



### A GOOD WOMAN IS HARD TO FIND (DVD) Film Movement

Sarah Collins (Sarah Bulger) is a single mother struggling to raise two young children while searching for answers about the unsolved murder of her husband. After being coerced into helping a low-level drug dealer, she finds herself the target of a dangerous crime boss. Desperate to keep her family safe, Sarah turns the tables on her victimizers in one final act of brutal vengeance. All taking place in Northern Ireland, Abner Pastoll's *A Good Woman Is Hard To Find*, is a thriller full of suspense and mystery.

### HANDS OF GOD (DVD) Film Movement

In *Hands of God*, the Iraqi National Boxing Team endured thirteen years of war, dozens of bombings each and every month, but their focus was on one goal: to become Olympic champions. This compelling documentary from executive producer Alfonso Cuarón and director Riccardo Romanelli tells the true story of the Iraqi National Boxing Team and their amazing journey from desperation to the edge of an historic qualification. The film follows a group of young men — Waheed, Jafaar, and Saasi — who, with grit and determination, rise up to compete for their Nation while simultaneously fighting against the persistent threat of ISIS, along with defending their lives on the battlefields. When their gym is devastated by a bomb attack, they train outside. Despite living under the persistent threat of ISIS, these men re-define commitment and sacrifice, from Al-Sadr to Rio de Janeiro, brave athletes who define the spirit of hope and courage as they strive to accomplish their dreams. These questions remain: Will Private Waheed find enough time for training while undertaking his army duty? Will young Jafaar maintain his focus while living in the most dangerous suburb in the world? Finally, will promising heavyweight Saadi come back from his mission to liberate Falluja? Three questions, all seeking definitive answers.

### THE CARER (DVD) Corinth Films

Diagnosed with a rare form of Parkinson's Disease, ailing theatrical legend, Sir Michael Gifford is terminally ill but determined not to let his health affliction stand in the way of what could be his final on-stage appearance — a ceremony by the Critics' Guild of Great Britain honoring him with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Standing in his way instead is his overbearing daughter Sophia, determined to prevent him from attending the ceremony in his delicate condition and insistent on hiring a caretaker to see him through his final days. Highly resistant to the concept of allowing a full time caregiver to look after him, Sir Michael reluctantly allows Dorothy to into his home at the continued behest of Sophia. Dorothy, an aspiring

Hungarian stage actress herself in need of a day job, secretly hopes that this opportunity to care for Sir Michael will propel her own career onstage and endures his unbearable temperament. Contentions unfold as Dorothy's true intentions in taking the job are slowly revealed, but not before instilling into Sir Michael a renewed vigor for life.

### HOME FROM HOME: CHRONICLE OF A VISION (DVD) Corinth Films

Set in the dreary, unforgiving mid-19th century German village of Schabbach, *Home From Home* captures the plight of hundreds of thousands of Europeans who emigrated to faraway South America to escape the famine, poverty and despotism that ruled at home, encompassing a time of tribulation and great intellectual revolution. Not content to allow himself to be suffocated in such a dismal environment, Jakob rebels against his tormentors by immersing himself in forbidden literature, reading every book he can lay his hands on, an ill-fated attempt to stand in solidarity with the like-minded revolutionaries before his dreams to escape the Prussian homestead are shattered. Through his enduring sense of optimistic wonder, Jakob discovers a sense of purpose within his new destiny.

### THE ETRUSCAN SMILE (Blu-ray) Cleopatra Ent.

Based on the bestselling novel by José Luis Sampedro, *The Etruscan Smile* stars Brian Cox as Rory MacNeil, a rugged Scotsman who reluctantly leaves his beloved Hebridean Island and travels to San Francisco to seek medical treatment. Moving in with his estranged son, Ian, Rory's life will be transformed, when he least expects it, transformed through a newly found love for his baby grandson, and the redemptive power of love. Also starring Rosanna Arquette.

### WHAT SHE SAID: THE ART OF PAULINE KAEI (DVD) Juno Films

The *New Yorker* film critic Pauline Kael transformed film into an art form in the eyes of the public. As a result of her writing, the pleasant weekend pastime quality of movie going suddenly became a must-see, do-or-die, and high stakes experience. For Kael, watching films was a visceral adventure; she responded to them as if they were real events. Her vital spirit, cocksure attitude, fevered instincts, and withering wisecracks leapt off the page and made you laugh. And as Quentin Tarantino says in the film, Kael was so on the nose at times that should could sometimes change your mind about a film you may have thought was pretty good. With this film, director Rob Garver wanted to take the excitement he felt while reading Pauline and bring her alive on screen. The story is told largely through Kael's own words, which are collected from interviews, private letters, and published writing. Sara Jessica Parker voices Pauline.

