

'HANSON FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

For over 30 years now we have had a traditional Hanson Family Christmas party. In the beginning, since the family had grown so large, we held them at Peeks. It was a super place and had a stage and kitchen. We always had a great dinner and then the different families would put on entertainment.

Each year there was a special play which the children would act in. Usually Aunt Carol would write and direct the play and sometimes Aunt Gaye had the responsibility of doing it.

Each year Santa would come and each child would receive a gift from him.

When we first had the parties they were held at Mom and Dad's house but the family soon outgrew these quarters and we started renting the hall at Peeks. Dad had made the statement that "Someday the family would be so big we would have to rent a hall" and sure enough he was right.



Being able to act in the play was something all the children looked forward to and it was a practice that all the kids be able to take part. Each year the bigger parts were given to different children so everyone had a chance to be the star.

Another special part of the evening was when the different families had to put on entertainment. Jon once commented he thought the best part of the evening was waiting to see what the Jamison's would do this year.

One year Burdette got on his hands and knees and had a lorge bow on his nose and paper antlers on his head and Erik at age 3 sat on his back and along with Gale and Dirk sang "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer"

Another year Burdette and kids dressed in shiney jackets and were rock stars and played and sang Christmas songs. They really outdid themselves the year Gale and Dirk put jackets over their nose and mouth and painted eyes on their chins and laid on a table and sang upside down. They sang to a record and everyone laughed so hard we all had a great time.



It was always so precious to see the babies in the family get up and sing their little songs. Seeing the others perform took away their shyness and each tried to outdo the other.

The excitement rose as the evening wore on and the little ones realized Santa would soon show up.

The most touching party and the one I love most to recall was the year we all chiped in and bought Mom a three-wheeled bike and as part of the play had Santa bring it out and give it to Mom at the end. I still remember how cute she was as she rode it around in circles on the stage.

Our Christmas parties continued even after we moved to Oregon. The first few



years in Oregon we all lived there together except Jeanne, Geri and Mary. Within a short time everyone but the Adamson's and us had moved back to Calif. While the biggest part of the family was in Oregon we still had our parties and held them at Mom's house. Later when everyone but Carol and us had moved back we held them at Carols or my house while the rest of the family had their usual get together in a rented hall in Calif.. These Christmas parties had a great effect on all of us. They have bound the family tighter each year. It has also developed talents in everyone and been a great place for the children to get a chance to shine in doing their "thing".





Some of our Favorite Christmas Traditions spending one whole day baking + decorating cookies to take around to our favorite people! our family Xmas

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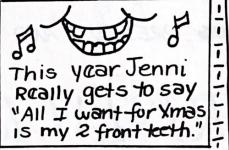
party is one of our very favorite parts of xmas!

we read Luke 1:1-16 on xmas que before we go to bed.

gown to the Pharbour and watch the boat parade each year.

Favorite Xmas Recipe! *GLOGG* Swedish Hot spicy Drink IN saucepan or crock pot combine these ingrediences + heat at Low for one hour. 1 gallon cranapple juice * 10 whole cloves 1/2 cup Raisins * original recipe: cook 12 cut-up applies + 2 cups whole cranberries in I gallon water. Strain. add spices. Heat on Low heat one hour.

Marry Christmas/ WE LOVE YOU!



