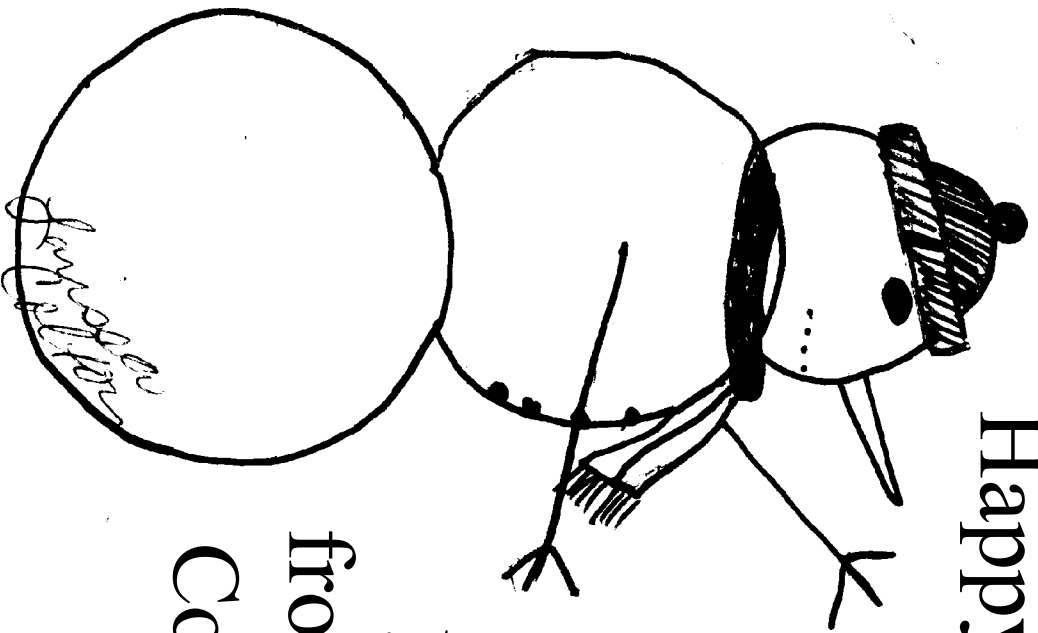


Merry Christmas and
Happy New



Year
to
you
and
yours
from the
Coltons

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Christmas 1991 Edition



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To our Family and Friends:
Thank you for joining us!

The Reason For The Season

As we celebrate the holidays, we are humbled to remember the reason for the season - that Christ came to save His people and bless them. We hope you, too, have felt God's blessings in your life this year.

Newsletter?

Once again we are taking a snapshot of our lives. Someday we will look back on these, the good old days, and remember fondly the things written here. We invite you to share in our memories and chuckle at our amusements.

Television

We have a television again. Jim and Cindy generously gave us an old black and white. This

is a "mixed" blessing. It immediately took over a commanding position in the living room. At least it is merely black and white.

Scripture Study

Larissa is in seminary. She goes each morning. The rest of us still study the scriptures at home. We have finished the New Testament as a family. Now we are reading the Doctrine and Covenants, somewhere around section 80. In the Book of Mormon, which we are also reading, we are into Jarom.

Scanner Back in Operation

As you can see in this edition, we have our scanner back in operation. It was actually only a five minute operation to get it working again, but it took over a year to find the magic incantation that would make things work again. Such are computers. We enjoy the art work and the photography.

Christmas Lights and Music

Our living room has more Christmas lights this year. We enjoy sitting in the semi-dark, listening to Christmas music, and gazing at the tiny lights around each window and all over the tree. Our favorite music this Christmas has been a tape of Music Box carols. The gentle, tinkling sounds seem to go with the

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Isaac

I was born
the 31st of
May, 1991. I
stay home all
day, and
keep mommy
up at night.



fier, and eat
anything I
can get my
hands or
mouth on. I
like to drink
out of daddy's
water glass,
and let the
water run

I crawl upside
down by arching my
back and pushing
with my feet. Some-
times this gets my

down the glass and
dribble on daddy's
leg.

head stuck in a corner, and then I cry until someone rescues me. Upside-down crawling has also managed to keep my hair extremely short in one particular spot on the back of my head. I like to be held by anyone, but particularly by mommy or daddy.

