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'Nine Queens' a thriller with a stamp connection

In his never-ending quest to discover all things stamp related, Ken Nilsestuen has found an action-packed film about stamps, more or less.

"Nine Queens" ("Nueve Reinas") is an Argentine film starring Ricardo Darin released in 2000.

It is available on YouTube with English subtitles.

The plot is built around the heist of a sheet of Weimar Republic stamps -- three stamps wide and three stamps tall -- with an image of a queen's head by two small-



Ricardo Darin, Gastón Pauls and Leticia Brédice in a scene from the 2000 thriller "Nine Queens."

time swindlers.

Nilsestuen writes: "We know that Weimar was not a monarchy, and while it issued millions or

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In-person meetings resume Sept. 4

September means it's time to start meeting in person again.

After two months online, GP will resume its monthly meetings at the usual place, the Wyndham Independence, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence.

Meetings start at 7 p.m.

All are invited to the pre-meeting dinner at 6 p.m. at the Sanctuary Restaurant at the hotel.

We also welcome Elias Tra-boulsi as a new member, who joined over the summer.

We look forward to seeing everyone again as we prepare for the 136th March Party.

Boston 2026 invites GP members to volunteer

Volunteers are being sought by the organizers of Boston 2026, the international stamp exhibition scheduled for May 23-30.

It's not too early to apply for a volunteer position, said Stephen Kennedy, volunteer chair for the once-a-decade international show in the United States.

He said individuals are needed



at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in the center of the city.

in a variety of capacities prior to, during and immediately after the show.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to work behind the scenes as well as be a public face of the exhibition, which will take place

An international show returns to the U.S. as the country celebrates the 250th anniversary of its founding. In addition to the show, Boston is home to numerous historic sites related to the birth of the U.S., giving visitors much to explore, learn and enjoy.

An online application can be found at www.volgistics.com/appform/364600287.

Questions? Contact Kennedy at steve.kennedy@boston2026.org.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

GP well represented at GASS 2025

I just returned from the Great American Stamp Show 2025 in Schaumburg, Illinois, so I will keep this month's column short.



I truly feel that all collectors who attended the country's largest annual stamp show were able to find something for their collec-

tion. Many dealers offered items of interest at all budget levels. They were joined by various clubs and all types of specialty societies.

I even added a stamp and several proof sheets to my collection and exhibit related to the Jewish National Fund.

In addition, several first day ceremonies for new U.S. and United Nations stamps were held, drawing large audiences. Lectures covered numerous topics and were open to all attendees. The exhibits were enough to make any collector dream big.



Howard and Linda Chapman at the Society of Israel Philatelists booth during the Great American Stamp Show.

The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club was well represented over the show's four-day run, Aug. 14-17.

Remember that our Sept. 4 meeting will be in person. Please plan to attend and bring something for show and tell.

Philatelically yours,
Howard S. Chapman



AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

GP member Jere Dutt, right, received a large vermeil award for his exhibit "The Thirteen Cent U.S. Liberty Bell Design" as part of the AmeriCover multiframe competition at the Great American Stamp Show.



RAY BEER

GP member Ken Silver awaits the start of a first day ceremony during the Great American Stamp Show.

SCCT invites exhibitors for 102nd show in February

The Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo is widening its outreach for exhibitors for its 2026 show.

Charles Schafstall, Toledo Stamp Expo 2026 chairperson, said the club envisioned having more exhibitors participate.

"As this is a local show, it is an excellent opportunity for both beginners and experienced exhibitors to show and hone their exhibiting skills," Schafstall said.

Exhibits can be one to 10 frames.

APS-accredited judges will evaluate the entries and determine a wider array of awards at the club's 102nd show.

The show, the club's 102nd annual event, is set for Feb. 27-28 at the Greystone Banquet Hall, 29101 Hufford Rd., Perrysburg.

Seventeen dealers are expected.

For a prospectus, contact Schafstall at cschafstall82@gmail.com.

The club website is www.toledostampclub.org.

Queens

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even billions of stamps because of hyperinflation, there were no queen's heads among them."

"I wouldn't dare spoil the plot, so if you have about 110 minutes someday, the ability to focus on the subtitles and a desire for some entertainment, I recommend the film."

Rotten Tomatoes rates the film at 92% approval o. On IMDb (Internet Movie Database) it scored 7.9 of 10.

"That's a fair evaluation," Nilsestuen concludes.

Stamps hail labor in building the nation

Note: A version of this article appeared in the Aug. 23, 2025 issue of The Chronicle-Telegram.

By Dennis Sadowski

Labor Day marks the traditional end of summer as many of us welcome a day off from work or a chance to gather for a picnic, cookout or fun at the beach.

