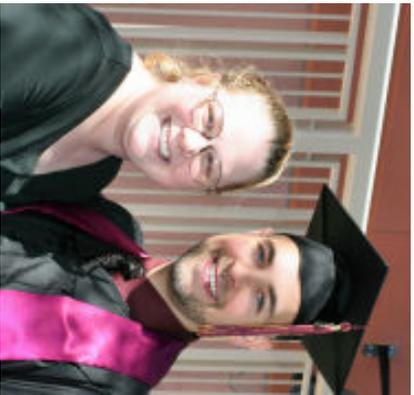




Ben was coming home around Thanksgiving, and Lois didn't know if she'd be here to cook the turkey, so she gave everyone a lesson on how to cook and stuff a turkey.



We fondly remember the train running around our Christmas tree when our children were little. This year we happened to see a "Thomas the Train" set for sale. It was a deal that was too good to pass up. So Don actually bought two boxes. Later we added even more. Eventually our whole livingroom turned into a train yard. It was WONDERFUL. Everyone had so much fun playing with it when they came to visit.



All three of our son and daughters in law walked in graduation ceremonies during 2006. Ann and Akiko still have a few classes left to take and will be done in April. Then they will all have their bachelor's degree. Sam received his certificate before he walked, and was one of two students awarded "Top Scholar" at graduation ceremonies out of about 600.



## Don and Lois Colton Family Newsletter "Christmas" 2006 Edition

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



**Three of our almost 8 grandkids  
We hope your holidays are extra  
special this year and filled with  
family fun.**

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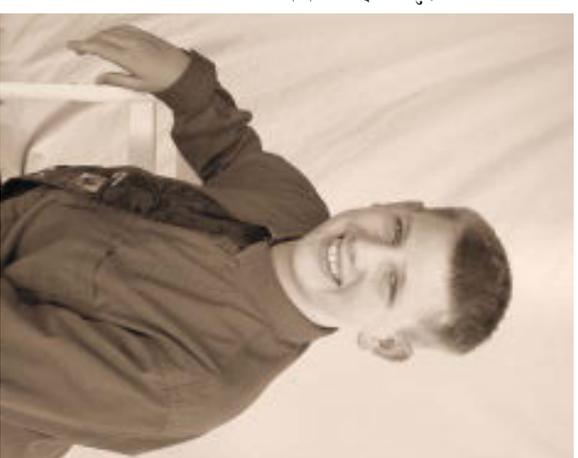


In the middle of February the rains began. On March 9th, you can see what our yard looked like. It quit raining about the end of March and broke records. Ben came home in March also for a two-week R&R. Of course, it flooded while he was here. At the end of May, April and Amy came for a visit. Amy



and Shannon are two months apart in age and so there was a lot of fun. Doris, Lois's mom, was also with us from January till after Daniel and Ann's wedding at the end of June. Doris improved in health, went back to her routine of walking almost 10K a day, and logged about 400K in 6 weeks. She's 87. :-)  
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# Isaac



Greetings, I had a wonderful year, of 2006. Granted, I had a lot of work that I had to do, that I know is worthless to me, and to everyone else. But besides that, I am now a lot taller than I was before. I am now taller than Ben, and I'm currently about 5'10 1/2", but I'm not completely sure. Dad and I started up this awesome routine where every Wednesday we go to his office and watch Lost. Lost is a really good movie, and it has nice cliff-hangers. It keeps both Dad and I interested fully in the storyline, and on the way home we often discuss what we think will happen in the next episode. I have played quite a bit of WoW, which is a MMORPG. I am often "p3ned" by the "horde". If any of you are interested, then we are on "Demon Soul" server, for the "Alliance" and on "Blackwing Lair" server, for the "Horde". Besides gaming, I have Not enjoyed my school, and its because of the fact that we are under oppression. The people in authority over us have given us more periods per day, and less semesters (term changes), so all in all, we have less classes. For example, we used to have 15 periods, now we have 12. Since there are 8 required classes, and usually 2 more we need to take, we only get 2 electives, whereas before we had 5. Usually, electives are somewhat the thing that keeps us sane, or at least for me.

