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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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President's Point of View

by Angela Watson

Well, I guess GLHSC is famous once again, although not quite in the way a president of a club would ideally envision "fame."

Many of you may know that Joe Petronie and his partner Larry designed an ad for publication in *Scott Stamp Monthly*. This a major U.S. philatelic publication that features updates to all new stamp issues, and many features about our hobby. The ad looked great, it generated several responses... and also attracted some controversy.

After our ad appeared, a letter was published in the next month's issue from a (imagine this!): "Name Withheld by Request." The letter basically said that we were a disgrace to the hobby of philately and that this specific reader was offended by the fact that Scott published our ad.

Scott's editors replied with a notation that GLHSC was accredited by both the American Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. They also stated that they published this ad because we paid for it; this gave me the impression that while their editorial policy might not specifically support us, neither did they condemn us. If you think that this is not an important step, think about if we had tried to get this ad printed in a mainstream philatelic magazine even as little as ten years ago.

Now, I will freely admit that this letter passed me right by. I normally don't look at the Letters to the Editor in this publication; I subscribe for the stamp listings and the advertisements. I didn't even know about the letter until the following month, when looking at an ad opposite the letters section, my eyes caught the headline: **No Room For Bigotry.**

My curiosity piqued, I began to read the letter. As it turned out, it was a response to the letter from "Name Withheld." This letter, penned by Chris Grippo (a supporter of GLHSC) basically said that there was no place for bigotry within philately. He also spoke up about the many gay and lesbian collectors and dealers he has dealt with and that philately, above all other hobbies, was a pursuit of individuality.

I must say thanks to Chris and reaffirm what he said; Philately *is* a hobby of individuality. And within that context, stamp collecting can take on many forms. I have met people whose collections are comprised of nothing but male nudes and other people who collect the entire world. As gays and lesbians, I think we are very familiar with the concept of "live and let live." However, not everyone shares that belief.

My assurance to you, as president of GLHSC, is that this club exists in its many forms to specifically support gay and lesbian stamp collectors in *whatever* philatelic pursuit is enjoyable for them. As always, I appreciate any and all comments to my email (bleumoon@earthlink.net) or via "snail mail" (P.O. Box 3262, San Diego, CA 92163).

All of this notwithstanding, I do appreciate the fact that:

- Scott first of all published the ad; after all, no one said they had to;
- made a notation after the negative letter to the effect that GLHSC was accredited; and
- published the positive response from Chris Grippo.

I think each GLHSC member should try to support Scott for these progressive acts, by either e-mailing them or writing them or purchasing a subscription to their magazine and telling them why. Companies need the positive (*and sometimes negative*) feedback when they do things that we agree (*or disagree*) with. It's the only way they will know if they are doing a good (*or bad*) job.

I would encourage each member to contact Scott and let them know they are appreciated. Please send Joe (*his address is on Page 2*) a copy of what you do tell them, so we can have a record of it and also maybe quote you in the next newsletter.

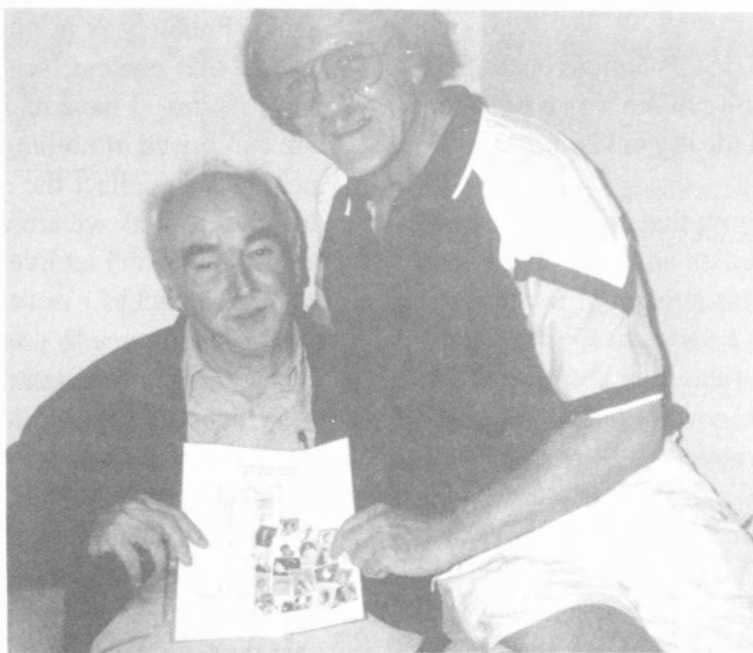
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IN MEMORIAM