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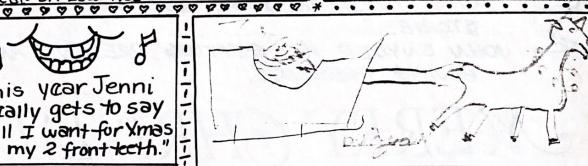
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT CHRISTMAS? JOHN ROBERTS 5 - "THE TOYS" RANDI HOLMES 3 - "PRESENTS UNDER THE TREE AND AN ORANGE IN MY STOCKING" JENNI KELLER 6-"FINDING A PRETTY XMAS TREE AND DECORPTING IT WITH FANCY THINGS." KYLE ADAMSON 9 - "THE PRESENTS!" JANA PITT 4 - "MY PRETTY PONY" KARI HANSON 5 - " OPENING PRESENTS AND GOING XMAS SHOPPING." RYAN KELLER 8 - GETTING RAD STUFF AND GOING AROUND ON XMAS MORNING TO SEE ALL MY COUSINS STUFF, AND XMAS COOKIES!" DAVID ADAMSON 6- WHEN SANTA CLAUS COMES AND I GET PRESENTS" BRETT ROBERTS II - "OUR BIG FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING" GAREN HOLMES 4 - WHEN SANTA CLAUS COMES AND BRINGS ME A FIRE GUN." SHANNON ADAMSON 11 - "THE WHOLE FAMILY GETTING TOGETHER" TARA PITT 6 - GETTING PRESENTS AND GOING CHRISTMAS CAROLING!" DAVID ROBERTS 8 - "SITTING AROUND THE XMAS TREE ON XMAS EVE TELLING STORIES." JOHN SNYDER 10 - GETTING PRESENTS AND GIVING PRESENTS."

INCERRY CHRISTMAS

MORRIS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

by Karen

Christmas time is especially filled with love for our family and fellowman. But lately even before the holiday season I've really thanked my Heavenly Father for my many blessings. When we put away all earthly cares and things - our family members and how we live the Gospel that our Savior Jesus Christ brought to us is all that matters in this life. We all should be the happiest, joyfull loving people on the Earth - for we truly know the reason for the Saviors birth and his life's mission. We should rejoice the dawning of each day and fill our lives with service to our famlies and friends-for they are the ones we should be loving and caring about the most.



BEAU- I really like Santa Clause. He's really nice and brings me lots of stuff.

MICHAEL-" Candy canes on the Christmas tree, and the christmas tree. I like to help my Dad put on the stand to hold the tree up. I love Santa Claus too!

MORRIS TRADITIONS

coming.

Our favorite tradition is opening up a brand new pair of pajamas on Christmas Eve. We sit in front of the fireplace and Skip reads the Bible version of the Birth of the Savior. Its a warm and loving way to spend Christmas Eve. It reminds me of my childhood and is something we've continued in our family.

We also enjoy caroling on a night a week before Christmas with my parents and brothers, sisters and grandkids. It is a special time for all of us! We have people that really look forward every year to us

SANTA CLAUS

by Tara Pitt

CHRISTMAS TREE

By Michael Morris



SANTA CLAUS BREAD

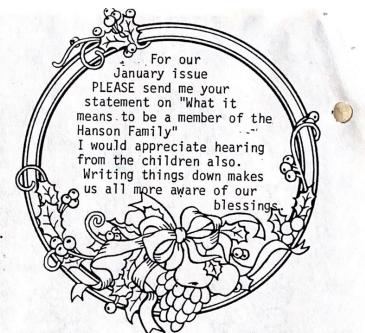
7½ c flbur l T. salt 2 c milk 3 egg yolks ½ c plus l T raisins melted butter l egg yolk 2 pkg yeast l t water 3 T sugar

Measure 7 cups of the flour into a large bowl. Mix milk and melted butter in small sauce pan: beat until warm 105° to 115°. Dissolve yeast in ½ cup of the milk mixture. Add sugar, salt and 3 egg yolks to remaining milk mixture, stir in dissolved yeast mixture. Pour liquid over flour; mix well. Add remaining flour until stiff dough is formed.

Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Knead until smooth and elastic. About 10 minutes. Place in greased bowl; turn greased side up and cover with towel. Let rise in warm place until doubled. About 2 hours. Punch down dough. Form dough into desired shape on greased cookie sheet. (Dough can be formed by hand and cut with scissors) Garnish with braids

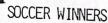
scissors) Garnish with braids of dough and raisins. To keep raisins from falling off moisten them with water before placing on dough. Cover. Let rise about 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 350°. Mix 1 egg yolk and 1 teaspoon water. CArefully brush dough with egg mixture. Bake until golden. 35 to 45 minutes. Remove and cook on wire rack.



