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October already? What happened to the summer? What happened to the year? Maybe this year the winter will be good to us.

As you can see, the news is a little behind the times, as it is almost November. My apologies for not getting this rag out in a more timely manner but mother nature made a call on me and has kept me under the weather for a while. Hmmm. Always wondered about that old saw, Doesn't the weather come from the sky? Aren't we all under the weather? All the time?

What a marvelous surprise to find the September program was about the propaganda forgeries from World War II. One of my favorite subjects. **Mike Potter** brought the program to us from the German Philatelic Society. Thank you Mike. I didn't realize so many of the forgeries weren't really forgeries at all, rather they were parodies. There was no program for October and probably not in November but Mike is hoping for one on the Zeppelins in January from the GPS.

Just a reminder that the

Auction Bucks auction will be on the next meeting. Now is a good time to start setting aside what you will want to bring for the auction. Start counting your bucks, too. be prepared to bid high because everybody else wants the same thing you do. Isn't that always the way?

Speaking of coming events, you may also want to prepare yourself for the **Christmas Party**. It will be held on the first Saturday of December at the Masonic Temple. address is 601 W. Pekham. Turn west on Pekham off Virginia Street. Its six blocks on the corner. Guests are always welcome, just be sure to bring one present for each guest and yourself so that everybody gets a gift when we exchange. Don't spend a lot of money, We keep a ten dollar spending limit which is about enough for a couple of candy bars or a half gallon of gas. No need to be extravagant.

I would like to remind all that part of our contract (not written) with the Heritage Museum in exchange for the use of it for our meetings is that we will provide members to act as docents for the museum. They are in need of

our help. If you can spare an hour our two per week, you can help fulfill our commitment. You don't have to be a history major to show people around the museum. Please help.

Dick Dreiling would like to bring your attention to the “**2005 Christmas Museum**”, a “Holiday Wonderland of Exhibits” that will be in the Heritage Museum starting on November 22 and will run to December 31. There will be an admission charge of \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 and under. The proceeds will go to the museum to continue cataloguing and preserving the many historical items in the museum's care. Come on down and enjoy the exhibits. Dick tells me it will knock your socks off.

I noticed some interest in the up-coming **SACAPEX** philatelic show. It will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Sacramento. The address is 6151 H Street (H at Carlson). There will be 28 dealers, a youth collecting center, door prizes and, of course, exhibits. There will also be a silent bid sale on Saturday at noon and 2:30pm. On Sunday there will be meetings of the GG Precancel, CA Revenue and the FDC Societies. The theme of the show will be “Celebrating Presidential Libraries.”

Perhaps that's the stamp I should have used on your cover (the one this newsletter comes in), but instead, I opted for a more colorful and exciting stamp. Its called **Bailemos**, Spanish for “Let's Dance”. There are four dances repre-sented. The Salsa, Merengue,



Mambo and the Cha-Cha-Cha. Some of you will get the dance steps printed on the selvage of your cover. Those of you who don't know how to dance can learn from your stamps. Aren't you the lucky one!

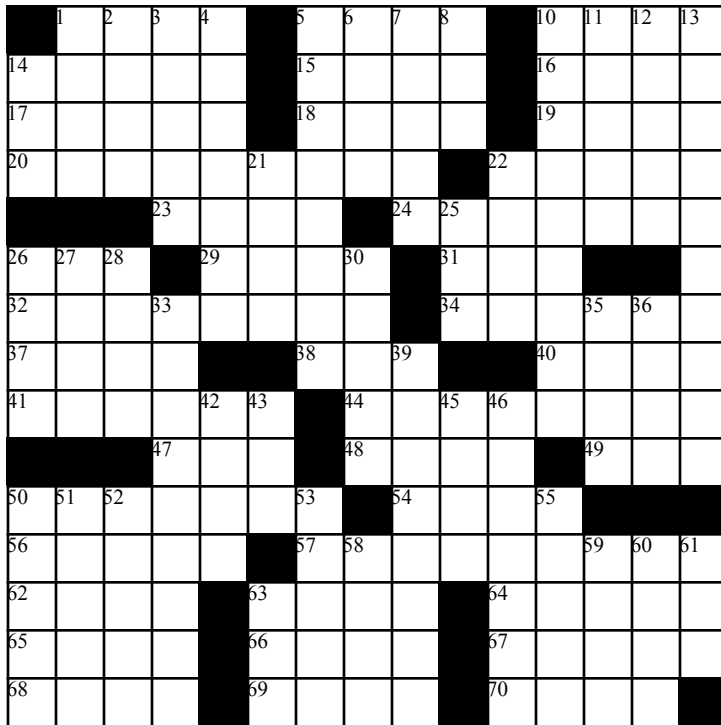
The **Santa Clara Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo** will be held Nov. 17 to 20 at the Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway. Opens 11am on Thurs. Runs 10am to 7 pm, closes at 3 on Sun. \$8.00 adm.

