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Christmas News from the Browns

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Wedding in Hawaii

At last, family friend June Okuda met the man of her dreams. Having had prior experience in the field, Gord was asked to give her away. The Browns left for Hawaii a week prior to the wedding and were able to find a condo large enough to accommodate Paige and Mitch as well. They rented a car and explored the Island before the Clancey's arrival a few days later. The girls put their talents to work down store aisles in Waikiki while the guys hiked to the top of Diamond Head — Gord and Mitch put shopping on the same social plateau as mud wrestling! Together, they did some SCUBA, body surfing, hiking, dinner shows and just spent some time relaxing before the big day. The wedding took place at the beau-



June & Hichan married, May, 1999

tiful KoOlina Chapel (Place of Joy) which is located right on the ocean a few miles west of Waikiki. The ceremony was followed by a reception at a very elegant restaurant down town and the wedding party was treated to a six course meal complete with four deserts. Gord and Mitch felt obliged to eat everything in sight and were last seen waddling back to the condo where they served up a final desert of ENOS! The happy couple celebrated their honeymoon by touring the Island for a few days by car and boat before returning home to Japan.



RR and BUNCO

Gord & his brothers, Mike and Steve along with cousin Dennis attended the annual Brother Bonding (BB) weekend again this year. Held this year on the lake near Kelowna, they spent most of their time doing repairs to the cabin — the hot tub being

the first priority. The BB weekend saw Marilyn and her Bunco Squad traveled to Salt Spring Island where they wailed away their time playing bunco, shopping, and visiting the pub — the later being the more predominant activity.



Diving For Sharks At Hornby Island

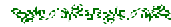
The search for the elusive six-gill sharks continued again this year. Marilyn thought it was a little extreme to spend four hours driving, three ferry rides, and many hours of waiting around ferry terminals (one way!) all for a few hours of diving. Gord, however, was elated when he experienced the thrill of

swimming with these 12—14 foot creatures. Marilyn rediscovered the Island and returned with her regular bounty of treasures. Inspired by the old hippies on the island who peddle home-made soap, she enrolled in a soap making course and is now contemplating the merits of taking up tie-dieing and living on welfare in a garbage-bag tent.

Ben Turns Four



Ben turned four years old this year and has started preschool. He spends time with Grandpa on the trampoline, playing with his cars, talking endlessly, and pushing his brother around. Mitch has secured a spot for him at Military school were it is hoped that he will be kept in check until he is ready to be unleashed on the world.



Mathew Turns One

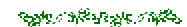


Mathew is now walking and moves like a bullet! Shorter and stockier than Ben was, Mathew has an easy-going manner and seems



Caption

to get into less mischief. Sources close to the Clanceys see a unique class-clown personality starting to emerge.



Cruise To Alaska. No Upgrades This Time

The Browns embarked on yet another cruise to Alaska this year. After hearing of their upgrade from four days to seven days the last time around, forty relatives and friends decided to tag along. Only cabin upgrades materialized this time but it provided everyone the comfort of outside balcony-cabins. The anchor was barely out of the water before the party started. "This is definitely the "beer and bingo" crowd on this trip" Gord quipped. Gord's sisters, Carole and Jill, were aboard and the Captain threatened them with shore leave if they didn't settle down! After arriving in Ketchikan, the whole party donned their umbrella hats and

set out in search of adventure. The Browns concentrated on shopping but soon realized that there was a limited selection of original item. Undaunted, they lowered their standards and discovered some of the tackiest souvenirs in town — a great selection of baseball caps with attached pony tails. They encouraged the entire group to purchase hats that matched their respective hair colour so the party that evening was attended by a whole bunch of over-the-hill hippies in baseball caps.

Gord and Marilyn used much of the time to visit with friends relatives that they had not seen for years.

Bits 'n Pieces

♥ In May, Paige & Mitch went on vacation to *Venice* with *Sharp* while Gord and Marilyn spent much of the time with the kids.

♥ July saw Marilyn fly off to Regina to meet with her two cousins from Ottawa. They spent time catching up on the past 38 years while they visited relatives — Gord went diving!!

♥ For the third consecutive year, the Browns have signed up for ballroom

dancing. With almost no hope of finding a dance venue with enough room to demonstrate their skills, they remain content to enjoy the exercise and learning the steps.

♥ Everyone is home for Christmas this year. The Browns are hosting dinner while the kids provide the entertainment.

♥ Gord is now an Irish citizen. G. & M. are off to Ireland in March.

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Marilyn

Paige

Ben

Mathew

Mitch

Gord

