

The Annual Splinter

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Tom, Christina, Tiffany, Heidi, Kyle, & Madeleine

With everyone growing so fast we feel like we're busting at the seams in our current house. We're looking to move in the next year or so into something with a little more space.

The house projects have slowed significantly this year, with some of last year's painting still needing some finishing touches. Tom's frequent travel and Christina's Mary Kay business being key contributors to the slow down.

Late in the year we gave our Chihuahua, Chico up for adoption, because he was getting very difficult to manage and we couldn't give him the attention he needed. Then, a few weeks later, we got a new dog, a Doberman, from a rescue organization, but had to give her back after a couple weeks because she didn't do well with the children or strangers.

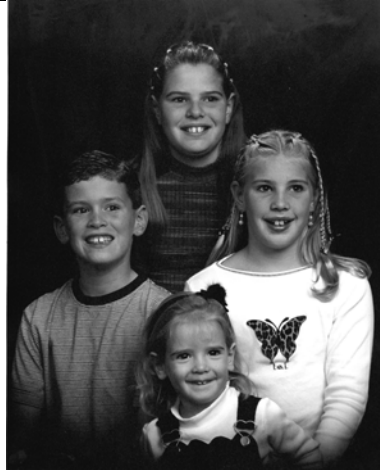
We took our summer vacation to Colorado and Oklahoma, visiting relatives along the way. We also went on the annual Morro Bay campout (plus a couple others) and the kids went to summer camp for the third year straight.

Tom

Still at Iteris working on Intelligent Transportation Systems projects. The trips to Detroit have almost completely subsided, and now Tom is working projects closer to home. Don't know how long that will last.

Tom plays a lot of basketball, at work and in the company league his team had the best record and made it to the championship game. Unfortunately, he got sick that day and couldn't play, and the team lost. He likes to think he would have made the difference.

He is still the leader of Kyle's Cub Scout den, now Webelos, and has a lot of fun working with Kyle on activities and projects.



Christina

Mary Kay business is going strong. She has a very large client base and several new recruits working under her. Most important though, she is having lots of fun doing it.

Christina loves staying home with Madeleine and they often go out and do fun activities like riding ponies and feeding the ducks.

She cut back her role in the girl scouts because it was becoming too demanding of her time. So she no longer leads a troop, but still helps out with things like putting together the monthly newsletter.

Tiffany

What a difference a year makes! Tiffany started fifth grade like she was shot out of a cannon. She's excelling in every subject and is the top reader in her class.

The clarinet is this year's instrument of choice after playing the violin last year.

Other activities include Girl Scouts (her fourth year) and basketball. She is playing in a local girls league and is doing quite well even though this is her first year and the other girls have played for at least two

years. We are very proud of her excitement and enthusiasm.

Heidi

Trying to keep Heidi in one piece has been this year's challenge. She fell off her bike early in the year and hurt her mouth real bad, then fell off it again recently and broke a finger.

She is doing well in school and stays after most days to help her teacher in the classroom. She is learning to play the violin this year and enjoys playing.

Like Tiffany, she is playing in a local basketball league and is continuing in Girl Scouts with Tiffany's troop this year.

Kyle

Continues to excel at school in all subjects. Although a fourth grader he's in a 4/5 combo class. Along the lines of school, Kyle loves to read and goes through books faster than we can supply him with new ones. He recently completed an extracurricular chess class and loves to play whenever he gets the chance.

Kyle and Heidi continue to be very similar. He made a trip to the emergency room this year after falling through our coffee table and getting seven stitches on his left hand.

Kyle's mother recently moved again and now lives in Calabasas. Kyle has been helping her move on the last couple of visits.

Madeleine

Our last baby is almost out of diapers. She's really developing a personality of her own. She knows what she wants and works hard to get it.

Madeleine is very active and loves making new friends. She is also very easy to take care of (for a two-year old). We may get

her started in a pre-school program next year to help prepare her for school.