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- 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
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News from the Editor

The GLHSC meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 1998 at 3:00 PM at the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS). NTSS will be held from July 17 through July 19, 1998, at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, Virginia, just outside Washington, DC. Look forward to seeing you there!

The Celebrate the Century ballots for the 1960s were out without a mention of anything gay-related. The 1970s ballots should be out in post office lobbies in September. If past ballots are any indication, I don't think that gay or lesbian issues will be a choice. It would be nice, but I seriously doubt the topic would be brought up. The current rhetoric coming from the majority party isn't conducive to a federal agency taking such a chance. Just ask the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) about "spending" government money on gay-related issues!

The response to the questionnaire mailed in the last journal was a little disappointing. For those who sent in a reply, thank you. I am still trying to coordinate something between GLHSC and One Institute as was proposed in Mr. O'Brien's letter.

Several members sent in checks to sponsor a display case at One Institute's new home. I am holding them until details are finalized. If you'd like for me to either deposit them in GLHSC's account or return them to you, please let me know.

Several members asked what is One Institute. ONE Institute was founded in 1956 as an educational institution to help homosexuals overcome the negative self-image perpetuated in American society. It is headquartered in Los Angeles, California.

In the mid-1970s, the Gay & Lesbian Archives were founded. Several years later, the name was

officially changed to the International Gay and Lesbian Archives (IGLA).

In 1994, the IGLA merged with ONE Institute. Shortly thereafter, the University of Southern California (USC) made an offer to provide a building to house ONE Institute's many collections. The building is currently being renovated. ONE Institute is scheduled to move into their new building this fall.

In the last issue of the journal, a letter from the Executive Director of ONE Institute was printed. It contained several proposals, one of which was for GLHSC to sponsor a display case in the library area of the new building.

I would like to thank Richard Byne for his help with the 1998 Membership Directory. Any suggestions for improvement are welcome.

Thanks also go to Ed Centeno, Laura Clemente, Paul Hennefeld, Hervé Marchand and Phil Stager for sending me articles, copies of covers, new stamp listings, etc. on a regular basis. It would be even harder to publish LPJ without their assistance.

Special thanks to Rosario Vinci for the help with the Baltimore postmark, and for letting me know; and to Ian Young for the article on Minton (see page 4).

Gay Artist's Philatelic Sketches

by Ian Young

During the 1940's, England was at war, in peril, isolated, and poor. Yet this intense, dangerous time gave rise to a lively artistic scene, centered on the London districts of Soho and Fitzrovia. There, writers, painters and musicians mingled with servicemen and locals in the pubs and clubs; and, though solicitation and sodomy were criminal offenses, the police usually turned a blind eye. The dangers and uncertainties of war were stimulating, and the nightly blackout offered many opportunities for clandestine sexual liaisons, as the gay politician and gossip columnist Tom Driberg described in his vivid memoirs.

The period, now regarded as one of the richest in the history of British art, literature, music and dance, was an especially productive one for British painting. Quite a few of the new young artists (some of them serving in the armed forces) were gay - among them Keith Vaughan, Rex Whistler, the inseparable, heavy-drinking Scottish pair Robert Colquhoun and Robert McBride, and the incomparable Francis Bacon, who, after landing a lucrative commission would buy drinks all round: "Champagne for my real friends! Real pain for my sham friends!"

One of the most talented of all the Fitzrovians was John Minton. From the family that made Minton china, he was notorious for his drunkenness, promiscuity, humor, melancholy and generosity. (He died in 1957 of drink and sleeping pills.) Minton's work included large historical paintings, angry, angular urban sketches, fanciful drawings of the Welsh countryside, and arresting, often erotic portraits of young men, especially soldiers and sailors.

When the war was over, the British government requested proposals for a set of postage stamps to commemorate the liberation of the Channel Islands from German occupation. Minton was among the artists submitting designs. His sketch for a 2 1/2 penny stamp shows a group of young men, stripped to the waist, peacefully

gathering seaweed on the shore. Though his design was not accepted, the stamps as issued (Scott Nos. 269-70) may reflect his influence, showing very similar scenes - though without the bare-chested boys!



John Minton's design for the Channel Islands liberation issue.



Minton's painting "Artist and Model."

