

# 2007



## FAMILY UPDATE

*Rick and Carolyn Rountree with long awaited Grandbabies...  
Little Ricky and Marco*

**MARION ANGELL**

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*TWO BABIES JOIN THE ROUNDTREE FAMILY 2007!*

*Born to Matt & Megan Verger in Grasonville, Maryland*

*with JOY and HAPPINESS we introduce*



*Richard Abraham Verger*

*March 1, 2007 8 pounds 9 ounces 22 inches*

*Carrie Rountree & Tony Ceciliano in Clinton, New Jersey.*



*Marco Antonio Ceciliano RounTREE*

*July 18, 2007*

*7 lbs., 11.5 oz.*

*19.5"*



Hi Everyone,

I finally sold my house after 36 years. It is time to move on with no leaves to rake, no snow to shovel and the most important part of all – no bamboo to cut! I'm moving into a townhouse in a retirement community. I'm very excited.

Please note my new address so I don't miss any Christmas Cards or phone calls. My email will remain the same. I will move June 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Have a great summer.



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12/09/07

**Season's Greetings Friends & Family**

**It is hard to believe that we have lived in Maryland for over five years now.**

**Carolyn retired for real May 1<sup>st</sup>. Although retired she is still very busy. (Read on)**

**I am still working part time on the local ferry that runs from Oxford to Belview across the Tred Avon River. I crew on it, bringing the cars on board, taking the money and acting as tour guide. It's a lot of fun meeting all kinds of people. A common refrain is "I wish I had your job."**

**We still have our Bayliner that we keep in Oxford which is 8 miles from the house. It's in for the winter but in April we will put it back in the water. Great fun cruising and fishing on the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay.**

**Megan and Matt blessed us with a new grandson, Ricky, March 1<sup>st</sup> now 9 months old. Not to be out done, Carrie and Tony brought Marco into the world on July 18<sup>th</sup>, one day after Grandpa's birthday. The "grandbabies" are the joy of our lives and keep Grandma and Grandpa very busy visiting and helping out where we can, especially Grandma. There is no question that we are not "as young as we used to be".**

**Megan, Matt, Ricky and Yankee 2 live 25 miles from us in Grasonville, MD and we see them often. Carrie, Tony and Marco live in NJ. Carrie is continuing her education at East Stroudsburg University working towards a degree in elementary/special education, juggling school and baby. Both girls are wonderful mothers and we are very proud of them. Our e-mail is [treedd888@verizon.net](mailto:treedd888@verizon.net)**

**Have a Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.**

**Rick and Carolyn**





Mr. James Black and  
Mrs. Jane White  
St. George, New Jersey

Karriem



Tammy Billy Ruddy



Leanne  
Marian & David



Hi Marian,  
David & I are doing  
a wonderful job,  
Loving Greece.  
Like when in Mykonos!  
On our way to Rome!  
Hope to see you at  
Lion's Head, Marissa  
along with in traveling  
School in Athens.  
Love you both!  
David & I

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Boston Angell's



Erin & Kyle King



Richie Yankee

McBride



# TEXAS ANGELLS!



**MARTY**

**LAUREN**

**"BO" GOODGAME**

**JOHN**

**ALLEN**

**W/ BABY BOONE**

**FULTON**

**W/COOPER**

**CHAD**

**CINDY**

**LYNN**

**LORI**

**W/BABY SAM NOAH**

**W/BROOK**



December 2007

Dear Friends and Family,

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with His presence!

We have had a great year, filled with the challenges and blessings of each day, and have found, as always, that the Lord has been good to us. Caroline is nearing Birthday 72, and of course, Bob is a mere 67! Now to share a little about our family. Calvin (46) and Anna, with Calvin's 3 children who are Matt 12, Bethany 15, and Kalynn 20 (in college). Anna has a 3 year old son, Luca, and is from Russia. Then there is Rick (45) and Cathy, with Mylin 14, and Ryan who is 25 and is with Mimi, who has a 12 year old, Risha, an inherited Great-Grand-daughter, and Ryan and Mimi's newborn great-grand-daughter Rhianna. Bob Jr. (43 1/2), at the moment unattached, has Marley who is 7. They live here in the "mother/son" home that we share. Finally, there is Shawn's daughter, Luci 20, who will marry Drew in the Fall.

