



THE HORSE WHISPERER (Blu-ray)

Touchstone Home Ent.

Robert Redford directed, produced and stars in 'The Horse Whisperer,' along with Kristin Scott Thomas, Sam Neill and Scarlet Johansson. Based on Nicholas Evans novel of the same name. This family-friendly film tells the story of a young girl and her beloved horse, left with serious physical and emotional scars after a devastating riding accident. When her mother calls on the "Horse Whisperer" to help, she meets a rugged rancher who not only has an extraordinary gift with animals, but also an ability to enrich the lives of people around him. A majestic film on Blu-ray for the first time!

HOME ON THE RANGE (2-Blu-ray Combo Pack) Disney

Disney's hilarious animated comedy 'Home On The Range,' available for the first time on Blu-ray. When a greedy outlaw schemes to take possession of the "Patch of Heaven" dairy farm, three determined cows, a karate-kicking stallion and a colorful corral of critters join forces to save their home. The stakes are sky-high as this unlikely animal alliance risk their hides and match wits with a mysterious band of bad guys. Stunning animation and sensational original songs by celebrated composer Alan Menken.

BATTLE FORCE (DVD) Lionsgate

A high stakes, life or death operation featuring a powerful and touching performance by Scott Martin. In 1942, an elite fighting unit was formed, officially named the First Special Service Force, made up of mountain men, hunters and misfits. They were trained to scale cliffs, jump out of airplanes and kill Nazis. The following summer, days before the invasion of Sicily, the best of these men were hand-picked for a desperate mission. Amidst the bloodshed of World War II, these men went armed for combat, and the only way out was to aim, fire and stay alive. Loyal men answer their call to duty!

HATFIELDS & McCOYS (2-DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Bonded by their oath to the same flag, two Confederate soldiers, Anse "Devil" Hatfield (Kevin Costner) and Randall McCoy (Bill Paxton), return home seeking peace after tireless months of battle. Their expectations are quickly shattered when a murder based on misunderstandings and an illicit love affair triggers warfare between the former comrades and their clans. This historic feud teeters on the brink of an all-out civil war as friends and neighbors join opposing sides in a

rivalry that would ultimately shape American history. 'Hatfields & McCoys,' a HISTORY Channel premiere.

MY WAY (DVD) Well Go USA Ent.

Jun-shik and Tatsuo are both marathoners who grow up to be the greatest of national rivals. Their story is of two rival Olympic marathon runners who fight for Japan at the start of World War II. Captured by the Soviets and Germans, they eventually escape and meet on the beaches of Normandy in 1944. Bonded together by history, they struggle to survive one more battle before D-Day!

REMAINS (Blu-ray + DVD) Shout! Factory

'Remains' is set in a chilling postapocalyptic Reno, Nevada, and follows the survivors of a bizarre accident that reduced most of the world's population to Zombies. The group takes refuge in a vacant casino and fights a losing battle against the undead, who grow steadily stronger, smarter and more aggressive by the minute. Billed as a 'must have' for horror movie fans and zombiephiles.

ALI - THE MAN, THE MOVES, THE MOUTH (DVD)

MVDvisual

Muhammad Ali's brilliant ring moves and colorful rhetoric are the focus of this entertaining documentary, a retrospective of Ali's life. With highlights of every major fight of his career, you get to see the Champ's gums flap and his fists fly, narrated by legendary boxing sportscaster Bert Sugar. Highlights from the "Rumble in the Jungle" with George Foreman, the "Thrilla in Manila" with Joe Frazier and the "Fight of the Century" with Frazier again. Dozens of Ali's fight highlights, his clowning, his bravado and his ring magic.

COMMUNITY: THE THIRD SEASON (3-DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

America's most incorrigible study group of misfits returns for a hilariously ingenious new year at Greendale Community College. From homicidal Halloween pizza parties, holiday Glee Club smackdowns, football showdowns, epic pillow fight wars and an underage campus security force. Along with a shocking remarriage, a riotous funeral service, submarine sandwich throw-downs, a new Vice Dean (John Goodman) with a strange air-conditioning fixation and a crime show homage for the ages. Starring Joel McHale, Gillian Jacobs, Danny Pudi, Yvette Nicole Brown, Alison Brie, Donald Glover, Jim Rash, with Ken Jeong and Chevy Chase. Featuring 22-episodes of chaos on three discs!

