

VIDEO VIEWS

by Bob Morello

... more than meets the eye

DOLLY PARTON'S CHRISTMAS OF MANY COLORS (DVD)

Warner Bros. Home Ent.
Christmas is coming, and Dolly Parton and the devoted clan are determined to scrape together enough money to buy their beloved Mama (Jennifer Nettles), the wedding ring she's long waited for. But a fierce blizzard threatens to demolish their dream. While the family struggles to save their beloved homestead, an important person in little Dolly's (Alyvia Alyn Lind) life suggests that her amazing voice and musical gifts may be destined for something far beyond Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains. With love and dedication, miracles come in surprising shapes and sizes. An inspiring, family-friendly, song-filled story that is sure to spark your newest favorite holiday tradition.

A FROZEN CHRISTMAS (DVD) MVDuissal

A Frozen Christmas is the perfect way to get the family in the Holiday spirit with the most beloved animated Christmas characters, including Santa Claus, the Snowman, Elves, Santa's Reindeer, and more. Gather the family around and listen as Santa and his young elf pals narrate time-honored Christmas story classics like *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, *Little Girls' Christmas*, *The Fir Tree*, *The Brave Tin Soldier!*

HOUSE OF LIES: THE FINAL SEASON (2-DVD) Showtime + CBS DVD + Paramount

Now that Kaan & Associates is back on top, their biggest mission is staying there. In the fifth and final season of *House of Lies*, the tight-knit, profit-seeking pod launches life-changing moves with some game-changing tactics. Marty Kaan (Don Cheadle) and Jeannie Van Der Hooven (Kristen Bell) venture into new romances while they co-parent their baby daughter. Numbers analyst Dough Guggenheim tackles an item on his bucket list by preparing and delivering a Ted Talk, while spin doctor Clyde Oberholt lends his skills to a mayoral candidate. Together, the team's unconventional management style continues to make corporate waves. And an unexpected offer from the past could alter all of their futures, culminating in a historic series closer filmed in Havana, Cuba.

THE 2016 WORLD SERIES COLLECTOR'S EDITION: CHICAGO CUBS (8-Blu-ray)

Shout! Factory + Major League Baseball
The 2016 Fall Classic was the end of a long road (108 years). Generations of families and friends celebrated cherished memories newly washed by a championship. Under Manager Joe Maddon, the Cubs played better baseball than the Giants and Dodgers, to set up a historically dramatic World Series against the Cleveland Indians. Of course, it would come down to a Game 7 full of surprise, anxiety, and excitement. The Cubs would overcome a tenacious Indians comeback, using a mythical rain delay, inspirational speech, and

an extra inning of baseball to crown a 103-win season with a World Series title. The Collector's Edition is an 8-disc set that preserves every inning, every play, and every heart-stopping moment from all 7 games of the Fall Classic, as well as a bonus disc of the pennant-clinching NLCS Game 6 at Wrigley Field. From "spiritual" team leader David Ross' dramatic home run in the final game of his career, Jake Arrieta and Jon Lester's masterful performances on the mound, to Kris Bryant's final thrilling 5-3 put-out to Anthony Rizzo.

BEAUTY & THE BEAST: FINAL SEASON (4-DVD) CBS DVD + Paramount

Brave love has no end. The classic fairy tale gets a dark twist in this award-winning television series. When a homicide detective with a troubled past (Kristin Kreuk) falls in love with Doctor Vincent Keller (Jay Ryan) holding a deadly secret, it's anything but a fairy tale romance. Dr. Keller has been in hiding for the past 10 years, and when he is enraged, he becomes a terrifying beast, unable to control his super-strength and heightened senses. Don't miss the final season of the most thrilling romance on television. *Beauty & the Beast: Final Season* includes 13 unforgettable episodes!

BRAINDEAD: SEASON ONE (4-DVD) CBS DVD + Paramount

When struggling documentary filmmaker Laurel Healy (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) takes a job working with her brother, Senator Luke Healy (Danny Pino), she soon discovers there's more to Washington, D.C. than meets the eye. As tensions grow amongst political parties, so does a conspiracy involving alien bugs replacing the brains of several members of Congress. The investigation unfolds while the infection spreads. Whatever's happening, it's clear this isn't politics as usual.

ZOO: SEASON TWO (4-DVD) CBS DVD + Paramount

James Wolk, Kristen Connolly, Nonso Anozie, Billy Burke, and Nora Arnezeder star in the second season of the suspenseful television show, *Zoo*. Animals have been hunted, enslaved, and slaughtered by humans for millennia ... now it's their turn! What started as a string of animal attacks has evolved into a global war between beast and man. But when maverick zoologist Jackson Oz (Wolk) and his team uncover a secret plan to exterminate all wildlife on the planet, they learn that humans are still the most dangerous animals of all.

CHRISTMAS ALL OVER AGAIN (DVD)

Lionsgate Home Ent.
It's Christmas Eve, and teen Eddie (Sean Ryan Fox) hopes a sweet new pair of Breezy 3000 sneakers will catch the eye of neighbor girl Cindy (Amber Montana). But the next morning, the tree is empty—and every new day brings another Christmas without presents. To escape from this loop, Eddie turns to a mysterious shoe store owner (Joey Lawrence), who helps him understand that true joy doesn't come with a tied up in a bow.

