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If you were expecting the end of the millennium last year at this time, you will be happy to know that it really does end in 15 days. We're not all that happy that it is ending. It means that time is just flying too quickly.

We became the proud parents of a teenager this year. Monika and I are having a hard time with this idea, as we still are 19 years old mentally. Anna wishes she could be a fish, spending many summer hours in the local pool, and with her best friend Katie (among others.)



Eva stays busy with the violin and other fun activities. She and Maria alternate between wanting to hug each other and having a fight. We're glad that they have each other to play with. Maria started playing the saxophone this year. She also stays busy with Eva and Monika in the Girl Scouts.

The whole lot of us enjoys hiking and being outdoors. We seem to get away almost every weekend when the weather is good. We thank the iron barons of 150 years ago who willed their property to the State. Northern NJ is a huge park; a wonderful place with few inhabitants.

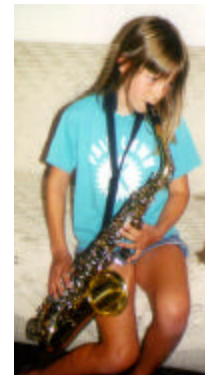
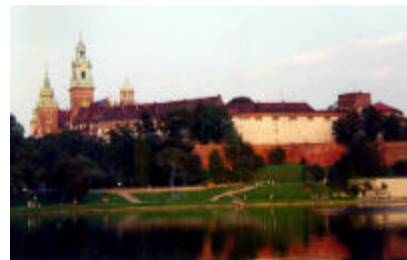


Monika keeps busy with teaching children computer skills with Computer Tots. It is a flexible job that gives her the ability to also function as a certified translator for the courts of New Jersey. She gets more jobs each month.



For me there was a job change. The "dot com" world is an unstable one. I moved closer to home, working at an Internet Application Service Provider in Summit, NJ. It is a rewarding challenge.

The switch allowed us the "downtime" to visit Poland and Austria to see Monika's parents and brother (who lives in Vienna.) We had a snowball fight in August and saw the great Palaces of Franz Joseph. Kraków has been restored more than it was three years ago when we were last there.



Watch the Web at <http://www.darron.net/family/> for pictures!

We wish you and yours health and happiness for this holiday season, and for the coming year!
Please be sure to stay in touch!

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