## Favorites

- Swimming**
- Final Fantasy 8**
- Final Fantasy 10**
- Computer Games:**
- Warcraft Three, E.T,
- Morrowind, W.o.W.
- Starcraft, KOTOR 1&2**
- Books**
- Raymond E Feist books
- Foods:**
- Piel Egg Nogl' MMM!
- Movies:**
- Bear-berlon 5 (babylon)
- Stargate SG-1
- Friends:**
- Isaac, Poi, L J, Johnny

For those who don't understand the "Isaac's Jargon", here is your cheat sheet:  
WoW = World of Warcraft  
KOTOR = Knights of the old Republic (An offshoot of Star Wars)  
MMORPG = Massive Multi-player On-line Role Playing Game

# Stacia

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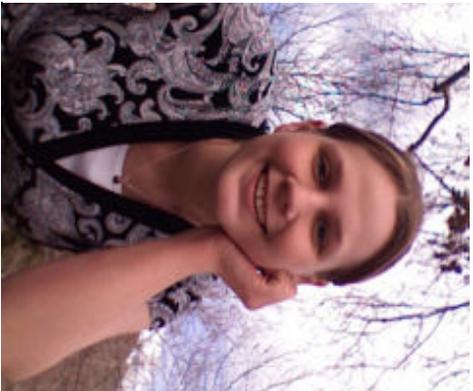
This past year has been quite an interesting one for me. I started it out as a sophomore majoring in French and ended it as a senior majoring in Home and Family Living. People ask me why I chose the major I have now and what career I plan to start with it, and I have no idea. I love the classes and know that I will use the information I am taught. How many college students can say the same? Of course, since I am starting my senior year, I will have to think about things like internships (which are optional with my major) and an eventual career. It is a daunting thought. I'll let you know next year where I end up on that one.

On an less educational note, I work at Einstein Bagels in Provo. It is a cute, little café/deli just four blocks from where I live. I have worked there since the beginning of last year. I started out as a sandwich maker and now I am a shift manager. It's a fun, social, occasionally stressful job and I love it. I think my roommates love it, too. I sometimes bring them home bagels.

What else is new in my life? I am thoroughly enjoying my life as a single 20 year old in Provo. There are a lot of nice guys here. You know what I mean. I love school. I love work. I love my calling at church as a Relief Society Counselor. I love my roommates and my family. What else is there to life?

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Stacia



**What Women Want—or at least what Stacia wants:** I love white carnations accompanied by either Lindt milk chocolate or plain cheesecake. **My favorite movie** is *Pride and Prejudice*—yes, I know that's the stereotypical girl answer. **My favorite colors** are blue, pink, black, brown... pretty much all of them. **My favorite food** is probably whatever I can get for free, though I'm partial to Chinese food eaten with chopsticks. **My things** - I'm attached to my cell phone, with my iPod coming in second. **When I really want to have fun**, I like ice skating.



When we weren't walking we had a lot of fun together.

After Daniel and Ann's wedding (see front cover), the next big happening was a family reunion followed by a trip to Disneyland. Don and Lois really enjoyed the turtle show and the Buzz Lightyear ride. Don't we look intelligent? Afterwards we went different directions: Lois to Alaska, Isaac to Arizona, Don to Hawaii, Stacia to Provo, and Daniel and Ann to San Diego. Summers are wonderful to visit with family!



Oops, wrong picture. oh, well

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# DON

I submitted my paperwork to be promoted from Associate Professor to Full Professor. It seems amazing that this is our tenth year in Hawaii. I think I stand a pretty good chance of being approved, but you never know until the committee finishes its work. Maybe I will even get a pay raise.