Jim Kepner

1923 - 1997

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Jim Kepner. Jim was an early pioneer in the field of gay and lesbian rights. In the early fifties he helped find One Institute of Homophile Studies and he had dedicated his life to the gay and lesbian rights movement. Jim was a prolific writer, his news letters were not only interesting but also a joy to read and receive. Jim's knowledge of our gay culture will be greatly missed. He was a founder of the International Gay and Lesbian Archives in West Hollywood, CA. The Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Club, from our very beginning in 1982, has always sent the IGLA copies of our Lambda Philatelic Journal. Many times when I would be having difficulty in substantiating if an individual person was gay, straight or bisexual, I would call Jim to find what he thought or knew about the individual. Jim's expertise in gay and lesbian history was incredible. I am proud to have a copy of his book Becoming A People - a 4,000 year chronology of gay and lesbian history. Throughout the many years of doing research, and searching for the truth on individuals thought to be gay or bisexual, there were several times when I would turn to Jim for confirmation. I had spoken to Jim on the phone, seen his photo in books and magazines, and had viewed him in the video Before Stonewall. I was very proud and pleased to meet Jim in October of 1995. I was in Los Angeles for SESCAL '95 (Stamp Exhibition of Southern California), exhibiting my stamp collection Out Of The Closet. I had gone out to dinner with two of our stamp club members, and when I returned back to my hotel, Jim Kepner was there in the lobby waiting to see me and my stamp collection. Jim had been on a busy schedule, he had been at meetings most of the day. I was thrilled that Jim took the time to come way out to my hotel, by the LA airport, to meet me and view my gay stamp collection. My last correspondence to Jim was only a few weeks ago. I had tried calling him and was not able to get through, I knew that he was expecting to move, so I wrote him a post card asking him for his new phone number. Jim Kepner died in Los Angeles, November 15, 1997. He was a great inspiration to us, there should be more like him. Thanks Jim for being there for us.

Love from us all.

Paul Hennefeld

News From The Editor

The new printer seems to have worked out well. Unfortunately, I had to change a few minor things with this and future journals. The margins were slightly too small. During the copying process, the last letter of some lines were deleted. Please accept my apologies.

Also in the last issue, the G/L P.E.N. cover did not copy well. The original was in a pale yellow. Since it was on the same copy page as the Paris Europride cover, the printers had a hard time adjusting the contrast. A darker copy is included below.

Finally, several members may not have received their update to the membership directory. There were several copies left over after the journals were stuffed in the envelopes. In my haste, the envelopes were sealed as they were stuffed. If you did not receive an update, please let me know with a postcard.

As requested by several members, a new section begins in this issue of the journal. The "Member Spotlight" section can be found on page 5. Thanks to Tony for being the first person in the new section. Any one interested in being number two (or three or four), please send me a