The **Stamp Fair** at San Francisco will be at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, 1500 Van Ness. Sat 10am -6pm, Sun. 10am to 3pm.

PENPEX 2005 will be held in Redwood City on Dec. 3rd - 4th at the Community Activities Bldg. on 1400 Roosevelt Ave. Take hwy. 101 or 280 to Woodside Rd., go north on Valota Rd., approx. one mile to Roosevelt Ave., right two blocks, the show is on the left. Hours are 10am to 5:30pm on Saturday and closes at 4pm on Sunday. www.penpex.org

Stamp Crossword

by William Canine



Something a little different for the Post Boy. Thought you might enjoy it. The solution is on page 7.

DOWN

1. Mix
2. Anderson of "WKRP"
3. Gabriel (US 1363)
4. Strait between Italy and Sicily
5. US- 1922 commemorated it's completion
6. Fiber yielding plant (Rhodesia 353)
7. Nairobi is it's capital
8. Former spouses
9. T.J. Jackson (US 788)
10. Portuguese territory
11. Muscat citizen
12. Kentucky college
13. Serpent (Israel 277)
20. Former Chinese money
21. Stravinsky (US 1845)
24. Lawyer's degree
25. Run _____ (go berserk)
26. Dutch Caribbean island
27. Later
29. East African Lake (Malawi 15)
32. French philosopher (330)
34. Enthusiasm
35. The Z in Zip Code
36. "Old Hickory" (US 812)
39. American comic
42. Israeli Port
43. Zoo. or Biol.
45. Paddles
46. _____ da Cunha
50. New Zealander (122-5)
51. Hussein I's capital
52. Frances longest river
53. Guam's capital
55. Cursed
58. "Exodus" author
59. Reformer Robert (FR Br 782)
60. First name of 32D
61. Malayan isthmus
63. River into White Sea.

ACROSS

1. Shut loudly
5. Garden tool
9. Wooden post
13. Make up for
14. Trebeck of "Jeopardy"
15. Weekly magazine
16. Does like Caruso
17. Charged atoms
18. _____ Khayyam
19. Clergyman chemist (US 2038).
21. Hole _____ for Ouimet
22. Prevaricator
23. North Africa Republic
25. Clean _____ whistle
28. Gas used in signs
30. Girl Scouts founder (US 975)
31. One time Burmese capital
33. French explorer (Fr Eq Af 45)
37. Woodwind
38. European blackbird
40. Former Nicaraguan capital
41. "The Sunflower State" (1183)
44. Its emblem is the thistle
47. Depression group (US 2037)
48. At a distance
49. In Romania, 100 bani
50. Mosquito borne disease (US 1194)
54. Showy flower (S Africa 408)
56. Dean Martin's "That's _____"
57. It's involved in picking philatelic winners
62. Leave out
63. Marx (Albania 767)
64. Eiffel's creation (France B85)
65. Like superb stamps
66. Oklahoma city
67. Rose Bowl, for one
68. Suffixes for Paul, Carol etc
69. Neighbor of Conn
70. Hawaiian Goose

<http://home.ionet.net/%7Eparaoles/ROCKET.HTM>

THE ROCKET MAIL PAGE



This site was put together because Paul A Raoles was unable to locate a website on the internet that gave any hint that Rocket Mail exists in this universe. Paul created a

site and now we all have access to information about his favorite subject. Necessity is truly the mother of invention. Mr. Raoles created this site in September of 1997 and since that time, not many rocket mail pages have appeared. I did an AOL search and came up with sites that gave a nod to rocket mail, treated it as a motherless child or sold it. but there were no sites (that I could find) that were dedicated to Rocket Mail with a capital "R" & "M".

Mr. Raoles has created a page here that may cause you to take up Rocket Mail as a new area of philately to indulge yourself. Don't go if you don't have the time to expand your collection. There are many areas of interest, for instance, I always thought rocket mail, as a project, ended in the thirties. The second page of this site is called "News"! How can there be news about a subject that hasn't existed since the thirties? It's simpler than one might think. Rocket mail is still happening. If our (and others) attempts to colonize outer space are successful, rocket mail may become the biggest thing in philately since the penny black. As for modern rocket mail, read the news. Some rocket mail is being sent out from the Black Rock dessert.



