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Don and Lois Colton Family Newsletter Christmas 1999 Edition



“Tunafish” is all wrapped up in the
Holiday Season.

We wish you and your family
a very Merry Christmas.
It is a wonderful time of year
as we celebrate the birth
of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ.

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

1999 Family News: Part of our excuse for doing an annual newsletter is to be a record of our family doings during the year. We have enjoyed reading our newsletters from past years. Some people think it is a bit tacky to talk about yourself instead of sending an expensive and colorful Christmas card with a signature. Am I running away with myself? Well, back to reality. We heartily recommend some form of personal history to each of you. Looking back helps us appreciate how far we have come. We would never have believed that our lives would turn out the way they have. Without further ado, here

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is the year.

January found Lois in Aloha, Oregon remodeling our old home. She had repairs made, and had new carpet and sheet vinyl installed. The entire inside of the house was painted. The roof, sidewalks, and driveway were powerwashed. Also during January Lois watched the birth of a friend's grandchild. It was an exciting time.

February Lois started to school a month late, enrolling in an English class with a required research paper. She would not have done it except the teacher prodded her into doing it. (Lois had to take it some time, but she was going to put it off a bit.) In the end Lois was glad she bit the bullet and got it over with now.

March is about when Don made the big switch from the CS department into the IS department. See his page for more on this story.

April our home in Oregon sold, so we were no longer homeowners, but instead had cash in the bank. That was a big relief.

May continued the adventures this year of houses. Once we had the money safely into our bank here from the sale of our home in Oregon, we closed on a house that we had been pursuing for almost a year. It was a foreclosure, with lots of attendant legal complications, but basically a sound structure in a good location. We have been very pleased, and (so far) we have even been able to meet the mortgage payments.

June was an exciting month. Lois was able to "walk" at BY UH graduation and commencement exercises. Her mother, Doris Clayton, came for that great event, and stayed afterwards for seven weeks. I'm afraid it wasn't the normal Hawaiian vacation, however. We cleaned, moved homes, remodeled our new home, prepared for parties and guests, and did yardwork.

July was a continuation of June except that Chris Colton, a cousin, came to visit for the month. Ben came home
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Isaac

I played Starcraft Broodwar after Ben left the game. I really like the lurkers and medics. I also like the dark arcons. Another thing I like is that you can build dark templars. They do forty damage. I like the thing that we can make snow levels. I was baptized by my father at the beach. I was scared before I went in the water, because you get baptized in the water. I was scared that it was cold.



Favorites

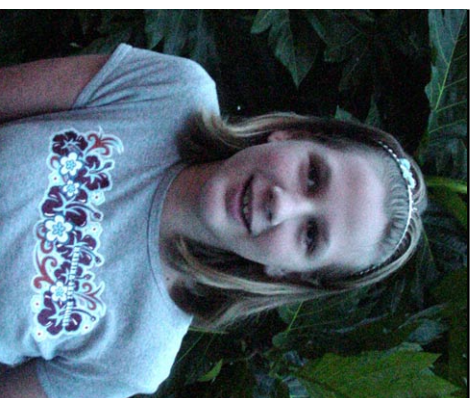
- Right now I am playing Store with my sister, Stacia. We are using her "Life" play money. It is going to be fun. What Stacia and I are doing right now is that Stacia is making French noodles with cheese, which is really Ramen. She is also making apple cider.
- Legos
lasagna
ramen
Starcraft original
Broodwar
Zerg
hydralisk
ultralisk
devouring one
infested protoss
protoss
Zealot
Dragoons
and
dark templars



Stacia

Brothers and Sisters, Aloha! I am 13 years old and am a 2nd year Beehive. I am the Beehive Class Secretary. I have quite a few friends but I couldn't list them all in my favorites column. This year I am taking an art class and Math Workshop. They are both my electives. Then I have BPA. Who knows what that stands for? Not me. BPA is four classes all in one year. I change every quarter (9 weeks) I started with Agriculture, but now I have Business. After I will have Wood Working and then Home Ec. This fall I am in a play called "Arsenic and Old Lace" I play the understudy for Martha, one of the crazy old aunts. The play will be on December 9th - 11th.