Marley is with us a lot...Bob Jr. is a Nurse and works many long and hard hours, so we get to have a big part in Marley's life. Grandpa takes her to school, and Grammy picks her up and helps her with homework. Of course we don't spoil her. (Excuse me while I take a moment to snicker). We only wish we had the same opportunity with each one of our grandchildren (minuss the homework!!).

We are fine, with Caroline busy at home and helping others, and Bob still working full time. One day the retirement bug will bite, but who knows when! We keep active, going on diets and doing well, and then blowing it, and after a while starting in again. Of course "if we knew we would live this long, we would have taken better care of ourselves" and always stayed skinny. We do have our challenges from time to time, as we all do, but we are here, and taking all the time we can with our family.

Christmas is always a big family thing for us! Last year was St. Augustine on the beach with everyone, and this year we will return to a favorite...the Ritz Carlton at Amelia Island Florida, right on the beach! They have marshmallow roasts and hayrides, a night visit and a sleigh ride with Santa, numerous activities, and we all enjoy meals together! It is a good, close, sharing family time, and we look forward to it each year. Of course the visits to each other in between are

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Greetings to you and your family!

Erin is enjoying her freshman year at University of South Carolina where she is a Gamecocks Cheerleader and a newly initiated Kappa Delta sorority sister. She is loving college life!

Kyle is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Wesleyan School and my "baby" is now a teenager. He is playing the mellophone (basically a type of French horn) in the Marching Band & in the basketball band. Music is his passion and his talent! Kyle is also steadily working toward his black belt in Tae Kwan Do.

Tom and I are working hard to keep up with Kyle, watch closely for Erin on TV, get to Columbia as time allows and pretend there's not an empty place at the dinner table!

I have passed my "5 year" survivor mark, but still continue to have seizures and am unable to drive. We are grateful for family and friends who share their time to squire me around town! We hope you are all well. Keep in touch with us: [anneking0926@comcast.net](mailto:anneking0926@comcast.net)

May 2008 be your  
best year yet, blessed  
with good cheer, good  
music, and good  
health!

*Tom King, Jr. - Anne, Erin & Kyle  
Alpharetta, Ga.*



### Season's Greetings to our friends and family!

2007 has been a fun and rewarding year for us. One of the highlights was our trip to Greece and France with Rob's father!

This summer, Mersina turned 15 and had her last year as a camper at Charles River camp. As for the alpine ski team, she finished her race 38<sup>th</sup> out of the 80 people that qualified. In taekwondo, she only needs two more belts to get her black belt. She continues to play her guitar and sing and will join the crew for the upcoming show. She and Robert are planning to go to New Orleans for community service with their youth group.

Robert's first job was a CIT at Charles River camp. He will go to South Africa this summer with the school as an act of community service, so he is saving up his cash. Robert, now 17, is driving! In taekwondo, he is preparing to test for his black belt. In track, he runs the mile and the two-mile. The Sound of Music will be his 22<sup>nd</sup> production and he plays trombone in the pit and the band.

Rob continues to enjoy working at AMS (Accounting Management Solutions) as Managing Director of Emerging Business/Life Science/Technology practices. He is playing tennis as much as possible.

Paula has three more semesters to complete her masters of social work degree. She is doing an internship at the Milford Regional Medical Center. She continues to play tennis when she can and walk Hannah but never enough.

Love and Peace,  
The Angell Family

Buster and Barbara Kennedy Family Tree, in order of birth, here goes..

1. Thomas Kennedy and wife Barbara and daughter Alexandra..Tom is an editor for the Washington Post's internet site and Alie is a junior at a private Washington area academy.

2. Megan Kennedy Neinhouse and son Cole and daughter Chaitra...Meg lives in West Palm Beach with husband Dan. She is an accountant with a site construction company. Dan is an AC installer and Cole works for an insurance agency and Chaitra is in Georgia with a large construction company as Office Administrator.

