

To Our Grandchildren:

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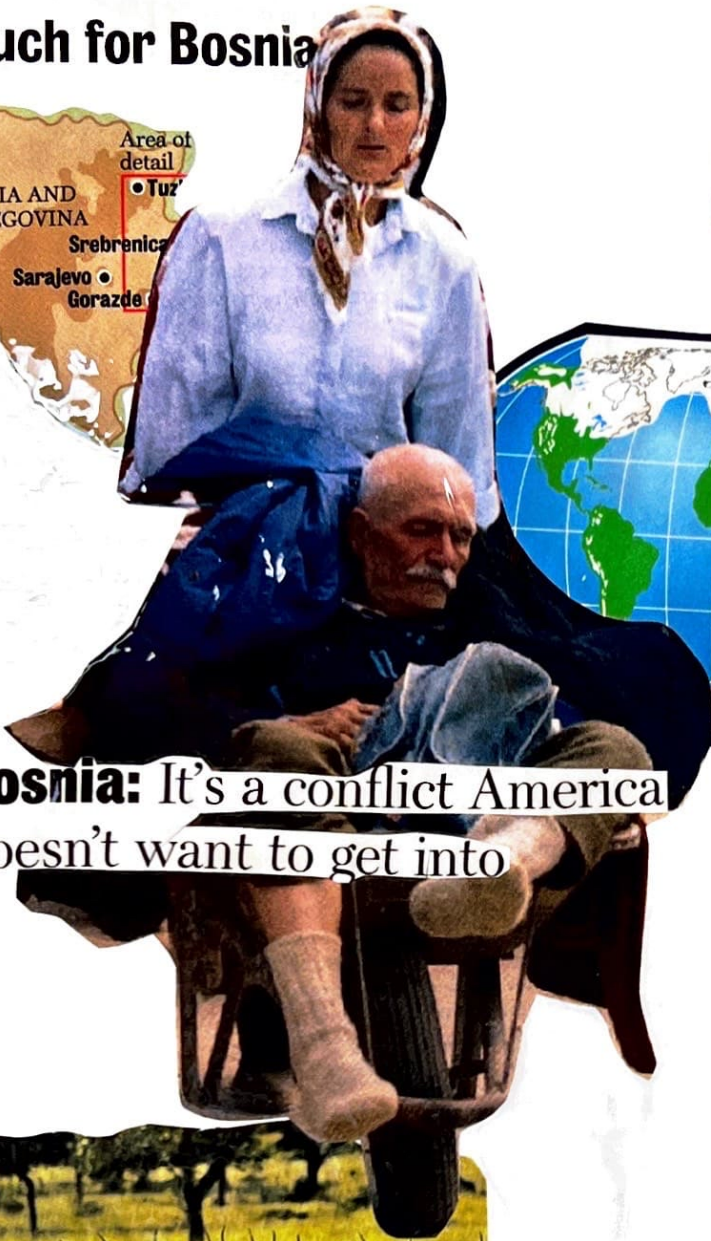
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So Much for Bosnia



Bosnia: It's a conflict America doesn't want to get into

O.J.



The Murders

NICOLE BROWN SIMPSON AND RONALD L. GOLDMAN are brutally slashed to death outside Nicole's Brentwood condo while her two young children sleep upstairs.



Iz



Capture the moment...

Liz Conrad
10-19-95
Final draft

Dear Grandchildren,

Today, I was reading an article about DNA replacement in Newsweek magazine and began to wonder how this will affect future generations. In particular, I started to imagine my grandchildren and how life will be for them in 30 years. This letter is directed to my descendents with the hope that what I have experienced will somehow help them to understand the ground work of their present day society. Also, I wonder how history has been written compared to how I have experienced it first hand.

One of the greatest events of 1995 centers on the racial issues that resulted from the murder of African-American O.J. Simpson's caucasian spouse Nichole and her friend, Ron Goldman. Never before has a double murder trial played such a role in everyday American life. The international news channel, CNN, broadcasted the trial as if it were a soap opera. The nation was divided and still remains so between those who support Simpson and those who believe that he actually killed his own wife. Ugly heads of racial tension surfaced when the police detective, Mark Furmann, was exposed as a man of hatred and vindictiveness. He had initially investigated the crime scene and helped compile the state's evidence against Simpson. Although I personally feel that he was guilty and has been wrongly freed because of his wealth and power, fortunately for Los Angeles and for the entire nation, the football legend was found innocent. Several years prior, riots erupted when L.A. police were captured on video beating African-American Rodney King. I feel that because of his innocence, the city of Los Angeles was spared further racial hatred and life now continues as normal.

