



# El Periodico de Nipe

## It's that time of year again

*When you decide which trash can to use to dispose of this!*

The years go by too quickly, it seems I barely finish The Nipely News from one year and it's time to start the next one. Well, here's some snippets of life at the Nipe Ranch in 2012. Why anyone finds this interesting is beyond me and my guess is that you are all too polite and loving to tell me to stop.

This issue is our Christmas card to you, we hope that your past year has been blessed and filled with God's goodness and that the year 2013 will be even better.

Remember that even though Geri and I live in a foreign country (and believe me, Texas is foreign!), should you ever get this way, you are welcome to stop by. And since our passports are up to date, you may find us on your doorstep as well (you've been warned!).

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

### Ave et Vale



Mary Lou Danner Wiley 1942 - 2012.

Geri's biological sister passed away on October 7, 2012 after a battle with lung cancer. She and Geri were raised in separate adopted homes, but always knew each other as sisters. Though we were not able to visit often, we were able to see her on September 16th. Danielle visited her Aunt a week later.



Lillian Florence Nipe Hames 1923 - 2012.

John's father's sister passed away on October 8, 2012. She was the last remaining sibling of the five children of my grandparents William A and Lillian M Nipe. She was a favored aunt to us and a good friend and sister to my parents. My regret is living so far away so that visits were difficult.

### What's it all about?

#### **Romans 5: 1-5**

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Through Him we also have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice on the hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only *this*, but we glory in afflictions also, knowing that afflictions work out patience,

4 and patience *works out* experience, and experience *works out* hope.

5 And hope does not make *us* ashamed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through *the* Holy Spirit given to us.

*Modern King James Version*

This is what Jesus' birth and crucifixion were all about; our justification to stand before the Lord God with Hope, to live in obedience with the help and comfort of the Holy Spirit.



ALASKAN CRUISE

Geri and I took a cruise to Alaska in late June, early July. We began with a two day stay in Seattle, touring about the city - Space Needle, Fish Market, and of course riding the Duck Boat.

Then for 7 days we cruised the Tracey Arm and Inside Passage, stopping in Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway. On July 3rd, it was 45 degrees F and the wind was blowing 25 MPH. Though it was cold, the scenery and unspoiled nature of even the most populated parts of Alaska are incredible

The last port of call before returning to Seattle was in Victoria, BC, Canada one of the prettiest cities, I think, that we have ever seen. It was easy to see why many Canadians retire there.



In the Tracey Arm, July 3rd, 2012

If you are interested in more photos and information about our journey, visit [Here](#) for a travel log or [FOTOS](#) for photos.

GUADALAJARA IN MARCH

In March, three of us went to Guadalajara to teach basic electrical household skills.



Donnie, a master electrician, David, an associate pastor for

missions at The Ridge Church in Carrollton, TX and I a supposed translator traveled together at the end of March. The church in Zoplatan (suburb of Guadalajara) is called Pan de Vida (Bread of Life) and as an outreach they wanted to teach some basic life skills to the people in the neighborhood.

Our class consisted of about 8 women and 6 men and Donnie taught them how to wire an outlet, wire a switch (two way and three way), and install a ceiling fan. He

spent the first night teaching basic safety. All students received a meter, electrical tape and wire nuts (berets) to their personal use.

This was a rewarding experience, more information can be found [HERE](#).

We even had time for some fun such as a visit Lake Chapala a beautiful resort area on biggest lake in Mexico.



GOD HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR!

Most of my friends and relatives know that I am fiercely loyal to PepsiCo and and won't even order a soft drink in an establishment that serves C\*ke (it's a four letter word not suitable for printing in a family publication). Perhaps, I am a bit chauvinistic about it. But, God in His wisdom allowed my hotel room in Zoplatan, Jalisco, Mexico to be next to a (you guessed it!) C\*ca-Cola distribution center. Picture to the left is from the window in my room! Hey! I have a sense of humor too!



THE BALLPLAYERS AND THE PRINCESS



Well, the Denton Astros had a couple of new players for the fall season. Both boys were able to win game balls for their heroics at the plate and on the field. All those hours of pretend baseball on Grandpa's DS3 gave Ashtin an edge and Bailey runs like the wind and slides (whether needed or not) like a hot knife in butter. Their team made the playoffs for a brief



**Top:** Ashtin (AKA El Rojo)  
**Bottom:** Bailey (AKA El Pibe)  
**Right:** Peyton the Princess



appearance. Next year, we go all the way! By the way, they are 4th graders this year, where does the time go?

