



**VINYL: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON (4-Blu-ray) HBO Home Ent.**

Martin Scorsese, Mick Jagger, and Terence Winter present the exciting *Vinyl*, exploring the drug-and-sex-fueled music business of the 1970s. Richie Finestra (Bobby Cannavale), the founder and president of American Century Records, is trying to save his company and soul without destroying everyone in his path. With his passion for music and discovering talent gone by the wayside, and American Century on the precipice of being sold, he has a life-altering event that reignites his love of music, but severely damages his personal life. Take a dizzying ride through America's music-business landscape at the dawn of punk, disco, and hip-hop, as the story is seen through the eyes of Finestra, while the New York City record executive tries to revive his label and keep his personal life from spiraling out of control. Blu-ray special features *Making Vinyl: Recreating the '70s*, plus audio commentaries with Bobby Cannavale, Olivia Wilde, Terence Winter, and *Inside the Episodes*.

**THE NASTY TERRIBLE T-KID 170: JULIUS CAVERO (DVD) MVDvisual**

Up until now, the story of T-Kid 170 has for the most part been kept within the subculture of graffiti. *The Nasty* uses nearly 30 years of archived footage and never before seen home movies giving a rare glimpse into the world of subway graffiti art. Follow Julius Caverro (T-Kid) into train yards all over the world, through his trials and tribulations from addiction to arrests, violence, love, and triumphs. Coming of age as a poor Latino from the Bronx in the '70s, Julius would be forced into New York gang life, his canvas of choice, subway cars. He would channel the anger and pain from being disregarded by society and even his family by spraying it out onto the subway cars for the public to see. The film follows one man's rise to becoming a style master legend. Witness the incredible story of someone who came from the bottom to write his name on the top.

**GAME OF THRONES: THE COMPLETE THIRD SEASON (5-Blu-ray) HBO Home Ent.**

**GAME OF THRONES: THE COMPLETE FOURTH SEASON (4-Blu-ray) HBO Home Ent.**

The HBO original series and best-selling TV on DVD title for the past five years, *Game of Thrones* is now being released in collectible Steelbook packaging by HBO Home Entertainment, including Seasons 3 and 4. For viewers who are not familiar with the most-watched HBO original series, *Game of Thrones* is based on George R.R. Martin's fantasy book series, *A Song of Ice and Fire*. The series follows kings and queens, knights and renegades, liars and noblemen, who are engaged in a deadly cat-and-mouse game for control of the Seven Kingdoms of Westeros. The epic

series' storylines of treachery and nobility, family and honor, ambition and love, and death and survival have captured the imagination of fans globally and made it one of the most popular shows on television. In the third season of the hit HBO series, the battling families of Westeros continue to clash as bonds are strained, loyalties are tested, and cruel fates are met. In the thrilling fourth season, an array of compelling storylines plays out to their inevitable and bloody conclusions.

**THE OUTSIDERS: SEASON ONE (DVD) Sony Pictures Home Ent.**

For untold generations, the Farrell family of Kentucky's Shay Mountain has existed as a society unto themselves, living by the same laws and rituals as their pagan fathers. Living off the grid and above the law on their mountain homestead, they'll defend their way of life using any means necessary. But these fiercely insular clans are about to face the gravest threats they have ever known, not only from the outside world, but from within their own ranks. Asa Farrell, the "black sheep" who dared leave the mountain in a vain attempt at a normal life, must now try to survive the volatile community he tried so hard to escape.

**TEEN TITANS GO! EAT, DANCE, PUNCH! SEASON 3 PART 1 (2-DVD) Warner Bros. Home Ent. + DC Comics Ent.**

Teen Titans fans rejoice and cue the chaos! Raven, Starfire, Beast Boy, and Cyborg head back to school, but Robin's dreams of being class president lands them in dreary detention. Enjoy another season of crime fighting and gut-busting adventures as hilarity ensues. Everyone's favorite heroes must band together to fight crime and deal with everyday adolescent issues. Beast Boy brings the bling when he discovers he can get stacks of cash from the Tooth Fairy, Robin's bland cooking leads to a culinary clash when the rest of the Titans try to spice up their own meals, and it's an open-and-shut case when Brother Blood puts the Teen Titans on trial for the destruction of Jump City. Guilty or not, the verdict is in, and you won't want to miss a single hilarious moment of this all-new two-disc collection. Whether their capes are on or off, the gang is always up to something!