Postmark Commemorates 18th Annual Pride Celebration for Baltimore

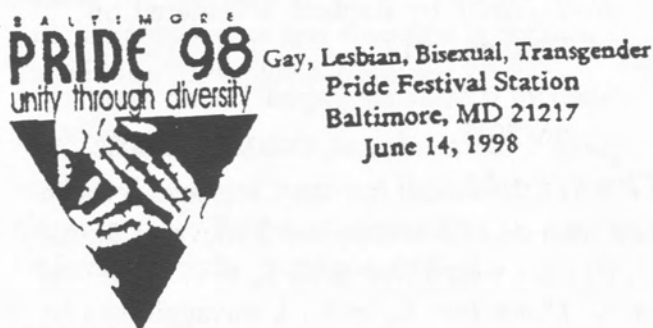
Baltimore Post Office will issue a commemorative postmark in honor of the 18th annual Pride Celebration for Baltimore on Sunday, June 14, 1998, from a temporary post office, Pride Festival Station, at Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, Maryland, from 12 Noon to 5:00 PM.

The unique postmark featuring an image reflecting the festival's theme, Unity through Diversity, is free. It will be applied to any item bearing first-class postage. To order the postmark by mail, write to:

Pride Festival Station
Main Office Window Services
US Postal Service
900 East Fayette Street
Baltimore MD 21233-9715

Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return. Mail order requests must be postmarked no later than July 15, 1998.

{The Gay Lesbian Community Center of Baltimore (GLCCB) ran into many problems with the Baltimore Post Office in getting this cancel. Approval was finally given in late May.}



Syracuse Pride '98

In conjunction with the 10th Annual Syracuse Pride March and Rally, a postmark has been approved for use on June 20, 1998. The Syracuse Pride Committee has a set of nine

cachets available. The cachet, an inverted pink triangle with a purple stick figure, is the same on all covers. The following stamps or stamp combinations are available:

Wizard of Oz (#2445) and Best Wishes
Rainbow (#2396) for \$7.50

James Buchanan Set (#820, 2217f, 1081) for
\$5.00

AIDS Ribbon (#2806) and Health Research
(#2087) for \$3.00

Women's Progress (#959), Suffrage (#1406)
and 2 Eleanor Roosevelt (#1236 & 2105) for
\$3.00

Women's Suffrage (#2980) for \$3.00

Pacific '97 Triangles (#3130 & 3131) for
\$3.00

Georgia O'Keefe (#3069) for \$2.50

James Dean (#3082) for \$2.50

Swan Love (#3123 or 3124) for \$2.50

Set of all nine covers for \$30.00

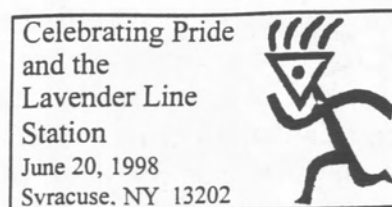
The above covers are available from:

Syracuse Pride Committee
c/o Michael Casler
PO Box 208
Syracuse NY 13201

Your own covers can be canceled directly by the post office. Be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope for their return.

US Postal Service
Downtown Station
444 South Salina Street
PO Box 9998
Syracuse NY 13202-9998

Requests should be postmarked no later than July 20, 1998.



5th National Gay & Lesbian Business & Consumer Expo

The 5th National Gay & Lesbian Business & Consumer Expo was held April 25 and 26, 1998 at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City. A postmark was used each day of the event. There were also cachets available. Special thanks to Ed Centeno for sending this information to us!



5th National Gay & Lesbian
Business & Consumer Expo Site
Jacob Javits Convention Center
New York, NY 10001
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Gay & Lesbian Update

Here is an interesting meter slogan from Fort Wayne, Indiana. It has been cropped to fit the journal layout.

TUESDAYS 9:30 P.M.
TELEVISION CHANNEL 33
"THE LIBERACE SHOW"



From The Manuscript Society News,
Vol. XIX, No. 2, Spring 1998:

James Buchanan, 15th President of the United States. ALS, Wheatland (his Pennsylvania home), June 14, 1852, one week after failing to obtain the Democratic Party's nomination for the presidency (four years before succeeding in securing the nomination in Cincinnati). Excellent content on his feeling of disappointment, his wish to support the Party's nominees and his own future plans, in part: "...I need not say that as a purely private citizen I shall give my cordial support to Pierce & King; because they are the nominees of the convention & to the latter because I love & respect the man. My acquaintance with the former has never been intimate, but whilst in the Senate, he was always true to his party...."

