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The time has come, the walrus said,



PARAMOUNT SCARES VOL. 1 (4K Ultra HD)

Paramount Home Ent. Get ready for a sea son of haunting entertain-ment with Paramount Scares Vol. 1, Paramount Home Entertainment's inaugural, and limited edition collection of chilling films. Fans can plumb the depths of the horror genre with this collectible box set featuring five unforgettable movies, all in eye-popping 4K Ultra HD, along with over four hours of legacy special features and exclusive collectible items. Housed in deluxe packaging, each of the following films is presented in a special sleeve with artwork exclusive to the collection: Rosemary's Baby (1968) — Newly remastered on 4K Ultra HD, this iconic classic celebrates its 55th anniversary this year. With groundbreaking camerawork and bonechilling suspense, Rosemary's Baby gave birth to the modern thriller. Featuring extraordinary performances — including Ruth Gordon in an Oscar-winning role as an eccentric neighbor — the film received extensive critical praise. Widely considered to be one of the greatest horror films of all time. *Pet Sematary* (1989) — Written for the screen by internationally renowned author Stephen King and based on his iconic bestseller, director Mary Lambert's thrilling Pet Sematary electrified audiences upon its release in 1989. The shocking depiction of unspeak-able evil was remastered in 4K under the supervision of Lambert using the original film negative. Smile (2022) - This terrifying and inventive film from writer and director Parker Finn became a true horror phenomenon and became the #1 original horror movie of 2022. A sequel is in development with Finn set to return as director. **Crawl (2019)** — Produced by Sam Raimi and directed by Alexandre Aja, this unexpected and suspense-filled creature feature took audiences and critics by storm with its story of a father and daughter trying to survive a hurricane beneath a house filling with water and alligators. Mystery Title Delivering even more suspense and surprise, the fifth film in the box set is a secret. The fanfavorite movie makes its 4K Ultra HD debut with the release of this collection. The set also includes a Paramount Scares enamel pin, unique stickers, and access to a Digital copy of

THE GAMBLERS (Blu-ray) VCI Entertainment

The story line was derived from an 1866 novel of the same name, written by Fyodor Dostoyevsky, where 'high stakes' is the name of the game and 'winner takes all.' The story unfolds, with professional card sharks teaming up on a luxury cruise liner hoping to swindle a wealthy aristocrat out of his savings, and they receive and I.O.U. in payment, which turns out to be worthless. As the plot thickens and with stakes high, the confident swindlers are met with some surprising twists and turns that will leave the audience shaking their heads. An

interesting international cast and a setting in beautiful downtown Dubrovnik, a resort town in Yugoslavia, which makes for an enjoyable 'caper' film. MARCEL PAGNOL MY FATHER'S GLORY &

MY MOTHER'S CASTLE (Blu-ray) Film Movement Classics

Based on the bestselling memoirs of French novelist, playwright, and filmmaker Marcel Pagnol (the acclaimed author, My Father's Glory and its sequel, My Mother's Castle, recount the nostalgic memories of Marcel Pagnol's youth growing up in Provence at the turn of the twentieth century. During one idyllic summer, 11-year-old Marcel discovers friendship and wonder amid the rocky peaks surrounding his family's countryside home while learning new respect for his gentle and caring schoolmaster father Joseph. Upon his return to Marseilles, Marcel longs to escape back to his beloved hills and is granted his wish when his adoring mother Augustine devises a plan that allows them to visit the cottage more frequently. The home entertainment collection includes both 4K restorations and specially produced bonus content including the featurette "A Ouestion of Tribe," a 16-page collectible booklet, and a video

A BULLET FOR SANDOVAL (Blu-ray) VCI Entertainment

VCI Entertainment releases the brutal western A Bullet For Sandoval for the first time on Blu-ray and Collector's Edition DVD. Civil War Corporal John Warner (George Hilton) is a rebel soldier who deserts his Army outfit on the eve of battle and goes over the border into Mexico to be with the woman he loves when she gives birth to their child she's expecting. A series of tragedies unfold, and Warner turns to vengeance against his lover's father, Don Pedro Sandoval (Ernest Borgnine), who blames Warner for the loss of his daughter. Spanish director Julio Buchs brings this raw Spaghetti Western to vivid life with a truly sinister performance by the legendary

Borgnine THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD (DVD) IndiePix Films

Gentrification is not a new phenomenon. In fact, New Yorkers have been talking about gentrification ever since the term was first coined in the 1960s. But over the decades, as more and more wealthy real estate developers and giant corporations have sought to reconstruct urban landscapes for economic gain, what was once a process of gradual change has turned into a nightmare of radical transformation and displacement. New York City is of "hyper-gentrification" unlike anywhere else in the world, and There Goes The Neighborhood. presents a portrait of the communities and activists who are courageously fighting back against the powers of greed and corruption in order to preserve the diversity and culture of their city

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings by Sal Giarratani

HAPPY 25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY TO



(L-R): Tommy and Debbie Tassinari, Father Chris, and Stephen and Sharon Scapicchio, Father Chris O'Conner, pastor of St. Michael the Archangel in Winthrop, who celebrated his 25th ordination to the priesthood this year. This past Sunday, October 22nd, his parish was the site of an anniversary Mass and a celebration following it. The place was mobbed with parishioners and former parishioners from nearby Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston where he often said Sunday Masses for a number of years.

