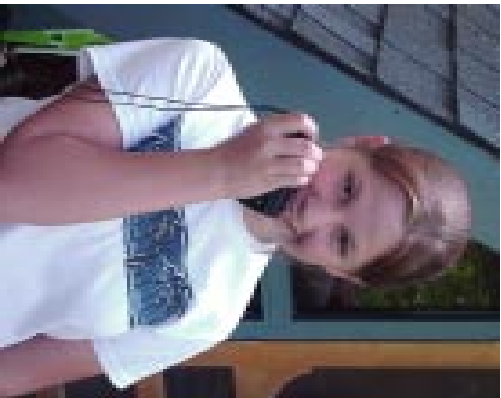


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After Arizona we stayed about three weeks in Washington. Each week we'd take a side trip and come back to Lois's mom's house in Puyallup for the weekend. We went to Richland and saw Dennis and Jan, Lois's brother and wife. We also met "old" friends and "new" friends. Another week we went to a cabin by Mount Rainier. It was extremely relaxing and fun. Everywhere we went we used the walkie talkies.



We were able to see Jim and Cindy and then several Coltons and Doris Clayton traveled down to Aloha, Oregon so we could see old friends and Doris could take her trip to Nome, Alaska with the Sundstroms. Don took the teenagers on The Max, while the ladies went shopping at Daisy Kingdom, a fabric and craft store. It was sad to leave Washington, but we were really looking forward to exploring the Bay Area and going to San Francisco. We stayed with college friends and Steve and April Colton.

We had so, so much fun in California. We were able to see downtown San Fran and view Alcatraz. Lois was surprised at how close to shore it was. We went to "The Boardwalk" an amusement park and Roaring Camp, where we got to ride a train. We also went to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and drove along the ocean and through Carmel. The last part of the trip we stayed at the famous "Steve and April's Bed and Breakfast." I'll say we were treated to much more than breakfast. They are EXCELLENT cooks.

I'd say a big change in our life was the exposure to the game SIMS while we were at Larissa and Sam's house in Arizona. We now own three copies and create families, houses, download wallpaper, clothes, create faces, and generally have a wonderful time playing.



**Larissa and Stacia playing Sims**

In Hawaii, the biggest life-style change was having three BYUH students live with us. We have our nephew Chris from WA, Aaron from Canada, and Ken from Japan.



**Aaron, Ken, and Chris**

## Don and Lois Colton Family Newsletter Christmas 2000 Edition



**Mele Kalikimaka and Aloha to you and your family this Christmas Season. Because of Jesus's birth and sacrifice for us we can be a family forever. This is important to us. We are very grateful for the gifts that Heavenly Father has given us.**

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours from the Coltons

## The Year in Review

The first exciting event in our family since last Christmas newsletter was Ben going on his mission December 29, 1999. So he was at the Mission Training Center as the calendar rolled to 2000. In Hawaii it was VERY noisy and colorful as thousands of dollars went up in smoke by the local residents. The display was just as impressive as any town display I've seen. The show lasted for hours making it even

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more impressive. Well, actually it was multiple days long.

Many weekends were spent with Don and Daniel going to various High Schools on the island and participating in speech and debate. Don was a judge, driver, and when they went to the "Big Island" he was a chaperone. Daniel took third place in JV Policy Debate at the State Tournament.

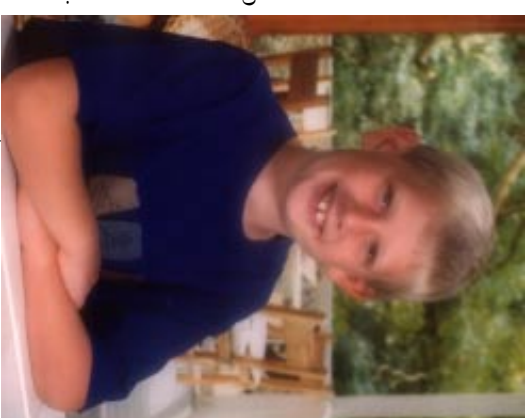


He was awarded this nice big trophy. It was a very successful first year of debate.

