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We look forward to hearing from you, our readers and members, for comments, ideas and articles for future issues.

We encourage advertising and correspondence between readers regarding their philatelic interests.

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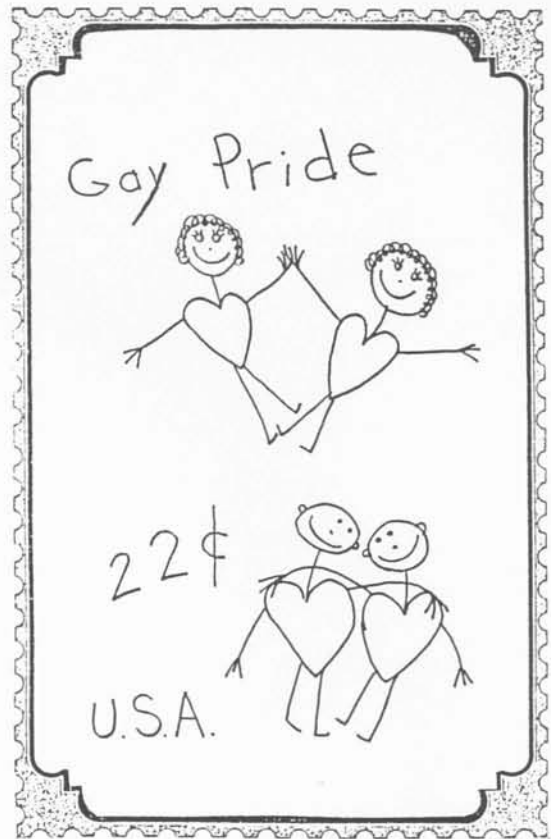


## Stamp Exhibit Wins In Sarasota

SARASOTA — Paul Hennefeld's stamp collection. "Alternate Lifestyles of Famous People" was well received at Sarapex '85. The collection, which includes stamps beginning with Greek mythology and progressing to a franked envelope from congressman Gerry Studds, was given a Vermeil award at the Sarasota show.

It will be shown March 1-3 at Bepex in Elmwood Park, N.J., and will make its first West Coast venture April 26-28 at Westpex '85 in San Francisco.

\* BEPEX- 'Alternate Lifestyles' won the Best in Section Award & the American Topical Association Certificate, for the Best Topical exhibit of the show.



Roy Perkins of south Jersey sent us his design of a 'Gay Pride' stamp. Roy says that he enjoys drawing cartoons and that he will send us more of his creations in the future.

### GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA ROAD TOWN - TORTOLA - BRITISH VIRGIN ISLES

Duplicates from my personal collection. All MNH unless (MLH) indicated. Scott numbers.

Austria	709	\$ .45	Italy	362	\$ .50 MLH
	1095	.65		389&391	.70
Cirenaica	43-51	4.40 MLH		721	.15
Eritrea	134-142	4.00 MLH		771	.10
France	243-4	2.00		985	.15
	666-8	1.35	Jugoslavia	1074-79	2.65
	1215	.35		1477/80	2.10
	1260-2	1.40	San Marino	550-3	2.35
	1381	.50	Somalia	119-127	3.00 MLH
	B179-184	3.95	Switzerland	290-2	.95
	B394-9	1.90	Trieste	56	1.60
	B426-31	3.00		163-4+251lire	1.50
French Morocco	301-4	4.00		168	.30
Italy	258	.25	Tripolitania	43-51	3.00 MLH
	269	.30	Vatican City	335-7	2.00
	276	1.25			
	360	.35 MLH			
	361	1.00			

#### WANTLISTS FOR OTHER TOPICS WELCOME

I am also liquidating a big collection of postmarks, covers, maximum cards etc. of various topics including: Raphael - Leonardo - Colette - Michelangelo - Virgil - Wagner - Garavaggio - Chess - Rotary - Lions - Mushrooms - etc., etc.

## THOMAS MANN

The gay community always has had a warm spot in its heart for Thomas Mann. Freeman Gunther wrote in his article "Gay History on Stamps", "One of the historical people (in Paul's collection) is not gay. This is Thomas Mann whose honorary position on Mr. Hennefeld's list stems from his knowing and compassionate writing on the subject in his novel Death In Venice."

