

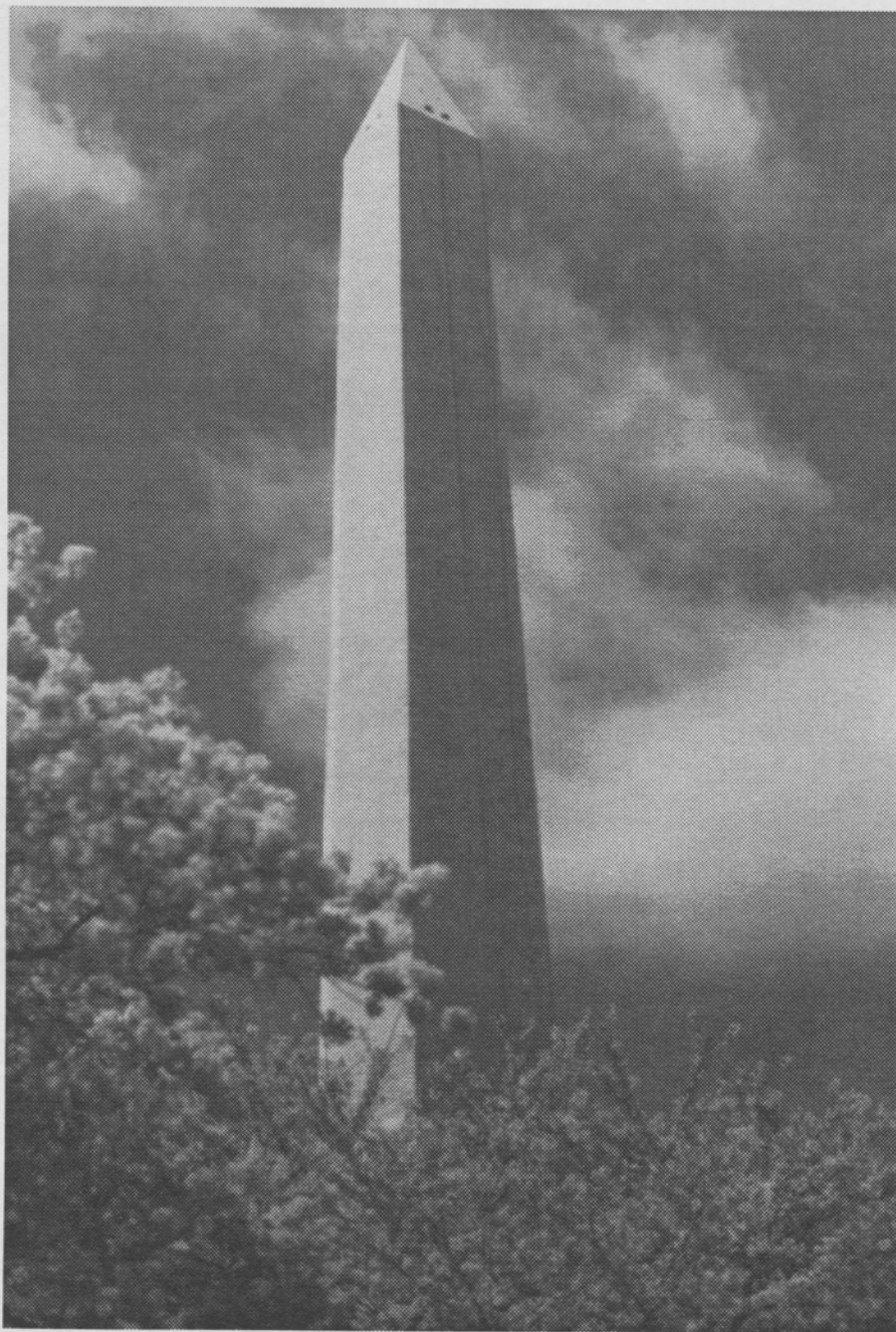


## 1998 GLHSC meeting at the National Topical Stamp Show

# Lambda Philatelic Journal

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The objectives of GLHSC are to promote an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material that depicts:

- ▼ notable men and women and their contributions to society for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual orientation,
- ▼ mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture,
- ▼ flora and fauna scientifically proven to having prominent homosexual behavior, and
- ▼ even though emphasis is placed on the above aspects of stamp collecting, GLHSC strongly encourages other philatelic endeavors.