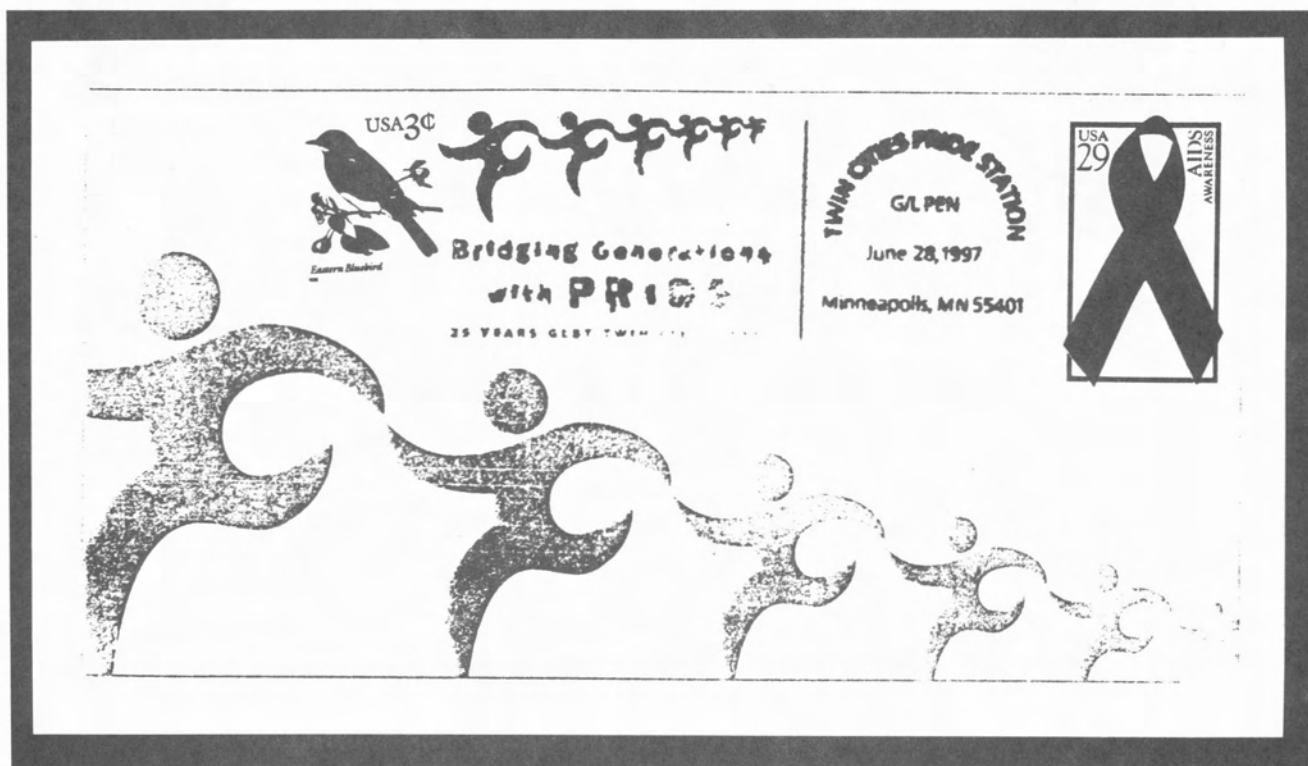
one page bio. If you'd like to include your favorite stamp(s), cover(s), etc., be sure to include them. All original items will be returned. If you have access to a scanner, or can provide something camera-ready, they'll reproduce better than a xerox copy.

Thanks to Paul Henefeld for the wonderful holiday gift enclosed with this journal. The cancel used celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Gay Activists Alliance of Morris County.

Finally, dues for 1998 are now due. Please return the enclosed form with your check made payable to "GLHSC" to me by January 31, 1998. A reminder will be sent in February to outstanding members.