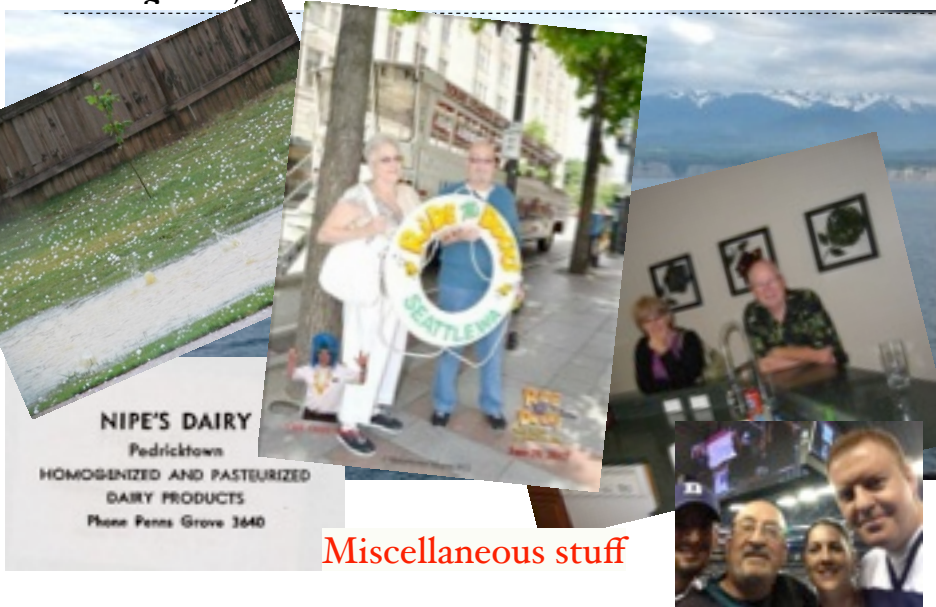
Peyton turned 4 this year and is still the chief of state in the household - just ask her. If you want her picture, just get out a camera or smartphone and she'll be posing. Look out Kindergarten next year!

Grandma doesn't spoil any of them at all!

David and Jessica have their hands full and I believe it is fitting that God gives small children to the young, they need to learn about suffering too! They both continue to hold down jobs with Wal-Mart.

**Jerry World**

Danielle and Patrick surprised me on my birthday with tickets to the Eagles-Cowboys game for December 2, 2012. At the time of the gift, it looked like it might a game of great importance in NFC East. Unfortunately, it was, instead a game by two also ran teams. But, the surprise was that even though the Cowboys won, it was a really good game. The stadium (AKA Jerry World) is incredible. Oh, yeah, they made me wear a Michael Vick jersey to the game. Geri wasn't sure she wanted to go, so David was my date for the evening!!



Miscellaneous stuff

FIRST BAPTIST AUBREY + ROCK HILL BAPTIST = FIRST ROCK FELLOWSHIP

Our pastor at the 1st Baptist Church announced his retirement effective 12/31/2012 and we began to worry how to fill the full time position with a dynamic pastor to grow our church with the aging resources at our disposal. Rock Hill had a building insufficient for the needs of their growing congregation. Their pastor is dynamic and their resources are energetic. On the surface, a perfect merger of needs. After 3-4 months of discussion, joint services and negotiations, the final vote cemented the merger and on 01/01/2013 the First Rock Fellowship was inaugurated. God met both needs!



COUSINS DISCOVERED

**Lisa Clark Andres - 4th Cousin**

Lisa and I found each other on Ancestry.com, actually she found me. We share common GGG grandparents: John A and Jane (nee Pike) Pine. While in NJ for my 50th reunion (see below) we had lunch with Lisa, her husband and son. Warren and Helen were able to join us as well. We have been keeping in touch through FB and my mastery over her in Words with Friends. I think she is stuck with Helen as well. Sorry Lisa, but she's your 4th cousin too, and Warren and I feel your pain.

**Norman Lewis - 3rd cousin**

Norman also found me via ancestry.com and we share GG grandparents: Peter and Susanna (nee Stiles) Crim. Norm and I both subscribe to the Salem Co. Share your roots group, since he grew up in Pennsville.

**DNA tested - Some Surprises**

Ancestry.com had a special DNA testing Beta that when plugged into the genealogy records will help identify related family trees. I suspected that we had descended from Viking Raiders, since the early (K)Nipes were from the area the Vikings first attacked in the UK. Well, the DNA shows that I am 69% Scandinavian, 15% Eastern European, 14% Southern European (Italy and Spain).



*Fun With Professor John*

*Speed test*

A road travels over a hill that is exactly 1/2 mile up and 1/2 mile down. If a driver drives up the hill at 30 MPH, how fast must she drive down to average 60 MPH?

*Legs, Legs, Legs*

There are 7 girls in a bus. Each girl has 7 backpacks. In each backpack, there are 7 big cats. For every big cat there are 7 little cats.

Question: How many legs are there in the bus?

*English you have to love it*

My name is John Alvin Nipe, yet, I was named after Abraham Lincoln, how can this be?

*Super-Power*

It was recently discovered that my Chihuahua dog could jump higher than my house, can you believe that?

*Answers at the bottom of page!!*

*Negatives without positives.*

- If you can debunk a theory can you bunk one?
- If someone is indomitable is there one who is domitable?
- When he is held incommunicado, is there someone else being held comunicado?
- Is it possible to have a promptu meeting?
- When I was young I was often unkempt, am I kempt now? (Dan, please notice the "t" it's not about you) (Actually, kempt is a word, but when was the last time you used it?)
- When I travelled incognito was the guy next to me traveling cognito?
- Can all my disgruntled friends become gruntled?
- This was a very inane column, but it is impossible to make it ane.

