

VIDEO VIEWS ... more than meets the eye
by Bob Morello

BLOOD FATHER (Blu-ray)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

Mel Gibson delivers nonstop, no-holds-barred action in this dynamic thrill ride. When his estranged teenaged daughter (Erin Moriarty) is targeted by a drug cartel, ex-convict John Link (Gibson) must call upon connections from his criminal past and his own lethal skills to save his daughter's future. Diego Luna, Michael Parks, and William H. Macy co-star in this explosive story of how far one man will go to save his family.

FEED THE BEAST: SEASON ONE (DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

From the Executive Producer of *Dexter* and *Nurse Jackie*, comes a sizzling new series serving up a dose of drama with a side of danger in *Feed the Beast: Season One*. For Tommy (David Schwimmer) and Dion (Jim Sturgess), two friends on the brink of losing everything, a dusty pipe dream of opening an upscale restaurant in their hometown of the Bronx is all they have left to turn their lives around. Together, Tommy and Dion take on the insanity of the New York restaurant world, navigating its underbelly of petty criminals, corrupt officials, and violent gangsters.

HEE HAW - SALUTE! (3-DVD)
TIME LIFE

With a mix of down-to-earth and relatable characters, knee-slapping comedic zingers, and jaw-dropping musical performances, *Hee Haw* captivated large portions of the country when it first premiered on television in the late 1960s. One-liners flew. Stars like Johnny Cash and Loretta Lynn played. The show's co-hosts were Buck Owens and Roy Clark and, on June 15, 1969, the two musicians and songwriters introduced a national audience to the fictional setting of Kornfed Kounty, a regular old place populated by hardworking farmers, barbers, banjo players, husbands, and housewives. Following a two-year run on CBS, *Hee Haw* was gone, getting picked up in syndication and airing until 1992, making it the longest-running weekly syndicated original series in television history. This 3-DVD set includes some of the best sketches and brightest stars from that impressive 23-year history, proving the show's hard-earned and enormous success.

THE NIGHT OF (3-Blu-ray)
HBO Home Ent.

A probing, contemporary look at crime, the presumption of guilt, and the urban prison system. *The Night Of* centers around the police investigation of a murder on Manhattan's Upper West Side. The prime suspect in the case — a college student, the son of immigrant parents — finds himself and his family thrown into the pit of NYC's criminal, legal, penal and judicial system after his arrest and imprisonment. Written by Steven Zaillian, *The Night Of* takes an unvarnished look at both the city's multifaceted criminal justice system, and the purgatory of Riker's Island. Starring John Turturro and Riz Ahmed.

STEVE McQUEEN - THE MAN & LE MANS
Filmrise + MVDvisual

By 1970, Steve McQueen ruled Hollywood. He was the "King of Cool" and the world's most notorious ladies' man. Hot off the back of classics like *The Thomas Crown Affair* and *Bullitt*, the racing fanatic began production of his passion project, *Le Mans*, centered on the 24-hour car race in France. But the infamously troubled production was plagued with financial troubles, on-set rivalries, and the star's own personal issues. This documentary film interweaves stunning, newly discovered footage and McQueen's private recordings with original interviews to reveal the true story of how this cinema legend would risk everything in pursuit of his dream.

BATMAN: RETURN OF THE CAPED CRUSADERS (Blu-ray)
Warner Bros Animation + DC Ent.

Holy mix-ups, Batman! Gotham City's most vile Super Villains — including The Joker, The Penguin, The Riddler and Catwoman — unleash a plan to take over the city and, ultimately, the world. Armed with the diabolical replica ray, the Super-Villains create a real who's who for The Dynamic Duo. While it's double trouble with Batman clones running around, the real Batman falls under a spell that turns him bad. Can Robin, The Boy Wonder — with a little help from the dubious Catwoman — set Batman straight and free Gotham City from the clutches of fiendish felony? Starring the voice talents of Adam West, Burt Ward and Julie Newman, this all-new DC Classic animated movie will have fans rushing to the Batcave!

GORED: A LOVE STORY
Filmrise + MVDvisual

Known as the "Most Gored Bullfighter in History," Antonio Barrera has been impaled 23 times in the bullring. Now with a family to consider, and a body that won't hold up, Barrera decides to face the bulls one last time, desperate for a taste of elusive glory. *Gored* captures the brutality and beauty inherent in Spanish bullfighting, as Barrera braces for his retirement with one final performance. With unprecedented access to an insular and fading world, *Gored* is also a timeless document of an ancient cultural spectacle challenged by modern times. As a younger generation rejects bullfighting as barbaric, Barrera's boyhood dream of honoring his father and becoming a famous matador is at risk!

SHERPA (DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

Every year, Western mountain climbers make news ascending Mount Everest. But the compelling stories of the Sherpas, the Nepalese guides who risk their lives to provide for their families, have gone untold — until now. *Sherpa* chronicles a fateful 2014 expedition, and the tragic avalanche that spurred the Sherpas to make a stand for human rights and respect. *Sherpa* will forever change the way you look at the world's most famous mountain — and the brave guides who navigate it.

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

NEXT NEAD DINNER/ FAMILY GATHERING

North End Against Drugs will be holding its first Dinner/Family Talk of this school year on Monday, November 21st, at the Nazzaro Center at 6:00 pm with guest speaker Mayor Marty Walsh. This is FREE EVENT and there will be a fabulous Italian dinner

QUINCY GETS ANOTHER ASIAN EATERY, SHOCKING IS IT NOT?