3. Scott Fitzgerald Kennedy, a sales representative and wife Karen, and twin sons Sean and Dylan and Son Patrick and daughter Nicole...Nicole is an Honors Student currently enrolled at Central Michigan University and the boys at varying levels of high school.

4. Christopher Martin Kennedy, manager with a local food chain and daughters Felicia (our first grandchild), Brittany (attending Michigan State University), sister Ashley currently in High School, Leerin and Alexandra in public school and son Ryan, recovering from two very recent brain cancer tumor operations and weeks of chemo and radiation. Ryan has just undergone a second brain operation for three more tumors and is now home and resting. He will return to kindergarten in a week or 10 days. Please keep him on everyone's prayer list...he has been a real trooper throughout his ordeal, never once complaining....

5. Charles Rountree Kennedy ("Chip") and wife Shari and daughters Erika, Taylor, Anna and Laura, all attending Everest Academy. Shari is founder and CEO of New Beginnings Pediatric Physical Therapy Company, located in Baltimore and Chip is a broker in the mortgage business with son John and a consultant to NBPT.

6. John Fredrick Kennedy, father of twins Gillian and John and daughters Emily and Brooke. John is President of Kennedy Mortgage Company in Orion, Mich.

7. Jay Grant Kennedy, adopted, with Down Syndrome and living close to us in a group home.

8. Robert Douglas Kennedy, recently of West Palm Beach and now back in Michigan with EDS (Electronic Data Systems, "Ross Perot's old company")...he is single and resides nearby and shares apartment with Christopher who was recently divorced.

Additionally, I am a surrogate grandfather to Corie Lynn Luitjens of LA, great-granddaughter of Mrs. Dorothy Gilmore who provided me a loving home on my return from WW2 while I completed high-school before moving on to college...the family played an important role in my early post-WW2 years and I am forever indebted to her great-great grandmother. ..Corie has no grandparents and I feel honored to have played this important part in her life. The ripple from a stone cast into the water comes to play here...the ripple affect of the Gilmore's clan generosity reached out over a span of almost 60+ years....Corie will be married here in Michigan this August 8 and I am proud to be able to walk her down the aisle and give her away to a very fine young man she has chosen.



### TIDBIT'S

January '07 was an unusually warm month. Winter did catch up with us, but before it did, there was some excitement.

The first of February, Marion received a phone call from Cousin Catherine in New Port Richey, Flo.

"Have you heard anything, is Bob O.K.?"

What?? A Tornado ripped through The Villages, Flo, where Bob A. has his winter home. The phone lines were very busy after that, but could not get through, too many calling, signals jammed up. After thing's calmed down, it was found that yes, Bob was fine. His place wasn't hit, He actually SLEPT through the things, which hit several blocks away from him.

Cousin Caroline Grabau in Ocala, Flo. had called him immediately after the news reported it. He figured this would not look too good to his kids, so he quickly left them messages, he was good. Quick work before phone signals got too busy.

Of course, Bob had to check this out for himself, so he took a walk. The devastation he found was a bit stunning.

It was a relief to us all to find he was not in the path, but wondered if he had checked his house for a reasonably safe spot to ride out a Tornado. He had.

Now all we have to worry about is----

will he HEAR that freight train coming at him.

A very sound sleeper, we hear. Legendary!!!

Meanwhile, those of us farther North were treated to a month of ICE. No Snow, just ICE ALL OVER. For days and days and days, YUK!!!

### Tidbit's

In early March, a fundraiser was held in Bloomsbury, N.J. for a youngster with inoperable brain cancer. The band, Dixie Highway, which has some familiar faces, was asked to donate their time and talent, which they graciously did. And they were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The band even got to enjoy the food, which Linda pronounced exceptionally good for this type of event. The fundraiser was a great success, and Tyler, the youngster, is still with us.

About this time, Linda K. and Marion A. had a telephone

conversation, one of their chat's where odd subject's just pop up, out of the blue. Like ironing clothes.

Who iron's clothes that much anymore? Not us.

