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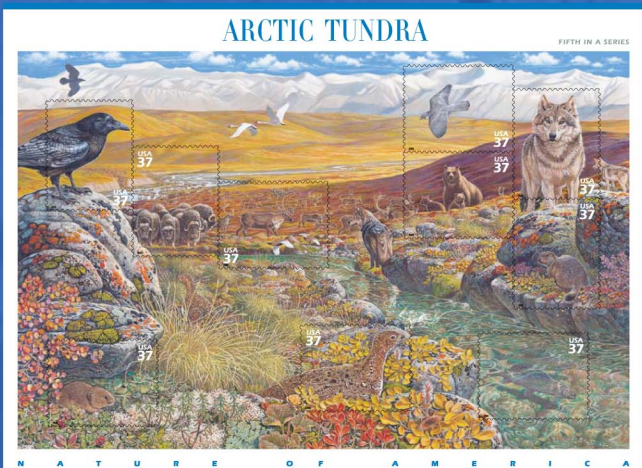
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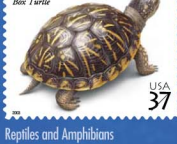
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STAMP PROGRAM

2003 A NATION OF FIRSTS

Lunar New Year: Year of the Ram
This stamp, designed by Clarence Lee, is the eleventh stamp in the award-winning Lunar New Year series. Observed by people of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tibetan, and Mongolian heritage, the traditional Lunar New Year is often celebrated with family and friends.
January

Black Heritage: Thurgood Marshall
This 26th stamp in the Black Heritage series honors Thurgood Marshall, the first African American to serve as solicitor general of the United States and also the first African American to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court justice. Marshall was known for his commitment to defending constitutional rights and affirmative action.
January

Literary Arts: Zora Neale Hurston
Novelist, folklorist, and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston was a central figure in the Harlem Renaissance, a flowering of African-American arts that took place primarily in the 1920s and early 1930s. This 19th stamp in the Literary Arts series honors Hurston for her artistry and her celebration of black culture.
January

American Filmmaking: Behind the Scenes
Filmmaking is a uniquely collaborative endeavor, requiring the vision and expertise of scores of artists and craftspeople. This pane of ten stamps honors all of those multitalented, highly skilled men and women who work behind the scenes to create the magic of American films.
February

Ohio Statehood
Known as the Buckeye State, Ohio has been the birthplace of several presidents and has produced some of the nation's greatest scientific and technological pioneers. This stamp commemorating the bicentennial of Ohio's statehood features a photograph taken near Marietta, the first permanent settlement in what was then known as the Northwest Territory.
March

Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge
This stamp commemorates the centennial of the creation of Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge on the east coast of central Florida, an event that also marked the beginning of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Today the refuge encompasses 5,377 acres and shelters hundreds of plant and animal species.
March

Old Glory
From postcards and advertisements to guitar straps, playing cards, and children's puzzles, the red, white, and blue of the Stars and Stripes have graced virtually every aspect of American culture since the nation's first official flag was authorized in 1777. These five stamps featuring photographs of patriotic ephemera will appear in a special prestige booklet.
April

Cesar E. Chavez
Civil rights leader Cesar E. Chavez, best known as the founder of the United Farm Workers of America, was a tireless advocate for nonviolent social change. Chavez led the first successful farm workers union in American history, achieving fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits, and other rights and protections for farm workers.
April

First Flight
This souvenir sheet commemorates the accomplishment of the Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, on the 100th anniversary of the first controlled, powered, sustained flight in a heavier-than-air flying machine—the remarkable prelude to a century that would see the world forever changed by air travel.
April

Louisiana Purchase
This stamp commemorates the bicentennial of the purchase of the vast Louisiana Territory from France in 1803. Often referred to as the greatest real estate deal in history, the Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States and opened the heartland of the continent to American exploration and settlement.
April

Legends of Hollywood: Audrey Hepburn
The ninth stamp in the Legends of Hollywood series honors Audrey Hepburn, a fashion icon and legendary beauty who appeared in nearly 30 films. Remembered for her elegance and grace, Hepburn often starred in romantic comedies but ventured into several dramatic roles as well.
May

Southeastern Lighthouses
Spanning the coast of the United States from Virginia to southern Florida, these five landmarks—Old Cape Henry, Cape Lookout, Morris Island, Tybee Island, and Hillsboro Inlet—typify the beauty and colorful history of the nation's lighthouses.
June

Nature of America: Arctic Tundra
This stamp pane, fifth in an educational series, depicts an autumn scene in the coldest North American ecosystem, a vast treeless region stretching across northern Alaska and Canada. To illustrate the diversity of species found in the arctic tundra, artist John D. Dawson portrayed 24 animal and plant species in this intricate acrylic painting.
July

Korean War Veterans Memorial
The Korean War Veterans Memorial, located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., recognizes the sacrifices of those who served during that conflict. The year 2003 marks the 50th anniversary of the armistice that ended the hostilities.
July

American Treasures: Mary Cassatt
Known especially for her figure studies and engaging portrayals of mothers and children, Mary Cassatt was the only American ever invited to exhibit with the French Impressionists. Four of her works—*Young Mother*, *Children Playing on the Beach*, *On a Balcony*, and *Child in a Straw Hat*—comprise this third issue in the American Treasures series.
August

Early Football Heroes
These stamps commemorate four great figures from the early days of football. As a college player and coach, Walter Camp shaped the rules that helped create the familiar modern game. Ernie Nevers, Red Grange, and Bronko Nagurski are celebrated for their amazing athletic ability in both college and professional football.
August

Roy Acuff
Often called the King of Country Music, Roy Acuff helped turn the Grand Ole Opry into the nation's foremost country music institution, and his role in the music publishing business helped make Nashville, Tennessee, the country music capital of America. This stamp honors Acuff on the centenary of his birth.
September

Reptiles and Amphibians
Reptiles and amphibians have long fascinated human observers, and they are prominent in the history, religion, and mythology of many cultures. These five stamps feature two amphibians and three reptiles native to the United States: the blue-spotted salamander, the ornate chorus frog, the reticulate collared lizard, the ornate box turtle, and the scarlet kingsnake.
October

Holiday Music Makers
Whimsical Santas and fanciful reindeer play horns, panpipes, and a drum in this lighthearted holiday issuance. Featuring artwork by illustrator Diane Teske Harris, these colorful stamps serve as reminders of the joys of the season.
October

Holiday Celebrations: Eid
This stamp commemorates the two most important festivals—or aïds—in the Islamic calendar: Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. The elegant design features calligraphy by Mohamed Zakaria.

Holiday Celebrations: Hanukkah
With its vibrant, paper-cut design of a menorah, this stamp commemorates Hanukkah, the eight-day Jewish holiday that joyously celebrates an ancient miracle.

Holiday Celebrations: Kwanzaa
This stamp commemorates the African-American holiday of Kwanzaa, which celebrates the seven principles of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.

Christmas: Madonna and Child by Jan Gossaert
This beautiful stamp depicts a detail of Jan Gossaert's oil-on-panel painting *Madonna and Child*, circa 1520, from the Charles H. and Mary F.S. Worcester Collection at The Art Institute of Chicago.

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