

THE JOHNSTONS 2003



NEWS OF THE CHURCH

New Seventies Called; Leaders Speak of War and Peace

During general conference, President Gordon B. Hinckley and other Church leaders acknowledged current world strife and offered words of comfort, guidance, and instruction to those on all sides of the conflict.

Answering the question "Where does the Church stand in all of this?" President Hinckley reminded members of the Church that "we have no quarrel with the Muslim people or with those of any other faith. We recognize and teach that all the people of the earth are of the family of God."

President Hinckley asked

Church members to obey the twelfth article of faith by sustaining the laws of their lands and being subject to their governments. He added the caution, "Never let us become a party to words or works of evil concerning our brothers and sisters in various nations on one side or the other."

Finally, he admonished the Saints to pray for those involved in the conflict and to look to the Savior: "When all is said and done, we of this Church are people of peace. We are followers of our Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was the Prince of Peace."

In his Saturday morning address, President Hinckley reported on the continued growth of the Church. He noted that the Church builds approximately 400 new chapels each year and continues "to build temples across the earth." He also

reported that some 8,000 young men and women have participated in the Perpetual Education Fund, and they are on average increasing their income some four and a half times through training and education.

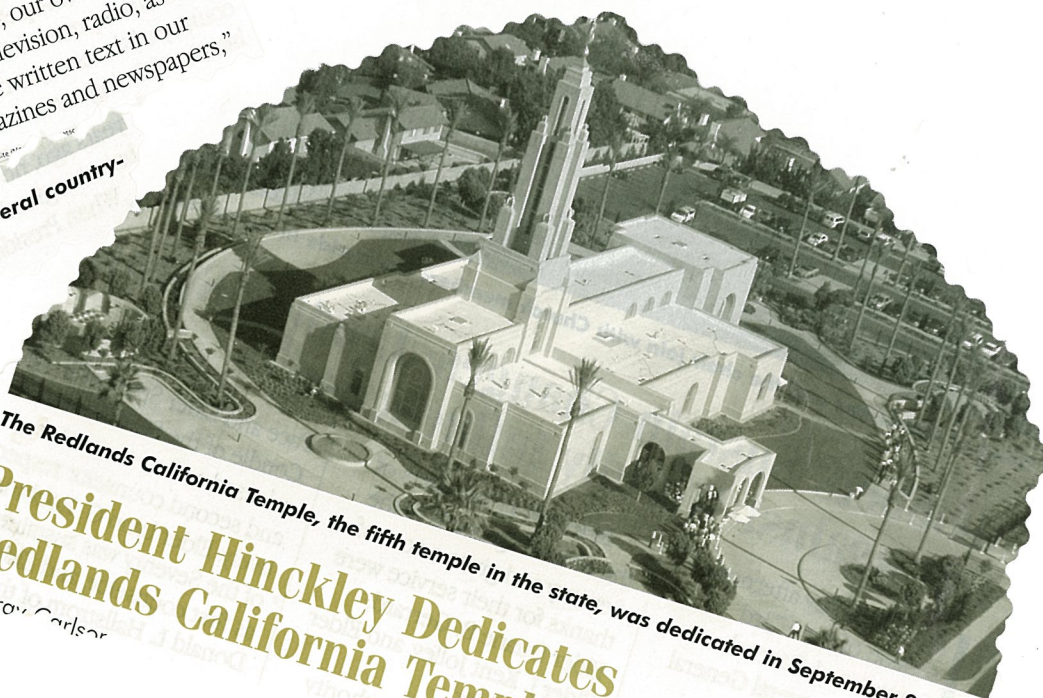
The Church announced immediately before conference that missionaries will not be sent to Hong Kong until further evaluations are made regarding the SARS virus. The safety and well-being of missionaries currently serving in Hong Kong are of highest priority and are being monitored carefully. The Asia Area Presidency and the area medical adviser in Hong Kong are meeting daily to keep abreast of developments and to offer timely direction to mission presidents to provide missionaries with appropriate precautionary measures. ■

Church Launches Official Web Sites for Individual Countries

In a continuing effort to make the gospel message available to all people through a variety of means, the Church is expanding its Internet presence to serve individual countries and languages. Areas have begun creating country-specific Web sites, which serve as the

official Church presence on the Internet in a given nation. "Technology has blessed us with many new innovations to spread the message of the gospel through satellite systems, our own . . . Web site, television, radio, as well as the written text in our magazines and newspapers,"

The Church's Web site in Germany is one of several country-specific sites recently launched.



The Redlands California Temple, the fifth temple in the state, was dedicated in September 2003.
By Gary Carlson

President Hinckley Dedicates Redlands California Temple



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An explosive year

2003 defined by both tragedy and hope

(CNN) --One of 2003's most searing and significant images occurred high over Baghdad on March 19, as antiaircraft fire and explosions on the ground illuminated the Iraqi skies and marked the start of the War in Iraq.

What the U.S. military called a "decapitation strike" designed to kill Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and his command structure, and several more nights of intense air attacks, gave way to a fast and furious coalition ground push northward from Kuwait toward the Iraqi capital. [More>>](#)

The swift campaign climaxed April 9 with the symbolic toppling of a statue of Saddam in Baghdad. On May 1, President Bush, speaking to Navy sailors under a banner that read "Mission Accomplished," declared an end to major combat operations.