For halloween, I dressed in a tuxedo. I like to play with rattles, balls, rip books apart, and chew on the electrical cords going to the tape recorder and vcr. I almost got a taste of the Christmas lights around the sliding door, but my daddy moved them up out of reach. (Life is tough when you are a kid.)

I am a great baby. I drink from a bottle, nurse, take a paci-

Stacia

I am five years old. I attend kindergarten at Helen Keller Elementary School. I like people to call me "stay-see-uh" like my kindergarten teacher does.

I likes games. I like to play with friends. I like daddy and my baby brother Isaac. I like you. I am learning to read. I can read the following words: I, you, a, the, yes, no, love, and. For halloween, I dressed as Daisy Duck.



Profile

Favorite Toy: Ponies.

Favorite Color: Purple. (Among ponies, favorite color is yellow.)

Favorite Friend: Courtney McBroom.

Favorite Food: Pie.

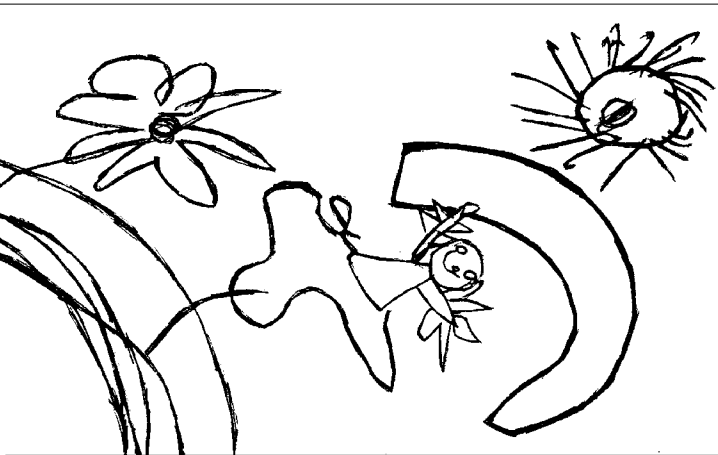
Favorite Animal: Dog.

Favorite Book: "My book that has the girl that got hurt - the policeman one."

Favorite Movie: "A scary movie, it is Mary, Mary, quite contrary, and the kids loosed a sheep."

Favorite Song: "Helen Keller, We are the best / Helen Keller, We'll stand the test / We are the yellow and the blue / We are the Cobras, We'll make it through."

Christmas wants: "the whole pack of scriptures, Bible, Book of Mormon, carrying thing, and conference talks, and then the Doctrine and Covenants." When I get big, I want to be: a missionary.



tiny lights.

How Does Your Garden Grow

Our garden was an interesting experience this year. The beans did very well. The slugs did not eat them like in other years. Perhaps it is because we did not plant the garden until July, and by then the slugs had all died of starvation. The carrots were also great.

The entire crop was harvested, cleaned, and consumed by the children on a daily basis. Lois actually got a couple. It was also the best crop of lettuce we have ever had. It was the worst crop of chard. The sugar snap peas hardly came up. But the ones that did come up were great. As for the beets, Lois hasn't checked yet. And you can bet that Don hasn't checked either. (Don loves beets about as much as flat tires or torn suits.) He is probably getting queasy even as he types this in. The radishes were the hottest ones we have ever had, so most of them were allowed to go to seed.

Yardwork

In front, we installed a row of stumps around our maple tree. We backfilled to the tree with dirt from a neighbor, and now we have a raised bed for flowers. The kids also enjoy walking on the stumps, particularly as they are not exactly level and even. In the

middle of this area, Lois installed a bird feeded on a tall post. So far the squirrels have not gotten into this one (we think).