SANTA CLAUS BREAD





Gaye informs me both Ryan and Jenni are on socoer teams that took first place. She tells me Ryan is a super goalie and Jennie plays half-back and forward. They have a great time watching the kids play and Steve makes an excellent coach and all the boys adore him.

Congratulations kids.



CHRISTMAS

How well I remember Christmas Eve and all the torture of trying to get and stay asleep. It seems it was the longest night of the year. To keep us from getting up during the night Mom and Dad told us we could get up as soon

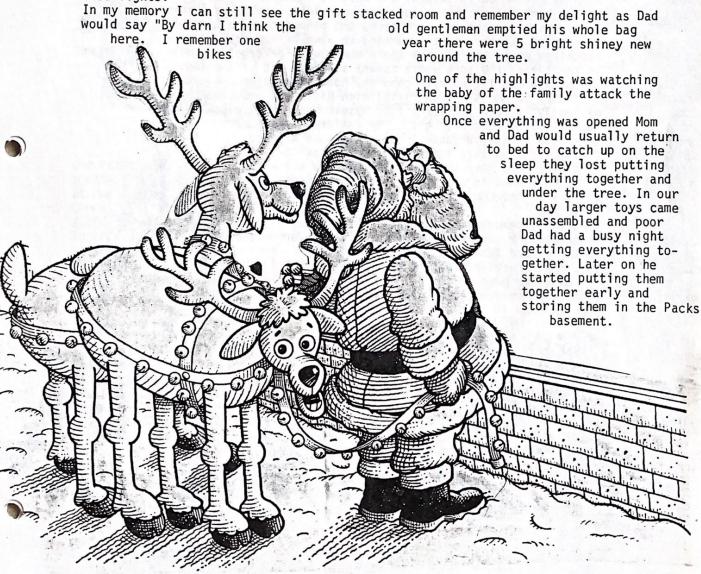
by Shirley

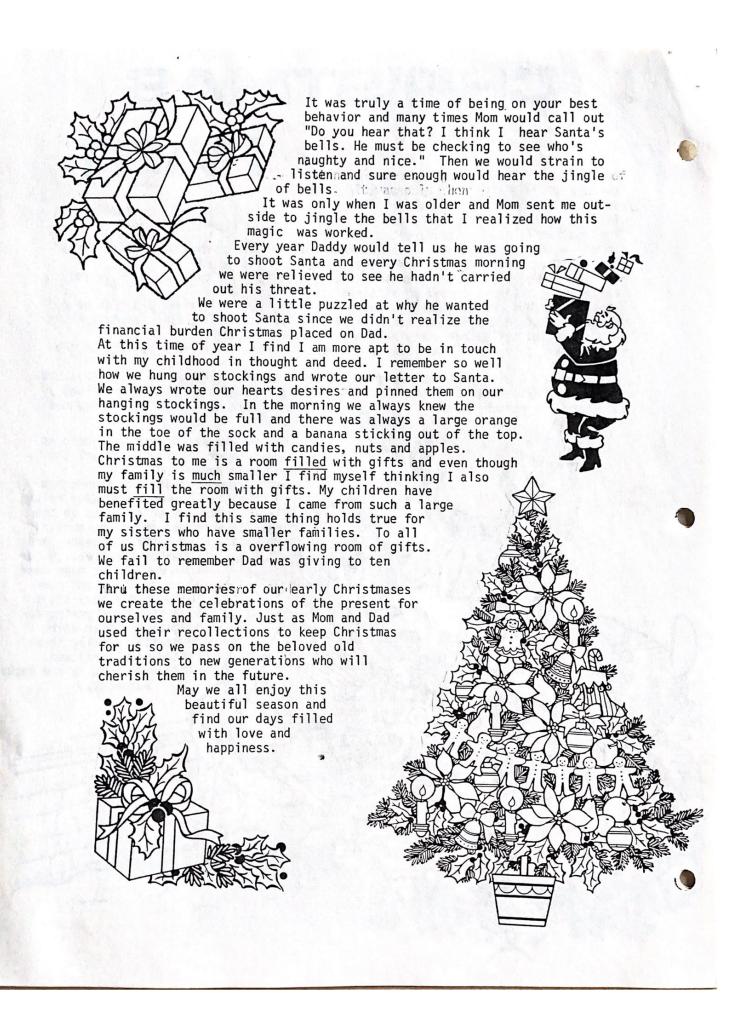
as we saw Mrs. Packs lights come on next door. Thank heavens she was an early riser and we could count on her lights coming on by 5:00 am.