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## NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

▼ Finally the computer has found its way home. Please bear with me as changes are made to the journal. As always, any suggestions are welcome. When submitting articles, it would be easiest to submit them in text-only format. For graphics, TIFF versions would be best, with a resolution of 300 dpi. Or you can send the originals. I'll return them to you once they are scanned. Thanks.

▼ While playing on the Internet, I stumbled across a site that may be of interest to some members. Someone has redesigned some US stamps, making them "gay". It was a fun little find. See page 6 for an article about these stamps. Or you can visit the site at:

<http://members.aol.com/bunbryist/stamps.htm>

▼ Gay Pride celebrations have come and gone. As reported in the June issue of LPJ, Baltimore and Syracuse joined the ranks of gay/lesbian postmarks. Queens, New York once again issued a postmark. An updated listing of known postmarks can be found on page 4. If any postmarks are omitted, please let me know.

▼ The Gay Games are now over. Does anyone know of any postal products or events that took place. The Gay Games web site was contacted prior to the beginning of the games, but no firm answers to our inquiries were received.

▼ I have setup an e-mail address through my online account. You can now reach me at [GLHSC@aol.com](mailto:GLHSC@aol.com) or you can reach Angela at [GLHSC@earthlink.net](mailto:GLHSC@earthlink.net). Hopefully work can begin soon on a website. I would like to have at least a temporary site on the web by the end of the year. Would anyone object to a temporary (and free) home page through Geocities?

### ONE Institute/GLHSC Committee Forming

As a follow up to previous articles, a committee consisting of members of ONE Institute and GLHSC is forming. I have written to those GLHSC members that responded positively to the questionnaire sent with the March journal. Any other GLHSC member interested in joining this committee should contact me as soon as possible, either via mail or e-mail.

The committee shall be primarily responsible for the purchase of the display case(s), the set up of the display(s) and

the inclusion of a prominent plate(s) indicating the support of GLHSC and/or individual sponsors. Initial work of the committee will consist of selecting the display case(s), agreeing on the display, gathering the actual items to display, and then preparing the display for exhibit. The display case(s) will be in the reading room of the new building which will house the ONE Institute.

Renovations to the new building should be completed by the end of this year. It is hoped that the display case(s) can be installed sometime during the spring. Grand opening of the new building is tentatively set for October 1999. Plans have been made to have several display cases around the reading room area.

In addition to the initial work of this committee, it is envisioned that this committee could also work on obtaining a postmark and/or a cachet for the grand opening. Other possible topics to be addressed would be production of a series of cinderellas that feature gays and lesbians and historical events. These could be issued each October in conjunction with Gay History Month.

Ideally, the committee will "meet" via e-mail. This would be the quickest and cheapest route. However, if you do not have access to e-mail, copies of all correspondence will be forwarded to you via the regular mail system.

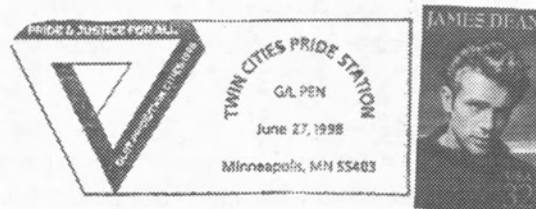
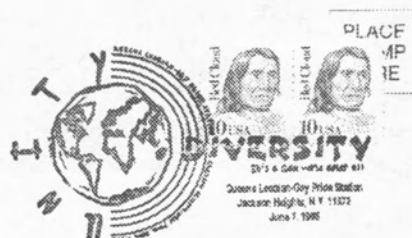
Currently, there are four committee members. We would like to have a few more members to insure a diverse range of input for the display case exhibits. Any member wishing to make a donation to the purchase of the display case(s), please forward your check to me at the Dallas address. Your check should be made payable to ONE Institute. All checks will be forwarded to ONE Institute. They have set up a line item in their account for these funds.