On the side of the driveway, we installed a new fence, almost to the street. It looks nice. The posts are set in concrete, and should last almost forever. We also put in new fence posts (set in dirt) across the front, next to the sidewalk. It is reasonably solid, and we expect it to last about ten years.

Vacations

We have really enjoyed visits to the relatives this past summer. We had several reunions. Thanks to all of you that made our visits so enjoyable.

Ya'll Come Visit, Ya Hear?

We have enjoyed visits from many of you. Thank you for sharing some time with us. And as for the rest of you, don't hesitate! Come see us when you are in the area, or even make it the reason for your trip.

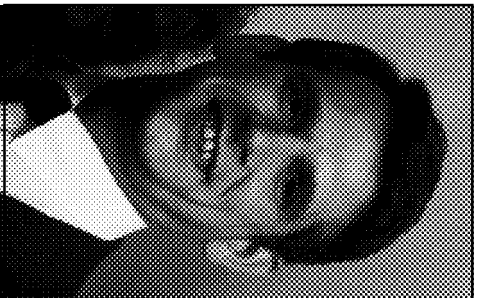
Don

Don is going back to college to earn a Ph.D. in Computer Science. This should create additional career options, especially in the teaching field.

He hopes to start Autumn 1992 at the University of Washington in Seattle. The competition is keen. UW expects to admit only about 35 students out of about 500 applicants. The program lasts a minimum of three years full time.

Right now, Don is also seeking a fellowship. He has applied for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, the Office of Naval Research Graduate Fellowship, the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship, and the United States Air Force Laboratory Graduate Fellowship. Any of these would cover tuition plus a stipend of around \$1000 per month for up to three years. Things are looking good so far. By mid-April we should have a better idea.

Don will continue to teach full-time at Griffin College while attending full-time at



Profile

Favorite Friend: Lois.
 Favorite Color: Blue.
 Favorite Food: Something easy to fix.
 Favorite Toy: Computer.
 Favorite Computer Game: Net-Snipes (by Novell).
 Favorite Recent Vacation: Orcas Island in the San Juans of Puget Sound.
 Hobbies: Collecting type fonts for our

PostScript printer.
 Christmas wants: A great score on the GRE Advanced Test in Computer Science. Wonderful letters of reference. More skill at parenting. Ability to thrive on less sleep. Freedom from allergies.
 When I get big, I want to be: a college professor and build computers that can hear and understand human speech.

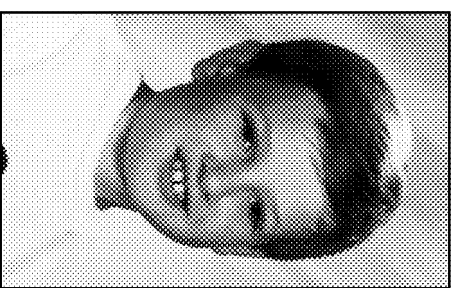
UW. He both enjoys the income (it keeps the kids from complaining of hunger) and the students. Lois is looking for a good psychiatrist for when Don cracks up. If you have recommendations, please write.
 At church, Don is serving as the ward clerk. Previous to that, he was executive secretary, cubmaster, and ward mission leader.

Daniel

I am eight years old. I attend third grade at Helen Keller Elementary School. My teacher is Miss Heasley ("Haysee"). She is from Hawaii. I like people to call me Daniel.

I enjoy soccer, baseball, football, basketball, tennis, wall ball, and four-square. That's all the sports that I like.
 For halloween, I dressed as a pirate.

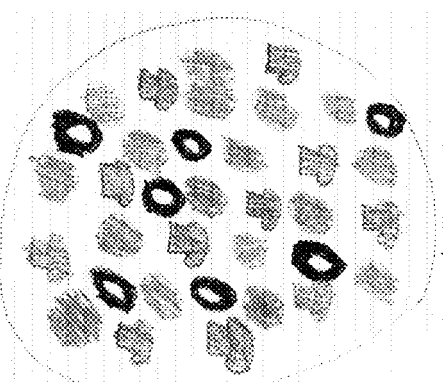
In cub scouts, I have earned my Wolf and several Arrow Points. I went to Cub Day Camp for the first time as a scout and had fun. My cousin Christopher also went the same week as I did. Afterwards, we all went to the Colton Reunion. Next month I turn nine and start my Bear program.



