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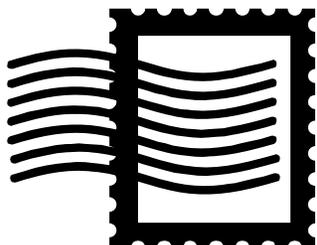
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- ▼ Mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture,
- ▼ Flora and fauna scientifically proven to having prominent homosexual behavior, and
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# News from the Editor

By now election day is here. Be sure to perform your civic duty and VOTE. This election seems to be pivotal on many fronts. Each and every vote counts, except in the State of Texas. I probably should have registered somewhere else and voted absentee.



Once again, I am in need of articles for the journal. Send any articles my way via email or snail mail, preferably on a disk. The next journal will contain the annual AIDS checklist and index of this year's journals. And an article on a new issue of a new member of your GLBT collection.

GLHSC and *Lambda Philatelic Journal* can be only as good as the members allow it to be. **I NEED YOUR HELP.**



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# From the President

The weather is cooling down just about everywhere these days and our hearts and minds turn from picnics and swimming, air conditioners and Bermuda shorts to roasted turkey and fires in the fireplace, wool sweaters and stamp collecting. Yes, that's right, it's a well-known fact that stamp collecting actually increases as the weather cools down. Philatelists all over are taking time to slow down a bit and get back into the hobby they love.

I love getting approvals in the mail; it's sort of like getting a present each time I get an envelope from my trusted dealers. I, of course, live for mail days that include packets like this. Will it be a choice well-centered Newfoundland mint piece from my favorite dealer in upstate New York? Or will it be used U.S. from the faithful Ohio dealer? Maybe even an APS Circuit will arrive with any number of wonderful Canadian gems, perhaps? Any and all of these would suit me well.

Right now, due to a new job, I am living week to week out of a suitcase in a hotel. This means that I have none of my beloved stamp albums around me and cannot work much on my collections. I miss the relaxation that my stamp collection brings, and I note with chagrin that I am "vegging" out in front of the TV more than I normally do. I try to keep up on the weekends and still spend some time with my collection.

But here's the interesting thing: I could probably go all summer and not miss my stamps one bit. You know, too much fresh corn on the cob to consume (dripping with butter...yum!) or fireworks to watch on the Fourth of July or even just sitting out on the patio, complaining about how hot it is.

But during the time of year when the days get a nip in them (alright, yes, I AM in San Diego, but it DOES get cooler here, trust me), and the air smells different, I find I am really craving the satisfaction of adding some stamps to my albums, which ever ones they might be. Alas, I cannot, on a regular basis, indulge this craving and I really (!) miss it.

So, my advice to each of our members: Spend some time with your stamps, improving your collections whatever they may be, and also improving your brain. Turn off the TV and turn on (again) to philately!

## Cardinal Spellman - The Controversial Cardinal

By Paul Hennefeld

(Persons in bold face type are depicted on postage stamps.)

The only time I saw **Cardinal Spellman** in person was in the late 1940's, when the Bishop of our Paterson, New Jersey diocese died. Catholic schools were closed on the day of Bishop McNulty's funeral, and, since in those days I was a devout Catholic, I made my way down to St. John's Cathedral that morning to stand outside and listen to the Mass [through loudspeakers] for our departed Bishop. It was not known if Cardinal Spellman would be in attendance at the funeral. It had been reported to us that the Cardinal had other appointments.

Outside the Cathedral I stood among the crowd of several thousand on the sunny and windy morning. Policemen lined the streets, keeping the crowd controlled and behind the barricades. Just before the Mass was to begin, a huge black limousine suddenly appeared. There was a roar from the crowd as the Cardinal made his dramatic entrance. Most of us crossed ourselves out of respect for him, and everyone had their rosaries clutched tightly in their hands while chanting prayers for our departed Bishop.

The organ music began. A procession of religious and civic dignitaries slowly entered the church. As the Cardinal passed, the crowd murmured its approval. We all waited patiently for the funeral to end. Cardinal Spellman emerged from the Cathedral, blessed the coffin of our bishop, greeted some of the dignitaries, and then hurried off to his waiting limousine with his red clerical garments blowing in the wind.

New York's Cardinal Spellman was involved in many controversies during his 'regime'. I remember his dispute with the Grave Diggers' Union, during which the Cardinal brought seminarians out to the cemeteries to dig graves in order to break the strike. The Cardinal's dispute with Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, and his jealousy of the Bishop's successful TV program was well known. The Cardinal also had a bitter controversy with **Eleanor Roosevelt**.