**WAR (Blu-ray) Magnolia Home Ent.**

Company commander Claus Pedersen and his men are stationed in an Afghan province where they face the relentless pressure of fighting the Taliban while trying to protect the local civilians. Meanwhile back home, Claus' wife Maria is trying to hold everything together with a husband at war and three children missing their father. During a routine mission, the soldiers are caught in heavy crossfire, and in order to save his men, Clause makes a decision that has grave consequences for him — and his family back home.

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

**FATHER JOE'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Dorchester's own Father Joe White will be celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the priesthood this month. When he was pastor of St. Vincent de Paul in Southie, he was always known as "Father Joe."

He will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for this milestone at his new assignment over at St. Joseph's Church in the West End on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. A reception will follow.

**BOSTON NEEDS AN ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD AGAIN**

I was watching BNN-TV, and on the screen was a recent meeting of the Boston City Council's Education Committee chaired by City Councilor Tito Jackson. The subject of the meeting was the amount of lead found in many of Boston's public schools water fountains.

Being quizzed was Dr. Tommy Chang, superintendent of the Boston Public Schools, who stated that as of April 2016, only a few water fountains in a handful of school buildings still contained too much lead. Jackson kept asking the superintendent, wouldn't it be wise to shut down all the drinking fountains in all the schools until all the systems were guaranteed safe drinking water for students?

Dr. Chang thought that was unwise, since the water is safe in all but a few locations. Dr. Chang was trying to find practical remedies, and it appears Jackson was trying to find a political solution, but his argument held no water (pardon the pun).

Jackson says he wants to rebuild trust with parents, but if you shut down all the fountains in schools across the city, it will not reduce suspicion and distrust, but actually increase it. Dr. Chang gets that, but apparently not Jackson.

In a perfect world, if there were a perfect world, the job of ensuring our students aren't drinking Flint-like water would belong to our current School Committee. They should be the panel investigating this issue. However, the appointed board is pretty much powerless. I say, bring back an elected school committee and stop making the City Council's Education Committee a pseudo-school committee.

**BAY STATE RANKS 49<sup>TH</sup> IN FISCAL SOLVENCY STUDY**

According to the author of a George Mason University study, Massachusetts ranks a dismal 49<sup>th</sup> for fiscal solvency ahead of nearby Connecticut and Puerto Rico. Yes, I said PUERTO RICO.

Eileen Norcross, who authored the study, said Massachusetts is "walking on the same road as Puerto Rico."

We spend more than we take in. Our rainy day fund is full of drizzle. Our unfunded liabilities, like pensions and health care spending, grow bigger and bigger. We borrow too much to fund projects. This study should be a wake-up call to our governor and legislators on Beacon Hill.

Gov. Charlie Baker isn't buying the study's results. He seems to think everything is just as fine as fine can be. Our economy is doing super, according to him. If everything was so peachy, why are we number 49 out of 50 states and on the road to Puerto Rico? Just saying.

**BUNKER HILL DAY CHIEF MARSHAL'S BANQUET**

This year's Bunker Hill Day Parade is being held on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. However, one should not forget the Chief Marshal's Banquet honoring Chief Marshal Danny Noonan. It will be held on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus #62, 545 Medford Street, Charlestown, with DJ Smokey Cain providing all the entertainment needed for this joyous evening. For tickets, contact Kathleen Noonan at 617-201-1673, or Doc Sheehan at 617-242-0180.

