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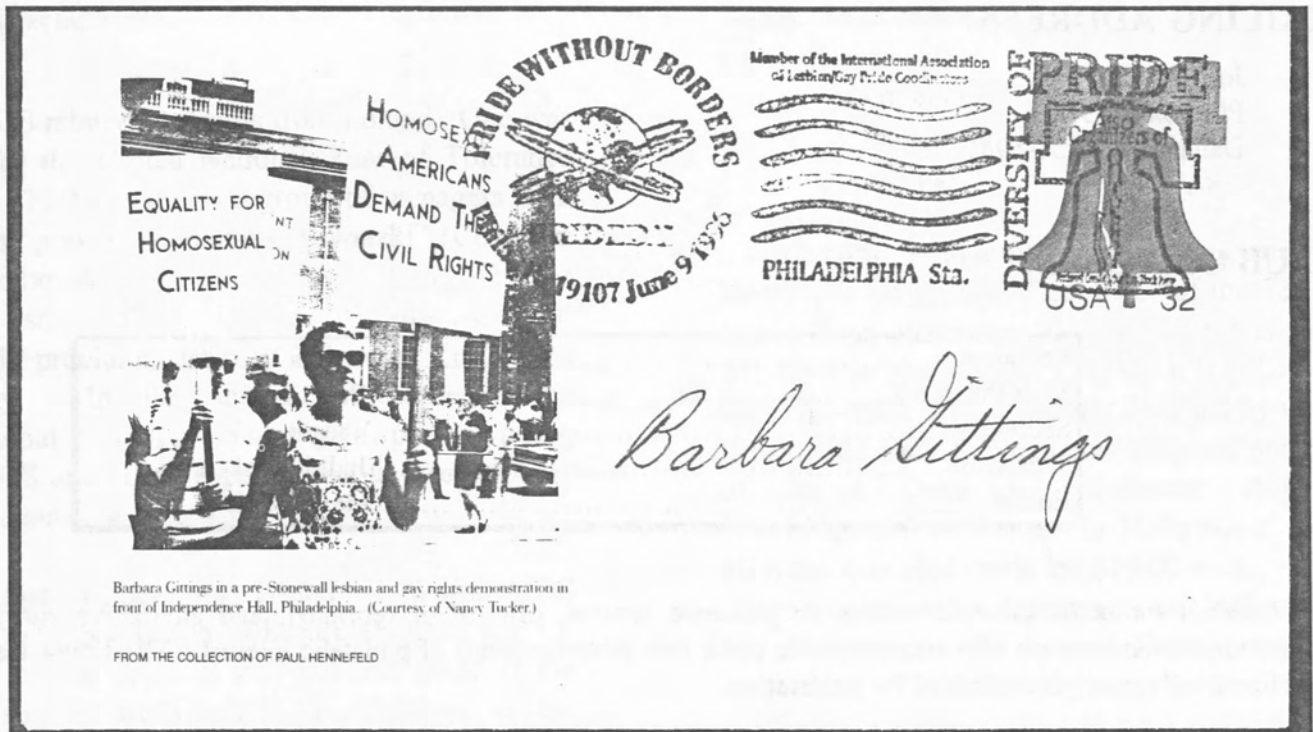
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**Four New Pride Postmarks Used in 1996!
Previously Unknown Postmark from 1995 Discovered.
Updated listing begins on page 5!**



Cover designed by Paul Hennefeld.
Signed by Barbara Gittings.

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

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

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The views expressed in the journal are those of the writers and do not necessarily represent those of the Club or its members. Any comments should be addressed to the Editor at the address listed.

News From the Editor

TOPEX '96 was held in Dallas, Texas July 12 - 14. Paul Hennefeld's exhibit won its 13th gold medal. It also won its second "Most Popular". Phil Stager's won a gold and the Grand Award. Congratulations to both!

While Paul was here in Dallas, he met with members of MCC. They are in the planning stages of building a new sanctuary. An idea for a fundraiser that came up was publishing a book of Paul's collection. I will keep everyone informed as to the progress of this venture.

I had the chance to attend my first ATA Study Unit meeting. There I finally met a few people with whom I correspond. It was a pleasure to meet them and put faces with names.

