



Refior News Bulletin



November 29, 1994

Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas !

Our precious Laura came home from Cedarville College for the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Nikki went with Jonathan to Missouri to spend the weekend with Jonathan's parents and family. Years ago when Pam's Grandma and Grandpa Petro were living, the Petro clan would gather each year on Thanksgiving at their house in Greentown. Although some have passed on it was sort of "like old times" to go to Greentown to be with loved ones on Pam's side of the family for Thanksgiving.

The Thanksgiving long weekend provided a really fun opportunity for the family to be together (obviously we missed Nikki and Jon, but it was a high delight to have Laura home). One of our family traditions is the decorating of the Christmas tree and the rest of the house on the weekend following Thanksgiving day. All of our boxes of decorations were brought down to the family room and we started the process. We went as a family to pick out the Christmas tree. This year's tree is a very full, beautiful tree. After cutting off approximately ten inches at the bottom, including the lowest ring of branches, the tree fit neatly into the family room. Great care was taken to hang the lights, string the garland, put on all of the beautiful ornaments ... it was beautiful indeed. In fact, the ornaments themselves provide happy times of nostalgia and remembrance because many of them were gifts or were purchased at special times and places. Sunday morning when I awoke, I was greeted by a disaster in the family room. Something happened to change the center of gravity of the tree and it had come tumbling down. Dozens of Christmas balls had rolled to all parts of the room and the two gallons of water in the base had soaked into the carpet. The shop vac did a pretty good job of sucking up the water. We were not able to really fix things before going to Sunday School and church. But then Sunday afternoon we had the opportunity to *decorate our Christmas tree for a second time!* I added a wire to attach the tree to the wall and I am sure that I will do so every year in the future.

In just two weeks Pam, Laura and I are taking off for a Florida vacation. This was not the time we would have otherwise planned to take a trip, but there was the necessity of utilizing some plane tickets, so we are going down to Orlando to enjoy the Florida sunshine and to again go to Epcott Center. Even though this may sound like a rather "touristy" vacation, we know from personal experience that every time we have gone to Orlando we have had an absolutely marvelous family vacation. We are looking forward to this trip with great excitement and delight! We will be staying in a hotel right on the Disney property. That should be fun and convenient. We will then return to Indiana for the Christmas festivities. This is all quite a holiday season! Please allow this letter to be our Christmas greeting to you. Christmas is

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a very special time for the Refiors because of its recognition of the first coming of God the Son, Jesus Christ. Because we are born-again Believers we consider this to be a very high time. Those who are true Christians personally know the great joy and peace that exists from knowing the truth about Jesus Christ and having a personal relationship with Him. May your Christmas be wonderful and Christ-centered.

Laura has had an unusually heavy and difficult first semester. She is working very hard and doing very well. One very significant recent development is Laura's decision to change majors. She was in a pre-physical therapy curriculum. She has just made the decision to change to a **PRE-LAW** program. Laura has a very sweet roommate, Carrie, from Michigan. **Laura just loves Cedarville College!** She tried out for the Select Chorale which is indeed very *selective*. Laura was chosen and she has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to sing and to apply her God-given musical abilities. Recently the Select Chorale had its first concert. Pam traveled to Cedarville and surprised Laura. The next day Pam attended classes with Laura. That was really great. Laura has rollerblades, aka in-line skates. She has been getting her exercise by going skating with her friends and her aerobics class. Even though Laura has made so many, many wonderful Christian friends at Cedarville College, she was so excited and delighted to see and spend time with her Warsaw friends. **Warsaw High is ranked 16th nationally by USA Today and 12th nationally by two other national publications.** Warsaw certainly does have strong boys' basketball and girls' basketball. The girls' volleyball team made it to the final eight (Warsaw does not have classes so that would be the top eight in all high schools in the state). [Warsaw football...well, that's another story.]