CHARLIE BROWN'S NEIGHBOR HAS A CAT NAMED "WORLD WAR II"

While reading the Peanuts comic strip every morning in the Boston Herald, I instantly thought of my own cat named "Smokey." I've had him now for about one year. I am still trying to get used to my new cat. HOW USELESS IS THE GOP?

Up on Capitol Hill, the GOP is supposed to be in charge of running the House but as of late, is unable to elect a new speaker. They look like the gang that couldn't shoot straight. Meanwhile, over in the Senate after announcing that his health is fine, Mitch McConnell says he supports the Biden move to bundle aid to Israel and Ukraine. Why do Republicans even show up at their desks? We are all better off when they stay home along with all those useless Democrats TONY'S CLAM SHOP WILL

RETURN IN SPRINGTIME Tony's Clam Shop has closed

for the year as of last Sunday evening. Next year, this iconic clam shop will be celebrating its 60th season. You can follow this shop on the web and on its Facebook page for news and updates www.tonysclamshop com.

NOBODY KNEW THE TRACKS WERE TOO NARROW

We are now learning that MBTA officials knew as far back as April 2021 that the tracks on the Green Line Extension were too narrow for the streetcars that would be riding on them, but the agency opened up the extension from Lechmere Square to Medford. As the new GM Phil Eng stated this fact, he also promised that the public would not carry the burden of paying to make needed repairs. The tracks were too narrow? How does an error like that even happen and why was this eye-opening information hidden from the State House and the public?

This reminds me of the errors that were reportedly made on the construction of the new bridge crossing between City Square in Charlestown and Keaney Square in the North End by Filippo's Ristorante. It was discovered that the bolts holding this bridge up were the wrong size and the cement foundation was not quite up to snuff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOB GATCHELL

Bob Gatchell just celebrated his 75th birthday Sunday,

years, according to recent stud-ies published by a nonprofit research organization. The risk of death per injection was found to increase "exponentially with age." (older than 60).

Chicago Gives Illegals

Up to \$9,000 Each Illegal immigrants in Chicago are now eligible to receive up to \$9,000 in aid for housing under a new state-run program that includes money to help furnish their new living quarters.

The state is providing the aid over a six-month period, which includes assistance with moving in and a "starter kit" for furnish ings, stated Chicago Deputy Chief of Staff

The state of Illinois has contributed \$38 million with the city

October 15th at Kowloon's Restaurant. Bob is an Army veteran and past commander of Beachmont VFW Post 6712.

WAS IT PAUL ANKA WHO SANG "PUPPY LOVE"?

There it was in this past Sunday's Boston Globe, a news story about two dogs getting married. What else is new, huh? The headline partly read "Dogs exchange bow vows", How cutesy, huh?

The photo cap read "Freckles and Benji all decked out for their marriage ceremony. Looks like an arranged marriage to me. Any comments out there?

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS SONG?

While listening to the car radio driving home from work last Wednesday, October 18th, an announcement came on Soul Town Channel 49 on Sirius Radio that fifty-four years ago that day, "I Can't Get Close To You Babe" reached number one status for The Temptations. I can remember being on the dance floor to this big R&B song OCTOBER 18TH

BIRTHDAYS ...

NFL Hall of Famer Mike Ditka turned 84, boxing legend Tommy Hearns now 65 years old, and action hero actor Jean-Claude Van Dame is 63.

of Chicago allocating another four million

Rite Aid Files Bankruptcy Rite Aid filed for Chapter 11

bankruptcy protection as the company has struggled with slowing sales, mounting debt, and multiple lawsuits alleging that the pharmacy chain contributed to the opioid crisis across the United States

The Philadelphia-based company, which filed for bank-ruptcy protection on Sunday, October 15th, announced that it would begin a restructuring plan that speeds up its "transforma-tion and long-term success."

End Quote

"Only when the tide goes out do you learn who's been swim-ming naked." — Warren Buffett

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1) Banks Ordered

Not to Reject Loan Applications to Illegals

The federal government has warned U.S. banks and other financial institutions that they can't reject illegal immigrants credit application based solely or mostly on immigration status. The Department of Justice

and the Consumer Protection Bureau said in a recent statement that rejecting immigrants for credit cards and various types of loans just because they are noncitizens is unlawful.

Risk of Dying Per COVID Shot Doubles for Older Folks

Older folks are at increased risk of dying from COVID-19 vaccines with the risk of death doubling roughly every four