A second and even more troubling event for me is the seemingly endless slaughter of human lives in Bosnia. DNA restructuring can prevent certain genetic problems but cannot end the ethnic injustices that are occurring among the fighting religious sects of Bosnia. The former Yugoslavians are massacred; yet little care seems to be given for their deaths! Several years before this, our nation sent multitudes of troops into Kuwait, but that was an oil rich emirate worth defending. Ironically, Bosnia is simply a nation torn asunder by ethnic hatred; therefore, some believe it is not worth the same political effort. Sadly, everything revolves around governmental wants and not human needs.

Even at the modern university Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, which I currently attend, I probably cannot relate to your futuristic lifestyle; I can only predict. Two of my favorite pastimes are dove hunting and fishing; interestingly, the killing of wildlife is still a sport and not deemed totally unacceptable which I feel it will be in your lifetime. We are primarily a carnivorous society; however, some people, for instance your Great Aunt Catherine and Uncle Vince, are leading a vegan lifestyle. A vegan is an individual who denies all animal products from his or her diet; butter, eggs, milk, and meat are unacceptable. A vegetarian simply refuses meat; most likely, you are one of the two. With all of the fats and other harmful product we consume, I am sure you can only imagine the terrible

things that we're doing to our bodies. I wonder, will you ever taste a dove? I predict it will be a violation of federal law, but I cannot help but wonder how you, the generation of the future, will deal with my suspected regulations. Will you also be guilty of carnivorous tendencies?

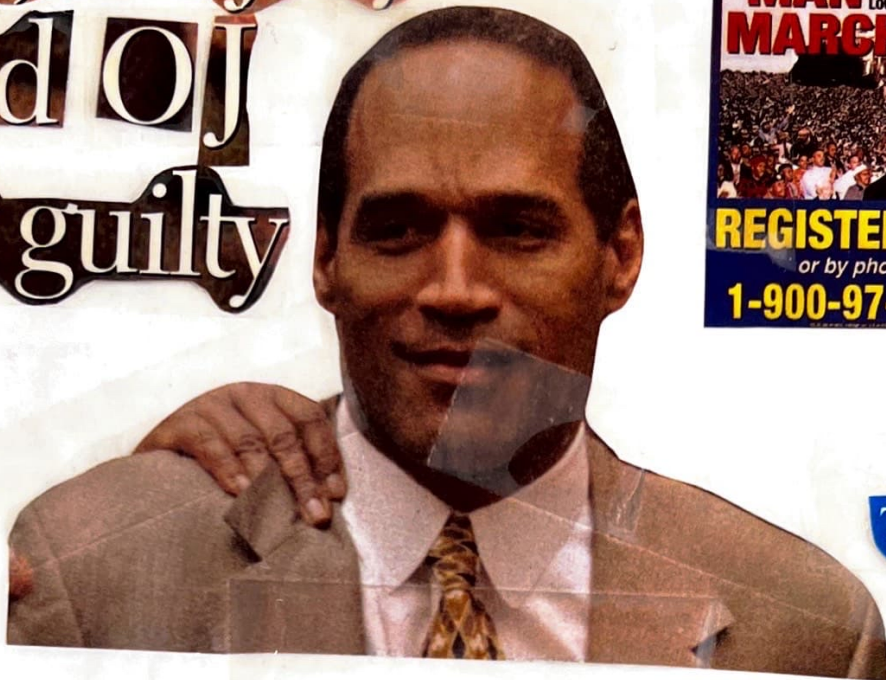
In closing, dearest children, I only hope that your generation will be better equipped than we are. My generation has been labeled "Generation X" by our parents, and that seems to be a slap in the face. This generic title is given to us because we are looked upon as selfish, unproductive citizens without any true identity. I have always believed that I am someone with contributions and attributes worth recognizing.

I participate in beach clean-ups on Padre Island, and I work with the Christian soup kitchen for the needy. Regardless of the neverending hours that my friends and I devote to helping society, there are countless numbers of gang members who perpetrate society and poison it. I believe that the events of the last part of the Twentieth Century will be so different from what you will experience; so I hope your generation will be able to overcome all obstacles. The Simpson trial, the Bosnian massacres, and the nonvegan lifestyles are all important to me. I wonder what will fill your lives in the not so distant future? Have fun and be careful!