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

GOLDEN PAIRS CELEBRATE LONG MARRIAGES

Recently, 75 couples from across the city gathered together at the Fairmount Copley Plaza and were honored by Mayor Marty Walsh at the Mayor's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. All the couples have been married at least 50 years. I read the story in the *Boston Globe* with a big photo of Judy and Tommy Domenico. The "Colonel" and his bride of 52 years looked pretty dapper on the dance floor. Also out on the dance floor that same evening were Jimmy and Patti Santori, married 53 years. Time obviously flies when you're having fun. Just ask these two couples, huh?

SEND THIS KID A CARD FOR CHRISTMAS

There's a young boy who I know of who will be spending Christmas in the hospital. He could use some cheering up and would appreciate hearing from you. Let us show little Collin and his family some good old fashioned Christmas spirit. The hospital address is Collin Tarbox, c/o Jamie Crosby, 11 South Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115. Thanks in advance.

HIDE THOSE WHEAT THINS PLEASE

I usually try and watch what I eat, but sometimes I get forgetful. I went shopping and bought a box of Wheat Thins, the ones with less salt. Even at times when I pig out, I try to be health-conscious. Well, I got home, sat on my bed, put the TV on and starting munching. Before I knew it, the box was three-quarter's empty. OMG, I couldn't keep my hand out of the box. I got

up, took the box and placed it in the kitchen garbage can. Stop! No Mas! Get Back!

I went back to the TV with a bowl of grapes and pretended they tasted better than those little crackers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RALPHIE

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Ralph Capobianco, who just turned one-hundred years old. Nurses and staff from the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Elder Services Plan's PACE at Lewis Mall presented Ralph with his 100th Birthday cake.

Happy Birthday to Ralph on his 100th birthday. May you have many more.

WORCESTER SQUARE CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

The 54th Worcester Square Christmas Tree Lighting organized by the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association in the South End was held on December 2nd. This tree-lighting tradition was started by Rose Mehegan back when I was growing up nearby on East Springfield Street.

CHRISTMAS TIME AT THE BEACHMONT VFW

On Saturday, December 10th, I was at the Beachmont VFW Post for a great Christmas Dinner/Dance put together by Dee Jay Jimmy LaGrassa and his associate, the one and only Joey Quigley. DJ Jimmy did a great job mixing up the music beat, and the crowd was especially festive at Cassie's table. How could it not be with Cassie the Dancing Queen?

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Just like in Baltimore, sometimes prosecutors let politics rush them to trial. It's rarely a winning case and it has nothing to do with race but with our respect for law enforcement protecting society.

Hooch for Your Pooch?

Have you heard about a new British beer making news over in England? It is called Snuffle Dog Beer. It is alcohol-free and comes in chicken and beef flavors, offering you and your best friend a chance to unwind after a ruff day at the office.

U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy is Correct

"The reason I like the criminal justice system is there aren't Republicans or Democrat victims or police officers or prosecutors. It's just about respect for the rule of law."

Fake News Over Fake News?

Recently, Hillary Clinton was back up on the Hill for Harry Reid's Retirement Party, where she joined the liberal chorus over the danger of fake news. Hillary Clinton, remember that video guy in California responsible for Benghazi back on September 11, 2012? Perhaps, you remember when something similar happened to NBC's Brian Williams when he was under fire in Iraq or Afghanistan while flying with members of SEAL Team Six? Doesn't matter whether it was Iraq or Afghanistan, because it was all fake news.

Liberals are having a field day with fake news even though they

Not to brag, but I was my usual Travolta-like self on the dance floor, too. Back in the day, they actually called me the "Disco Kid," honestly they did.

LADDER 19's SUPER-SIZED CHRISTMAS WREATH

There are Christmas wreaths and then there are Christmas wreaths. The wreath at Ladder 19 on the iron fence of the firehouse at K and E Streets in South Boston is enormous. No one can accuse the firehouse's firefighters of not having the Christmas spirit in a big and beautiful way, huh?

GIORDANO GETS ORGANIZING AWARD

A longtime friend of many years, Rick Giordano of the Fenway CDC, just received the Rican Hadrian Award for excellence in community organizing on December 2nd at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations.

I've known Rick since back in the day when he worked Mission Hill for state Rep. Kevin Fitzgerald. He is a good guy who works hard all the time.

ANDERSON: SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Revere's Pam M. Anderson was honored a few weeks back with a Certificate of Appreciation by City Councilor-at-Large Bob Haas for her extensive volunteerism and community involvement serving residents of Revere and surrounding communities. She is a good friend of mine and a very good person.

own this subject. Remember *Rolling Stone Magazine*? They hate fake news, too. However, the other day, the media was reporting that Trump supporters started booing when the name John Glenn was mentioned during the announcement of his death. It never happened.

It is one thing for Facebook and Twitter to provide fake news to followers, but quite another thing when major print and broadcast media does it. Scary, did you know that 50 percent of Americans get their news from social media? The Land of Fake News?

Rachel Maddow Faker, Too

The other evening, Rachel Maddow was comparing Donald Trump to King Charles of England who ruled during the 1660s. She mentioned how bad a king he was and told of a deal he made with his cousin, the King of France. Charles paid his cousin money every year to protect England from his enemies.

Of course, she was really bashing Donald Trump over his perceived conflicts of interests as he heads to the White House. Trump's daughter just landed a deal with Japan and the implication is clear The Donald had something sinister to do with the making of that deal.

Difficult to tell when reality ends and fantasy begins.

Endquote

"Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things."

— Peter Druker

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