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This year has passed so quickly!! We spent most of it planning our wedding. And now we are married.

Chris and I tie the knot!

On Saturday, September 30, 2000, Chris and I tied the knot! The ceremony was absolutely beautiful and the reception a blast! We were very blessed to have many family members and friends in attendance. The honeymoon was awesome! We spent one week in Vermont and another week in Cape Cod! Chris and I hiked to the summit of 4 mountains, biked around parts of Lake Champlain and even did some mountain biking. The scenery was amazing! We were in awe. If you want to see some of our favorite photos, go to www.geocities.com/a_havel/honeymoon.html.

Bryan and Lorena back in Texas!

Last year I reported that there was a chance that Bryan and Lorena would return to Texas so that Lorena could pursue her Ph.D. at the University of Texas. Everything worked out and they are now living about 15 minutes north of Chris and I. Lorena is very busy at school and Bryan is doing corporate finance work for the Brown Schools here in Austin. Lorena's brother, Alfredo, and mother, Gloria, have also moved up to Austin and are doing well. They also now have two very energetic dogs, Aztec and Onyx! It's great to have everyone so close again; I just wish we weren't all so busy!

Our parents are in business!

The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in this family! Both parents are opening the doors to their businesses this year and are very excited. Chris and I have been enlisted to help with their web sites, which I am sorry to report are not up on the World Wide Web quite yet. We are hoping to take some time over the holidays to get that done. Here are some details about their businesses.

San Gabriel House Bed and Breakfast

Early 2001, Chris' parents will be opening the doors of the San Gabriel House Bed and Breakfast located right across the street from Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX. The house is a 1914 Arts and Crafts-style mansion with five spacious guestrooms. The house absolutely amazing! They have done a fabulous job decorating the house and turning it into on comfortable, classy establishment. Mom and Dad Wiley have been using us as guinea pigs for the breakfasts they will be serving and we have no complaints! The web site, sangabrielbandb.com, is not up yet, but should be by the time they open.

The Quilttopper

Mom Havel has opened the door to her quilting business which offers quilt finishing services, custom quilts, vests, table-runners and other quilted items. The most impressive item she has created thus far is an heirloom quilt she made for me and gave to me the day of our wedding. This quilt represents generations of women in our family as well as dear family friends through pieces of fabric that they felt signified them. The quilt is edged in my high school prom dress! It is something I will always treasure. I think she is enjoying the opportunity to be creative, make her customer's visions reality and get paid for it! If you want to see what other goodies my mom has been creating check out her web site at www.quilttopper.com.

Life after the wedding!

A wedding sure takes a lot out of you. A month afterwards, I think we have finally came up for air! The start-up Chris works for, Elegiant, has been in operation for a year now, which is most impressive for a start-up these days! They have doubled in size and are up to 12 people. All the guys have been working feverishly to release the beta version of their product. They have a possible client lined up to pilot their product as well as some more funding in the pipeline. Those guys have all worked very hard and I hope it pays off for them. I am still with Arthur Andersen and have been in an internal group helping develop software tools since April of 1999. We completed work on small document management software and now we are starting work on a web-based Java application to which I am looking forward. Woo-hoo! In the future, I will most likely be officially transferring to the Austin AA office and will again work on external clients.

Chris and I are having a blast in Austin and hope you will come visit us! We have a guest room that is always available and we love company! We hope all is going well for you and your family! We wish you a very wonderful, joyous and blessed holiday season and New Year! Our new phone number is 512-732-0587. My e-mail is alyssa_hedge@hotmail.com and Chris' e-mail is chedge@hotmail.com. Take good care!