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## Merry Christmas from Texas

Greetings once again from the Lone Star State Nipes. You can still find us north of Dallas but the house is a bit emptier than it was last year. David has moved out to seek his way in the world on his own (of course, he went with one of our credit cards – so much for independence!!). More about that when we get to his column. If you haven't visited for a bit, you'll be amazed at the amount of growth in our area. Geri and I estimate that if we were to eat in every restaurant within a 10 mile radius of our home, we would have to live to be 175 yrs old (that's just if they don't build any more!). *{There may be a bit of exaggeration here}* And shopping centers!!! There don't seem to be any vacant corners left. Subdivisions sprout up all the time, there are so many that I think

they are running out of names (or at least imagination). I saw one recently named Chaparral Creek, which would be okay if there were chaparral (small evergreen oak) trees present. Since there are scrub oak present we could allow poetic license but there isn't a creek within miles of the place!! Anyway, the whole point is if you haven't been in the area recently, you'll be surprised at the changes. A good thing about all the growth is it reflects high employment and a strong economy in the area. I believe that the only people unemployed are those who don't want to work. Last year as I wrote, we were attempting to sell our house. Well, there were too many new houses on the market at the time and we had lived here 9



**The Southwest at Christmas**

yrs and the house needed freshening up. Since it didn't sell and it is convenient to work, we decided to stay put and remodel. New carpet, wallpaper, paint, etc. The place looks great and with 5 bedrooms and no kids, there is plenty of room (one bedroom is a sitting room and another a computer room) for Geri and I to stay out of each others way. (Hee hee)

## John's Year

I continue to work for PepsiCo Business Solutions Group a service division of PepsiCo, Inc. We're located in Plano, TX on the Frito-Lay Headquarters campus. Most of our group came from the Frito-Lay IT organization so we still think of ourselves as working for Frito. It can get

confusing. My group successfully brought in the Main computer operations of Tropicana Orange Juice to our area. We now do the processing of data for all divisions, Pepsi Cola, Pepsi Bottling, Frito-Lay, & Tropicana (as well as all the internationals). I continue to collect coins and as you'll read in a later article, do genealogy (thanks Steve for getting me interested). I teach a

Sunday School class called "Tough Questions" for New & Old Christians and Seekers. I'm also involved in several Mission projects and serve on our Missions Board. I have continued to hone my Spanish skills and utilized them again traveling to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico to assist two churches there with a VBS.



## Geri's Spot

Geri began the year as a Hospice nurse. The toll on her (10-15 straight days on call at times) was starting to wear, so she decided to spend her time on her immeasurable talents as a homemaker. That means she doesn't have to eat John's cooking unless she's supervised its preparation. This also proved a blessing for John's parents since she was able to go to Florida and help while John's dad was in hospital (minor surgery). John's folks were in the middle of a move and Geri packed uncountable boxes of knick-knacks. She was also able to go to Okla-

homa to help out while her dad went in for knee replacement surgery (he's doing fine as well). On the home front, she supervised some overdue remodeling of the house. New carpet, tiled bathrooms, wallpaper in four areas, and most wall repainted were among the tasks supervised (the writer must confess that she also did a good share of the tasks as well). The house really does look good, but it is suspected that in the Spring a few more tasks will be discovered. Geri is also

beginning to attempt to use the home computer. Her friend Jeannie has tried to correspond with her via email with limited success. You can try to get a response from her by emailing to [gerinipe@home.com](mailto:gerinipe@home.com). Good Luck!



**Not our house, ours is brick!!**

## Trips this year

This year we had no weddings to attend, but we still managed to get in plenty of travel. In late February, John was able to spend 10 days in southern France as a representative for PepsiCo on an IBM project. In April, John & Geri flew to Florida to spend some time with his folks. In May John was sent to Bradenton, FL to help prepare to move Tropicana data process-

ing to Texas (of course, he made it to his folks place in Leesburg again). Then in August John & Geri drove to New Jersey for the Nipe reunion (see Photo). In September Geri flew to Florida to help prepare for his folks move. October saw them driv-



ing to Tulsa OK to visit with Geri's dad and Mattie. And finally in November, Geri took another trip to OK to help Mattie with Geri's Dad after his surgery.