If you'd like more information on ONE Institute, they can be reached at:

PO Box 69679, West Hollywood, CA 90069-0679

# Gay and Lesbian Postmark Update

Stockholm, Sweden	08/23/83	Gay Pride Week
Stockholm, Sweden	08/16/86	Gay Pride Week
New York, NY, US	06/25/89	20th Anniversary of Stonewall Riots
Bristol, Avon, England	06/11/91	Avon Pride, 1977 - 1991
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	06/28/92	15th Anniversary of South Florida's Pridefest
Hartford, CT, US	06/19/93	Pridefest '93
Minneapolis, MN, US	06/26/93	Festival of Pride (6/27/93 also)
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	06/27/93	Pridefest '93 & Pride March
San Diego, CA, US	07/17/93	Lesbian and Gay Pride
Asbury Park, NJ, US	06/05/94	New Jersey's 3rd Annual Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Parade
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	06/05/94	Pridefest '94 & Pride March
Jackson Heights, NY, US	06/05/94	Queens Lesbian & Gay Pride
New York, NY, US	06/17/94	Gay Games IV (Dates available from 6/17 - 25/94)
Berlin, Germany	06/18/94	Christopher Street Day
New York, NY, US	06/26/94	25th Anniversary of Stonewall
Washington, DC, US	07/01/94	International Association of Gay Square Dance Club (7/2/94 also)
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	10/09/94	International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators
Phoenix, AZ, US	06/02/95	Arizona Central Pride (6/3/95 also)
Jackson Heights, NY, US	06/04/95	Queens Lesbian & Gay Pride
Hartford, CT, US	06/17/95	Pridefest '95
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	06/24/95	Pridefest '95 & Pride March
West Hollywood, CA, US	06/25/95	Christopher Street West
Walhalla, MI, US	08/??/95	Michigan Womyn's Music Festival 20th Anniversary
Tempe, AZ, US	05/31/96	Arizona Central Pride (6/1 & 6/2 also)
Jackson Heights, NY, US	06/02/96	Queens Lesbian & Gay Pride
Philadelphia, PA, US	06/09/96	Diversity of Pride
Portland, ME, US	06/15/96	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	06/23/96	Pridefest '96 & Pride Parade
Philadelphia, PA, US	10/06/96	Outfest, National Coming Out Day
Tempe, AZ, US	05/30/97	Arizona Central Pride (5/31 & 6/1 also)
Jackson Heights, NY, US	06/01/97	Queens Lesbian & Gay Pride
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	06/15/97	Pridefest '97 & Pride Parade
Minneapolis, MN, US	06/28/97	Twin Cities Pride (6/29/97 also)
Morristown, NJ, US	09/22/97	Gay Activist Alliance of Morris County 25th Anniversary
New York, NY, US	04/25/98	5th National Gay & Lesbian Business & Consumer Expo (4/26/98 also)
Jackson Heights, NY, US	06/07/98	Queens Lesbian-Gay Pride
Baltimore, MD, US	06/14/98	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Festival
Syracuse, NY, US	06/20/98	Celebrating Pride and the Lavender Line
Minneapolis, MN, US	06/27/98	Twin Cities Pride (6/28/98 also)



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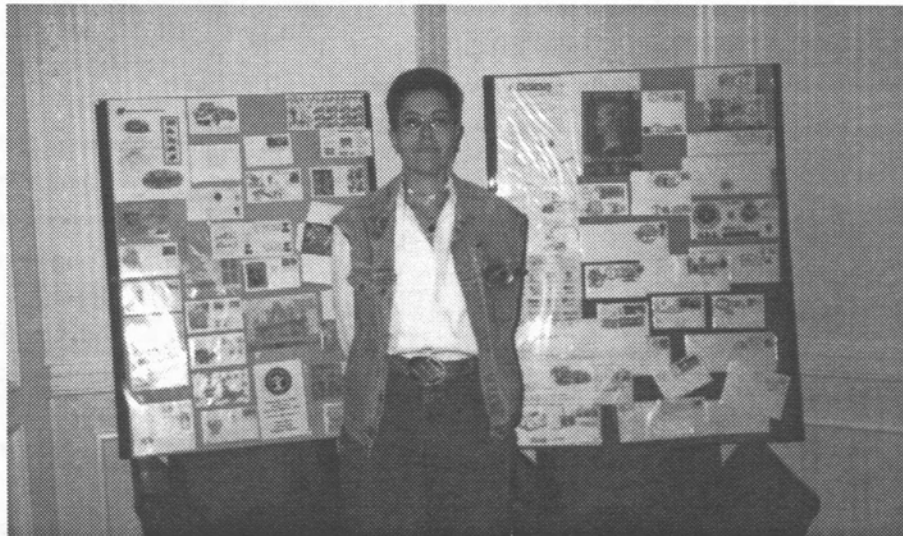
by Joe Petronie, contributions by many and photos by Paul Hennefeld

The 1998 Gay & Lesbian History on Stamps Club meeting took place at the National Topical Stamp Show, held in Falls Church, Virginia. Attendance was light this year.