Cataloguer's note: "Buchanan's remarks about William King are intriguing since it has long been rumored that Buchanan, the only bachelor President, engaged in a homosexual relationship with King during the years they shared living quarters in Washington...."

(Editor's notes: Could they have become intimate after this date? Or, was it a form of self-censorship? Any other ideas?)



It's a gay world...

Antigua issued a set of 6 stamps plus 2 souvenir sheets for Christmas on December 2, 1997. *Astronomy* by Raphael can be found on Scott no. 2113.

Dominica also issued a set of 6 stamps and 2 souvenir sheets for Christmas. The issue date was November 10, 1997.

Dispute of the Holy Sacrament by Raphael is featured on Scott no 2016.

Holy Trinity by Raphael is featured on Scott no. 2017.

Study of a Muse by Raphael is on Scott no. 2018.

The Gambia got into the Christmas act with their own set of 6 stamps and 2 souvenir sheets. Theirs were issued December 8, 1997. *The Rest on the Flight Into Egypt* by Caravaggio can be found on Scott no. 2022.

Ghana issued a set of 6 stamps plus 2 souvenir sheets for Christmas on December 8, 1997.

Cupid by Botticelli is featured on Scott no. 1996.

Zephyr and Chloris by Botticelli is found on Scott no. 1997.

Triumphant Cupid by Caravaggio is featured on Scott no. 1998.

The Seven Works of Mercy by Caravaggio can be found on Scott no. 1999.

Freeing of Saint Peter by Raphael is on Scott no. 2001

The Cavalcant Annunciation by Donatello is featured on Scott no. 2002.

Grenada Grenadines issued their set of 6 stamps and 2 souvenir sheets for Christmas on December 5, 1997. *Angel with Candlestick* by Michelangelo can be found on Scott no. 2005.

Guyana issued a set of 6 stamps and 2 souvenir sheets for Christmas on December 8, 1997.

Different angels from *The Triumph of Galatea* by Raphael is featured on Scott nos. 3243 and 3244.

Primavera by Botticelli is featured on Scott no. 3245.

Italy issued a stamp on January 3, 1998, featuring *Hercules and the Hydra* by Antonio del Pollaiuolo. Scott no. 2191.

Italy issued a set of 4 stamps honoring famous writers on February 2, 1998. Federico Garcia Lorca, Spanish poet and dramatist is featured on the 650 lira value stamp, Scott no. 2193.

Marshall Islands issued a set of 2 stamps as their Christmas issue on October 25, 1997. *Cherubs from Sistine Madonna* by Raphael can be found on both. Scott nos. 647-48.

Monaco issued a souvenir sheet in 1997. Inscribed in sheet margin as a winner of the 4th World Cup of Stamps, portrait of Botticelli. The stamp is a Botticelli painting, type of 1995. Scott no. 1986a.

Nevis issued a set of 6 stamps and 2 souvenir sheets for Christmas on November 26, 1997.

Different details from *Harmony* by Raphael are featured on Scott nos. 1043-44.

Holy Trinity by Raphael is on Scott no. 1045.

Ezekiel's Vision by Raphael is featured on Scott no. 1046.

Study of a Muse by Raphael is featured on Scott no. 1047.

Niger issued a sheet of 9 stamps featuring stars of American cinema. James Dean is featured on Scott no. 951d.

Poland issued a stamp on September 22, 1997 featuring Sigismundus II Augustus (1520-72). Scott no. 3369. Does anyone have information on him? I received a note from our Polish member that he was gay.

St. Vincent issued a set of 6 stamps and 2 souvenir sheets for Christmas on November 26, 1997. *The Sistine Madonna* by Raphael can be found on Scott no. 2512.

Sierra Leone issued a set of 6 six stamps and 2 souvenir sheets on December 24, 1997.

Madonna of Foligno by Raphael is featured on Scott no. 2084.

The Prophet Isaiah by Michelangelo is on Scott no. 2086.

