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Operation Christmas Greeting

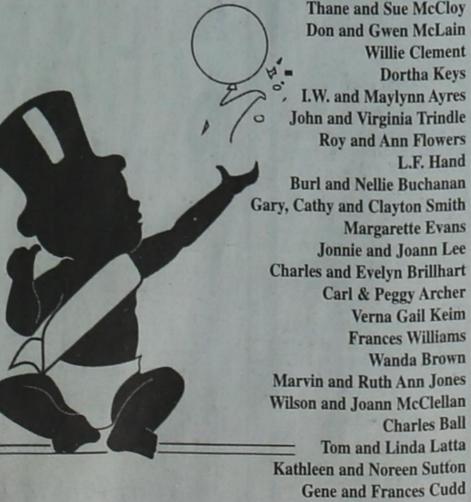
The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary has begun their yearly fundraiser - Operation Christmas Greeting."
Instead of mailing greeting cards, individuals who wish to may donate money to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor.

The following have made donations:

Happy New Year

Your donations can be mailed to Operation Christmas Greeting, 906 Bernice, Spearman, Texas

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Pack Selected "Coach Fran's Ball Boy" At A&M Game

Mike Pack, recently attended Field in College Station.

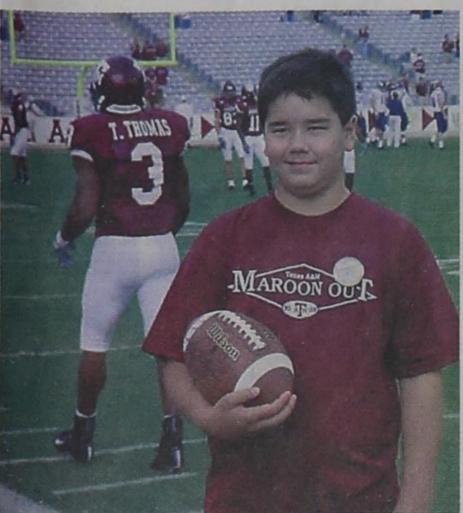
Chance Pack and his uncle, an activity in which a young person is invited to be "Coach the Texas A&M vs. Kansas Fran's Ball Boy" for that game, State football game at Kyle and Chance just happened to be the young man invited for the At A&M home games there is honor that day. Chance and

Mike were escorted onto the football field during the pregame warm-up for the Aggies and the Jayhawks, and he was presented with a football autographed by A&M Coach Francionne.

Video footage of Chance on the field with his keepsake football was taken and shown during the first quarter of the game on the Jumbotron screen at the south end of Kyle Field, and Chance Pack from Spearman, Texas was introduced to the crowd of more than 79,000 as "Coach Fran's ball boy for today's game."

An interesting sidebar to this exciting experience was that Chance and Mike were escorted into the stadium right behind former President Bush and his Secret Service agents, and the video shoot took place in front of President Bush's box seat.

Chance later received a copy of his video and that day's halftime performance by the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band from the video lab of the A&M Athletic Department.



Chance Pack





by Catherine R. Smith CathyRSmit@aol.com

My uncle Sonny Ritchie sent me the following story. It is very touching and I feel very appropriate for the beginning of a new year. After all, a miracle is not the suspension of natural law, but the operation of a higher law.

May God bless you in the coming year.

A little girl went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet. She poured all the change out on the floor and counted it carefully. Three times, even. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out the back door and made her way 6 blocks to Rexall's Drug Store with the big red Indian Chief sign above the door. She waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her some attention but he was too busy at this moment. Tess twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise!! Nothing. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. No good. Finally she took a quarter from her jar and banged it on the glass counter. That did it!

"And what do you want?" the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice. "I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages," he said without waiting for a reply to his question.

Well, I want to talk to you about my brother," Tess answered back in the same annoyed tone. "He's really, really sick ... and I want to buy a miracle."

"I beg your pardon?" said the pharmacist. "His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?"

"We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you," the pharmacist said, softening a lit-

"Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it

The pharmacist's brother was a well dressed man. He Stooped down and asked the little girl, What kind of a miracle does your brother need?" "I don't know," Tess replied with her eyes welling up. "I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my

"How much do you have?" asked the man from Chicago. "One dollar and eleven cents," Tess answered barely audibly. "And it's all the Money I have, but I can get some more if I need to.

"Well, what a coincidence," smiled the man. "A dollar and eleven cents-the exact price of a miracle for little brothers."

He took her money in one hand and with the other hand he grasped her mitten and said "Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the kind of miracle you need."

That well dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neuro-surgery. The operation was completed without charge and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well. Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this place. "That surgery," her Mom whispered. "was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?"

Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost .. one dollar and eleven cents plus the faith of a little child.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine:)



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We will be closed December 31st-January 4th.

Barnes To Visit Spearman January 2nd

Republican candidate for Texas State Senate Bob Barnes announced the start of his "Barnes-Storming West Texas" listening tour of District 31. The candidate said he plans to visit all 26 counties in the district during the campaign.

Barnes will be bringing his listening tour to Spearman on January

2, 2004 at the Hungry Cowboy.
"I've got a lot of ideas about how we can improve our public schools, bring new jobs to the area, and unify West Texans, but I don't have all the answers," Barnes said. "That's why I'm visiting directly with voters in all 26 counties, to hear their concerns and

ideas and take them to Austin as their state senator."

Barnes said he's not giving speeches or holding big rallies in these counties. He's simply there to listen. "I think that's what people want out of their legislators," Barnes said. "This is strictly a listening tour, and while I'll be happy to share some of my ideas if asked, my main purpose is to hear the problems and challenges facing people in West Texas and the Panhandle and see if together we can't come up with ways to make things better." can't come up with ways to make things better."

Barnes said he is making a special effort to make sure people in the smaller counties of District 31 have their voices heard in this race. "I think every candidate will visit Amarillo, Odessa and Midland," Barnes said. "I want to make sure I hear the concerns of the people in cities like Vega, Friona and Muleshoe, and let them

know that I will be their voice in our state capitol."

The public is invited to attend the event. Tea and snacks will be

Marshall Cator Sculpture Donations Accepted

Donations are being requested to create a 11/2 life-size bronze sculpture, approximately 9 feet tall of Marshall Cator to be displayed at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. It is based on an earlier half life-size bronze sculpture of Marshall Cator that was sculpted by artist Edd Hayes of Houston. Edd Hayes, who will also create the new work, is represented in the Panhandle area by Karen Gardner of Amarillo.

The earlier sculpture, "Last of a Rare Breed," was commissioned by Perryton oilman Harold Courson and individual castings are displayed at the Museum of the Plains in Perryton, as well as Courson Oil and Gas in Perryton and the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. Furniture, art, clothing and other artifacts belonging to and donated by Marshall Cator can be seen at Station Master's House Museum in Spearman, Window on the Plains Museum in Dumas and the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

Marshall Cator is truly a legend of the Golden Spread. His two uncles arrived in America in 1871 and began ranching in Hansford County in 1878. Marshall's father joined the uncles in 1879. Marshall was born in a sod house near Morse in 1902 and lived out his life as a cattleman and farmer near Sunray, just west of where he was born. He passed away in 2002 leaving behind a rich legacy to the ranching and farming industry in the Panhandle. Marshall was a very generous man with a big heart. He worked hard his whole life and helped others. The sculpture is a tribute to a real hero. He was honored in April 2000 with the Chester A. Reynolds Memorial Award during the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center's Annual Awards.

Donors are asked to direct tax deductible contributions to Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, Cator Sculpture Fund, West Texas A&M University, P.O. Box 60967, Canyon TX 79016. For more information, contact Karen Gardner at 806-359-9189.

