



THE STAIRCASE:
LIMITED SERIES (3-DVD)
Warner Bros. Home Ent.

Get on the case with the HBO Max Original drama series *The Staircase: Limited Series*, created by Antonio Campos. Follow all eight, one-hour episodes from the gripping series, plus all-new bonus content including *Inside the Episode* featurettes and a set tour! The series is also available to stream on HBO Max. Inspired by a true story, *The Staircase* explores the life of Michael Peterson, his sprawling North Carolina family, and the suspicious death of his wife, Kathleen Peterson. On December 9, 2001, Michael makes a frantic 911 call reporting Kathleen has fallen down the stairs of their Durham, NC home. But when the district attorney brings murder charges, members of Michael's blended family must choose whose side they're on and which version of events to believe. As the case becomes engulfed in a media circus, a French documentary film crew arrives to meticulously chronicle its many twists and turns. Intertwining multiple perspectives and timelines, this gripping limited series explores the elusive nature of truth. *The Staircase* stars Oscar winner Colin Firth, alongside Emmy winner and Oscar nominee Toni Collette.

BLOOD & DIAMONDS
(Blu-ray)
88 Films

After being set up by the Mafia of which he is part of, Guido (Claudio Cassinelli) is sent to prison, but he vows to take revenge on those who betrayed him. *Blood & Diamonds* is a follow-up of sorts to director Fernando Di Leo's earlier film, the seminal *Caliber 9* (1972), *Blood & Diamonds* (1977), and blasts it way into familiar poliziotteschi territory, leaving scars, bullets and tire tricks in its bloody wake. Another must for all collectors of high-octane Italian crime thrillers from the 1970s.

AND JUST LIKE THAT ...
THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON
(2DVD) Warner Bros. Home Ent.

Prepare yourself for the highly-anticipated return of Carrie Bradshaw and her stylish, best girlfriends as Warner Bros. Home Entertainment releases the first season of *And Just Like That ...* the new chapter of the groundbreaking HBO series *Sex and the City* Included are all 10 episodes of the show's first season. The series has also been renewed for a second season, and is streaming on HBO Max. Executive producer Michael Patrick King, *And Just Like That ...* brings the iconic characters of *Sex and the City* back for exciting all-new series, which finds Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) and Charlotte (Kristin Davis) navigating the journey from the complicated reality of life and friendship in their '30s to the even more complicated reality of life and friendship in their '50s. Created by Darren Star and based on the book *Sex and the City* by Candace Bushnell.

HEARTLAND OF DARKNESS
(Blu-ray)
Visual Vengeance

In the small town of Coperton, Ohio, Paul Henson, a former big-city journalist, buys a small local newspaper. He quickly falls into a wide-reaching conspiracy of ritualistic murder and cult mind control when he discovers that the entire town may be under the spell of a Satanic reverend and his flock. As the clues and corpses pile up, Henson and his family are thrust into a life-or-death struggle to expose the truth and stop the demonic cabal's reign of evil. Often cited as the "lost" Linnea Quigley movie, *Heartland of Darkness* was shot in 1989 by director Eric Swelstad on 16mm film and lost in obscurity and distribution false starts for over 30 years. This never-before-seen "Satanic Panic" epic finally arrives on home video, packed with bonus features that spotlight the original creators and document the film's long history and final completion.

200 METERS
(DVD) Film Movement

200 Meters is described as a poignant film that balances tender family drama blended with frenetic thrills. Mustafa (Ali Suliman), a Palestinian construction worker, lives in a West Bank home a mere 200 meters away from his wife and children, on the other side of the Israeli border wall. Though eligible for an Israeli ID, Mustafa sacrifices living with his family in resistance to what he believes are unjust laws enforced by the occupying Israeli government, so he instead uses his work permit to visit daily. The arrangement is functional, until one day Mustafa gets a call every parent dreads: his son has been seriously injured and brought to an Israeli hospital. Rushing to cross the border checkpoint, Mustafa is denied on a technicality. Stopping at nothing to reach his child, a 200 meter distance becomes a 200 kilometer odyssey, as the increasingly desperate Mustafa attempts to smuggle himself to the other side of the wall.

VOODOO MACBETH
(Blu-ray)
Lightyear Ent.

Based on the true story of young Orson Welles — 20-years-old and just starting out — and Broadway star Rose McClendon managing a group of committed artists as they set out to create a landmark event in theater history, *Voodoo Macbeth* unspools the incredible tale of the Negro Theatre Unit's revolutionary 1936 production of *Macbeth*. With FDR's New Deal providing funding for the Federal Theatre Project. Rose McClendon, with a young John Houseman, who helmed the Harlem Negro Theatre Unit together, decided to bring *Macbeth* to the community at the Lafayette Theater — with an all-Black cast. For this groundbreaking production, they'd turn to an untested Welles, who was just beginning his career in New York, who reimaged Shakespeare's Scottish classic, moving the setting to Haiti and exchanging witchcraft for Caribbean voodoo.