**50th class Reunion**

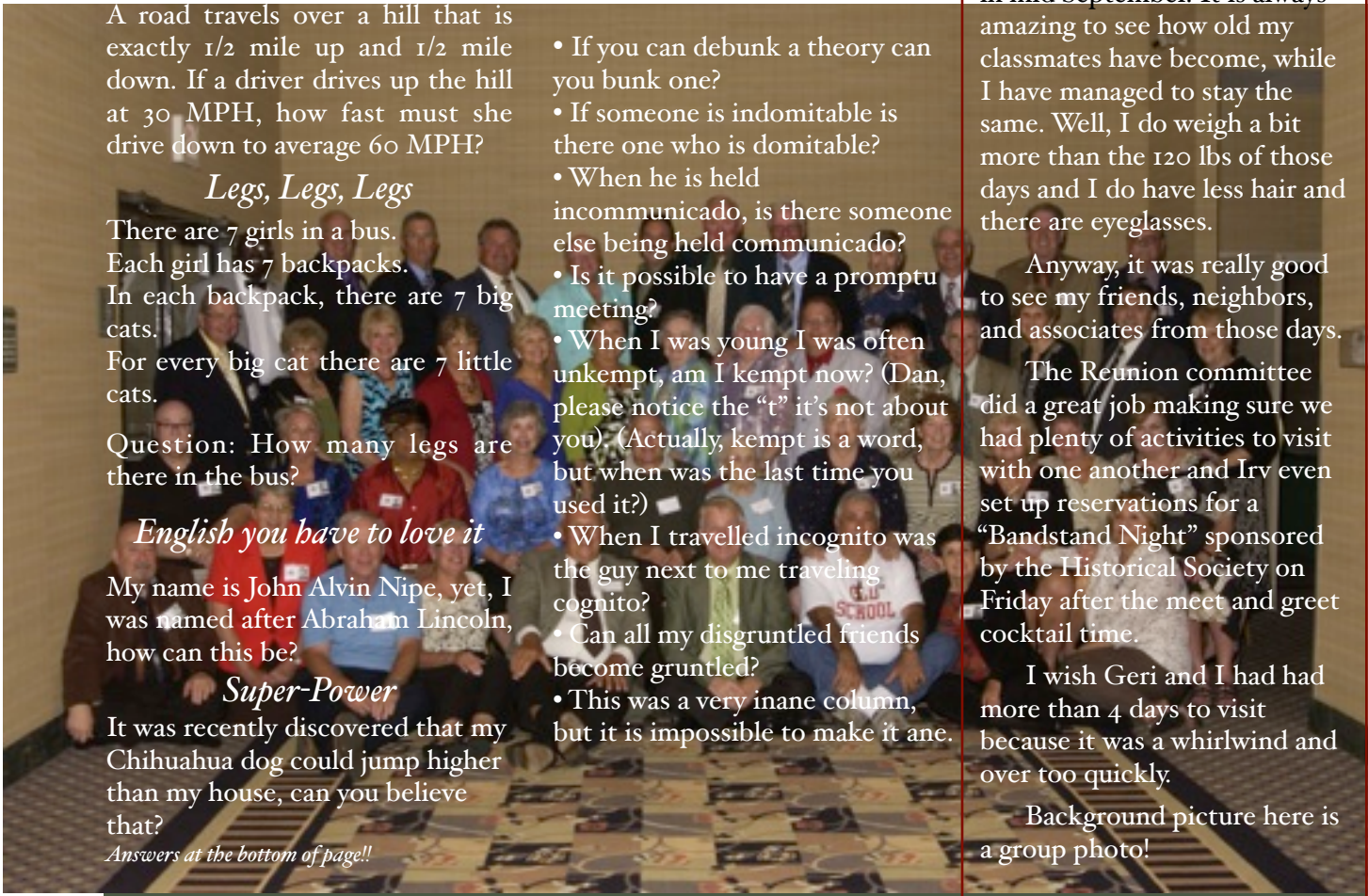
Our Penns Grove High School (AKA Re-Hi) class of 1962 reunion was held this year in mid September. It is always amazing to see how old my classmates have become, while I have managed to stay the same. Well, I do weigh a bit more than the 120 lbs of those days and I do have less hair and there are eyeglasses.

Anyway, it was really good to see my friends, neighbors, and associates from those days.

The Reunion committee did a great job making sure we had plenty of activities to visit with one another and Irv even set up reservations for a "Bandstand Night" sponsored by the Historical Society on Friday after the meet and greet cocktail time.

I wish Geri and I had had more than 4 days to visit because it was a whirlwind and over too quickly.

Background picture here is a group photo!



Speed Test: It can't be done, 60 MPH is a mile a minute, so 30 MPH is 1/2 mile a minute and time is up at top of hill.  
Legs, Legs, Legs: (7x2)(girls)+(7x7x7x4)(cats and Kittens)+2 (did you forget the bus driver?) = 9634  
English, you have to love it: I was born long after Abraham Lincoln.  
Super-Power: To date, my house has not been able to jump even a 1/4 inch.