



**VARSITY BLUES**  
**(4K UltraHD + Blu-ray**  
**+ Digital)**

**Paramount Home Ent.**  
Celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Varsity Blues*, a popular football classic, James Van Der Beek leads the action in this exciting, funny coming-of-age story about a small-town high schooler confronting the pressures and temptations of gridiron glory. At first, backup quarterback Jonathan "Mox" Moxom (Van Der Beek) is nowhere close to being a star athlete. Perfectly content to stay on the bench, he has no time for Coach Kilmer's (Jon Voight) win-at-all-cost strategies. But when the starting quarterback (Paul Walker) is injured, Mox is in the game. Soon everyone will realize there's not just a new star quarterback in town, there's a new kind of hero. Originally released on January 15, 1999, director Brian Robbins' exciting and often funny coming-of-age story remains a cult classic 25 years later. Van Der Beek won the MTV Movie Award for Best Breakthrough Male Performance and Teen Choice Award for Breakout Performance for his star turn as high school backup quarterback Jonathan "Mox" Moxom.

**INTO THE WEEDS (DVD)**  
**Film Movement**

Does the most widely used weed killer in the world cause cancer? *Into the Weeds* follows the riveting story of groundskeeper Lee Johnson and his fight for justice against agrochemical giant, Monsanto (now Bayer), the manufacturer of Roundup herbicide. In 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer classified glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup, as "probably carcinogenic to humans." A year later, Lee Johnson filed a lawsuit claiming the Ranger Pro, a commercial-grade variant of Roundup, was a substantial contributing factor in causing his Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Blending interviews, testimonials, trial footage, news coverage, and vérité, the film follows the progression of this groundbreaking lawsuit, while also stepping back to consider the systemic impact of glyphosate-based herbicides on human health, our food system, and his biodiversity in our planet.

**PET SEMATARY**  
**BLOODLINES**  
**(Blu-ray + Digital)**

**Paramount Home Ent.**  
Based on the untold chapter from Stephen King's bone-chilling novel *Pet Sematary*, *Pet Sematary: Bloodlines*, follows a young Jud Crandall in 1969. This terrifying prequel reveals why sometimes dead is better than dead. A blood-curdling thriller that stars Jackson White as Jud and an outstanding ensemble cast including Forrest Goodluck, Jack Mulhern, Henry Thomas, and Natalie Alyn Lind, with Pam Grier and David Duchovny. In 1969, young Jud Crandall dreams of leaving his hometown behind, but soon discovers sinister secrets buried within and is forced to confront a dark family history that forever binds him to Ludlow. Banding together, Jud and his

childhood friends must fight an ancient evil that has gripped the town since its founding, and once unearthed has the power to destroy everything in its path. Also enjoy over 50 minutes of special features.

**MONDO NEW YORK**  
**(2-Blu-ray) MVD Rewind**

Home to outcasts, misfits, losers, perverts, lunatics, gangsters, pranksters, outlaws, neurotics, psychotics, maniacs, brainiacs, hippies, yuppies, junkies, flunkies, monkeys, all trying to claw their way to the top of trash heap, all screaming me, me, I want my fame, my fortune, my lousy fifteen minutes, my, what the f- whatever it is — You want it? It's all here on ... *Mondo New York*. Restored and remastered from a brand new 2K HD transfer from the original camera negative, *Mondo New York* is a cult classic celebration and perversely compelling tribute to the mutant artists and anti-stars of the Naked City circa 1980s Berlin cabaret in all their glory including Joey Arias, Joe Coleman, Karen Finley, Phoebe Legere, Ann Magnuson, Lydia Lunch, Rick Aviles and Dean Johnson and more, in this unforgettable avant-garde time capsule of New York City that will leave you both shocked and enlightened.

**MILLIE LIES LOW**  
**(DVD)**

**Film Movement**  
Millie (Ana Scotney), an architecture student from New Zealand, lands a competitive internship with a prestigious firm in New York. But after telling everyone she knows about the opportunity, she suddenly suffers a panic attack as her plane is about to take off and misses her flight. In a desperate pivot, Millie decides to save face by hiding in plain sight around Wellington, suitcase in tow, using Instagram and the power of denial to depict a trip to New York City that never happened. Trapped in a spiral of hilariously uncomfortable self-inflicted scenarios, Millie will have to dig deep to restore her mental health and her dignity.

**THE INSPECTOR**  
**WEARS SKIRTS**  
**(Blu-ray)**  
**88 Films**

*The Inspector Wears Skirts* has been released in a Limited Edition Blu-ray with a slipcase featuring brand-new artwork and a 2K remaster from the original camera negative. Produced by the legendary Jackie Chan and Raymond Chow, *The Inspector Wears Skirts*, blends lightning-fast choreography with hard-hitting action and a healthy dose of comedy. Sibelle Hu and Cynthia Rothrock lead a group of female police officers that must contend with harassment and disrespect at every turn from their male counterparts. Featuring choreography by Chan and his stunt team, this is an action extravaganza that does not disappoint. The Blu-ray's special features include audio commentary by Frank Djeng; *Shooting Her Shot — An Interview with Cynthia Rothrock*; *The Director Wears Pants — An Interview with Director Wellson Chin*; and *Top Squad* English.