Ironically, soon after Gunther's article appeared in the August '82 issue of Mandate magazine, the Thomas Mann Diaries 1918-1939 were published. These diaries were translated by Richard and Clara Winston. The English version is not complete.

Thomas Mann was a devoted husband and parent. His wife Katia was a most understanding and loving woman. Despite the fact that Mann was married, his journal entries indicate that he was a sexually frustrated gay man. In substantiation, following are some excerpts from his diaries.



1918  
Friday, September 20

Last night I noticed a light through the closed door of the children's quarters, and since I had to wake Katia anyhow, as she had locked me out, we investigated. It turned out that Eissi was lying in bed with the light on in a fantastic state of undress. He was unable to give any answers to our questions. Puberty games, or a tendency toward somnambulistic adventures as we already observed in Tegernsee? Perhaps both together. What form will the boy's life take? Admittedly, someone like me "ought" not to bring children into the world. But that "ought" deserves its quotation marks.

Mann continued

1918

Friday, December 20

At seven went to the Club...I was absorbed in admiring an elegant young man with a gracefully foolish, boyish face, blond, refined, rather frail German type, somewhat reminiscent of Requadt. Seeing him unquestionably affected me in a way I have not noted in myself for a long time. Was he a guest in the club, or will I meet him again? I readily admit to myself that this could turn into an experience.

1919

Sunday, March 30

In my exhaustion, forgot to note that yesterday the Hermes-like dandy who made an impression on me several weeks ago attended my reading. In conjunction with his slight, youthful figure, his face has a prettiness and foolishness that amounts to a nearly classical "godlike" look. I don't know his name, and it doesn't matter.

1920

Wednesday, July 14

I am not entirely clear about my thoughts in this respect. It can scarcely be a question of actual impotence, but more likely the customary confusion and unreliability of my "sex life". Doubtless this stimulation failure can be accounted for by the presence of desires that are directed the other way. How would it be if a young man were "at my disposal"?

Sunday, July 25

Am enraptured with Eissi, terribly handsome in his swimming trunks. Find it quite natural that I should fall in love with my son... Short conversation with the attractive young man in white trousers sitting next to me in third class. Very pleasurable. It seems I am once and for all done with women?...Eissi was lying tanned and shirtless on his bed, reading; I was disconcerted.

Sunday, October 17

I heard some noise in the boy's room and came upon Eissi totally nude and up to some nonsense by Golo's bed. Deeply struck by his radiant adolescent body; overwhelming...Grateful to Katia for her unwavering love for me even though she no longer awakens my desire, and I am not able to give her pleasure, that is the ultimate sexual pleasure, when I lie with her...

Mann continued

1920

Sunday, October 31

(at a rehearsal) My chief impression was of a remarkably handsome young man, Slavic in appearance and wearing a sort of Russian costume, with whom I established a kind of contact at a distance, since he noticed my interest in him immediately and was obviously pleased by it.

1921

Wednesday, February 23

Went to the theater; a high-flown, overdone drama by Wildgans, the leading man a Munich actor by the name of Putz, with whom I was greatly taken. Later I made his acquaintance at the Colmers' and spoke flatteringly to him... (at Anhalt station) A First Lieutenant Meyer had bribed the conductor and rode as far as Wittenberge solely in order to be able to talk with me for half an hour in the sleeping-car corridor. Handsome young Westphalian; hope he got his money's worth.

Tuesday, March 1

Trummler and two of his friends... came by to pick me up for a walk. The three youths spoke of their plans for building a monastery for young men, complete with refectory and cells. Their pedagogic ideas derive from Goethe and Jean Paul.

Friday, May 13

Back home Katia and I embraced. I feel deeply and warmly grateful toward her for the goodness with which she accepts my sexual problems.

Tuesday, May 31

On Sunday evening Reisiger was here at the house, and read from his translations, which led to a discussion of Whitman's homosexuality.

Wednesday, June 8

Went with Katia to Kurt Wolff's for the Tagore lecture. Confirmed in my impression of him as being a refined old English lady. His son brown and muscular, a virile type... I was captivated by two young people, strangers to me, handsome, possibly Jewish.

Sunday, June 26

(at Deutsches Theater) Was interested in a young man who sat in front of us, a modern type with such a pleasant face.