Fondly,

Grandmere Liz

We, the jury
find OJ
not guilty



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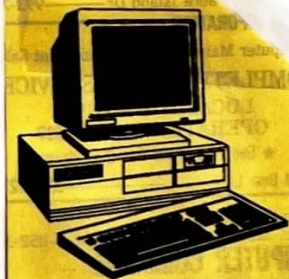
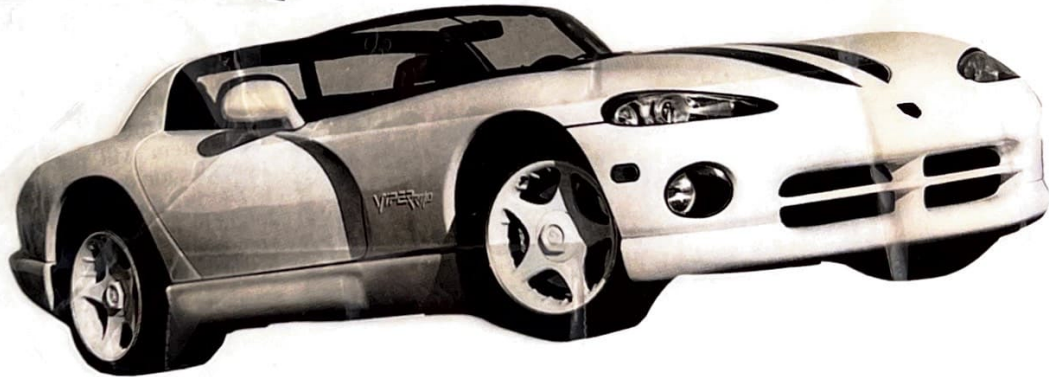
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Texas A&M University
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AIDS



Networking

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, And May Complicate Pregnancy.

but wait,
there's more. . . .

To My Grandchildren:

The reason that I am writing you this letter today is to give you an idea of what my life is like during my freshman year of college. It is the 11th of October, 1995 and I just arrived home from a tough day of school at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christ. As I was driving home I began to recall all of the current events and issues surrounding my lifetime. I started wondering if all of the technology we know in the late twentieth century will be obsolete by your life time.

In my generation, we are just beginning to become computer literate. All kinds of new things have been recently introduced that can be done with these machines. For instance, all of the students of my English 101 class have been taught to send their written work to each other through an inter class network, allowing us to look over each other's work and send comments over the computer. A number of us also have been learning to e-mail friends and teachers both on and off campus across the internet.

Lately, I have been following a number of judicial trials as well as some important health issues on T.V. The O.J. Simpson trial recently ended about two weeks ago and although I did not follow the trial day by day, I still wonder if justice has been served with his non-guilty verdict. O.J. is a famous ex-football star that has been accused of the double homicide of his ex-wife Nicole Brown and her friend Ronald Goldman. Also, a famous Tejano star from my home town of Corpus Christi, Selena, has been murdered and her killer, Yolanda Saldivar, is awaiting her trial. Secondly, A number of health issues, such as the right for a woman to terminate her pregnancy through abortion and the deadly disease AIDS, have made me curious as to how they will play a role in your lifestyles and lives in general. So far we haven't found a cure for AIDS, the fatal disease that attacks the immune system. I wonder if there will be, if the disease still exists, for your generation. With the issue of abortion, it is hard to find a group of people who are one hundred percent for or against it although much controversy is surrounding this issue.

President Clinton is now getting ready for the 1996 presidential elections. He is hoping for re-election but some people do not think he is the most popular candidate because he has been under constant criticism of whether or not he has followed out his presidential duties. One of the issues I believe the next group of presidential candidates will campaign on is working on the problems of air, water, and land pollution and the depleting of the ozone layer. These are two important events that have worried and puzzled many people of this country and around the world.

Ever since the civil rights movement in the 1960's, the United States has become more tolerant of certain trends and lifestyles. For instance, body piercing and tattoos have become a rising trend in our modern society. Also, a large amount of attention has been given to the rights of minorities to ensure equal rights of all Americans. This has also lead to good relations with some foreign countries.

Television has become a big part of all our lives. Movie stars like Sylvester Stallone, Sharon Stone, and Chevy Chase have made an impact in their own ways. During the 1980's, Stallone was thought by many to be one of the all-time great action stars. Recently, Stone has caused some controversy of how far an actress can go in portraying the lifestyles of gays in the movie

Basic Instinct. In addition, Chase has given us the pleasure of his outstanding comedy.