The main topic seemed to be how to attract new members to ATA and to the hobby in general. One possible idea is to have a Best Article Award given by ATA. This would be either the best article published in *Topical Times* or the best article published in a study unit's newsletter.

Another way to promote ATA (and your study unit) is to prepare a slide show. A slide show ideally should be 30 - 40 slides plus script and last about 20 minutes.

If any GLHSC members have ideas, or would like to help, drop me a line. λ

The ATA Botany Unit is asking for all ATA members' help. They would like for the United States Postal Service to issue mushrooms/fungi on stamps. They are requesting everyone to write in and request such stamps. The address, if you would like to help, is:

CSAC
c/o Stamp Information Branch
USPS
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW #5800
Washington DC 20260-6753

The ads for cachets found on page 11 were received a week after the last journal was mailed. You may want to write or call to see what is still available. The Robert C. Graebner Chapter #17, AFDCS, meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Lyon Park Community Center in Arlington, Virginia. Visitors are always welcome. Call (703) 527-2495 for directions or further information.

The next issue will be mailed in mid-December. A World AIDS Day issue is planned. Any members who would like to submit related articles, please have them to me no later than Thanksgiving, November 28.

And, I could use articles of any nature that you would like to share with other members. Ideally, I would like to expand the journal to at least 16 pages each issue, but it is difficult without submissions from GLHSC members. I use Word 6.0 for Windows, if you would like to submit it on a floppy. Files should be in either Word or text format. Thanks to all who have already submitted articles.



Gay & Lesbian History,
AFDCS Chapter 72

GOP Congressman Comes Out

(*Dallas Voice*, August 9, 1996)

The current Congress has its fourth openly gay member: Jim Kolbe of Arizona. Kolbe acknowledged being gay in a statement released in early August. *The Advocate*, a national gay publication, threatened to out him in their August 20 edition. The threat arose from Kolbe's vote for the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Kurt Wolfe, a gay broadcast journalist in New England, outed Kolbe on WBAI radio in New York and on a cable television program in New England.

Kolbe joins the short list of U. S. Representatives that are publicly out. The list will be cut in half at the end of this session of Congress. Rep. Studds (D-Massachusetts) and Rep. Gunderson (R-Wisconsin) both announced that they will not seek re-election this fall. Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts) and Kolbe will be the only current, openly gay members to return. Another member of Congress, Mark Foley (R-Florida), was also reported to be gay by Wolfe, but refuses to acknowledge that he is gay.

The reactions from the various national gay organizations have been fairly positive. Kolbe's voting record is generally gay-friendly. He was one of the leaders in getting the repeal of Rep. Dornan's bill passed. (Dornan's bill would have forced the military to discharge all HIV-positive service members.) The major complaint with Kolbe seems to be that he voted for the DOMA.

Jim Kolbe is a 54-year-old divorcee who represents the 5th District of Arizona. There had been rumors of his sexual orientation for several years, though he never acknowledged them. Kolbe, in his statement, said that it is a relief now that his secret is finally revealed.

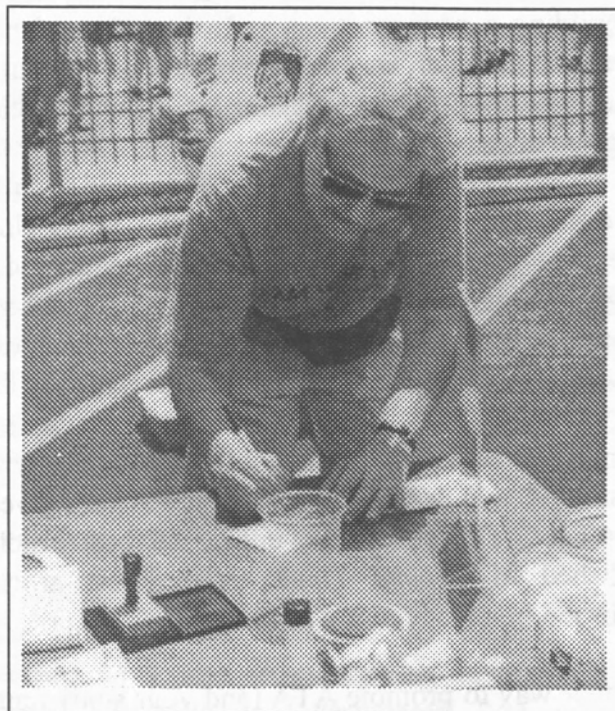
"There is some relief. Certainly, there's no embarrassment, and there's really not a sense of anger, either. Earlier in the week I was angry about it, that someone else was making a determination of the timetable," Kolbe said.

