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Seasons Greetings from the Peases:

Things appear little changed at our house in 1993. Rod is still working for AT&T, but the latest reorganization into "lines of business" moved his department out of Bell Labs into "AT&T". The major difference appears to be a different set of forms to fill out whenever forms are called for. Other changes are not so benign. There is a reduction in emphasis on looking to the future and an increase in concern about the immediate bottom line. While aware that that has been reality for most of corporate America for years, he's not motivated by being told to cancel training courses because the numbers don't look good enough for the rest of the year. Luckily, the ban on buying photocopier paper to save money was overturned when it was pointed out that buying each person a portable workstation to take to meetings might actually cost the company more money.

Please note the new address. We finally have 911 emergency service and a byproduct of that was the "rationalization" of all of the street numbering. We have a year from last June to make the conversion, but, unfortunately, Suzanne already had several years supply of Ampersand Graphics stationery printed!

Rod was a bit premature in his assumption of brilliance in managing to talk Suzanne into skipping a generation of personal computers from the 286 to the 486 in 1992. Suzanne liked the 486 so much that she decided two would be even better than one, so Ampersand Graphics purchased a Gateway 486DX2-66 in early 1993. She says it was so that both she and her employee could work concurrently, but Rod is convinced it was just frustration in missing out on the 386 generation. She rounded out her end of the year computer shopping spree with the purchase of a Lasermaster Unity 1200 dpi printer that will handle 12"x 18" paper and a 8 1/2" x 14" color flatbed scanner. She's keeping her fingers crossed that a couple of large bids come through so that the machinery will pay for itself.

Suzanne is still flitting around the country with her organization of women business owners (NJAWBO/NAWBO). Rod has started making appointments to talk to her, sometimes months in advance to assure a favorable time slot.

Kevin finished out his senior year at Trenton State in the spring, but managed to leave one more course for the fall semester. He worked over the summer full time for a graphic design firm specializing in T-shirt production, but dropped that job in September to concentrate on enhancing his portfolio and passing that final course for his BFA in Graphic design. Now comes the hard part, finding an entry level job paying a living wage in our current economy.

Vacations were scattered this year. Suzanne took several trips, including a trip to Phonix and cruise to the Bahamas, ostensibly on "business". She claims they never saw the outside of the meeting rooms during the cruise, but she was in much better spirits on her return than Rod who stayed in his office for the same period of time. She's headed out to Los Angelos in January.

Rod and Suzanne managed one trip to the "Promised Land", a state park in PA where they camped, hiked, and marvelled that people once attempted to farm that area of the country. It is nice for hiking, but there are rocks everywhere. An attempt to live off the land similiar to their previous trip to NY was distinctly less sucessful. The only thing they found that was edible in the area was an abundance of wild blueberries. They also saw several deer, but the deer were too quick for them, apparently having had previous experience with other hungry campers.

Suzanne found out that her 30th year Welsh, LA high school reunion was in October, so she and Rod made a trip to visit the relatives and see how her contemporaries turned out. Not surprisingly, many of them had changed as much as she had over the years. Her brother Don took pity on Rod and went along to the reunion to provide a familiar face and a guide to the cast of characters.

Best wishes for a happy 1994!

*Rod, Suzanne & Kevin*