



Bailey John Nipe, June 2, 2003

The Nipely News

Merry Christmas from

Texas!



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Texas Dictionary

A simple phrase book to help you when you come to visit:

The engine's runnin' but ain't nobody driving .

Not overly-intelligent

As welcome as a skunk at a lawn party

(self-explanatory)

Tighter than bark on a tree

Not very generous

Big hat, no cattle

All talk and no action

It's so dry the trees are bribin' the dogs

We really could use a little rain around here

Just because a chicken has wings doesn't mean it can fly

Appearances can be deceptive.

This ain't my first rodeo

I've been around awhile

That's a fur piece.

It'll take you awhile to get there

Don't worry 'bout the mule son, just load the wagon

just do your part and I'll do mine

Don't call him a cowboy, till you've seen him ride

Don't judge a book by its cover

The Good News hasn't changed!

Once again it's time to put pixels on the screen and let you know how the Southwestern Nipe clan is doing. In this issue, you'll get to hear from each of us with little editing from the editor-in-chief.

But as always, I have to stop for a word from the Sponsor, since He is the one the season is all about.

Luke 2:8-10 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they

were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. (NIV).

That's how it was proclaimed to the shepherds long ago.

They were told there was good news and they lived in a world and time that needed some good news. They received better news than they could have ever hoped for. Their salvation was at hand. Hebrews 13:8 declares that" Jesus Christ is

the same yesterday and today and forever. So their good news is our good news. Con-

gratulations, Jesus came for you too. And His offer of forgiveness doesn't change.

Spread the Good

News to all you see and Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all.



Joy to the World

Bailey John Nipe arrives

Up in the upper left corner of the newsletter, you can spot the newest Texas Nipe. He arrived on June 2nd (of course the photo is a few days later!) and has been making his presence known ever since. His proud parents, David and Elena, have discov-

ered what the term, "sleep deprivation", really means. Bailey would like to meet you so, come on down and enjoy.

One word of caution, I know that an unnamed sibling of the editor has convinced himself that he has the best grandchild, so when you visit and

learn the truth , we'll just let him continue to think that way and it'll be our secret..

The Nipely News

John & Geri

Aside from gaining a new daughter-in-law, and becoming grandparents for the first time, the year has been pretty ordinary. Well, as you can see from the picture to the right we did have the first major snow accumulation since we moved here. It



lasted on the ground almost three whole days! Of course, with such a major storm, we had to stay home from work.

John was also forced to attend a conference for a week in February in Nevada (Las Vegas to be exact),

We had a cold summer as well, only hitting triple digit temperatures 10-15 times.

In early October, we took a trip to Colorado and Southern Wyoming to see the fall colors in the Rockies. We had no itinerary so we just roamed into and out of valleys and onto moun-

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Other than a business trip to West Chester, NY in the summer and one to Bradenton, FL in November, the company went easy on him this year.

There is talk that our division will begin to take on international data centers, so this may change.



Somewhere in Southern Wyoming.

Since Geri is now a Grandmother, the church felt she could handle nursery duties, so every other month, she's the Nursery Sunday School teacher. It's a good thing we're a small church, she usually only has 1-2 in class.

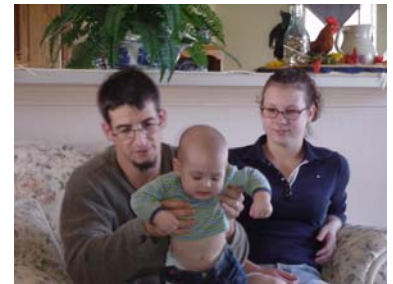
David marries Southwest Texas Gal



On January 18th, 2003, Geri and I gained a daughter, Elena Louise Hernandez, She moved to the Dallas area after high school from Fort Stockton, Texas, met David, and the rest is history.

her Registered Nurse's License.

Right now, she spends most of her time trying to raise two boys (see photo lower right). Currently, Las Vegas is offering even money on which one matures first.



Elena and her "boys".

Elena works as a Nursing Assistant in a local Nursing Home and is planning to enroll in school with the goal of eventually getting

David completes school.

