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Sorry - wrong AZ paper attached. Try this one.

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Updated NV and AZ political briefings attached. Please let us know if you have questions.

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From: Torgerson, Karin B.
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2003 7:16 PM
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Some additional thoughts from Brett. Thanks

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STATE ISSUES

MEXICAN PRESIDENT VINCENTE FOX

Earlier this month, Mexican President Vincente Fox toured Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. His trip involved high-level immigration and trade talks with political and business leaders, and meetings with members of Mexican-American communities.

HEALTHY FORESTS

Last week, Governor Janet Napolitano said she supports the U.S. Senate version of the healthy forests bill. The bill would back the widespread thinning of small trees and brush to reduce fuel for wildfires. The Governor has received pressure from Congressmen J.D. Hayworth (R, AZ-05) and Jeff Flake (R, AZ-06) to influence her party cohorts in Congress to help pass the measure. You spoke at a healthy forest event in Arizona on August 11, 2003.

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UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRATION

Arizona is emerging as a battleground for illegal immigration issues. Senator McCain, Congressman Flake, and Congressman Jim Kolbe (R, AZ-08) have introduced the Border Security and Immigration Improvement Act. The bill would allow millions of foreigners, including undocumented immigrants already in the United States, to live and work in this country with temporary visas and would grant permanent residency to undocumented workers who have been here for several years.

At the other end of the spectrum, a grassroots group backed by two Republican State lawmakers has launched Protect Arizona Now. Their initiative would ban spending State and local tax money on undocumented immigrants and would require State and local governments to verify the legal status of anyone seeking public services and turn over undocumented immigrants to immigration officials.

Arizona's congressional delegation and the Arizona Republican Party oppose Protect Arizona Now. Supporters of the measure need to collect 122,612 signatures to place the issue on the 2004 ballot. A November poll of registered voters revealed that 59 percent of Arizonans support a guest-worker program to deal with illegal immigration and 28 percent were opposed.⁵

Undocumented Deaths

As of September 30, the undocumented-immigrant death toll reached 151 (due mostly to dehydration in the desert), making this year the deadliest in Arizona. In the previous fiscal year, 145 immigrant deaths were reported in the State.

Undocumented Driver's License

Earlier this year, Congressman Flake introduced a bill (H.R. 3461) that would limit the abilities of states to give driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants. This measure would bar Federal agencies from accepting state driver's licenses as valid ID unless the state has stringent identification requirements. The bill also requires states that issue licenses to foreigners to have those licenses expire at the end of that individual's authorized stay in the United States. The bill has been referred to the Government Reform Committee.

ELECTION FUNDING AMENDMENT

On September 2, a group called "No Taxpayer Money for Politicians" filed an initiative for the 2004 ballot that would amend the Arizona Constitution to ban the use of Clean

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Elections money to fund politicians' campaigns. Instead, taxpayer dollars now used for political races would be used to fund public education and health care for seniors.

In 2002, the Clean Elections system distributed \$13 million in public money to hundreds of statewide and legislative candidates. Clean Elections supporters are confident Arizona will continue to support publicly financed elections and point to increased voter turnout and more Hispanic and female candidates as successes. Many candidates took advantage of the law during the 2002 elections, including 30 of 39 statewide candidates and 110 of 221 legislative candidates.

STATISTICS

2000 General Election Results (Presidential):

	Total Votes	% Won
Bush	781,652	51%
Gore	685,341	45%
Nader	45,645	3%
Other	19,268	1%

1996 General Election Results (Presidential):

	Total Votes	% Won
Clinton	653,288	47%
Dole	622,073	44%
Perot	112,074	8%

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Note: Arizona gained two Congressional seats due to reapportionment.

U.S. SENATE:

- Senator John McCain (R), 3rd term, re-elected in 1998 with 69%
- Senator John Kyl (R), 2nd term, re-elected in 2000 with 79%

U.S. HOUSE: 8 total (6R, 2D)

- Rick Renzi (R-01), 1st term, elected with 49%
- Trent Franks (R-02), 1st term elected with 60%
- John Shadegg (R-03), 5th term, re-elected with 67%
- Ed Pastor (D-04), 6th term, re-elected with 67%
- J.D. Hayworth (R-05), 5th term, re-elected with 61%
- Jeff Flake (R-06), 2nd term, re-elected with 66%
- Raúl Grijalva (D-07), 1st term, elected with 59%
- Jim Kolbe (R-08), 10th term, re-elected with 63%

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STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor Janet Napolitano (D), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 46%
Attorney General Terry Goddard (D), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 52%
Secretary of State Janice Brewer (R), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 49%
Treasurer David Petersen (R), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 51%
Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne (R), 1st term, elected with 50%

State House: **60 (39R, 20D, 1I)**
Speaker: Jake Flake (R)
Majority Leader: Eddie Farnsworth (R)
Minority Leader: John Loreda (D)

State Senate: **30 (17R, 13D)**
President: Ken Bennett (R)
Majority Leader: Timothy Bee (R)
Minority Leader: Jack Brown (D)

STATE PARTY

Chairman: Bob Fannin
Committeeman: Mike Hellon
Committeewoman: Bernice Roberts

STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Population 2000: 5,130,632, up 40% from 1990
Race/Ethnicity: 63.8% White, 25.3% Hispanic, 4.5% American-Indian,
3.1% African-American, 1.8% Asian
Median Household Income: \$40,558
College Educated: 23.5%
Median Age: 34.2 years (13% are over the age of 65)
Households: 52% married, 23% married couple families with children
(Source: 2000 U.S. Census)

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YOUR PREVIOUS TRAVEL

Event	Date	Location
Briefing on the Aspen Fire and Remarks on the Healthy Forests Initiative	August 11, 2003	Coronado Nat'l Forest
Arizona Welcome	October 27, 2002	Phoenix
Arizona Welcome and Photo Op; and Remarks at Rick Renzi and Matt Salmon Fundraiser	September 27, 2002	Phoenix
Flyover of Rodeo-Chediski Fire; and Remarks to Evacuated Families	June 25, 2002	Show Low Eagar
Champlin Fighter Aircraft Museum	May 28, 2001	Mesa

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PREVIOUS TRAVEL

Event	Date	Location
Fundraiser for Rick Renzi and Arizona Victory 2002	October 14, 2002	Phoenix

¹ KAET-TV/Channel 8 and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University poll; conducted November 14-17, 2003; surveyed 409 registered voters; +/-4.9% margin of error.

² A Behavior Research Center Poll; conducted October 9-16, 2003; surveyed 205 likely Democratic voters; +/- 7% margin of error.

³ A Behavior Research Center Poll; conducted September 23-25, 2003; surveyed 500 Latino adults; +/- 4.4% margin of error.

⁴ A Behavior Research Center Poll; conducted October 9-16; surveyed 701 adults; +/- 3.7% margin of error.

⁵ KAET-TV Poll; conducted November 14-17, 2003; surveyed 409 registered voters; +/- 4.9% margin of error.