Rocket mail has been around since it was started in 1931 by Friedrich Schiemdl near Radegund, Austria when he flew 102 covers on February 2 that year. Since that time rocket mail has been launched in Germany, France, Holland, India and the US. Other countries were also involved. Everytime I read a new sent-ence, I find another country that flew rocket mail. Of course, Mr. Raoles may correct me on this as it looks like rocket mail was a private effort and was not flown by countries.

Go to the bottom of the page and you will find a number of reference books available, societies to join, dealers to buy from, more information on the rocketeers and lots of other sites to visit. Most importantly there is a link that will take you to page two.

This a very simple, straightforward site, very much the type of site I would put together if I had internet abilities. I like this site and so will you. Be sure to visit and when you do, drop a line to Mr. Raoles and let him know what you think. His address is at the bottom of the page. Maybe you can make a contribution to his news page if you collect rocket mail, too.

The time may have come to take the quiz inside and sit in the comfort of your living room by the fire with a cup of cocoa spiced with a dash of cinnamon or nutmeg and topped with marshmallows. Or maybe not. It might get to 75 on the day you choose to do this quiz. It won't take long. Its easy.

1. An airmail postal card was issued in 1967 for the Boy Scout World Jamboree. What was the denomination?
A) Six cents B) Ten cents C) Fifteen cents
2. Ramón Magsaysay appeared on the first Champion of Liberty stamp. What country did he come from?
A) Hungary B) Poland C) Philippines
3. The 100th anniversary of what kind of business is marked by a 1927 stamp?
A) Mail order B) Manufacturing C) Railroads
4. What author is shown on the one cent stamp in the Famous Americans series?
A) Edgar Allen Poe B) Washington Irving C) Nathaniel Hawthorne
5. The first automated post office in the US was the subject of a 1960 stamp. Where was it?
A) Providence, RI B) New York, NY C) Philadelphia, PA
6. What is the athlete doing on the Professional Baseball stamp of 1969?
A) Diving into a base B) Catching a fly ball C) Swinging a bat
7. Edgar Lee Masters appears on a 1970 commemorative. What was his claim to fame?
A) Artist B) Poet C) Movie director
8. On the Trans-Mississippi issue of 1898, what is shown on the eight cent stamp?
A) Troops guarding a wagon train B) Beef crossing a river
C) An old sailing ship
9. What kinds of cattle are shown on the eight cent rural America stamp of 1973?
A) Herefords B) Brahmas C) Longhorns
10. The "Swamp Fox of the Carolinas" was honored on a 1982 postal card. Who was he?
A) Gen. G. C. Scott B) Gen. F. Marion C) Gen. T. Gage

See? It was practically painless and another 100 Bucks in your pocket.

A simple quiz with three possible correct answers on the first question (and one possible wrong answer). Hope you did well.

1. - A & C) Washington Irving wrote the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" in 1819 as part of "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent. (1819-1820)" during a trip to England. Scott # 1548 pictures a scene from that story featuring both of the main characters.

2. - B) President Abraham Lincoln knew many things about the world and much more about the U. S. but he knew nothing of flight or airmail. His picture appears on C59

3. - C) Fractional values were introduced in 1925 to meet the new third class (commercial) rates. The half cent (#803) bore the likeness of Benjamin Franklin.

4. - B) The color of the Thomas Edison stamp (# 654-56), issued to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the invention of the incandescent lamp (and the lighting of America) in 1879 was carmine, or, more precisely, "carmine rose".

5. - A) #1177 was issued to honor Horace Greeley who founded the New Yorker, was anti-slavery and pushed northern opinions in that direction before the Civil War. He also lobbied (editorialized) for anti-liquor legislation. Can't be right all the time!

6. - B) Gold was discovered at Sutter's mill by James Marshall on January 4, 1848, starting a gold rush, most of which occurred in 1849 by a group known as the 49'ers (48'ers just doesn't sound right). # 954 was issued in 1948 to celebrate that event.

7. - B) During the Revolutionary War French and American forces occupied Fort Sackville in Indiana. the British captured it from them. In 1779 George Rogers Clark recaptured it, gaining the "Northwest Territories" for the US. #651 honors General Clark with a two cent, carmine and black stamp.

