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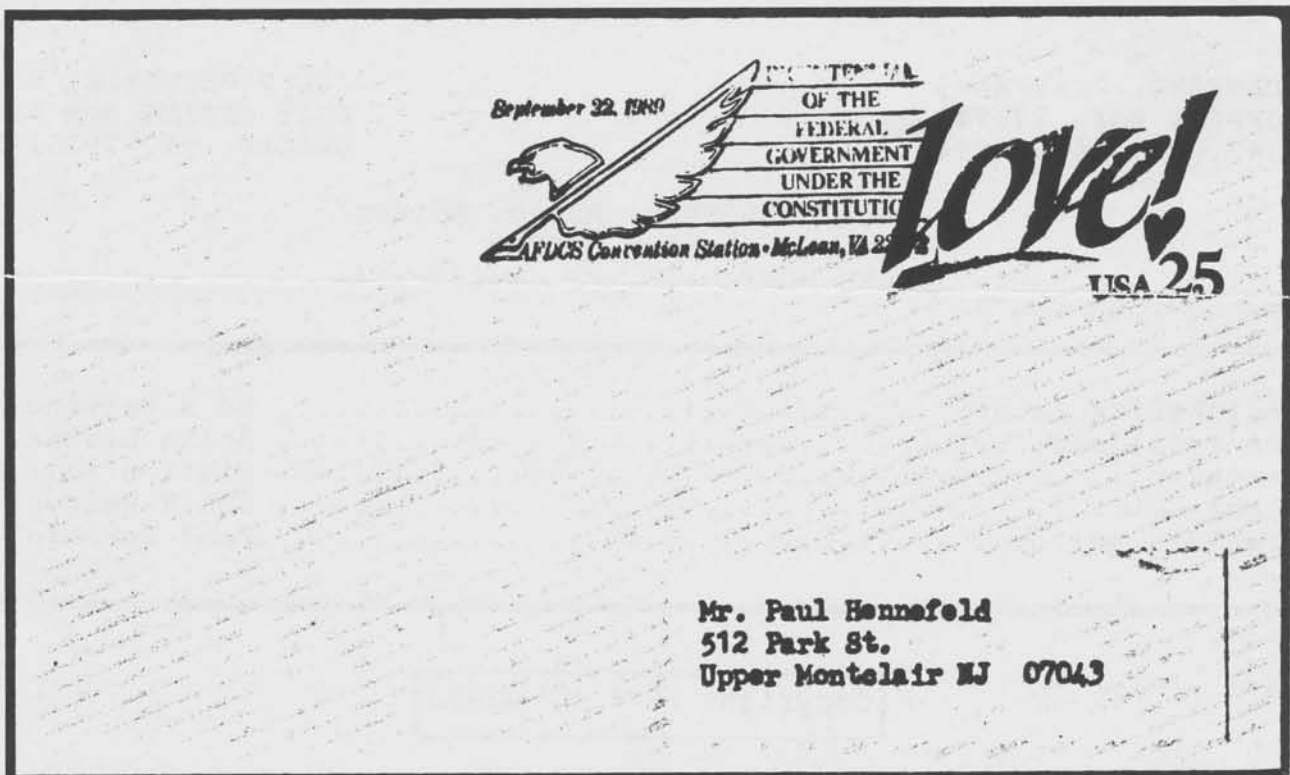
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To promote and foster an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material depicting:



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 having prominent homosexual behavior.

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The Postal History of Jon Hinson's Demise

By Ken Lawrence

"I have never been, am not now, nor will I ever be a homosexual or bisexual." That's what conservative Representative Jon Hinson (R., Miss.) said in August 1980 as he campaigned for reelection. No Barney Frank, he.

Hinson had been nagged by allegations about his personal lifestyle after revealing he had survived a fatal fire in 1977 at a Washington theater that catered to gay men. Hinson went public in order to testify on behalf of the fire victims' families, the most honorable moment of his career.

