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LEADERSHIP REORGANIZATION AT GLSHC



With great sadness, Blair O'Dell has resigned as Treasurer of GLHSC. Blair and his partner, Paul Hennefeld, were two of the founding members of GLHSC in 1982.

Blair has served as treasurer of GLHSC for many years. Between his work, his partner and his home, he has found that he no longer has the time to devote to the Club.

Paul, too, has found less time for GLHSC. He spent many hours helping Blair and me with our functions. However, with the many additions to the gays, lesbians and bisexuals being featured on stamps, his collection is taking more of his time. The past few years has seen over eight new postmarks with a gay/lesbian/bisexual theme. More and more celebrities seem to be coming out, or are outed after they have died. Luckily for Paul, they are appearing on stamps.

The Club members owe much to Paul and Blair. Not only did they help found the Club, but they were instrumental in getting GLHSC accepted into ATA as Study Unit No. 458. Paul's handbook is the most comprehensive listing of gays, lesbians and bisexuals on stamps worldwide. His collection has won several awards at various stamp shows. It is through this exposure that the stamp collecting community has been relatively accepting of the Club.

Our thanks go to Paul and Blair for their dedication and service to the Club. We

wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

Ed Centeno has also submitted his resignation, effective June 30th. He has been president/secretary since 1986-87. Although the duties were not overwhelming, he has found less and less time to spend on Club matters.

Ed has done much for the Club. He was the guiding force behind last year's Connecticut cancel and this year's Gay Games IV cancel. His main objective was to get as much publicity for the Club as possible. He truly succeeded, in that membership nearly doubled during his tenure.

He recently switched jobs from banking to restaurant. The restaurant business is very laborious and the hours demanding. Ed has also decided to spend more time on his postcard collection. He has a wonderful collection of the male form on postcards. His collection numbers into the thousands of cards from all periods.

We wish him well in his new endeavors. He did much to help GLHSC grow over the years and he deserves our thanks.

Thanks to Judith for assuming the role of treasurer until elections. Angela will take over for Ed until December.

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The objectives of the club are:

To promote and foster 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 and bisexual orientation.
- mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture.
- flora and fauna scientifically proven to have prominent homosexual behavior.
- even though emphasis is placed on this aspect of stamp collecting, the Club strongly encourages other philatelic endeavors.

MEMBERSHIP: Yearly dues are \$8.⁰⁰ per calendar year for U.S., Mexican and Canadian residents; \$10.⁰⁰ or 12 IRC per year for foreign residents to help defray the higher postage costs.

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March 15
June 15
September 15

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Another issue is complete! This has been a rough one for me. Several emergencies came up, and I thought that I would never get it done! Thanks to Angela for her help, and to those who sent me articles and news releases. Please keep them coming!!

Please note that the publishing schedule on page two is the old schedule. Since the last Journal was late, I have gone to a March, June, September, December schedule. Several members have written inquiring as to the whereabouts of their Journal. In my mad rush, I forgot to have it changed on page 2.

From the first page, you can see that it is time for new leadership. These things seem to happen in cycles. With over 150 individual members in GLHSC, there has to be a few more people willing to be involved. Be sure to let me know. I am hoping to include a ballot with the December issue. Please send nominations to me by November 30th. This will be your chance to voice your opinion on the direction of GLHSC.

In the next Journal, due out in September, I will be publishing an article that is more numismatic in nature than philatelic. However, I like the play on the phrase, "Queer as a three dollar bill" and most stamp collectors tend to collect other items besides stamps. Let me know if you would like other such articles on occasion.

The Lost Angels of Washington, DC issued a cover in conjunction with the US AIDS Awareness issue on December 1, 1993. Covers are \$2.00 each with a #10 self-addressed stamped envelope. Checks

should be made payable to the "Lost Angels". Proceeds from the sale of these covers goes into their fund to help club brothers living with AIDS. Send your order to:

John Olmsted
632 5th Street, NE
Washington DC 20002-5202
USA

John (from above) is also compiling a list of all first day cancels used in the United States for the AIDS Awareness stamp. If you know of any new cancels and/or cities, be sure to let him (and the Journal) know.



**COMING NEXT
MONTH:**

In the Lambda Journal:
*"Queer As a Three
Dollar Bill"*

Don't Miss It!



GAY GAMES AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL



June 1994 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall riots. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Ed Centeno, Gay Games IV will have a postmark for the week of the Games.