I currently do not know what the future has in store for your generation, but I do believe the we are all moving in the right direction. The many people of the world have been trying to take care of our environment and their culture. I just hope that the many technological advances in store for you will bring positive things to both the world and its people.

Sincerely,
John Iden
Draft 1

(Encl)



RAGE

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Morgan Jolley
October 19, 1995
Final

October 12, 1995 a.d.

To my prodigy,

Hello children; I hope the world is treating you kindly. I thought that you might want to know how it was for me when I was a teenager in college, so I decided to write this letter to tell you. I'll be talking about my personal life, today's news, politics, clothes, and current technology.

Well, my personal life could be going better, but it would be a lot worse if I did not have one! You see, your grandmother, Ann Marie Pietrantonio, and I are in a bit of a tip now. We don't get to see that much of each other, and I wonder how far we have drifted since I am going to college at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and she is a senior in Orange Grove High School (Orange Grove, Texas). I know that things will get better, though, because we both want to make our relationship work. I guess it's not as bad as I make it out to be. Things in the country could use some work though.

Probably the most talked about thing in the U.S. was the nationally broadcasted O.J. Simpson trial. The trial, which took about a year, finally ended last week. O.J. Simpson was accused of murdering his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ron Goldman. The jury took only about four short hours to contemplate the fate of O.J., and to the disappointment of many Americans, he was found not guilty. Believe me when I say I could have lived without the long boring trial. Unfortunately, more tragedy has occurred.

Terrorism in the United States has returned for yet another year. This time, though, it's our own people that have caused the disaster. A group of people got together and successfully derailed an Amtrak passenger train in Arizona. They did it by pulling up the spikes that held the rails down, and when the train came speeding by, it came off the tracks. A note was left by the group saying they did it in retaliation of the Waco incident.

Waco is a town in Texas where a man known as David Koresh lead a group of religious people known as the Branch Davidians. David Koresh had his people preparing for a last battle. The incident ended with government forces assaulting the Branch Davidian compound. David Koresh had the compound put to fire, and was assumed to have burned to death.

Excuse me a second while I change the music CD (that means compact disk for you modern youngsters) in my computer... The band Alice In Chains has to be my favorite band. Try looking it up in the hard rock section section of your local music store some day.

On the medical front, AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is still being a nuisance with all its problems. AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease that attacks the body's immune system leaving it defenseless to normal everyday illness. I hope a cure for the deadly disease is found soon, because people are dying from it every day.

In the political world, next year President Bill Clinton will be challenged in the 1996 Presidential Election. I hope someone capable wins. We need a good president to lead the nation.

You might be interested in what people are wearing these days. Well, I don't know, but if it's different it's usually good. I can tell you, however, that your grandmother looks great in any clothing. (Be sure to show her this letter, so I can get on her good side!)

Let's talk about technology. Earlier I mentioned using audio CDs in a computer. That's called multimedia. Today, a person can have their television, phone, and other household appliances connected to their computer. This is big stuff now days! Currently the fastest personal computer processor is a 586 (for DOS based systems). Next year, though, they'll come out with the 686, and my computer now will be out dated.

Overall, the year 1995 has been fun. I hope I have given you at least a little taste of the current times, and I hope to write you again one day, perhaps in happier times. For now, though goodbye.

Love,
Grandpa Morgan

SIMPSON

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
The Island University



HURRICANE SEASON

1995

South Texas Livestock Auction		Beeville Livestock Commission	
Weight (lbs.)	Price	Weight (lbs.)	Price
200-300	64 to 75	60 to 81	60 to 81
300-400	57 to 68	35 to 75	35 to 75
400-500	48 to 65	35 to 62.5	35 to 62.5
500-600	51 to 62	35 to 57	35 to 57
600-700	52 to 59	35 to 54	35 to 54
700-800	52 to 54.5		

Weight (lbs.)	Price	Weight (lbs.)	Price
200-300	59 to 70	48 to 74	48 to 74
300-400	50 to 59	48 to 74	48 to 74
400-500	49 to 58	35 to 65	35 to 65
500-600	40 to 51	40 to 64	40 to 64
600-700	49 to 55	35 to 56	35 to 56
700-800	50 to 54	35 to 54	35 to 54