Sweden issued a stamp to commemorate the 350th Anniversary of the Peace of Westphalia, which ended the Thirty Years' War. The stamp features Queen Christina and a medallion commemorating the Peace of Westphalia. The stamp was issued on March 19, 1998, Scott no. 2274.



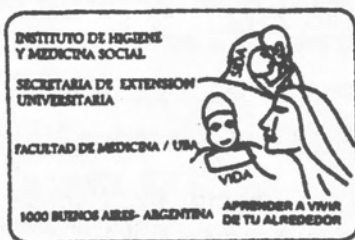
Uganda issued their set of 6 stamps and 2 souvenir sheets for Christmas on December 1, 1997. *Cupid and Psyche* by Antonio Canova can be found on Scott no. 1525.

United States issued the 1920s Celebrate the Century pane of 15 stamps on May 28, 1998. Margaret Mead, anthropologist, can be found on one of the stamps. The stamp is based on a 1928 portrait of her.



AIDS Update

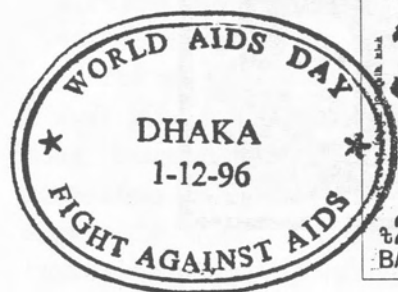
Argentina hand stamp in use in late 1997.



Azerbaijan issued a sheet of 8 stamps plus a souvenir sheet for the 1998 Winter Olympic Games sometime in 1997. John Curry, who died due to complications from AIDS, can be found on Scott no. 667g.

Bangladesh Post used several cancels:

1. Cancel below can be found from both Dhaka and Khulna.



2. Boxed hand cancel with AIDS ribbon and 4 lines of text - Rotapex '94/March 9, 1994/AIDS/Awareness

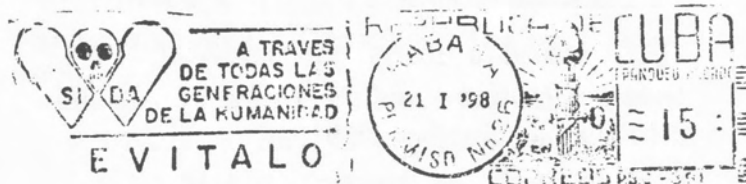
The Rupali Bank in Bangladesh has been using a series of private markings:

1. Be Careful to Prevent AIDS (in Bengali)
2. Prevent AIDS (in English and Bengali)
3. AIDS Ultimate is Death (in English and Bengali)

Belarus issued a stamp in the fight against AIDS on October 14, 1997. Scott no. 225.



Cuba meter slogan. Cropped to fit journal.



Dominica issued a sheet of 8 stamps plus a souvenir sheet featuring famous 20th Century athletes. Arthur Ashe can be found on 2 of the stamps, Scott nos. 2040g and 2040h.

India issued their Inland Letter Card with an AIDS message on the back. "PREVENT AIDS, USA A CONDOM (NIRODH)/NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL ORGANIZATION" is printed on two lines in English and two lines in Sanskrit.

Indonesia issued a stamp for World AIDS Day on December 1, 1997. Scott no. B241.

The Netherlands meter slogan from 1989.
Cropped to fit journal.

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DENK NA. STOP AIDS.



Paraguay issued a set of 2 stamps for the United Nations Fund for Children of the World with AIDS on December 5, 1997. Scott nos. 2573-74.



Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus issued their second stamp in the fight against AIDS on December 22, 1997. Scott no. 448.

United States: Natick, Maine used an AIDS Awareness postmark on February 27, 1998 at the Metroexpo Station. See Page 10.

Wallis & Futuna Islands, as published in the last journal, has been given number 501 by the Scott catalog.

Last Lick

Phil Stager's exhibit, *Ailments of Venus*, won a vermeil at INDEPEX '97 in New Delhi. The exhibit has also been accepted for ITALIA '98 which will be held in Milan in October.

Congratulations and good luck!

Is there any interest in having the 1999 GLHSC Annual Meeting at the AMERICAS 99 show? It is scheduled to be held in Orlando, Florida in

February 1999. It will be a four day mini-international show (800 frames). Or should we wait until the ATA Show later in the year? Feedback would be appreciated. Thanks.