In June 1969, police raids of gay and lesbian bars were not uncommon. However, for the patrons to fight back, and minorities within the minority to lead the way, was not the common response. The riots lasted nearly three days. They became the birth of the modern gay and lesbian movement.

New York City is host of the Stonewall 25 Celebrations, Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival. The Games will be held from June 18th through the 25th. The official Stonewall 25 celebration will be a march on the United Nations to be held on June 26th. This event will replace the annual gay pride parade.

The cancel to be used for the week of the Games was designed by the staff of Gay Games IV. It is available at the Unity Center at the Games. The US Postal Service will have a booth along with GLHSC. Be sure to stop by the booth to say hello to Ed and other volunteers.

In conjunction with the Games, GLHSC will be selling postcards with the cancel. There will be eight different designs on the postcards. Each design will represent a different sporting venue at the Games. The cards will be in two colors. Below each "stamp" is a brief history of the Games and a reminder that the 1998 Gay Games will be held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The message side of the card will feature the GLHSC logo, along with a brief description of the Club.

For more information on these cards, please contact Ed Centeno at his address on page 2.

Copies of the cancel can be obtained by submitting stamped envelopes, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope for their return, to:

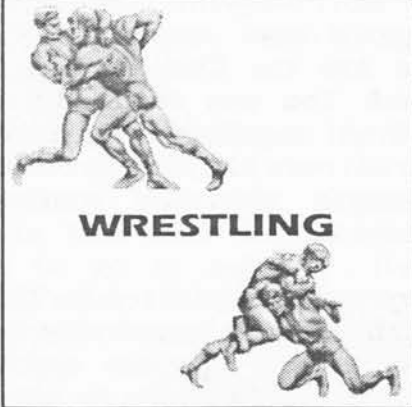
Postmaster
Unity Center Station
New York NY 10199-9998
USA

Remember, your order must be postmarked by July 25th.





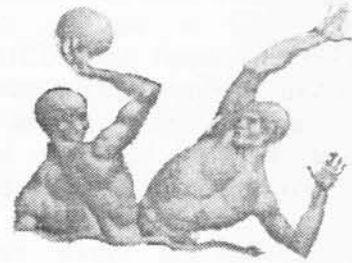
GAY GAMES IV & Cultural Festival



WRESTLING

June 18-25 1994

The Gay Games were founded by Dr. Tom Waddell of San Francisco in 1982. The Games, which are held every four years, encourage anyone to participate in achieving their personal best in the field of sports. The 1998 Gay Games V will be held in The Netherlands August 1-8.



WATER POLO



TRACK & FIELD



BASKETBALL



VOLLEYBALL

ROCK MUSICIAN'S STAMPS DISPLAYED

by Michael Baadke

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Material from the stamp collection of rock musician Freddie Mercury has been placed on display at the gallery of Britain's National Postal Museum in London, England.

Mercury, lead singer and lyricist for the rock group Queen, died November 24, 1991, at age 45, from AIDS-related pneumonia. At the time of his death, his bisexuality was disclosed.

When contacted by Linn's, a philatelic officer at the museum described Mercury's collection as general, with an emphasis on Zanzibar and stamps of British India with Zanzibar overprints. The collection filled three cardboard boxes, each about a cubic foot in size. The collection was obtained at an auction; details of the sale were not immediately available.

According to the museum official, one goal of the display is to encourage the interest of young people in stamp collecting. Mercury was a familiar personality to multitudes of young music fans, achieved stellar popularity in Great Britain and throughout the world.

Mercury was born Frederick Bulsara in Zanzibar, off the coast of East Africa. His family moved to England when he was 12 years old. Along with three other British musicians, Mercury formed the group Queen in 1971.

Queen dominated world music charts for more than a decade with numerous global hits. Among the group's most famous recordings are *Another One Bites the Dust*, *Crazy Little Thing Called Love* and *Bohemian Rhapsody*.

The last song reached the No. 1 chart position in 1976. After Mercury's death

15 years later, the recording was reissued and reached No. 1 again. It was also featured prominently in the 1992 film *Wayne's World*.

The group also released *We Will Rock You/We Are the Champions* in 1977. *We Will Rock You* was eventually adopted as an anthem regularly heard at sporting events all over the world. Collections of the group's recording continue to sell extremely well.

Mercury was memorialized in 1992 with the Romanian pictorial cancel shown here.