Eleanor Roosevelt was greatly admired for her many good works, and her profound sense of civic duty. For years she penned a newspaper column entitled 'My Day'. On June 23, 1949, Mrs. Roosevelt's daily article was on the subject of 'the separation of church and state' and 'no tax money for private or religious schools'. Most persons reading the column were unprepared for the fury that it would cause. Although Mrs. Roosevelt's opinions voiced in that column had the support of most Americans, Cardinal Spellman nevertheless was incensed. His fury simmered for a whole month until he unleashed a bombshell to all the major national newspapers. I recollect the headlines of the day blaring that Cardinal Spellman accuses Mrs. Roosevelt of anti-Catholic discrimination 'unworthy of an American mother'. Most reasonable people were shocked at

the Cardinal's outrageous behavior, and everyone patiently waited for him to apologize. Mrs. Roosevelt declared to the Cardinal that she was not anti-Catholic, and she reminded him that she had campaigned vigorously for **Al Smith**, a Roman Catholic, when he ran for President in 1928. After this statement she very diplomatically waited Spellman out. However, as the controversy raged on and on, **President Truman** intervened, and he sent an envoy to Rome to confer with **Pope Pius XII** on this heated situation. The result was that Cardinal Spellman was ordered by the Vatican to make amends and apologize to Mrs. Roosevelt at his earliest convenience. So the Cardinal had his chauffeur drop him off at Mrs. Roosevelt's New York City residence. He told reporters that he was in the neighborhood and thought he would visit for a quick cup of tea.

In a 1980's biography of Roy Cohn, author Nicholas von Hoffman stated that "for years people speculated on whether or not the Cardinal (Spellman) and Roy might have had some kind of sexual relationship. Cardinal Spellman probably was a homosexual; that is the opinion of John Cooney, Spellman's biographer, who wrote that 'In New York's clerical circles Spellman's sex life was a source of profound embarrassment.... He had his favorites among handsome young priests and was known to have lovers outside the clergy.'"

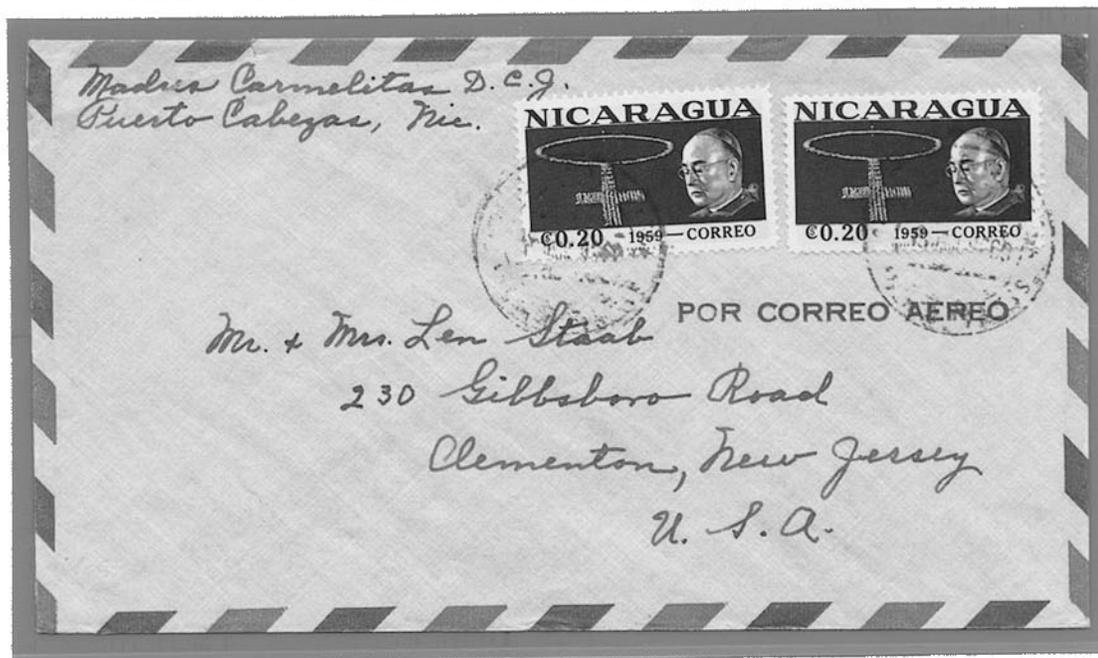
The Cardinal had another interest pertinent to this study unit. He was a stamp collector. In 1948 he donated his collection, which was developed and organized under the assistance of Sister Fidelma Conway, to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, in tribute to his aunt. The collection is now housed in the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History on the grounds of Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts. It has evolved into an independent, not-for-profit cultural organization with a mission to promote knowledge and understanding of worldwide history and geography through the study of stamps, letters, and other artifacts of people's communication through the mail. This educational mission is advanced through exhibitions, a resource center and library. The Museum includes the collections of Francis Cardinal Spellman and the National Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia. The collection now consists of over 2,000,000 items including those from **President Eisenhower**, violinist Jascha Heifetz and General Matthew Ridgway. The Spellman Museum is one of two public museums in the United States devoted to stamps and postal history, the other being the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum in Washington DC.