But the fighting was far from over, and by summer, coalition forces found themselves fending off frequent and often fatal attacks, all while trying to rebuild Iraq. The coalition did have reason to celebrate in December, when U.S. forces captured Saddam near Tikrit. [More>>](#)

While the Bush administration framed the Iraq conflict as part of its war on terror, terrorists continued to strike around the globe, launching fatal attacks in Jakarta, Indonesia; Casablanca, Morocco; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and Istanbul, Turkey.

The war in Iraq -- including the weighty U.N. debate, the coalition invasion and struggles to rebuild the nation and maintain control -- dominated this year's headlines. But the conflict was just one of many of 2003's top stories that were defined by their striking scope and their explosiveness, from outbreaks to outages, from infernos to scandals.

Undone by fire

On February 1, a plume of smoke arose over Texas -- evidence of the space shuttle Columbia's disintegration as it returned to Earth. The breakup killed all seven astronauts aboard and led to extensive investigations and policy changes at NASA. [More>>](#)

Later in February, twin tragedies took scores of lives at nightspots half a continent apart.

Early on February 17, 21 people died in a stampede at a nightclub in Chicago, Illinois. Then, late on February 20, faulty pyrotechnics during a concert sparked a fire that engulfed The Station, a crowded club in West Warwick, Rhode Island. Ninety-six people died at the scene, and at least three others died later at area hospitals.

For two weeks in October, California wildfires driven by strong Santa Ana winds scorched 1 million acres, led to 22 deaths, destroyed more than 4,800 structures and prompted federal government payouts of nearly \$74 million, according to The Associated Press.

Personal stories stoke heartstrings

One of the year's most moving, yet disturbing stories broke March 12, when Utah authorities found 15-year-old Elizabeth Smart alive, nine months after her disappearance prompted mass media attention and exhaustive searches.

The media also swarmed after a white tiger bit and nearly killed Roy Horn, half of the Las Vegas-based duo of Siegfried & Roy.

To the relief of his many friends and fans, the performer is recovering from the mauling.

The plight of Laci Peterson, eight months pregnant when last seen on Christmas Eve 2002, had a far gloomier ending.

After months of searches, authorities found her remains and those of her baby son in San Francisco Bay on April 14, and, four days later, arrested her husband, Scott Peterson. He was later charged with murder and is awaiting trial.

Widespread impact

While such personal travails captured the public's attention, many of the year's most significant stories had a far wider impact, affecting the lives of millions.

On August 14, a blackout enveloped much of southern Canada and the northeastern United States, leaving tens of millions of people without power.

The collapse of electrical grids -- later traced to three power line failures in Ohio -- knocked out electricity from New York City to Toronto, Ontario, for more than a day.

A month earlier, the World Health Organization declared an end to the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome early in the year. SARS spread quickly, killing more than 750 people and infecting about 8,000 others in 25 countries.

As scientists searched for a vaccine, SARS wreaked economic, social and personal havoc from Beijing, China, to Toronto -- disrupting trade, travel and major events, including the women's soccer World Cup, which was moved from China to the United States. [More>>](#)

Many nations besides Iraq, experienced political upheaval in 2003.

In a bid to end 14 years of civil war, Liberian President Charles Taylor resigned his post and left the country, as international peacekeepers came in. [More>>](#)

An assassin killed Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic, who played a key role in the overthrow of Slobodan Milosevic, while Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze gave up power peacefully after widespread protests.

Scandal, love and loss

The U.S. media, and particularly the tabloids, predictably gave extensive coverage to celebrities -- particularly the legal travails of Kobe Bryant and Michael Jackson.

Bryant, the Los Angeles Lakers basketball player, was thrust into the harsh media glare when he was charged with the sexual assault of a 19-year-old woman in Colorado. [More>>](#)

On November 20, the spotlight turned to Jackson. Two days after authorities searched his famed Neverland ranch, the enigmatic singer was booked on charges of child molestation.

Accusations of sexual impropriety also dogged actor Arnold Schwarzenegger during his bid to become California's governor.

But the reports, many of them surfacing less than a week before Election Day, did not slow his political momentum. In October, Golden State voters recalled Gov. Gray Davis and tabbed the Austrian bodybuilder-turned actor-turned politician as his replacement. [More>>](#)

The on-again, off-again, on-again marriage of Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck tickled the tabloids' fancy. Not to be outdone in the publicity department were music and sex icons Madonna and Britney Spears, who rustled up headlines by locking lips at the MTV Video Music Awards.

Meanwhile, Hollywood mourned the passing of several legendary stars, including Bob Hope, Katharine Hepburn and Gregory Peck. Other luminaries who died in 2003 included Sens. Strom Thurmond and Daniel Patrick Moynihan; singers Johnny Cash and Celia Cruz; childrens' television pioneer Fred Rogers; and sports pioneers Althea Gibson and Larry Doby. [More>>](#)

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Poll shows many Americans misinformed about Iraq, 9/11

By FRANK DAVIES
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — A third of the American public believes U.S. forces found weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, according to a recent poll. And 22 percent said Iraq actually used chemical or biological weapons.

Before the war, half of those polled in a survey said Iraqis were among the 19 hijackers on Sept. 11, 2001.

But such weapons have not been found in Iraq, and were never used. Most of the Sept. 11 hijackers were from Saudi Arabia. None were Iraqis.

How could so many people be so wrong about life-and-death information that has dominated news coverage for almost two years?

These poll results startled the pollsters who conducted and analyzed the surveys.

"It's a striking finding," said Steve Kull, director of the Program on International Policy Attitudes at the University of Maryland, which asked the weapons questions during a May 14-18 poll of 1,256 respondents.