Paul Hennefeld and Blair O'Dell brought color copies of Paul's award winning stamp collection, *Out of the Closet*, for members to see. They also brought copies of his handbook and covers with special Gay Pride postmarks to share with GLHSC members and visitors. Phil Stager was also on hand to answer a variety of questions on exhibiting and judging.

Artist Azar Attura enraptured everyone with her hand painted first day covers. Azar's collection is uniquely beautiful. Her creativity brings a new aspect to philatelic collecting. She began collecting plate blocks in 1980, thinking this would be an inexpensive hobby. Soon afterwards, Azar became interested in specialty cancellations, and then (US) first day of issue covers. She joined the AFDCS, and the local Graebner Chapter; in 1986. Showing a handmade watercolor cachet one day to a stamp and cachet dealer brought her her first order. That started things rolling. Azar continues to create her cachets. She currently teaches stamp collecting to others at a local recreation center. Her classes are very well received.

Let's begin plans for the next year's annual meeting. How does the Americas 99 show in Orlando, Florida sound? Should we wait for the ATA Show? Let me know.



Azar Attura and a few of her storyboards.

Paul Hennefeld and Blair O'Dell, two of the founders of GLHSC, celebrated their 23rd anniversary at the National Topical Stamp Show in Falls Church, VA.





## GLHSC Member Profile: Azar Attura

I started collecting plate blocks in 1980, thinking this would be an inexpensive hobby. (ROFL!!!) I soon became interested in specialty cancellations, and then (US) FDOI covers. After joining AFDCS, and the local Graebner Chapter; in 1986, I created a watercolor cachet. I showed it to a stamp and cachet dealer, who paid me \$10 for it, and gave me an order. That started things rolling, and I became a much more serious collector. I started collecting some foreign stamps (a lesbian friend gave me all of her dupes -- they filled one whole album!), some First Day Programs, some Duck (Federal and State) stamps and cachets, all the while continuing with my cachet making and specialty cancellations.

I thoroughly enjoyed the World Stamp Expo of 1989, in Washington, DC. That is where I found out about the GLHSC -- but did not join for a few more years. At the Expo, I collected much in the way of US first day issues, plus foreign stamps and postal memorabilia. I REALLY enjoyed that show -- it lasted for about 8 or 10 days. Although there was much disorder and mild pandemonium at the First Day ceremonies, I attended as many as I could.

Stamp collecting has brought a great deal of fun and friends into my life. I am also an artist and photographer. I have exhibited locally, belonging to the Triangle Artists' Group (TAG), a large and successful gay artists' group here in Washington, DC. Great people, great talent.

My other passion in life is cars, and I have been (self-taught) working on cars as a hobby for 30 years. I have a hot rod, and enjoy going to the local and tri-state region shows. Met alot of great folks, have alot of great experiences and memories. I am putting together a curriculum for the gay (and straight) community about some aspects of auto mechanics so that folks who consider themselves car-deficient can get a better feeling of confidence when driving and maintaining their vehicles. I also have three beautiful 3-D (the kind that also wiggle when you move them left to right) antique car stamps that were created in Bhutan. These small entities certainly create some masterpieces on a tiny budget!

I must admit I have a backlog of cachets to create, and rue my (necessary, but time-consuming) Monday to Friday boring job. I shine in my spare time, but alas, there is never enough time for me to do all I want to do. I'm presently seeking a better paying job where my talents can at least be acknowledged and utilized in various ways.

I teach stamp collecting at local adult education classes and for Out To Learn, a program of classes put together by Deb G, an executive at "Bon Vivant" (a highly popular DC gay woman's organization). My class presentation is enthusiastic and my love for stamp collecting is catching. My storyboards are colorful, educational, diverse and plentiful, as are the handouts I give after every class.