It brought a memory Linda had to the forefront.

At some point, when Linda was young, Mom, Sue decided it was time she ironed her own clothes. Faced with this task, young Linda decided that since she wore a sweater over her blouses, the only part that Really needed ironing were the cuff's and collar. When Mom came to check things out, saw the "finished" product, and heard Linda's reasoning, -----

Best to say Mom was Not Pleased.

In retrspect, it is funny, but back then, NOT!!!

Which reminded Marion of her first ironing experience.

(Strange, when you are really too young to help, you want to, when you are finally old enough to help, you don't).

But, When Marion about 4, maybe 5, just big enough to reach the iron, and Mom had turned her back for a bit, Marion grabbed a piece of material, and moved the iron onto it.

IMAGINE that little kid's SHOCK when the iron ATE that piece of material. It was Mama's nylon panties.

Oh, yes, Mom was Very Unhappy. Not just the loss of underwear, but the impossible mess on the bottom of the iron.

Oh Well, while on Mistake Mezzanine, My apologies to Chelsey Bleck, of the Ky. branch.

It seem's I persist in spelling her name Chelsea instead of Chelsey.

Sorry CHELSEY.



Tidbit's

We had the coldest Easter in several years. But the ground was bare, and the kid's didn't care. They were after Easter goodies, while the grownups socialized and kept watch. 40 to 50 people braved the cold. John and Catherine McCabe hosted a fantastic buffet, INSIDE, after the egg hunt, football game and pond jump.

When the call did come "first in pond, fifty bucks", several moved toward's the pond, but one ZOOMED. Phoebe Rose Angell Wiant, 10 yrs. old, ahead of the pack, not the slightest hesitation, right into the pond. Ryan Bleck, as always, on the scene to fish out the hardy little soul. Phoebe's Mom, Lynn A. walked the soggy little sibling to the house with a bemused, "this wasn't in the plan" look on her face.

A few minutes later, Ken Swan, friend of Tom Bleck, was checking out the pond when certain of the "adult's" started teasing him. "\$50.00. jump in." Darned if he didn't. Tom B. was out another \$50.00 bucks and Eileen Swan had to drive her soaking wet husband home before he turned into an icicle. (Phoebe had gotten dry clothes from other relatives who had extra apparel with them).

Payoff's for the Pond Jump are much higher these days. In the 80's Ryan Bleck remembered getting \$5.00. Rob. A. got 0. Tom Bleck, A big 0. Rob's line was a goody. "Remember, amateur status in those days couldn't earn money" Now they can. Jaime's husband, Idrissa, was also ragged about going into the pond. His polite, but firm, NO! took care of that idea. No amount of money (that anyone could afford, anyway) would get him in that freezing water. Wise decision, Idrissa.

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Doreen Bleck and Marion A. reminiscing to Jaime, about Easter, 1970. We think 70. BIIIG Snow that Easter, so the Easter egg hunt was inside Uncle Bob and Aunt Caroline's house. Then there were games. One was the Airplane ride. Neither Doreen or Marion knew about this, so they were put in the back bedroom with the children. The children were called out first, and I remembered a highly incensed 5 yr. old returning. Sworn to secrecy he couldn't tell the secret, but it seemed to have really ticked him off. Once we two adults had our turn, we understood. NO, the secret will not be revealed, just in case.

But I Can say, the 5 yr. old was Bob B. III.  
Did he get over that trauma?  
Has he revealed the secret?  
Stay tuned.

### Tidbit's

Jaime Bleck is in her second year at Cornell, plugging away at her Doctorate. Loads of work, but still easier with computer than the old fashioned way of gathering information.

Sarah Angell Wiant won a school related trip to England. Just a short trip this summer, but good.

Curtis A. Wiant and a friend over from France went for a hike on the Appalachian Trail. They spied a bear, which was very exciting for the friend. Curtis used to having bear's around, the friend was not. No bear's in France.

Bob III and family seldom, if ever, get a vacation. Trip's to the Farm are about it. But this summer the family traveled to Sedone, Arizona to visit friends. Loved the place and the side trip to the Grand Canyon.