I'm sure some of my sisters remember the agony of trying to sleep because they allow their children to get up as early as 2:00 and 3:00 am.

Once we saw Mrs. Packs lights go on we could call out to Mom and Dad "Can we get up now?" Before Mom and Dad had come up with the idea of waiting for Mrsl Packs lights we had called out every half hour all thru the night.

Daddy would gather with the kids as Mom went into the front room to turn on the tree lights.





OPEN LETTER TO THE FAMILY By Carol Adamson



A few months ago Shirley wrote and requested a piece for the newsletter about a few of the reasons why I thought our family was close knit and unique - at the time we were struggling to re-establish our family in California - Dave's buriness was floundering and he was

seeking work in a larger construction Co. Our house in Oregon had still not sold, so prospects of getting into a home of our own right away were dim - With 7 kids still at home you can't be out of work long so I decided to look for part time work in the School District, so I could be home when the kids were - so I was also testing and interviewing - trying to get kids back into school, getting ready to welcome a missionary home and wondering how we were goint to get the next one in the field right away, and generally fighting feelings of frustration and even depression. Needless to say, I never got around to fullfilling Shirleys request.

Well, three months later, I have pen in hand and will try and tell you how the past 3 months have

helped me to fullfill this assignment.

First of all, Dave is back to work supervising for the Duncan Construction Co. and I am working part time at ct and things are smoothing out. Although the past 3

the Westminster School District and things are smoothing out. Although the past 3 months have been trying, easily the most difficult of our 25 years of marriage— It was a joy to see how the boys pulled together to help each other. Shane, 24, and Lance 19, pooled their money to pay for Kearys last month or two in the mission field, to make it easier for Dad. Lance had come home early from College last year to help out and earn money for his own mission and Shane had been saving for his return to college in the fall, but they didn't give it a second thought—their love and concern for their brother came first. On Kearys return from his mission, he was equally concerned about getting Lance out on his mission and Keary offered to work and pool his money with Lance in an effort to get Lance out, and they have been

working together as a team to that end, since August. I want the boys to know how proud we are of them and how much we love them, and appreciate their sacrifices and righteous desires. They are great boys and if you don't have a nickle in your pocket, they make you feel like a million dollars just because they are

jours.

Bryce, l6, worked over the summer and helped pay for his own school clothes and football fees. Scott l4, bought a few of his own clothes and paid for some school fees without telling us - he also decided against football this year knowing it would be expensive getting Bryce into the program - saying "He wasn't interested this year" We should have known better.



For average spoiled American kids used to getting most of what they wanted, they did ok in a temporary pinch - and without complaint - Thanks Boys - We love you.

The three youngest, Shannon 11, Kyle 9, and David 6, were least effected by it all, except a bit confused over the family stress, but they too are special and loved much, which helps you also, through tough times.