Rep. Kolbe is currently seeking his seventh term in Congress. He appears to be leading in that race. Observers said they do not think that his coming out will negatively affect his chances of winning.

Rep. Kolbe's free frank should be considered a part of your gay and lesbian collection.

Philadelphia's Gay Pride Covers

by Paul Hennefeld



Barbara Gittings autographing covers.
Philadelphia, PA, 1996.

Philadelphia's Gay Pride Day was celebrated on Sunday, June 9, 1996. In May, I contacted the *Philadelphia Gay News* to see if a gay and lesbian postmark had been considered. On Tuesday, June 4, I was informed that a "Diversity of Pride" postmark had been approved. Since this was four days prior to the event, I had to work fast to design a cachet. Scanning through my book collection, I found an interesting photo in Lillian Faderman's book, *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers*. The photo shows Barbara Gittings picketing in front of Independence Hall in 1965 for homosexual rights. This was perfect!

I contacted Ms. Gittings and the photographer, Nancy Tucker, for permission to use this photo. Both women were thrilled and gladly gave their approval. The Liberty Bell stamped envelope was a

perfect complement to the cancellation depicting the same famous bell.

Barbara Gittings met me at the postal station at the Diversity of Pride celebrations. She proceeded to autograph envelopes for delighted fans.

The postmark was the idea of Diversity of Pride and was designed by Ms. Jeri Kappler. The success of this postmark was so great that Chuck Volz of Diversity of Pride has informed me that they have already submitted a new design to the post office for Philadelphia's celebration of Coming Out Day, October 6, 1996.

Gay and Lesbian Pride Postmarks - Updated Checklist

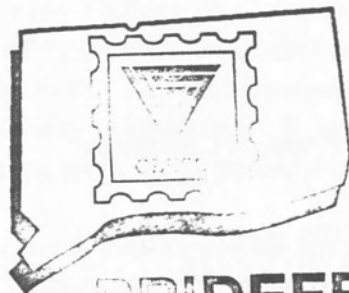
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Stockholm, Sweden	8/20/83	Gay Pride Week
Stockholm, Sweden	?/??/86	
New York, NY, US	6/25/89	20th Anniversary of Stonewall
Bristol, Avon, England	6/11/91	Avon Pride, 1977 - 1991
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	6/28/92	15th Anniversary of South Florida's Pridefest Celebration
Hartford, CT, US	6/19/93	Pridefest '93
Minneapolis, MN, US	6/26/93	Festival of Pride (second date of 6/27/93 also known)
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	6/27/93	Pridefest '93 & Pride March
San Diego, CA, US	7/17/93	Lesbian and Gay Pride
Asbury Park, NJ, US	6/05/94	New Jersey's 3rd Annual Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Parade
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	6/05/94	Pridefest '94 & Pride March
Jackson Heights, NY, US	6/05/94	Queens Lesbian & Gay Pride
New York, NY, US	6/17-25/94	Gay Games IV
Berlin, Germany	6/18/94	Christopher Street Day
New York, NY, US	6/26/94	25th Anniversary of Stonewall
Washington, DC, US	7/1-2/94	International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	10/09/94	International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators
Phoenix, AZ, US	6/03/95	Arizona Central Pride
Jackson Heights, NY, US	6/04/95	Queens Lesbian & Gay Pride
Hartford, CT, US	6/17/95	Pridefest '95
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	6/24/95	Pridefest '95 & Pride March
West Hollywood, CA, US	6/25/95	Christopher Street West
Jackson Heights, NY, US	6/02/96	Queens Lesbian & Gay Pride
Philadelphia, PA, US	6/09/96	Diversity of Pride
Portland, ME, US	6/15/96	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, US	6/23/96	Pridefest '96 & Pride March

This listing includes only those cancels/postmarks that were used for specific gay and lesbian events. An event such as the Michigan Womyns Music Festival, though attracting a large lesbian following, is not officially a lesbian event. There are also many other cancels/postmarks for gay, lesbians and bisexuals. Including these cancellations would entail a much more comprehensive listing than the preceding. Any additional information and your comments would be appreciated.