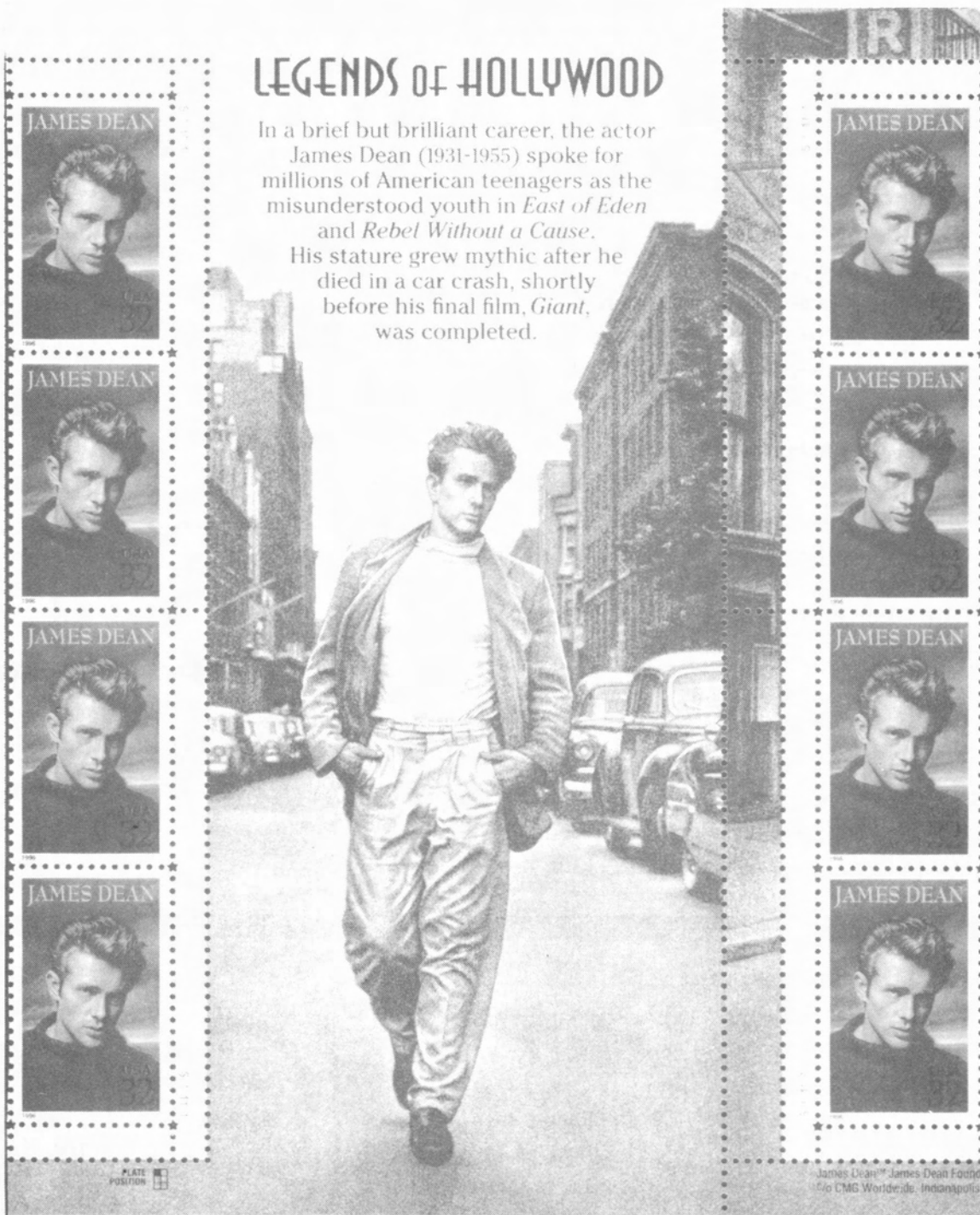


*Have a safe and happy
holiday season!*



LEGENDS of HOLLYWOOD

In a brief but brilliant career, the actor James Dean (1931-1955) spoke for millions of American teenagers as the misunderstood youth in *East of Eden* and *Rebel Without a Cause*. His stature grew mythic after he died in a car crash, shortly before his final film, *Giant*, was completed.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

In the original poster James Dean is smoking a cigarette.