I have tried to develop a few new skills. They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, so if you can learn new tricks, that proves you are not an old dog (yet). I have been studying computer networking, with an emphasis on hubs and switches and routers and gateways. A few months ago I was still struggling with the vocabulary. Now I appreciate the differences and even know how to set up the appropriate components. I had a home network before. Now I know how to set up an enterprise network. It's progress.

My Information Systems department at BYUH is doing well. I continue to upgrade the staffing. When I started as chair three years ago we had five people: two PhD, two masters, and one bachelors. Now we have gone through two faculty searches and replaced the two masters with two ABD (all but dissertation toward their PhD, and soon to finish), which makes us better prepared to help our students. Even though I don't always get what I want when I want it, I feel pretty good about how things have gone.

At church I have taken on a new role as Assistant Clerk for Membership Records. It has been fun and interesting to bring the records up to date for the move-ins, move-outs, deaths, babies born, and the priesthood advancements. The records can get out of date pretty quickly. Something is always happening.

After having such trouble with my back, and working hard to recover some muscle tone there, I have been through a couple of other health issues. (a) My spinal column has a narrow spot that affects the nerves to my hands. Sometimes they feel numb, but it is not due to poor blood circulation. It's the nerves. Fortunately even when the feeling is not there, I still have motor control over the muscles, so I can still type, open jars, and feed myself. There is nothing they can do about it at this time. I guess we have to wait for it to get worse, or just hope it does not. (b) A sleep study evaluated my breathing and revealed that I have a severe case of apnea (holding my breath), up to 107 times per hour for 30 seconds at a time. That's just about continuous. With treatment including loratadine and a CPAP machine I have improved to an average of only about 20 times per hour, which is LOTS better.

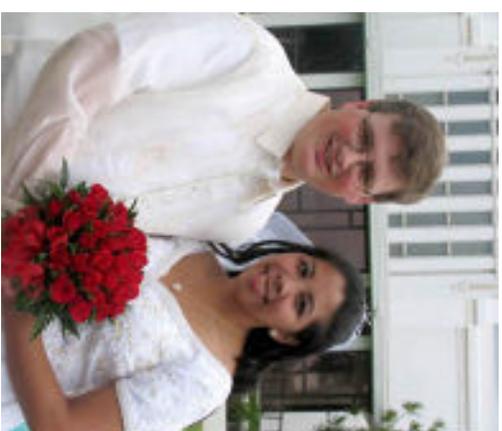
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So, I guess life marches on. I am glad to still be part of it. Don

## Daniel & Ann

Greetings from Ann and Daniel Colton,

This year has been our grand launch year. We got married on June 28, 2006. It was a Wednesday for those curious folks to know. And why a Wednesday? Because it was after spring term had ended for BYU-Hawaii and we felt no need to wait a WHOLE week for the



festivities. Besides, the temple where we got married is always busy on Saturdays that time of year with weddings. We needed ours to have no time conflicts. Ann is a student at BYU-Hawaii studying International Business Management and has had many interviews with Marriott Hotels and has been favorably met with an offer to participate in Management Training for a year starting next May. This of course has made us both very happy. Daniel is also a student at BYU-Hawaii and is studying Information Systems. He hopes to graduate in April of 2008. Daniel has been trying to find a place of employment for after graduation and so far has not had any offers, promising prospects although. He has great hopes and feels confident that all will work out.

Our plans for the future might take us to work in an international area. While Daniel did serve a Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Germany, Germany is not our number 1 possibility. It is the Philippines where Ann was born. Ann has a strong desire to return to her nation of birth and do good in the country. It also helps encourage her that most of her immediate family has in past years moved back to the Philippines and she would like to be reunited with them. Daniel on the other hand speaks no Tagalog and might feel like a fish out of water. There is nothing firm about these plans but we recognize that there is a strong pull towards them. As for Children and the future these two are a certainty, but presently there are no children here or on the way. When our first child comes Daniel wishes for a girl and Ann hasn't expressed her opinion on the matter. Daniel feels a daughter first would help train up the boys to be milder.