I'm originally from New York City, am a genetic New Yorker (with XXNY chromosomes). I moved here kicking and screaming about 30 years ago with my parents. I would love to have a second apartment in New York. I've been involved with the DC gay community for almost 30 years (bless you Stonewall for helping me come out), but also enjoyed being in the vanguard of the early 70's New York Gay movement (Daughters of Bilitis, RadcaLesbians, and the Gay Liberation Front which was housed in an old New York City Fire Station). Going to New York is always FUN!! Don't get me wrong, I also enjoy the camaraderie and plentitude of gay establishments and social life in the DC area.

Well, that's it -- if you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

## Canadian MP Free Franks

Contributed by Blair Henshaw

Currently, there are two Canadian Members of Parliament who are publicly out. Svend Robinson is from the Burnaby-Douglas riding (Vancouver area of British Columbia), while Real Ménard is from the Hochelaga-Maisonneuve riding (Montréal area of Québec.) These two free franks can be added to your gay and lesbian collection!

The meter version of the frank shows the House of Commons building in Ottawa, Ontario. The circular date stamp is to right, followed by a grid of sorts. Since Canada is officially bilingual, the top line states "House of Commons". The bottom states the French version, "Chambre des Communes".

The pre-printed version shows the member's name and riding which he or she represents.

# Gay Stamps

by Pier Gustafson

The first series of stamp parodies were begun while sitting in the dullest class in college. Rather than listening to anything the instructor said as he droned on and on...(and on and on), I doodled and wrote letters. Adorning the envelopes with tiny images depicting some of the actions described within. Not only was the idea of illustrating something in such a small scale interesting to me, but also the integration of text within the design. Calligraphy and letterforms were, and are, an important part of my aesthetic.

It wasn't until much later that I revisited the stamp format in my creative endeavors. A series of gay stamps were commissioned for an annual Boston Gay Pride Event. These stamps were to be included on the envelopes of the press releases, important invitations, etc.

Inspiration came from many stamps of the past. One of my favorites was respelling the cozily-composed word LOVE on the Robert Indiana stamp, to the rather "graphic" word LUST. Others show a vibrator in place of the Graf Zeppelin, a set of genitalia in lieu of the trilon and perisphere. The NASA stamps of 20 years ago with their distinctive logo lettering, inspired a series of dark S&M stamps.



Humor does play an important part in all the art that I do. Though, I'd like to think that many of the stamps also make people think of the value in, and fun of, diversity.



Pier Gustafson is an artist-illustrator-calligrapher working in Boston Massachusetts, when not in the AOL Chat-rooms looking for inspiration under the name BUNBRYIST.



# Lorca Cancels

Contributed by Bianco

The Spanish speaking world has used several postmarks and cancels to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Federico Garcia Lorca. Lorca was a Spanish poet and dramatist. It is assumed that he was killed during the Spanish Civil War due to his well known sympathies for the Republicans.



(Left) Argentina's Lorca cancel used at the World Exposition of Philatelic Literature held in Granada, Spain.

(Right) Brasil's version .



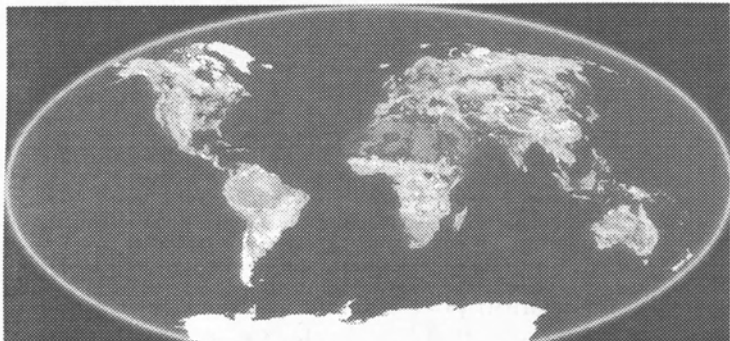
(Left) Lorca birth centenary cancel used in Sao Paulo, Brasil.

(Right) Argentinian Espamer '98 cancel .

# Gay & Lesbian Update

The Queens Lesbian-Gay Pride Committee once again had a postmark for their pride celebration. The postmark, as pictured on page 4, was available on Sunday, June 7, 1998. This was their fifth consecutive postmark.

