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Once again I have trouble believing that another year has passed. It seems that it was just a few weeks ago that everyone was worrying about Y2K and all the terrible things that were about to transpire. And here we are waiting for the beginning of the 21st century (yes I'm a purist) and it was all anticlimactic. The fireworks in Paris were worth the fuss though so all was not a loss.

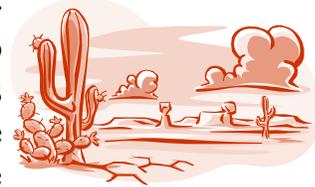
We experience the worst drought in history in the Dallas area, '80-some' days with no rain. Most of us never

thought we would welcome rainy, dreary weather, but the last couple of months have been very wet and I'm not hearing much complaints.

Highland Village continues to grow (as does the rest of the area) faster than the infrastructure (streets, utilities, etc.) can keep up. SO there are many streets dug up, many mini-malls going up and more

and more traffic lights. This is a far cry from growing up on old Perkin-town Road but even that has changed as well.

As 2000 turns into 2001, I hope this newsletter finds each of you well and at peace with the Lord. My prayer for each of you this year would be the fulfillment of God's will in your lives.



The Good News

Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in to her and said, Hail, one receiving grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women. 29 And when she saw

him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, Do not fear, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold! You shall conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name JESUS. 32 He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest. And the Lord God shall give Him the throne of His fa-

ther David. 33 And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end. ... 46 And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Geri continues on the home front

Geri has continued to spend her days keeping a sense of order to our daily routine. This past year she has begun to read prodigiously, going through 1-2 books a week (a good source for books is www.half.com). Her book taste is true murder stories (Ann Rule is her favorite), though she does read other things on occasion. *Perhaps I should worry about her penchant for this genre since my life insurance is paid up!*

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Another activity this year has been doing crafts, mainly needle points, but some painting, cross stitch, etc. It seems that 1-2 times a week, another package is found in the mail with yet another activity. Oh well, it keeps her off the streets and out of trouble.

Finally, she has begun experimenting in the kitchen. She has al-

ways been a good cook, but she has begun to outdo herself with new creations. Of course, all those cooking shows on TV have had a great influence as well.

She went on our mission trip to Nuevo Laredo this summer and helped in one of the four Bible schools (more on that in my article). She's not sure that this form of missions is for her, it is hard when the language, culture, and conditions are so different.



It's Hot and dry in North Mexico

New PepsiCo Business Solutions Group Employee

Last year we reported that Danielle was working at Frito-Lay headquarters for PepsiCo on the helpdesk. She wasn't an employee but was contracting.

Well, she's now an official PepsiCo employee. She and her dad work in the same building (in fact, their



Hard at work or hardly at work?

desks are within 25 feet of each other) but for different parts of the organization. She is currently serving on the

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business applications help desk for Frito-Lay internal users. Her job is to help resolve problems that field users of Frito business applications may be encountering.

Her year has been somewhat stressful what with her new job require-

ments and a recent divorce. Yes, she is Danielle Nipe once again after a divorce early this year.

She will be going back to school to finish out the last 8 courses she needs for a Bachelor of Arts degree, which Texas Woman's University

will bestow in December of 2001.

Her hobbies include: electronic toys, golf, spending time with kiwi her cat and with Chris her new boyfriend. Her address is 6900 Preston Road #622, Plano, TX 75024 and her phone is (972) 208-6269.

David's Doings

David still wishes to be a standup comedian, but has discovered that a regular job helps pay the rent, car payment, and loans made by close relatives. After various years working as a waiter for a variety of eating establishments, he has landed a 40 hour a week job for a large auto parts distribution company.

On the subject of comedy, he still does standup a couple of times a month at a place called the backdoor comedy club. I

think they call it that because that is where the escape hatch is. His goal now is to raise sufficient funds to go back to school, preferably an acting school.

His mother and I get to see him once a week on Sundays when he comes to Church and manages to stay for dinner. I'm not sure he is still being spoiled, but our Sunday dinners are usually those he has requested (that's okay because his favorites are also mine).

After his birthday this past year, he ceased being a teenager (Geri and I find it hard to believe that our children are both adults {and often act like it as well}). I believe that he has finally stopped growing and is close to 6 feet tall, clearly the giant among the rest of us.

He has moved this past year and now lives closer in the town next to ours. His address is 1420 West Main Apt 106, Lewisville, TX 75067 and his phone number is (972) 221-3985.

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John's Backword (or is that backward?)

I continue to work for PepsiCo Business Solutions group at the Frito-Lay headquarters campus in Plano, TX. My job isn't anywhere near as exciting as the prospect of retiring from it and I am attempting to "maximize my pension".

I continue to be interested in Mexican missions and this year organized the caravan to Nuevo Laredo (7 vans, 3 trailers, and 3 automobiles). Our group of 75 did lead 4 bible schools and numerous community projects while there. And a construction team did church building and repair work as well. Our overall director also assigned me to teaching a class in Spanish

(Spanish for Gringos) to help those in the group with no knowledge in the language. We saw 20-30 new saints saved during the week.

Geri and I took a 4 day holiday at a Bed and Breakfast in Savannah, GA in the spring. I would recommend this pretty city to anyone as a must see (that's us in the parlor of

the B&B—or should that be B \$B—above).



A free night's stay if you can identify the participants in the bath. (Participants not qualified!)

We doing another dinner theater this year and I get to live through this one, we hope to bring in our neighbors who don't attend Church, pray for our success!

My prayer for each of you is a Joyous Christmas and a Prosperous New Year (Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año). My wish is that you all follow the Lord in your walk and that you pray that I may do the same.

The door mat always says "Welcome" (and since Geri and I have a 5 bedroom house to ourselves, we might not even know you're here) and we'd love to see you in 2001.