I don't know if Shirley ment for me to write concerning my immediate family or our larger "Hanson Family", but I fell I have to include them because during the past few months they have been most supportive and caring. I have to include them all-because they were all there when we needed them - The Pitts, the Roberts, the Kellers, the Snyders, The Hanson's (both) they all helped in one way or another -

We have often been on the helping end for family and friends over the years and never thought much about it, but this experience of being on the other end, has been most humbling and although it was trying- we can see some positive aspects that have emerged from it all - Such as a greater appreciate for the unity and love that exists in our family. Especially the emotional support system - I can't thank my brothers and sisters and sisters-in-law enough for all the talks and walks that uplifted me - I can never in their company that they don't uplift me in one way or another. They remind you of all you have going for you and make you feel equal to any problem or task - and soon things fall back into prospective, and you realize money problems are usually temporary and the least of the problems that can and do plaque the human condition.

You begin to count your blessings and suddenly you feel your problem is a fleeting one and unworthy of negativism or stress that drains you of the energy necessary to banish it.

Thanks again for your love and support - this family is indeed, unique and special -

Love, Carol

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THIS IS A CONVERSATION BETWEEN JON AND BREE ABOUT BONNY.

Dad: "Did you see Bonny today?

Bree: "Bunny come over and bring Sean!"
Dad: "Did Bonny have lunch with you?"
Bree: "Bunny have lunch and go to school

and go to work. Where Bunny go Dad?'

Dad: "Bonny went home to Geri's house,

she's sleeping."

Bree: "Bunny comes to my house and sleep in the bed when she has a headache.

I love Bunny, she gives me hugs."

Bonny we appreciate the way you give so much of your time and love to all the kids in the family, you are a <u>very special</u> person, and we love you.

The Jon Hanson Family





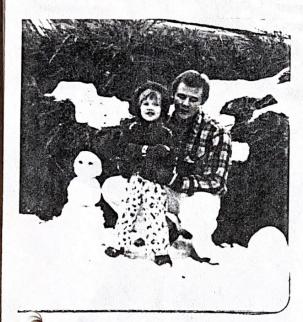
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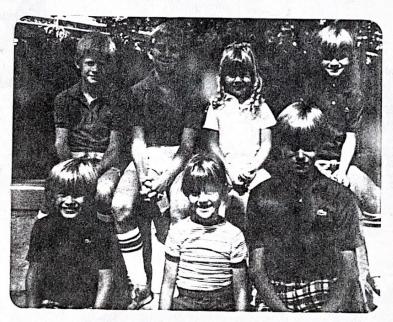


Ryan Bret David Kyle David Jana Tara John





Tara & Steve Pitt



David, Kyle, Jana, David John, Tara, Bret

The MYLER HOME is excited this year looking forward to a new style of life To spend in a new home this holiday cheer Expanding the challenges of husband and wife.

Without shine or glitter the baby Jesus lay And few decorations around the house strung The gift list gets longer, an addition on the way And meeting the neighbors thru carols to be sung.

The calendar gets growded with parties galore It's amazing how quickly the whole year just went More gifts to be homemade and less from the store The budget is tighter, less green to be spent.

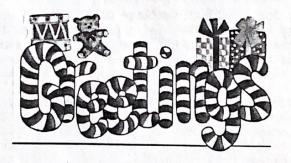
But the best part of all we haven't mentioned just yet It's the good times with family that love one another The traditions and heritage that each year is set More than givt receiving, but giving to the other.

And remembering the Christ child and what he meant with peace on earth brought hope - not small. We hope our holidays aren't frivilously spent And so from the Mylers, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Lisa Roberts Myler







Merry Christmas california style from our very own Kare Bear !









DREAM COME TRUE

Dean and Don went deer-hunting Oct. 20-25 to Southern Utah. After 5 years of not being able to hunt, they both said they had a fantastic time. They each bagged themself a buck. Amazing, they still remembered how to shoot after that long. I am grateful that Dean gave his buck to some Indians who needed it more than us or should I say our "dog" who would have had a years supply of dog food!

