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Newsletters of the Long Beach Stamp Club published almost every month throughout the year. Meetings are usually on the first, third, and sometimes fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of **MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL, 2800 SNOWDEN AVENUE, IN LONG BEACH, CA**. Visitors are always welcome. Address dues, payments, and correspondence to the Club at Box 90042, Long Beach, CA 90809-0042 or our website www.LongBeachStampClub.com.

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

ALL meeting dates include a combination auction and bid board. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

2013

MARCH 5 & 19

APRIL 2 & 16

MAY 7 & 21

JUNE 4 & 18*

JULY 2* & 16*

AUGUST 6* & 20*

SEPTEMBER 3* & 17#

* MEETING LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

MEETING WILL BE AT MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL

STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW

STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW this month will be held on March 17, 2013 at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802. Hours are 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Parking is free.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

JOHN REMPERT was a \$15 winner at our February 5, 2013 meeting. Because there were no winners at our February 19, 2013 meeting, the award will roll over to \$20 at our first meeting in March.

STAMP QUIZ FOR MARCH

WHAT was FDR doing in the White House on Sunday afternoon, when he was notified that the Japanese had made a sneak attack on Pearl Harbor?

IF you think you know the answer; please send it to the Club's P.O. Box or you can e-mail your answer to leb_dorbaumann1@verizon.net.

{Answers must be received on the Saturday preceding the first meeting of the month.}

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

OUR annual White Elephant sale will take place at our April 16, 2013 meeting. Members are encouraged to check their attics, garages, and bring whatever you no longer want to this event.

STAMP QUIZ WINNERS

DID you know if you participate in our monthly Stamp Quiz you could win a prize at the end of the year?

Winners for the 2012 Stamp Quizzes were:

Martin Jadus – 1st Place
Ed Nelson – 2nd Place
Scott Cupples – 3rd Place

ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY'S STAMP QUIZ

1. Name of Person — Jan Matzeliger
 2. Date of Patent — 1883
 3. Scott Catalog Number — 2567
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BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

ROBERT WRENN	LARRY STAUB
MICHAEL CONTREAS	ART LUTHER
DAVID DUSENBURY	CHARLES SOOTER

CANADIAN 12 PENCE BLACK

THE highest price ever paid on eBay for a Canadian stamp was logged February 23, 2013 when an American collector bid \$34,000 for an unused 1851 12 Pence Black, Scott 3, Canada's best known rarity.

The stamp, which has four margins, no gum and a tear on the bottom that is so small it apparently cannot be seen by the naked eye, was offered by City Stamp Co. of Montreal.

The Scott Classic *Specialized Catalog of Stamps and Covers* values a 12 Pence Black without gum in the grade of very fine at \$50,000.

As word spread, the stamp attracted 4,521 visits, or "hits," on eBay — 500 in the last hour of bidding. Robert Cooperman of City Stamp said it is the eighth 12 Pence Black he has handled in 20 years as a stamp dealer.

Stamp historian L.N. Williams wrote in the *Encyclopedia of Rare and Famous Stamps* (1993) that approximately 130 exist.

A total of 51,000 were printed in New York City for the Province of Canada.

Only 1,450 were sold during the three-and-one-half years that the stamp was available to pay the basic letter rate to Newfoundland, Bermuda and the West Indies, and the double 6d rate to the United States. "After remainders had been returned, the stock on hand was destroyed," Williams wrote. "Two used pairs are known, so are five mint pairs. Perhaps five covers from the Gibb collection are all that exist. There are something like 50 mint and slightly more used singles."

Cooperman identified the buyer as a collector who lives in Colorado.

At least 17 bidders participated in the 10-day Internet auction. The stamp was accompanied by certificates of authenticity from Roger Calves in Paris and the Vincent Graves Green Foundation in Toronto.

THE BATTLE OF GLORIETA PASS

THE ruins of the Pecos Mission at New Mexico's Pecos National Historic Park are a stark reminder of the once-vibrant American Indian community that lived in the area.



The lesser-known Civil War Battle of Glorieta Pass took place nearby.

In 1862 Colorado Volunteers commanded by Col. John P. Slough and assisted by volunteers from New Mexico and a smattering of regular troops turn back a Confederate thrust into New Mexico Territory led by CSA General Henry H. Sibley.

The Battle of Glorieta Pass, sometimes called the "Gettysburg of the West," proved the crucial confrontation in the Confederate New Mexico Campaign. Hoping to solidify control of what for the South was the Confederate Territory of Arizona (the Southern portions of Arizona and New Mexico) and expand beyond to Colorado mines, and ports in Southern California, Sibley's troops had defeated Union forces in late February at the Battle of Valverde and moved to occupy Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

His next target, the Union outpost at Fort Union on the opposite side of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, brought his troops along the Santa Fe Trail and into Glorieta Pass, a narrowing of the trail that meanders through the lower elevations of the mountains.

After an inconclusive encounter on March 26, approximately 1,100 Confederate troops commanded by CSA Lt. Col. William R. Scurry (Sibley is absent) engage the same number of Federal troops from Fort Union, now commanded by Col. John P. Slough, whose 900 Colorado Volunteers had just arrived.

As Scurry's troops push the Union line back down the pass, Union Maj. John C. Chivington (who had been ordered to attack the Confederate flank) leads 400 troops across Glorieta Mesa and attacks Scurry's supply lines.

Chivington's troop's burn 80 wagons of supplies and slaughter hundreds of animals, turning what looked like a sure defeat into a strategically significant victory for the Union.

Deprived of crucial supplies the Confederates are forced to withdraw and would never again attempt a significant campaign in the far west.
