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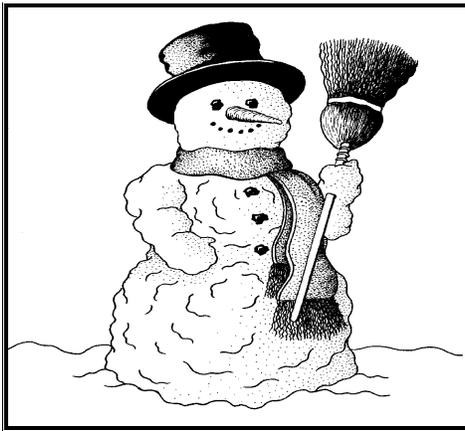
*God Jul! Joyeux Noel!
Feliz Navidad!*

Things are about to return to the way they were two years ago. Charlie has been attending Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix, Arizona and is returning home Christmas Eve! Kevin is now a Senior at Sonoma High and Pat is still going to Chico State.

Pat is completing his degree at Chico majoring in Civil Engineering and minoring in Manufacturing Management. He was chosen to represent the Engineering Department at a foundry association conference in Chicago last month. He had received a scholarship from the association last year and has also attended other local functions of the association here in California. Pat is still active in Scouting, attending summer camp with the Troop this year. The major project at camp this summer was installing a large gate in the parking lot that he welded up out of pipe and girders.

Charlie is finishing his work in Phoenix at UTI and is looking forward to returning home and beginning his job search. He wants to stay in Northern California if possible and would like to work with large equipment. While in Phoenix he took ultralight flight lessons and flies solo in the little aircraft. It looks like a lot of fun!?

Kevin's big news this year is that he has completed his work toward Eagle Scout so he now joins his brothers as Eagles to make a complete set!!! Since completing his work on Eagle, he has joined the Explorer Firefighter Post which extends his Scouting experiences up to age 21 if



Rumor has it that a Jolly Happy Soul is lurking about!

he desires. Kevin also made a stab at school politics by running for Student Body President last Spring. He put in a great effort and had valuable experiences however that is another way to say that he wasn't elected. He is in the school's leadership class this year and is very active on campus planning many school activities. He is the President of the Key Club and has been busy with their service projects.

Grant and Linda made four trips by themselves this year!! First last December to Phoenix to visit Charlie, again in June to visit Charlie and one last time (unplanned) at Labor Day to rescue Charlie who had broken down in the desert on his way home for the long weekend. They had to take a tow dolly all the way from Sonoma to Desert Center on I 10 forty miles west of Blythe and tow Charlie's truck back to Phoenix. The fourth trip was to Fort Jones to visit Linda's Mom.

The Homestead

The old house stills occupies our time in the summers. The outside of the house was attacked this year. It was time to paint so this time a real metamorphosis took place! The colors have been changed. So if you come to visit you had better know the address or you'll miss it. The project began one day when Kevin brought home some scaffolding and a pressure washer from the rental center where he works part time. He said, "You've talked about it long enough. Now get up and get to work!" This started a month long project in August. It was worth it though because the place really looks better. It forced us to clean out several bushes that had taken over. So the effect is that the house looks bigger and newer.

There are also a lot of new neighbors since last year. A large contractor has built about twenty five new homes over our back fence. They all look very similar, two stories and up hill from us so they look down into our back yard. On the other hand we can look into their kitchens and check out what's for dinner. So far nothing has looked good enough to jump the fence and help



IDENTITIES REVEALED!

Actual Photographs were difficult to come by this year, so these recent renderings were made available to satisfy your curiosity regarding our appearance.



Kevin