We are a happy couple and we wish you a happy and belated Merry Christmas and Good Luck in the New Year.

# Ben

At the beginning of the year it was cold and muddy in Iraq most mornings and there was frost on the ground. I liked that time because often people would not show up to our work site unless they needed to be there. I got to watch the weather change and saw the first blades of grass of the year. We decided to plant crops in our spare time, but really we should have just planted flowers. Work was the same most days, and I spent my spare time at work. While in Iraq we built our headquarters from wood that we



had brought with us from Florida. On the 4th of July we shot flares into the sky. On holidays the Dining facility carved decorative melons. One junk thing that happened at the end of my tour was that we consolidated all the people back together. There was only work for 5 people, but the company had their headquarters there so there were a bunch of extras there. After we got all 80 of us there, it was a mess. My favorite part of the year was Thanksgiving where Mom and Dad came to visit me during the returning trip from Iraq. Christmas and Birthdays are so much nicer when you have

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# Lois

In 2006, I traveled several places and had a lot of fun. My mom came to visit me at the end of January to recuperate and ended up staying until after Daniel's wedding in June. Ben came home for a 2-week visit in March. Amy and April came for a visit the end of May. Then the wedding came. It was great and I got tired, but there was a lot of joy. In July we went to a family reunion in the mountains of California.



We flew into L/A and did a 7 hour road trip. There were six of us in a mini van and we had carefully figured out how much luggage would could take. The only problem was that the minivan was smaller than the one we'd practiced with .-) Now I can say I've seen CA between LA and Pinerest. Been there, done that, and thanks, but next time I won't drive. I was amazed at how CA looks in July. Don reminded me that it is called the "Golden State. "--) I sure didn't see a lot of green. Then after the reunion we went to Disneyland which is one of my most favorite places on earth. Then I flew to Alaska for a super great vacation. I got to see so many great-nieces and nephews that I hadn't seen before. Then it was back to Hawaii for the family to start school and for me to go back to baby-sitting grandkids.

In October, I took a break and flew to Utah for a surprise visit to Stacia, and went to Mesa to watch Sam graduate from College. He was one of two students to win "Top Scholar" out of 600 graduates. We had a luau for him and I got to visit with my niece Anna, and her husband, Jared, that I hadn't met yet. In November I took a long flight to Atlanta, GA and then on to Gulfport, MS. I could see the devastation of Hurricane Katrina from the air. It was amazing. We met Ben as he returned from Iraq. Words can not express the joy that that reunion was. After a few days of out processing, we drove through Mobile, Alabama to a rest stop just past the Florida State line. There we joined a motorcade of about 30 vehicles and lots of police motorcycles, and even a helicopter. The Radio Station's van was right behind ours. We traveled very slowly for 30 miles to Milton, FL with traffic stopped for us and people waving from the side of the road. It makes me cry to even remember the experience. It was amazing. In December, I had two daughter-in-laws "walk" in graduation ceremonies. They are finishing their last classes now and will be done in April. It was an amazing year.

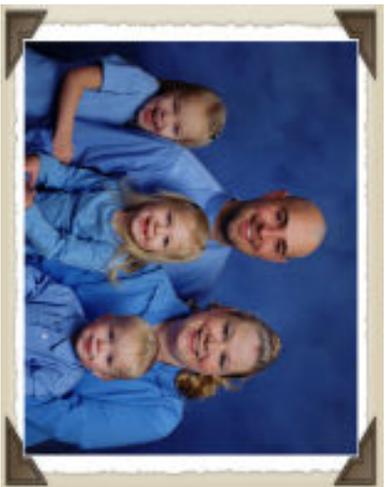
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# Larissa & Sam Workman

This year has been a hard one, but very rewarding!