It also is an opportunity to celebrate American workers and the achievements of organized labor such as the eight-hour work day.

The first Labor Day observance occurred Sept. 4, 1882.

Peter J. McGuire, founder of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America in New York City, is widely considered the “father” of Labor Day. His resolution to the New York Central Labor Union in 1882 called for workers to lead a “festive parade through the streets of the city” on the first Monday of September. More than 30,000 people responded, proudly marching through Manhattan.

The extraordinary scene was repeated in 1883. Buoyed by the actions, labor organizations around the country were invited to organize similar local celebrations in 1884. Workers in few cities took part that year, but in 1885 turnout grew and the drive for an officially recognized Labor Day gained momentum.

Oregon became the first state to recognize a day for labor in 1887; 22 others followed in the seven years before Congress voted unanimously in 1894 on Labor Day legislation and President Grover Cleveland signed it into law.

Meanwhile, McGuire and 19th-century labor unions continued to rally for the eight-hour work day, undertaking strikes to build support. They were motivated by President Chester Arthur’s unwillingness to enforce an 1868 law that established the eight-hour day.

It would not be until 1890 when another wide strike was called, finally leading to an eight-hour day for 23,000 carpenters in 36 cities and a nine-hour day for 32,000 workers elsewhere.

Labor Day and several labor leaders have been commemorated on U.S. stamps.

A 3-cent stamp for Labor Day was issued Sept. 3, 1956 in Camden, New Jersey. It depicts a portion of a mural by Lumen M. Winter at the American-Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations headquarters in Washington, D.C. It shows a worker standing with one arm around his wife and young son.



Labor leaders honored on stamps included Jane Addams, advocate for child labor laws; Samuel Gompers, founder of the American Federal of Labor; Frances Perkins, the first woman appointed to a presidential cabinet, serving as secretary of labor under President Franklin Roosevelt; George Meany, who shepherded the merger of the AFL and CIO; and Cesar Chavez, founder of the United Farm Workers of America.

Addams (1860-1935) was a social reformer in Chicago, focusing on the needs of poor and working-class families. She co-founded Hull House in 1889 to provide vital social services, child care and improved sanitation and worked to pass child labor laws in Illinois.

She appears on a 10-cent stamp in the Famous American series of 1940.

The British-born Gompers (1850-1924) was honored on a 3-cent stamp in 1950 for the centennial of his birth. Taking a job as a cigar maker at age 14 after his family emigrated to the U.S., Gompers came to embrace worker rights. Founding the AFL in 1886, he served as the organization's president for 37 of the 38 years until his 1924 death.

Prior to her presidential appointment, Perkins (1880-1965) had gained a reputation for collaborating with labor groups. As the country tackled the Great Depression, she became a leading voice for the Social Security Act of 1938 and helped create standards for a minimum wage, worker safety and unemployment benefits.

Perkins earned honors on April 10, 1980, with a 15-cent stamp on her birth centennial.

Meany (1894-1980) worked as a union administrator for 57 years, helping create the AFL-CIO and serving as its first president from 1955 to 1979. A union plumber, he was a strong opponent of discrimination within and outside of unions and was successful in ensuring the Civil Rights Act covered workplaces.

A 29-cent stamp was issued on the 100th anniversary of his birth, Aug. 16, 1994.

Chavez (1927-1993) is shown on a 37-cent stamp issued April 23, 2003, 10 years after his death.

Born to Mexican immigrants, he gained international notice in leading the country's first successful farm workers union. His untiring advocacy gained dignity, fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits and humane living conditions for hundreds of thousands of farm workers.

Upcoming events

Sept. 5-7: BALPEX, BWI Airport Marriott, 1743 W. Nursery Rd., Linthicum Heights, Maryland

Sept. 6: North Canton Post Card Show, MAPS Museum, 2260 International Parkway, North Canton, Ohio

Sept. 13: TUSCOPEX 2025, Tuscora Park Pavilion, 161 Tuscora Avenue NW New Philadelphia, Ohio

Sept. 18-20: INDYPEX 2025, Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main St., Danville, Indiana

Oct. 24-25: CUY-LORPEX 2025, Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio

GP programs

The club meets the first Thursday of the month except July and August. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at Wyndham Independence, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence; (216-447-1300).

Club members are invited to meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at The Sanctuary Restaurant at the hotel.

Upcoming programs are:

September 4: Dennis Sadowski, "People and the Posts: Stories Behind the Mail in Early Lorain County History."

Oct. 2: To be announced.

Nov. 6: William Ullom, "Building a Collection: A Journey through the Unexplained"



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Synonyms for collectable postage stamps: "sticky treasures," "collection of paper heads," "pretty bits of paper," and "colorful scraps."

— Alan Bradley, Canadian mystery writer

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