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

**CHARLIE BROWN & SNOOPY**  
**BRING IN NEW YEAR**

I love reading newspaper comic strips and usually I start with *Peanuts*. Well, as I started reading *Peanuts* on this New Year's Day, it was hard to contain my laughing. Charlie walks up to Snoopy sleeping atop his doghouse. Charlie looks up at the sleeping dog and says, "That must have been some party... you've been sleeping all day." To which Snoopy replies, "It was a terrible party... I didn't fall in love, I drank too much root beer and I feel thirty years older."

Charlie walks away and says "Anyway, there's your supper." Snoopy looking perplexed finishes off the comic strip by saying, "I think I'll go back to bed." Who knows how many households Snoopy was speaking for many shortly after waking up in bed on New Year's Day, eh?

**GETTING SHOT FOR**  
**BLOWING LEAVES IN**  
**WRONG DIRECTION**

This world is just getting so violent. An agitated Florida

tire shop owner is now facing attempted murder charges after he reportedly shot a landscaper across the street who while using his leaf-blower, as he sent the leaves across the street. The two guys got into a silly argument and gunfire ensued. The victim is in critical condition at a nearby hospital and has now been upgraded to stable. All over leaves that ended up on someone else's lawn.

**NIPPON BUYS U.S. STEEL**

United States Steel has agreed to be acquired by Nippon Steel in a \$144.1 billion deal that would give the Japanese giant a major role in domestic steelmaking. The takeover of the 122-year-old U.S. Steel would make Nippon, already one of the world's largest steelmakers, one of the top suppliers to the American auto business. The agreement ends a month long sales process.

**WAAAA!?!?**

**3 ARRIVE AT MIDNIGHT**

Two Boston hospitals welcomed the first US babies born in 2024 -with three girls

all born exactly at midnight on January 1. Margarita and Roberto, who were listed only by their first names and who lives in Dorchester, rang in the New Year with daughter Selena at Brigham & Women's Hospital. She was six pounds and five ounces. It was the third year in a row that one of the first babies of the year was born at the Brigham. Eileen and Andrew DeRosa of Canton kicked off the 2024 with the birth of their daughter Emily - their third child- at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

**GOD RE-COOPS**  
**OLDEST CHICKEN**

The world's oldest chicken who survived abandonment by her mother at birth, has died in her sleep in her owner's arms on Christmas Day. The chicken's owner said he was truly grieving and has left a void in her heart, saying "Peanuts has left a void in her family's hearts." Guinness World Records recognized "Peanuts" as the oldest chicken when she was 20 years old.

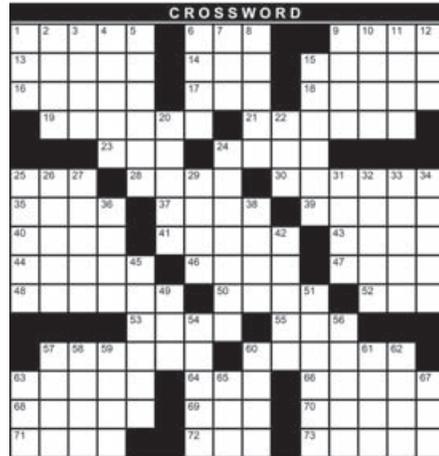
**Winter Fun**

**ACROSS**

- Mulligatwny and gazpacho, e.g.
- Half of NFL
- "Oscar" of sports
- Relating to sight
- Sargasso \_\_\_\_
- Dugout glider
- Not fresh
- First H in HRH
- Face-to-face exams
- "Ice fishing shelter
- "Polar" activity
- Type of Christmas tree
- Diagonal
- Tax return professional, acr.
- Kind of cola
- Diaphragm spasm
- Scepters' partners
- Of two minds
- \_\_\_\_ Jean Baker
- "Rabbit's winter one is white
- Sheik's bevy?
- Type of dam
- Butcher's refuse
- Etna's emission
- Secret disclosure
- Stellar
- Chap or fella
- Diabetic ketoacidosis, acr.
- A or O, to blood
- Unit of electrical resistance
- "Finger warmers
- "Certain sleigh ride
- Courtroom excuse
- Gobbled up
- Train runners
- Land of taekwondo
- "Caroline in the City" Thompson
- Relating to Scandinavia
- Not home
- "Last winter mo.
- Klondike river

**DOWN**

- Acronym in a bottle
- Chooses
- Colorado's neighbor
- a.k.a. pilau
- Like a longer route?
- Grayish
- ATM extra
- Carpus, pl.



- Bring home the bacon
- Unforeseen obstacle
- "Skier's aid
- Da or oui
- Jenny McCarthy to Melissa McCarthy
- Engagement, archaic
- \_\_\_\_-di-dah
- Onslaught
- "Warming drink
- Faculty members, for short
- Behind a stern
- "Frosty's eyes
- Type of hood
- Apollo of "Rocky"
- Inuit skin boat
- \*a.k.a. anorak
- \*Betelgeuse, e.g.
- "Snow, in Italy
- Lord's estate
- Lithuania's neighbor
- NaOH
- Like a rosebush
- Church song
- Meow, alt. sp.
- \_\_\_\_-in-the-dark
- Milano moolah
- Toe the line
- Product of lacrimation
- Michael Douglas' dad
- "The Sun \_\_\_\_ Rises"
- "What clues #4 and #34 Down have in common
- High affair
- Barack Obama, pre-pres.

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