

So we're almost done with the "taking the kids to Disneyland." It was so fun. I think we mastered the art of "single feeder lines."



Sarah Clayton, in Alaska, requested a picture of Uncle Don kissing Mickey. It sure took a long time standing in line to see Mickey, but I'd say it was worth the wait. Hollie spent some time with Grandma. She wasn't too sure about this

whole taking pictures thing, but Dumbo sure liked Hollie.

Both times we have gone to Disneyland one of us has tried to pull the sword out of the stone. We have yet to succeed. Maybe next trip we will be successful. Have any of you succeeded yet?

We went on so many rides and went to California Disney. We hadn't been there before. It was a very hot day and their sprinklers were wonderful. We got wet several times, and



were able to continue on. Most of the rides in California Disney weren't the kind that Lois liked so she took in a few shows. Aladdin was a great favorite. She wished 7 she had more time to watch all the shows, especially since a lot of them are air-conditioned.

After the summer we all got ready for the arrival of Joseph and Akiko's family. Check out Isaac's "castle" on his page. We are loving having two little angels living with us. They are so fun. Of course, they get into things. Today I taped over my disk drive so that I didn't find long distance cards and other things in the drive, but then of course, I needed it. Reminds me of when my own children put peanut butter and jelly sandwiches into the VCR. I'm sure glad they can't read this and get ideas, they have enough ideas on their own. Well, hope you enjoyed your year as much as we did ours. Happy Holidays!

## Don and Lois Colton Family Newsletter Christmas 2003 Edition



In Back: Doris Clayton, Lois, Ben, Don. In front: Isaac and Stacia

Since last year we sent you a picture of us in Hawaii, this year we thought we'd send you a picture of us in front of Mt. Ranier.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You.  
Thank you for being our friends and sharing life  
with us. May the Lord bless you with what you  
need and He desires.**

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

Most of the early months were a constant rotation of work, school, orthodontist, debate, church, and other activities. The big news of the year was all the activities that happened during the summertime. It was our "third-year" trip off-island from Brigham Young University - Hawaii, and off we went. Isaac and Lois left in June and went to her mom's house. There they sorted drawers, closets, and cupboards and helped Doris try to "slim down" the possessions. Many hours were

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spent reminiscing over all the papers, pictures, and memorabilia that were looked at. Many trips to the Post Office occurred and hopefully some of you enjoyed going through your boxes. Sorry for those of you that didn't receive a box. Perhaps you can find a relative to go through their stuff and send you some. :-)

In July, Stacia left for Richland so that she could visit some friends who also are distant relatives. Don and Ben left a few days after Stacia and headed to Richland also. There we stayed with Dennis and Jan and had a wonderful time. We also had a Youth Temple trip with the Colton Cousins, and celebrated Jean and Larry Colton's 50th wedding anniversary.

The next monday we went to a Colton Family reunion at Ft Steven's State Park, stopping at Stonehenge replica along the way. At the reunion Lois was in charge of. She thinks it turned out very well. Hopefully everyone else thought so also. The weather was perfect, the food was plentiful, and the variety of things to do at the park was great. After the family reunion we headed to Disneyland, and California Disney. Ben and Larissa had never been and so it was really fun showing them the sights. Larissa, Sam, and Hollie traveled over from Mesa, AZ to be with us while we were at Disneyland. The only ones in the family that have yet to go are Joseph, Akiko, Shannon, and Latia, and of course, any new grandchildren, and possibly kids's spouses.

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# Isaac

I am in the 7th grade at Kahuku Intermediate School. School is hard here. I wish it were easier. I did a great job in Math last trimester. I got put into the Gifted and Talented Program, and now I have History Day. I'd rather not do History Day. My favorite class this trimester is Industrial Art. I get to play computer games right before class and the class is easy. I go swimming as much as I can over at the BYUH pool. I usually go about 3 times a week. I wish I could go more. I like to use my scooter to ride around with my friends, and sometimes explore in the woods. Other times the computer is where I'm at.