From *The Texas Triangle*, June 18, 1998, International News column, as compiled by Rex Wockner:

Two more British MPs come out. Britain now has six openly gay members of Parliament.

Ribble South Labour MP David Borrow, 45, came out in the June 8 issue of the Lancashire Evening Post, saying, "Everyone is entitled to a personal life and I do not see why knowing that I am gay should not be something they should know about. I think it is appropriate at this point to be honest with the people of South Ribble." Ribble South is in Northwest England near Blackpool.

On June 10, Blackpool South Labour MP Gordon Marsden told his local newspaper: "I'm gay and I'm happy for my constituents to know about it."

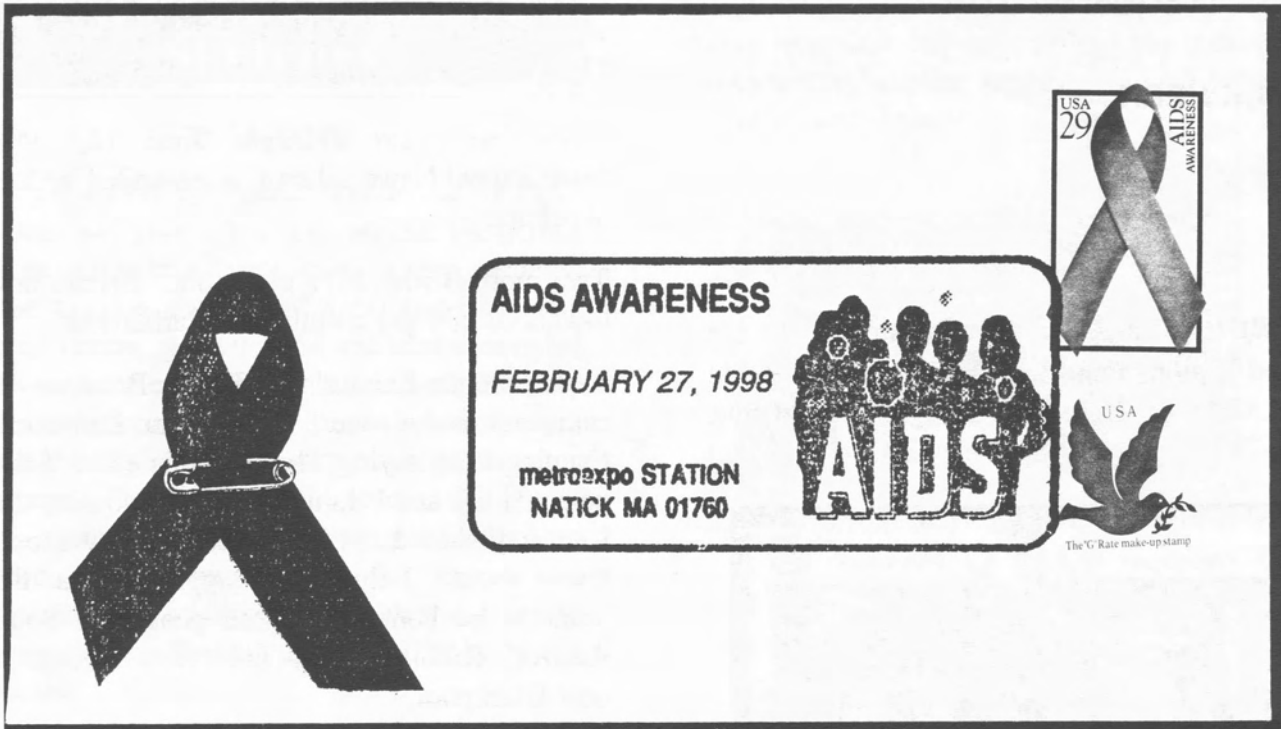
Borrow and Marsden join Britain's four other openly gay MPs Chris Smith, Stephen Twigg, Ben Bradshaw and Angela Eagle. Smith also serves as Secretary of State for Culture, the Media and Sport, a Cabinet-level position. Eagle is also Junior Secretary for the Environment.

Does any GLHSC member know if British MPs have free-frank privileges similar to the United States? If they do, these six persons can be added to your Gay and Lesbian collection.

