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Life goes on

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Notes from Debbie . . .

This year has gone so fast it seems a blur! Let's see if I can remember all our news!

I left off last year, resigning from an unrewarding job, though leaving colleagues I still miss. I conducted a very focused job search, as I was determined to find the right fit and assignment. That happened in August, when I accepted a full time position with a Westport company called LifeCare.com, doing work/life consulting. The company provides services to corporate employees, that enable them to more effectively manage their personal and professional obligations. The consulting group works

to effect change in organizational culture through assessment, research, developing policy and training, while supporting the web-based and counseling service offerings.

So as not to waste any time while engaged in the search for the perfect job, I took several courses, bringing me at present to one course shy of my degree. With graduation on the horizon in May of 2001, I am finally ready to be done, moving onto some of the other things I want to do in my lifetime. Tune in next year to see what the next endeavor will be!

A new "addition" to our family is

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JIM'S NEWS

Y2K has been another good year for the Taylor family. Jared and David are both growing so fast.

The year included our annual trip to Tunk Lake, Maine. My old roommate from Taft and UNC, Bruce Johnson and his family joined us for the second time; the first was 6 years ago. Their children are the same ages as our boys, and though they did not remember each other from the last time, had a great time once again.

After 8 years with Hughes-JVC (which folded a year ago), I am now completing my first year with JVC. I am

still selling video projectors, but have added the full line of JVC Industrial Video Products, such as cameras, monitors and VCRs.

We finished up 2000 with an exciting trip to NYC to see the Lion King with the

kids. It was the same day as the big blizzard. Broadway goes on in any weather, so we took the train and stayed in town. We were joined by my good friend Gary Kayye

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Jared, age 11 at home with Vita

News from Jared

I had a great time this year. First, my Dad, my brother and I went on the Superman roller coaster at Six Flags New England. We went to Tunk Lake again and we had a great time with Mr. And Mrs. Johnson's kids. We found thousands of blueberries in a place we named "Blueberry Bend." We had a great Thanksgiving at our Aunt and Uncle's house. Christmas was good. I got a Gameboy Color too. School is fine. On my last report card, I got straight A's. I am now eleven years old and in the sixth grade. Next year I go to Middle school. I have quit the saxophone and started learning the bass clarinet. It's a fun instrument. I enjoyed the trip to NYC this year. We went to the Second Avenue Deli for lunch with our friends, the Iacozzas. We saw the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center too. A few days later, we went back to NYC to see the Lion King and met Mohammed Ali at the theatre. He also helped with the Times Square ball drop on New Years. I hope you have a happy new year and also a safe, warm winter.

Jared

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and his 5 year old daughter, who flew up from Chapel Hill, NC to be with us. My most memorable moment was seeing and then meeting Mohammed Ali who was sitting behind us. As he returned to his seat after intermission (the audience was now aware he was there) he received a standing ovation. What a thrill!!!

Mom and Dad are both just fine as are my sister Jane, and brothers Ray and Thorne. I hope that 2000 has been a healthy and happy year for you and your family.

Jim

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Vita's Story

Hi! Woof, woof. I had a great time in Maine this year. Woof, woof. I just love climbing on the rocks. Woof. Last week we had a big snow storm. I loved playing in the snow. Woof. Have a great winter. Bark,

Vita

Notes from Debbie, cont.

Justyna, who cares for our boys after school 4 days per week. She is a warm, wonderful, responsible young woman who we are lucky to have found.

Dad turned 70 this June and we had a beautiful party/reunion, bringing together about 35 relatives and friends to Connecticut., including many out-of-towners. It was nice to be together for such a happy occasion.

This summer, we had a short visit from our French friend Christiane, as she returned home from California, via Connecticut. It was fun once again to see her and partake in her cooking! On the volunteer front, I continue with the Youth and Family Advisory Board, this year Co-Chairing the Board with a high school senior. I also continue to serve as editor of the boys' school newsletter.

We got through most of the year with my parents' health intact until just recently, when my father required the placement of a defibrillator/pacemaker to steady his erratic heartbeat. Mom remains stable. My sister and family, and my brother remain in their same homes and jobs—no news is often good news!

I trust this letter finds you happy and healthy, looking forward to a good new year. Love,

Debbie

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David, age 8, on board Diver Ed's boat, with a rare sun star (a type of sea star), off Bar Harbor, Maine

What's new with David?

This year I had a great year playing baseball, soccer and basketball. I also have been studying Moo Duk Kwan, which is a kind of karate. I just earned my orange belt, which is the second belt, and third rank.

Third grade is fun—I learned new subjects. In social studies, I learned about Native Americans and where in the United States they lived. My favorite subject in school is science. I am really creative in art too. I'm learning the recorder, but next year I'm going to learn the trumpet.

Up in Maine, we went on a really fun adventure with Diver Ed. We got to see on a screen, what he saw under the water. Then he brought up some critters for us to touch and see. I was the only volunteer to kiss the slimy sea cucumber. It tasted kinda good. At a pond I caught a big frog and we visited a real beaver dam and lodge. Next year it will not be there because it will be torn down. Vita has been a good girl this year, as usual.

Thanksgiving was fun and Hanukah too. I got a stereo. I also got a Gameboy Color for Christmas and I stayed up to watch the ball drop. Happy New Year.

David