I am also in Brown Bags this year. That is our talent show. We will have it on December 10th. In my group are Sunshine, Ericka, and me. Mali was going to be in it but she couldn't, so she is our manager. We are going to do a dance to "Come on Over" by Christina Agulera. (Is that how you spell it?) Well



Favorites

Toys:

Pokemon Cards

Computer

Songs:

Love is spoken here

I learn of me

School Stuff:

Lunch

Recess

BPA

Brown Bags

Friends:

8th Sunshine Nelson

8th Ericka Staples

7th Mali Nelson

8th Kanoho Poluto

8th Carolyn Gibby

8th Juliana Jimenez



school is my life. Except my family and Rollercoaster. (a computer game) -Color Me Crimzon (group name)

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from living in Utah for a year. He was earning money for his mission. And Joseph came home from his proselyting trip to the Japan Okayama/Hiroshima Mission.

August everyone, except Lois, went back to school. Lois continued working on the house, especially painting. Daniel took up Speech and Debate, and life sort of settled into a routine.

September drama started again, and although Daniel and Stacia did not get parts, they were both understudies.

October saw lots of field trips for Isaac. Don took a trip to Chicago for the ISECON '99 convention. ISECON is the Information Systems Educators Conference. At the end of the month Halloween came with its unpredictable number of trick 'r' treaters. We counted that we had about 440! We set up a card table in the driveway and lit four torches nearby to look pretty and draw attention. Over here most people set up outside. Some even have barbecues. Some visitors sat and chatted with us for a while. That



Miss Oreo

was a treat.

November saw a lot of Speech and Debate competitions. Don judged almost every week for speech. One of the highlights of November was the announcement of Joseph and Akiko Takano's engagement and their June wedding date. Thanksgiving was special this year as we had a "daughter-in-law" with us. It was her first Thanksgiving.

December was the usual party, concert, and play month. Ben went to all three nights of the High School's Arsenic and Old Lace. Yes, it was a wonderful play. The set was absolutely stunning.

We have also been receiving your yearly newsletters and pictures. It has been really fun to read them. We've also received a few wedding announcements of our children's friends. It really shows that another generation is growing up. It has been a delight. Thank you for remembering us in mailing your newsletters.

We learned a lot about telephone calling cards in December. We were hoping to call people on Christmas Day, but the card we had purchased had been almost totally used up (before we bought it). The store gave us a replacement and Stacia managed to call Oregon. We managed to call South Africa and Alaska. Now we are wondering why we bother to have Long Distance on our telephone with the cheaper phone card rates. This card was 2.9 cents a minute with a 45 cent connect fee. Compared to, say, 5.0 cents a minute and no connect fee from AT&T (but a Universal Access charge of several dollars a month that probably matches the connect fee).

We are also learning about renting. As part of our funding for Ben's mission (Ben paid a large part of it himself), we plan to rent rooms to college students. This gives us incentive to make the house nice, not just for us, but for our renters. And then there are tax consequences that we must learn about. We are looking forward to a new experience, though. If this works, when we retire we can use student renters to help fund our retirement activities. Good plan, huh?

Well, happy Year 2000 to each of you. May your days be merry and bright! Love, the Coltons in Laie, Hawaii

Don

It has been a really busy year for me.

I have been job hopping. Here is the story in brief. I started out two years ago in the Computer Science department. This year I became chairman of the department. With pressure to bring the number of graduates (too small) in line with the number of faculty (three), we decided as a group that graduation numbers would rise only slowly, and therefore decided to offer to reduce the faculty by one.



At the same time, the Information Systems department had been desperate for someone to teach programming, which I had begun doing for them in my copious spare time. So, I resigned as chairman and CS faculty member, and took a position as faculty member in the IS department, in the School of Business. My typical semester enrollment is now about 100 students (four classes). In CS it was closer to 30 (three classes). I feel good about this move, and I am having fun, but there is some agony in the process of deciding what the future should really be.

At church, I am the Ward Mission Leader. Since nearly everyone in our area is a church member, my main job is to become aware of each person's missionary activities and provide assistance as needed. This also involves "beating the drum" to encourage greater participation by the members.

With Daniel, I have been involved with Speech and Debate, me being a parent and a judge. It has been very interesting. It has provided me an opportunity to travel to neighboring high schools and listen to the excellent speech and debate work done by our high school students. I must say I am impressed, and I have learned a few things

myself.