Member Spotlight: Tony Andren

I began stamp collecting when I was in the second grade. At first, I collected only United States stamps. My godmother introduced me to collecting worldwide stamps when she gave me some stamps from Spain. In the last 30+ years, my collection had grown to two albums of US stamps, 7 albums of German materials and five large binders for the remainder of the world, with an emphasis on the British Empire.

Originally from Bedford, Ohio (outside of Cleveland), I grew up near Chicago, went to college in Moorhead, Minnesota, and became a music teacher. I had always said that there were two places I would never teach: on an Indian reservation or at a military base. My first job was on the Standing rock reservation at the public school in McLaughlin, south Dakota. One year in the middle of nowhere enticed me to earn a Master of Music degree at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. I held music teaching positions for the next several years in Ohio and West Virginia until I was hired by the Department of Defense Dependent's Schools (DoDDS). So much for convictions!

I am currently in my tenth year in Germany where I now teach 7th grade geography at Vilseck, a NATO training range in northern Bavaria. All of the students are children of American soldiers assigned to Germany. Vilseck is a sub-community of Grafenwoehr, the place where Elvis Presley served in the army.

Few people understand the job I perform in Germany. They feel that I should be fluent in German. While I can converse in German, my days are spent with Americans. We use English exclusively. The goal of our schools is to give the students the exact type of education as if they were in the United States. Without leaving the military post, one would never know they were in a foreign

country. We have our own stores, theaters, even our own TV network which has the most popular American shows and uses the U.S. broadcasting signal.

However, civilians like myself must live off-post and constantly switch between American and European culture. Therefore, in my home, one would find transformers so that my American appliances can run on European power. I also have two televisions, one for American videos (a recent new building across the street now blocks my American TV signal) and one for German cable TV. One learns to convert quickly between systems of measurement as well.

Being gay and working for the American military is not a problem. I came out to my colleagues seven years ago when I was assigned to this school. While it was a shock at the time, no one had given it a second thought for at least the last four years. Some of my peers have let it slip in their classes that I am gay. From what I am told, it is the worst kept secret in the American community in Vilseck. Except for an occasional fundamentalist trying to stir up trouble, my private life has not been a problem.

Being in Europe allows me to travel and collect stamps as I swing through other countries. Each year, I make a number of small weekend-type trips and several larger trips. This past year, My wanderings have taken me to London, Edinburgh, Madrid, Heidelberg, Dresden, Malta, Hamburg, Bremen, Helsinki, Manchester and Dortmund. Of course, I regularly visit the Bavarian cities of Munich, Regensburg and Nuremberg. At Christmas, I make my yearly visit back to Ohio to visit with my family. Such travels and enjoying European culture are experiences that I will always treasure with my stamps there to guide my memory.

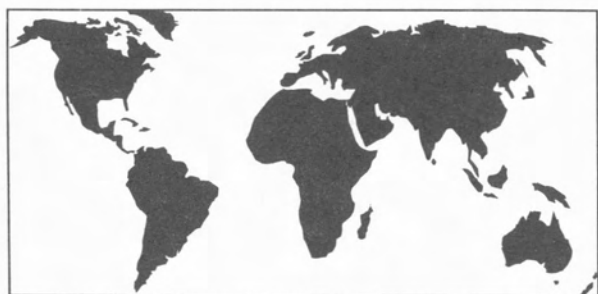
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Gay & Lesbian Update



It's a gay world...

Bulgaria issued a sheet of 4 honoring composers on May 29, 1997. Franz Schubert was one of them. Scott no. 3988b.

Equatorial Guinea issued a strip of 3. The bicentennial of Franz Schubert's birth is one of the subjects. The strip of 3 was issued on April 23, 1997. Scott no. 222a.

Germany added to its Famous women Series with the release of a Marlene Dietrich stamp on August 14, 1997. Scott no. 1726.



Ghana issued a sheet of 9 and 2 souvenir sheets on July 1, 1997 featuring entertainers. Danny Kaye can be found on Scott no. 1940b.