Joy and I had a great time while Dean and Don were gone. At least I did, I'm not sure weather Joy did. Friday night she tripped in front of my house and luckily she only sprained her wrist really bad, we had thought for sure she had broken it. I want you to know that Joy is a very determined woman. She managed to go through the Orange County Swap Meet with what she thought was a broken wrist and did not utter one word of pain and thats what I call "Bite the Bullet"

Patty Hanson



As the Christmas holidays sneak up on us, it is just about time to get out our decorations and our Christmas tree. Our family will evvy the Jamison family this year, as they go to the mountains to cut down their own Christmas tree. They will probably be the only one's in the family to enjoy a white Christmas. How fun for them! We would like to wish each and every person a wonderful Christmas this year. May we all be in the best of spirit this year and be bearers of Christmas cheer!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL! LOVE.

Dean, Patty & Kari Hanson







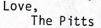
Christmas seems to go from Dec. 25 to Dec 25 since I am sewing, cross-stitching or buying some gift or Christmas from the after Christmas sales through Dec. 24th. With the way our family has grown it nearly takes all year to make sure the list is checked off. But you know I find myself singing Christmas carols all year long. I also find myself thinking of others all year long. As the Lord blesses us with more children and grandchildren how grateful I am it helps Christmas last all year. We are already knee deep in gifts, in back of the couch, under the beds, hidden in a locked closet in the garage, and larger items hidden under paint tarps.

Our Christams plays for church and school are already being practiced. We nearly have all Christmas Eve pajamas and nightgowns made and bought ready for each child and grandchild. The Bible is opened at our Christmas story from Thanksgiving until New Years. The paint is bought early to paint a christmas scene on our windows right after our turkey dinner has settled. We can hardly wait to start the baking and hang the special Christmas decorations.

The children look forward to baking their favorite goodies, practicing their parts for the family entertainment and for the yearly Christmas play.

The neighbors are already asking if the family is coming to carol to them and the neighborhood, and Dad's in every household are threatening to kill old Santa this year.

Our family wants to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and pray all Dad's will miss old Santa as he flies by again this year.



BONNY

by Geri

Our baby sister has sure been having fun this year learning to scuba dive, taking a marine biology class, and running and setting some real goals for herself physically, spiritually and in every phase of her life.

She looks like a model all the time and she's as beautiful inside as out. Bonny, we all love you and love having you so close we can enjoy you all the time.

Tara and Jana love going places with Bonny all by themselves. Warren loves Bonny helping me to scrub the rug at least once a year so he doesn't have to do it, and I just love Bonny.

CHRISTMAS



Jody and Jon Snyder







Gale & Dirk Jamison

Erik Jamison

BONN

CHRISTMAS IS



FAMILY TRADITIONS

Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ with the message of peace on earth. The celebration gives a warm glow to a cold time_of year. Old friends get in touch and strangers share a warm greeting. One of the joys of Christmas is the family fraditions. Large families refresh and renew their traditions and newlyweds work thru the years of "his" and "her" customs to create their own. This year you might want to try creating a "new" tradition and I have listed a few I want to try.

Have each member draw a name and for one week before Christmas he or she becomes that person's Silent Secret Santa. Provide small thoughts and kindnesses, taking great care not to be discovered. Leave a note on a pillow, do one of their chores, and always leave a note that says "With Love, SSS"

After all of the Christmas presents have been unwrapped and there is a mound of paper strewn about, make snowballs. Ask everyone to wad the paper into snowballs and send the super-excited young or young at heart outside for a snowball bout. Enjoy the clean scene.

Have a birthday cake and sing "Happy Birthday to Jesus"

One many of us do is give each of our children a new Christmas ornament each year which they will take with them when they marry and begin their own family. My children have an ornament since birth and each year it is a treat to put their own cherished ornaments on the tree.