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Wed., December 31, 2003 7 p.m. 'till 1 a.m.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Red Hot Receipt Collectors Collecting Lowe's Receipts
The Red Hot Receipt Collectors of Spearman Jr. High are excited to announce that they are once again saving Lowe's register tapes. These register tapes will be turned into valuable educational equipment. You can help by saving all of your Lowe's register tapes and giving them to any SJH student. There are also boxes placed at the following business. es for you to place register tapes in: First State Bank, First National Bank, Dreamer's, Simple Simon's, and Celebrate. If you would like a box set up at your business or need some-one to come and collect register tapes from you, please con-tact Mardell Strawn at SJH (659-2563). Thanks for your coninued support.

Register Tapes for Education - Birdwell Elementary
The Gus Birdwell Elementary PTO is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Gus Birdwell Elementary would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register apes may be taken to the Elementary Office.

Register Tapes for Education - Pringle-Morse CISD
Pringle-Morse CISD is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register apes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Pringle-Morse CISD would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be given to a Pringle-Morse CISD student or mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062.

Senior Citizen's Book Exchange
For those who are 55 or older and are tired of reading the same old book, come to the Golden Spread Center and exchange your book for something more exciting. Don't have a book to exchange? That's okay, come and get one any way. We have mysteries, biographies, romance, Christian books, you name it, we've got it! 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.,Golden Spread Center, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, 659-3030 Donations appreciated.

Medical Fund Established for Roney Clark A fund has been established at First State Bank for Roney and Veann Clark to help with medical expenses.

Spearman Boy Scouts Meet
The Spearman Boy Scout Troop meets every Tuesday
night from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Scout Hall, located at 5th
and Hazelwood. The Scout Master. All boys age 11-18 are invited to attend and find out more about scouting. All Scouts are reminded to attend every meeting. For more information, call 659-3942 or 659-2378.

Medical Fund Established for Wanda Townsend

The First Baptist Church of Spearman has started Medical Assistance Fund at the First State Bank in Spearman for the family of Wanda Townsend. If you could be of financial help to this family at this critical time, any assistance would be greatly appreciated. You may make your contribution at the First State Bank in Spearman toward the Wanda Townsend Medical Assistance Fund he Wands Townsend Medical Assistance Fund.

Panhandle Community Services Utility Classes Set
Funding is now available from Panhandle Community
Services for those who need help with their utility bills. Utility classes will be held for co-pay clients the second Friday of every month at the Expo Center in Perryton from 10-10:30 a.m. These classes are mandatory for clients who wish to continue receiving help in paying utility bills. For more information, call PCS at (806) 435-2478.

Defensive Driving
Reduce your auto insurance by 10% by taking Defensive Driving. Classes will be offered January 6th & 8th from 6-10 p.m. in the Lacasita Room at Gruver State Bank. Call 733-2109 or 733-2238 for more information. The cost for the class is \$10.

Financial Aid Night

Gruver High School is hosting a Financial Aid Night for seniors and their parents on Tuesday, January 6th at 7 p.m. in the GHS library. Information will be provided on financial aid and FAFSA. One senior will win a \$100 scholarship! Refreshments will be served.

Dixie Melody Boys in Concert

The Dixie Melody Boys will be in concert at the Borger High School Auditorium on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Barnes To Hold Campaign Event in Hansford County Republican candidate for Texas Senate Bob Barnes will be in Spearman on January 2nd at the Hungry Cowboy as part of his "BARNES-storming West Texas" listening tour of District 31. The public is invited to attend.

2nd Annual Diamond Miss Pageant

The 2nd Annual Diamond Miss Pageant will be held on January 10, 2004 at the VFW Hall Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler in Pampa, beginning at 1 p.m. For more information, call 669-7671 or 665-8921.



Our Deepest Sympathy

EDWIN E. SIMMONS

PAMPA - Edwin E. Simmons, 95, died Friday, December 26,

Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2003 in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Ron Noble, pastor of Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith, Mike Mueller, elder of Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints Church in Dumas, and Richard Gattis, of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Pampa, officiating. Burial was be in Ochiltree Cemetery in Perryton under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Simmons was born December 6, 1908, in Section 79, Block 4-T, T & NO Railway Co. Survey in Ochiltree County to William Andie Simmons and Sarah Elizabeth Seay Simmons of Wawaka. His only sibling was Joseph Hayden Simmons who was nearly 12 years his senior.

He married Anabel Gilliam on September 7, 1930, in Gruver. Anabel was born less than one mile from where Edwin was born and they were never separated for any long period of time during their lifetimes. They had been married for 73 years at the time of his

death. They had one child, a son, Paul Simmons, who was born in Ochiltree County at the home of his mother's parents within two

miles of the places of Edwin's and Anabel's birthplaces. Mr. Simmons obtained his certificate of public accountancy on March 31, 1946, and remained in active practice for more than 56 years. He was a member of Texas Association of Certified Public

A job opening with Cree Oil Company brought the family to Pampa later in 1946. After a few years, Mr. Simmons was president of Cree Oil Company. Later, other business opportunities opened for him. He owned and operated Southwell Supply Company with locations in Pampa, Perryton, Spearman and LaVern, OK. During this time he obtained a pilot's license and flew his own plane.

He accepted Christ as his Savior shortly after the birth of their son and became a member of Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints when he was 76 years of age and remained so until his death. He was a member of Gideons International.

As long as health permitted, Edwin was never too busy to pay regular visits to the Pampa Nursing Homes and Hospital. He would make these rounds before going to work at the office.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Hayden. Survivors include his wife, Anabel of the home; a son, Paul Simmons and wife, Ione Martin Simmons of Pampa; two grandchildren, J. Vondel Stevens and husband, Scott, of Canyon and E.P. Simmons of Chicago, IL; one great-grandson, Timothy Stevens of Canyon; one niece, Rubyjo Wilbanks of Spearman (who is also his sister by adoption); one great-niece, D.J. Stubben and family of Amarillo; and one great-nephew, Scott Bauer and family of

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

ROBERT E. HURST

STROUD - Memorial services for Robert E. (Bob) Hurst, 78, will be held Saturday, January 3, 2004 in Holt Cemetery.

Born January 25, 1925, to Jennie and R.C. Hurst of Tecumseh, he died December 17, 2003. He was a resident of the Stroud area for 15 years until he moved to Tulsa in 1999, and had recently returned

to live in Stroud. After graduation from Tecumseh High School, he joined the U.S. Marine Corp where he served 32 months in the South Pacific. He was the last surviving member of the 3rd Joint Assault Signal Corps. His unit was the first ashore at Guam, New Guinea, Mora Tia, Indonesia, Lalau, Leyte and Iwo Jima. He sat up the microphones for Gen. MacArthur's famous "I Have Returned" speech and led the general ashore when his landing craft got stuck on a

He graduated from Oklahoma State A&M in 1949, with a degree in electrical engineering and worked for the next 35 years with Dowell. He retired as vice president of research, but traveled the world to the trouble spots in the oil industry.

An active member of the Stroud Lions Club and the American Legion Post 257, he was also a member of the First Baptist Church

Preceding him in death was his wife, Vivian.

Survivors include a daughter, Lynette Ziese of Stroud; a son, Jimmie Rogers of Silver City, NM; three grandchildren, Tonya Neuman and her husband, Leo of Stroud, Rob Rogers and his wife, Theresa of Oak Harbor, WA, and Don Rogers of Flower Mound, TX; six great-grandchildren; and a nephew, Olen Hurst of Stroud.

Donations may be made to the Lions Club Foundation and the

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OTHO E. GAMMILL SR.