Best wishes to everyone!
Merry Christmas! Love, Don

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Daniel

Welcome to my corner, where you learn amazing things of astounding insight about Daniel T. Colton.

It is a new year and as such I have the choice of reviewing the past year, or foretelling the coming year. Well let's talk about the past year for a second and reminisce about the good old days. I was in the play *Working last spring* and uh! It was great I guess.

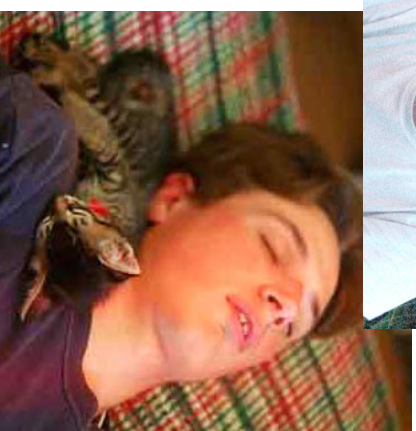
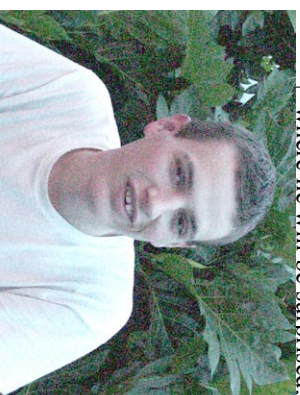
This fall I am an understudy in the play *Arsenic and Old Lace*, this is a humorous selection, an older play and movie, many of you may have seen it, and I hope you found it funny.



The coming year holds for me a few surprises, and this in itself is a little revealing. A person like myself doesn't normally put himself into situations where he will be surprised, but this year I am undertaking the honor of physics, and I am involved in Impromptu speaking, my Debate, or Cross Examination Debate, and to use. On a whole I am very satisfied with the things I am doing very well as of this current moment. I hope people who are better than us, but I feel we stand a chance as my partner and I are very practiced and yet, that's good.

Favorites:

Friends, chess, computer games, drama, and debate.



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Benjamin

Learning To Fly Book 19

Once upon a time ...

When we last left off, our King was in the valley in the mountains. After realizing that he wasn't going to get enough supplies to complete his castle, though he had enough to start it, the king said fare-well to Marvin the Marvelous and his Magnetic Mistress. He packed up his few belongings, and traveled back to Ladie-Land to his parent's house on A magical carpet.

The King knew that his parents had built a castle, and his older brother had too, so the king went to find out how.

"Dad how did you build your castle?"

"If you are going to build one, I'll tell you this. You can't build a castle from standing on the ground, and a Magic Carpet is too shaky. You need to FLY."

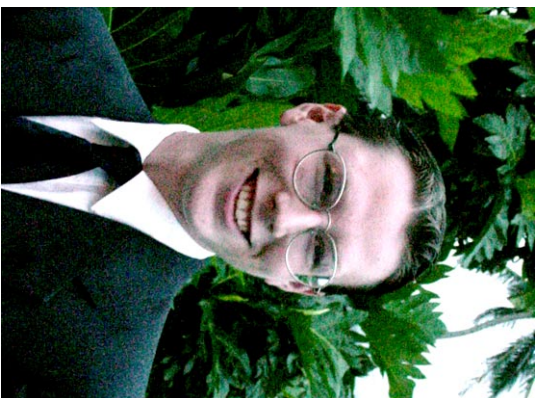
"Rotten Raspberries, I am going to learn to fly!"

The king talked to Sunday and her husband. They showed him how to fly, and after several months of training, Our king was ready.

"Where shall I build this castle?"

he thought. He went and inquired from the King of Kings and his associate. He sent them a letter, and they said that Colorado was the best place. And so the construction began ...

The End



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Lois

What a busy year? (What year isn't?) I started the year by being in Oregon remodeling our home and putting it on the market. I can't say that doing yardwork in January was really a big goal of mine in life. It's amazing what you'll do when you need to. The house got totally painted inside and new kitchen and laundry room flooring added. The whole house received new carpet. Lots of other little things were fixed including the doorframe that our renter had smashed in for us. (Aren't renters wonderful?) When it was all done it was much easier to leave because it looked wonderful, but it didn't look like our home anymore.