He added, "Given the intensive news coverage and high levels of public attention, this level of misinformation suggests some Americans may be avoiding having an experience of cognitive dissonance."

That is, having their beliefs conflict with the facts.

Kull added that the poll's data showed the mistaken belief that weapons of mass destruction had been found "is substantially greater among those who favored the war."

Pollsters and political analysts see several reasons for the gaps between facts and beliefs: the public's short attention span on foreign news, fragmentary or conflicting media reports that lacked depth or skepticism, and White House efforts to sell war by oversimplifying the threat.

"Most people get little whiffs and fragments of news, not in any organized way," said

Thomas Mann, a scholar at the Brookings Institution, a centrist-liberal think tank. "And there have been a lot of conflicting reports on the weapons."

Before the war, the U.S. media often reported as fact the assertions by the Bush administration that Iraq possessed large stockpiles of illegal weapons. CBS News in December reported how Bush officials were "threatening war against Iraq and its weapons of mass destruction."

During and after the war, reports of weapons discoveries were often trumpeted on front pages, while follow-up stories debunking the "smoking gun" reports received less attention.

"There were so many reports and claims before the war, it was easy to be confused," said Larry Hugick, chairman of Princeton Survey Research Associates. "But people expected the worst from (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein and made connections based on the administration's policy."

Bush has described the preemptive attack on Iraq as "one victory in the war on terror that began Sept. 11."

"The public is susceptible to manipulation, and if they hear officials saying there is a strong connection between Iraq and al-Qaida terrorists,

then they think there must be a connection," Mann said.

While Bush critics see an effort to mislead the public, some analysts say Bush has been following a long presidential history of framing a foreign crisis for maximum domestic benefit.

"I'm not going to defend the president, but a policy of preemptive attacks sure looks better after this country has been hit hard," said Sam Popkin, a polling expert at the University of California at San Diego who has advised Democratic candidates.

Polls show strong support for Bush and the war, although 40 percent in the May survey found U.S. officials were "misleading" in some of their justifications for war. A majority, 55 percent, said they were not misleading.

Several analysts said they are troubled by the lack of knowledge about the Sept. 11 hijackers, shown in the January survey conducted for Knight Ridder papers.

Only 17 percent correctly said none of the hijackers was Iraqi.

"That really bothers me because it shows a lack of understanding about other countries ... that maybe many Americans don't know one Arab from another," Popkin said.

MOLLY IVINS

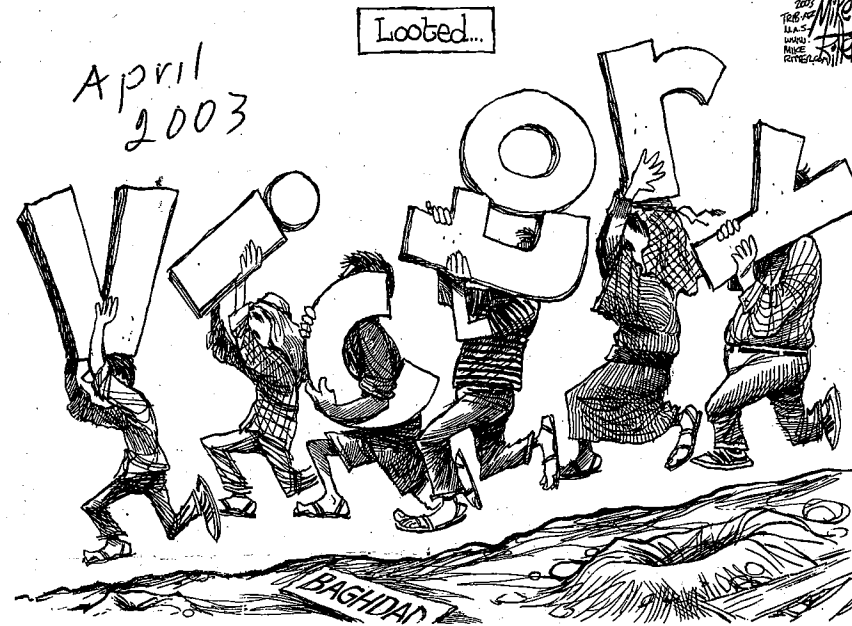
The prize of victory still not visible

NEW YORK — Much as I hate to interrupt what is apparently a deeply felt triumphalism on the American right, now that it's over, does anyone see any reason for our having invaded Iraq?

I realize that's what we all kept trying to figure out before the invasion, but don't you think it should at least be visible in hindsight? Good thing we won the war, because the peace sure looks like a quagmire.

These are early days, certainly, to attempt a full historical evaluation. Could be a case of the forest and the trees. Perhaps we're well along the road to having everything work out magnificently, and I'm just missing it. Still, I can't see anything that's going right.

Iraq is in chaos, and apparently the only way we'll be able to stop it will be to kill a lot of Iraqis. Just what Saddam Hussein used to do. The other day, we announced we were going to shoot looters, and when that produced nightmare scenarios of children dead for stealing bread, we had to cancel that plan. Now we're going to try gun control — that should have the enthusiastic support of the NRA. Meanwhile, the chaos in Iraq seems to be costing us whatever goodwill we earned for getting rid of Saddam, the



one unmitigated good to have come from all of this.

I hate to be picky, picky, picky, but there are still no weapons of mass destruction. In fact, we've apparently even stopped looking for them.