Gay and Lesbian Pride Postmarks



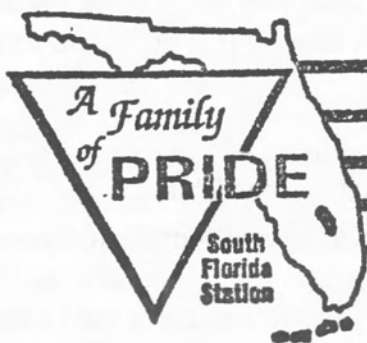
STONEWALL STA.
20 YEARS 1969-1989
LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE
 JUNE 25, 1989
 NEW YORK, NY 10199



PRIDEFEST '93 STA.



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USA

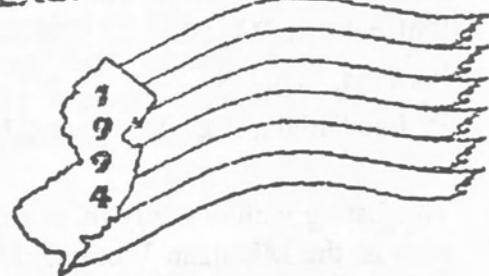


**MULTI-CULTURAL
 FESTIVAL STATION**
 June 5, 1994
 Jackson Heights, N.Y. 11372

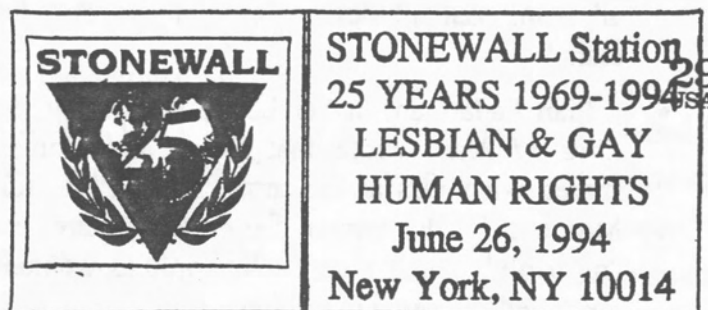
**NEW JERSEY'S 3rd ANNUAL LESBIAN,
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Asbury Park
 New Jersey
 07712

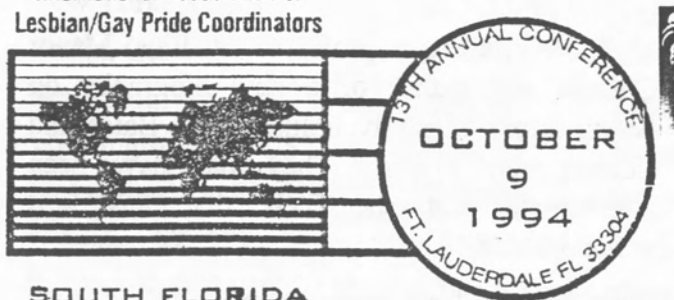
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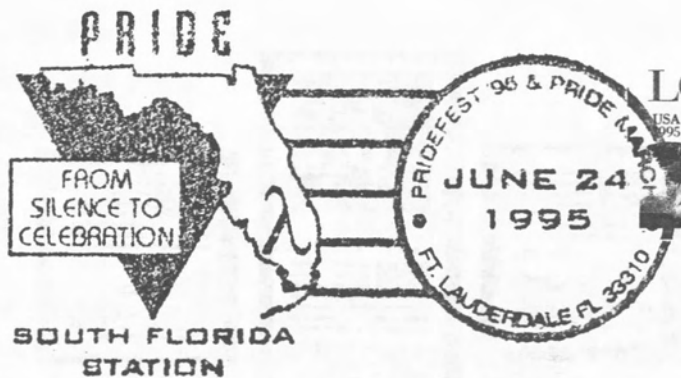
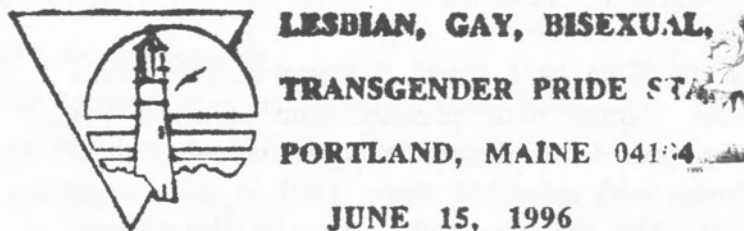
Gay and Lesbian Pride Postmarks



