

# Stamps & Tongs

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## APS President Nick Carter passes away, age 72

The U.S. philatelic community was saddened by the passing of American Philatelic Society President Nick Carter on September 11, 2008. Carter was elected president of the APS in 2007, and had been sick for some time. He served the APS as treasurer from 2003 to 2007. He was also member of the executive committee of Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exposition. In addition to his work with the APS, he was on the board of NAPEX and a member of the Council of Philatelist with the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. Outside of philately, Carter works in various positions with the World Bank from 1971 to 1998.



There was a special connection between Nick Carter and the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society. Mr. Carter was invited to speak with the society (when the DPCPS used to meet at the Church) in late 2006. A picture of him with members of the DPCPS was used as an election advertisement in *The American Philatelist*, the monthly journal of the APS. During his campaign for APS president, Carter visited many clubs and societies throughout the United States. In a controversial election, Carter handily defeated Ken Laurence for the highest philatelic office in the land.

On September 22, 2008, Wayne Saadi, chairman of the board of APS Vice Presidents, was selected to succeed Carter as APS president.

## 2008 Mid-Cities Stamp Expo

21st Annual Exhibition & Bourse of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

**November 8 & 9, 2008**

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Grapevine Convention Center  
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Special "Take Me Out to  
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## Notes from the Editor



Well, it is that time again when the USPS announces the 2009 stamp program. There will be a continuation of the Flags of Our Nation (FOON), with sets three and four being released. One of the new set of stamps I am looking forward to is Early Television Memories. The Ed Sullivan Show, Red Skelton, Lassie and the Lone Ranger are among the old time shows that will be honored. I remember watching Red Skelton as a child in 1971 when his show was on NBC. It was a delight to see his characters, including Clem Kaddiddlehopper and Sheriff Deadeye.

The 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln will be remembered with four stamps. Lincoln will be shown as a rail splitter, a lawyer, a politician and as president. This should be a popular issue. Gary Cooper will be featured as the 2009 Legend of Hollywood. Oregon, Hawaii and Alaska statehood will be commemorated this year, too. There will be a special souvenir sheet featuring Supreme Court Justices Story, Brandies, Brennan and Frankfurter. There appears to be only one Texas connection so far in the program. The Matagorda Lighthouse will be part of the Lighthouses of the Gulf Coast. Have fun this month with the greatest hobby in the world!-Doug Moss



## Metroplex Postal History of the Month



Did you know that WFAA and WBAP used to share radio frequencies? The sharing of the frequency began in 1923 when they both used 630AM. They separated the frequencies for a few years but rejoined in 1929 as 800AM. They continued to share the same frequency through the 1930s. In 1943, when this letter was mailed, the stations were sharing 820AM. They also appeared to be sharing the same sales office in the Santa Fe Building at 1114 Commerce St. in downtown Dallas. This cover is franked with the two Scott 905 "Win the War" issue. The letter was delivered postage due, 6 cents and two postage dues stamps are tied to the cover.



## Back to the Basics: Perfins

You are looking through an accumulation of old stamps, sorting out the damaged stamps from the good ones. You pick up a stamp with holes in it and put it in the discard pile as damaged. Wait! It is not damaged, you have a perfin! Perfin is short for perforated initials (or insignia). These holes in the stamps are in the form of initials or insignias of the owners of the stamps (usually businesses). This was a method to discourage employees from stealing the stamps from the company for their own personal use. Perfins were first



### 2008 October Philatelic Calendar

**October 6** DPCPS board meeting at the Edgemere.

**October 8** DPCPS meeting at the Edgemere, 7:30 p.m. TPA Youth Holiday Stamp Design Contest judging. Program TBA.

**October 24** DPCPS meeting at the Edgemere, 7:30 p.m. Quarterly Auction.

put to use in 1868 by Great Britain. The first US use of perfins was 1908 and were popular in use through the 1950s. Occasionally you will still see perfins in use. If you collect postal history, a perfin on cover can enhance the value of that item. In the US, there have been 6500 different documented patterns of insignias or designs perforated into US stamps. So don't throw that Perfin away!

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