But fast on the heels of that disclosure, voters learned that Hinson had been arrested in 1976 at the Iwo Jima monument in Arlington National Cemetery, a well known meeting place for gay men, initially charged with committing an obscene act, and had been fined \$100.00 on a reduced charge of creating a public nuisance. At that point Hinson retreated to the familiar ground of prevarication and hypocrisy with his denial.



Duly appeased, his party stood by him, and Hinson was re-elected. But almost immediately after beginning his second term, Hinson was arrested again. Capitol police had staked out a men's restroom at the Longworth House Office Building. On Feb. 4, 1981, they arrested Hinson with a Library of Congress clerk, and charged him with committing sodomy, a felony. The following day, Hinson plead not guilty to a reduced charge of attempted sodomy, and was released on \$2,000 bail. He then hid out from the press while the death watch began.

Night after night with nothing new to report, the Jackson evening news opened with the same lead: "Congressman Jon Hinson, who was arrested for giving oral stimulation to a black man in a men's toilet..."

There was a certain ambiguity to the television reports. Were we to infer that Hinson's principal offense was giving oral

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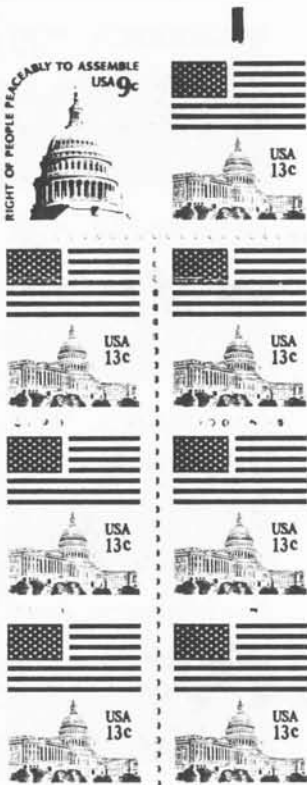
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stimulation? Would receiving oral stimulation have been all right? Should he have done it in his office instead of the john? Or, since this is Mississippi and Jon Hinson stood at the extreme right position among Congressional Republicans, was his partner's race the real problem?

In the end, it didn't matter. On March 16, Hinson announced that he would resign effective four weeks later. He was given a 30-day suspended jail term and one year probation, on the condition that he get psychiatric care. He withdrew to the comfort of his wife and his pastor, and departed Congress on April 13, 1981.

Although this was a pathetic way to end a career on Capitol Hill, it did yield one interesting postal history footnote.

After Hinson resigned, his staff continued to serve constituents until July 9th when his successor, Democrat Wayne Dowdy, was sworn in. But Hinson's frank was no longer valid during that three-month interlude. Outgoing mail was franked with the handstamp signature of the House Clerk.