Mann continued

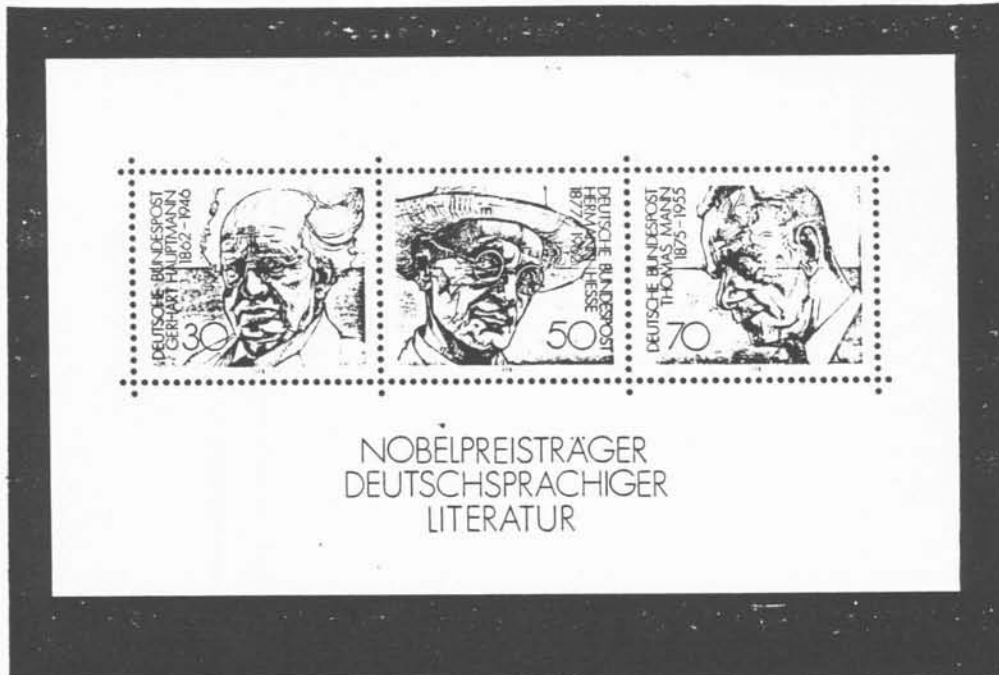
1921

Tuesday, July 26

The gardeners were busy with the garden, one of whom, young, beardless, with brown arms and open shirt, gave me quite a turn.

Sunday, September 17

(at Villa Oda) The exquisitely formed young athlete from Hamburg, still more boy than man, a glorious, enchanting sight, especially when he ran. Knowing I would not be able to see him anymore made departure difficult.



Scott #1267

Gerhart Hauptmann, Hermann Hesse, Thomas Mann.  
German winners of Nobel Literature Prize.

1934

Wednesday, April 25

I took a walk by myself...Passing the plant nursery I was pleasantly smitten by the sight of a young fellow working there, a brown-haired type with a small cap on his head, very handsome, and bare to the waist. The rapture I felt at the sight of such common, everyday, and natural "beauty", the contours of his chest, the swell of his biceps, made me reflect afterward on the unreal, illusionary, and aesthetic nature of such an inclination, the goal of which, it would appear, is realized in gazing and "admiring". Although erotic, it requires no fulfillment at all, neither intellectually nor physically. This is likely thanks to the influence of the reality principle on the imagination; it allows the rapture, but limits it to just looking.

Mann continued

1935

Saturday, March 16

In the evening Katia and I went to the Raschers'...I flirted a bit with the older boy, Hans, who is an admirer of mine and has lovely eyes.

Saturday, September 14

The Raschers to dinner with their son Albert...the children compared young Albert Rascher to Klaus Heuser, and decided that the latter had been incomparably more handsome. Thought back on that time and its passion, the last variation of a love that probably will not flare up again.

Saturday, September 21

Interrupted by a visit from Klaus Heuser, who had passed through Zurich expressly in order to see me for ten minutes. Unchanged, or little changed; slim, still boyish at twenty-four, the eyes the same. Kept looking into his face and saying "My God!". Curious that I had been thinking of him only a short time ago in this diary with the gratitude for that time that I again felt in his presence. He expected me to kiss him, but I did not do so; I did manage to say something loving to him before he left, however. It was all over in a moment as he had to leave almost at once.

1937

Saturday, January 2

Into town to have my hair cut at Bachmann's. New Year's greetings from his staff. Charming dark-haired young man who attended me.

