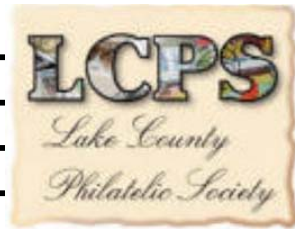


# Perforations



In February, we discussed the recovery of the "Ice House" cover. This item was stolen almost forty years ago and turned up at a Chicago area stamp store last month.

The cover is now under the FBI's 'protective custody' in Indianapolis (where it was stolen from the Baker collection) until a new owner can be determined.

The cover is special, in that all transfer points are noted/stamped from its origin in Boston MA to Calcutta India in 1873. When stolen, it was insured for \$1000.00. We'll have to see how the insurance lawyers make out as the custody battle moves over the next few years.

It was during the open discussion that Bill Shultz pointed out the need for safeguarding ones collection. This can be by protecting in say a bank safety deposit box or some other 'safe' spot. The need for insurance was also highlighted. The cost of which is not to prohibitive.

The open discussion had both members and guest describing thefts that happened to them and others.

This month we will be reviewing the Postal Service's offerings of 2005 and voting on what we liked (and what could easily be forgotten). See the last two pages for B/W illustrations of the USPS 2005 Stamp Program. This year should be even more exciting with the rate change generating a whole slew of definitives ... and as usual, bring anything for show/tell and swap.

April might find us in Egypt and Israel ....



## Four-and-one-half years ago for the small sum of .... (three rake hikes)

<u>DOMESTIC SERVICE</u>	<u>JAN 8, 2006</u>	<u>JUN 30, 2002</u>	<u>JUL 1, 2001</u>
<b>First-Class</b>			
Letter, up to one-ounce	.39 (14.7%)	.37	.34
Letter, additional ounce	.24 (4%)	.23	.23
Postcard	.24 (13%)	.23	.21
<b>Stamped Stationery</b>			
Stamped envelope	.47 (11.9%)	.45	.42
Stamped card	.26 (13%)	.25	.23
<b>Express Mail</b>			
Up to ½ pound	14.40 (15.7%)	13.65	12.45
<b>Priority Mail</b>			
Up to 1 pound	4.05 (15.7%)	3.85	3.50
Over 1 pound/2 pounds	4.20/6.05	3.95/5.75	3.95



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