International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators



SOUTH FLORIDA STATION



Katharine Lee Bates

by Jerry Hall

Katharine Lee Bates was born on August 12, 1859, in Falmouth, Massachusetts. She was a professor of English at Wellesley College, near Boston. Besides teaching, she also wrote volumes of poetry, travel books and a number of scholarly books. She also wrote several children's books.

In July 1893, Bates and several other professors spent three weeks teaching a summer session at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. Near the end of their trip, they made the journey to the top of Pikes Peak. She was overwhelmed by the sight of the Rocky Mountains. It was here that she was inspired to write the poem, *America the Beautiful*.

Two years passed before the poem was published. *The Congressionalist* magazine published it on July 4, 1895. It became an immediate success. Bates felt that since so many people loved this poem, and a few were miscopying some of the words, she made a slight revision in 1904. The final version that we know today was published in 1911. It was set to the music that Samuel A. Ward wrote for the ancient hymn "Materna."

On April 24, 1981, the U. S. Postal Service issued three stamps with phrases from *America the Beautiful*. Scott number 1890 was issued in sheet format with an amber scene, 1891 in coil format with a blue scene and 1893 in booklet with a purple scene. The booklet contains 2 number 1892 and 6 number 1893.



The debate on Ms. Bates began in 1993, when lesbians in the Colorado Springs area claimed her as one of their own. The arguments for:

- A biography written by a niece states that Bates, as a child wrote: "I like women better than men."
- While at Oxford, Bates described how a student "nestled her aching head against me while we watched the sunset amber in the sky..."
- Bates shared a house with a fellow Wellesley professor for 35 years. Her name was Katharine Coman.
- When Coman died, Bates was "bewildered past all pain, past all desire, in grief too dull for tears."
- Lillian Faderman, in her book, *Surpassing the Love of Men*, wrote that Bates and Coman shared what was at the time called a "Boston Marriage." Faderman feels that today we "probably" would view such people as women-identified women, i.e. lesbians.

Those who argue against Bates being a lesbian claim:

- Melinda Ponder, a professor at Pine Manor College and author of a new biography on Bates, thinks it highly unlikely that Bates and Coman were lovers. They may have been affectionate, but she feels that this was unremarkable.
- Bates had at least one romance with a man, which fell apart with pain.
- Wellesley women were encouraged to remain single.

More research is needed on this famous American. Both sides present their arguments with great passion. One thing is clear: Katharine Lee Bates gave America a "beautiful" poem!

Bibliography:

("Gay activists state claim to famous author", The Denver Post, July 7, 1993.)

Surpassing the Love of Men, Lillian Faderman.

A Murder Most foul

by J. A. Christensen

On January 6, 1928, Donald Solovitch, a sometimes movie actor and secretary to Charlie Chaplin was bludgeoned to death outside the small central Utah town of Gunnison. A local resident, Sheldon R. Clark, who was employed as Solovitch's chauffeur, was later arrested for the brutal murder. Clark said that he committed the murder because Solovitch was "an individual of degenerate and offensive character," a man who was "belligerent and immoral and had gone so far as to propose marriage" to Clark.

Clark's trial, to which Charlie Chaplin was called as a witness, was held in the county seat of Manti. Solovitch was also buried in Manti, his family refusing to claim the body. Clark was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter. He served four of a ten years sentence and was then paroled. Because the trial was closed to the public, and the records permanently sealed, the full facts of this case have never been revealed.



Scott no. 1679



Introducing the Pacific 97 update column. Look for updates of events planned at Pacific 97 in this new column.