**BIG NEWS FOR EAST BOSTON**

According to Mayor Marty Walsh, East Boston is about to get a great revamped park with things like restaurants, a public pool, and kayaking, as city officials unveiled this great green space at the East Boston waterfront on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There was a large crowd at LoPresti Park to hear from the mayor and other local elected officials. Said the mayor, "This beautiful park that we have here today is really incredible and I want to thank parks and recreation and all the partners who made an investment here."

City Councilor Sal LaMattina added there will be more to come along in this part of the waterfront. Reporters did ask the mayor about the effects of gentrification on the neighborhood. He said he was concerned about residents being priced out of their community and added, "We are doing our best to try and combat some of the escalating pricing here."

LoPresti Park was created by Mayor Kevin H. White back in 1978, and is named after Michael LoPresti Sr. and Michael LoPresti Jr., who both served in the State Senate.

**WORK INC. CELEBRATES ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT/ CLAM BAKE**

Keep this date open. Work Inc. of Dorchester will be holding its annual Awards Night and a Clam Bake on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm at Carson Place, 180 Mount Vernon Street, in Dorchester. For tickets, call Sue at 617-691-1516.

**LET'S HEAR IT FOR AL VELLUCCI'S GRANDSON**

New Hampshire's Al Baldasaro recently gave it to the anti-Trump liberal media last week. He is a five-term state rep from Londonderry and a 22-year retired Marine first sergeant. He lashed out at the media at a Trump Tower event in Manhattan saying among other things, "Donald Trump is doing this from the heart." Trump has called Al "the king of the vets." Al was born and raised in Cambridge and is a grandson of Al Vellucci, who served four terms as Cambridge mayor.

I leave you with this great

quote from Baldasaro delivered to the media in the audience, "I think the liberal media — and I've been dealing with you for a long time — need to get your head out of your butt."

**DAV 5K ROAD RACE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Recently, the DAV 5K Road Race held its kick-off announcement at the Phillips Freepoint Tavern. This race is held in honor of our veterans and helps support programs that go directly to veterans in need. The race will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at Castle Island. For more information, contact Bobby Lynch, DAV public relations at 617-922-0284.

**FIFTY SCHOOL COMMITTEES OPPOSE CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION**

At least 50 school committees statewide have come out swinging against the plan to allow more and more charter schools, says the Massachusetts Teachers Association. Officials from as close as Revere, and as far away as Greenfield, have penned letters to Beacon Hill legislators and media outlets. These folks are working hard to get a moratorium on opening more charters. Opponents say charter schools will drain money from traditional public schools and they fear the possibility of charters hiring bad teachers. One Wareham school board member said charter schools are "blood-sucking" from public school students.

Glen Koocher, executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, tells anyone in hearing distance that "Educators are enraged." There is a move to oppose a proposed ballot question that would lift the state-imposed cap on charters.

**SENATE PASSES BILL TO BAN PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS**

The State Senate recently passed a budget bill that would ban plastic shopping bags. They want it to happen as early as this summer. This legislation, if it becomes law, would ban plastic bags at all retail locations that are 3,000-square-foot or larger.

Green advocates hailed the bill passed with bipartisan support. Everyone wants the state to be environmentally friendly, but I have seen this bill in action down in the City of Austin, TX. If you don't bring your own shopping bags to the supermarket, you have to buy them at 10 cents apiece.

How is it working out down there? Whenever I am down there, I travel out of city limits where I can still get free plastic bags when I shop. Bottom line, supermarkets inside city limits are getting hurt by shoppers traveling a few miles down Route 620 for free bags.

Pass a statewide law here and folks at the Rhode Island and New Hampshire borders will be crossing over the border for their retail shopping. Grocery bills will go up and business will go down. Stop this plastic madness.

For events going on in Massachusetts this SPRING, visit the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism Web site at [www.massvacation.com](http://www.massvacation.com). For a complimentary Massachusetts Getaway Guide, call 1-800-447-MASS, ext. 300.