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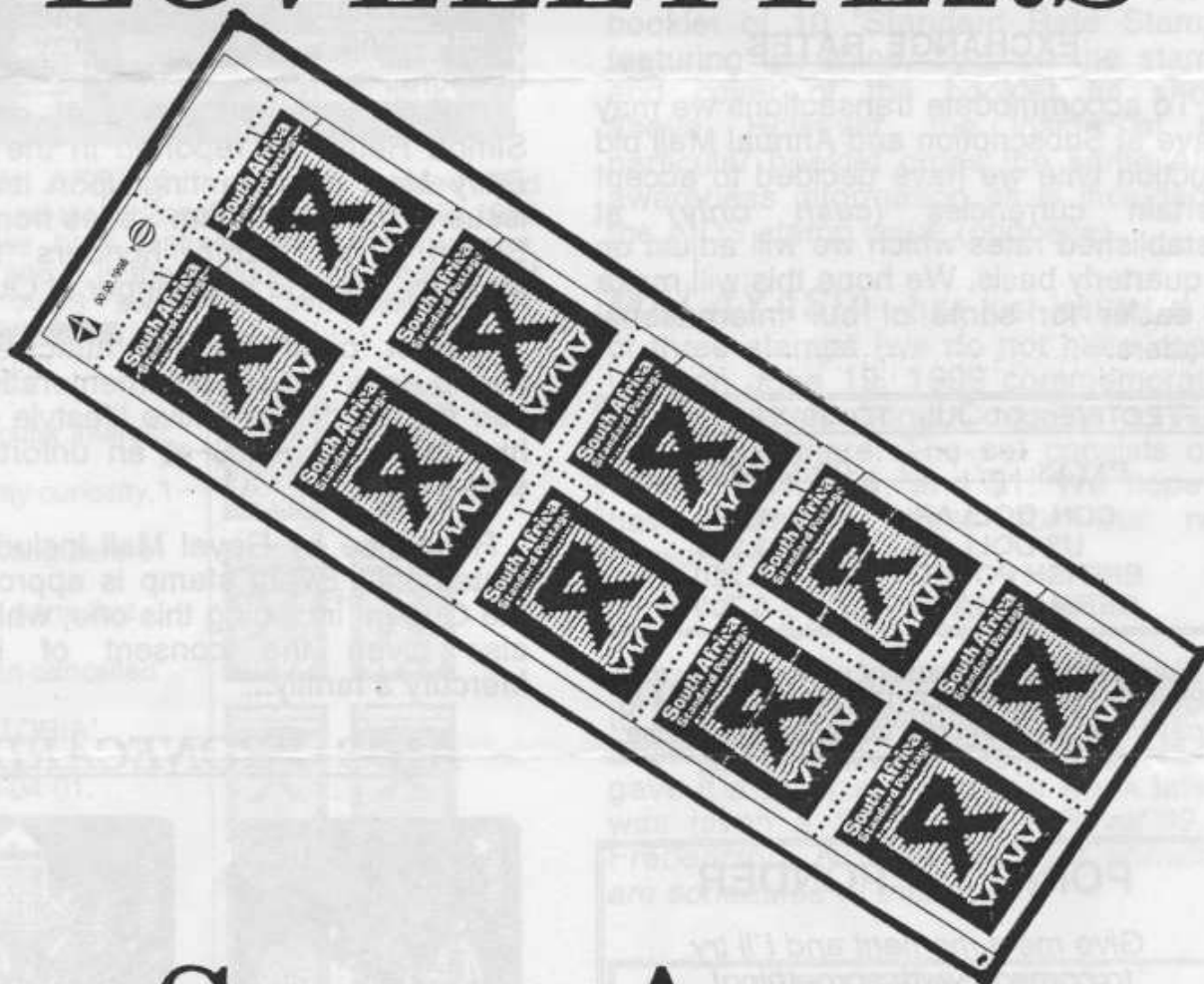
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“LOVELETTERS”



SOUTH AFRICA

On April 01, 1999 the South African Post Office (Philatelic Services) issued this attractive AIDS Awareness Booklet which contains five sets of two se-tenant standard rate postage stamps. Each stamp depicts the Red Ribbon crafted into the “loveletter” in red beads against a white background and either green or blue backdrop. The booklet carries AIDS awareness information both inside and out.

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EXCHANGE RATES

To accommodate transactions we may have at Subscription and Annual Mail bid Auction time we have decided to accept certain currencies (**cash only**) at established rates which we will adjust on a quarterly basis. We hope this will make it easier for some of our International readers.

EFFECTIVE: 01 JUL. TO 30 SEPT. 1999

PAY IN:	CDN. EQUIV.
CDN. DOLLAR	= 1.000
US DOLLAR	= 1.350
BRITISH POUND	= 2.220
GERMAN MARK	= 0.700

Simply **divide** total cost of your order by the figure in the CDN. EQUIV. column above to pay in your (cash only) currency. Otherwise make payable in Canadian funds.

POINT TO PONDER

Give me a moment and I'll try to come up with something!