GRUVER - Otho E. Gammill Sr., 90, died Tuesday, December 23, 2003, in Spearman. Services were at 2 p.m. Friday, December 26, 2003 in Gruver

First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Gumfory officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home. The son of William Clarence and Dora Elsie (Barton) Gammill,

he was born May 19, 1913 in Devol, OK. Otho was raised in Devol and attended the Devol school system. He moved to Gruver in 1939. Otho was engaged in farming and welding for the majority of his life. He also loved working as a cowboy. He served his community

as a volunteer firefighter and weather watcher for many years. He was a member of the Gruver First Christian Church and was a very talented musician, playing the mandolin and fiddle.

He married Mary L. "Connie" Robertson on May 23, 1980 at the First Christian Church in Gruver.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Rae Olene Karr; and one sister, Hester Kirkpatrick.

Survivors include his loving wife of 23 years, Connie Gammill, of the home; four children, Neil Gammill of Las Vegas, O.E. Gammill Jr. of Brownwood, Lanelle Waters of Gainesville, FL, and Kay Robinson of Gruver; three stepchildren, Bill Bradford of Littleton, CO, Raymond Spradlin of Austin and Nawana Spradlin of Amarillo; 14 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice and may

be sent to the funeral home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.

CHARLES EVERETT LITTLE

SPEARMAN - Charles Everett Little, 68, died Tuesday, December 23, 2003, in Oklahoma City.

Memorial services were at 1 p.m. Friday, December 26, 2003 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Cole officiating. Burial was in Stinnett Cemetery in Stinnett by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Little was born to Everett and Louise Little on February 28, 1935, in Okmulgee, OK. He married Maxine Riggs in 1954. They lived in Stinnett for 20 years before moving to Spearman in 1974.

He graduated from Dumas High School and was a member of the 1953 state semi-finalist basketball team. He was employed by Natural Gas Pipeline for 37 years and was a field supervisor, retiring in 1990. Since that time, he had been employed by Prairie Motors in Spearman.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Spearman, Homebuilders Sunday School Class, Hansford County Golf Association and Hansford Masonic Lodge No. 1040.

His joy in life was his family and friends. He loved following his grandchildren and watching them rodeo and play basketball.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Dale Little

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Sabrina Kathy Beebe and husband, Danny, of Yukon, OK; three grandchildren, Tanner, Trevor and Kaitlyn Beebe of Yukon; a sister, Barbara Eads and husband, Jerry, of Dumas.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity; prayer ministry of First United Methodist Church, 407 S. Haney St., Spearman, TX 79081; or Stationmasters House Museum of Spearman, 30 S. Townsend St., Spearman, TX 79081.

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Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wilson McClellan, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Connelly, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Fairbanks, Mr. & Mrs. I.W. Ayres, Mr. & Mrs. Monty Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Ramsey, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Wall, Daniel & Callie Hopkins

January 2 Birthday - John Armes, Chelsea Reid, Silvia Holgin, Troy Smith, Lynetta Woodward, Dwight Gillispie, Brian Dillow, Rebecca Dillow, Nelda Winn, Olivia Salgado, Garrett Martin

Anniversary - Lupe & Debbie Trejo, Mr. & Mrs. Luke Pittman

January 3 Birthday - Altha Fisher, Elmon Jacobs, Brandon Close, Darl Hergert, Lois Shieldknight, Charles Bartz, Martha Villalobos, Betsy Ward, Joe Morris, Rodger Ferguson, Lorraine Schick, Cristal Moreno

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Wilbanks, Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Smith, Mr. & Mrs. **Buddy Lowe**

January 4 Birthday - Emma Lou Collins, Allen Mires, Denise Ware, Janie Kunselman, Willis Boyd, Randall Mitchell, TeBeest, Harold Crooks, Martina Miller, Lori Haight, Mandy Vernon Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs.

Vernon Baker, Mr. & Mrs.

George De Santiago

January 5 Birthday - Brice Lewis, Kent Remmel, LaNetta Shapley, Glenda Cambell, DeWitt, Becky Scotty Renteria, Linda Tope, Kim Rick Cazares, Stinson, Perez, Kent Jacinda

Remmel Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Blan

January 6 Birthday Benny McCullough, Debbie Knight, Julie Logsdon, Valorie Hull, Joyce Sparks, Sam Boone, Teresa Pope, Alicia Davis, Ron Antalek, Kenny Kentron, Lesa Moffett

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Stork

your heart.

Brad Holt, Birthday -Marsha Lowe, Lucy Pittman, Judy Virden, Mrs. Perry Michael Hawkins, Rodriguez. Pam Porter, Buddy Parker, Christina Bayless, Dorothy Nollner, Kimberly Irwin

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Howard Nash

January 8 Birthday - Cody Barkley, Shields, Haley Brogdon, Doris Hendricks, Fontella McKee, Ross Womble, Lisa Amanda Schneider Brown, Lisa

January 9 Birthday - Bob Bort, Miles Messer, Louise Vanderberg, Kirby Taylor, Eric Brown, Britt Jarvis, Connie Holmes, Jim Bass, Edna Marie Walker, Kiley Coombs, Helen Blan, Bill Etling

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gomez, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Kell, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Logsdon

January 10

Birthday - Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Chrissy Bensinger, Barbara Rojas, Johnson, Justin Logsdon, Devin Sibley, Melissa Vasquez, Andrew Woolley

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Frantz

January 11 Birthday - Norma Edens, Marcy Hendrick, Gloria Knox, Chad Riggins, Karen Kirk, Bill Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Shayla Jo Barber,

Leeta Prather Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Bradley

January 12 Birthday - Imogene Williams, Helen Fisher, Georgia McLeod, Francis Biles, Toni Archer, Dori Anderson, Britt Savage, Cory Anderson, Earl Wattier, Steve Stedje, Bryant Layton, Éllis, Downing Steve Salazar, Bradley Carlisle, Tara Davis, Brandlee James

Anniversary - Alton & Peggy Ellsworth, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Lang, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Overbey

January 13 Birthday - Nancy Babbs Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzgearld, T.J. Johnson, Molly McCloy, Regina Biggers, Don Ed Watson, Laura Mackie, Susan Sheets Noel, Jana Buchanan, Sherry Allen, Nancy Wilson, Kim Vera, Jimmie Vernon, Diane Boyd, Tiffany Brown, June Mitchell

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First Assembly of God 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:35 a.m. Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Youth: 7 Pastor - Bob Elder

(Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith First Baptist Church

First Christian Church

123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m. Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m. Pastor - Patrick Six

Church of Christ 121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m. KRDF Radio Program Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m. Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland • 659-2792 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English
(aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish 1:30 p.m.. - Gruver - Christo Rendentor Mass - Spanish Rev. Guillermo Morales

First United Methodist 407 S. Haney • 659-5503 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m.. Sunday Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Ken Cole

Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1101 Bernice • 659-2033 Pastor - Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice • 659-2252 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church) Pastor - Beverly Cook

Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship; 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed Pastor - Bill Sparks

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Fawn Memories

During the early part of this past summer, I spent many hours on horseback checking cattle in our pastures. Because the rides often took me along or across our creek, they were a wonderful opportunity to observe nature. The most memorable experiences turned out to be the many encounters I had with small fawns.

