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The annual Picnic at San Rafael Park was an outstanding success. Some had a little trouble to locate the site, but after that all went well. **Dick and Dee Dreiling** put their best efforts to work and provided us with great hamburgers and hot dogs. In a short time all were eating and drinking and talking. Some played games, while others traded information about the various locations of the United States. What a place. Hope that NSSS will have it again, there. **Jim Ringer** was the man who was instrumental in locating and securing the site for us. Great job by all. Many brought various foods to complement the hamburgers and hot dogs. What a picnic.

We had a guest this last month. **Bud Cohan**, from Zepher Cove. WE wish to welcome and hope he will join our organization.

The Post-Boy is a little late this month. Ye olde Editor has been pretty busy attending weddings, dinners and dancing. Then comes the 1940 Class Reunion which will occur between the first and last meeting of this month. Then comes a month of relaxing.

There has been some talk about publishing a list of all the new issues of the various countries. Would you like to see such a list. Please let me know. It will take 2 or 3 pages to put this on paper.

Roy Zimmerman has moved to South Carolina and he will be missed.

Plans are in progress for **NEVPEX 2001**, which the only way we can have a successful show.

There is a new source for sending you excess stamps to the VA. The address is as follows:

Stamps for VA
Tom Hollywood,
25212 Stockport Dr., #138
Laguna Hills, CA 92653-4943

He would appreciate any contributions

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TRIESTE---To Be, Or Not To Be

By NOTE: This article was written BEFORE the finalization of the partitions of JOSEPH V. the areas known as TRIESTE ZONES "A" AND "B" IN 1954. Political intrigue abounds.
BUSH

"To BE...or NOT to be," THAT is the BIG political question concerning the area: the FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE. (tree-EST).

Ever since the Security Council of the United Nations voted to establish this coveted area as a Free Territory on February 10, 1947, Trieste has become "an apple of discord" among the nations of Yugoslavia, Italy, Russia, and the remains of the Allies, America, Great Britain and France.

To understand the "why" of the fuss about Trieste, we must first note the strategic location of Trieste

which is east of Venice, on the Adriatic, and bordering Yugoslavia. Trieste, the port city, is the center of the large piece of land called the Free Territory of Trieste which is made up of some 20 smaller villages and towns; total population is around 300,000, and the entire area takes in approximately 276 square miles.

Historically, Trieste began during the reign of the Roman Empire when it was founded by the Carnic Gauls and became a Roman colony known as Tergeste (a name still used by

many). Even then, it was sought after by nations, plus the Byzantine Empire, Charlemagne in 787, Venice in the 13th century, and the Hapsburgs in 1382; all took turns occupying this seaport. Charles VI declared it an Imperial Free Port in 1719 and it flourished that way until 1891. In between times, though, it suffered under Napoleonic occupation but always managed to survive and come back stronger than ever as a desirable seaport.

Northern seaports, especially Hamburg, took some of her trade away during Austrian occupation, but she still was the "apple of Austria's eye" and attempts were made to have large

groups of Slavs migrate to Trieste in an effort to wrest it from the Italians via political action. The Italians were not to be denied and finally their flag was hoisted over the city on October 30, 1918, and it became part of Italy. There it remained except for an occupation period by the Nazis in World War II.

This brings us up to the present which finds the Free Territory of Trieste divided into Zone A occupied by 5,000 troops from Great Britain and the same number from the United States—merely to maintain peace and the status quo, and Zone B, adjacent to Yugoslavia occupied by Tito's forces.

Tito, much in need of a first class port will not settle for less than all of Trieste. Before Tito broke off with the iron curtain, Russia would have gone along with this idea. Now Russia supposedly prefers to see discord and insists on a Free Trieste which fact would puncture the pride of Tito, and make the Italians turn against the U. S. for allowing such a thing to happen—so the Allies are caught in-between regardless what the final outcome.

What makes the dividing of the territory difficult is the fact that the city of Trieste is literally an island of Italians surrounded by the more urban Yugoslavs who live in the foothills. The claim of popular support within Zone "A" has been dimmed for the Pro-Tito forces by the result of local elections on May 26, 1952. Pro-Tito parties received approximately 5,000 of a total of 180,000 votes. Those groups favoring an independent Free Territory numbered 22,500 as compared to only half that number in 1949. About 60% favored return to Italy.

In the meantime, Italian stamps are being overprinted AMG-FTT and are used in Zone A.

Thompson carried Genoa's mail for 20 years

BY GUY RICHARDSON
RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL

“He took it upon himself to take the mail through when it wasn't getting through, and he did it with no complaint.”

That is the capsule version of the story of John “Snowshoe” Thompson, as told by Mary Jane Harding, Snowshoe Thompson Festival chairwoman.

For 20 years, Thompson carried 100 pounds of mail and supplies every two weeks during the winter from Genoa to Placerville, Calif.

He carried the mail from 1856 to 1876, when he died at age 49.

He never got paid.

The town of Genoa holds a Snowshoe Thompson Festival to honor the mailman and to show what life was like in the Carson Valley those many years ago.