Florida Pride South, after six consecutive years, appears not to have had a postmark this year. My request for copies was returned by the post office with a note that that post office was not included in this year's pride event. Does anyone know whether another post office was used? Any information would be greatly appreciated.



## It's a gay world...

**Cuba** issued a stamp to commemorate the centennial of the birth of Federico Garcia Lorca on June 2, 1998. Scott no. 3928.

**Czech Republic** issued a set of 3 stamps on September 10, 1997. The 3 stamps marked the 110th anniversary of *The Good Soldier Schweik* by Jaroslav Hasek. Scott nos. 3019 - 3021.

**Grenada** issued 3 sheets of eight stamps plus 6 souvenir sheets on June 16, 1998. These stamps show various scenes from the Disney movie *Hercules*. Scott nos. 2751 - 2759.

**Italy** issued a stamp to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the completion of *The Last Supper* by Leonardo da Vinci on April 4, 1998. Scott no. 2200.

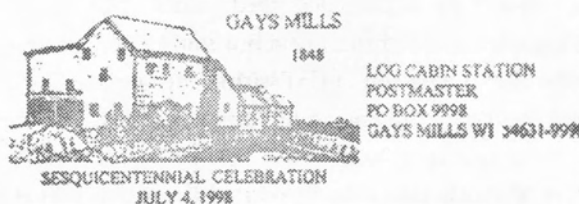
**Liberia** issued three sheets of six stamps and three souvenir sheets depicting Famous Monarchs of the World. Alexander the Great of Macedonia and Frederick the Great of Prussia can be found on the first sheet.

**Moldova**, on May 13, 1998, issued a set of four stamps featuring monuments and works of art. The high value of the set features Trajan's Column by Apollodorus of Damascus, Rome. Trajan was a Roman Emperor. Scott no. 274.

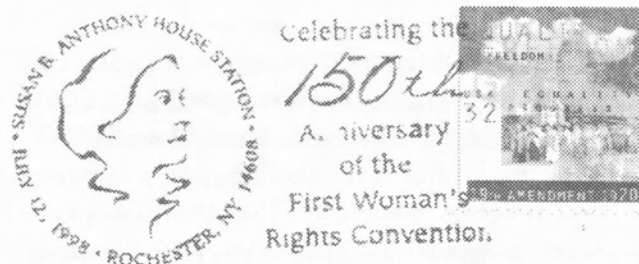
**Spain** issued a stamps to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Federico Garcia Lorca, poet and dramatist, on June 2, 1998. Scott no. 2946.

**United States**. The Margaret Mead stamp from the Celebrate the Century series has been given Scott no. 3184g.

**United States** released the 1930s sheet of the Celebrate the Century series. One of the stamps features Eleanor Roosevelt.



An interesting find amongst the many postmarks used by the United States Postal Service. How big of a town is Gays Mills?



Profile of Susan B. Anthony included in the Susan B. Anthony House Station postmark.

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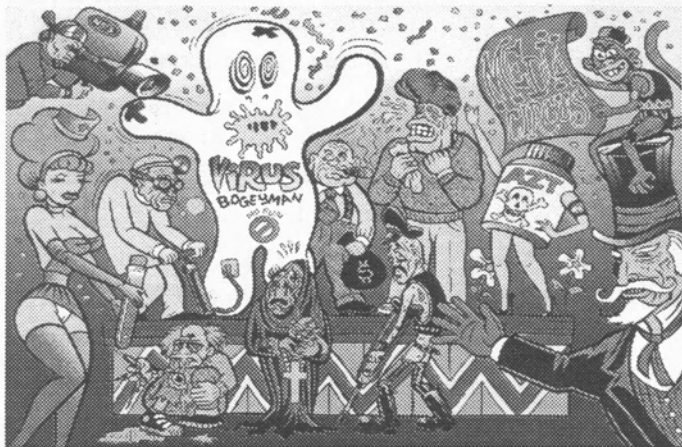
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# AIDS Update

Front and back of postcard published by the Toronto chapter of the Health Education AIDS Liaison, an international association which questions the official view of AIDS.