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

### THE BROWN JUG BACK INSIDE FOR DINING

The Brown Jug in Chelsea has been a popular dining and gathering spot for over 30 years. The place is pizza heaven, too. Due to the pandemic shutdown since March, like many other businesses in this time, it has been a challenge for my friend Mike Matrinko and his wife Cheryl Visconti running this business which relocated 10 years ago to the Home Depot Plaza shopping mall.

I first started going to the old location on the other side of Revere Beach Parkway when I was still living in Charlestown. Lots of Townies used to go there because it reminded them of all those long ago Charlestown drinking holes.

The pandemic has caused havoc to our economy and little by little, we see some normalcy returning like having pizza at the Brown Jug again.

### CONGRATS TO VANESSA MOLINA'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

North Shore Community College graduate Vanessa Molina of Revere who has been awarded a full two-year scholarship to UMass Boston through the 2020 Foster Furcolo Scholarship Program. She will be entering UMass Boston this fall to pursue a biology degree. Best of luck to her.

### COLARUSSO OUT ON CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Caroline Colarusso has been out hustling about on the campaign trail running for U.S. Congress from the 5th District. She recently held a large stand-out on Squire Road in Revere which is part of this congressional district running as a

Republican this fall. Also seen at the stand-out was Phil Russo running for state rep. Both candidates are Republicans.

### PUBLIUS

#### SENDS ME SOME MAIL

Recently, a critic of mine here at the *Post-Gazette* sent me a piece of mail talking about Jack Kennedy and U.S. Sen. John C. Calhoun, D-SC. When I talked about *Profiles in Courage* a history book about great American heroes written by Kennedy, I failed to mention Calhoun who was a Democrat that Kennedy devoted a chapter in his book on this 19th century politician who also happened to support slavery.

As I have said before, many Democrats John and Robert Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey, LBJ, etc., would not pass muster with today's Democratic Socialists who seek to radicalize Democrats into a socialist party.

I guess today, *Profiles in Courage* is no longer required reading in school and most likely will get banned by the liberal fascists trying to run the show nowadays.

### JOHN CAIN SEEMS MORE THAN CAPABLE TO LEAD QUINCY DEMOCRATS

John Cain who chairs the Ward 3 Democratic Committee is running for chairman of the Quincy Democrat Citywide Committee. Going back 30 years now, I have known Cain as both a community and a political activist. Many years ago, he ran for Ward 3 city councilor. He put up a good fight, didn't win but kept plugging away at making Quincy a more inclusive city. His son Ian Cain has learned from his dad's example and a few years back

ran for Ward 3 councilor's seat and won.

I consider John Cain a friend and in recent years he and I have met while substitute teaching in the Quincy School Department. I wish John well in his quest keeping the Democrat Party relevant and focused in today's political world.

### CLASSIC CAR CORNER

I bumped into two more great classic cars down at Royal Auto Tops on Washington Street in West Roxbury. The first was a great 1970 Jaguar E-type and the second was a 1966 Ford Galaxie 500 in for repairs on the convertible top. Both cars are classy classics and speak to that great era of powerful cars.



1970  
Jaguar E-Type



1966  
Ford Galaxie 500

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)

## Coggeshall Farm Museum

"Kids Free" Admission in July  
New Programming, and On-Site Safety Measures

During the month of July, Coggeshall Farm Museum will offer a "Kids FREE" promotion, with up to three kids age 17 and younger admitted FREE into the museum when accompanied by an adult paying full admission.

As a Blue Star Museum, Coggeshall welcomes active duty military and veterans, and their families (up to 6 people), to receive complimentary admission to the museum, as well as 25% off tickets for additional members of their party. Teachers within the New England area receive buy one, get one tickets or can purchase a single adult pass for half price with a valid teacher ID.

Coggeshall will also honor reciprocal membership with its sister museum and managing partner, Old Sturbridge Village (OSV). After announcing a historic partnership with OSV in January 2020, members to the museum will benefit from free dual admission and other special deals such as a discount lodging rate at The Reeder Family Lodges at Old Sturbridge Village, located in Sturbridge, MA.

Set on 48-acres of coastal farmland in Bristol, Rhode Island,



Coggeshall Farm Museum tells the story of the Coggeshall family farm in the late 18th-century. As the museum will focus on providing special new programming to interpret life in the 1790s — from farming to daily home activities, such as gardening, fence-making, laundry, textiles, and more. Activities that typically take place inside of the historic buildings will be re-imagined in an outdoor setting to provide easier and safer access to the viewing public. Heritage-breed animals including chickens and pigs will also be on-site.

Visitors are asked to follow state guidelines and wear face coverings or masks while at Coggeshall Farm Museum, especially when interacting with staff and other visitors. As an outdoor living history museum, safe social distancing is encouraged and will be monitored, and hand sanitizing stations will be available through the historic grounds.

For more information on tickets, "Kids FREE" in July, the Coggeshall experience, or on-site safety policies, visit: <https://www.coggeshallfarm.org/visit/hours-rates-directions/>.