Since Iraq never had anything to do with al-Qaeda or Sept. 11 — despite American public opinion on this issue — it was certainly no surprise to see al-Qaeda back again, with strikes in both Saudi Arabia and Morocco. Bush's announcement that we had broken up the organization seems to have been a trifle premature. There was much unmutted griping from American intelligence about the total Saudi failure to cooperate before the attack there. (As one antiwar sign reminded us before the recent events, "Sept. 11 equals 15 Saudis, 0 Iraqis.")

Meanwhile, one of the other sales pitches we were given was that, for reasons never explained, getting rid of

Saddam would make it easier to make peace between Israel and the Palestinians. It's not looking promising. Didn't look promising before the war, doesn't now.

President Bush came out with his road map for peace, and the Israelis took the first exit. Ariel Sharon, so memorably described by Bush as "a man of peace," wasted no time undercutting that proposal. The always-unhelpful Palestinian terrorists attacked, and Sharon counterattacked and then cancelled his trip here to discuss the peace plan. The usual ugly pictures and refueled resentments ensued; the same-old, same-old of this 50-year-old cycle. So far, getting rid of Saddam seems to have had zero effect on this old deadlock.

Meanwhile, Iraq looks more and more as though it will be costing us the high-end estimate of \$20 billion a year, for which they have yet to

appear noticeably grateful. The Shiites hate us, the Kurds are killing the Arabs, we're hiring old Baathist thugs to run things. As John Henry's cousin Eddie used to say of the Vietnamese, "If they don't like what we're doin' for 'em, why don't they just go back where they come from?"

OK, if this is the situation — and it's certainly what's being reported — I don't get why we're still hearing Bushies saying, "Ha, ha, ha; we won the war." Was there anyone who said we wouldn't?

Since I am in the happy position of having predicted a short, easy war and the peace from hell, I think I'm looking like a genius prognosticator about now. I can't figure out why the Republicans are happy about this. Sure, it was a great photo-op for the president on the aircraft carrier, but if you think the American people won't notice \$20 billion a year because of some nice pictures, you have sadly underestimated the common sense of this nation.

We may yet see hopeful developments, but damned if I can see any cause for celebration now, or even for building a presidential re-election campaign around footage of our triumphant pres flying out to the aircraft carrier. There's a very real possibility that by November 2004, Republicans will want everybody to forget the war now called Dubya Dubya II. (Sorry, I don't know whom to credit for that one, but it's not original with me.)

I've got a bet out that says more Americans will be killed in the peace than in the war and more Iraqis will be killed by Americans in the peace than in the war. Not the first time I've had a bet out that I hoped I'd lose.

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Read his lips: Bush talks his way around the truth

AUSTIN, Texas — You've got to hand it to those clever little problem-solvers at the White House. What a bunch of brainiacs. They have resolved the entire problem of global warming: They cut it out of the report!

This is genius. Everybody else is maundering on about the oceans rising and the polar icecaps melting and monster storms and hideous droughts, and these guys just ... *edit it out*.

"The editing eliminated references to many studies concluding that warming is at least partly caused by rising concentrations of smokestack and tailpipe emissions, and could threaten health and ecosystems," The New York Times reports. Presto — poof!

What do they care about health and ecosystems? Think of the possibilities presented by this ingenious solution. Let's edit out AIDS and all problems with drugs both legal and illegal. We could get rid of Libya and Syria this way — take Tem off the maps. We can do away with unemployment, the uninsured, heart disease, obesity and the coming Social Security crunch. We could try editing out death and taxes, but I don't think we should overreach right away. Just start with something simple, such as years of scientific research on global warming, and blue pencil that sucker out of existence. Denial is not just a river in Egypt.

Inspiring as the remarkable Bush approach to resolving global warming is — the simplicity of it, the beauty of it, I cannot get over it — does it not suggest a certain cavalier *je ne sais quoi* about the future? What I mean is, is anybody there concerned about

what happens to people?

I realize the energy industry and auto industry and other major campaign contributors would prefer to think global warming does not exist, but how long do you think it will take before reality catches up with all of us? The White House editors (hi, Karl) instead chose to insert a new study on global nonwarming funded by ... ta-da! ... *the American Petroleum Institute*.

Dear old API, author of innumerable ringing editorials on the desperate need to leave the oil depletion allowance at 27 percent (certain Texas newspapers that shall remain nameless used to run those editorials without changing a single comma), is really swell at representing the oil bidness. Fond as I am of many of API lobbyists I have known over the years, I am not *quite* sure I want those bozos calling the shots on global warming. I have watched them buy law and bend regulations for decades now, and while I admire their chutzpah, I am impelled to warn you: They have no scruples, they have no decency and they have no shame. (See 50 years worth of reporting on the industry by The Texas Observer.) Also, they lie.

Well now, danged if that doesn't bring us to the subject of lying and the White House. Let us set aside the vexing case of the missing weapons of mass destruction and focus on a few items closer to home. Anyone remember President Bush's 2002 State of the Union address? No, no, not the one where he said Iraq had a nuclear weapons program. The one where he said he was going to expand AmeriCorps by 50 percent, from 50,000 up to 75,000, because giving all those young people a chance to work their way

through college by doing good for the community is so noble and effective.

Last week, Bush and Republicans in Congress cut AmeriCorps by 80 percent. According to Jonathan Alter in Newsweek, Congress, under pressure, restored some of it, but it still leaves AmeriCorps with a 58 percent cut and tens of thousands of fewer participants out there teaching poor kids to read, helping old folks in nursing homes, setting up community gardens, and a thousand other good and useful tasks.