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

MY CHILDHOOD GROWING UP

Growing up in the '50s going into the '60s, World War II was still very much in America's collective memory. Being born almost two years after Hiroshima, everything I know about WWII came from the classroom or older folks talking about it. As a child, I would talk with veterans who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor and I would watch war movies on TV endlessly.

The Forties, I was too young to remember. The Fifties turned into the *Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet*, a title *Leave it to Beaver* and at times, a whole lot of *Twilight Zone*. I loved the '50s because I was just a kid collecting toy army men and having fun playing with my younger brother.

I couldn't see the harshness of real life yet. I wasn't aware of the struggles taking place down South during the Civil Rights Movement. I was unaware of all the angry political debates going on in the U.S. capitol where everyone thought everyone else was a foreign spy when it was thought to be better Dead than Red.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear."

— Rosa Parks

YELLOWSTONE FANS IN EASTIE?



These two cowboys Stephen Scapicchio and Sal G. both have North End family roots.

A selfie taken by Stephen Scapicchio of him and I on New

Year's Day at the Burger King up the Heights. I have been going from Boston to Austin for so many years to visit my family members, I feel like a part-time Texan, but with a great Boston accent.

SPEAKING OF YELLOWSTONE

When I first became a fan of *Yellowstone*, I didn't even recognize longtime Hollywood actor Cole Hauser, who plays the role of Rip Wheeler in this Paramount+ series dyed his hair and beard jet black. Reportedly, he did so because in this series his love interest actress Kelly Reilly, who plays Beth Dutton on the series also has natural reddish hair that they may look like brother and sister. At least that is what he recently told a reporter during an interview.

SVENGOOLIE GETS MORE AIRTIME

The Svengoolie Classic Horror & Sci-Fi Movie has been expanded to two-and-a-half hours (8:00 – 10:30 p.m., Saturdays) starting last Saturday night on MeTV. It is hosted by Rich Koz, a.k.a. Svengoolie.

WHERE'S MY FREE HEALTH CARE?

A 59-year-old man with no previous criminal record held up a bank for the sum of just \$1. So what was he after? A prison sentence, so he could get his free health care. Sounds very plausible, doesn't it?

D.C. HOUSE DEMOCRATS MOCK GOP SPEAKER FIGHT

House Democrats up on Capitol Hill look pleased as punch over the protracted Republican fight to pick its new Speaker. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries holds press conferences to bash Republicans over their leadership fight. Hey, at least Republicans fight over nominees as opposed to House Democrats who act more like the old Soviet Politburo. They're told who to vote for and jump into lockstep mode.

REMEMBER

DISCO WILL NEVER DIE

I loved disco and still do. I had my three-piece beige suit, flashy shoes with high Cuban heels and a great disco haircut. They used to call me either the "Disco Kid," or "John Travolta, Jr." I had the look and the moves. My favorite disco club was The Pier in the Seaport District when it was still just the waterfront. After disco ended and the place closed, it turned into a parking lot. If you

remember the Whiskey Pries, it is now gone, too.

I miss those disco clubs. However, if you like Disco it can be found at Encore in Everett. There's Memoire and there's Mystique Lounge. I will be checking them out soon but my attire has changed. I haven't seen Cuban-heeled shoes or a three-piece disco suits since back in the day. My hair is no longer chestnut brown, its salt and pepper with lots of salt. Thank God, my weight is still pretty good for an O.G. However, I haven't tested my dance floor endurance in a while. Could be very, very interesting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Lisa Aprea, formerly of Abington, and owner of Happy Dog Training who relocated to North Carolina just celebrated another birthday on Sunday, January 8th.

Happy birthday greetings to Eastie's own Emily Polston, who celebrated her birthday last week.

HEAVENLY BIRTHDAYS ...

This past Sunday, January 8th would have been the 88th birthday for The King of Rock & Roll Elvis Presley, and the following day January 9th, would have been President Richard M. Nixon's 110th birthday.

MOST PHOTOGENIC DOG IN EASTIE



Joe Seidner with his sidekick "Silva."

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

Recently, I attended a time held at the ICA Watershed and the most photogenic big puppy in Eastie rode into the event with his aide de-camp Joe Seidner. Silva, the Irish Wolf Hound, a.k.a., "Farm Donkey" at Eastie Farm gets his photo taken by everyone. Definitely one BIG puppy!

I'm surprised Joe doesn't put a saddle on him and hitch a ride with him. Hi Ho, Silva Away.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Estate of
ALICE JANJIGIAN
Also Known As
ALICE D. JANJIGIAN

Date of Death: November 14, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert A. Janjigian of Belmont, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Robert A. Janjigian of Belmont, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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