Here is my new "bedroom" alias Castle. It is at the end of the hall. You can open the doors to get onto the top bunk. The windows are where you put your feet to climb.. There is an opening for the bottom bunk.

## Favorites

### Swimming

### Final Fantasy 8

**Computer Games:** Starcraft, Diablo 1&2, Warcraft 1&2 (not 3), Neopets (www.neopets.com) There are TONS AND TONS of games on Neopets(75?)

**Books:** Lord of the Rings (all of em), Harry Potter (3-5), Uptime Downtime, almost any book that I come across...

**Foods:** Pizza, Mixture of Rice, Spinach, and Kalaua Pork.

**Movies:** Lord of the Rings (all of em), Most War Movies.

**Friends:** Isaac Moldowin, Johnny Nelson, L.J. Mariteragi, William Ulii, Arthur Bunnee, Spencer Orr.

# Stacia

What can I say? Another year goes by and I'm still here and still me. It started out with the successful completion of 11th grade and the passing of the AP Biology and AP English Language exams. I got a job working in the BYUH cafeteria in the beginning of May and kept on working all through summer, pausing briefly to fly to Washington and visit friends and family, drive to Oregon for a family reunion, then drive to Washington and then California for Disneyland. I returned home in one piece, which is good.



School started yet again, this time I was dubbed a "senior" by those who knew me. Tests rolled around yet again, this time the SATs and ACTs. I passed (if that's possible?) and began the long and tedious work of applying for college. That's where I am now, come to think of it. I've got half of my BYU application in, still working on the essays.

On the more detailed side, school this year has consisted of debate (as usual), classes like AP US Government and Honors English, and those artistic(?) electives like Photography, Printmaking, Choir, Spanish 3, etc. Political Processes, aka We The People, is by far the most interesting class I have, besides Photography. I am learning a lot about the Government and how it works so I can write an award-winning essay for the competition and hopefully make it through the state competitions and to nationals like last year's team did. I'm very excited at the possibility of visiting Washington D.C.

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Here is the original Colton Family. I thought about showing the larger picture groups, but decided at some point you would need a magnifying glass. Left to right, youngest to oldest: **Roseann, LeAnn, Brent, Perry, Maryjo, Steve, Jim, and Don. In front Larry and Jean**



Ben climbing up Stonehenge, Maryhill, Washington, along the Columbia.



The stonehenge replica above is full-size and was built as a World War I memorial by Sam Hill, a railroad entrepreneur. It has a great museum by it that was going to be one of his homes. It was never finished. Inside it still has the chess sets and gold dress that Don and Lois saw when they were in Junior High School.

You Know, I don't think we're in Hawaii anymore. The Oregon water is really cold. We're forcing ourselves to smile. How do these people stand it? Please, TAKE the picture.

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# Don

I achieved "silver" frequent flyer status on United Airlines this year. When you live in Hawaii, every trip is at least 2000 miles :-). But it hasn't done me any good yet. Maybe later. My hair achieved silver status some time ago, and it is unclear what good if any that may have done either.

My most useful achievement this year may be the hiring of a third faculty member, Jim Nilson, for the Computer Science department here. Two years ago I was a lonesome cowboy. One year ago I had my second faculty member, Leslie Fife. Today I have my third. That makes the teaching loads a little more sane and means that we don't all have to be expert at everything.

Stacia is enjoying her involvement on the Speech and Debate team again, and I signed up to be the Judge Coordinator, which means I do a lot of phone calling two weeks before each tournament to line up the parents who will officiate as judges. This has proven to be a reliable way to spend several hours or more, but we have been successful so far. I have a plan to create a Parents organization so these things will be more automatic and less ad hoc in the future. We shall see.

On the professional front, I became the first editor of a new online academic journal (ISSN: 1545-679X, <http://isedj.org/>) created by the Information Systems Educators (EDSIG) group of which I am a member. Since 2000 I have edited their annual conference proceedings (ISSN: 1542-7382, ISECON), which still continues. Taking it to this next level has been an enjoyable challenge. EDSIG is my excuse for flying all over the country. In March I will be in Newport, Rhode Island for a board meeting. I am also on the BYUH Faculty Promotion and Review committee, as well as serving as chairman of the CS department. My commute is still ten minutes each way by foot.