The first incident took place when my brother, Micah, and I were returning home from moving some cattle. We were riding side by side, trotting briskly across a grassy low land, when Micah spied the spotted fawn as we passed on either side of it. The baby, only the size of a large house cat, never twitched as we thundered by. Circling our horses, we gazed at the little creature curled in the grass. Though scared, it lay motionless. Was there anything that would scare it into fleeing? We cherished the moment and con-

tinued homeward. A couple of days later, Micah and I had the opportunity to learn more about fawn behavior. We were crossing the creek near the site of the previous meeting, when our nervous horses helped us detect the fawn, tucked in beside a clump of green grass. Wow, another once in a life time experience! Burn the picture deep in your mind. It may have to last you a long time. The little thing certainly has been well taught to lie still. We enjoyed the seconds. The fawn did not. After about a half a minute of having the big ugly beasts stare at it, the fawn had had enough. Without warning, it jumped to its feet. We, calming our terrified horses, watched as the baby sprang backwards into a pool of water. It stood up, covered with mud and water. "Where's my mommy? Maybe on the other side of those horses, farther up the creek. I'll have to risk it!" As it dashed between our horses, the fawn let out a pitiful maa/yelp. It soon disappeared around a bend of the creek. While Micah and I couldn't 't help but chuckle at the humor

on the ordeal, we both hoped that Mommy got to lick baby deer clean really soon.

While that was the last time I saw a fawn in its hiding place, we continued to have interesting encounters. One, was a little more interesting than the fawn would have preferred. I had just crossed the creek with four sick cattle and was driving them across a low land toward our house. They insisted on spreading out, so I let them and followed behind. It was hardly surprising when a couple of them flushed up a little fawn. What did surprise me though, was the baby's course of action. In spite of other options, it ran straight up the hill toward our house! While I wished for a cell phone to call home, I hurried the cattle to the side and around the house. I then topped the hill in time to see the fawn (practically in our front yard) thrashing against the chicken fence. Mama and the girls were watching with perplexed looks on their faces. I rode around the house and tied my horse. The fawn, mean while, found its way back out to pasture, so I joined the girls and mama, who still had funny looks on their faces. Funny enough, that when Mama asked me if I had done that on purpose, I hurriedly shook my head and pointed at the cattle!

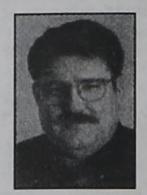
Cattle also led me into another more friendly meeting, this time with two young fawns. The two sick cattle that I was driving home were in the creek bottom, and I was on the bank above. They were playing the "see if you can make me cross the creek" game, which turned into the "up and down the creek" game. While they were trying their up the creek tactic, I noticed a fawn standing in the grass a short distance farther ahead. Declaring the cattle "short term winners", I dismounted to watch the curious baby. As the horse and I stood still, it wandered closer and closer, looking us over intently. Another fawn soon appeared, watching from a safe distance, beneath a tree. The two began conversing in soft little maas. I longed for a camera, as the first

me. It then went over and joined its companion under the tree. After a few minutes they both lay down, and I rode off to find the cattle, which had wandered off in opposite directions. It the summer than they would took me an extra thirty minutes to locate and head them home. but that didn't matter. It was like that.

I don't know how many fawns were raised in the area

one walked within fifteen feet of this summer, but on one trip down the creek I saw four, including a set of twins which ran off with their mother. I do know, however, that several fawns saw more of me during have liked. No long term harm came to them from our meetings though, and I thank the Lord for worth it, to have an experience making my path cross those of one of his cutest creatures, "the spotted fawn".

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Lynn Sheets, SCE Petroleum Manager, has been selected as Iowa Propane Marketer of the Year by the Iowa Propane Gas Association.

Sheets learned of his honor at the IPGA's Annual Meeting and Convention in Des Moines in late June.

"Lynn has been very active in the last year helping with our legislative agenda," says Deb Grooms, executive director of the IPGA. "He readily volunteers to help us."

Lynn was also elected to the Propane

Education Foundation of Iowa last year.

Lynn is a 1974 graduate of Spearman High School. He is the son of Claude and Jo Nell Sheets. He and his wife, Denise, and their youngest son, Jackson, live in Sully, Iowa.

Happy 13th Birthday to our "Little Alien" and our "Big Gator Man!" Love,



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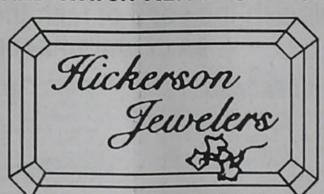
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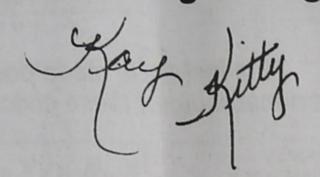
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of Hamlin, TX. The couple plans to be married on May 22, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the Starlight in Canyon. The ceremony will be partly broadcast on 91.1

Paulette Laxson of Spearman would like to announce the engage-

ment of her daughter, Jennifer Wain Laxson to Aaron Dane

Langston of Canyon. Aaron is the son of Larry and Judy Langston

Jennifer is a graduate of Spearman High School. She is a senior Mass Communications Broadcasting Major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, and will graduate in May. She is the lead video production artist for West Texas A&M University's Maroon Productions and Associate at Hasting's Entertainment.

Aaron is a graduate of Quinlan-Ford High School in East Texas. He is also a Senior Mass Communications Broadcasting Major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, and will graduate in May of 2004. He is the morning show host and music director for KWTS 91.1 FM and a cook at Nothing But Noodles.

A wedding reception will be held at the Starlight in Canyon following the wedding ceremony.

Thank You

Albert and I would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness you have shown us. We are so grateful to the people we know and the ones we don't know who have been so thoughtful and helpful. This is a very difficult time for us and we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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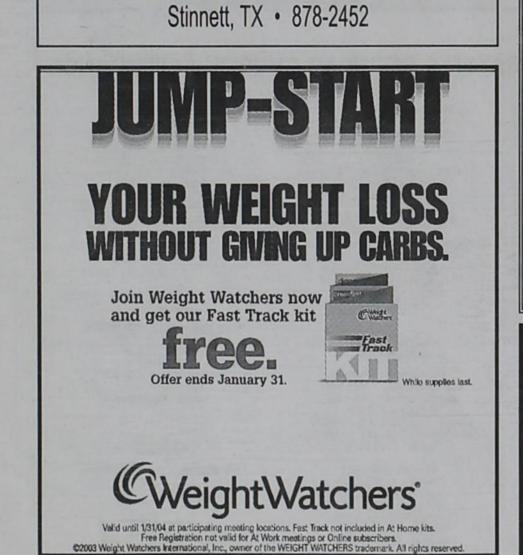
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2003 - News of the Nation

The following "Year In Review" was gathered from information on the website infoplease.com.

JANUARY

* Edwards Enters Presidential Race (Jan. 3): North Carolina senator John Edwards, a Democrat, says he plans to run for president in 2004.

Republicans Choose Convention Site (Jan. 6): Select New York City as location for 2004 national convention.

108th Congress Convenes (Jan. 7): Republicans begin new term in control of both houses. Democrat Nancy Pelosi becomes House minority leader, the first woman to ever lead a party in Congress. Senate passes bill to extend unemployment benefits.

* Bush Proposes New Tax Cuts (Jan. 7): Plan eliminates tax on stock dividends, increases childcare tax credit to \$1,000 from \$600, and increases write-off for small businesses that buy new equipment. Proposal criticized as a boon to the wealthy.

Bush Renominates Federal Judge (Jan. 7): Renames Charles Pickering, who was rejected by the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2002, for a seat on the federal court of appeals.

* Court Rules for Bush in Combatant Case (Jan. 8): Federal appeals court says wartime president can hold a U.S. citizen deemed an enemy combatant indefinitely, without access to a

* Bush Signs Law to Extend Unemployment Benefits (Jan. 8): Legislation, passed by Congress, extends benefits to about 2.5 million Americans.

* Illinois Governor Commutes Death Sentences (Jan. 11): Republican governor George Ryan commutes sentences of 167 on death row, calling capital punishment fundamentally flawed.

Lieberman Says He's Running for President (Jan. 13): Connecticut senator and former vice presidential candidate announces definite plans to run in

Supreme Court Upholds Copyright Extension (Jan. 15): Votes, 7-2, to lengthen existing copyrights by 20 years, upholding 1998 move by Congress. Decision considered a victory for Hollywood studios.