At present, the museum plans to display the material from Mercury's philatelic collection for at least the remainder of this year.



RUDOLF NUREYEV: FREEDOM, I DANCE YOUR NAME

by Hervé Marchand

On January 6, 1993, complications due to AIDS took Rudolf Nureyev from us. He had left the stage, which he loved dearly, a year earlier.

Nureyev was born on March 17, 1938 on a train bordering Baikal Lake in the then Soviet Union. His life began like a novel. He was born into poverty, with no shoes to go to school. He was a gangling Tartar determined to dance. "My only preoccupation since I was six years old was dancing. Every second of every minute of every day; I only wanted to dance. I have always wanted to be on the stage," he had said.

Nureyev was not recognized as a potential dancer when he first entered school. Most of the other students made fun of him because of his "country" ways and his ethnic background, being a Tartar. When he finally entered ballet school, they resented him for being untrained, yet receiving the attention of his teachers. With much deliberations, he entered the Kirov Theater of Leningrad (St. Petersburg) at the age of 17. Within six years, he was the Director of Dancing for the Opera de Paris. His childhood dream had become reality. Rudolf Nureyev was the "lord of dancing."

Nureyev's secret to his dancing was his style. He had a speed and lightness unlike others of the time. "I wasn't the dancer who jumped the highest, but I found the means to stay in the air longer than others." He was also not one to conform to the rigid confines of the Soviet way of life. His dancing gave him his freedom. This was to guide his life, allowing him to go beyond traditional frontiers.

He was constantly followed by the Soviet secret police. He met with foreigners and refused to become a Communist. His style was different than the official Soviet style. His first public "jumping for freedom" came in 1961 in Paris. While at Le Bourget Airport, he defected to the West.

Once in the West, he quickly learned to adapt to different types of dance with the same style that had earlier brought him fame. He mastered classical ballet, yet he could easily adapt to Balanchine's choreography. He also wanted an equality between the dancers and ballerinas. Too many companies had the male dancers as fixtures on stage to assist the ballerinas.

San Marino issued a series of 3 stamps. One of them represents Rudolf Nureyev in a ballet of Igor Stravinski, "Apollon Musagète" (1500 lira). George Balanchine did the choreography. Balanchine had said that no one could dance this ballet but Nureyev.



Rudolf Nureyev was one of the greatest dancers of all time. He always had one idea in mind: FREEDOM. And for this man, his freedom was to be like a star in the sky: admired, adulated and solitary.

♂ GAY AND LESBIAN UPDATE ♀

Germany issued an 80pf stamp for the 100th Anniversary of the death of Peter Tchaikovsky on October 14, 1993. It shows a scene from one of his ballets. Scott No. 1814.

Cuba issued four stamps in honor of Tchaikovsky. The 5c stamp is a portrait of the composer. The 20c value shows a scene from the Swan Lake ballet. The 30c is a statue and the 50c pictures a museum. Scott has given them numbers 3540 - 3543 respectively. The ban on the importation of Cuban stamps into the U.S. remains in place.

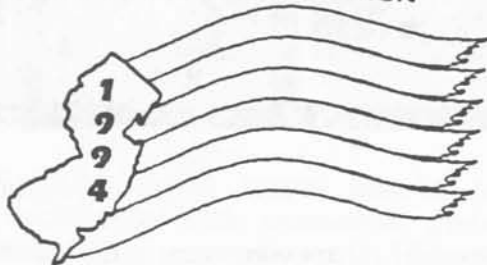
The 3rd Annual Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Parade in Asbury Park, New Jersey will be having a special cancel on June 5. The cancel features an outline of the State of New Jersey with six streamers to the right. Cancel requests should be postmarked by July 5th. Send requests to:

New Jersey Parade Station
Box 9998
Asbury Park, NJ 07712-9998

**NEW JERSEY'S 3rd ANNUAL LESBIAN,
GAY & BISEXUAL PARADE STATION**

Asbury Park
New Jersey
07712

June 5, 1994



Another meter slogan on the FBI has been found. It is a 1945 slogan promoting "This is Your FBI". Be sure to add this to your Edgar J. Hoover section of your collection.

IN TO
ANCE SOCIETY
FEB
T OFFICE
Y.