I am especially thankful for the traditions established by Mom and Dad in our home. They established these as an anchor of family unity to which we all cling. May our children enjoy the same blessings we have had.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Sheryl and Russell Holmes on the birth of their new son. I understand he was born on Mom's birthday and that makes him extra, extra special. Gaye informs me they named him Brendon. This makes four for Sheryl and everyone is such a darling. As daddy would say "Not a scrub in the bunch." Congratulations kids.



SCUBA DIVING

It seems scuba diving has captured the number one spot of fun things to do for the Keller family. Gaye and Steve are really loving it. They are so taken with it they are even into night diving these days. Gaye informs me it is a real hoot. She just wishes she and Steve had taken it up ten years ago. She says Aliso Beach is their favorite shell collecting spot and they have really gotten some beauties.



FAMILY HOOT IN PROVO

Gale was delighted to have a visit from Bonny and a chance to live it up with her. She has missed Bonny so much since spending the summer with her and it was a great chance to relive their vacation to Hawaii over again. Bonny has been the sister Gale never had and I am so grateful for the loving relationship they share.

My Favorite Christmas Tradition by Sheryl Pitt Holmes

One of my favorite holiday traditions growing up at home was Christmas baking, but my favorite by far was making red and white candy cane cookies. Making the dough and seperating it, coloring half of it red and having hands as red as the dough. Twisting, rolling and shaping these special treats.

Last year I was quite hesitantly (to be honest) scooting my 2 and three year olds up to the counter, to begin the tradition in the Holmes kitchen. It was messy to say the least, the red and white perfectly shaped pieces of dough in my sentimental

Christmas' gone by, mind, were now being smashed and pushed together,

colors blending into muted pink.

I almost in frustration put the kids down to the floor so my beautiful cookies wouldn't be destroyed. But a voice inside said, "What does it matter, as years go by they'll get better, start your tradition today". I know as the gleam and sparkle in their eyes announced to their Daddy as he came in the door - "Look Daddy, candy cane kind of cookies, we made special, here's the one I made for you!"

I knew it was worth the mess and the time, and they couldn't have looked

or tasted more perfect.

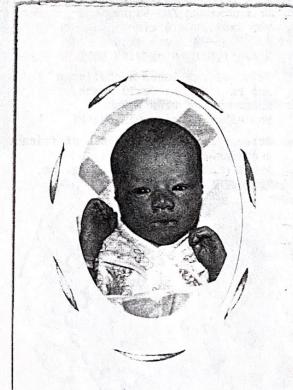


NEW ARRIVAL

Here's our new little darling Brendon John Holmes. Isn't he a doll?
He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. He decided to wait to be born on his Great-Grandma Hanson's birthday Oct. 24th.
We all love him to pieces.

Sheryl Holmes







By Gaye

We've done it all together since we were very small, The good and bad, happy and sad together we faced it all!

Together we made mud pies and climbed the willow tree, we collected frogs and butterflies it was always you and me!

We played with dolls and hoola-hoops dressed up with make-up too, We rode our bikes and rollerstakes it was always more fun with you!

Our first waves were surfed together Our first job was side by side, Together we drave our 1st stick shift There's not a thing we wouldn't try!

We've always shared our favorite things like the heach and Balboa Isle, Our trips up north to Monterey our hobbies and crafts by the pile.

We have such fun together now its scuba diving we do And Biology class at GMC I'll try anything with you!

We've always loved a challenge and together we would reach, whatever one didn't know the other of us would teach!

We; ve always been the best of friends and know we always shall, And I'm so glad you'll always be my FOREVER ETERNAL PAC!



BONNY

We always go to the beach together every summer. We build sand-castles and go body surfing. We ride boogie boards together and lay out and get sun-burned.

We always have great hoots together, like ovies, bowling, wax museum and we go out to dinner. She's not just my Aunt Bonzai, she's my best bud too!