The World Philatelic Exhibition, Pacific 97, will be held in San Francisco, California. It will be held from May 29 - June 8, 1997. It marks the 150th anniversary of the issue of the first United States postage stamps.

The exhibition is scheduled to have 4,000 frames, with each holding 16 standard size exhibit pages, and an international bourse.

The venue for Pacific 97 will be the Moscone Center. It is located in the heart of San Francisco's new financial district. Two-thirds of the City's 30,000 hotel rooms are within walking distance to the center.

Pacific 97 has contracted with the San Francisco Marriott, ANA, Sheraton Palace, Westin St. Francis and King George Hotels. These hotels are within convenient walking distance of Moscone Center. Hotel reservations can be obtained through the San Francisco Visitors and Convention Bureau.

The GLHSC meeting will be held Saturday, May 31, 1997 at 4:00 PM. The exact meeting room has not been announced. We have the room for 1 1/2 hours.

Gay and Lesbian Update

Antigua issued a set of four stamps, two sheets of nine and two souvenir sheets to commemorate the 1996 Summer Olympics held in Atlanta on May 6, 1996. Greg Louganis is featured on Scott no. 1980d.

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Azerbaijan issued a set of seven stamps and a souvenir sheet for the 1996 Olympic Games. Scott no. 574 features Greg Louganis.

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Great Britain commemorated the Motion Picture Centennial on April 16, 1996. A set of five stamps was issued. Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh in a scene from "That Hamilton Woman" is on Scott no. 1659.

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Marshall Islands issued a sheet of 20 stamps featuring James Dean. This sheet was released on June 1, 1996. Scott no. 610.

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Palau issued a sheet of 30 for the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem on June 15, 1996. The sheet depicts biblical illustrations of the Old Testament. David and Jonathan can be found on one, as well as Ruth and Naomi.

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Turks & Caicos Islands issued two sheets of nine and three souvenir sheets on the history of underwater exploration. Alexander the Great descends to ocean bottom, 332 BC, can be found on Scott no. 1193b.

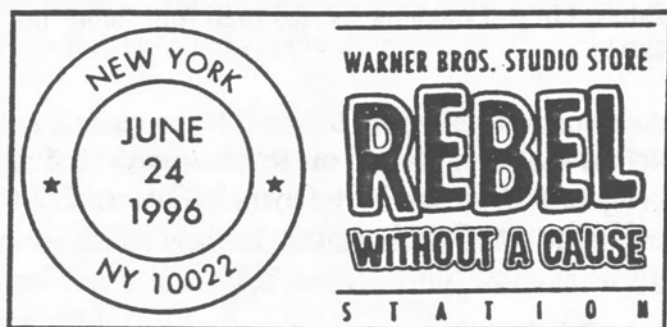
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Vatican City issued a strip of five stamps for the modern Olympic Games Centennial on May 7, 1996. Scott no. 1011e features Hercules.

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There were 118 nonpictorial first-day-of-issue postmarks available for the James Dean stamp released by the U.S. Postal Service on June 24, 1996. These postmarks were available at Warner Brothers Studio Stores (WBSS) throughout the United States.

There was a "light" crowd at the Dallas store. Eric Hoover, the Postmaster of Dallas, and Lilli Williams, District Manager of WBSS, were the speakers.



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O'Keefe: The Life of an American Legend by Jeffrey Hogrefe claims that Georgia O'Keefe was a lesbian. A sheet of 20 stamps was issued by the U.S. Postal Service on May 23, 1996 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The book was published by Bantam Books.

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Maldives Islands issued a sheet of nine stamps for the 100th Anniversary of the Nobel Prize. Patrick White of Australia won the 1973 prize for Literature. A description of a recent book, *Patrick White: A Life*, by David Marr: Portrays, in an absorbing narrative, the Nobel Prize-winning writer, a powerful, craggy, uncompromising spokesman for (and against) Australia, whose homosexuality was the central fact of his life as an artist.

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Tuva stamps of late appear to be unauthorized, privately produced issues. Tuva is not an independent country, but an administrative region of the Russian federation. Authorization for producing stamps has not been granted from Moscow.

The stamp sheetlet recently mentioned in this journal that featured Freddie Mercury should be considered a private issue or label. It, along with others that seem to feature Western rock groups, movie stars, sports figures, etc., is not an official stamp.