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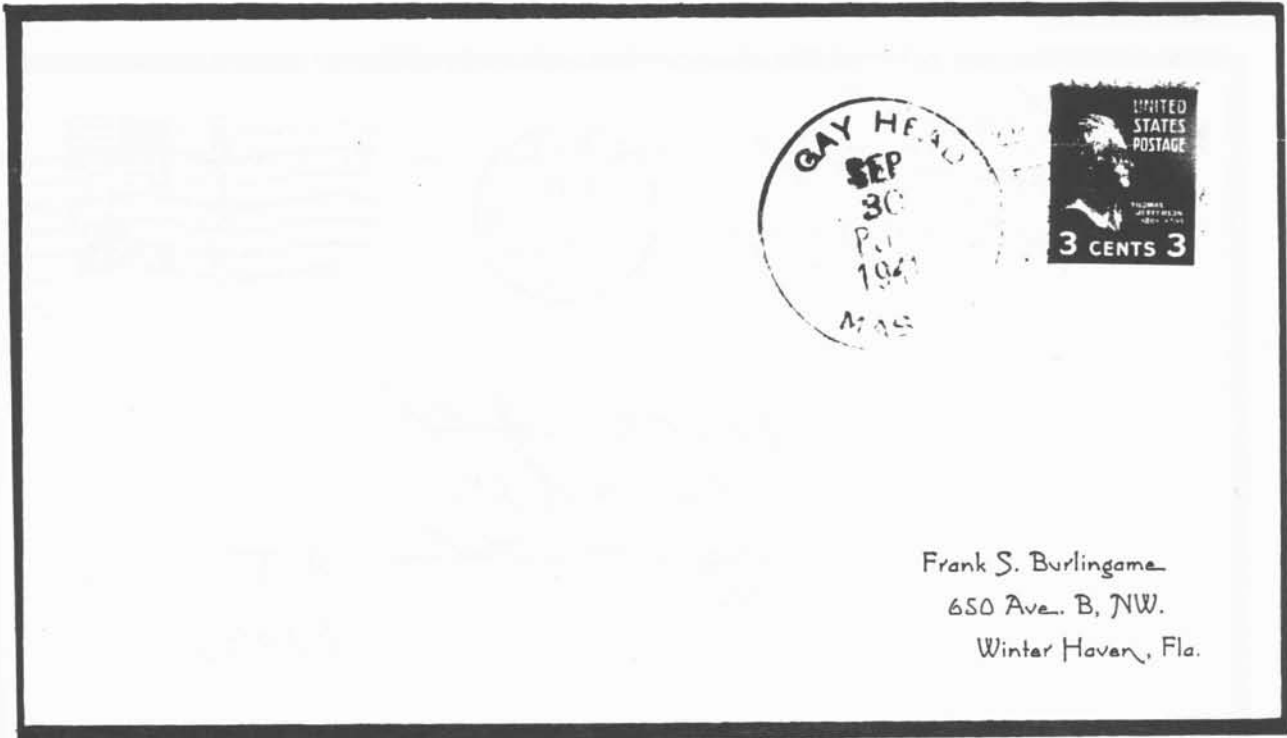
Letter to editor of The American Philatelist, Jan. 91.

After I purchased the new America Stamp showing the Grand Canyon I was surprised to see in the rock formation the view of a penis and scrotum. This was so obvious that the designer, project manager, art director, and typographer of the U.S. Postal Service should have seen it and had the stamp corrected. This stamp will give a bad impression of the United States and its postal service throughout the world.

My question is, who designed and approved the Grand Canyon stamp? Did they do this on purpose and why? The people involved should be banned from designing and printing future stamps.

Panama City, Florida

Answer: From the 1990 Mint Set of Commemorative Stamps, p. 23; Mark Hess of Katonah, NY. was the designer of the 1990 America stamps. He also is the designer of the 1989 Classic Mail Transportation series.



Adding the Finishing Touch to Your Love Letters

by Michael Greene

AMO (Spanish for Love), INDIANA
VALENTINE, ARIZONA 86437
VALENTINES, VIRGINIA 23887
VALENTINE, TEXAS 79854
VALENTINE, NEBRASKA 69201
LOVELY, KENTUCKY 41231
LOVELL, MAINE 04051
LOVELOCK, NEVADA 89419



HEART LAKE, WYOMING
LOVELAND, COLORADO 80537
LOVEJOY, GEORGIA 30250
LOVEJOY, ILLINOIS 62059
LOVINGTON, ILLINOIS 61937
LOVELACEVILLE, KENTUCKY 43060
LOVEVILLE, MARYLAND 20656
LOVING, NEW MEXICO 88256

It's often been said that all the world loves a lover - and it may well be true. And from time to time, anniversaries, birthdays, Valentine's Day, etc., true lovers may want to send a brief billet doux to that someone.

But after the heartfelt lines have been written and the envelope addressed, there's one more step that can be taken to help ensure the romantic missive strikes the mark - your lover's heart.

