

Elvis Lives!

Deceased Rock Star 'Sighted' in Caribbean

The tiny island nation of St. Vincent has recently released a set of Elvis Presley postage stamps—beating the U.S. Postal Service by nearly a year.

"While the post office was trying to decide between the young and the old Elvis, here you have this tiny nation that's issued nine different stamps showing Elvis in every stage of his career," said Scott Tilson of The International Collectors Society in Baltimore, Maryland, who is distributing the stamps in the U.S. "Still, I don't see the Postal Service getting all shook up over this."

Each of the nine stamps is about four times the size of the proposed U.S. stamp, and each stamp has a face value of \$1.00. "They're really quite stunning with all the colorful images printed together on the same commemorative sheet," added Tilson.

The United States will be issuing only one Elvis stamp in

1993—the younger Elvis, based on the outcome of the national vote taken by the postal service. A postal service spokesperson has indicated that at least 300 million U.S. stamps will be printed.

"When you compare that to the St. Vincent issue which is a limited edition of a few thousand sets worldwide, rather than millions, you can see the appeal that the St. Vincent stamps will have to stamp collectors and Elvis fans," pointed out Tilson.

The St. Vincent issue is legal for postage in St. Vincent and recognized by postal authorities throughout the world.

If you just have to get an Elvis set right now, they are available for a short time at their face value of \$9.00 (plus \$3.00 postage and handling) for the complete set of nine stamps. Contact The International Collectors Society, 111 Water Street, Suite 300U, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, (800) 873-2003.



Delco students hang out on a beautiful day.

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'Mexican Slang' Can Make You Hip

How do you say "chill out" in Spanish? A new book, *Mexican Slang* by Linton H. Robinson, tells you what your Spanish prof won't! It reveals the hip talk, cool lingo and lewd eloquence of the Spanish used commonly in the streets of modern Mexico, and by Mexicans who have migrated elsewhere.

The book's cover warns that it contains adult language; the expressions used by native Spanish speakers are often slang (and sometimes a little off-color) — this is real-life Spanish! Since these phrases are usually not found in a dictionary, the language student and novice are left in the dark.

Into the breach comes *Mexican Slang*, a guide to the jargon of drug dealers, cholos, outlaws and in-laws, teens and yuppies. This fascinating little volume is full of difficult-to-decipher words and expressions.

For those who want to spice up their Spanish vocabulary, or those who plan to head south for spring break, this pocket-sized book is perfect. It is modestly priced at only \$6.95. The double indices (one is Spanish and one in English) an idea of the completeness of *Mexican Slang*: from a *todo dar* (to the max) to *zurrrar* (to defecate), and from AIDS to "with it," this book tells it all.

Whether you wish to use these words, want to be careful to avoid them, or simply want to understand them when you hear them, there's no book quite like *Mexican Slang*.

The hardback edition of *Mexican Slang* is \$8.95, and paper back costs only \$6.95. They can be ordered by calling 800-356-9315 to charge it to a major credit card, or mail a check or money order. The address is 29481 Manzanita Drive, Campo, CA 91906.

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