Grenada Grenadines issued a sheet of 9 on August 22, 1997 featuring several portraits of James Dean. Scott no. 1971 (a-i).

They also issued a sheet of 9 plus a souvenir sheet featuring characters from Disney's classic animated films.

The Little Mermaid, Scott no. 1959e.
Beauty and the Beast, Scott no. 1959f.
Aladdin, Scott no. 1959g

Latvia issued a stamp for the centennial of the Port of Ventspils on May 21, 1997. Hermes and Poseidon are featured on Scott no. 445.

Liberia issued two sheets of 8 on 9/3/97 featuring contemporary artists and their paintings. Andy Warhol can be found on Scott no. 1275a. His work "Multicolored Retrospective" can be found on Scott no. 1275b.

Mali issued a sheet of 9 featuring various entertainers in 1997. James Dean can be found on Scott no. 904h.

Monaco issued a set of 2 for their Europa Issue, "Stories and Legends", on May 5, 1997. The Port of Hercules, named for the mythological Hercules, can be found on Scott no. 2044.

Montserrat issued a set of 4 featuring American rock stars in 1997. Janis Joplin is featured on one, Scott no. 926.

Romania issued a set of 3 honoring famous people. This set was issued March 27, 1997. Franz Schubert is featured on the 400 L value, Scott no. 4147.

Sierra Leone issued a sheet of 9 plus a souvenir sheet on August 15, 1997 featuring Classic Horror Movies. Charles Laughton, in a scene from *Island of Lost Souls*, 1933, can be found on Scott no. 2034e.

United States issued its 1997 version of the American Music Series featuring classical composers and conductors on September 12, 1997. There were eight designs in a pane of 20. Samuel Barber can be found on Scott no. 3162.

AIDS Update

Brazil issued another campaign against AIDS stamp on April 7, 1997. Scott no. 2624.

Tanzania issued a set of 4 and a souvenir sheet for World AIDS Day. Scott no. 1586-89 and 1590.

Viet Nam issued a prevention of AIDS stamp in 1997. Scott no. 2782.

AIDS Stamp Listing

COUNTRY	DATE	SCOTT NO.	MICHEL NO.	HAVE
Algeria	12/3/94	1025	1122	
Andorra (FR)	5/9/94	436-37	465	
Andorra (SP)	5/6/94	228-29	238	
Angola	5/5/94	899-901	957-9	
Argentina	12/12/92	1786-87	2161-62	
Bahamas	12/1/95	847-8	887-88	
Belgium	11/6/95	B1125	2672	
Bhutan	12/1/88	761-3	1075-77	
Bolivia	10/13/93	890	1224	
Botswana	9/23/96			
Brazil	4/6/90	2242	2351	
Brazil	4/7/97	2624		
Brunei	12/1/90	420-2	424, 426	
Burkina Faso	4/7/89	869	1205	
Cameroon	6/15/05	884-5	1200-1	
Cameroon	1/15/91	859-60	1173-4	
Canada	5/8/96	1603	1539	
Cape Verde	2/20/91	592-3	603-4	
Central African Republic	1/24/91	982-4	1451-3	
Congo Republic	12/1/88	816-8	1137-9	
Cyprus	6/26/95	866	857	
Denmark	10/10/96	B81	1138	
Ethiopia	12/1/88	1234-7	1316-9	
Ethiopia	1/31/91	1307-9	1389-91	
France	4/30/94	2419	3021	
France	12/1/94		3021Zf	
Gabon	1996	827		
Greece	5/22/92	1733	1797	
Greenland	9/9/93	261	238	
Guatemala	12/1/92	C845	1327	
Guinea-Bissau	11/8/90	895	1121	
Guyana	12/1/88	1984a-e	2395-2407	
Italy	1/13/89	1762	2070	
Japan	8/5/94	2401	2244	
Jordan	12/1/93	1459-61	1526A-7A	
Jugoslavija	9/24/88	1911	2299	
Kenya	10/31/91	559-62	541-4	
Macedonia	12/1/94	R56-R60	Zw67-70, Block 12A-B	
Macedonia	12/1/95	RA76	Zw 82, Block 17AB	
Madagascar	7/29/92	1059	1384	
Maldiv Islands	12/1/88	1307-8	1318-9	
Mali	6/30/94	700-1		
Mexico	4/7/89	1609	2126	
Monaco	10/17/94	1927	2204	
Morocco	12/16/91	730	1201	
Myanmar	1/30/92	310	311	
Nepal	12/1/93	521	544	
Niger	2/28/89	794-5	1059-60	
Paraguay	5/4/95	2508-9	4689-90	

