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Family In Paradise!

The six Bodwells went to Hawaii in July. How can there be six Bodwells in a family of five?

Easy add one more!! Grant's mom decided to join in the fun too! We rented a condo at Waikiki Beach and spent the week of July 6 to 13 enjoying the sun and wind of Oahu. We were typical tourists, which is atypical of us, and had a great time.

Pat Graduates!!

This was a giant step for us to have our first son graduate from High School. Along with graduation Pat received some awards, Bank of America for Industrial Arts, the VFW scholarship, a Doyle scholarship at Santa Rosa Junior College, and a scholarship from a local foundation. He is currently attending SRJC with the intent to transfer to a four year school and study engineering.

Pat was also chosen to participate in a cadet cruise on the tall ship, Californian, which is California's official tall ship.

The ship is owned by the California Nautical Heritage Society. The cruise was for ten days during which the cadets studied marine biology and sailing. This was especially neat for Pat since he also has been building his own sailboat since last winter. Hopefully by the time the boat floats he will know what to do with it.

Pat is also involved with our local volunteer fire department.

He joined Explorer Post 911 and attended the fire fighter academy

last Spring in San Diego. We are not sure how he keeps up with every thing, but he seems to cope.

Charlie and Kevin's World

Our younger boys are continuing to grow. Charlie keeps measuring himself against us to see if he is taller than either yet. He seems to have caught Linda, but has a way to go to catch Grant. He is playing trumpet in the band and is also very active in the Scout troop.

Kevin is playing the trombone thanks to an instrument from his Great Uncle, Leonard, and seems to be doing pretty well. He played soccer this Fall on a team that only lost two games. He had a good time, his coach was the High School principal, Grant's former boss several years ago.

Kevin is also active in the Scout troop. All three boys and Grant went to Scout Camp this past summer and had a great time there.

Parents At School

Linda is in her second year back teaching and is settling into the profession. She is teaching a first grade class of twenty eight lively kids. In addition she is serving on several School District committees, running kids to piano lessons, and generally being the supermom that she has always been (the preceding written by Grant).

Grant is teaching a straight sixth grade class this year with twenty eight students also. This

year Kevin is a sixth grader and in his class. The arrangement allows us to keep pretty close tabs on Kevin's homework and parent conferences are not too hard to arrange! The class is going to Yosemite again this year for outdoor education for a week in May.

The school district is studying the possibility of moving the sixth grades to our Junior High and making it a middle school.

That could mean a move back to Grant's old school in a year or so.

Your might have guessed by now that there is also another new addition to the household. This document you are reading is being produced on our new computer, an Apple IIGS. Our county office of education arranged a super deal with Apple to sell us machines at a very good price, so we just couldn't help ourselves.

Some of you might be a little offended by the lack of personally handwritten notes this year, but without schedules, we just couldn't get our cards and letters out to you any other way. We hope that our "brag letter" doesn't bore any of you. If it does just use it to light a fire and enjoy it that way. Have a great holiday season.

Santa Announces Annual Trip!!

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!