



### THE MISSION (DVD)

Film Movement

Follow four Mormon teens on the mission of their lives. Every year, over 60,000 young missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are sent across the world to preach their gospel. Sundance Film Festival selection THE MISSION follows four Latter-day Saints teenagers from their training in Utah to their missions in Finland, home of Europe's most private and secular people. Tania Anderson's feature-length debut tracks these wide-eyed, impassioned teens on their two-year rite of passage, as they struggle with being immersed in a new culture, and the daily rejections they inevitably receive throughout their task. Granted total access by the Church, THE MISSION is a sensitive observational documentary detailing the challenges and triumphs of these missionaries' journeys.

### CHESS STORY (DVD)

Film Movement

To withstand the Gestapo's psychological torture, a lawyer imprisoned by the Nazis, finds refuge in the world of chess in this opulent period drama. Vienna, 1938: Austria is occupied by the Nazis. Dr. Josef Bartok (Oliver Masucci) is preparing to flee to America, when the Gestapo arrests him. As a former notary to the deposed Austrian aristocracy, he is instructed to hand over access to their private bank accounts. Refusing to cooperate, Bartok is locked in solitary confinement by the local secret police operative Böhm (Albrecht Schuch). Just as his mind is beginning to crack, he happens upon a book of famous chess matches. To withstand the torture of isolation, Bartok disappears into the world of chess, maintaining his fragile sanity only by memorizing every move. Adapted with opulent attention to period detail by filmmaker and opera director Philipp Stölzl, *Chess Story* brings Stefan Zweig's stirring final novella to life featuring an impressive ensemble cast. A bonus feature includes a short film — *Der Tunnel*: A student on a train finds himself in an existential dilemma when the tunnel he is traveling through never seems to end.

### STAR TREK: STRANGE NEW WORLDS — SEASON ONE

(Blu-ray)

Paramount Plus

*Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*, is based on the years Captain Christopher Pike manned the helm of the U.S.S. Enterprise. The series features fan favorites from Season Two of *Star Trek: Discovery*: Anson Mount as Captain Christopher Pike, Rebecca Romijn as Number One, and Ethan Peck as Science Officer Spock. The series follows Captain Pike and the crew in the decades before Captain Kirk boarded the U.S.S. Enterprise, as they explore new worlds around the galaxy.

### THE GREEN HORNET (Blu-ray)

VCI Entertainment

The Green Hornet is a masked

fictional crime fighter, originally created by George W. Trendle for an American radio program in the 1930s. The character has appeared in two Universal serials. In the first 13-episode serial, the city is faced with rising crime and increased racketeering activity. Intrepid newspaper editor, Britt Reid (Gordon Jones) becomes the crime fighter the Green Hornet to take on the bad guys. As far as the police are concerned, the Hornet himself is the criminal. This misunderstanding enables Reid to operate "outside the law" to battle evil and injustice. Working alongside the Hornet is the brilliant inventor/sidekick Kato (Keye Luke), the only person who knows the true identity of the Hornet. Watch as the heroes fight an infamous racket and put an end to the menace infecting their city.

### GORGEOUS (Blu-ray)

88 Films

When the beautiful Bu (Shu Qi), finds a romantic message in a bottle near her family restaurant in Taiwan. On a whim she travels to Hong Kong in search of the writer of the note, believing him to be her potential soul mate, he turns out to be Albert (Tony Leung), a gay beautician pining for his ex. Taking pity on the girl, he brings her to his workplace, where she instead falls in love with the wealthy and lonely businessman C.N. Chan (Jackie Chan). But when Chan's lifelong enemy, Lo, discovers that Chan has a new love, he decides to ruin their happiness, and the plot soon becomes more complicated when bitter rivalries rise to the surface in this all-out action-packed romantic comedy.

### THE ASSASSINATION

BUREAU

(Blu-ray)

Arrow Video

Anarchy reigns as Diana Rigg and Oliver Reed go head-to-head in a blackly comic caper that plays out against the colorful backdrop of Europe on the coup of World War One. London 1908. When feisty journalist and women's rights campaigner Sonia Winter (Rigg) uncovers the headquarters of *The Assassination Bureau Limited*, a clandestine enterprise that has existed for decades by bumping off the rich and powerful — but only if there's a good moral reason for it — she sets off on a path of putting an end to its activities. Bankrolled by her press baron boss, Lord Bostwick (Telly Savalas), she commissions the organization to undertake the assassination of its very own chairman, Ivan Dragomiloff (Oliver Reed). Being the gentleman that he is, Dragomiloff responds to the assignment with glee, challenging his fellow board members to complete the contract. The only problem ... they'll have to catch him first. *The Assassination Bureau* is based on an unfinished novel by Jack London, published posthumously in 1963, this penultimate work from the directing-producing team of Basil Dearden and Michael Relph, is a rip-roaring slice of Edwardian-set action-adventure.

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

### TRUMP INDICTED: WE'VE CROSSED A BRIDGE TOO FAR

Have we now entered into uncharted waters of becoming a third world banana republic? Alvin Bragg, Manhattan DA, has now taken our democratic republic and twisted everything up like a pretzel in order to interfere in the 2024 presidential election.