The Bleck's just got a new dog, a bulldog. Good natured but a little more work because of all the wrinkles that have to be kept clean.

Bob A. had planned his summer trip around a barge excursion out of New Orleans. Unfortunately, he was informed that his barge collided with another barge, and was out of commission. O.K., no adventure's this summer, he guessed. But, did notice, his passport needed to be renewed, so sent it in, expecting the usual wait of 6 to 8 weeks. While waiting for that, he was invited by the Boston contingent, Paula, Rob and family to join them on their trip to Greece, the end of August. Sure. He had sent his passport for renewal in April. By first of July, it wasn't there: Sweat it out a couple more weeks, then start calling. "Can you hurry it up!" About a week before trip, passport finally arrived. A sigh of relief. And an enjoyable trip. Paula A. ancestral roots in Greece, on her Father's side. Not a whole lot of sightseeing though, Mersina got to pick their final destination, a resort. Well, she is a teenager!, and I am sure they all made the most of just relaxing.

Jennifer A. and Joe Kerrigan, with son Padrig, traveled to Ireland. With Kerrigan as the family name, it's not hard to figure why.

Tim Bleck left his job, took the summer off for R & R, bummed around with daughter Aislinn. Good for him. These kid's growing up way too fast. Yes, He now has a new job. No real shortage of work for good architect's.



### Tidbit's

The annual get to gether at the Farm was over Labor Day weekend. A much smaller group this year, just family. The good "excuse" for a party was Joann Rountree's 60th Birthday. Daughter, Debbie and family were up, of course. Along with folk's from Maryland, Ohio, etc. etc.

Eating and talking and eating some more. But there were games. It had been a few years since an over 40 and under 40 Volleyball game had been played. Quite a few of the past under 40's had "graduated" to the opposite side. The over 40's.

This time it was a tie.

There was a sack race, and a tug of war for the children. Kid's take this tug thing seriously, no matter how young.

Sister's Carrie and Megan (Rountree) had their babies there for all to meet. Reminiscent of sister's Jennifer and Catherine (Angell), with their new babies a few years before.

Thank You's to John and Catherine, Linda and Jay, Troy and Ryan, Margi, Bob & Zoe, the "Home" group that keep the roots of the Farm healthy and growing.. For all the rest of us to enjoy. All that work is appreciated.

Russ Bleck activities curtailed a bit. He had to have Rotor Cuff surgery. Owwww. Hurt's to think about it.

In October David Wiant was on crutches. Sprained an ankle playing Tennis. Figured it would heal by skiing season.

Andy Bleck family has a new canine member. A young Black Lab, named Cinder.

Sister Tammy & family opted for a Saint Bernard/Pyrenes mix, named Dilly.

Thanksgiving at the King house had Bob B. III family from Ohio, Deb & Steve from N.C., Calvin Grabau and friend from Florida, Carrie and Megan with babies, folks Rick & Carolyn, MD. and of course Tom & Sue, N.C. joining locals for the usual fantastic feast. A surprise pop in visit later from Pam (DeWitt) and her daughter's Audra and Tierney really were a surprise. Good to see them back.

### Tidbit's

A few day's before Christmas, Tom and Sue K. were going to be in Charlotte, N.C. on an information gathering mission. Since they were going that far (Charlotte being quite a distance from Sunset Beach, N.C. at Southern tip), they decided to keep heading North and have dinner at their favorite Italian restaurant. In New Jersey.

Seem's daughter Linda & band would be performing nearby.

Yup, they enjoyed dinner, daughter, music, got some rest and headed back South to Georgia to spend time with the "boy's".

Nice that Michael and Tommy both live in Alpharetta, get to see both families at one stop.

Still, that restaurant in N.J. must be Really, Really GOOD.

Especially since the week before Christmas, we were all, once again, covered with ICE.

Luckily, we were given Nice weather for Christmas.

Chip and Gail were down from Maine, hosting Christmas dinner for all who could come. Mary Jane, David and Marissa came from California for the holiday festivities. Neat.