### Is there a cure for medical hype?

Medical hype is a particularly virulent organism, growing as it does, on our insatiable hopes for survival and satisfaction in youth. An unavoidable part of the syndrome is that a handful of elite science journals hold more power over medicine than any doctor in America does. Recent journals teach doctors to read the studies closely and identify the flaws and limitations before they even think about changing the care they are providing. But desperate patients newspaper clippings in hand, clamor for the latest pills, so doctors make do with what's in the news and when the drug company detail men call. Reporters quickly move on to write up the next big news, and doctors are left to reuse and recombine, practicing medicine by their wits. It's up to them and to their patients, to develop immunity to the recurring epidemics of hype. *And this side*



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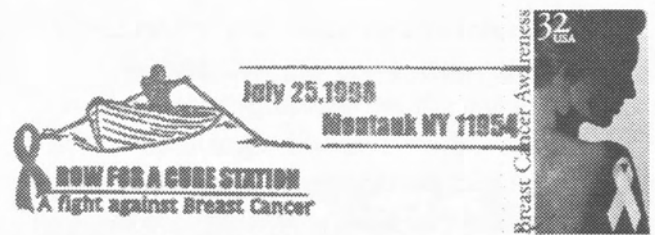
# Breast Cancer Awareness Update

With the release of the first United States semi-postal stamp, numerous first and second day of issue cancels have been used throughout the country.

The following cities are known to have had Breast Cancer Awareness cancels.

- Blackhawk, SD - July 30
- Buffalo, NY - July 30
- Devil's Lake, ND - July 30
- Eugene, OR - July 31
- Minot, ND - July 30
- West Sacramento, CA - July 30

The second Row for a Cure had a cancel. Look for a story on this in the next journal.



Should I continue with this column? I haven't heard much one way or the other. I NEED YOUR INPUT. Thanks.

Thionville, France used a postmark for World AIDS Day on December 1, 1997. The circular postmark reads "journée mondiale du Sida" around the top. A ribbon with a smiley face and hands is in the center. The city and date are on the bottom.

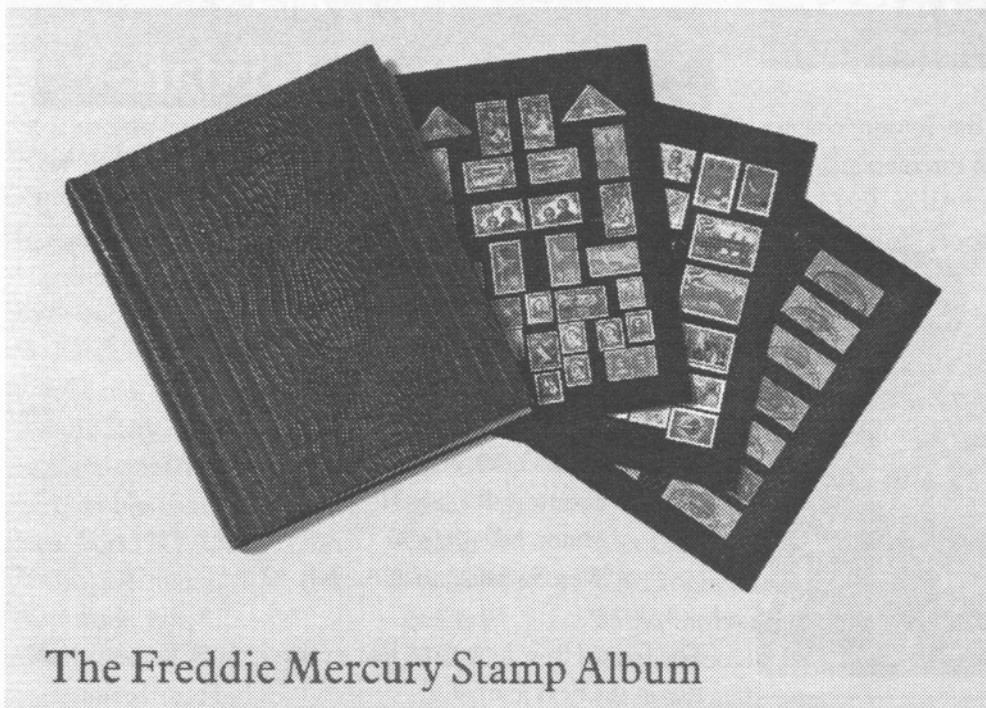
Postmark used in England, showing the AIDS ribbon. AIDS organizations were one of Princess Diana's top charities.