Listen to
THE EQUITABLE SOCIETY'S
RADIO PROGRAM
"THIS IS YOUR FBI"
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
SEE LOCAL PAPERS FOR TIME AND FEATURE



A picture postcard showing the designs of the Blues and Jazz stamps to be issued Sept. 17 was distributed at the post office in Greenville, Mississippi. Greenville is to be the first day of issue city. Ma Rainey and Bessie Smith are among those featured on the postcard.

The British public record office said that it will make Sir Roger Casement's "black diaries" available to the public. The journals are purported to contain intimate details of his sexual encounters with young men. Irish nationalists have insisted that the journals were forgeries. Casement was executed in 1916 for treason. He can be found on two Irish stamps, Scott Nos. 214 and 215.

South Florida had it's third gay, lesbian and bisexual postmark for their Pridefest '94 celebrations on June 5th. The address for copies of the postmark is:

South Florida Station
1900 W. Oakland Park Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale FL 33310-9998

♂♂ GAY AND LESBIAN UPDATE ♀♀

U.S. Postal Services Approves Special Cancel for Gay & Lesbian Square Dance Convention

The Washington, DC post office has approved the request of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs for a special cancel and station at the organization's annual convention.

The cancel shows a cowboy boot with a triangle containing interlocking squares stitched on the side, the Capitol dome and the legend "11th Annual Gay & Lesbian Square Dance Convention." It will be available Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2.



The square dance convention, called Stars & Squares Forever, will be held at the Omni-Shoreham Hotel in Washington. The special station will be held in the vendor exhibit hall. Over 1,100 Gay & Lesbian square dancers are expected to participate. The convention runs from Thursday, June 30 to Sunday, July 3. The International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs is composed of 47 member clubs from cities all across the U. S., Canada and Australia.

Special cacheted envelopes bearing the cancel and an appropriate stamp

will be available from the IAGSDC for \$2.00 and a #10 size self-addressed stamped envelope. Make checks payable to the IAGSDC. Please send requests to:

Convention Covers, IAGSDC
PO Box 15428
Crystal City, VA 22215-0428
USA

Information on Gay & Lesbian square dancing may be obtained from the same address.

Another Congressional Free Frank for Our Collections?

Recently, the Washington Blade reported that the right-wing Rep. Bob Dornan (R-California), on the floor of the U. S. House of Representatives, claimed that Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-Wisconsin) "has a revolving door on his closet -- he's in; he's out." Later in his speech, Dornan noted that Gunderson had recently spoken to a gay political dinner.

As soon as Dornan made his remarks, House leaders stopped debate in order to consult the House parliamentarian. It is considered bad form to openly criticize another House member from the floor. After debate resumed, Dornan asked that his previous remarks be withdrawn from the record. They will not appear in the official proceedings of the House as reported in the Congressional Record.

According to the Blade, Gunderson has never publicly said he is gay. Gunderson was a speaker at a dinner

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AIDS UPDATE

The Russian stamp issued last November is Scott No. 6183.



John Curry, Olympic skater, died of complications from AIDS on April 15th. He won the gold medal at the 1976 Winter Olympics. He can be found on a stamp from Belize.

Nepal has issued a stamp for World AIDS Day on December 1, 1993. Scott No. 521.

Greenland issued a stamp on AIDS research on September 9, 1993. It is Scott No. 261.

St. Thomas and Prince Islands issued a souvenir sheet containing three 300D stamps on July 29, 1992. The sheetlet was for the Olympic Games/Olympilex '92 in Barcelona. The third stamp on the sheetlet depicts Ervin "Magic" Johnson.

France issued two stamps for their Europa series on April 30, 1994. This year's theme is "Europe and It's Discoveries." The 2,80F stamp commemorates the French co-discovery of the HIV virus. The stamp and the first day cancel depict the HIV virus.

Along with France, Andorra also issued similar stamps for Europa. Andorra has

been issuing two sets of stamps since the 1930's. Both French and Spanish post offices have been in use in Andorra. The 55P. denomination (Spanish) and the 2,80F denomination (French) are the AIDS stamps.



A recent French cancel from the city of Lyon reads:

100 IDEES CONTRE LE SIDA
ADHERONS A LA CHARTE
TEL: 78.43.46.00

LYON TERREAUX 18-1-94

A recent British cancel from the city of Peterborough for AIDS Action Peterborough.



Uruguay's third AIDS issue, as mentioned in the last journal, has been given number 1518 in the Scott catalog.

A fifth cancel used for the AIDS Awareness stamp was omitted from page 11 of the last journal. It was the generic cancel used by most cities. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Collect stamps!