David has successfully completed his course of study at the Austin School of Massage. He will take the test to become state licensed near the first of the year and then become a state certified Masseuse.

He changed jobs this year and now works for Bridlewood Country Club. Hopefully, this will lead to some contacts for his future massage business. In the meantime, he can play golf there on his days off, to him a great perk.

He and his bride recently purchased their first home, so with the addition of a wife, baby, new job, and new home, he has hit the mother lode of stress causing life

events.

He seems to have hit his stride though and has accepted all this responsibility well. His new priorities of wife and child suit him well.

Here's David and Elena's new address and phone number:

5301 East McKinney St
Lot #364
Denton, TX 76208
(940) 566-9988



David in a studios pose.

News from the top—Catherine's Corner

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL and THANK GOD FOR A WONDERFUL, EXCITING YEAR 2003!!!

I had lots of activities and additions this year...met some "new" doctors who are busy keeping me going !

Highlights include arrival of new grand daughter-in-law and another wonderful GREAT GRAND CHILD!! Also I welcomed two new great grand nephews on the Layton side of my family. We had a great visit from New Jerseyites (Warren and Ellen & Jean and Bobby Hutchinson) in the Spring and I traveled to New Jersey in September for the opening of son Steve's new enterprise..."The

Store for Miracles" in Pitman. While in N.J. I attended the 65th reunion of the 1938 Class of Penns Grove Regional High School.

We had a good turn-out and everyone looked and acted as if we had just graduated in 2003! I also attended some exciting field hockey games and watched (with pride) South Jersey's star goalie, grand daughter, Catherine Upperman!!

Regular activities here in Texas... story-telling at the local Montessori Pre-School and serving on the Aubrey Area Library Board... were supplemented with a week of the 1st Baptist Church Daily

Vacation Bible School in June and a month of the Aubrey Library's Summer Reading Program.

Coming events for the future include expected arrival of TWO new great grand children any time now!!! I'm also looking forward to another trip to New Jersey in May of 2004 to see the new arrivals AND ATTEND THE GRADUATION OF CATHERINE UPPERMAN (last of the grand kids to graduate High School).

Truly God has blessed me with a growing group of family and friends (I notice they are all YOUNG ... even the doctors..) and I praise Him for each year He has blessed me!!! May you all have a Blessed



Holding court at Thanksgiving. Taken shortly after the Scrabble marathon. (The editor has it on good authority that Elena took a dive and let her win!)

Christmas and a truly wonderful New Year... love to all!!

Catherine

Danielle's Diary

Danielle said she didn't have any interesting news this year and that I could fill in the blanks. Bad choice, Danielle, you should know better than let your dad tell the world about you.

Since I hear no rebuttal or complaint, here goes. Actually, she is still working for the PBSG division of Pep-

siCo making reports to address management and user requests. She lives in Plano about 2 miles from work and has a great circle of friends, one of whom is special but I'll get killed if I give any more detail than that. She has pulled some baby sitting duty with Bailey and learned the finer details

of diapers, etc.

She wishes each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and promises to have a more interesting year in 2004.



Gosh, you're smart, Aunt Danielle

Photo Album

The editor in chief insisted that I put in some photos to finish off this page so here we go.



What have I gotten myself into?



Who is that masked woman?



Texas Bluebonnets make the spring spectacular



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Musings from back page

Well, they say that all good things must come to an end. But they couldn't be referring to this newsletter since it's known that "good" and "Nipely News" is an oxymoron. Until I get 14,567,399 requests to stop publishing, I'm going to keep it up. (See there is an out!).

As you can see from the previous articles, even in life changes we remain in God's care. To paraphrase an old Kinks song, "We're alive and well and doing fine". We miss many of you who have crossed our pathways in the past and to quote a The Supremes, hope that "someday we'll be together" again.

If you're down this way, don't hesitate to call, stop by, or invite us out to dinner. As Tom Bodine says, "we'll leave the light on for you".

Seriously, we hope you know that we send this out to the people we love and that our wish for you all is the grace and peace of Jesus Christ in your lives.

Love from the Texan Nipes



Editor in Chief planning the 2004 edition while watching the Eagles beat the Cowboys.