Grade	Price	Grade	Price
Boning Utility, 2-3	32 to 34.5	30 to 35	30 to 35
Low/Dressing	28 to 33	28 to 31	28 to 31
Canner	26 to 29	22.5 to 28	22.5 to 28

Grade	Price	Grade	Price
Young Cows	40 to 46	35 to 48	35 to 48
Middle-aged	1200-2000 lbs	1000-2000 lbs	1000-2000 lbs
Aged	46 to 51	40 to 54	40 to 54
	38 to 46	35 to 40	35 to 40
	20 to 38	30 to 35	30 to 35

Livestock Futures

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
CATTLE					
40,000 lbs. - cents per lb.					
Oct 95	66.42	66.45	66.20	66.40	-0.02
Dec 95	67.82	67.90	67.65	67.87	-0.03
Feb 96	66.85	66.90	66.67	66.80	-0.07
Apr 96	67.20	67.20	66.97	67.10	-0.05
Jun 96	63.15	63.27	63.12	63.17	-0.03
Aug 96	61.85	61.90	61.75	61.90	+0.05
Oct 96	62.50	62.75	62.50	62.55	+0.05
Sales 71					
Open Int 621					
FEEDER CATTLE					
50,000 lbs. - cents per lb.					
Oct 95	65.65	65.72	65.55	65.72	-0.03
Dec 95	64.40	64.50	64.25	64.45	-0.02
Feb 96	63.35	63.55	63.32	63.40	-0.12
Apr 96	61.95	61.95	61.75	61.85	-0.10
Jun 96	61.55	61.75	61.50	61.50	-0.02
Aug 96	61.05	61.25	61.00	61.10	-0.02
Oct 96	62.80	62.85	62.80	62.80	-0.02
Dec 96	62.50	62.52	62.50	62.52	+0.02
Sales 108					
HOGS					
40,000 lbs. - cents per lb.					
Oct 95	45.45	45.65	45.07	45.40	-0.32
Dec 95	45.10	45.40	44.75	44.82	-0.63
Feb 96	48.10	48.40	47.87	47.90	-0.47
Apr 96	47.50	47.70	47.30	47.37	-0.30
Jun 96	52.60	52.65	52.40	52.57	-0.33
Aug 96	52.45	52.45	52.20	52.35	-0.25
Oct 96	51.85	51.95	51.60	51.80	-0.10
Dec 96	47.95	48.25	47.85	48.02	+0.27
Feb 97				48.47	+0.25
Sales 1313					
PORK BELLIES					
40,000 lbs. - cents per lb.					
Mar 96	62.40	63.15	61.95	62.90	+0.03
May 96	62.15	62.92	61.85	62.80	+0.03
Jul 96	62.60	63.67	62.60	63.40	-0.15
Aug 96	63.40	64.70	63.40	64.70	-0.15
Oct 96	61.80	61.80	61.80	61.80	-0.60
Fri.'s sales 12					
Fri.'s open Int 73					



1250 Padre Staples Mall
Corpus Christi, TX 78411

BEALLS

Kristy K.

Hallettsville
Population: 2,718

Kristy Kostelnik
October 19, 1995
Draft 3

To my grandchildren:

How are you? I am your grandmother and this letter's purpose is to give you some idea about what goes on in the life of a college student at the end of the twentieth century. I hope you find it some what interesting or informative. There will most likely be a chance for us to discuss the topics touched on in this letter, but until then this will have to suffice.

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do not see them very often. I also enjoy seeing both sets of my grandparents and my aunts, uncles, and cousins. On your grandmother's side of the family there are eight siblings, which makes for great parties and family gatherings, and on your grandfather's side there are five which also makes for great times when we all get together. Since almost all of both of these families live in Hallettsville, contacting them for gatherings is fairly simple.

In Hallettsville my father owns cattle and had intended on expanding this relatively small endeavor, but the cattle market has dropped considerably due to NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, and the drought in Mexico. Since they have no way of continuing their livestock's upkeep, Mexican cattlemen flooded the markets with cheap cattle, especially in Texas, leaving little to no competition for Texas cattlemen. This has affected many herd owners in the beef industry, including my father, your grandfather, and your Great-Grandpa Jansky.

Well, these are some of the events that detail my everyday life and I hope they may give you some idea as to what my life is like. I contemplate what circumstances your lives consist of in the future and what dramatic changes have occurred. There are so many questions I have for you, but I'm sure we will have plenty of time to talk one day.

With love,
Your grandmother,
Kristy Kostelnik

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