Cardinal Spellman is depicted on the following stamps:

Nicaragua 819-823,a;C430-C436,a;C638;C747;C752  
Panama 464C  
Paraguay 919

VII The Victorian Age

FRANCIS JOSEPH SPELLMAN  
 (1889 - 1967)  
 CARDINAL



"In 1942 ... Cardinal Spellman had liaisons with a chorus boy who appeared in ... *One Touch of Venus*. After evening performances, the archdiocesan limousine arrived at the theater ... the chorus boy entered and was driven to Spellman."

Citizen Cohn

## An Open Letter from Washington 2006

Dear Club or Society Representative,

Washington 2006 is pleased to contact you to announce that we will have a section of club and society one-frame (16 page) exhibits. The object will be showcase a wide range of philatelic specialties, and to give you an opportunity to recruit new members. This is an invitation for your club or society to participate. Here are the ground rules:

1. We have space for 130 frames; first come, first served. This is being sent to APS Affiliates and Washington 2006 member groups. Demand could exceed 130 frames.

2. The first page should be an introduction to your group and your specialty area; the last is to be a more detailed look, answering the questions: Name? When formed? How many members? Geographic reach of your membership? Member benefits? How to join? Name and address of contact point? (Email and/or website are fine, but a mailing address is also a must.) You can also use this page to credit members who prepared the exhibit or loaned material for use in it.

3. The middle 14 pages should show representative material from your collecting area; NOT rarities, but stamps, covers and other material in the economic range of the average collector.

4. It is up to your group to prepare the exhibit in accord with these guidelines, and to send it to me at the above address within 30 days of the opening of the exhibition on May 27, 2006. It is recommended that you use controlled mail to do so.

5. The balance between write-up and material is important. The write-up should be kept to the necessary minimum. Viewers will have much to see in a relatively short time. Thus, visual impact will carry much weight. That's what will pull viewer attention to the frame.

6. There will be a charge of \$25 per frame to help defray the costs of the project. (The fee is waived for those clubs and societies which have joined Washington 2006 at the \$500 or above level; and it is still possible to join.) Expect to gain members as a result of a well-done frame, and this should offset your cost.

7. I will need a single point of contact for each group.

The sign-up period is now open. Clubs which are Washington 2006 members may e-mail the information from the attached form to me at [jmhstamp@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jmhstamp@ix.netcom.com). Otherwise please complete and mail the form to me at the above address.

Yours in philately,

John Hotchner

Paul Henefeld, co-founder of this study unit, is offering various gay-related items on eBay. These are all duplicates of material in his wide-ranging collection of gays and lesbians depicted on stamps. Check trading name 'dakotanj' on eBay periodically for an extensive selection of AIDS stamps and covers, Keith Haring items, framed stamps and gay event cancellations.



## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,227.55
Membership:	
2 1-year renewals:	\$ 20.00
New member	10.00
Misc. donation	50.00
Interest:	<u>0.00</u>
Total Additions	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 1,307.55
Expenses:	
June Journal	<u>294.02</u>
Balance:	<u>\$ 1,013.53</u>

## Gay & Lesbian Update

Two more US Representatives' free franks can now be added to your GLBT collection.

Rep. Ed Schrock, R-VA, resigned the week of September 3, 2004. His resignation, and decision not to run for reelection, was based on his being outed by blogactive.com. Schrock was a longtime adversary of gays who wished to serve in the military. He was also a prominent opponent of same-sex marriages. However, he had several affairs with men during the same time period that he was casting anti-gay votes. He leaves Congress at the end of this term.

Rep. David Dreier, R-CA, has been outed by the same website. He represents the 24th Congressional District in California. According to the site, Dreier has made no effort to hide his sexuality and lives with his chief of staff. Yet he continues to consistently cast anti-gay votes in Congress.

Once again, outspoken opponents of gay rights are discovered to be hiding from the truth. It makes you wonder about some of the other vocal homophobes out there.