Another BIG event in the family this year was the wedding of Joseph Colton and Akiko Takano. We had a very nice turn out of relatives that were able to attend the festivities. Akiko's mom and aunt flew from Japan. It was her mom's first airplane ride. We really appreciated everyone coming and supporting the new couple and their parents. If you'd like to see lots of pictures of the happy couple you can see them at Lois's web pages.  
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# Isaac

Well I had a good year, but for school. ALMOST every day after school my mom has made me do homework for the last (um....) 5 months. If you want to learn how to play starcraft call 293-7243. I like to play it all day, but I have to do homework.



homework.

Here I am receiving my Wolf Award in Cub Scouts.



In fourth grade I wrote an essay for homework and it turned out that it was also for a contest. I won for the fourth grade.

The prize was a Mojo scooter. I like to ride it everywhere. We park them in the corner at school. I also like to play Lunar 2 on the Sega. I also like to watch videos. On Sunday I only watch ones about church, Bible, and family.



**Favorites**  
Toys:  
Lego's  
K nex

**Computer:**  
Starcraft  
brood war  
command &  
conquer  
lords of the  
reln?  
and last  
the sims!!

**Foods:**  
lazana

Learning to drive the truck in Toontown, Disneyland.



# Stacia

Hello. My name is Stacia Marie Colton. I am a 9th grader at Kahuku High and Intermediate School. This year at Kahuku, we are on a trimester schedule. That means there are 3 terms with 5 classes each. My first trimester I had History, History Day, Geometry, English, and P.E. Now that it is the second trimester I have a new schedule. It is Basic Art, History, Biology, Debate, and Exploratory Arts and Crafts. Basically, except for Debate, it is an easy trimester. For History, we had to do a family history project. In it we had to talk about interesting people we are related to and what they did along with a historical event they lived through and their views on it. I talked mainly on three people: Grandpa Clayton, Lady Godiva, and Don Bowcutt (who is my grandma's half-brother).



During this year, I have been in a few concerts with BYUH's youth choir. In the beginning of the year, we had a concert at BYUH in their Auditorium. Then, a few days later we had one at St. Andrew's church. After that we had another concert at St. Christopher's church. They were all fun to sing in. A while ago someone told me that St. Andrew's was haunted, but I don't know. It was a beautiful church and it reminded me of a castle. St. Christopher's was an open church and was made of pine. This year has been very eventful for me and I hope it has for you, too. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Don't forget to look at my Christmas wants, ha ha! Just joking!

## Favorites

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Songs:</b>                      | <b>Colors:</b>         | <b>Christmas wants</b>  |
| Little Drummer Boy                 | Red                    | personal cd player      |
| Teach Me To Walk In The Light      | Orange                 | backstreet boys new cd: |
| Answer to our life                 | Yellow                 | black and blue clothes  |
| <b>Things/People to play with:</b> | <b>Events:</b>         | <b>Classes:</b>         |
| Sims                               | Debate Party 12/9      | Art                     |
| Computer                           | Christmas 12/25        | Debate                  |
| Friends                            | My Birthday 8/13       | Biology                 |
| Things I miss: snow                | Halloween 10/31        |                         |
|                                    | Bowling Fieldtrip 2/28 |                         |
|                                    | Girls' Camp 6/19-22    |                         |