Profile

Favorite toy: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle.
 Favorite Color: Red.
 Favorite Friend: Collin DeWalt.
 Favorite Food: Pizza and hot dogs.
 Favorite Animal: Zebra.
 Favorite Book: The Fantastic Mr. Fox.
 Favorite Movie: TRON (by Disney).
 Favorite Song: Over the River and Through the Woods.
 Favorite thing done last year: Played baseball.
 Christmas wants: lego pirate ship, spaniard lego ship, spaniard lego castle, every single turtle (michaelangelo, raphael, and stuff), new clothes.
 When I get big, I want to be: A track person, like people that are in the Olympics or stuff.

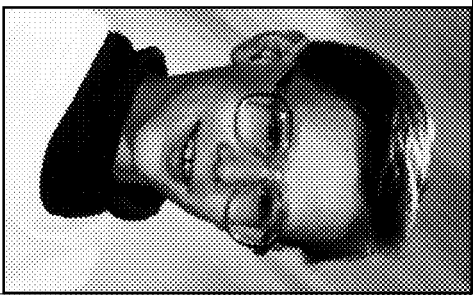
Favorite food pizza



Benjamin

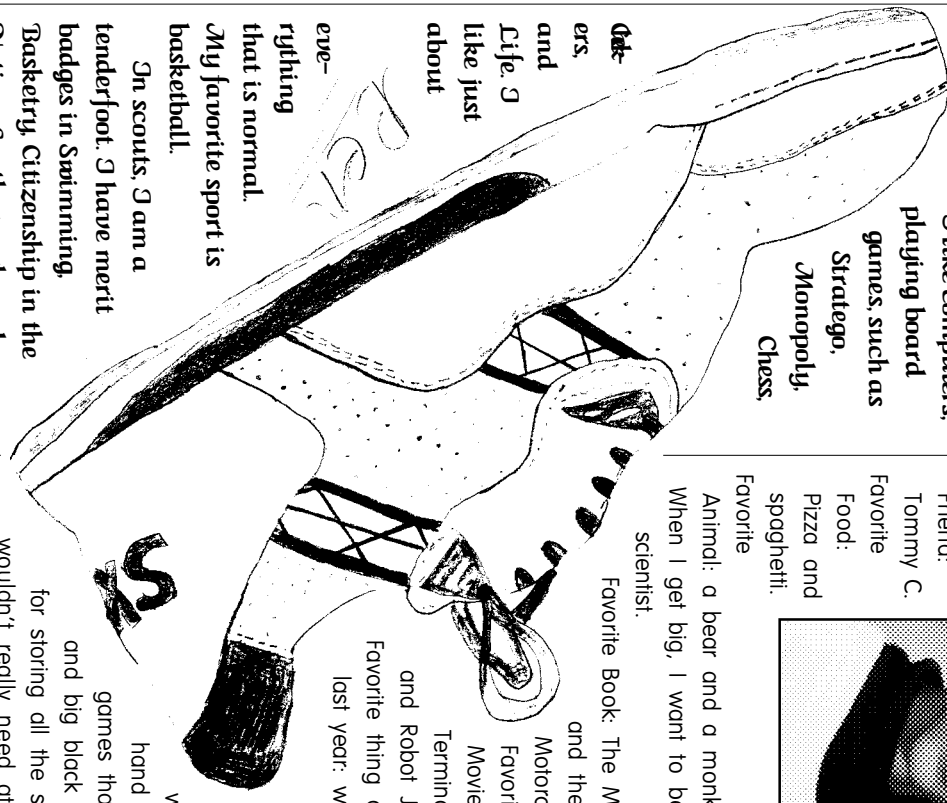
I am eleven years old. I attend sixth grade at Helen Keller Elementary School. My teacher is Mrs. Myers. I like people to call me Ben.

