival, addresses the physical limits of intimacy, questioning just how liberated these youths really are when faced with vulnerability.

A BAG OF MARBLES (DVD) Omnibus Ent.

Paris, 1941: Joseph and Maurice are the sons of Roman, the local barber. At ages 10 and 12, they have so little understanding of the persecution of Jews that after the Nazis invade, Joseph thinks nothing of swapping his yellow star for a bag of marbles. His parents, however, realize that escape may be their only chance of survival, so they send the boys on their own into the "free zone" of Vichy France. Traveling on foot across dangerous territory, and always one false move from tragedy, they're forced to use all their ingenuity, courage and their brotherly bond to reach safety and reunite with their family. A moving adaptation of Joseph Joffo's bestselling autobiographical novel, *A Bag of Marbles* recounts an incredible true story of strength and resilience.

DIVIDE & CONQUER (Blu-ray) Tromba Films

In Tromaville, three women warriors find themselves on the run and kicking in the teeth of every misogynist that dares to cross their path. This estrogen-fueled grindhouse tribute is written, directed, and co-starring Mercedes The Muse.

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

AQUARIUS REUNION BACK AGAIN FOR 2023

Back in the day when Disco was big, they called me either Disco Kid or Sal Travolta. I kid you not. I had a three-piece smoky-gray polyester suit, the Cuban heeled shoes, the hair, and the moves. I used to go to Disco's all over the place. The Pier was over and what is now the Seaport and was one of my favorite spots. I remember the Palace up by the Malden-Saugus line. There were plenty of places all over the Boston area.

I lived in Quincy for 25 years up until a dozen years ago and I'm a teacher in Quincy today. Every time I cross the Neponset Bridge from Dorchester, I always notice the Best Western Quincy Inn and remember back in the day when it was the Aquarius nightclub where you could get out on the dance floor and be the best dancing Taurus at Aquarius. I was born to Disco and could dance almost as well as I could write. Those were the days as Archie Bunker would probably sing, but I have a feeling he wasn't into Disco.

Well for those who loved it back then, you can get a little taste of yesterday on April 29th when the Aquarius reunion shows up again at Florian Hall. The Cover Girls are back. DJ James Duffy, and DJ Sean O'Toole, too. Two rooms, two bars, two dance floors, and two deejays. Go to aquariusreunion.com and get your tickets on Facebook.

Of course I am an O.G. now and will probably need help getting my ticket but I will be there on the dance floor where you will find me as the Disco Kid back out there on the floor. No more Cuban heels, no more dark hair, but I can still do it on the dance floor because Disco is part of my Italian DNA.

MICHAEL P. QUINN DINNER DANCE APRIL 1ST

Preparations are underway for the 54th annual Michael P. Quinn Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 1st at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlestown. For more info, you can email maryfitzpatrick10@comcast.net or call Ronan at 617-242-5493.

"AS LONG AS IT TAKES" TO DO WHAT?

I am not as isolationist and never have been but all this talk about staying in for as long as it takes over in Ukraine makes me nervous. We just horribly ended an endless war in Afghanistan. It does appear that the D.C. War Machine is seemingly running the show again. I still remember as a 12-year-old watching outgoing President Dwight D. Eisenhower warning the American people in his Farewell Address to beware of the Military Industrial Complex and we saw what happened when we failed to heed his advice.

Today, we have war hawks on the warpath again. They are the establishment Democrats and Republicans who can't wait for the next war. Our economy is once again getting fueled by yet another war. After all, war is good for business, right? Is war good for the military industrial complex? Many would say it is, right?

Like most Americans, I think Putin is evil and what he has done over the past year in

Ukraine is god-awful. However, the American people need to hear more than "we are in it for as long as it takes." What does that mean? What is our strategy and endgame over there? How much money are we willing to spend and what is the purpose of the spending? Is it just about Putin retreating back across the border into Russia? Or are there other ideas about taking Putin out? Is this a proxy war with Russia? Lately, things are getting scarier as China and Russia seem to be chumming up with each other?

A DAY TO REMEMBER

Friday, March 3rd is the 55th anniversary of my first published letter to the editor. I was 19 years old at the time back in 1968. The world was pretty violent and crazy that year, so I guess not much has changed since then. Only names and places have changed.

My first letter was published on March 3, 1968 and appeared in the *Boston Sunday Advertiser*, which was probably priced to jump off the newsstands. It was one paragraph long and it criticized President Johnson not working so well on his Vietnam War strategy.

In April of 1968, Dr. King was assassinated. The following month, I celebrated my 20th birthday. On June 6, 1978, Bobby Kennedy was also assassinated. Many have called 1968, the bloodiest year that decade.

One thing I have learned, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

WE ARE AT A TIPPING POINT

We are at a tipping point right now. America is looking weaker all the time and we know that's not a good thing. Recently, I heard Biden and Janet Yellen warning China not to become BFF's with Russia as if anyone over there is listening to folks from the geriatric ward over here.

Look, we got "nothin'" out of a forever war in Afghanistan except the humiliation of fleeing that conflict with our tails between our legs. Look again and remember the 12-year war in Vietnam and see that image of those American helicopters atop the U.S. Embassy in South Vietnam as the North Vietnamese closed in on Saigon.

DO WE HAVE AN EXIT STRATEGY THIS TIME

We need a president who can better articulate why we are in Ukraine for "as long as it takes." What is our mission besides being the paymaster for this fight? We need a good purpose to be clearly involved as we are now. Most of all we need to know we have a strategy this time on how to exit without getting humiliated once again. Eisenhower must be rolling over in his grave seeing how far we have strayed. It's so easy to get intertwined into a war, but difficult to get out.

CELEBRATION OF IRISH MUSIC

The Friends of the Charlestown Library with St. John's Church will be presenting tenor Joshua Collier and pianist Liya Nigmati in classical settings of Irish and Scottish ballads in a Celebration of St. Patrick's Day. This free concert will take place at St. John's Church on Saturday, March 18th at 8:00 p.m.,

and will evoke the great Irish tenor John McCormack and encourage some sing along at the end.

DANDEE DONUTS ARE HERE

Lots of my East Boston friends who "winter" in Lauderdale by the Sea rave about donuts from Dandee Donuts and often say why we can't get those donuts up here.

Well, the wait is over as the Dandee Donut Factory just held a ribbon cutting at 1141 Revere Beach Parkway in Revere.

SENATOR SAL DIDOMENICO ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER SET FOR MARCH 9TH

Senator Sal DiDomenico and the DiDomenico Foundation will once again be holding its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Thursday, March 9th at the Knights in Charlestown. Lots of corned beef and cabbage, lots of terrible jokes, by way too many polls and, of course, The Platters are returning again with some great R&B, too.

For more information, you can call 617-387-3327 or email ttankeovich@hotmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS TO REMEMBER

Recent February birthdays include the Bruins' Phil Esposito (81), the NBA's Charles Barkley (60), remember Patty Hearst (69), how could we forget her, Cindy Crawford (57), actors Gary Lockwood (86), Kelsey Grammer (68), "Dr. J" Julius Erving (73), and Drew Barrymore is (48).

SPECIAL

BIRTHDAY GREETING ...

To my cousin Karen Gorman, who always celebrates her February 22nd birthday with George Washington.

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For more information call
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LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. M123P1010EA
Estate of
BARBARA H. UNDERWOOD
Date of Death: November 10, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert H. Underwood of Dorchester, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Robert H. Underwood of Dorchester, 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.

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