Alter notes that restoring AmeriCorps to its current level would take \$185 million, about one-half of one percent of the president's latest tax cut for the rich. The radical Republicans in Congress, apparently egged on by a Heritage Foundation study from April 2003, have decided AmeriCorps is (gasp, shudder) *a jobs program*.

What have these people got against national service?

Speaking of said same tax cut, too bad about the children of the working poor. Congress announced it's too busy to get around to restoring the child tax credit to 6.5 million low-income families (known to The Wall Street Journal as "lucky duckies" because, you see, they pay little or no income tax. They only pay 19 percent of their incomes in *other* taxes.).

FYI: If you put "George W. Bush" and "lies" into the Google search engine, you get 250,000 references in nine-tenths of a second.

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*Drip, drop,
muck, mush
... enough!*

Remember how I once waxed poetic about the reassuring sound of our basement sump pump, a reminder that Oregon's rain was filling Fern Ridge for sailing and priming the soil for spring rhodies?

I was wrong.

I now believe the sump pump is the most annoying sound since the invention of the leaf blower.

I'm rained out. I'm waterlogged. I'm saturated beyond my limits.

During the average April, our pump goes off every few days, whenever a sufficient amount of water seeps into our 1939 "wet" basement. Now, it repeats itself more often than those late-night RV commercials.

Friday marked the 46th day in March and April that Eugene has had measurable rain, breaking the city's all-time March-April record. (We're 46 of 56, an .821 average.)

"This will likely go down as one of the rainiest three springs in Western Oregon," says state climatologist George Taylor. (I'd celebrate by lighting off some fireworks but the wicks would be soaked by the time I got my wet matches out of my soggy jeans.)

April showers don't bring May flowers. They bring too-mucky-to-till gardens that look like something from Jurassic Park, the weeds having grown so high you half expect a triceratops or two to be hiding in the corners.

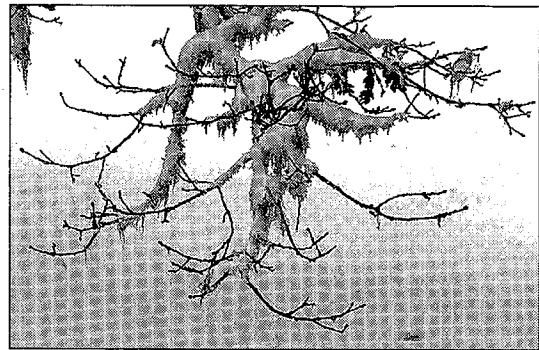
They bring half-mown lawns and mass worm suicides and golf balls that plug like shot puts dropped in fields of Jell-O.

Dec 31

AFTER THE STORM



CHRIS PIETSCH / The Register-Guard



THOMAS BOYD / The Register-Guard

Above: Snow clings to a branch near the top of Willamette Street in Eugene.

Left: John Dahl of Creswell clears a sidewalk in Eugene's south hills for some friends on Tuesday, the day after a winter snowstorm and subsequent thawing and freezing made getting around treacherous.

Below: On Tuesday morning, the snow still blanketed the city's south slopes, as seen from 30th Avenue near Lane Community College. Snow mixed with rain was forecast for today and Thursday, with a slushy inch or two expected to accumulate.



2003

January

We settled down after our trip to California. The news is very bad. I'm afraid we are going to war with Iraq. I don't believe there are weapons of mass destruction. The whole world agrees with me except England.

February

It was freezing cold, 24 degrees at night. Everything looked frosty.

We had our Valentine luncheon for our visiting teachers at Evelyn Arneson's. It's our belated Christmas present. Betty Fairlee, Rachel Johnston, Neda Livingston, and her mother, Emma came.



We went to Roseburg, the Veteran's Hospital, for an electro-cardiogram. It showed a narrowing of the arteries, which explains his dizziness and headaches. We visited with Gloria Johnson, and drove around, as we reminisced and enjoyed taking our 'trip down memory lane'.

March

War— 7:10 p.m., March 19th, Bush declares war on Iraq. So wrong, it's so wrong!

April

I watched church General Conference on our computer for the first time. What a time of incredible technology.

Went to see the movie "Charlie" and out to dinner afterwards.

We got new carpeting in our family room. I had to empty and refill my angel cupboard. I have 199 angels and still counting. There may be a downside to collecting angels.

May

I got lots of nice Mother's Day and Birthday cards, and gifts. Evelyn also took me to lunch.



June - Vacation

July

The war goes on...

While shopping at a store one day, a lady said Bush was delusional and should be institutionalized. I agree.

Preparing for reunion.....

JOHNSTON REUNION

People started arriving Saturday August 2. Jerry Newell brought his trailer over for an extra bedroom. Garry brought us two California bears to decorate our doorstep, the hot tub was put to use and the visiting and bonding began.

We got ready for church and took time to take some family pictures. Glenda, Kathie and I bore our testimonies. Very special to have so many of the family there.