Democrats sound all so gleeful. They think they have taken down Trump, but in reality, to borrow the words of Chuck Schumer will be devoured in a whirlwind. If America has looked divided, the coming weeks may show just how divided we still can become. Our founding fathers must be rolling over in their graves. We have only ourselves to blame, those 18<sup>th</sup> century leaders feared this day, and warned us how to keep America a free democratic republic. We could now be on the road to perdition or worse.

### PLAN: EAST BOSTON

ZOOMING AFTER

LATINO COMMUNITY

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will be holding another PLAN: East Boston for Latinos in our community. It will be a virtual public meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m. I am getting tired with these virtual meetings because for the most part they don't really work like in-person meetings. I can see that some people might actually need virtual settings but most of us are ready to go back to the norm of REAL meetings where we all can gather, listen to, and address concerns aloud to agency members in their presence.

Also, there are many older residents who do not have the means to do Zoom meetings. Why can't BNN-TV cover these meetings in real time. We need to get back to in-person as much as we can, and the sooner the better.

### BEFORE I FORGET

After work on St. Patrick's Day, I headed over to DeMaino's Restaurant in Revere for a plate of corned beef and cabbage, and was not disappointed. I dare say, it might have been the best I've eaten over a number of recent St. Patrick's Days. Irish music piped into the place, and I even had some Irish bread, too. Just a tiny bit of butter and you're in heaven. Finally, how can one enjoy this holiday without an Irish coffee? I told them I will be back. Oh, the price was fantastic, too. A place worth eating at.

### FETTERMAN STAFF SAYS HE'S HOME AND HIS DEPRESSION IS "IN REMISSION"

I really am glad that U.S. Senator John Fetterman is being discharged from Walter Reed after six weeks of inpatient treatment for clinical depression. His office says, he should be back at his Senate office by later this month. According to his staff, he was treated with medication and is in remission.

I hate to say this, cancer can go into remission, but depression is treated with psych meds. Remission isn't the most accurate term to be using for this psychological issue. He's doing

better, likely because his meds may have been changed while hospitalized, but struggles with depression are likely lifelong. His recent bout showed he was getting overwhelmed by his mental issues.

There is no reason why he shouldn't be getting up to speed and in full control once again. But the proper word is never "remission," the word is "struggle" with the help of medication and regular therapy sessions to talk out issues. Many folks have a therapist to talk out life issues with. Nothing wrong admitting it, we could all use help at some point in our life. You won't see me beating up on Fetterman, he's got his problems, and we all have ours.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO ...

Sir Elton John celebrated his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday back on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and Gloria Steinem's voice is still roaring at 89, also on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### CARMELLA'S CELEBRATES 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY



Renee Taylor from East Boston shows off Carmella's super large Italian sub. It looked so big, surely it could feed a small army. Looks almost too good to slice it up, right?

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

It seems like only yesterday that Nick Mousliason took over managing Carmella's Market due to his brother Clark's medical issues (by the way Clark is doing well) and on March 26<sup>th</sup>, they had an anniversary celebration of sorts. Many came by to browse, nibble on some delicious food, and just congratulate Nick's keeping the place alive and serving the Jeffries Point neighborhood so well.

### PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

I love reading all about the daily lives of a rat and a pig in the *Boston Herald*, which I read religiously every day. The other day's strip was great. The pig was trying to sleep in bed and he kept hearing repeated thuds

in the living room. When he walked out there, he met his rat buddy and asked him what he was doing. The rat said he was running in place to get his 10,000 daily steps. When the pig asked what would happen if he didn't get all his steps in, The rat told him, "All of life falls apart and society devolves into chaos." So, the pig went back to his bed mumbling, "Now I feel bad for interrupting."

Can I tell you something? I love to walk a lot, but I never count my steps. I just know I walk all the time. I really don't want to know how close I am getting to society devolving into chaos.

### CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE SLOWLY COMING BACK

The Revere Chamber of Commerce and the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce have left the COVID hibernation in the rear-view mirror. Both groups recently gathered to elect officers for the new year and the Revere group will be holding a meet and greet soon.

Meanwhile, here in Eastie, no news yet about the East Boston Chamber of Commerce coming back to life as of yet. We can't let Revere and Chelsea stay ahead of us in the standings, can we?

### SACRED HEART COMMUNITY DINNER

Once again, Sacred Heart parish in East Boston will be holding its monthly community dinner in the parish hall on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

### FAMILIAR VOICE ON THE RADIO

Last Friday morning while listening to Jeff Kuhner go apoplectic on his show over the Trump indictment, I switched over to 1200 am to the *Jim Polito Show* and instantly heard a familiar voice. It was none other than Jeff Katz filling in for Polito. I remember his voice because prior to the Kuhnerman arriving on "RKO, we had the *Jeff Katz Show*. Another great conservative host. Good to hear his voice again.

### I GOT MY GHETTO SONGS

I can think of three great "ghetto" songs. First, there's "This is the Ghetto" by War, then there's "Ghetto" by the great Donnie Hathaway, and finally, "In the Ghetto" by Elvis Presley.

Can anyone out there name another ghetto song? Also, Of the three songs I named, which is your favorite? Let me know at [sal.giarratani@gmail.com](mailto:sal.giarratani@gmail.com).

Happy Easter!

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