White House Announces Huge Deficits (Jan. 15): Administration expects 2003 deficit to top \$200 billion and \$300 billion in 2004.

* Bush Moves Against Racial Preferences (Jan. 16): President's lawyers file a brief with the Supreme Court, contending that the University of Michigan's program to increase the number of minorities enrolled as undergraduates and as law students amounts to a quota system and is unconstitutional.

* U.S. Begins Developing System to Monitor Germ Attacks (Jan. 22): System will detect when pathogens such as anthrax and smallpox are released into air.

* Ridge Sworn In as Homeland Security Chief (Jan. 24): Former governor of Pennsylvania becomes nation's first secretary of Homeland Security. Department seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals. unites 22 agencies and 170,000 employees.

* Bush Presents Case for War in Iraq (Jan. 28): In his second State of the Union speech, president says country must be prepared to attack Iraq, preferably with the backing of the United Nations. Bush also asserts that his \$674 billion tax-cut package will help to boost economy and vows to make prescription drug coverage part of Medicare.

* Shoe Bomber Sentenced (Jan. 30): Richard Reid sentenced to life in prison for trying, in December 2001, to blow up a plane with explosives hidden in his shoes.

FEBRUARY

* Space Shuttle Explodes (Feb. 1): Columbia breaks up as it reenters Earth's atmosphere on its way to Kennedy Space Center, killing all seven crew members. Victims are: Rick D. Husband, William C. McCool, Michael P. Anderson, David M. Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark, and the first Israeli astronaut, Ilan Ramon. (Feb. 13): Investigators think a hole in the left wing let superheated gas flow into the shuttle, contributing to crash.

* Bush Sends Congress Budget (Feb. 3): Fiscal year 2004 budget totals \$2.23 trillion and predicts record deficits in coming years.

* Administration Raises Terror Alert (Feb. 7): Country placed on high alert after U.S. intelligence officials learn that al-Qaeda may strike again. Second such warning since Sept. 11, 2001.

U.S. Issues Disaster Preparation Advice (Feb. 10): Guidelines for coping with chemical or biological attack prompt millions to clear store shelves of duct tape and plastic sheeting.

Greenspan Casts Doubt on Stimulus Plan (Feb. 11): Chairman of the Federal Reserve tells Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee that economy may not need stimulus package, which includes deep tax Hasan Al-Moayad, a cleric arrestcuts. Also warns that deficits pre- ed in Germany, told an FBI dicted under President Bush's informant he funneled money to stimulus package could hurt economy in the long term.

* Democrats Launch Filibuster (Feb. 11): Senate Democrats attempting to thwart vote on nomination of Miguel Estrada for a

Democrats say they have not received enough information about his views.

Announces Bush Reorganization of Intelligence Agencies (Feb. Counterterrorism divisions of FBI and CIA moving to a central location to consolidate information gathering and analysis.

* Stampede Kills 21 in Chicago (Feb. 17): Panic erupts after security guards spray Mace to break up a fight in hip-hop club called E2. More than 50 people wound-

* Florida Professor Linked to Killings in Israel (Feb. 20): Sami Al-Arian, suspended computer engineering professor at the University of South Florida, charged with funding and advising Palestinian terrorist working in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

* States File Suit Against EPA (Feb. 19): Attorneys general of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Washington, and New York suing agency for not regulating carbon dioxide emissions under the Clean Air Act.

* Club Fire Kills Dozens in Rhode Island (Feb. 21): Pyrotechnics display set off during concert by band Great White ignites an inferno that quickly engulfs entire building at West Warwick. Death toll reaches 100.

* Panel Criticizes Bush's Climate Plan (Feb. 26): Experts say strategy to study effects of global warming lacks clear goals and priorities and is too far-reach-

ing for \$1.7 billion budget. * Court Upholds Ban on Word "God" (Feb. 28): Federal appeals court in San Francisco lets stand earlier ruling that recitation in public schools of the words "under God" in Pledge of Allegiance violates the separation of church and state.

MARCH

* Brooklyn Mosque Accused of Financing Terror (March 4): Ali al-Qaeda through the Al Farooq mosque and that he was a spiritual adviser to Osama bin Laden.

Bush Prepares Country for War (March 6): In nationally televised press conference, president

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says Saddam Hussein is a direct threat to the U.S. and that the country will attack Iraq unilaterally if necessary.

Air Force Announces Rape Investigations (March 6): Reports 54 allegations of rape over 10 years at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. (March 25): Air Force dismisses four top academy officers in scandal.

Democrat Criticized for Remarks (March 11): Virginia representative James Moran under fire from both Republicans and Democrats for saying, "If it were not for the strong support of the Jewish community for this war with Iraq, we would not be doing this."

* Utah Teen Reunited with Family (March 12): Elizabeth Smart found in Sandy, Utah, with her alleged kidnappers, Brian Mitchell and his wife, Wendy Barzee, nine months after being kidnapped. (March 18): Mitchell and Barzee each charged with aggravated sexual assault, burglary, and kidnapping.

* Senate Passes Abortion Ban (March 13): Votes, 64-33, to outlaw intact dilation and extraction, also called partial-birth abortion, a procedure to end pregnancies in the second and third trimesters.

* Bush Warns Hussein (March 17): In a televised address, president tells country that war will be avoided only if Iraqi president Saddam Hussein steps down within 48 hours.

Senate Votes Down Alaska Drilling (March 19): After a bitter fight, Senate votes, 52-48, against drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

House Passes Budget Resolution (March 21): Plan calls for \$2.2 trillion in spending and allows for President Bush's \$726 billion tax cut. (March 25): Senate passes, 51-48, an amendment to nonbinding budget resolution that reduces president's proposed \$726 billion tax cut to \$350 billion. Continued on 5

Among The Neighbors by Helen Fisher

The Amarillo Globe-News

carried the obituary of Alda Mitts for funeral services in Stratford on last Saturday. Alda, 90, spent most of her

childhood and youth in Spearman and rural Hutchinson County. She was a Tompkins, daughter of early day settlers.

graduated Spearman High in 1931 and married Merrit, "Buster" Mitts in 1933. He died in 1988. They had three daughters and one son, six grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, two great, great grandchildren.

Delinda McLaughlin and daughter, Dana, visited Delinda's brother, Ronnie Head and his family in Carlsbad, N.M. last week-end. Ronnie is recovering from hip replacement and is doing well, walking with crutches.

While there, they all took a tour of "Christmas Lights on the Pecos" which is an outstanding exhibition.

John and Debbie Delarosa went to Lubbock to visit with family. It was the first time to meet his brother-in-law, David

Johnson. David is a pilot for American Airlines. They enjoyed their visit.

The Jerry Sparks hosted the holidays for family and friends. All of their children were able to come in for Christmas holidays except Amy Lewis and her family. In addition, Merry's brother, Larry Jackson and wife Ruby came to spend a few days. They were also pleased to host visitors from Boston via Dr. Sharma. Dr. Sharma's friend, Cheri Daniels from Amarillo and her parents from Boston and Dr. Sharma visited the Sparks ranch for an up close and personal visit with longhorns. The Sparks enjoyed all of the holidays and all of the visitors.