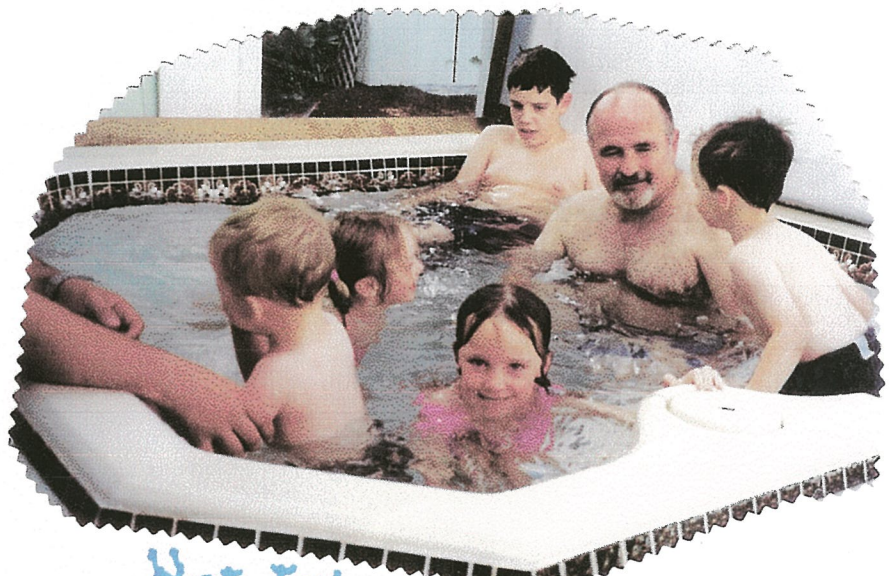
On Monday everyone picked wild blackberries and then we headed for the Sand Castle at Waldport, stopping for gingerbread and soft ice cream on the way.

We had five days of beautiful weather. We had family home evening, played games, made sand candles, built sand castles, went crabbing, shopping, hiking, reading, got lots of ribbons and prizes, visited, fireworks, ate lots of good food and just had a wonderful time.

Those sharing in the fun were: Kathie, Winslow, Heather and Sam Vetter, Jordan and Nathan Brough,xxx Glenda, Garry, Aaron, Garrett and Heidi, Reagan, Kayleigh, Brandt, Gentry and Corinne, Raelyn, and Geran Winn.xxx Steve, Wendy, Ashley, and Christopher Johnston.



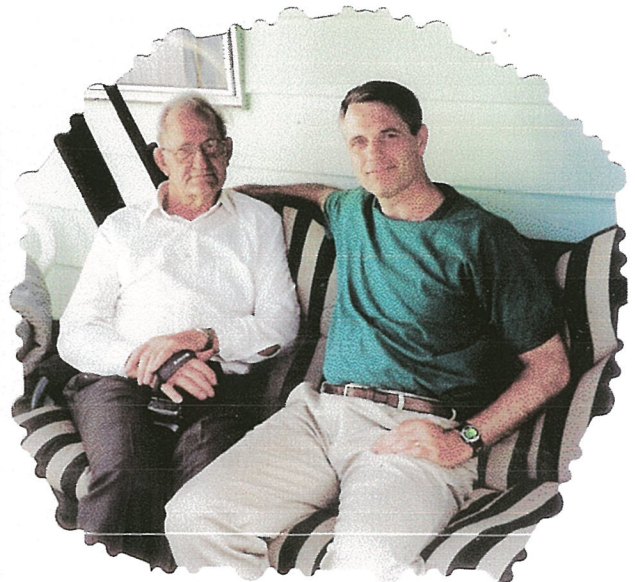
California Visitors



Hot Tub Heaven



Basic Group





Everybody's Birthday Cake



Special drawing gifts



Crabby
but Garry isn't

Went to see the movie "Sea Biscuit". Glen even enjoyed it.

September/October

Lots of canning at our house.

Pickles, tomato juice, relish, and chili sauce. How blessed we are to have so many fruits and vegetables, locally grown within just a few miles of our home.

In October, I gave my "Little Red Ridinghood" reading, and wore my read suit. This was for a Relief Society talent show.



November

We made jewel Christmas Trees for Glenda and Kathie.
We went to a class on better driving: 55 Alive

Trip to Livermore—see travel.

December

We didn't decorate a whole lot. We put up the village and nativity. We made peanut brittle, and we enjoyed visitors seeing our decorations. Christmas Eve we had Evelyn Arneson and Erda and Jerry Johnson for dinner and program. We read "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". The Newells came with their carmelcorn and family.



On December 25th we got many thoughtful, precious, presents. It took us an hour to open them.



December 31st
Glen got lots of nice gifts and phone calls for his birthday.

TRAVELS

Before coming home from Riverside, we saw Garry's new school, Freedom Crest. Kathie was in Utah, so we stopped at Willows and then home. We were able to bring home oranges grapefruit, lemons, avocados, and tangerines. We shared them with Rodericks for picking up our mail.

March, we went to Salem to visit our friends, the Kemptons. We went several other times during the year, too.

June 11th we went to Idaho. We stopped at Burns on the way, and Mountain Home. Stopped and visited in Paul with Blaine and Karol Hodges overnight. In Grace, we visited with my brother Howard, put flowers on my parents' graves, drove down to the farm.





Bear Lake "Cabin"



with Phil

June

*14th we went to Bear Lake and stayed with Phil and Ann Johnson.

*16th we drove to Lehi. We stayed in a motel and visited with Garrett and family, Heather and Sam, and April.