Thompson is buried in Genoa, and you can see his gravesite and headstone. Harding said funds are being raised for a new monument, made of stone from Thompson's native Norway. The stone is scheduled to be on

display at the Snowshoe festival June 24-25.

You may notice “Thompson” is misspelled “Thomson” on Thompson's current headstone, a typo that's led generations of newspaper writers and amateur historians down the garden path of a wrongly removed “p” in Thompson's name.

“I'm guessing about this, but a lot of people in those days didn't read or write well and spelled phonetically,” Harding said. “So his name could have come out ‘Thomson’ when they went to carve the stone.”

By whatever name, Thompson was a quiet hero, carving his own skis, hauling mail across snow, sleet and other things that are vowed not to stop mail carriers.

The festival will do more than just memorialize Thompson. You can see how early blacksmiths shod horses, how lead bullets were handmade, see cooking and sewing demonstrations and more.

Genoa native Billie Jean Rightmire will guide you through the cemetery and talk about



“Snowshoe” Thompson

some of the other people buried there.

Ernie Fanning, also known as a cowboy poet, will drive a haywagon through Genoa and talk about the history of the town, which claims to be Nevada's oldest and once was called Mormon Station.

The 40-minute haywagon ride costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for children younger than 12.

There will be arts and crafts booths, and collectibles for sale and for ogling. There will be Chautauqua portrayals by local schoolchildren.

“The ‘Snowshoe’ I saw this morning at a local club was only 8

years old and he was impressive,” Harding said. “He was unrattled and paused while he spoke just like he was pulling the thoughts out of the air.”

On Saturday, the Basque Club of Carson City will serve chorizo sandwiches, with proceeds going to the Carson Valley Historical Society.

The Daughters of Norway — Thompson was Norwegian, remember — will serve homemade Norwegian cookies. There will also be music all weekend.

Asked if the age of the “step forward” community volunteer like Thompson was over,

Harding said absolutely not.

She gave as an example Grace Bower.

Bower does the Thompson fest, is in charge of docents for two museums and raises funds for the Carson Valley Historical Society.

She also has worked with the kids of the children's Chautauqua and more. Bower is not young (in years) but she is indefatigable in spirit.

“She's so full of energy she keeps me going,” Harding said. “But there are always people who step forward and say ‘I'll do it.’”

TOPICAL CHECKLIST

Hot air balloons on stamps

In September of 1783, a sheep, a duck and a rooster became the first passengers in a hot air balloon launched by French brothers Joseph and Etienne Montgolfier.

Two months later, the first recorded manned flight took place when two noblemen from the court of Louis XVI ascended 500 feet over Paris in a paper and silk Montgolfier balloon. The pair piloted for 22 minutes before landing miles away in a country vineyard.

Balloons used for modern passenger flight were developed in the United States during the early 1960s. Constructed of rip-stop nylon, they utilize an LPG gas burner to heat the air within the envelope.

Today, the sport of hot air ballooning has spread around the world. There are over 5,000 balloon

pilots in the United States alone.

This checklist of hot air balloon stamps was compiled in March 1997 and appears courtesy of Pat MacGregor, Helen Cushman and Kenneth Berry.

If you have issues to add to this list, send them to "Checklist Updates" at the American Topical Association address listed below.

This is one of more than 400 topical checklists available to members of the ATA, the world's largest organization for collectors of philatelic material by topic.

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ATA, Box 50820, Albuquerque, NM 87181-0820.

COUNTRY	ISSUED	SCOTT	DESCRIPTION
Aitutaki	22-Jul-83	288-92	Sport hot air balloons
Australia	1984	PS	Air letters/sport hot air balloons
Belgium	11-Jun-83	1146-47	Sport hot air balloons
Benin	20-Feb-79	421	Sport hot air balloon
Brazil	18-Oct-67	1062.a	Sport hot air balloon
Cape Verde	07-Apr-89	548	Sport hot air balloon
Czech Republic	25-Jan-73	1861	Sport hot air balloon
Czech Republic	14-Sep-79	2257	Sport hot air balloon
French Antarctic	01-Jan-83	C82	Sport hot air balloon
Great Britain	05-Oct-83	1032	Sport hot air balloon

COUNTRY	ISSUED	SCOTT	DESCRIPTION
Grenada	18-Jul-83	1174	Sport hot air balloons
Guinea	16-Oct-74	676	Sport hot air balloon
Guinea-Bissau	15-Jan-83	448	Sport hot air balloons
Guinea-Bissau	15-Jan-83	449	Sport hot air balloon race
Haiti	22-Sep-71	C369-70	Sport hot air balloon
Haiti	17-Mar-72	C374-75	o/p on C369-70
Haiti	04-May-72	C380-18	o/p on C369-70
Haiti	01-Jul-72	C384	o/p on C369
Hungary	05-Apr-83	C440	Sport hot air balloon race
Hungary	05-Apr-83	C441	HA-001 1977 sport balloon