AIDS ON STAMPS CHECKLIST

COUNTRY	DATE	SCOTT NO.
Andorra (French)	05/09/94	
Andorra (Spanish)	05/06/94	
Angola	05/ /94	
Argentina	12/12/92	1786-87
Bhutan	12/01/88	761-63
Bolivia	/ /93	890
Brazil	04/06/90	2242
Brunei	12/01/90	420-22
Burkina Faso (Upper Volta)	04/07/89	869
Cameroon	01/15/91	859-60
Cameroon	/ /93	884-85
Cape Verde	02/20/91	592-93
Central African Republic	/ /90	982-84
Congo Republic	12/01/88	816-18
Ethiopia (Overprints)	12/01/88	1234-37
Ethiopia	01/31/91	1307-09
Greece	05/22/92	1733
Greenland	09/09/93	261
Guatemala	12/01/92	C845
Guinée-Bissau	11/08/90	895
Guyana (Overprints)	12/01/88	
Italy	01/13/89	1762
Jordan	12/01/93	
Jugoslavija	09/24/88	1910-11
Kenya	10/31/91	559-62
Madagascar	07/29/92	1059
Maldivé Islands (Overprints)	12/01/88	1307-08
Mexico	04/07/89	1609
Morocco	12/16/91	730
Myanmar (Burma)	01/ /92	310
Nepal	12/01/93	521
Niger	02/28/89	794-95
Peru	12/01/93	1064
Russia	11/25/93	6183
San Marino	09/19/88	1162-65
Sénégal	12/01/89	870-73
Sri Lanka	11/30/90	988-89
Syria	12/24/90	1233
Thailand	03/29/90	1340
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus	12/13/91	313
Uganda	10/28/88	622-25
United Nations - New York	03/16/90	NY573-74
- Geneva	03/16/90	SU184-85
- Vienna	03/16/90	AU99-100
United States (Booklet, 2806a)	12/01/93	2806
Uruguay	03/08/91	1361-62
Uruguay	12/01/91	1408-09
Uruguay	12/01/93	1518
Vanuatu	11/29/91	547-50
Zaire	/ /89	1249-52

LAST LICK

Tasty Little Bites We Couldn't Bear to Leave Without Passing Along!

I collect topicals and would like to exchange my general stamps for some of my topics. My topics are:

Coat of Arms, Maps, Non-religious Christmas, Music, Hot Air Balloons, Ships under sail, Opera and Swans.

Lauri Edwards
12882 Corbett Court
San Diego CA 92130-2441

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Roads Less Traveled
3355 N. Five Mile Road, Box 329
Boise ID 83704

I currently collect pre-Elizabethian Canada, Canada War Issues #249-262 (a specialized collection), modern Ukraine (post independence), Corrientes (Argentine Province 1856 - 1880) and Winter Olympics Calgary 1988 and Albertville 1992.

I also correspond with other collectors worldwide and am always looking for material to trade with them, specifically International Women's Year, trolleys-streetcars, indigenous sports (Canada/lacrosse, US/rodeo sports) and US phone cards.

In exchange, I have good access to most Canadian material and would be happy to exchange material for any of the above listed. I have recently noticed several gay postmarks and AIDS slogan cancels on Canadian mail over the last few years.

Some interesting town cancels that I could obtain with some searching and perseverance are Dildo, Fairytown, etc.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

John Boutilier
81 Dalhouside St. #1404
Toronto Ontario
M5B 2N1 Canada

(Remember, mail from the US to Canada is 40 cents for the first ounce and 23 cents each additional ounce.)

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hosted by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) earlier this year. (Apparently the dinner to which Rep. Dornan was referring.) The **Blade** reported that in his speech at this dinner, Gunderson referred to "Rob and I" sharing a beach house in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, a resort popular with gays living in the Washington, DC area.

About two years ago, the **Washington Post** reported that a gay activist attempted to "out" a Wisconsin congressman by throwing a drink in his face at a gay bar in Alexandria, Virginia. The activist had hoped to create an incident that would be reported in press which would reveal the lawmaker's name. The **Post** did not report the name of the congressman. At the HRCF dinner, Gunderson spoke about press questions about his sexual orientation as "having been outed."

According to the **Blade**, Gunderson said, "My professional accomplishments stood to become totally irrelevant next to the single question of whether or not I was gay."

So should we add the free frank of Rep. Gunderson to our collections?