Sunday, March 21

Lost myself yesterday evening in my diary from 1927, the period of my passion for the boy Klaus H. Deeply stirred—and aware of how I have grown inwardly and outwardly in the intervening ten years.

1938

Monday, June 27

(In the USA) In the evening we all went to the theater...No attractive faces among the young people. Young American men not particularly appealing.

Excerpted by Paul Hennefeld, ATA # L1697



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PRESS RELEASE

February 25, 1985

Dear Friends, Lovers,  
and Supporters of Gertrude:

Gertrude is returning after a long silence in a slightly altered form, but will be up and running in short order. The GSPS wishes at this time to apologize for this formal form letter.

I have taken over from Penni, both out of a strong personal involvement in philately and things gay as well as Penni's overwhelming responsibilities elsewhere (work). Penni is alive and well, and any communications to her will be promptly passed on.

On to Gertrude: We will open a new season of covers this April with a special cachet and cancellation on the day of the opening of Atlas Savings and Loan's world headquarters on Castro Street. Atlas is the world's first (and very successful) gay bank, and already has three branches in the City.

Future covers will be commemorating the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade 1984 (unfortunately, there was no cover issued in 1983), the Castro Street Fair, this year's Second Annual Folsom Street Fair, the SF Lesbian/Gay Film Festival (which already has Penni slaving away), and other events of significance to the gay/lesbian community.

Eventually we will have a periodical newsletter, including swaps, buy and sell, and related philatelia of gay and lesbian interest.

Please note Gertrude's new PO Box number! Earlier covers will be made available in the near future -- check for word with other news.

To get Gertrude up and running, we are initiating a membership fee of \$15.00, good for twelve full months.

I look forward to making your acquaintance!

Sincerely,

*Les Wright*  
Les Wright

Editor/Director

*pic kit  
will be  
available  
soon*



# Collectors Club of San Francisco

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, Dec. 19, 1984

## Philatelic Firsts - From BC To Today

The Collectors Club of San Francisco proudly announces the publication of the book "From The Winged Heels Of Mercury" by Zaven M. Seron, M.D. It is a story of the evolution of the stamp from antiquity to modern times by a collector who admits that stamps and postal history are a lifelong love affair rather than simply a hobby.

Beginning with the cylinder seals of Mesopotamia of 3500 BC, Seron traces the "firsts" of postal history. Among these are seals, early routes, disinfected mail, ship mail, handstamps, stationery and the myriad of postal developments in Europe during the Middle Ages and Renaissance prior to the better-known adhesive stamp era.

With the introduction of postage stamps, we find the classics of the world, the "firsts" that have excited many philatelists.

Our own North American "ancient" postal history is reviewed beginning with the revenues of the Massachusetts Colony of 1755. And finally, there is a series of more than 80 worldwide "firsts", from the pony express, balloon and air-mails, through bicycle and rocket mails, with a fair share of back-of-the-book material.

Doc Seron has been the sparkplug of Central California philately for most of his 31 years. Anecdotes of many of his personal experiences are found throughout the book, which is based on his gold-winning collection.

The book is hard bound, 7 by 9 inches, with 192 glossy pages and profusely illustrated. Available from the Collectors Club of San Francisco P.O. Box 5518, Redwood City California 94063 for \$19.50 postpaid bookrate.

## LAST LICK

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Tom Kopriva, an Oregon member, would like to hear from GLHS Journal readers, especially those of our group who live on the west coast. His address is: Thomas Kopriva, Box 67, Florence, OR 97439.

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The last page of this Journal consists of Addendum II to Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps (please fold to form booklet). It should be noted that all lesbians depicted on stamps will now be in one handy guide. This latest list was prepared by Kathy Hall. We would welcome any additional references for the women noted on page 3 of Addendum II.

Interest: Red China, Nationalist China (Taiwan), Israel, Canada, U.N., Worldwide. Trade or correspond.

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France 1199, B294

correct in Addendum 1: Gogol, Nikolai (1809-1852)

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### ATA CHARTER PROGRESS REPORT

Alan J. Hanks, president of the ATA, informed us in January, in response to our inquiry, that the ATA board or directors was still in the process of considering our application. He stated that the board might still have to consider the matter at their meeting in conjunction with the ATA's annual show in Reno in June. We will report to you on their response as soon as we get it after the June meeting.