On the home front, we continue to have two student renters, both from China. And Joseph has brought two of our granddaughters to live here for a while. It has been quite exciting with child-proofing and toys and smiles and hugs. We look forward to Daniel back in July.



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# Daniel

Grusst Euch!

So, my year has been very different than anyone else's in the family. Why? you may ask. I was in Germany the whole time (still am too). I was running around wearing white shirts and ties, and in the winter time, a suit. Talking to people about the gospel and teaching. It has been a wonderful time.

Some highlights of my time here were probably just reading the weekly reports of my family, and strange and unusual encounters with people. Those of you who have served missions can relate with personal experience. I was in Solingen at the beginning of this year. Then I was transferred to Saarbrücken where I spent the next seven months. It was a very hot summer in Germany (hottest on record, 40.4 celsius) So it was fun running around wearing Sunday clothing. After my joyful stay in Saarbrücken I was sent to Wesel. Some might know the rhyme about the Mayor of Wesel and his name. Others won't know it though. It is quite impossible to translate rhymes from one language to another :- ( In this current city I will end my year and we shall see what comes next year.



Elder Daniel Colton

# Ben

The only thing I can remember from the beginning of the year is going to class, and liking quite a few women. I went to my CS classes with Michelle. I had a fun time with her in study groups.

After Winter semester I took a Spring term. I had been taking classes for more than a year straight and I was ready for a break. So for summer I didn't take any classes, I bought

a car, or actually took out a loan for one. I don't have it paid off yet. I had too many repairs to also pay for on it.

At the end of the year I decided to join the army reserves, start up a chess club, and take more credits (16) for the Fall Semester than I had for any previous semester. Unfortunately it was too much for me. All these things mixed with church, friends, work, and sleep made for more than a 24 hour day. I think my classes suffered the most. I still work in the BYUH cafeteria and am secretary for the Young Men at church.

My goal for next year is to take what I can handle and finish what I start. For the first 15 weeks of the year I'll be doing boot camp in Georgia, and training for my position. I will be in Special Operations working with satellite dishes and other equipment.

Another hard part about Christmas as I grow up is, I usually buy things for myself when I need them. When Christmas comes around I don't know what I want that I didn't already get for myself.



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# Lois

I guess the big news this year is that I can now belong to the "Red Hat Society." In honor of this occasion I had my picture taken with a red poinsettia. You'll have to look at the pdf file on the web to see the color though. As you can see I've changed a little from the picture at the bottom of the page when I was four weeks old. Aren't my brothers Dave and Dennis cute?

The best part of the picture is their smiles. What great big brothers they have been. I really enjoy all my relatives, and each year we acquire a few more. This is one of the most exciting parts of getting old. Unfortunately however the older generations move on as the newer generations come. I dream of more daughter-in-laws and grandchildren. I am looking forward to Larissa and Sam having another little one at the end of May.

The best moments of the year are watching, listening to, and doing things for the ones I love. That includes you of course. My life is very full. Sometimes I wish it were quieter, or a little more calm, but I think about my mom's advice and then I enjoy the moments more that are hectic.

During the summer I was able to go to Susy's Cabin again and it is so fun. I read, do jigsaw puzzles, swim, and explore town. It is truly relaxing. Even though I had worked hard while I was on the Mainland this year, it was hard



for me to adjust to being in Hawaii again. There are so many more things I am responsible for in Hawaii. Here I have 11 people living in my house. Right now I also have some company that came for their grandson's wedding. I offered the mom the use of my house since the home they are renting is ready to collapse from termite damage. Life in Hawaii is often an adventure and most of us realize that we need each other to survive. I think life is like that also. I know I need people even when I want to be alone. :- ) I love you all

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*Lots of Love,  
Lois*



## Larissa & Sam Workman

Merry Christmas to all of our friends and family. This year has been a year of many blessings.