I like computers, playing board games, such as Stratego, Monopoly, Chess.



Profile
 Favorite Toy: Legos.
 Favorite Color: Blue.
 Favorite Friend: Tommy C.
 Favorite Food: Pizza and spaghetti.
 Favorite Animal: a bear and a monkey.
 When I get big, I want to be a scientist.

Favorite Book: The Mouse and the Motorcycle.
Favorite Movies: Terminator I, and Robot Jox.
Favorite thing done last year: went to Wild Waves.
Christmas wants: hand held games that talk, and big black trunk for storing all the stuff I wouldn't really need at the moment, like camping stuff and books. \$50. clothes, squirt guns, dictionary, a watch.



Get-ers, and Life. I like just about everything that is normal.
My favorite sport is basketball.
On scouts, I am a tenderfoot. I have merit badges in Swimming, Basketball, Citizenship in the Nation, Leatherwork, and Fingerprinting.
For halloween, I dressed as Waldo.

Luiz

As you can imagine, most of my time is spent with or on the behalf of my family.



Isaac, of course, needs a lot of attention and care. Stacia goes to Kindergarten in the morning, and then comes home. She is a great help to me.

I am very involved in Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. I serve as co-advancement chairman for our boys' scout troop. It is a wonderful job. I get to watch the boys progress, and regularly take trips to the scout office. I was recently released as cub den leader, but I am still involved in cub scouting.

My new church calling is Homemaking Counselor in the Relief Society. I am in charge of making sure that the ladies' monthly classes and socials are organized, informative, and fun. The job is a lot of work, but I have great help.

A stray cat had kittens in our neighbor's garage. It has been fun to watch grow them up, and sad to have them disappear as they have been given away. The mother cat is the only one I see anymore. I think she is on her own again. Don puts up with my soft heart as I feed her. One of the boys and I made a house for her out of an apple box, padding, and Don's old suit pants. Now I don't feel too guilty when it is really cold and she is outside (as we can't have a cat in the house).

My other "pets" are the wild birds and squirrels. I feed the birds, and the squirrels help themselves. The squirrels are fun to watch as they try to outwit my attempts to keep them

out of the feeders. My favorite to watch is when they pull up the milk jug by the string, about two to three feet, hop in, and ride the "elevator" down. (It is a bumpy ride at the end!) Sometimes they fall out, but seed goes with them, so they are rewarded anyway for their efforts.

I also love ...
 Watching the garden grow,
 Going on vacations,
 Sleeping in my parents' trailer,
 Listening to Stacia talk on ...
 and on ... and on ... and on ... most of the time.
 Listening to Larissa talk about boys.
 Listening to Joseph talk about girls, scouting, and books,
 Listening to Benjamin talk about school and whales,
 And watching Daniel have fun.

My favorite author is L.M. Montgomery. Don recently brought home "The Princess Bride." I enjoyed reading it and comparing it to the movie. Another book I read recently that I would recommend to anyone twelve or older is "Closer to the Light," by Melvin Morse, MD. It tells what some children said it felt like to die and then return.

My biggest accomplishment since last Christmas was adding another baby to our family. Isaac Alden Colton is a wonderful little boy. He started life at 9 lbs. 11 oz on May 31st. Now he is six months and is creeping crawling all over the living room. He has four teeth, but he still drools. He is definitely worth all the work.

I like to stay up late for some peace and quiet. Sometimes I read a book or work on a jigsaw puzzle. Sometimes I stare at Christmas lights or just stare out the window and dream.