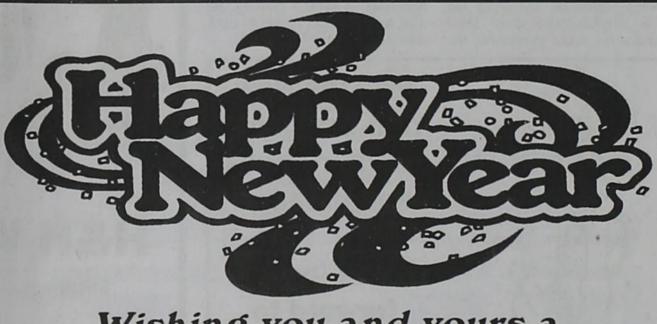
Well, here it is again-time for New Years resolutions. I can only hope that troubles will be as short-lived as my resolutions! Of course if I could keep them, I'd be skinny, intelligent, hale and hearty, rich, and probably bored!

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APRIL

* Bush Orders Quarantine of SARS Patients (April 4): Signs an executive order that adds severe acute respiratory syndrome to the list of diseases that merit quaran-

FBI Agent and Informant Arrested (April 9): Retired agent James Smith charged with gross negligence. His informer, Katrina Leung, who was also his lover, allegedly passed on classified documents she received from Smith to China. She is charged with using a classified document to aid a foreign nation.

Congress Approves Amber Alert Bill (April 10): Both houses vote to create national system to promptly alert public of kidnap-

* Congress Passes Budget Plan (April 11): Vice President Dick Cheney casts tie-breaking Senate vote to approve \$2.2 trillion budget resolution that limits President Bush's tax cut to \$350 billion. Earlier in the day, House also approved a resolution, with \$550 billion tax cut.

Funding Bill (April 12): Passes \$79 billion legislation to pay for war in Iraq.

Plan (April 15): Lowers goal to \$550 billion from \$726 billion, and signals confidence Congress will pass a generous package.

Army Secretary Resigns (April 24): Thomas White steps down after two years in the Pentagon. He was widely criticized for having served as a vice president of Enron prior to joining the Defense Department.

* House Passes AIDS Plan (May 1): Votes, 375-41, for \$15 billion measure to fight disease globally. Includes provision that one-third of the money be used to encourage abstinence.

Federal Court Rules in Campaign Law (May 2): In mixed ruling, court upholds provisions in the McCain-Feingold law that prohibit national political parties from using soft money for issue ads, but say it is unconstitutional to restrict the spending of such money for voter registration drives and other similar activities.

* Democrats Face Off in First Presidential Debate (May 3): Nine candidates discuss war in Iraq, tax cuts, health insurance, and other issues in often contentious meeting in South Carolina.

* Board Cites Wing Damage in Shuttle Disaster (May 6): Investigators suspect superheated gas penetrated the left wing through a small hole and melted it. Hole likely caused by a piece of foam insulation that broke off seconds after liftoff.

Senate Compromises on Antiterrorism Act (May 8): Votes, 90-4, to expand federal government's right to spy on suspected foreign terrorists living in the U.S. Republicans drop their demand to make permanent the down other possible terrorists.

Patriot Act, which is set to expire in 2005.

House Passes Tax Cut Plan (May 9): Votes, 222-203, for 10year, \$550 billion tax cut favored by President Bush. Plan gives most relief to wealthiest Americans, reducing taxes on dividends and capital gains.

* Immigrants Die in Smuggling Operation (May 14): Bodies of 18 people from Mexico, El Salvador, and Guatemala found in truck in south Texas.

* Texas Republicans Back Down on Redistricting (May 15): State's Democratic representatives, who had fled state to prevent vote on legislation introduced by Republicans, claim victory as bill dies.

Bush Announces Reelection Bid (May 16): Files documents that allow him to begin fund-raising and assembling a campaign

* Presidential Spokesman to Resign (May 19): Ari Fleischer announces plans to step down in

* Senate Agrees to End Nuclear Weapons Ban (May 20): Votes, 51-43, to allow research and * Congress Approves War development of nuclear arms under five kilotons.

* Whitman Resigns from EPA (May 21): Christine Whitman Bush Scales Back Tax Cut steps down as head of the Environmental Protection

* House and Senate Agree on Tax Bill (May 21): Accord will slash taxes by \$350 billion over 10 years, temporarily cut dividend taxes and reduce capital gains taxes, and increase the tax credit for children. Senate approved similar legislation on May 15. (May 28): Bush signs tax cut plan.

* Bush Names Budget Director (May 22): Joshua Bolten replaces Mitch Daniels as director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Bush Signs Tax Cut Plan (May 28): The 10-year \$350 billion tax package, the third-largest tax cut in U.S. history, temporarily eliminates dividend taxes, reduces capitals gains taxes, and increases child credit for most taxpayers. The poorest and the wealthiest will not receive child

* Olympic Bombing Suspect Arrested (May 31): Eric Rudolph, accused in the attack at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, apprehended in North Carolina after spending five years on the lam. Also suspected of attacking abortion clinics and a gay nightclub.

JUNE

* Report Critical of Roundup of Immigrants (June 2): Internal review by Justice Department's inspector general says detention of illegal immigrants was highly problematic and left many people with no links to terrorism jailed under harsh circumstances. (June 5): Testifying before the House Judiciary Committee, Attorney General John Ashcroft says roundup of 762 illegal immigrants necessary to protect country. He also seeks broader power to track



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Abortion Procedure (June 4): Votes, 282-139, to outlaw intact dilation and extraction method.

* Senate Votes to Extend Child Tax Credit (June 5): Acting in response to outrage that about 6.5 million families earning between \$10,500 and \$26,625 a year were denied the tax credit, Senate votes, 94-2, to give them credit of \$400 per child.

Maine Approves Universal Health Care (June 13): State will offer low-cost coverage to all residents by 2009.

* Federal Court Rules in Favor of Justice Department (June 17): Rules, 2-1, that department had legal right to withhold the names of people arrested for immigration violations after Sept. 11. 2001, attacks.

Bush Bars Racial Profiling. with Exceptions (June 17): New regulation prohibits federal agents from using race or ethnicity in typical investigations, but does allow agents to consider the characteristics when information they receive about suspects includes race or ethnicity.

House Votes to Eliminate Federal Estate Tax (June 18): Bill passes, 264-163. Uncertain future in Senate.

FTC Moves to Curb Telemarketers (June 27): Federal Trade Commission creates Do-Not-Call registry. Beginning in October, telemarketers are prohibited from calling numbers on

* Congress Passes Drug Plan (June 27): In bipartisan vote, Senate, 76-21, approves what could be the largest expansion of Medicare since it was launched in 1965. House votes 216-215 for the \$400 billion plan.

* Pope Appoints Bishop for Boston (July 1): Names Sean P. O'Malley, a Franciscan friar, as leader of the embattled archdiocese. He replaces Cardinal Bernard Law, who resigned the post in Dec. 2002 amid outrage in the diocese of his handling of the sexual-abuse scandal.

* Bush Names Executive to Nominates Randall Tobias, former CEO of pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly & Co., to run new \$15 million State Department program to fight AIDS.

President Proposes Changes to Head Start (July 7): Seeks to shift focus from health and nutrition to academics. Proposal would also allow some states to assume control of the 38-year-old pro-

* Bush Administration Admits Iraq Weapons Intelligence Was Flawed (July 7): Says evidence that Iraq was pursuing a nuclear weapons program by seeking to

* House Approves Ban on buy uranium from Africa, cited in January State of the Union address, was unsubstantiated and should not have been included in speech. President maintains war in Iraq was justified. (July 11): George Tenet, director of the CIA, takes responsibility for allowing sentence about Iraq's pursuit of uranium from Africa to be included in Bush's State of the Union speech. (July 22): Deputy National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley said he should have insisted sentence about Iraq tiving to buy uranium from Africa be omitted from Bush's State of the Union speech.

* 9/11 Investigators Say Government Delaying Inquiry (July 8): Federal panel charged with looking into the terrorist attacks says Pentagon and Justice Department slowly responding to requests for information.