Sam finally finished his Bachelor Degree in Marketing and has taken a job with Circle K as a store manager. He is happy to have time off from



schoolwork now. He also spends much of his spare time writing stories with his brother and his friend Clete. Next year his goal is to get something published. Pray for him!

Larissa has been busy. Between her children, her RS Secretary calling, and her job at Pizza Hut as a delivery driver, she doesn't end up with as much spare time as she would like, but makes due. The rest of her spare time is spent getting her scrapbooks caught up. She has begun digital scrapbooking and that makes it a lot easier to keep on top of her baby books.

Hollie is 4 and loves preschool. She is reading at the basic level and can do some very basic math. Currently she loves spending time pretending to be Ariel, watching Ariel, or playing with her Ariel dolls. Do you see a common theme? She also enjoys other small dolls and watching movies/tv shows.

Briyanna is 2 ½ and loves to do anything Hollie does. She was Tinkerbelle for Halloween and announces this proudly to anyone she meets. She also loves Strawberry Shortcake, thanks to her mother and grandmother. She is good at identifying all of her colors, letters, and numbers. She also loves to play with small dolls with Hollie. They are great little buddies.

Caleb is 19 months and a true little boy. He loves to climb everything and especially chairs close to computers. He tries to move the mouse around to play the computer. He also loves to play tag and get tickled. He is very snuggly as well and enjoys getting attention from Mom or Dad. You will frequently see him walking around with a toy phone chattering away to some imaginary person on the other end. He also enjoys dancing and spinning himself around until he gets dizzy and falls down. He is a real character.

Joshua will be joining our family near the end of April. We hope he grows to be a healthy baby boy!

Happy Holidays from the Workman family! We love you all!

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# Joseph & Akiko Colton

This year has been a good one. We have had a lot of exciting events as a family this year which include our trip to Japan to visit Akiko's mother and cousins and the birth of our youngest son, Alexander.



Joseph has been working hard at Brigham Young University Hawaii. One of the things he really enjoys is teaching and working with people in the School of Computing. This year he was able to setup for the ACM Collegiate Programming Competition Pacific Northwest Region and even participate as a judge. He has also been enjoying serving as the 2nd counselor in the Bishopric for one of the BYUH Student Singles Wards for most of the year.

Akiko is still working her way through school. She is getting closer to graduation, but she wishes she were already there. As her stress relief during the week, she has continued to take hula classes in Kaneohe and recently started attending the competition class. One thing she will be doing is dance in the Merrie Monarch hula festival in April 2007. Akiko spent more time in the hospital this year than she would have liked to. In May she had surgery to have her appendix removed. In September she was in the hospital for the birth of Alexander. The latter was an acceptable reason for a hospital stay.

Shannon started Kindergarten this year. She is a good student and was awarded the honor of "Super Citizen" for the month of August. One of her assignments is to have someone read to her for 15 minutes each day. Through this assignment she has been able to go through some classic books like "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" and has started and enjoys others such as the Rainbow Magic series. Shannon has continued to dance hula and has started Tahitian dance.

Latia started preschool. She loves going to school and has become our family artist. This Thanksgiving, Latia was able to compete in the Laie Elementary "Turkey Trot". While Latia did not win the race, she competed and enjoyed the thrill of having everyone cheering her on.

Michael is the newest member of our family talking club. He has learned to hold his own in any conversation you throw at him. He was able to overcome his fear of nursery and now looks forward to going each Sunday. We are amused when he asks, "Follow the Prophet iku (Japanese for going to)?"

Alexander smiles a lot so we guess he is really enjoying himself. He does manage to get in quite a few hours of sleep a day. Something that has both of his parents both thankful and jealous. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. when he was born on September 21st, but he has had to put on a few pounds to reach his current weight of about 18 lbs.

Sincerely, Joseph, Akiko, Shannon, Latia, Michael, and Alexander Colton.

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