AIDS Stamp Listing

COUNTRY	DATE	SCOTT NO.	MICHEL NO.	HAVE
Peru	12/1/93	1064	1506	
Philippines	12/12/94	2340		
Russia	11/25/93	6183	347	
San Marino	9/19/88	1162-5	1395-8	
Senegal	12/1/89	870-3	1045-8	
Sri Lanka	11/30/90	988-9	939-40	
Switzerland	10/15/94	949	1534	
Syria	12/24/90	1233	1819	
Syria	8/18/96	1373	1977	
Tanzania	1997	1586-89, 1590		
Thailand	3/29/90	1340	1357	
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus	12/13/91	313	319	
Uganda	10/28/88	622-5	602	
United Nations - Geneva	3/16/90	SU184-5	184-5	
United Nations - New York	3/16/90	NY573-4	598-9	
United Nations - Vienna	3/16/90	AU99-100	100-1	
United States	12/1/93	2806, 2806a	2426A,E,K	
Uruguay	3/8/91	1361-2	1891-2	
Uruguay	12/1/91	1408-9	1934-5	
Uruguay	12/1/93	1518	2017	
Vanuatu	11/29/91	547-50	875-8	
Viet Nam	1997	2782		
Zaire	12/1/89	1249-52	957-9, Block 58	

COUNTRY	DATE	SCOTT NO.	MICHEL NO.	PERSON	HAVE
Antigua & Barbuda	6/17/05			Greg Louganis	
Antigua & Barbuda	5/11/87	1045	1058	Rock Hudson	
Barbuda	11/5/87		1014	Rock Hudson	
Brazil	11/20/86	2086	2199	Glauber Rocha	
Brazil	4/22/91	2298	2396	Cazuza	
Central African Republic	6/17/05			Freddie Mercury	
Central African Republic	9/23/76	C149	421	John Curry	
Central African Republic	4/11/77	C174	482	John Curry	
Dominca	1996	1852		Greg Louganis	
Dominica	9/8/88	1097	1128	Wlad Liberace	
Gambia	8/17/95	1646		Greg Louganis	
Guyana	7/25/96	3085h		Earvin "Magic" Johnson	
Hungary	8/21/86	2997	3835A-B	Moritz Kapusi	
Kenya	1/5/96	667a	652	Greg Louganis	
Kuwait	3/19/83	912-14	999-1001	Viral Diseases	
Lesotho	11/18/88	679	756	Arthur Ashe	
Madagascar	6/16/05			Freddie Mercury	
North Korea	?			Greg Louganis	
Palau	7/10/92	309	Block 15	Greg Louganis	
San Marino	9/18/89	1187-89	1424-26	Rudolf Nureyev	
St. Thomas & Principe	7/29/92	1055c	Block 282	Earvin "Magic" Johnson	
St. Vincent	12/22/92	1744b	2282	Earvin "Magic" Johnson	
St. Vincent				Greg Louganis	
St. Vincent Grenadines	8/24/95			Earvin "Magic" Johnson	
St. Vincent Grenadines	1994			Greg Louganis	
Tanzania	7/15/93	1089a	1574	Arthur Ashe	
Tanzania	9/18/95	1359e	1357 + booklet	Greg Louganis	