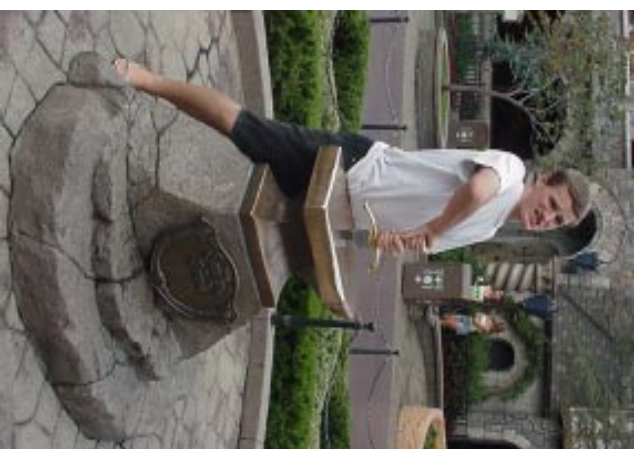
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**Joseph & Akiko Colton**

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You can also find lots of pictures of the family and our activities throughout the year.

After the wedding we had ward camp and then our three-year trip. We decided to go to Washington State with a side trip to Arizona to see Sam and Larissa. We tried to see how many stops the airlines would make along the way and visited family and friends there. It was a very fun vacation. We started out by flying out of Honolulu on the evening of 4th of July. We watched fireworks while at the airport. We then went to Disneyland for three days and stayed at Candy Cane Inn which borders the park. It was a very nice place to stay and the service was great. We made a "schedule" of who was going to be with whom and had three walke talkes. It made the whole Disneyland experience great as we didn't "loose" each other. I'd recommend it highly.



Daniel and Isaac both had difficulties removing the sword in Fantasyland. And Daniel tried to decide if he was brave enough to go on Pinocchio's Daring Journey. He was. (continued on page 12)



# Don

The millennial year draws to a close. I remember as a child thinking about the new millennium, and how \*old\* I would be when it came, and wow isn't that a long time in the future. It seems funny now. My student's grandmother told him, "Sonny, when you're my age, Christmas comes every other week." It seems like only a week ago that it was a year ago.

This year my professional highlight was participating in ISECON, the Information Systems Educators Conference, as the Proceedings Editor. I will repeat in 2001. And I applied for continuing status at BYUH (their version of tenure) and promotion to

Associate Professor. I should find out about those results in April or so.

The social highlight was our third-year trip to the mainland. BYUH gives that as a (taxable) benefit to faculty, every three years, so we all went. Joseph flew over for LeAnn's wedding. The rest of us went later to Disneyland. Daniel returned to Hawaii while we continued to visit Larissa and Sam, and then Doris (Lois's mom) and various friends in Washington and Oregon.

Church-wise I serve as Ward Mission Leader, with responsibility for the non-members in our local area. With 85% or more membership here, and everyone else has heard about the church, the likelihood of new converts seemed slim, but this year we have already had two and it looks promising for a third one maybe this week.

At school, I invented a new course (eCommerce Web Development) and have been trying to make it appropriate to the students. They are very interested and willing to work hard if it results in useful knowledge and improved job prospects. I need to get as much mileage out of each course because I only have a few courses. So they build a website from scratch, just like on a new job, complete with web server, forms, CGI scripts, databases, and imitation content so it all looks real and works, even down to accepting and processing credit cards (although we simplify it a small bit.) I can see improvements I want to make for January. It is always fun to break new ground.

With Daniel and now Stacia, I have enjoyed my involvement as a judge and driver for our high school's debate team. The formality has taught me something about debate (and evidence in particular) that is useful in my personal life. Plus it has been the means of Joseph getting his job at the BYUH Library, and indirectly Akiko too.

I wired the house for "local area network," (100 megabit switched full duplex) with cat5 computer connections in the master bedroom, kitchen, Daniel's room, Stacia's room, and the renters' room. We have five computers under our roof hooked up to the Internet by 10 megabit cable modem. I have learned a lot about networking, which has



been fun too.

Love and Holiday Greetings, Don

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# Daniel

Another year ends and to announce that moment some of you might expect a grand end written up in this newsletter. Well I have but one thing to say, I hope I can provide something of entertainment to you all.