A longtime Italian restaurant, Alfredo's on Franklin Street just outside Quincy Center, has closed and will reopen as an Asian fusion restaurant serving Chinese and Japanese menu items. It is amazing how as Quincy's Asian population has increased, so too have Asian restaurants opened competing quite well with each other.

MORE GOOD MUSIC IN LYNN

Check out these upcoming shows at the Lynn Auditorium: The Righteous Brothers on November 18th, Smokey Robinson, November 19th, and Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles on April 14, 2017. Something to look forward to get through winter and the snow.

NOAH'S COMMUNITY VOICES

Last Saturday, October 29th, I was over at the East Boston Branch Public Library as I usually am on Saturday mornings and walked into a meeting ongoing inside the Community Room where a number of people had gathered to discuss a new English Language Learners tool developed by NOAH. Sometimes I walk into stories like this. NOAH (Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc.) and a number of community activists from the growing immigrant population were talking about ways and methods to bring the immigrant community into the mainstream of East Boston's daily life. One such program to help those learning English is "Community Voices." NOAH hopes that this program becomes a tool to help assimilate non-English speaking residents of Eastie by enabling them to become more proficient in the English language

KUDOS TO ALL INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner in support of the Salesian Boys & Girls Club is on Friday, November 18th starting at 6:00 pm.



Fr. Ken Novak from St. Mary's Academy & College in Kansas stopped by the St. Joseph Society's recent Sunday dinner and met up with The Champ Tony DeMarco, "the Flame and Fury of Fleet Street," in this matchup. (Photo by Sal Giarratani)

I MIGLIORI 2017 NEWSDATE

The dinner for the prestigious 31st *I Migliori in Mens et Gesta Awards* will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at the Hyatt Harborside Hotel at Logan Airport. Put this event on your calendar. You don't want to miss it.

SUPPORT

HUBCATS CHELSEA

HUBCATS CHELSEA is a newly formed group of folks seeking foster homes for the nearly 2,030 kittens born outside in the city needing rescuing. They are looking for volunteers to spend time with these animals. They are also seeking cat food donations to help support the nearly 200 feral cats living outdoors in Chelsea.

This group meets monthly at the Chelsea Police Station.

TESTY TURF WAR OVER BURGERS?

It appears that there is a testy turf war taking place right under our noses. Tasty Burger, which has been expanding its locations with one now in Southie on L Street, is battling Chipotle, which just launched its Tasty Made chain of restaurants, having a similar logo and name that can be confusing to customers.

I don't think people are that confused, but I can see Tasty Burger's point of view. People aren't stupid. As for me, Chipotle is no longer a favorite of mine since you know what happened, right?

ANOTHER DISCO NIGHT

I love Disco wherever I can find it. There will be another Disco Night coming up in Brain-

tree on Friday, November 25th at Braintree Town Hall starting at 7:00 pm. Legendary DJ Dru Errico will be spinning all those old favorite hits to benefit the Braintree High Schools Boys Basketball Program. For more info, call Angela Carnes at 617-699-1085.

NEW HOME FOR ARREDONDO FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Arrendondo Family Foundation has moved to Work Inc. in Dorchester. On October 18th, Carlos and Melinda Arrendondo celebrated the foundation's new home at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Work Inc. headquarters at 25 Beach Street.

This non-profit works to prevent suicides of active military, veterans, and family members by offering support services to families. Stated James Cassetta, President/CEO of Work Inc., "We are proud to donate space in our building to the Arrendondo Family Foundation and play a small role in the great work it does in support of our veterans." Cowboy hats off to all.

HALLOWEEN BASH AT PORTABELLA'S

Portabella's on Main Street in Wakefield was packed for a Halloween Party and concert by Beawolf, East Boston's historic rock band, on Saturday, October 29th. The band as always was great and everyone had a blast. I went as a dead sheriff and looked like something out of *Walking Dead*. There was one other cowboy at the party, but he was just alive. I looked scary.

BANKRUPTCY SAVES FIVE BUILDINGS FOR TENANTS'

Five problem-plagued apartment buildings in Mattapan and Dorchester changed hands in a \$5.6 million deal that staved off the specter of homelessness for many tenants, as a bankruptcy trustee sold the property over the landlord's protests.

Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp. closed on the purchase of two buildings on Orlando Street in Mattapan and three buildings on Waldeck Street in Dorchester. Homelessness was averted for many. This was a win-win situation for both the neighborhood and the individual tenants who could have found themselves on the street looking for a place to live.

ONLINE CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER

Back when I was a kid, Boston had several daily newspapers. One of the oldest and most respected was *The Boston Post*. However, midway through the '50s, it started losing circulation and it folded in 1956 when I was only 8 years old.

Now the name "Boston Post" has returned online as *The New Boston Post*, "the hub of conservative thought." Good stuff on it. Check it out at www.newbostonpost.com.

MAYOR HOSTING ITALIAN-AMERICAN LUNCHEON

Mayor Marty Walsh and Elderly Commissioner Emily Shea will be hosting the 10th annual Italian-American Luncheon for North End Seniors on Friday, November 18th starting at 11:00 am at the Coast Guard Base. For details, call 617-635-4366.



NOAH discusses a new English Language Learners tool at the East Boston Branch Public Library. L-R: Chris Marchi, Manlio Mendez ESOL program manager, Manny Lopes, EBNNHC executive director, Jose Alvarez, Lee Lopes, and City Councilor Sal LaMattina.