Shuttle Study Critical of NASA Maintenance (July 14): Draft report by Columbia Accident Investigation Board says risk of future accidents is high because agency has not consistently tested shuttle parts for fatigue.

* White House Predicts Enormous Deficits (July 15): Office of Management and Budget says current year's deficit to reach \$455 billion, or 4.2% of the total economy. Figure about \$150 billion more than previous

* Senate Rejects Proposal for Inquiry into Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons (July 16): Votes, 51-45, against creating 12-member independent panel to investigate how the Bush administration handled intelligence on Iraq's weapons programs as it made the case for

* Justice Department Report Details Allegations of Abuse (July 20): Internal investigation regarding enforcement of 2001's USA Patriot Act, presented earlier to Congress by department's inspector general Glenn Fine, accuses Justice Department, FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency, and INS of widespread civil rights and civil liberties abuses.

* American POW Returns Head AIDS Office (July 2): Home (July 22): Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who was rescued by U.S. troops from a Nasiriya hospital in April, enjoys a hero's welcome in West Virginia. She had spent three months recovering from her injuries in a Washington hospital.

House Moves to Block New FCC Rule (July 23): Votes, 400-21, to roll back measure to increase the reach of media com-

* Report on 9/11 Critical of FBI and CIA (July 24): Report by a joint panel of the House and Senate intelligence committees says FBI and CIA had failed to take seriously enough warnings

that al-Qaeda had planned imminent terrorist attacks against the U.S.

California Sets Date for Recall (July 24): Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante sets the recall vote for Oct. 7.

* Pentagon Market for Betting on Terrorism Shut Down (July 29): Officials from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency close planned terrorism futures market, called Policy Analysis Market, one day after it is publicized and widely criticized. Traders would have been able to bet on future terrorist attacks, assassinations, and coups.

* Davis Challenges Recall (Aug. 4): Beleaguered California governor files suit in state supreme court to delay the recall vote and to allow Davis to be a candidate in the race if he's recalled. The suit contends that local election officials do not have sufficient time to organize a "fair election." (Aug. 7): Supreme Court rejects challenge filed by Davis.

Candidates Swarm to California Race (Aug. 6): Republican movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger announces on Jay Leno's Tonight show that he plans to run for governor in California's recall vote. (Aug. 7): California lieutenant governor Cruz Bustamante and Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi announce their candidacies for governor. (Aug. 13): California secretary of state certifies 135 candidates in recall election of Gov. Gray Davis.

Bush Nominates EPA Administrator (Aug. 11): Selects Utah governor Michael Leavitt to replace Christine Whitman as head of the Environmental Protection Agency. Senate must confirm nomination.

* Report Cites Obsolete Maps in Mining Disaster (Aug. 12): Investigation by the Department of Labor reveals that use of an outdated map contributed to the flooding of Pennsylvania's Quecreek Mine in 2002. Nine miners were stranded for 78 hours 240 feet below ground.

* Massive Blackout Darkens Northeast and Midwest (Aug. 14): In the country's largest power failure in history, 50 million people in eight U.S. states and parts of Canada are without electricity. Cause unknown, but officials acknowledge that electricity grid is antiquated. (Aug. 15): Power restored to most areas after 29hour blackout. (Aug. 16): Electricity restored in Detroit, the last metropolitan area left in the

Congressman Involved in Fatal Accident (Aug. 16): Bill Janklow, Republican representative from South Dakota, runs a stop sign and hits a motorcycle, killing its driver, Randolph Scott. (Aug. 29): Janklow charged with second-degree manslaughter.

* Report on Shuttle Critical of NASA (Aug. 26): Board that investigated the loss of space shuttle Columbia cites organizational problems at NASA that breed a "broken safety culture." Says future shuttles and astronauts will be lost unless the agency reforms itself.

* Budget Deficit Expected to Sharply Increase (Aug. 26): Congressional Budget Office predicts federal deficit of \$480 billion in 2004 and a cumulative total of \$5.8 trillion by 2013.

* Bush Administration Relaxes Environmental Rules (Aug. 27): New rule allows power plants, refineries, and other plants to upgrade systems without improving pollution controls and without violating the Clean Air Act. Continued on 8





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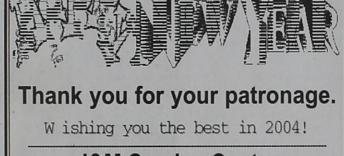
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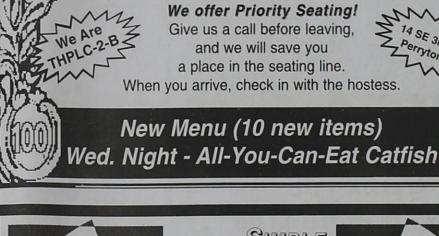
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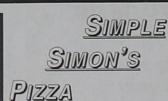
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SEPTEMBER

* Bush Creates New Jobs Position (Sept. 1): At Labor Day speech in Ohio, president announces new post, assistant secretary of commerce for manufacturing.

Court Blocks New Media Regulations (Sept. 3): Federal appeals court votes to stop implementation of new rule, passed by Communications Federal Commission, expanding reach of media companies. (Sept. 16): Senate votes, 55-40, in favor of a resolution to repeal new media

Foreign-Born Population Jumps (Sept. 3): Census Bureau reports the number of U.S. residents who were born in other countries grew to more than 33 million in 2002, an amount slightly larger than the entire population of Canada. The increase represents a 5% rise from 2001.

* Judicial Nominee Withdraws Name (Sept. 4): Miguel Estrada gives up nomination fight after two-year battle. Democrats launched a filibuster to prevent a vote on his nomination.

Bush Seeks \$87 Billion to Help in Iraq (Sept. 7): In a nationally televised speech, president Bush asks Congress for \$87 billion to aid military and reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

* Tours of Reserve Troops Extended (Sept. 9): U.S. Army announces that Army Reserve and National Guard troops will remain in Iraq and Kuwait for as long as one year.

Bush Calls for Revision of Patriot Act (Sept. 10): President seeks to broaden subpoena powers, expand federal death penalty statute, and allow judges to deny bail for suspects in terrorism

* California Recall Postponed (Sept. 15): The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals blocks gubernatorial recall election until outmoded punch-card ballot machinesstill used by six counties—are replaced. (Sept. 23): A federal appeals court unanimously overturns decision to delay recall vote. Election set for Oct. 7.

* Clark Enters Presidential Race (Sept. 17): Retired U.S. Army general Wesley Clark, the former supreme allied commander of NATO, announces his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Ashcroft Issues New Guidelines for Prosecutors (Sept. 22): Directive limits the instances where prosecutors can seek plea bargains with criminal defendants. Opponents say move will

overwhelm court system. * Federal Court Blocks Curbs on Telemarketing Calls (Sept. 24): Ruling thwarts implementation of federal Do-Not-Call registry, which includes more than 50 million phone numbers. Court says Federal Trade Commission needs congressional approval to enforce program.

* Number of Americans Living in Poverty Increases (Sept. 26): Census Bureau reports poverty

lion people. At the same time, median household income dropped by 1.1% from 2001 to

Uninsured Americans Increased in 2002 (Sept. 29): The number of people without health insurance rose to 43.6 million, or 15.2%, up from 14.6% in 2001.

Largest increase in 10 years. * Justice Dept. to Investigate Leak of Classified Information (Sept. 29): Department informs White House of probe into who revealed the identity of a CIA officer to a syndicated columnist. Former ambassador Joseph Wilson, the husband of the CIA operative, believes the Bush administration leaked his wife's name as punishment for his disclosure that Bush's claim that Iraq was trying to buy uranium from Niger was false.