Late last year we moved from our decaying mobile home into a townhome apartment. We have enjoyed this change as it not only provides more space for us, but significantly fewer maintenance issues.

Sam still works for Cardinal Healthcare and is coming up on his "5 year" anniversary there next July. He also started back to school recently and is focusing on Business Marketing. He is enjoying his classes although missing the free time he once had. In the rest of his free time he enjoys role-playing, reading, and playing computer games with his father and other friends.

Larissa has had an eventful year. She switched from her administrative assistant job in March to work in a daycare. She started in the infant room as a teacher and then took another position as a Director of a daycare center. About 6 months later she decided to go back to teaching, this time in the toddler room, which is where she is now. She is hoping to be able to get back into running her in-home daycare sometime soon.

Hollie is a busy little bee. She is 16 months old now and very proficient at many skills. She is walking like a pro, running a bit, and talking up a storm. Everyday she learns new words and surprises her parents with the phrases she has learned. Her favorite thing to say is "Hi, Kitty!" (We have several of them :-)) She also understands most of what we tell her or ask her to do, which is such a wonderful blessing to her parents.

We are also adding another addition to our family next year. We are expecting another child to arrive sometime around the end of May. We are very excited that it did not take us as long to get this child as it did for Hollie. We feel blessed that Heavenly Father has allowed us stewardship over another one of his beautiful children.

We love you all and hope that this holiday season is a special one for each of you.

Love, the Workman family



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## Joseph & Akiko Colton

This has been an exciting year for the four of us. We started in Buckley, Washington, moved to Nagoya, Japan, then we moved again and are now in Laie, Hawai'i. Each one of us has learned a lot and grown over the last year.

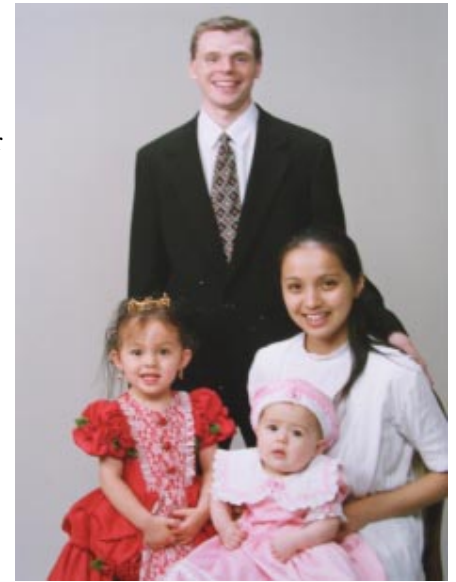
Latia was only a month and a half when we made the move to Japan. There she learned how to eat some adult food, to crawl, walk, and to explore. Latia and Shannon had a lot of fun playing in the closets and cupboards in Japan and are still doing that now. Latia really likes her Papa and runs to him instead of her Mama most of the time.

Shannon prefers her Mama and will not accept Papa as a substitute when Mama is around. She is learning a lot. In Japan she learned to recognize all of the capital letters in the English alphabet and how to read many of the Japanese characters in Hiragana. She likes playing Mama. That includes washing the dishes, feeding Latia and protecting her from anything dangerous. Shannon is shy, but is building a good relationship with some of her relatives and friends of her parents.

Akiko is always busy, or at least always feels busy. She stayed home and took care of Shannon and Latia in Japan. Now that we are in Laie, she is getting ready for school and will be extra busy. She is majoring in Hawaiian Studies because she wants to have fun going to school. She danced hula in Nagoya and has continued hula here in Hawai'i. She is learning the Hawaiian language and loves Polynesian culture. All of this in addition to raising her two daughters.

Joseph taught English in Japan. He had a good time, but missed the computers he loves. Now he is looking for a regular full-time job on O'ahu. He has a temporary job at Brigham Young University Hawai'i working with computers.

We hope that this last year has been full of learning and experiences for each and every one of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.



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