What to say? Do I write about what I have done all year or do I write about Christmas and how I will be relating to it. I think I shall tell you of my entire year as my mom just stated aloud.

It all starts with myself getting involved in a little extracurricular program at school. Many of you have heard me talk unceasingly about Debate, but then again some of you may not have. I joined it to have one whole period devoted to cruising with my friends when low and behold I started to enjoy the activity. The joy and power of speaking to an audience is really quite an awesome experience if you are like me and love talking to crowds. So I compete, I get my fair share of beatings and give my fair share of them as well (this is not a sport). Overall at the end of last school year I had achieved in my first year more than most debaters do in their whole debating career. So that is something to be proud of. Now part way into the new school year I find myself getting more than my fair share of beatings and giving a lot less than we should. But my partner's goal and mine is to get those other people back and prove to ourselves that we can defeat them, even if they are supposed to be best in the state, etc., etc. So that is the goal. Now on to some other train of thought. School is fun/decent. My AP lit class is quite the challenge. We have read Grendel, The Awakening, Crime and Punishment, and currently reading Pride and Prejudice. This class has taught me quite a deal though. I have a greater confidence in analyzing literature and finding true meanings by the author etc. I am not perfect at that sort of business, but I do believe I am getting along.

Now in light of the Christmas season let me point out something for all the kids who read this. Cherish the clothes you get for Christmas. Although you want toys now, when you are my age you will want clothes, and sadly you don't get them anymore. So ask Santa carefully what you want, and don't



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tell him what you don't want because you just might want it later in life.



## Elder Benjamin Colton

Episode XX

Return - of the Missionary



As we last left off the king had gone in search of people to help build a castle in Denver, Colorado. One of the first things that the king noticed was the many old people there and he quickly became friends with Kitago the Elder, Moannu the Elder, and Thayer, Backenstoss, Christian, Kelly & Guymon the Elders. The king and Elders went all over Denver from Aurora to Arapahoe, to Littleton, and Denver itself, and in their search, he and his friends, had tons of fun and success. They would go door to door looking for helpers and they found some that way. They would also ask people if they knew others who would like to be helpers and the king and his friends found helpers that way also. As winter started coming again he thought back to some of the most memorable people he had met so far and one Alison Davis stuck out in his mind. Alison was an outspoken lady who the king sometimes tried to avoid. She loved sucking cancer sticks, but the king and Kitago taught her about building castles and how to get rid of those cancer sticks. One day Alison told us to come over at a certain time, and we came by a little early and saw her putting a bag of all the stuff that we had given her outside on the porch. We began talking to her and found out that she couldn't make it. She couldn't be a helper, and there was no sense talking to her about building castles. We were so sad and we walked home feeling worse than if someone had dumped us. Kitago and the king decided to write her one last good-bye letter saying how much they had enjoyed her company and not much later Alison called them up and told them that all was not over. They could come back and their hearts were full of joy. The king enjoys being in Denver and is looking forward to the future.

Christmas wants: a few white shirts, a digital camera, church music, and cool stuff like pictures.

Scripture: Psalms 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man... whose.. delight is in the law of the Lord...

Book: Genesis

Movie: Lamb of God

Companion: Kitago

Clothes to wear: white shirt & black pants

Hobby: Chess

### Favorites:

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# Lois

While Don and I were on our big summer trip we celebrated our big "25th" wedding anniversary. It actually happened on the 20th of June, but with Joseph and Akiko's wedding on the 23rd of June we were a bit too busy to celebrate. It was really fun to spend time together in Washington. We went to Kidd Valley (a hamburger place) on the Kirkland waterfront. It was SO GOOD!!! We had big



hamburgers, fries, onion rings, and milkshakes. Their milkshakes are wonderful. Hey, it was our Anniversary, you're supposed to celebrate, right? Afterwards we went and visited with friends we knew from when we lived there. As it got early evening we went to the Seattle Center and went up the Space Needle and ate dinner. I love eating there because the restaurant rotates and you can enjoy looking at the Seattle skyline while sitting down. Up on the observation deck you can just walk around, it doesn't move, and you can't find a place to sit. We did go up there though, and enjoyed listening to all the narrators tell about Seattle.