Nikki and Jonathan are as happy as can be in their little apartment there in West Lafayette, Indiana. Nikki just finished an incredibly challenging time. She completed the big papers and was quite relieved to have a break from her heavy class schedule and teaching schedule. Nikki was so well-liked by her students as a teacher's assistant last year, that they rewarded her by giving her TWO classes to teach this year, and those classes are the largest two classes in the department. But Nikki really does enjoy teaching, as does Jonathan. Jonathan's teaching has a lot to do with the chemistry labs. Jonathan has now become familiar with the very sophisticated computer software and laboratory techniques that he will be using for his experiments as he works on his PhD in biochemistry. Nikki and Jon are very active in Faith Baptist Church. They head up the puppet team, are active in the choir, Nikki will be in the Christmas play, and they have responsibilities with their Sunday school class.

Pam and I have adjusted pretty well to the "empty nest" living. Obviously we miss the girls, but through the telephone and E-mail we keep very close contact. We had the delight of sharing our first meal with Nikki and Jonathan at their home when we went down to West Lafayette to the Purdue-Iowa game. [Hey, how about those Hawkeyes! They were riddled with injuries, including the loss of their top four quarterbacks and a number of people in the line, but after losing five straight games they started to recover from injuries and their freshman quarterback led the Hawkeyes to a 3-0-1 record in their final four games...which was so successful that it elevated the Hawkeyes **ABOVE** both Indiana University and Purdue University in the



Big Ten standings !] Speaking of Iowa football games, Pam and I had the delight of traveling to Iowa City for the Iowa-Northwestern football game a couple of weeks ago. Iowa won 49-13. That was so much fun. Even better than the game though was the delightful opportunity to spend significant blocks of time with our precious friends, Kurt and Julie Swaim.

Pam is more beautiful and wonderful than ever. Pam has started attending an aerobics class twice per week. She and I started playing some racquetball but our schedules became so hectic that we have missed several weeks. After the holidays I hope that Pam and I can play racquetball together at least once per week again. Pam does a super job as the bookkeeper at the law office. We enjoy so much our second grade Sunday school class at Pleasant View Bible Church. This has been a year of significance at PVBC. Pastor Les Lofquist, Pastor Scott Howington, and Pastor Ben Brown have all been performing magnificently and the Lord is using their ministry and leadership. The opportunity to serve as a deacon at PVBC has been very wonderful, yet challenging and difficult. There is an air of excitement and vision at PVBC. There also is loving and warmth, unity among the body (obviously there are the very small percentage of people with the gift of complaining, but the malcontents are a very, very minor percentage). Also exciting is what the Lord is doing through Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries. Reverend Al Buhler continues to set a vigorous pace for the ministries for LCEM. The horizon is certainly world wide and we have seen the Lakeland films being used to reach tens of thousands of people in many nations and many tongues around the world. Recently we were able to get a number of our evangelistic films into Cuba, and many hundreds of films and videos into Russia (the list of countries where our films have gone this year is a very long list indeed). The "regular" ministries of LCEM have been much blessed. A large number of individuals came under the sound of the gospel in Countdown Clubs in homes, in backyards, and in schools, as well as through the Good News Caboozes at the fairs, festivals, etc...and hundreds of individual have indicated a decision to receive Christ in the past year through these various evangelistic outreaches of LCEM. Praise the Lord !