8. - A) Three issues, # 1076, 1077 and 1078 from 1956 shows us the turkey (fowl), pronghorn antelope (mammal) and king salmon (fish). These are the first American postage stamps dedicated to the preservation of wildlife.

9. - A) Issued to publicize the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915, #397 depicts Vasco Nunez de Balboa, often cite as the discover of the Pacific ocean. Actually, he was the first *European* to see the Pacific from American shores.

10. - B) # 1440 shows one of the oldest surviving houses in the US. Designed by Benjamin Latrobe and completed in 1818 for naval hero Steven Decatur.

I am always amazed and delighted at how much history is reflected in these stamps. 100 Auction Bucks for getting them all.

I hope when you finish reading this diatribe that you will say out loud, "That old fool, of course I use stamps other than the garden variety pushed by the counter people at USPS, or that non-philatelic label they love to have spit out by the machine and then slap on our packages.

With a certain amount of pride we call ourselves stamp collectors or even philatelists (if we can pronounce it properly). That should mean more than filling a chair for three to four hours a month at our meetings, drinking coffee, noshing on a donut and chit-chatting with the people around you.

I'm as patriotic as the next person, and more often than not put a U.S. Flag sticker or quotation/saying on my letters and packages. But, instead of the flag issues, I use stamps from the wide array of issues that are available for the asking at every USPS outlet.

Most of you know that I don't personally collect much in the way of U.S. stamps, but a lot of people do, and especially the young people we are looking to as the future of our hobby.

Let's make sure that they have something to collect other than such niche items as the 15 slightly different "flag over the porch" stamps.

Buy and use the U.S. Commemoratives when paying bills, sending cards, and for other occasions.

When you have a package to send, tell the USPS clerk that you want to have real stamps on the item, not that machine printed label.

You'll have to be quick, USPS has indoctrinated them to use the machine.

You may also get some nasty looks.

Well, tough cheese. You are the customer with the money, and USPS is supposedly selling a service . . .

Stan Cronwall



I've always enjoyed crossword puzzles. They give the mind exercise and keep it active, even if you let the other end go. Sorry, no auction bucks, just fun.

Stamp Crossword Solution

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OK, MY STAMPS ARE HOME, NOW WHAT?

There are three simple rules to always remember when working with your collection:

1. Never use your hands to handle your stamps if you can use tongs.
2. Always use storage materials designed for use with philatelic material.
3. Don't smoke, eat, or drink around your stamps, or store them in areas where people are smoking, drinking, or eating.

Why tongs? Your hands may be clean, but even freshly washed hands carry traces of oils and acids given off naturally by your skin. Repeated handling of stamps with your fingers will leave residues on the stamps, and over time these will build up and cause paper deterioration and staining. The gum on mint stamps is also easily disturbed by finger tip pressure. Proper use of tongs prevents paper acidification and can save that valuable mint gum! (This also applies to handling covers. While most modern material is never going to be worth enough to really worry about, old and/or valuable covers should always be handled with cotton gloves to avoid contamination with oils and acids.)

And why not store your stamps in baggies and old vinyl binders? While this may be the cheap way to go, watch out for inappropriate materials that may come into contact with your stamps and covers. The vinyl on binders, for instance, can

give off chemicals used in the poly-merization process - chemicals that even in small amounts can dissolve some kinds of inks, trash paper, and cause ink and gum transfers to the vinyl surface. A similar problem can arise with photocopied pages that may be in contact with your mounted stamps. Be careful with any kind of plastic or chemically treated material, including paper, that is not sold by a reputable dealer for philatelic purposes; the added expense of purchasing good quality storage bags and pages is very small compared to the loss of your collection by improper storage.

As for the third rule, no, I am not trying to nag you into not enjoying a smoke while you sort those colour varieties. Keep in mind, though, that cigarette smoke will discolour and damage paper eventually, and leave a smell that is impossible to get rid of. (Get a non-smoking friend to check your catalogues to see what I mean.) Try to limit exposing your collection to cigarette smoke and to any other kind of atmospheric pollutant such as car exhaust, coal plant emissions, and industrial effluent. Not easy, I know, but even keeping windows closed (or open) can help. Regular airing of your albums will also help to preserve them.

Avoid eating or drinking around your stamps, too. Grease spots and pop stains are not only unsightly, they also attract insects that can destroy an album in a surprisingly short time. Spilled coffee can also turn those expensive mint unhinged stamps into landfill in only a few

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