



MANCHESTER BY THE SEA
(Blu-ray + DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

Casey Affleck heads a powerhouse cast in this acclaimed and deeply moving film that garnered two Oscars, the first won by award-winning writer-director Kenneth Lonergan, who received the Oscar for "Best Original Screenplay," and the other by Affleck for "Best Actor in a Leading Role." After a solitary Boston janitor (Affleck) unexpectedly becomes the sole guardian of his 16-year-old nephew, he must come to terms with a past that separated him from his wife (Michelle Williams) and his hometown, as uncle and nephew unite for an unforgettable journey of love, community, sacrifice and hope.

THE KING OF
NEW ORLEANS (DVD)
Candy Factory Films

Larry Shirt is a taxi driver whose passengers are the city's hustlers, tourists, socialites, musicians, housekeepers, weirdos, and reporters. Bobby Cohn, a college student home from school and in the middle of a personal crisis, is one of those passengers. The circumstances that bring them together lead to a bond that is ultimately turned upside-down by Hurricane Katrina, but instilled by the love of the city that they both call home.

GRACE AND FRANKIE:
SEASON TWO (DVD)
Lionsgate + Skydance Television

Emmy-winners Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin return for another round of infectious laughs when *Grace and Frankie: Season Two* arrives. After learning their ex-husbands plan to marry one another, lifelong rivals Grace and Frankie have bonded in an uneasy friendship. The second season of this acclaimed comedy series brings more laughs and surprises as Grace and Frankie tackle the challenges of family and relationships — while driving each other crazy on a regular basis.

MOONLIGHT (Blu-ray + DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

A timeless story of human connection and self-discovery, *Moonlight* chronicles three defining chapters in the life of a young black man growing up in a rough neighborhood of Miami. The movie is anchored by extraordinary performances from a tremendous ensemble cast that includes Mahershala Ali, who received the Oscar for "Best Supporting Actor," while the film itself won the Oscar for "Best Picture." Barry Jenkins won the "Writing (Adapted Screenplay)" award for *Moonlight*, a profoundly moving portrayal of the moments, people, and unknowable forces that shape our lives and make us who we are.

OFFICER DOWNE (Blu-ray)
Magnolia Home Ent.

Take the ride along in a hyper-real Los Angeles for the story of a savage L.A. policeman who is repeatedly resurrected and returned to active duty through dark science technology. When a rookie officer is recruited as backup, he discovers there's much more to the reputed supercop than a mindless law enforcement drone warring against a

twisted rogue gallery of over-the-top super-villains.

CONTRACT TO KILL (Blu-ray + DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

In this international action-thriller, Steven Seagal stars as Harmon, a CIA/DEA enforcer, investigating terrorists captured in Mexico. With his team — seductive FBI agent Zara and spy-drone pilot Sharp — he flies to Istanbul and uncovers a brutal plot: Islamic extremists plan to use Sonora drug-smuggling routes to bring deadly weapons — and leaders — into the U.S. To prevent an attack on America, Harmon must turn these two savage forces against one another before his time — and luck — runs out.

JIM: THE JAMES FOLEY
STORY (DVD)
MVDvisual

In August 2014, the video execution of American conflict journalist James Foley by the militant group ISIS challenged the world to deal with a new face of terror. But 40-year-old Foley was more than just the victim of this brutal killing. Seen through the lens of filmmaker Brian Oakes, Foley's childhood friend, *Jim: The James Foley Story* takes viewers from small-town New England to the adrenaline-fueled front lines of Libya and Syria, where Foley pushed the limits of danger to report on the plight of civilians impacted by war. The film culminates in Foley's 2012 capture by ISIS and the confusion and emotional upheaval that followed, ending in his tragic death nearly two years later. Foley's family, friends, and colleagues help tell Jim's story, while his fellow hostages reveal the details of captivity with chilling immediacy. Gut-wrenching and powerful, with unparalleled access, this film is a harrowing chronicle of bravery, compassion and pain at the dawn of America's war with ISIS.

STEVIE RAY VAUGHAN –
1984-1989: LONESTAR (DVD)
MVDvisual

In the mid-1970s, when Stevie Ray Vaughan first emerged as a modern blues guitarist with unparalleled ability and passion — skills which distinguished his playing from that of just about all his contemporaries, the blues world he presented had little impact in the mainstream market place. Despite his obvious gifts, he struggled to secure a record deal. But by the time his debut album, 1983's *Texas Flood*, was finally released, the tide had turned and Stevie Ray not only became an international phenomenon, but was also of paramount importance in the revitalization of the blues genre. This film traces and reveals the full, previously untold, story of Stevie Ray Vaughan's glory years, the period between the release of his debut album and his tragic death in a helicopter crash in 1989. This film features rare film footage, exclusive interviews with many close friends and confidantes, contributions from the industry professionals and music writers who documented SRV's career as it unfolded, seldom seen photographs, and numerous other features on the personal life and career of Stevie Ray during his most fertile and productive era.

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 Giarattani

PAUL ANKA
COMING TO BEVERLY

Singer Paul Anka will be doing a show at the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly on Sunday, May 7th, at 7:30 pm. For further information, go to www.nsmst.org, or call 978-232-7200.