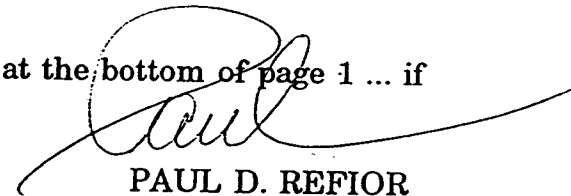
I continue to love my work as an attorney. Things at Refior Law Office are great. Bill Fawley has completed his first year as an attorney at RLO. Since the average age of all of us at RLO is over 40 years, we have the delight of very excellent, mature individuals who get along great as a team. The cases continue to be challenging and interesting. Our clients are wonderful. One of the benefits of the empty nest is being realized. Three weeks ago I needed to leave on Tuesday for depositions out of State with the return on Friday evening. Pam went along with me. That meant that we had the beautiful blocks of time while traveling, plus we had lunches out together, dinners together, and evenings together. Pam shopped and did other things during the days. That was really great. Week after next we will be doing the same thing. I have depositions in suburban Detroit and Pam will finish her Christmas shopping while I am in three days of depositions. I like this kind of business travel ! (I am such a homebody that I consider a hotel room - no matter how luxurious - to be a very lonely place. But with Pam there it allows me to work hard during the day, and then have a delightful evening with my beautiful bride).

The fall in Warsaw, Indiana has been the most wonderful, beautiful, and colorful in the history of the world (or at least close to it). Today I think winter arrived, though.

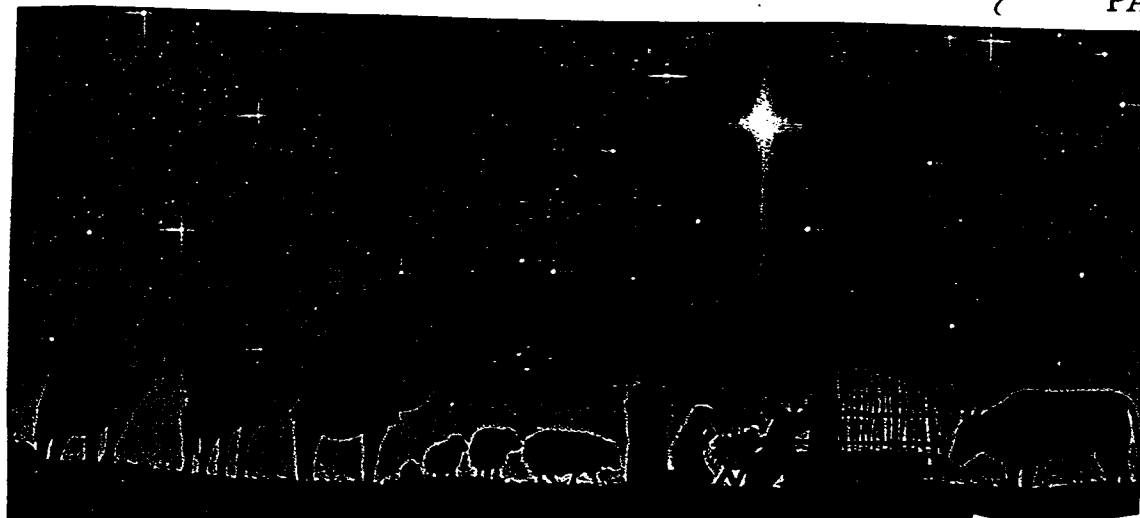
My Dad and Betty have been bopping all over the world. They went to Alaska, Cuba, Egypt, and various places in America. I think that it is wonderful. E.J. and Shirley continue to be very busy as court reporters with Petro Reporting here in Warsaw. They have had so many rush depositions recently that they have hardly had time to relax. Tim's wife, Ann Petro, is a court reporter with them. Much of her work is in Fort Wayne. They have added a couple of more reporters here in Warsaw recently.

Recently I finished drawing the SEAL on the rubber covering the five foot in diameter wood piece. It is now being sandblasted. Soon that large seal will be put on to its round oak frame and on to the wall at the south end of the courtroom (the third floor of the new addition of the law office) then there will be a seal at each end of the courtroom. I am really, really looking forward to seeing the final product and getting it up.