Love,

Bonny

Bonny has always been one to help with our kids when we need her. She has sought new adventures in scuba diving and is not afraid to touch a fish! Bonz is a sweet girl, she is like the sister I never had.

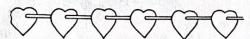
Steve Keller

" BONZAI"

By Jenzai
I love my Bonzai, she's my best bud,
and we love each other to the max!
She takes me out on such good hoots,
like to the movies and out to dinner,
and she takes me out like I'm a big
girl and I sit in the front seat too.
And we listen to the radio and sing the
rad songs. And while she's driving she
always talks to me and plays with me
and tickles me.

Bonz always comes to my special days like my ballet shows and my soccer games, and she always comes over to feel my loose tooth.

Jenni Keller



DUE TO A TREMENDOUS RESPONSE FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE SOME OF YOUR THINGS I AM SAVING FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE. IF YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS NOT IN THIS ISSUE IT WILL BE IN THE NEXT ONE. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO WROTE AND SHARED WITH US THIS MONTH.

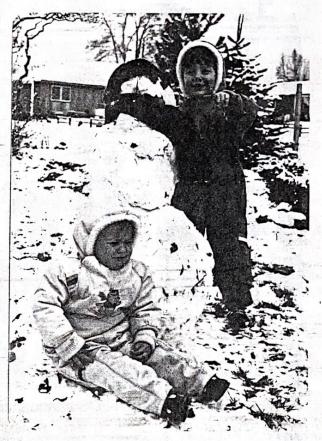
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Hanna Bree Hanson

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Jana & Tara Pitt in Oregon





The Greatest What Stake members ham up for the camera while practicing their number "I'm the Greatest Star" from Funny Girl. They are (I-r) Pauli Sorenson, Kathy Bailey, Victoria Moody, Nancy Douglas, Virginia Richardson and Betty Martin.

Huntington Beach goes 'on Broadway' with music revue

Stake is encouraging non-LDS attendance at five shows

by Vicki Zimmerman / Regional Editor

URROUNDED by a bevy of miniature beauties (ages 2 through 12), 13-year-old Kenny Bailey warbles "C'est Magnifique" from Broadway's

Taking the part of Peter Pan, Leisl Anabo leads a chorus of youngsters through the determined strains of "I Won't Grow Up."

Buddy Lethbridge and Kerinda Sorenson bring back memories of Travolta and Olivia with their rendition of "You're the One That I Want" from Grease.

Seven stair-stepped children join Dava Sundahl in recreating "Do Re Mi" from Sound of Music.

And so it goes—"Summertime," "New York, New York," "76 Trombones," "There is Nothin' Like a Dame"—as the Huntington Beach Stake lifts the curtain on an entertainment extravaganza.

The program, titled "Broadway: Singular Sensations," will be staged at the Huntington Beach Stake Center, 8702 Atlanta Ave., on Nov. 10, 11, 12, 18 and 19. Curtain time will be 7:30 p.m. Ticket price is \$4.00.

The stake is putting together a major publicity campaign—including many complimentary tickets to non-LDS—in hopes the show will be a successfull missionary effort, said Stake President Val W. Palmer.

"A show like this creates a comfortable means by which Church members can introduce their neighbors to the Church," says Diane Christensen, stake cultural arts specialist and director of the show.

"As a Church member, my goal is to use this vast amount of human effort for a stunning missionary tool.

"On Sunday morning it would not thrill



me to see a member raving to member across an empty pew about last night's superb show. The thrill would be from hearing neighbors raving to neighbors across a lawn mower about last night's superb show 'at the LDS Church.'

More than 150 persons are involved in the show with a number of professionals offering their assistance in set design, sound and lighting.

For ticket information, contact Vicki Zimmerman, 19122 Homestead Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646, phone (714) 963-1785.

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Christen (right) coac (I-r) Tara Hee

Florence, Ke Bailey, Jana and Ma Florence

Magnifiq during rehears