OCTOBER

* Davis Out, Schwarzenegger In (Oct. 7) California governor Gray Davis ousted in recall vote. Austrian-born actor Arnold Schwarzenegger overwhelmingly

* Texas Legislature Approves Redistricting Proposal (Oct. 12) After a six-month battle that had Democrats fleeing the state to avoid a vote on the, the Senate approves new redistricting map that will likely give Republicans seven additional seats-and a majority-in 2004. (Oct. 13) Gov.

Rick Perry signs the bill into law. * Staten Island Ferry Crashes into Pier (Oct. 15) Rapidly moving boat careens into a pier, killing 10 people and wounding

* Congress Approves Aid for Iraq (Oct. 17) House votes, 303-125, and Senate, 87-12, to give Bush administration billions for the military and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. Each chamber approved a slightly different spending package, and will work out difference in confer-

* Sniper Trial Opens in Virginia (Oct. 20) John A. Muhammad, accused in the 2002 Washington, DC, area shootings, allowed to defend himself in first trial. (Oct. 22) Muhammad reinstates his legal team.

* Senate Approves Federal Ban on Abortion Procedure (Oct. 21) Votes, 64-34, to outlaw intact dilation and extraction, also called partial-birth abortion, a procedure to end pregnancies in the second and third trimesters. Opponents vow to fight bill in court, calling it unconstitutional.

* Senate Moves to Fight Spam (Oct. 22) Votes, 97-0, to outlaw false or deceptive description lines on messages, require advertising messages to indicate they are such, call on the senders of the emails to include a return address, and require messages with sexual content to include a warning.

Rumsfeld Gives Mixed Review to War on Terror (Oct. 22) In a memo he wrote on Oct. 16 that was leaked to the news media, secretary of defense says, "We are having mixed results

Restrictions to Cuba (Oct. 23) Votes, 59-38, to loosen restrictions that prevent Americans from traveling directly to Cuba from the U.S.

Bush Declares California Wildfires a Disaster (Oct. 27) The wildfire outbreak, one of the largest in the state's history, has destroyed more than 500,000 acres and more than 1,000 homes. Fires have killed at least 17 people, 15in California and 2 in Mexico. The wildfire outbreak comprises 8 large blazes located along an arc from Los Angeles to Mexico. Some of the fires, fueled by Santa Ana winds, high temperatures, and dry brush, are believed to have been set by arsonists.

Administrator (Oct. 28)After a boycott on the vote by Democrats, approval, 88-8, to take over Environmental Protection

September 11 Casualty List Reduced (Oct. 29) New York officials reduce the number of people killed at the World Trade Center in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States by 40 names. The list of casualties dropped to 2,752 from 2,792. The total number to die on September 11 from terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in rural Pennsylvania is 2,995.

House Approves Spending Bill for War and Reconstruction (Oct. 31) Votes, 298–121, in favor of \$87.5 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan.

NOVEMBER

* Senate Approves Spending Bill for War and Reconstruction (Nov. 3) In a voice vote with only six senators participating, senate approves \$87.5 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan. West Virginia Democrat Robert Byrd the sole dissenter in the vote.

* Bush Signs Bill to Outlaw Abortion Procedure (Nov. 5) and extraction, also called partialpregnancies in the second and third trimesters. Judge in

Nebraska blocks law, saying it's * Senate Votes to Ease Travel unconstitutional because it does not make exceptions when a women's health is at risk.

Supreme Court to Hear Guantánamo Detainee Appeal (Nov. 10) Court announces that it will hear its first appeals related to the Bush administration's antiterrorism policies. The Court will decide if detainees held at the Guantánamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba can challenge their imprisonment in the U.S. court system.

* Alabama Chief Justice Removed from Office (Nov. 13) An Alabama state judicial ethics board removes Alabama Chief Justice Roy S. Moore from serving as a judge, citing ethics violations and his refusal to comply with a federal court order to Senate Confirms EPA remove a 5,280-pound monument of the Ten Commandments from the Alabama State Courthouse Utah governor Mike Leavitt wins rotunda that had been on display since 2001.

* Sniper Suspect Found Guilty (Nov. 17) John A. Muhammad convicted in the 2002 Washington, DC, area shootings, in which 10 people were killed.

Schwarzenegger Takes Oath of Office (Nov. 17) Movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger sworn in as governor of California. He was elected in October recall election of Gray Davis.

* Massachusetts Court Rules in Favor of Gay Marriage (Nov. 18) Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court rules that barring gays and lesbians from marrying violates the state constitution. The Massachusetts Chief Justice concluded that to "deny the protections, benefits, and obligations conferred by civil marriage" to gay couples was unconstitutional because it "denied the dignity and equality of all individuals" and made them "second-class citizens." The ruling was put on hold for six months to permit the legislature to change state laws to allow for same-sex marriage.

* Report Says Blackout Was Preventable (Nov. panel Government-appointed Legislation bans intact dilation reveals human and technical errors at Ohio utility FirstEnergy birth abortion, a procedure to end caused most extensive blackout in U.S. history.

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Energy Bill (Nov. 21) Supporters of the bill, which would revamp the power grid and provides billions in tax breaks and subsidies for power companies, lack votes to end filibuster of bill.

Congress Passes Medicare Bill (Nov. 22) After an unusual all-night session, the House of Representatives votes, 220-215, for an overhaul of Medicare. Legislation includes a prescription drug benefit. Biggest change to the government program since it was established in 1965. (Nov. 25) Senate approves \$400 billion bill, 54-44. Most Democrats votes against legislation. Prescription drug coverage will be available beginning in 2006. Program will be run by private insurers with the help of government subsidies.

* Sniper Receives Death Sentence (Nov. 24) Jury recommends death for John A. Muhammad, convicted earlier in the month in the 2002 Washington, DC, area shootings.

DECEMBER

* Bush Reverses Steel Tariffs (Dec. 4) Reversing a decision he made last year, President Bush eliminates tariffs on steel. Change in policy comes weeks after the World Trade Organization ruled the tariffs illegal and authorized European Union countries to impose retaliatory tariffs on the \$2.2 billion in U.S. goods sold

* Congressman Guilty of Manslaughter (Dec. 8) Bill Janklow, Republican representative from South Dakota, convicted of second-degree manslaughter by a South Dakota jury. In August, he hit a motorcycle, killing its driver, Randolph Scott. Janklow says he will resign.

* Bush Signs Medicare Bill (Dec. 8) President signs into law largest overhaul of Medicare system since it was established in

1965. Under plan, which will cost an estimated \$400 billion, the elderly will be eligible for prescription drug coverage beginning in 2006. Program will be run by private insurers with the help of government subsidies.

* Gore Endorses Dean for President (Dec. 9) Former Vice President Al Gore throws his support behind Democratic presidential hopeful Howard Dean. The endorsement should boost Dean's already energized campaign. Dean leads the polls in many states. "I have come to the conclusion that among all of the candidates, Howard Dean and you have managed to do a better job of igniting enthusiasm at the grass roots all across the United States of America," Gore said.

* Three Indicted in Rhode Island Nightclub Fire (Dec. 9) Michael Derderian and Jeffrey Derderdian, owners of the Station club where 100 people were killed in a fire in February, and Daniel Biechele, the tour manager of the band Great White, which was playing at the club when the inferno ignited, charged with involuntary manslaughter.

* Supreme Court Upholds Landmark Finance Reform Bill (Dec. 10) Court affirms the constitutionality of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform act, which was signed into law in 2002. The decision supports the ban on soft money donated to political campaigns. Court says "there is substantial evidence to support Congress' determination that large softmoney contributions to national political parties give rise to corruption and the appearance of corruption."

* FDA Approves Contraceptive (Dec. 16) Food and Drug Administration votes to allow over-the-counter sale of "morning-after pill."