Some family member's traveling. Bob and Zoe off to see Abby and Clark in Albany, N.Y., then heading West to Ohio for the Ohio, Ky. get to gether.

Linda and Jay to Jay's folks.

Troy and Ryan's Mom, Teresa, heading up to see her "boy's", looking for some snow. Don't get much of that in Florida.

Truly sorry to disappoint. There might have been some ICE left.

Lynn A., David and kids had their Christmas morning brunch, with Aunt Marion enjoying the food and talk.

Yes, we enjoyed, despite 10 yr. old Phoebe's very enthusiastic enjoyment of Her Christmas present.

A Drum set. Yes, A Real Drum Set.

May 2008 be good to all of you.

Note to Granny Angell.

From your 6 children, the clan count this year, including spouses, is 112 or so.

The Millenium generation count is 42.

26 boys, 16 girls.

(Ryan Grabau at 25 is the eldest

Marco C. Rountree, 5 months, the youngest.)

Note that both are great grandchildren of Francis & Herbert.  
More to come in "08.



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Dear Friends,

We're not always good about keeping in touch with you, but know that we're thinking about you and hope all is well in your home. Our day-to-day craziness, probably much like yours, consumes us. But the New Year begins with us in a good place. We took advantage of the holidays and enjoyed the company of friends and family without leaving the state. We got a little extra sleep and, now we're ready to greet 2008. Everyone is healthy and thriving.

Phoebe, a 10-year-old 5<sup>th</sup> grader, loves being the only Wiant in Clinton Public. She added travel soccer to her fall and spring schedule this year. Her teammates are dedicated, determined, and fun. The coaches (two dads) and trainer (young guy from Manchester, England) are good human beings who care about the girls first. During the winter season, Phoebe plays on a basketball team and squeezes tennis and skiing into her spare moments. Throughout the year she practices her instruments. She plays the piano, cello, and drums. She's also managed to get a part in this year's school play, *Seussical*.

Sarah, 14, really began her high school experience this past June when she traveled to London, England for an International Leadership Conference. She met interesting teenagers from all over the United States, Europe, and South America. This challenging experience prepped her for being one of about 500 freshmen at North Hunterdon High School this past fall. There were 15 girls and 55 boys in her 8<sup>th</sup> grade class so the change is great. She's studying hard, making many new friends, and playing tennis at least three times a week. Ski Club begins soon so she will be on the slopes again. Sarah's managed to continue taking piano and viola lessons and plays in an orchestra on Saturdays.

Curtis, 16, got his driving permit this past June. A high school junior, he has begun the process of looking at colleges and life. The pieces are beginning to fall in place for him. He's thinking of majoring in political science, which seems like a good fit for someone who loves to read *The New York Times* daily and says his favorite class is AP Government. He also ponders the advantage of taking a year off from school and working in Hawaii or some other exciting place. Thinking he might also be interested in medicine, he volunteers weekly at our local hospital in the outpatient surgery department. Tennis continues to be his favorite game. His hard work and dedication on the tennis court are paying off. His game has improved tremendously; soon the rest of us won't have a chance against his dynamic left-handed serve.

While I'm trying to man the home front, David puts in a lot of hours at our business, R&L DataCenters. Under his care, the business has grown every year. He tries to play as hard as he works, so he schedules as much tennis and skiing as he can for all of us. He and I play mixed doubles competitively and we are eagerly anticipating skiing together in Utah this February for a week. (David's parents have graciously agreed to come to New Jersey and stay with their grandchildren).

Be you near or far, we hope our paths cross in 2008. Please know that you are welcome here anytime. Best wishes for a healthy, happy, and peaceful New Year.

Lynn, David, Curtis, Sarah, and Phoebe

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Greeting's from the Angell/Wiant family came just in the nick of time. BUT there was a very good reason. Lynn A. burned a hand badly just before Christmas. Made it difficult to get everything accomplished. When Lynn was a toddler, she suffered severe burns on the other hand. Big changes in the treatment of burns over the past 40+ years. Delighted to get pictures of all the family.

David

Lynn



Phoebe

Quinten

Sarah