Internet Access

If you wish to contact us by e-mail we can be reached at: blairh@imag.net

A STIFF UPPER LIP



"The queen we would rather see on our postage stamps is not stripped to the waist and wearing spray-on red trousers."

These were the words of columnist Simon Heffer as reported in the tabloid *Daily Mail* commenting upon the latest issue of the Millennium Series from Great Britain. The stamp honours Freddie Mercury, the late lead singer of Queen.

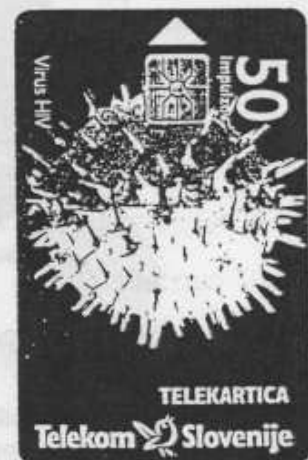
Heffer continues his attack on the stamp as a "vulgar commemoration of a star whose degenerative lifestyle caused him to die of AIDS at an unfortunately early age."

Response by Royal Mail included this statement: "Every stamp is approved by the Queen, including this one, which was also given the consent of Freddie Mercury's family..."

AIDS PHONECARDS



GREECE



SLOVAKIA

ISSUES UPDATE A TO Z

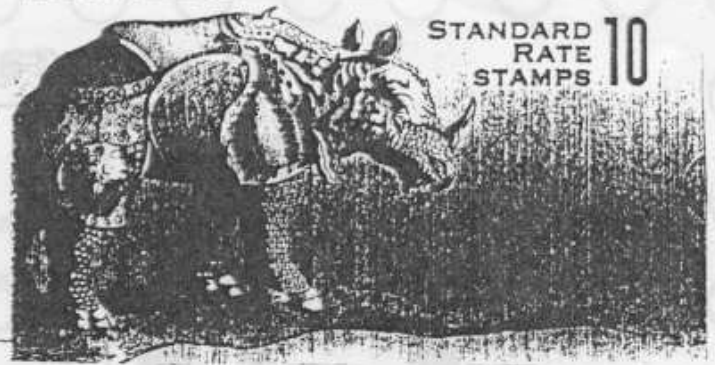


SOUTH AFRICA issued the beaded Red Ribbon se-tenant booklet on 01 April 1999 which we have featured on our front page. Shown above is the design of the booklet that carries AIDS awareness information, front, back, [redacted]

Of particular interest, and to my curiosity, I am showing here a booklet pane that has been cancelled "PRETORIA" 1999-04-01.

However, I did not request this when placing my order and the rest were NOT cancelled!

Could this be a rarity? or a CTO? RSA does not issue FDCovers for booklet stamps!



Of further interest to this South African issue, (as we reported in the last issue of the AOS Newsletter), is an earlier booklet of 10 "Standard Rate Stamps" featuring the rhino, both on the stamps and cover of the booklet as shown above. However, the inside of this particular booklet carries the same AIDS awareness information as is included in the AIDS stamp issue (opposite).

MALAYASIA has just issued a set of three stamps (we do not have copies yet!) on June 19, 1999 commemorating the Fifth International Congress on AIDS being held there. The set consists of 3 values; 30¢, 50¢, and \$1. We hope to have obtained these for our next Newsletter issue.

EXHIBIT UPDATE

"Évolution Of An Epidemic" continued to compete successfully at two shows in Eastern Canada. *Novapex '99* in Halifax gave it a Bronze and just a week later it was given a Silver at the *Royal '99* in Fredericton, NB. *No summer showings are scheduled at this time.*

QUARTERLY QUOTE

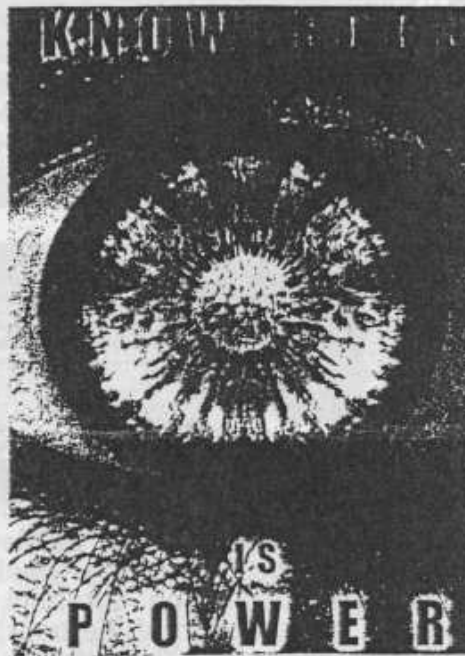
"The vision which fuelled our struggle for freedom; the deployment of energies and resources; the unity and commitment to common goals - all these are needed if we are to bring AIDS under control. Let us join hands in a caring partnership for health and prosperity as we enter the new millenium"

President Nelson Mandela

Cover Story



LOVE IS LIFE



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

FOUR POSTCARD MESSAGES TO CONSIDER



THINK. TALK. TIME TO TEST?



THE RED RIBBON DEFINED?

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