



PENNY DREADFUL – THE COMPLETE SERIES
(9-Blu-ray)
SHOWTIME Ent. + CBS DVD + Paramount

Some of literature's most terrifying characters, including Dr. Frankenstein and his monster, Dorian Gray, and iconic figures from the novel *Dracula* are lurking in the darkest corners of Victorian London. A core of original characters, in a complex, frightening new narrative, joins them. *Penny Dreadful* is a psychological thriller filled with dark mystery and suspense, where personal demons from the past can be stronger than vampires, evil spirits, and immortal beasts.

DYNASTY: THE FIRST SEASON (DVD)
CBS DVD + Paramount

Dynasty is one of the most successful primetime soap operas of the '80s. Relive the high-life of the Carringtons of Denver, a wealthy family whose fortunes are endangered when hostilities in the Middle East threaten Blake Carrington's oil empire. But, it is the dramatic interactions at home between the Carringtons and the Blaisdels that provide the explosive fuel for this riveting drama. From the opening episodes, surrounding Blake and Krystle's opulent wedding, to the countless illicit affairs, the dirty business deals, and hair-pulling cat-fights. This is the show that had viewers tuning in every week to catch all the outrageous story twists and flamboyant fashion statements.

LEONARD COHEN: I'M YOUR MAN (Blu-ray + DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

Celebrate the legendary singer/songwriter, Leonard Cohen; with *I'm Your Man*, a fascinating and critically acclaimed documentary. Narrated by Cohen himself, the film features performances of Leonard Cohen songs by such luminary artists as U2, Rufus Wainwright, Nick Cave, Jarvis Cocker, Antony, Martha Wainwright, and Beth Orton, among others. A well-done documentary that is sure to please both die-hard Cohen fans and the newly-initiated, this film is a beautiful record of captivating music and an intimate portrait of a truly singular artist — poet, songwriter, and cultural icon.

THE 9TH LIFE OF LOUIS DRAX (Blu-ray + DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

After surviving eight near-death accidents throughout his unlucky life, Louis Drax (Aiden Longworth) plunges off a steep cliff on his ninth birthday. While police investigate the case of Louis' near fatal fall, and the whereabouts of his violent father, Peter (Aaron Paul), acclaimed neurologist Dr. Allan Pascal (Jamie Dornan) uses unorthodox techniques to try to tap into the boy's unconscious mind and reveal the truth about the events that led to his condition. But as he's drawn deeper and deeper into the mystery of Louis' seeming ability to cheat death, the doctor finds himself falling for Louis' mother, Natalie (Sarah Gadon). As new clues emerge in the case, a shocking revelation changes the fate of Louis Drax, and everyone around him.

SABRINA DOWN UNDER (DVD)

CBS DVD + Paramount
While on vacation in Australia, Sabrina Spellman (Melissa Joan Hart), a normal teenager except for one thing, she's a witch. Aspiring to learn more about marine biology, Sabrina travels with Salem (voiced by Nick Bakay), a mischievous warlock doing penance as a black cat, to Australia. While there, she discovers that marine mammals, including a handsome merman and his mermaid sister, are all falling ill due to ocean pollution, and are in need of her magical protection. But when Sabrina loses her powers, things really get flipped upside down! A hilarious comedy for the whole family.

FIVE NIGHTS IN MAINE (DVD)
MVDvisual

While grieving over the tragic death of his beloved wife, Sherwin (David Oyelowo) travels from Atlanta to Maine, in order to meet his abrasive, estranged mother-in-law Lucinda (Dianne Wiest). Sherwin's late wife had a rocky relationship with her terminally ill mother, which culminated in a trip that ended in confrontation just prior to the wife's fatal accident. Lucinda and Sherwin attempt to connect and mend their broken hearts in this touching drama, as they find themselves forced to cope with their failings and grief in a quiet journey of empathy, compassion, and healing.