Phil & Ann




Nice Dinner with Garrett



Reagan Kayleigh



Brandt

 Porters Place
"Fine Food from the Old West"

Steaks Specialty Drinks Sandwiches
Seafood Snelgrove Ice Cream Salad Bar

Robert & Porter Rockwell Trepanier
24 West Main, Lehi, Utah 768-8348

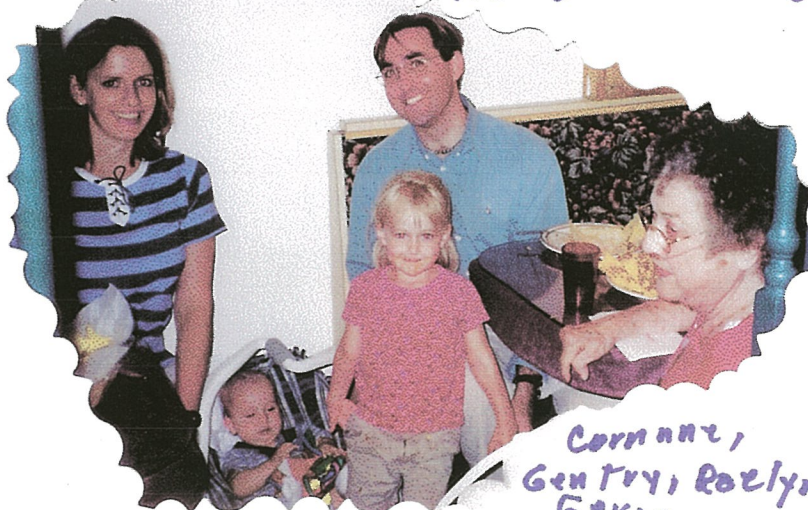
*18th we had lunch with Carol Johnson and daughter Becky. We stayed in Bountiful with Clyde and Metra. Metra cooked huge meals, as usual.

*19th, we had dinner at Clyde's daughter Cindy's house. Then visited Danny at his home.



Metra

Clyde & his gold fish - dog



Cornell,
Gentry, Raelyn
Gren



Carrie
Doreen

June 20th we were at a motel in Ogden, and visited with Gentry and family, Carrie Wahlstrom, and friends Delpha, and Doreen. We went to lunch.

June 21st We stayed in Burns and then left for home the next day.

November 18th

We pulled a trailer with the antique organ and china cupboard inside. We stopped at Mt. Shasta overnight, then on to Livermore to stay at Kathie's. Kathie took Glen to an old car museum.



November 25th Glenda came.

They bought clocks that Glen had made and we gave them the Jewel trees we had made.

Thanksgiving

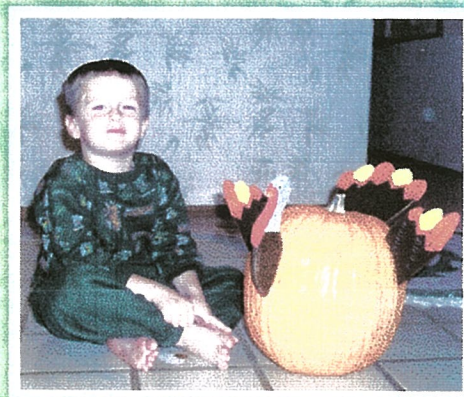
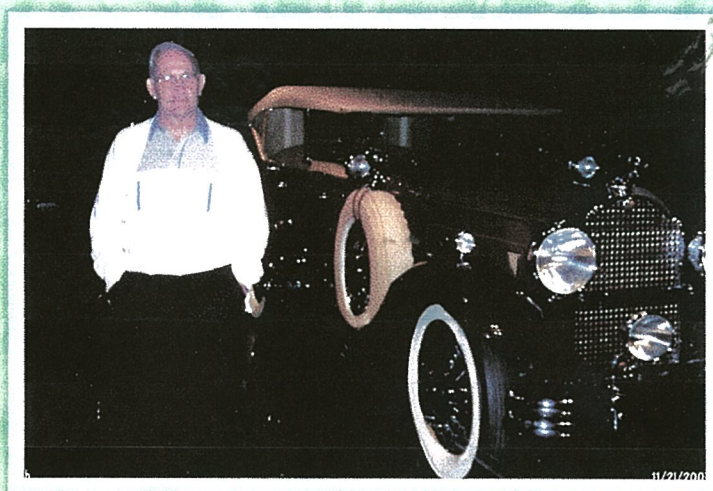
We visited a lot. At dinner we all told what we were thankful for, and that was special. Steve called.



Dinner plus
Aaron + April?



Delivering the Goods Thanksgiving 2003



The Johnstons, Winns
and Broughs
(April as photographer)



Nov. 28th

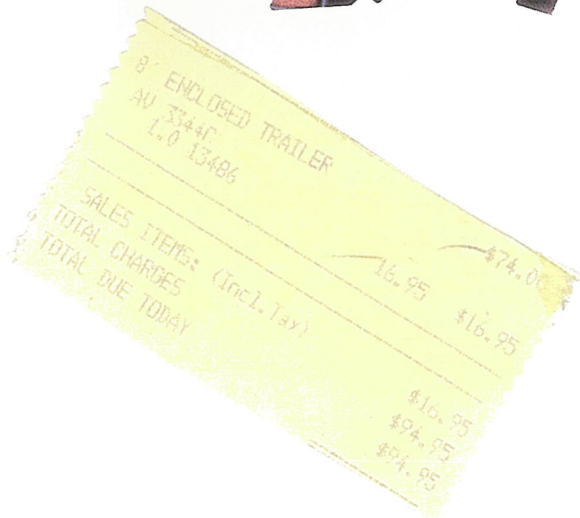
Kathie and Glenda went shopping

Nov. 29th

Whew! Loaded the organ on Garry's truck.

