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SEEKING CROHN'S DISEASE AWARENESS

In your July/August issue I enjoyed reading Judy Routson's *Washington 2006 Show Was Full of Pleasant Surprises*. My youngest son also has Crohn's disease and is a stamp collector. In her report, Ms. Routson wrote:

A particularly heart-warming aspect of the opening ceremonies was when Postmaster General John E. Potter introduced a young man who is a victim of Crohn's Disease... The young man's wish, accomplished through the Make-a-Wish Foundation, was to meet the postmaster general and ultimately to have a stamp issued calling attention to his disease.

I would like to correspond with her about who the person seeking a stamp is and also how she deals with her son's disease.

David J. Snyder, Staten Island

EDITOR'S NOTE: Gideon Sofer, 22, a sophomore at the University of California, Berkeley, met with Postmaster General John E. Potter on May 25 to discuss a U.S. stamp that would highlight inflammatory bowel disease. It has taken Sofer years to develop the idea, garner support, and to arrange the meeting. As a stamp collector, Sofer says he realizes that out of tens of thousands of proposals, only 20 are accepted each year. He founded the IBDCURE.ORG, a foundation dedicated to increasing awareness of Crohn's disease. (*All Things Considered*, National Public Radio)



PHILATELIC QUIZ ANSWERS QUESTIONED

I believe there are two errors in the quiz answers on page 64. (September–October).

- Question 1: I believe William McKinley was a sergeant, not an officer, in the Civil War.
- Question 8: Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts.

Robert Boos, Plainview

EDITOR'S NOTE: McKinley enlisted in the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry when the war broke out, serving under Major Rutherford B. Hayes, future Republican president. The regiment spent a year fighting Confederate units in western Virginia. McKinley's bravery under fire impressed Hayes, and he was promoted to commissary sergeant. At the Battle of Antietam in September 1862, McKinley drove a mule team laden with meat and coffee through heavy enemy fire to supply frontline troops. For this action he was promoted to second lieutenant and made an aide to Hayes. He left the army with the rank of major in 1865. Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low's last name was inadvertently listed as Lowe, an error by the editor.

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