GRAVES: SEASON ONE (DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

Nick Nolte stars as Richard Graves, a former two-term President of the United States in EPIX's first original comedy series, *Graves: Season One*. Follow Graves as he embarks on a Don Quixote-like quest to right the wrongs of his administration and reclaim his legacy 25 years after leaving the White House. A comedy that ironically reflects on the ex-president's life after he recognizes the error of his ways.

DOWN ON THE FARM (DVD)
MVDvisual

When a bale of hay goes missing on the farm, mystery-solving Oink the Flying Pig and his know-it-all pal, Boink the Owl, set off on an adventure to discover which of the farm animals is the culprit. In order to discover who took the hay, Oink and Boink have to first learn all there is to know about all the farm animal suspects. Join Oink and Boink on their mystery-solving quest *Down on the Farm*. Take this opportunity to "pig out on fun and adventure."

YOGA HOSERS (Blu-ray)
MVDvisual

Fifteen year olds Colleen Collette and Colleen McKenzie (Lily-Rose Depp and Harley Quinn Smith) are on their smartphones constantly, sing in a small band, and take yoga classes. The girls will do just about anything to receive an invitation to a senior party. But when they discover the leader of a Nazi splinter group has been raising an army of monsters beneath the store where they work, the teens team up with a legendary man-hunter (Johnny Depp) to stop the world-threatening uprising.

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

WOULD MARCUS WELBY DO THIS?

There have been some recent trial balloons floating from the Golden Dome at the State House about legislation that might require doctors to ask their patients during medical appointments whether or not they own any firearms. Why is this something that doctors need to be asking? One thing to ask about cigarette smoking or drug usage, but GUNS?

This is one trial balloon that needs to be shot down quickly, (pardon the pun).

DIEHL HIM IN?

Seems like there is talk brewing that State Rep. Geoff Diehl, R-Whitman, is mulling a run next year against U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren for her Senate seat. I've met him. He seems like a nice guy. He's real BIG with the conservative wing of the state Republican Party, but I just don't see him as a viable candidate, and sad to say, I think the same thing of former Red Sox ace Curt Schilling. Sadly, the farm team for the local GOP in these parts doesn't have much to offer, which is why Massachusetts has become so one-sided.

BLACK ICE MATTERS

Recently, Jeff Kuhner from WRKO, hit some black ice out there in Kuhner Country, on the way to his radio show, and missed two days on the air, after being slightly injured and reportedly totaling his vehicle. He kept blaming DPW crews for not putting down enough rock salt on the road, causing the accident. Get over it, you gotta remember Black Ice Matters, and you need to drive carefully and not start ranting on air.

Speaking of his rants, he needs to stop all this name-calling on air. We are all upset about how Beacon Hill voted their most recent obscene pay hike, and were also upset with the way Gov. Charlie (Tall Deval) Baker just buckles over to them with barely a whimper. However, you don't have to go so low, especially with A.G. Maura Healey. Stop the prerogatives with her life partner. Such actions should be beneath you.

IN BETWEEN QUOTE

"The question is can we (the Democrat Party) present ourselves in a way that we're not just anti-Trump? What's our vision for the country? How are we going to put people back to work?"

— U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio
While the progressive wing of the Democrat Party is on fire across the country, ranting and raging against everything Trump, the party cannot win elections without getting back traditional Democratic blocs that went over to Trump last November. The more they sound like a crazy fringe movement, the more they will continue to lose mainstream America.

NEVER TRUMP ADVOCATES LOVE BELITTLING OTHERS

A recent letter to the editor

in the *Boston Globe* belittled, it seemed, those who were quoted in a news story concerning an apparent gang-related shooting at the South Shore Plaza. He stated that those who first thought the shooting might be terror-related were giving in to "irrational and greatly exaggerated fears of the most remote dangers. You have a higher chance of getting killed by the impact of a meteorite than being killed by a terrorist."