COUNTRY	ISSUED	SCOTT	DESCRIPTION
Hungary	05-Apr-83	C442	HA-901 1981 sport balloon
Hungary	05-Apr-83	C443	HA-804 1982 sport balloon
Hungary	05-Apr-83	C445	Sport hot air balloons
India	21-Nov-83	1036	Sport hot air balloon
Israel	21-Jun-94	1203	hot air ballooning, filling
Israel	21-Jun-94	1204	balloons in flight
Israel	21-Jun-94	1205	marking target
Japan	17-Nov-89	1998	Hot Air-Balloon World Championships
Japan	01-Mar-84	P516	Sport hot air balloon
Japan	01-Mar-84	P911	Sport hot air balloon
Japan	01-Jun-84	P1032	Sport hot air balloon
Japan	02-Jul-84	P1062	Sport hot air balloon
Laos	04-May-83	462-3	Sport hot air balloon
Libya	01-Nov-83	1144a-b	Sport hot air balloon
Libya	01-Nov-83	1144c	Meusnier's 1785 balloon & Sport hot air balloon
Libya	01-Nov-83	1144d	Blanchard & Jeffries' 1785 & Sport Hot air balloon
Libya	Nov-83	1144e	Montgolfier's 1783, & Sport hot air balloon
Libya	01-Nov-83	1144f	Montgolfier's "Maria" 1783 & Sport hot air balloon
Mali	29-Dec-72	C170-71	Sport hot air balloon
Mongolia	27-Aug-93	2139a	Sport hot air balloon
Poland	02-Jul-68	1592	Sport hot air balloon, 1968
Redonda	15-Sep-83	8309	Sport hot air balloon
Russia	07-Oct-38	684	Sport balloon of 1938
Rwanda	04-Jun-84	1189	Sport hot air balloons
Rwanda	04-Jun-84	1190	Sport hot air balloon
Sierra Leone	06-Feb-95	1788b	hot air balloon at Lillehammer
Spain	24-Mar-66	1340	Sport hot air balloon
Surinam	19-Oct-83	660	Sport hot air balloons
Switzerland	21-Feb-79	673	Sport hot air balloon
Turkey	16-Feb-85	2311	Sport hot air balloon
Uganda	29-Oct-84	426	Sport hot air balloons
United States	31-Mar-83	2032-35	Sport hot air balloon
United States	10-Feb-73	UC46	Sport hot air balloons
Yugoslavia	04-Oct-71	1080	Sport hot air balloon
Zaire	28-Jun-83	1167	Sport hot air balloons

This is a partial list of U.S.A. of stamps to be issued for the year 2000;

- June 14. The Stars and Stripes. Baltimore, MD, 21233
- June 14. The Stars and Stripes, postcard
- June 16. Vertical coils. Buffalo, NY 14240
- July 1. \$15 Mottled Duck. Duck Hunting stamp. Dept. of Interior.
- July 6. Legends of Baseball. Atlanta, GA 30304
- July 6. Legends of Baseball. Postcards Atlanta, GA 30304

July 7 to

July 11. Space Achievement and Exploration. The following items can be purchased from the Post Office Department.

- July 7th Item No. 111700
- July 8th Item No. 111800
- July 9th Item No. 111600
- July 10th Item No. 500800
- July 11th Item No. 108100
- July 11th Item No. 500300

These items will be issued at the World Stamp Expo 2000, Anaheim, CA 92803.

The World Stamp Expo 2000 will start on July 7th and run through July 16th. Your recent issue of a stamp magazine or newsletter will have a list of events that will take place each day.

Unfortunately, this issue of Post Boy may not have reached you in time to visit the first day of the show. The \$11.75 Achievements in Exploration circular hologram will be issued on Fri. July 7 and the \$11.75 Landing on the Moon pane will issued on Sat. July 8th. There will lots of lectures on many subjects relating to stamps and stamp collecting. Including bidding on the E-bay, "Who issue stamps these days."; "Where might EFOs be discovered."; "The art of buying and selling stamps for collectors."; "Modern Postal History Documenting Automation of the Mails."; "Railway Philately." and many other interesting topics provided by some of the outstanding Philatelists in the United States. You should try to attend, if you can find the time.

Sept. 33 cent California Statehood. Pane of 20. Sacramento, CA. 98513. no date.

Sept. 33 cent Claude Pepper. Pane of 20, Tallahassee, FL, 32301. no date.

Oct. 2. Deep-sea Creatures. 5 views of 33 cent value. Pane of 15. Monterey CA. 93940.

There are about 6 more issues that do not have a confirmed date of issue. As these dates are made available, they will be posted in the Post-Boy.

Next month there will be a new issue list for Canada and the United Nations. Lists of all the countries would take 2 pages and would have to be updated every month.

Here is the answers to the Quiz for the month of June.

1. First Day Cover
2. Perforates
3. Watermark
4. Catalog
5. Postcard.

For the July Quiz, for which you will receive 20 handsome Auction Bucks for each correct answer, here is some of those mixed up words.

1. ASPTMS
2. LAPCITO
3. SUISE
4. THXBELI
5. TALPE

These may seem to be a little easier than June's but, wait until August. Good Luck.

A couple of cartoons follows. These were sent in by George Costello.