(You will notice that Laura's and Nikki's addresses are at the bottom of page 1 ... if you want to write them ☺). **MERRY CHRISTMAS !**



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Sports

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1994

SUPER 25 HIGH SCHOOL BOYS RANKINGS

1. DeMatha, Hyattsville, Md. (28-4)
 2. Mater Dei, Santa Ana, Calif. (33-1)
 3. Oak Hill, Mouth of Wilson, Va. (30-1)
 4. Farragut, Chicago (20-9)
 5. St. John's at Prospect Hall, Frederick, Md. (20-3)
 6. Paterson (N.J.) Catholic (27-3)
 7. Roman Catholic, Philadelphia (24-7)
 8. Dominguez, Compton, Calif. (27-3)
 9. St. Patrick, Elizabeth, N.J. (15-7)
 10. Scott, Toledo, Ohio (19-4)
11. Science Hill, Johnson City, Tenn. (30-2)
Returning starters: 2. Outlook: Jovann Johnson, 6-7 junior, averaged 15.8 points for last season's Class AAAA state champ.
12. Lincoln, Brooklyna, N.Y. (21-6)
Returning starters: 3. Outlook: Ten of top 12 return, led by nation's No. 1 guard, 6-1 senior Stephon Marbury, who averaged 26.4 points, 6.2 assists.
13. Chester, Pa. (28-4)
Returning starters: 3. Outlook: Defending Class AAAA state champ led by 6-3 senior forward Raymond Carro, who averaged 17 points.
14. Lake Clifton, Baltimore (16-)
Returning starters: 3. Outlook: Freshman players, who averaged 20.4 points, 8.1 assists and 6.2 rebounds, are one of nation's top guards even though just 5-5.
15. St. Augustine, New Orleans (20-4)
Returning starters: 4. Outlook: Senior forward, a 6-4 senior, averaged 13 points for last season's Class AAA state runner-up.
16. Warsaw, Ind. (21-4)
Returning starters: 4. Outlook: Junior guard Kevin Ault (6-2) averaged 19.8 points.
17. Joliet (Ill.) Township (30-1)
Returning starters: 3. Outlook: Super-220 averaged 23.9 points and 9.6 rebounds.
18. Lithonia, Ga. (27-)
Returning starters: 3. Outlook: Senior guard, who averaged 18.5 points, 4.5 assists.
19. Midwestern Regional Rankings
MIDWEST: 1. Farragut, Chicago (20-9); 2. Scott, Toledo, Ohio (19-4); 3. Warsaw, Ind. (21-4); 4. Joliet (Ill.) Township (30-1); 5. Battle Creek (Mich.) Central (21-9); 6. Wichita (Kan.) South (24-1); 7. Vashon, St. Louis (28-2); 8. Marquette-Wright, Detroit (22-9); 9. Rufus King, Milwaukee (17-7); 10. Merrimack, Ind. (17-7). Outlook: Three-guard offense headed by lead (25-1); 10. Merrimack, Ind. (17-7) — 14 points, 8.5 rebounds.
21. Los Angeles (24-5)
Returning starters: 4. Outlook: Led by blue-chippers Todd Myles and Shemar Jones. Myles, 6-4 guard, averaged 25.8 points. Jones, 6-8, averaged 19.9 points.
22. Paterson, Brooklyna, N.Y. (20-7)
Returning starters: 4. Outlook: Led by blue-chippers Todd Myles and Shemar Jones. Myles, 6-4 guard, averaged 25.8 points. Jones, 6-8, averaged 19.9 points.
23. Harlan, Ky. (28-4)
Returning starters: 3. Outlook: Mr. Basketball candidate Charles Thomas, a 6-4 senior guard, averaged 19.8 points, 9.2 rebounds.
24. Wichita (Kan.) South (24-1)
Returning starters: 4. Outlook: Class 4A state champ led by 6-7 senior Manny Das, who averaged 14 points.
25. Vashon, St. Louis (28-2)
Returning starters: 4. Outlook: Class 4A state champ led by 6-8 senior Markeese Watkins, who averaged 14.2 points, 11 rebounds.

Ranked by USA TODAY's Dave Rider

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Nikki's 24th

Packed for College

Now the piano is silent

Laura's Dorm Room

Laura at her Dorm