The American Topical Association (ATA) has a new mailing address. Please change your directory to reflect this new address.

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 Albuquerque NM 87181-0820





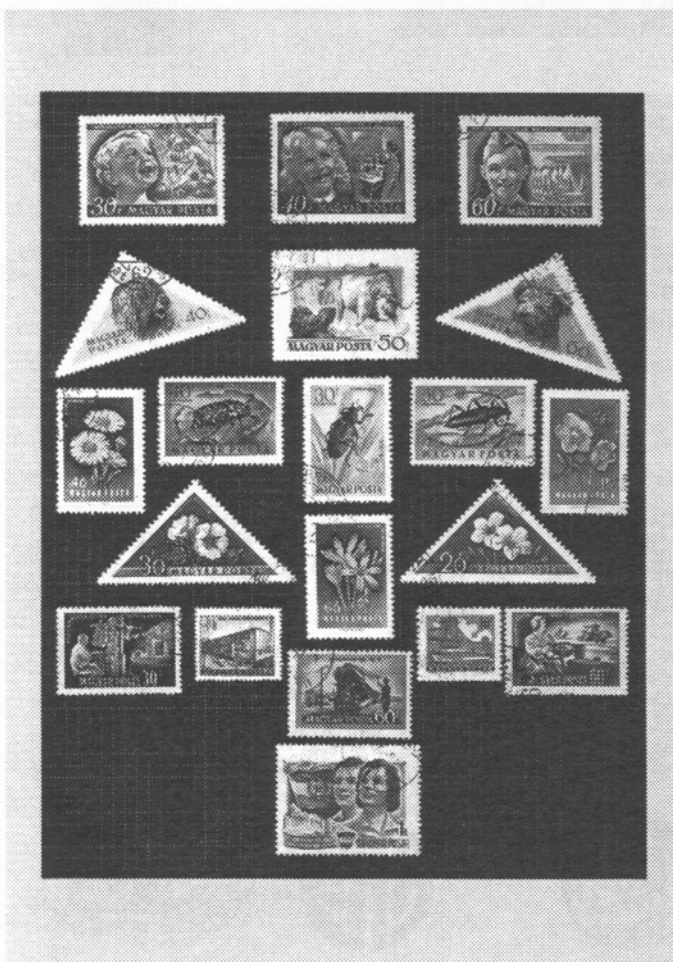
Postcards showing Freddie Mercury's childhood stamp album. Purchased by Royal Mail (England) for the National Postal Museum.

Left - Card shows his blue stamp album with a selection of pages.

Bottom left- Page showing Hungary stamps artistically arranged.

Bottom right - Page showing Monaco stamps.

Postcards courtesy of the National Postal Museum, London EC1A 1LP.







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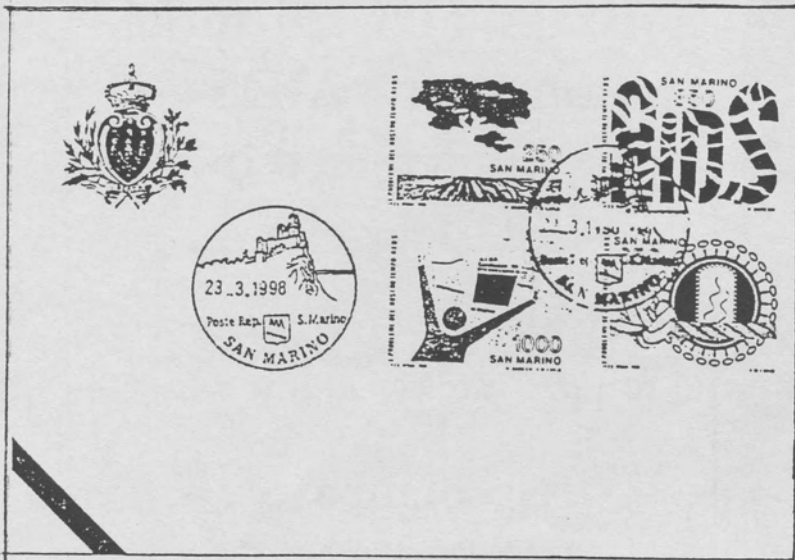
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