BROOKLINE SCHOOL OF
ADULT EDUCATION

Check this out. Over in Brookline, the Adult Education Center has a couple of really good courses for all those depressed liberals from the town and probably could even attract folks from Cambridge and Somerville, too. Then, just in time for all those #Never Trump resistors, there's a four day course, "Living Free of Anxiety," and there's also "Happiness 101," a one-day session.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
DR. SEUSS

Dr. Seuss would have turned 113 years old on Thursday, March 2nd and, over at the Clifford Marshall Elementary School in Quincy, they celebrated Dr. Seuss Day. Students and staff got all dressed-up for the celebration. They had ham sandwiches and green scrambled eggs to honor the old doc. I had the ham sandwich, but passed on the green eggs.

N.E.A.D. BINGO
HUGE SUCCESS

I gotta be transparent here, I really hate bingo. I did as a kid and still do today. I can remember my older relatives (especially females) loved playing bingo, mostly at church halls for parish school fundraising. You could still smoke inside the bingo halls back then, and it was a giant social event. A blue tint would take over the hall. I always felt like gas masks should be part of bingo.

Today, bingo is no longer a staple of parish life, but it still is very much part of the social life of older folks.

Recently, North End Against Drugs held its annual Adult Bingo Fundraiser on January 29th at the Nazzaro Center and it had one of the largest crowds in many years.

1-29, anyone?

GOTTA STOP BY
SULLIVAN'S AT
CASTLE ISLAND

Sullivan's opened up two days earlier this year. I guess maybe the warm weather played a role in moving the date back from Saturday, February 25th, to Thursday, February 23rd. I couldn't believe the line, it was some 3,000 folks waiting for their half-priced hot dogs. I haven't got mine yet. No way would I wait in a line that started at Sullivan's and traveled down to the L Street Bath House. After all, it is just a dog.

ARE THEY REALLY
LOOKING AT THE
NORTH-SOUTH RAIL LINK?

State transportation officials appear to be giving the long-proposed North-South Rail Link between North and South stations yet another umpteenth look. Is this proposal really financially worth warranting it to go forward? I think not, but that's me. The proposal study will cost \$2 million. There is a money debate going on. One side says it should only cost between \$2 and 3 billion; the opposing

projections are much higher at approximately \$8 billion. Aggressive lobbying by U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton and former governors Michael Dukakis and Bill Weld have brought this Dracula idea back to life.

I agree with Paul Regan, executive director of the MBTA Advisory Board, who has said, "I don't think there's a critical need for it, especially when you compare it to other critical needs. The MBTA would go broke." OUCH!

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY
TO SAL SANTORO

To Talk of Many Things sends out belated birthday wishes to Sal Santoro, who turned 103 back on February 4th.

VISIT STATUE OF LIBERTY,
ELLIS ISLAND AND
9/11 MEMORIAL MAY 13th

On Saturday, May 13th, the Quincy Council on Aging will be taking a trip to New York City to see the above sites. A bus will take folks to Battery Park, where a ferry will transport them to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. After returning to Battery Park, there will be a visit to the 9/11 Memorial.

Departure will be at 6:00 am from Pageant Field, Quincy, and the group is expected to return to Quincy at approximately 10:30 pm. For more details, call the Quincy Council on Aging at 617-376-1506.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for **MPA Contract No. W243-C1, RECONSTRUCT TAXINWAY B BETWEEN RUNWAY 29 AND TAXINWAY F, WORCESTER REGIONAL AIRPORT, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Hartsford Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY APRIL 5, 2017**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the proposal will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE WORCESTER REGIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, TERMINAL BUILDING, 375 AIRPORT DRIVE, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, AT 9:00 AM LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017.

The work includes BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PAVEMENT MILLING; HOT MIX BITUMINOUS CONCRETE INLAY; PAVEMENT MARKINGS; RUNWAY/TAXINWAY LIGHTING AND INFRASTRUCTURE; GUIDANCE SIGN MODIFICATION/REMOVAL; TOPSOIL AND SEED; EROSION CONTROL; AND CHAIN LINK FENCE REPAIR.

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017**.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

The estimated contract cost is **TWO MILLION, FIVE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000.00)**.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount. In the form of a bid bond, cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid. Bidders must submit a Buy American Certificate with all bids or offers on AIP funded projects. Bids that are not accompanied by a completed Buy American Certificate must be rejected as nonresponsive.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$3,000,000.00**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

This contract is subject to a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than **SEVEN AND SEVEN TENTHS PERCENT (7.7%)** of the Contract be performed by disadvantaged business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in Article 84 of the General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 12846). The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective sub-contractors of the requirement for such certification where the sub-contract exceeds \$10,000.

A Contractor having fifty (50) or more employees and his sub-contractors having fifty (50) or more employees who may be awarded a sub-contract of \$50,000 or more will, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the contract commencement, be required to develop a written affirmative action compliance program for each of its establishments.

Compliance Reports - Within thirty (30) days of the award of this Contract the Contractor shall file a compliance report (Standard Form [SF 100]) if:

- (a) The Contractor has not submitted a complete compliance report within twelve (12) months preceding the date of award, and
- (b) The Contractor is within the definition of "employer" in Paragraph 2c(3) of the instructions included in SF 100.

The contractor shall require the sub-contractor on any first-tier sub-contracts, irrespective of the dollar amount, to file SF 100 within thirty (30) days after the award of the sub-contracts, if the above two conditions apply. SF 100 will be furnished upon request. SF 100 is normally furnished Contractors annually, based on a mailing list currently maintained by the Joint Reporting Committee. In the event a contractor has not received the form, he may obtain it by writing to the following address:

Joint Reporting Committee
1800 G Street
Washington, DC 20506

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 3/10/2017