Linn's Stamp News, June 24, 1996

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The United States Postal Service devotes several months each year to celebrating diversity. The month of May was designated "Asian/Pacific Islander Month." Greg Louganis, as a Samoan-American, was honored.

AIDS Update

Correction: The Rumanian postmark in the last journal had a date of 1996, not 1986. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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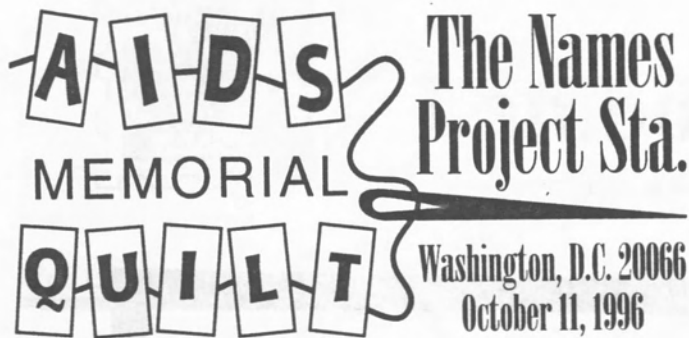
Scott catalog gave the Canadian AIDS stamp number 1603.

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The AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed in its entirety in Washington, DC, October 11 - 13, 1996. The Quilt can be viewed on the Mall. Ed Centeno designed a postmark that will be available at a postal mobile unit.

In conjunction with the display, Ed would like to have an informal GLHSC meeting. Anyone

who would like to join Ed, please give him a call at (860) 653-3791.



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There are several Japanese ECHO cards related to AIDS. ECHO cards are very common in Japan. They exist in hundreds of varieties on all sorts of topics. They are rarely expensive if one can find them.

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IKK Hamburg used a meter in 1994. "Stoppt AIDS Kondome schützen!"

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Two AIDS related postcards from Poland. One was issued for the United Nations' Year of Tolerance (1995). The front shows a group of teenagers with "Wspolne prawa - wspolne obowiazki" (Common law - common duty) across the bottom. On the address side, "The United Nations General Assembly proclaims 1995 as Tolerance Year" runs vertically. In the upper left corner, "The international symbol of solidarity for persons living with AIDS and HIV" appears next to a red ribbon. (Both slogans are in Polish.)

The second postcard was issued for World AIDS Day. It is from a design by Kaja Lichonska, age 13. Printing of the postcard was the first prize of the All-Polish Artistic Contest for Children to the Subject of AIDS.

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There is a report of a machine slogan cancel from Lusaka, Zambia in 1994:

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM HIV/AIDS

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Last Lick

In spring 1997, Israel will host the Leonard Bernstein Jerusalem International Music Competition for composers. The contest is open to composers between the ages of 25 and 50. Compositions must be based upon the Bible, other holy books or poetry and literature inspired by or associated with Jerusalem. Perhaps there will be a postmark and/or stamp issued in conjunction with this event.

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The following ads were received after the last journal was mailed:

- The Robert C. Graebner Chapter #17, AFDCS, announces availability of a cacheted first cover for the Canadian 45 cent AIDS Awareness stamp issued May 8, 1996 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The two-color cachet honors tennis star Arthur Ashe. Covers are \$2.50 plus a SASE. Send orders to:

Graebner Chapter #17
Box 1483
Arlington VA 22210-1483

- ...announces availability of a cacheted first cover/card for the full sheet of 20 of the 32 cent James Dean commemorative stamp issued June 24, 1996 in Hollywood, CA. The 8 1/2 by 11 inch two-color card, officially licensed by CMG Worldwide Inc., features two original portraits of James Dean by illustrator Anthony Woolridge and a "Hurray for Hollywood" logo. First day canceled cards are \$15.00 each.
-two color cachet features an original portrait by Woolridge of James Dean and his motorcycle. The following items are available:

Unserviced envelopes - \$.75 each/10 for \$7
Serviced FDC - \$2 each
5 stamp combo FDC - \$5 each

Send orders to:

Graebner Chapter #17
Box 44
Annapolis Junction MD 20701-0044



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