A great way to "dress up" that very important love letter, notecard, or postcard to someone you hold very dear is to have the envelope/postcard canceled at a post office in a spot with a romantic name - such as Lovely, KY; or (at the appropriate time of the year) Valentine, TX.

The Associated Press asked the U. S. Geological Survey's Geographic Names Information System, which compiles geographic names as part of its national mapping program, and uses the information system to help avoid duplication in new names and to assist state and local governments, to search their computerized records for locations in the country with the words "love," "heart," or "valentine" in their names.

The U.S.G.S. reported that there are over 100 locales and populated places in the country with romantic names such as Heart O'the Hills Ranger Station, WY, and Valentine Corners, WY.

However, there are, alas, only two dozen or so romantically named localities that can actually provide a romantic postmark. The reason for this is that many of the designated places are too small to have an on-site post office.

For example, you can't get a romantic postmark from Valentine, Louisiana. Mr. Zeringue, postmaster of Lockport, LA, the town nearest to Valentine, explains that the romantically-named spot, once a plantation, is now a pulp wood mill and sugar cane factory. While there are people living in Valentine, there is no post office. If you send a letter to Valentine for stamp cancellation, it comes back with a postmark from Lockport.

On the other hand, John Graham, postmaster of Lovelady, Texas, can provide you with a romantic postmark. He gets quite a few valentines and love letters requesting such a cancellation. "I get them during the week of Valentine's Day," notes Graham, "and some during Christmas. And every once in a while a collector shows up."

The best way to send your letter off for a romantic postmark is to place the letter or card addressed to the loved one inside a larger envelope addressed to the postmaster of the romantically-named spot. It's a good idea to add a short note explaining what you want.

Here's a list of some romantically-named spots and their ZIP codes:

P.S. And don't forget to Seal It With A Kiss.

LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO 88260
LOVELAND, OKLAHOMA 73553
LOVING, TEXAS 76062
LOVINGSTON, VIRGINIA 22949
LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS
HEARTWELL, NEBRASKA 68945
DARLING, MISSISSIPPI



LOVELAND, OHIO 45140
LOVELADY, TEXAS 75851
LOVETTSVILLE, VIRGINIA 22080
LOVELL, WYOMING 82431
HEART BUTTE, MONTANA 59448
KISSING BRIDGE, NEW YORK
DARLING LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA

REMEMBERING

We've recently received notice of the passing of two long-time members.

Ed Drucker, the proprietor of Elysian Fields Booksellers, died of AIDS, October 3, 1990. Ed had founded Elysian Fields in 1972. His remarkable collection was a great source of gay and lesbian literature. Ed donated his entire stock of books to Cornell University.

Thomas Kopriva, who had belonged to GLHSC almost from its very beginning, was killed in a plane crash last Dec. 3, at the Detroit airport. (see NY Times, Dec. 4&6)

LAST LICK

LINN'S STAMP NEWS



This Ethiopian stamp commemorates World AIDS Day.



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World AIDS Day

Ethiopia will release three stamps Jan. 31 to note World AIDS Day.

Each design includes a skeleton and the World AIDS Day emblem.

The 15¢ value shows a man growing increasingly ill and then dying of AIDS. The 85¢ denomination shows two women educating a group of

people about AIDS and ways to prevent it.

AIDS prevention also is the theme of the 1-birr stamp. A condom is shown, along with a knife, a hypodermic needle and razor blade. The latter three items have "Xs" through them to indicate that they should not be shared.

Million Abiyou designed the stamps. ■

Artist, Robert Indiana's "LOVE" painting was chosen by the U.S. Postal Service to be designated as our government's first 'LOVE' stamp. First day of issue was at Philadelphia, PA., 1/26/73. The NY Daily News reported in their September 3, 1990 issue, that Indiana, a resident of Vinalhaven, Maine, had been charged with hiring a male prostitute.

A requirement of the ATA is that we publish a quarterly journal. Owing to my heart surgery, this last journal for 1990 has been delayed. You already have received your first journal for 1991.