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

NOONAN ANNUAL SENIOR CONFERENCE COMING

The City of Quincy will be holding their 17th Annual Senior Conference on Saturday, September 29 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Kennedy Center at 440 East Squantum Street. If you would like to be notified when registration forms are available, call the Quincy Council of the Aging at 617-376-1506. This year's keynote speaker will be former Channel 5 mid-day anchor Jim Boyd.

NEW NORTH END DOCUMENTARY PLANNED

The North End Historical Society has been working with Kendall Productions on a 50-minute film about this North End community that has called the neighborhood home for more than a century. The working title is "Boston's North End: America's Italian Neighborhood" and is based on historical records and interviews with North Enders from around Greater Boston. The Society needs your help to finish the film. They have already raised \$25,000 toward the goal of \$95,000. If you would like to donate, please log on to www.NorthEndBoston.org, and click on the DONATE button. It is secure through PayPal and no PayPal account is required to donate. Check out Facebook.com/NorthEndHistory.

WHAT ABOUT STATEHOOD?

When it comes to Puerto Ricans and statehood, City Councilor Felix G. Arroyo says, "You'd be hard-pressed to find a Puerto Rican without an opinion on it." Over the years the question of Puerto Rico's future and the idea of statehood keeps coming back onto the front burner. As someone with Puerto Rican relatives, I have an opinion too. Of my four cousins, there is support for statehood, independence and the status quo. There are good and bad things in all three positions on the future of this U.S. island. Puerto Ricans are once again getting ready to vote in a referendum, the first since 1998. Do they wish to keep the status quo or go for change? The question is this: "Statehood, independence or remain a commonwealth under a new arrangement, or keep things exactly as they are today?"

Most think that there is still not yet a majority for statehood though that idea continues to grow in popularity. This island has been a U.S. territory since 1898 when the Spanish American War ended. The current Gov. Luis Fortuno is for statehood

and got this referendum off the ground this year. Back in 1998, 46.5% of the vote favored statehood. Eventually, I think it will happen but not so this time around.

If more than 50% support statehood this year, the governor and other island officials will petition Washington, DC to approve legislation for Puerto Rico to become the 51st state. My opinion is that independence should not even be an option. It wouldn't be viable as a nation of its own and could easily become another Cuba. It is either remaining a commonwealth or becoming a state but it will be up to Puerto Ricans to make their own choices for their future.

CHELSEA GROUP RETURNS GRANT MONEY

The *Boston Globe* made big news out of what surely was a non-news story. Must have been a slow news day. The Chelsea Collaborative, a Chelsea community group recently returned a \$44,000 grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in Washington, DC. Gladys Vega, the executive director of the Chelsea group said the group was concerned about restrictions against helping gay people and working with organizations that support gay rights. From 2002 to 2007, this group received grant monies for its housing work from the Catholic Campaign. Last year, the collaborative Chelsea Latino Immigrant Committee received a grant but Vega said this past March she became concerned after the Catholic Campaign came for a site visit. Eighty-two percent of the Chelsea Latino Immigrant Committee's funding, reportedly, came from the Catholic Campaign grant. Vega made a choice to forego the grant money and if neither she nor the Chelsea Collaborative want Catholic Campaign money to fund the committee's needed community

activism and social justice, it is a free country, go find the money somewhere else. Grant money is hard to find these days. Truly a non-story pushed to prominence.

FUNDRAISER FOR RONNIE YONUSS FAMILY IN EAST BOSTON


Recently, family and friends of Ronnie Yonuss held a sidewalk fundraising event on East Eagle Street in memory of Ronnie, who was murdered in Chelsea on March 3, 2007. Funds raised will be used by the family who have hired its own private investigator in this case. An upcoming fundraising dance is also in the works. For more information, you can go to the Ronnie Yonuss Facebook page.

EVA FRANCHI'S 18th ANNUAL MUSICAL SPECTACULAR

The Sergio Franchi Memorial Concert has been a star-studded event since it began 19 years ago and grows bigger every year. Each year music lovers have a great time on the Franchi Estate located in Stonington, CT. Come for the entertainment and socializing with friends.

What began as a memorial for her husband has grown into a great New England musical event. Over the years more than 400 scholarships have been given out and the goal of one million dollars has been reached. Eva Franchi has opened her heart and doors to promising young singers reaching for their dreams. The annual concert also keeps alive the music of the great love songs that Franchi was known for. Pack your blankets, your picnic baskets and head over to Eva's place.

This year's concert takes place on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Grounds open on the Franchi Estate at Noon with the concert beginning at 3:00 pm sharp. For tickets and further information go to www.SergioFranchi.com or call 860-535-9429.



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