Our six-week vacation was the most relaxing vacation that I've ever had. It was really wonderful for me. Perhaps I was the one that enjoyed the trip the most. Usually I never get to relax while on vacation so this trip was a special treat for me.

The first six months of this year was planning and having a wedding. The reception was held in our yard, under our home. (See my web pages for pictures of our home and the wedding.)

From September to now most of the focus of my life has been trying to get well, survive daily living, and adjust to lots of college students in my home. I also had to deal with my frustrations as I watched my 1964 Singer sewing machine rust away in Hawaii. I recently bought a new machine, found out it didn't work right, returned it, and got another one. Unfortunately it's still sitting inside the box on the kitchen table waiting for me to finish this newsletter so I can try it out. Such is life. I have too much to do, but at least I always have something to do. I'm never bored.

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Lots of Love,

LOIS

# Larissa & Sam Workman



Hello to all from Sunny Arizona!!

This past year has been a good one for us. Like everyone else, we safely made it through New Years Eve and are here to tell all about it. :) We went to Hawaii for Joseph's wedding and then to Colorado for Sam's brother Ben's wedding. We had a wonderful time watching them and remembering how much fun we had when we got married 3 whole years ago. :)

Sam is still working for Allegiance Healthcare and recently got a promotion. He is happily working from 6am-2:30pm doing quality control things. We love having him home earlier. He has also been busy as a bee painting miniatures for the table-top battle game Warhammer 40,000. He has painted a Dark Eldar army and is currently working on a Tyranid army.

Larissa was certified for providing state assisted daycare back in January and has passed all of her inspections since. She is currently watching 5 kids at various times anywhere from 2:30am until 10:30pm. It makes for some long days... especially when you are dealing with kids that are not your own. She is enjoying it though. Her current interests have included scrapbooking, painting ceramic houses and some miniatures as well, building our web page, taking pictures and many other things.

We have decided to exercise our creative minds with a Role-playing game based in the Star Trek genre. In the game we all act out parts as cadets at the Starfleet Academy based in the year 2375. Larissa has gone bonkers with it creating bios for each student and printing it nicely in a small portfolio.

That about wraps up our year. We look forward to the next year with enthusiasm. We don't know what to expect, but we are sure that we will have fun and make the best of it. Happy Holidays!

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# Joseph & Akiko



As the year changed 1999 to 2000 I watched the fireworks as they shot up into the sky. The previous year's excitement had finally come to a close and everyone was getting ready to begin a new year's adventures.

On June 23, Akiko and I were married here at the Hawaii LDS Temple. Since then we have been working very hard at getting our family established and on its way. We are expecting a girl? sometime roughly around the 16th of March next year.

Akiko and I have also been very busy with things like school and clubs. Akiko is currently an Elementary Education Major, and I am working on my Computer Science Major. Right now I figure I will probably graduate either the Summer of 2002 or before then.

Akiko and I are both in the Japanese Club, Akiko is in the New Zealand (Kiwi) Club and I am in the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Club. For Culture Night this Fall Akiko learned the Poi Balls and danced with the rest of the club in front of more than a thousand people. I wrote a few programs for the ACM club and was sent to California to write a few more.

Currently both Akiko and I are working in the Brigham Young

University Hawaii Campus Library.

Akiko is working the circulation desk and I am in the back writing a client/server program to keep track of the videos, TVs, and electronics that teachers request as well as generate web pages to show the campus movie listings.

In December, Akiko and I are planning to visit her mom. We will be ending our year in Japan, land of the rising sun, where instead of the beautiful, but noisy fireworks, we will have the advantage of seeing the New Year's sunrise hours before we would have in Hawaii. And I get to eat sushi again. :)



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