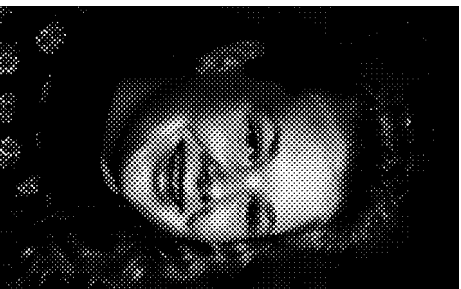
Larissa

I am fourteen years old. I attend ninth grade at Kami-akin Junior High School. My teachers are Mr. Kennedy (World Geography), Mr. Kochanasz (Spanish), Mrs. Sabol (English), Mr. Conner (Geometry), Mr. Egger (I.P.S. Science), and Miss VanGlubt (Keyboarding).

I like a clean room, spending time with friends, learning new things, spending time alone, spending money, going to dances, boys (she laughs), reading, listening to the radio, collecting pictures of famous stars, getting pictures of friends and putting them up in my locker, playing games on the computer, and boys again.

I dislike Isaac screaming while I am talking on the phone, lack of money, walking home great distances, (anything over a mile or two), people who constantly ask if they look ok, guys who hit a girl for stupid reasons, guys who go through girls personal belongings and then embar-

rassing her in front of other people, and spiders. For Halloween, I dressed as a granny.



Profile

Favorite Class: Algebra (last year) because it was easy and I like math. My teacher also was very good at explaining things. So I got a good understanding of algebra.

Friends include Shelley Chelius, Carrie Petersen, Sara Petrie, Tami Cronk, Kathy Oliver, T.J. Mlynerek, Heather Guiren, Christy Graden, Kara Stafford, Domini Dean, Nicole Wootton, Keturah Walker, Scott Hartlein, and all the guys in our K5 ward. **Favorite Colors:** light blue, emerald green, and teal.

Favorite Food: Pizza. **Favorite Book:** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Favorite Toy: the telephone. **Favorite Movie:** Man From Snowy River (parts I and II).

Favorite Computer Game: Wherein Time is Carmen Sandiego.

Favorite Group: "Boyz II Men"

Favorite Songs: "Mowtownphilly," "It's hard to say good bye to yesterday," both by Boyz II Men.

Favorite Radio Station: KPLZ FM 101.5

Favorite Disk Jockeys: Kent and Alan

Favorite Animals: horses and cocker spaniels.

Most impressive thing done last year: straight A's.

Christmas wants: walkman, sound system for my room, new telephone, new outfit, couple of sweet valley books, some money wouldn't hurt.

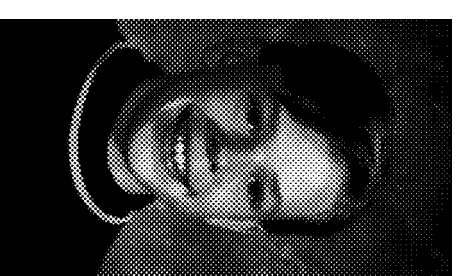
When I get big, I want to be: a housewife or a school teacher for first and second graders.

Joseph

I am thirteen years old. I attend eighth grade at Kami-akin Junior High School. My teachers are Mr. Leeland (Activities Coordinator), Miss Matsen (Language Arts), Mr. Conrick (U.S. History), Mrs. Bright (Math), Mr. McClinton (Science), and Mrs. Strong (Health).

In scouts, I am a Life Scout. I have the following merit badges: Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Swimming, Canoeing, Computers, Cooking, Fingerprinting, Leatherwork, Motorboating, Orienteering, Pioneering, Public Speaking, Reading, Rowing, and Wilderness Survival.

For Halloween, I dressed as a thief.



Profile

Favorite Class: With Mr. Leeland because I get to do about everything, such as loading pop machines, grading papers, changing bulletin boards outside, going and getting people out of class (kind of like office referrals, in other words).

Favorite Friends: David Briggs, Scott Condie, Joey Deskiewicz.

Favorite Colors: Dark blue, red.

Favorite Foods: Pizza, spaghetti.

Favorite Books: Mossflower series, Prydain series.

Favorite toys: Computer, legos. **Favorite computer game:** right now is Microsoft Flight Simulator.

Christmas wants: computer games, specifically Trial by Fire, Kings Quest III, and Rampage.

When I get older, I want to be: a computer programmer.