## Genealogy—everybody's doing it!

As you can see from the photo on this page, I have begun a renewed interest in "Roots". I have a site on the internet with my family tree, primarily on the Nipe side, I believe you can access it my following the URL here and searching for



**W. Alvin Nipe home.  
Circa 1957**

'John Nipe' (<http://www.ancestry.com>). If you have any contributions to the data, email me at [johnnipe@home.com](mailto:johnnipe@home.com) and if you want to be able to add stuff to the website, send me your email and a preference for a password and I'll set it up. There's proba-

bly a limit to the amount of web space we're allowed but I think that we can get it expanded. One point of interest I discovered (that my folks already knew) is that Kenneth Nipe (Hulse's son) was my 2nd cousin on my father's side and my 6th cousin on my mother's side. We share common ancestors starting with Jacob Shoemaker and James Nipe!!

## A Child is born—Immanuel

A child has been  
born to us;  
God has given a son  
to us.  
He will be responsi-  
ble for leading the  
people.  
His name will be  
Wonderful Coun-  
selor, Powerful  
God,  
Father Who Lives  
Forever, Prince of  
Peace.  
Power and peace will  
be in his kingdom  
and will continue to

grow forever.  
He will rule as king on  
David's throne  
and over  
David's  
kingdom.  
He will make it  
strong  
by ruling with  
justice and  
goodness  
from now on  
and forever.  
The LORD All-  
Powerful  
will do this  
because of his

strong love for his  
people.



Isaiah 9:6-7 New Century Version



## David Nipe—Comic

As many of you know, David has always fancied himself as a very funny guy. During his school years, I wish his teachers had seen it that way as well. Anyway, he has begun doing stand up comedy in various clubs in the area and at this writing is working on a routine for an contest in Sherman, TX. Geri and I traveled one evening to Deep

Elum (a district in downtown Dallas) to hear him perform. He did very well that evening and was asked to perform at the Addison Improv where Sinbad got his start. Let me tell you though, that his mother and father felt quite out of their element. To begin with neither of us had enough pierced body parts or tattoos to fit in. Ah, what each gen-

eration does to horrify the previous one! Of course, David doesn't make any more money at his comedy then he did better grades when he used it in school!! He has tried several jobs this year and sooner or later, he'll find one that allows him to use his comedic talents.

*David can be reached at  
214.282.5055, if you've  
got good material for him!*

## Danielle & David Martin—Help Desk Specialists

Danielle and David Martin have both embarked on new careers this year. Danielle is working at Frito-Lay as a Help Desk Professional (doesn't that sound impressive?) solving problems with Frito route salespeople's hand-held com-



**Sick computers are  
D&D's friends**

puters. She's been there about 6 months and can be reached at Danielle.s.Martin@fritolay.com.

David recently began working for Stream a company that provides com-

puter related techni-  
cal services for a variety of  
companies.

Though they've been married

almost 2 years now the only Grandchildren Geri & I have seen are a couple of cats. They recently moved into a new apartment - see sidebar for new address.

*Danielle & David's new  
address is:*

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*Talk is cheap because the  
supply exceeds demand.*

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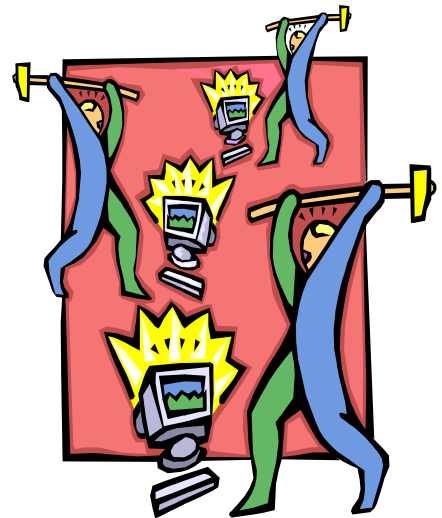
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