Whether or not you agree with the practice of outing, these two now bring the number of known gay or lesbian members of Congress (current) to five. The other three are Barney Frank, D-MA; Tammy Baldwin, D-WI and Mark Foley, R-FL.



Gibraltar issued a round souvenir sheet to honor an Elton John concert held at Victoria Stadium on September 10, Gibraltar's National Day.

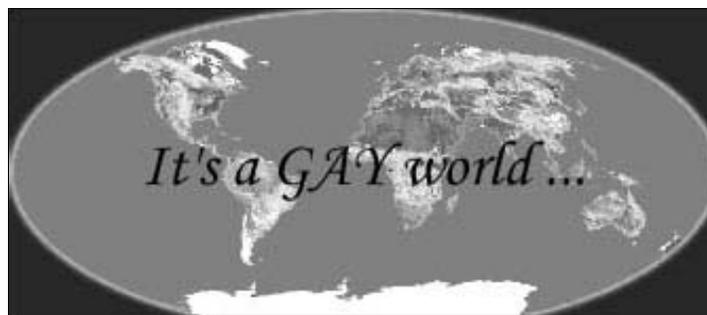
The souvenir sheet contains a single £1.20 stamp showing the flag of the United Kingdom. The border of the sheet includes a photograph of Elton John, a reproduction of his autograph and images of a flag and fortress.



The United States Postal Service released their 2005 stamp program. Among the stamps to be released next year is one to honor Arthur Ashe on the 10th anniversary of his death. Ashe was the first black man to win a grand-slam tournament, the 1968 U.S. Open. In 1975, he won the men's singles title at Wimbledon, becoming the first, and only, black man to accomplish this feat. He died in 1995 due to complications related to AIDS. (Summer release.)

The second stamp of interest will be a joint issue with Sweden in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Greta Garbo. (Most likely a September release.)

More information to follow.



**Antigua** released a set of seven stamps for their Christmas issue on November 10, 2003. *Benois Madonna*, by Leonardo da Vinci can be found on Scott no. 2703.

**France** issued a single stamp featuring *Marilyn* by Andy Warhol on November 8, 2003. Scott no. 2950.

**France** issued a single stamp to honor George Sand on March 20, 2004. Scott no. 3006.



**Gambia** issued a set of four stamps for Christmas on November 17, 2003.

*Madonna of the Grand Duke*, by Raphael, Scott no. 2769.  
*Madonna Della Impannata*, by Raphael, Scott no. 2770.

**Germany** issued a souvenir sheet of two stamps to commemorate classical theater. *Premiere of Faust* by Johann von Goethe can be found on Scott no. 2276b.

**Grenada** issued a set of four single stamps, a sheet of four stamps and two souvenir sheets featuring paintings in the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. *The Lute Player* by Caravaggio is featured on Scott no. 3420.

**Isle of Man** issued a set of eight stamps and a souvenir sheet to commemorate *Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, on December 17, 2003. Gandalf the White, as portrayed by Sir Ian McKellen, can be found on Scott no. 1015.

**Micronesia** issued a set of four stamps and a souvenir sheet as their Christmas issue on November 5, 2003.

Three paintings by Leonardo da Vinci, Scott nos. 565-567.  
One painting by Raphael, Scott no. 568.

## AIDS Update

**Austria** issued a single stamp to honor Life Ball, the charity ball of AIDS research, on March 29, 2004. Scott no. 1950.

**Belgium** issued a sheet of ten stamps featuring famous Belgians on February 16, 2004. Peter Piot, Director of the UN Program on AIDS, can be found on Scott no. 1998a.

**China (PRC)** issued a single stamp for World AIDS Day on December 1, 2003. Scott no. 3321.

**Dominican Republic** issued a set of two stamps in the America Issue on December 21, 2000. The theme was Campaign against AIDS. Scott nos. 1371c-d.

**Solomon Islands** issued a semi-postal stamp for World AIDS Day, February 8, 2003. Scott no. B4.

**Swaziland** issued a set of four stamps for AIDS Prevention on March 9, 2004. Scott nos. 719 - 722.

**Trinidad & Tobago** issued a set of four stamps and a souvenir sheet on November 21, 2003 for World AIDS Day. Scott nos. 699 - 703.

**Vatican City** issued a single stamp, in sheets of six and labels, on June 3, 2004. The stamp is to raise money to help children who are victims of AIDS in Africa. Scott no. 1266.

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American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS)  
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www.afdcs.org



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www.utdallas.edu/library/special/wpri.html

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