Thank you so much for calling people plain dumb for believing in, I guess, foolish and misguided thoughts. These smarter than your-average-bear liberal elites take the cake to paraphrase Yogi Berra, don't they? **BACK AROUND CHRISTMAS, YOU KNOW THAT PERIOD WITH NO SNOW**

Remember back around Christmastime, when there was a news story in the papers about lighting up the Congress Street Bridge over in the Seaport area? Seemed City Hall was thinking about lighting up the bridge in LED-colored lights. I thought it was a stupid idea, since it was nothing but a waste of money to put smiles on the faces of tourists to our city. Keep the bridge in good condition and don't worry about turning it into some kind of urban Christmas tree.

JAMES BROWN, THE SUPREMES, LUTHER VANDROSS & MORE

Growing up back in the '50s and '60s in both the South End and lower Roxbury, I always loved Rhythm & Blues and Jazz, too. Back then when James Brown was big, big, big, we called the sound Soul Music, which there were two versions of, Motown and the Philly Sound. I liked both and knew the difference between each once the song started. I favored the Philly Sound because it was great dance music, and I loved to dance the night away while dressing pretty hot, as well. You had to have style to R&B with the lovely ladies.

Recently, while scanning through my car radio, I came across 97.7 WKAF-FM, a great new sound on the radio airwaves, which used to simulcast WAAF-FM 107.3, but now is broadcasting 24/7 nothing but great R&B, a.k.a. Soul Music, as I called it back in the day.

The industry calls it "urban music," but I think they love this stuff in the suburbs, too. The station now has on-air personalities, like the morning duo KJ & Kesha (KJ Carson and Kesha Monk), and afternoon host Chris Malone.

I listen to it as much as I can, and it is much more relaxing than all those endless talk shows with all the yelling, isn't it.

AIN'T NEVER GETTING OLD

I was having my Angela's Special at Angela's Restaurant up in the Heights over in Eastie one morning while watching a Latino music TV station. One song caught my attention, "I

Ain't Getting Old."

Hey, I know age wise I keep having more and more birthdays, but it doesn't mean I have to get old. I am still as crazy as I ever was after all these years as Paul Simon once sang. What keeps you young, and yes, maybe a little crazy, is staying young inside one's head. It is all psychological, and I fully believe in that.

Hey, I am still out there shoveling snow, at an age older than when I was yelling at my father to stop shoveling. I thought he was too old to shovel, but he just looked at me and told me to chill out inside. If anyone told me I was too old to shovel, I would say much worse to them than my dad said to me.

Does anyone out there remember poet Dylan Thomas who once wrote, "Rage, rage against the darkness of the night. Do not go gentle into the light."

Do you?

Today, the lyrics are used in a new TV series just airing, but for me it was about never giving up and living life as best and as long as you can. We get one life, live it, and don't surrender to it.

GETTING BACK TO LESS CEREBRAL STUFF

Is it just me, or have joggers all lost their common sense? In the middle of stormy winter weather, does it make sense to be jogging on Morrissey Boulevard over in Dorchester tempting fate to exercise? As they say, you have plenty of time to rest when you see that light, Dylan Thomas wrote.

The same thing goes for bicyclists, almost as bad as joggers in bad weather.

DR. GRACE MOVES TO WRKO SATURDAY MORN

Recently, I turned my radio onto AM 1260 to listen to Dr. Grace, but there was a sports show on instead. Seems, Dr. Grace got the apparent boot from 1260 but, alas, Dr. Grace can now be heard early Saturday mornings between 8:00-9:00 am. Can I say, much too early for me. I wondered how long she'd be doing *Graceland* on another radio station, when her hobby had his own talk show on WRKO.

Surely, most of Dr. Grace's audience left 1260 at noon like clockwork when her show ended and Jeff's WRKO show began. I knew *Graceland* was in trouble as soon as it came on the air. It was only a matter of time.

Sorry, but I have yet to catch her new one hour Saturday show because I always sleep late on the weekends.

EDDIE JENKINS SOUNDS LIKE ON-AIR PERSONALITY

I love 97.7, as you know from above. Lately, I have been hearing Eddie Jenkins voice so much; he should be an on-air personality. He is a pretty well-known lawyer, and a former Patriots football player, too. Got a great baritone voice. Just thinking out loud.

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