



The G-Files of 2003

(sorta like the X-Files, but it's the Garrett files)



Happy Holidays!

A great deal has changed over the past year with the entire Garrett family. These changes will only continue on into 2004 (and beyond presumably). We'll work backwards with the announcements as best I can.



Starting sometime in 2004 Joel will no longer be a bachelor - he's ENGAGED! Yup - after 5 long years of dating Christine, Joel finally is making the big move. They are in the process of purchasing a house together in Erie (it will just get "Erie-er" with them there I guess) and should be moved in sometime in April or May. The house is very close to the 2004 Parade of Homes and is a golf course based community. As for the wedding - it "should" be sometime in October. The exact date hasn't been announced as of yet - so stand by for some sort of announcement to that regard early in 2004.

Joel continues to ref basketball games every chance he gets and Christine is working through her degree.

Both continue to work at Sun Microsystems in Broomfield.



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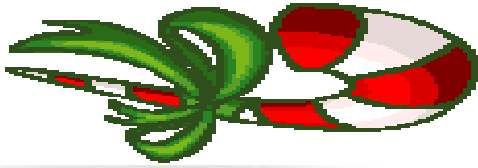
event to take place in 2003 was the birth of John Anthony Hoyland on February 11th 2003 to Mary and Nige. For a kid not quite a year old yet he's

really racking up the frequent flyer miles with British Airlines. Mary and Nige, along with John trekked across the "pond" from London to Colorado this past July for a few weeks with the family here and brought along Nige's parents who toured Colorado for several weeks.

After a few weeks here this summer, Nige, Mary and John have returned for the holiday season. As of this writing they are currently resting from the trip over at Mom's house in Loveland. Nige will be here until right after Christmas and Mary will be here until mid-January 2004. So if you want to see this cute kid in person you'd be best to get your place in line soon. After all there's only so many people he can see in a given day.

As for John's Mom and Dad, Nige continues to work very hard doing computer contracting work in the London area and Mary has become a full-time Mom.





Mom has been busy this year with several projects, with being "Grandma" taking priority. While Nige, Mary and John have been over here twice, Mom trekked over to London to visit them shortly after the birth of John. She also has been keeping extremely busy with quilting, substitute teaching and gardening. She's never lacking for something to do and always seems to be on the go, especially with her little sidekick Muffin. If you're ever up in the Loveland area I'm sure she'd love to have company.



Abby is nearing her second birthday come tax day of 2004. This past March she got to frolic in nearly 5 full feet of snow right outside the door of our house. Her first year of being able to play in the snow turned out to be a bit of fun and work for her. The fun came from her trying desperately to stay on top of the snow drifts, only to give up and ultimately "doggie" surf on top of the white stuff. Of course with this much snow she wound up bringing quite a bit of it into the house as it was clumped to the hair on her chest and er... her lower half.

Abby continues to attend Doggie Daycare twice a week - generally on Tuesdays and Thursdays and goes for walks as often as I can make time. Occasionally we head over to the dog-park where she can run, swim and play with other dogs to her hearts content. As I found out this summer, she's a great swimmer, takes fetch very seriously and is very determined to bring back her fetching toys - no matter how deep the water is. - Woof!



and dimensions. It was fun and challenging and kept me busy for about 3 months.

Around September I began a relationship with a very wonderful woman (Laurie) with whom I work at the same company (the Denver Newspaper Agency) and where we met. Things are going very well - enough so that currently I am planning on keeping her around. Maybe I'll have some additional news in next year's newsletter along the lines of Joel and Christine's news - stay tuned....

I hope your 2003 was a very prosperous year and that this letter finds you in good health and spirits. If you're in the neighborhood give a holler, and if not, then let's plan on getting together in 2004.