Winns left AND got the organ home safely! We called it the organ transplant.

We left December 1st. We left at 7:45 a.m. and got home at 5:15 p.m.



VISITORS AND FRIENDS

Louise and Var Kempton came from Salem to visit us several times during the year to visit us. We had lunch together.

Russ Bevans came to visit nearly every month

We played Chicken Foot—dominoes with Rodericks for Family Home Evening nearly every Monday.

I deepened my friendship with Rachel Johnston, with trips to the doctor, hospital and shared lunches.

Newells came to visit often and Marilyn gave me my B-12 shots.

I went visiting teaching and did my visiting teaching.

We had Evelyn over for Easter dinner. I took a dinner plate to Betty Stratemeyer who was ill.

Don Ainge and Grayson with friend Dan all came to visit.

SPOROTUAL

April

I was able to go on a temple trip to the Portland temple with the Relief Society Sisters. I got very tired, but was so blessed to have an extra oxygen container so that I could go.

Glen had a blessing before he went in for Prostate surgery and was admonished that he was very special and that he needs to be active in the church.

September

In Sacrament Meeting a story was told about a boy who was flying kites with his father. The boy wanted to cut the string so that the kite could go higher, but the father said, that that's not what would happen. He cut the string anyway and the kite fell to the ground. We sometimes think that rules and commandments are holding us back, but they are helping us face the winds of adversity.

October

Glen was having the tires checked on the van. They found a bump on the tire. In it they found a nail—a worn nail. It could have caused a blow out any time, and depending on the speed, could have caused a bad accident. This was such a blessing that it was found in time.

November

We should feel humility and grateful for all our blessings, and not holier than thou because we are so blessed.

December

In preparing my lesson for “The Boyhood of Jesus” I had a particular picture in mind, but could not find it. Kathie e-mailed me a different one to use. About 5 days before my lesson, on Christmas Eve, while preparing for company, I was inspired to look at the Ensigns. I only had the ones for the current year, having thrown the previous years out. After looking at them again, I tried putting them back but something was in the way-- a folded Feb. 2002 Ensign with the exact picture I wanted.

RELIEF SOCIETY LESSONS

February—Tithing

I shared an experience I had as Young Women's President in Portland when Bishop Rust said everyone on the board should pay tithing. Since I didn't work, and Glen was not a member, I never thought that would be possible. I shared his counsel with Glen, and he told me that since I took care of the money, if I could manage it, I could do it. That would be a real challenge since we were dipping into our savings all the time. Two weeks later, Glen was offered a job in Eugene with much higher wages. I have a strong testimony of tithing. Also, within 3 years, Glen was baptized and we were sealed in the temple.

March—Prayer

Bishop Livingston said we should study the scriptures and we would get answers to our prayers. I had been studying the scriptures and preparing my lesson. I opened the scriptures and turned to Luke and it read "If your sons ask for bread would you give them a stone?" It was a direct answer to my prayer.

April—Atonement and the nets that keep us from enjoying what Jesus does for us.

My chocolate goodies that lesson, were wrapped in a little net.

May—Self Worth

I gave them warm fuzzies and candy packets. I got 3 notes and lots of compliments which made me feel that I had done a good job.

July—Faith

I shared my experience of healing at John Hopkins, and how so many prayers had been said for me, and my family's faith that I would be healed.

August—One Step at a Time

I had footsteps on the floor and a skit. We talked about how we all had different talents.

September—Wedges in our Life that keep us from doing the right things

I gave them little wooden wedges that Glen had made for me, to put in their purses and paper wedges to write their own hidden wedges on.

October—Fellowshipping

December—Boyhood of Jesus



Time to give our yearly report and wish you a Merry Christmas.

We have had some health problems as usual but are still 'hanging in there'. We went on a trip in June to renew friendships and family ties. We stopped at Paul, Grace and Bear Lake, Idaho. Then visited at Lehi, Salt Lake, Bountiful and Ogden, Utah. We visited Maxines' brothers and families, four grandchildren and families which include 5 great grandchildren.

The visits also included a lifetime friend and three nursing school friends. It required much traveling and lifting oxygen equipment so Glen had lots of muscles when he got home. We came home comforted with the knowledge that our friends and relatives cared for us as much as we cared for them. Sometimes hard to remember when we live so far away.

Our next big activity was our family reunion at the beach in Waldport, Oregon. We had a week of beautiful weather, sand castles, gourmet food, games, crabbing, wild blackberry picking and bonding. There were 24 there out of a total of 31. Seven were great grandchildren, missing only 1 of the 8 total. Our friends, the Kemptons, who we exchange visits to Salem where they live, stopped by for a visit.

I am still doing some canning, mostly tomato juice and pickles. We enjoy the bounties of the farms that are nearby and a generous neighbor with an awesome garden.

One special blessing came because I received a new 'walker pack' for my oxygen. By combining it with my old one I could sometimes go to the temple with the sisters who go once a month. A joyful time.

Our final trip for the year was the last two weeks of November to visit Kathie at Livermore, California. We took a china cupboard to Kathie and the antique organ to Glenda to carry on to her home. Glenda and family joined us for 4 days to celebrate Thanksgiving. So many things to be thankful for.

We will be home for Christmas at our request. Time to let some of my decorations out of the boxes to breath. Our families worry that we will be lonesome so piled us high with gifts and there will be phone calls. It's nice to be home. We must be getting old.

Hope you have a HAPPY HOLIDAY. We love hearing from you.