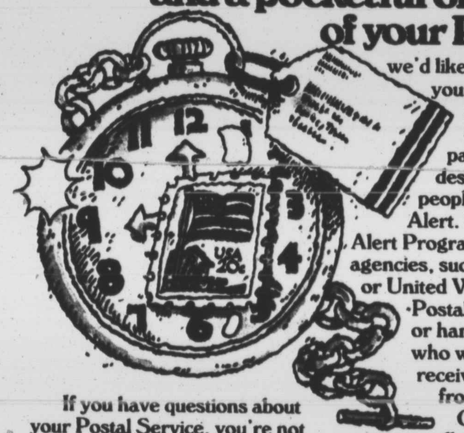
How to mail a gold watch without second thoughts

and a pocketful of ways to get the best of your Post Office.



If you have questions about your Postal Service, you're not alone. With all the services we offer, things can get a little confusing. So we'd like to explain just what we can do for you.

For example, what if you want to mail something you consider irreplaceable? Send it by registered mail, to provide protection against loss or damage. Whatever item you register will be closely monitored from point of mailing to point of delivery, and you'll receive a mailing receipt. You can also purchase optional postal insurance worth up to $25,000 for the actual value of any item in case of loss or damage. So whether you plan to mail a gold watch or an heirloom clock, use registered mail and have no second thoughts.

How to get special handling from the postman.

If you're a senior citizen or handicapped person living alone, we'd like you to meet a friend—your carrier. Because now your Postal Service is participating in a program designed just to help people like you: Carrier Alert. Under the Carrier Alert Program, local sponsoring agencies, such as the Red Cross or United Way, will inform the Postal Service of senior or handicapped citizens who would like to receive special attention from their mail carriers.

Once notified, mail carriers will watch the participants' homes carefully for accumulated mail, which might indicate sickness or injury.

So call your local Red Cross or United Way about the new Carrier Alert Program—it'll make your neighborhood a nicer place to live in.

How to meet an Olympic athlete at your Post Office.

Get an early start on The Games at your post office with the new 1983-84 Olympic Stamp Series. Each of the 24 stamps depicts an Olympic event in beautiful color illustration.

And to get your collection off to a running start, just drop into your post office and we'll tell you how to get a free Olympic stamp album or stamp poster.

So start collecting now and experience the Olympics as you never have before.

How to talk with your Post Office.

Postal people know that an important part of helping you is listening. So our clerks are always ready to answer your questions, in person or over the phone. We've also provided post offices with Consumer Service Cards that you can fill out with your comments.

But what if you still need help, or want more information?

Just write to your
Consumer Advocate
U.S. Postal Service
Washington, DC 20260

There are lots of other ways your Postal Service can work for you. And we want you to know about them.

So feel free to talk to our employees about any questions you may have.

We'll help you get our best.

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CELEBRITY LOOKOUT

Jason

All letters should be addressed to Jason, DAWN Magazine, 428 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. All questions are welcome, but while Jason cannot provide individual answers, questions of general interest will be used in this column.

Q.-- Debbie Allen is great and I recently caught her on PBS as narrator of the Fannie Lou Hamer story. I heard she split from her former CBS execu husband. Who is her main squeeze now?

JOAN LAMPLEY
Washington, D.C.

A- According to California papers Debbie Allen is "close" with the Laker's Norm Nixon.

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Q. -- I love Janet Jackson and Stacy Lattisaw and their music. Where can I write to them.

EDWARD SPOONER
Oakland, Calif.

A.- You can write Stacy Lattisaw thru Buddy Allen Maganement, 65 W. 55th St., N.Y.; N.Y. 10019. Write Janet Jackson, at A. & M. Records, 1416 N. LaBrea Ave., Hollywood, Calif. 90028

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Q. -- I really dug the clothes worn by the new Miss America Vanessa Williams in the pageant competition. Who designed her clothes?

A.M.
Baltimore, Md.

A. - Miss America wore more than 20 outfits designed by Garreau throughout the pageant and its preliminaries. Garreau, whose business is called Ursula of Switzerland is a specialist in dressy evening clothes. She manufactures her dothes in Troy, N.Y. in an old mill she renovated on the Mohawk River. Miss Williams is from the same area and she was introduced to Garreau by a former aide to Nelson Rockefeller, Virginia Callan, for whom Garreau made a wedding dress.

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Q. -- Whatever happened to the musical "Bubbling Brown Sugar". I heard it was to open in Germany this Christmas?

JENEEN JONES
New York, N.Y.

A. - According to the trade papers the musical review which has New York and West Berlin partners is reported to have financial problems and won't open in Frankfurt, Germany at the Old Opera for Christmas and New Years.

Debbie Allen

Stacy Lattislaw

James Brown

Shari Belafonte-Harper

★★★

Q. -- I heard that James Brown was hit with a $28,000 in child support suit in Sacramento, Calif. Is this true?

LEE PELLIN
Chicago, Ill.

A. - The Father of Soul James Brown was due to court Sept. 16 to answer charges that he failed to make $28,000 in child support payments to a Sacramento woman over 14 years. Brown was served summons just before he went on stage for a California State Fair gig. Judge Carol Miller ordered $28,000 withheld from his California concert tour until case is heard. Mary Florence Brown, 34, mother of Michael Deon Brown was never married to the 55-year-old singer. Her attorney says the vocalist has made only a few payments since 1969 when Brown agreed to pay $500 monthly for child support.

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Q. -- The new series "Hotel" has two black actors who appear regularly. I just love Shari Belafonte-Harper. Why did they write the black security chief with a criminal background and why does this character have to play the part as a bug-eyed menial waiter? TV gives us two cute black kids in white families; Isaac the waiter and Mr. T in gold chains. Does "Hotel's security chief mean that all we're going to get are black ex-crooks like Robert Hooks the other night and one black woman as manager of the information center? I am really disturbed because TV is messing up my kids self images.

ANN PETERS
Columbia, Md.

A. - We saw the recent episode of "Hotel" on ABC and noted that Shari-Belafonte-Harper shows great promise and comes over as a cool polished actor. If you watched this espisode in black and white, the characters played by Nathan Carter as Billy Griffin, the ex-con security chief and Robert Hooks, the former acting great as a thief were straight out of an Amos and Andy farce restaged at the Fairmount Hotel amid plush surroundings. Robert Hooks, the former Negro Ensemble member can't be faulted. The directors of this ABC series are blowing our minds by telling these men how they want them to play these parts as servile eye-ball rolling actors. Complain.