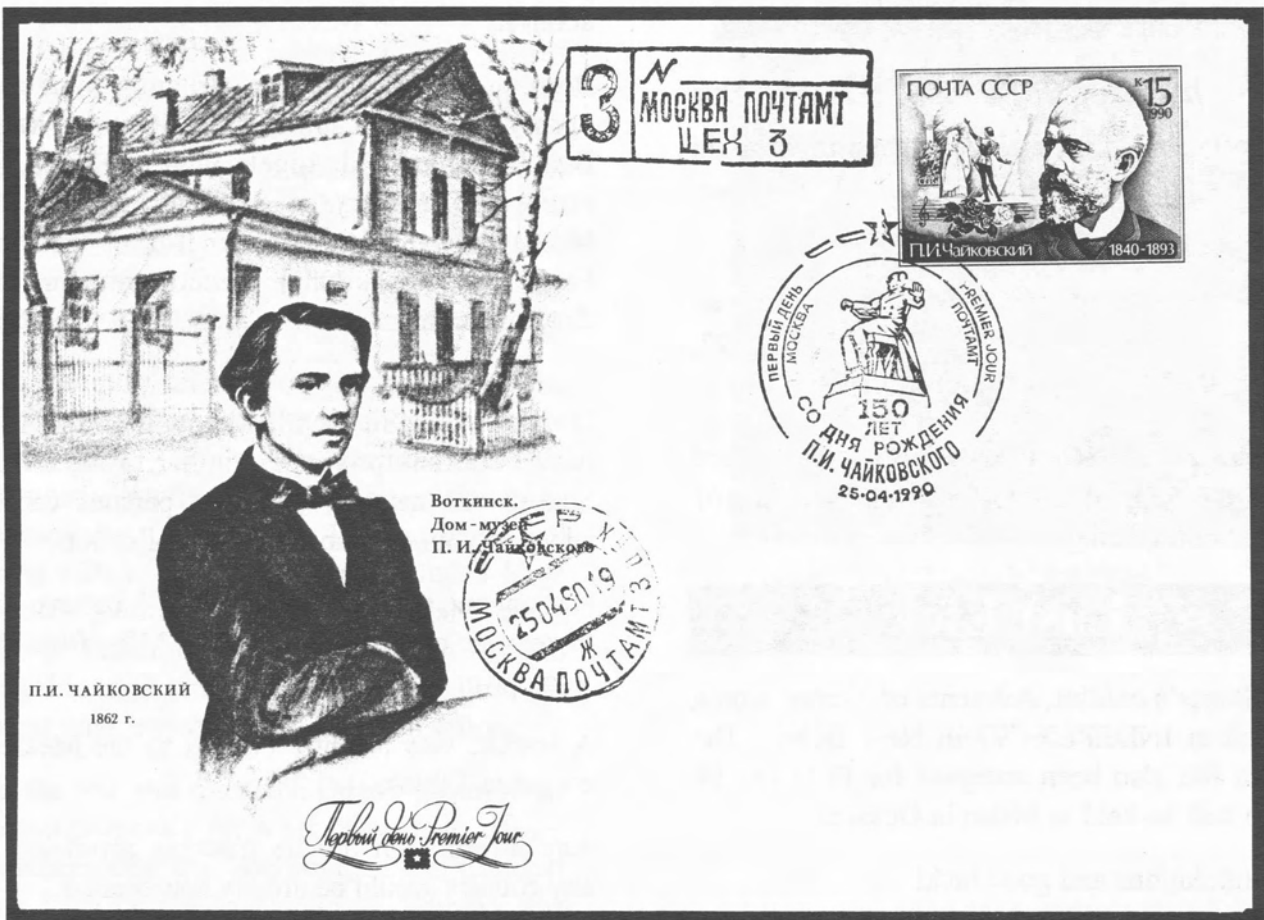
How about the Canadian MPs? I believe that there one or two openly gay MPs from the Vancouver area.

A lesbian was recently elected to the Mexican congress, I think.

Any information on the franking privileges of any country would be greatly appreciated.



AIDS Awareness postmark from Natick, Massachusetts



FDC featuring Peter Ilich Tschaikovsky's home, located in the Ural region of Russia. The house is now a museum. Tchaikovsky and a scene from *Iolanta* appear on the stamp, Scott no. 5888.

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Gays and Lesbians on Stamps

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