When I came back to Hawaii I started my English class a month late. I sure worked hard, and I survived the class.

In April, I started Spring Term, taking a Business class that turned out to be the hardest of the three classes I took at BYUH. I ended with a 4.0 at BYUH. Okay, I know it was only three classes, but I'm still very pleased about it.

In June, I participated in BYUH's commencement. I actually graduated from Provo in August. I'm extremely grateful to have been able to participate in Commencement here at BYUH, though. My mom was able to come and watch me graduate and stay for seven weeks. That was wonderful for me. My family also was able to watch. Afterwards, I received many leis.

In July, Joseph and Ben came home. Joseph from a mission to Japan and Ben from working in Utah. We celebrated and had fun partying. My nephew, Chris, was here for the month of July also.



During May to December, I also worked on the new home that we'd bought in May. It has changed a great deal since the day we signed the papers. It still has a long way to go. I am currently painting the stairs, railings, and deck. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading two Historical Novel series this year, Children of the Promise (WWII), and Prelude to Glory (American Revolution). What a year this has been.

This is what Don says I look like.

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*Lots of Love,
Lois*

Larissa & Sam Workman



It is amazing how fast the year goes by. Can you believe that it is almost the year 2000? Well, the last year has been chocked full of adventure for the Workmans. We started the year in Layton, UT and by March we found ourselves in Chandler, AZ. In July we bought a cute little mobile home and have been happy there ever since. Sam is working for a company called Allegiance. They are the major distributor of health products for hospitals in the country. Sam works in a warehouse and is mainly in the Reefer area which deals with cool, refrigerated and frozen healthcare products.

Larissa is running her own daycare. She is trying to get certified through the state of Arizona and when that happens she will be able to care for children who are getting child care financial aid through the state. She is currently caring for 4 children, 1 year, 14 mo., and two 4 year olds. Life consists of working and then adventuring through AZ on the weekends. There is so much more to do here than anywhere we can remember living before. We enjoy it! The heat is finally dying down and as of mid-November the highs are in the mid 80's. Rough eh? :-) We hope all is going well for everyone!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Christmas Wants: A digital camera

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Joseph & Akiko

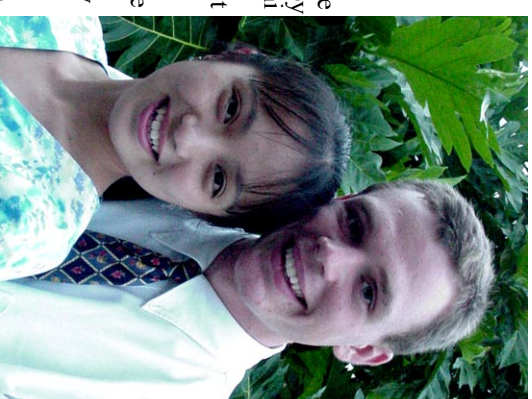
This year has been fun. I started the year out by hiking to the top of a nearby mountain with the branch in Yamaguchi to watch the sunrise. Now that I think about it, watching the sunset on the last day would end that up nicely. Anyway, so much has happened that I do not think I can tell it all. How about a little overview?

As a missionary I was able to enjoy teaching people about Jesus Christ. It seemed as if that all ended when I got my transfer home. I got home and was a bit mentally confused. I did not know what to do. With the encouraging words of my father I was able to get up and apply for a job at the Polynesian Culture Center. This was good because I did not have any friends here besides my family.

School started and I found myself back in the mainstream stressful part of life. I became just one more person struggling for grades while working a job for less money than a good high school drop out fast food worker. Classes have not been as easy as I had hoped they would have been.

Through all of this I was able to have fun. I found a strong friend group with the people with whom I work. Within this multilanguage friend group I found a special friend who seemed different. With her the quality of college life and even just life in general began to be brighter. So, I decided to propose to Akiko Takano. We are planning a wedding for June of 2000.

Here comes Christmas and New Years once again. I have school to attend, Japanese tourists to lead around, and a wedding and reception to plan. Like the Lord said, "...act...as for years." Here we go into a New Year full of new stuff. Smile. Niko niko shite ne. The sunrise will be just as beautiful next year.



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