

# BRADY NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is dedicated to & spiritually guided by our beautiful Mom,  
Rhoda Alice.



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Happy New Year 2006!! Remember back in the 60's when the movie "2001-A Space Odyssey" was popular and we all visualized we'd all be flying around like the Jetson's in our own little flying transports by now and would be using robots for all our chores? (No? Okay I'm dating myself here but I did think we'd be further along than we are now). Well, here we are in 2006 and even though we have come a long way, baby, we are still driving the crowded freeways, but instead of 28 cents a gallon like in the 60's, we are almost at \$3.00 a gallon .....Technology has definitely progressed (I even have an IPOD and know how to use it!) but now I see that the movie was a little "out there". Of course, stranger things have happened....who would have guessed back then that California would have "Arnold" (the terminator) as our real life Governor (someone who can't even pronounce our state's name!!) and Ronald Reagan (cowboy actor) would have been President of the United States for two terms!! So I suppose anything is possible! Okay, I have no idea where I am going with this theme, so maybe I should just stick to the updates from all of you.....!



## News from Jim

The big news from Jim of course, is that he is a grandpa for the 5<sup>th</sup> time! (latest score....girls 4...boys 1) Monica and Robert welcomed little Madeline Elaine to their family on November 7<sup>th</sup>. She entered the world at 6 lb. 3 oz. and 19 inches. She is a little sweetheart and they couldn't be happier. They all got together for Thanksgiving at Betty's so it must have been fun with all those little ones around. Jim was selected as "Instructor of the Month" for September at Western Truck School. Congratulations Jim!

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Madeline Elaine – 7 days old.....

## News from Rhoda

Pam wrote and told me about the new love in her life. His name is Robert. He has 3 daughters (twin 11 year old girls and a 16 year old girl). Their 2 families get along great (even their dogs like each other). Jayme is very happy. Pam's new address is: 4936 W. Chestnut Ave., Visalia, CA 93277.

## News from John

Kelly and Chad were really excited to have a 4-D Ultra Sound look at Cooper, who will be arriving the first week of February. (February 8<sup>th</sup> would be a good birthday!) He looks great! Ashley has picked up a couple of new dance studios to teach at with the UCI Rec Center being the most popular. She's looking forward to the new semester at CSU Long Beach. John is staying active at Corpus Christi Church.

## News from Jan

Jan & Steve went to Steve's Navy reunion in Sept. in San Diego. We had dinner on the Midway and it was fun (but a little freaky) to see people we haven't seen in 30 years (it was like watching an episode of "Cold Case") Stephen went to Jackson for a week vacation in October to visit the Wilds. He had a great trip. Jeff has a new job working at Broadcom. Jan went to see Neil Diamond with some friends from work at Staples Center and then to top that Steve & I & Dave & Christina saw Paul McCartney in concert at Arrowhead Pond....needless to say he was *magnificent*. (too incredible for words) We had our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual pumpkin carving contest at Dave

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**& Christina's this year. Creativity was in the air once again. David definitely has the artistic edge but we give him a run for his money....(or so we like to think...)**



*Christmas 2005 – Stephen, Jeff, Jan, Steve, Yan (our 4<sup>th</sup> “son”), David, Amber & Molly*



*The Whole “Fam Damily”  
(Dad used to say that!)*

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## News from Donna

Well, Donna & Richard have been working hard with holiday mail so they are glad to slow down a little.....Jeff earned his 9<sup>th</sup> of 10 belts in martial arts. It is half black and half red. It will take about a year of training to get his black belt. Nicolette went to the Nascar races with her boyfriend Mark and his family. Brendan & Jeff have been working hard in school.



Christmas 2005 – Nicolette, Jeff, Donna, Christine (Brendan's girlfriend) & Brendan

## News from Kathy

Kathy, Jessie & Kevin went to visit Donna & Richard over Veterans' Day weekend. They were able to take a few hikes while they were there. Kevin enjoyed playing winterball this year. He was on the Twins and got to play a lot of games under the lights. He is loving 5<sup>th</sup> grade and gets to go to Outdoor Science School in the mountains for 4 days in January. Kenny and Jessie are working and going to school. Kathy has a new email address. It is: [krb7@cox.net](mailto:krb7@cox.net).

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## News from Bobbi

The Wilds have endured an extremely cold winter. Tom's company's annual Christmas party was in Wendover, Nv. This year. It lasts a whole weekend. Both Tom and Bobbi had a great time while there. Matt made the honor roll at UW last semester.....way to go Matt! It was great having him home for Christmas break. Jake has gotten back into snowboarding this year and is in the process of deciding where he wants to go for college next year. Charlie traded in his Toyota truck for an Isuzu Rodeo and has been in the weight room a lot getting ready for baseball season. Jackson is in the top 10 right now with the most snowfall in the nation.



**Two moose “chilling”  
For a week in the  
Wilds’ backyard**



**Winter wonderland in the  
Wilds’ front yard. (that’s Betty  
posing for the camera)**



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## News from Steve

Brooks is playing on the St. Joachim School basketball team and baseball tryouts are next month. He was chosen to play Charlie in the school play, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Tyler attended a pitching camp at Cal State Fullerton over the Christmas break and is looking forward to his first varsity baseball season at Mater Dei. He loves to go surfing whenever he has free time. Steve and Jennifer are working a lot, but always make time for Brooks and Tyler's games & practices. They took a quick trip to Boston in August for a few days and saw a Red Sox game at Fenway Park. They love riding bikes along the beach and trips to Disneyland...They had a big Thanksgiving dinner at their house and anyone who was there ended up playing baseball at a park across the street. I hadn't swung a bat in years and it showed but next time I'll wear my glasses.....all the guys were sluggers and made it look easy.



Brooks



Steve, Tyler, Brooks  
& Jennifer – Fenway  
Park – August 2005

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## CANINE CORNER

Amber & Molly dressed up for Halloween. (as if they had a choice) Amber was Darth Vader and Molly was Batman. They were a hit with the kids in the Neighborhood. Jeter Wild is getting big as you will see in his most recent picture. He loves long walks in the park. Willie Arthur had a close call over the holidays by ingesting chocolate. We are happy to report he is doing fine, but please take the time to read Jeff Arthur's informative article in this newsletter so no one else has to go through the heartbreak of watching another dog suffer from this dangerous situation.



**Amber & Molly  
Halloween 2005**



**Betty Wild  
Christmas 2005**

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**Sami Wild  
Christmas 2005**



**Jeter Wild  
November 2005**



**Jeff Arthur & Willie**



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## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PET OWNERS FROM JEFF ARTHUR**

I am aware that many members of our family own pets and wanted to educate everyone of the dangers that chocolate can do to dogs and cats. On the day after Christmas our 6 year old, 50 pound, dog Willie got hold of and ingested an entire box of 16 oz. See's chocolates. The box contained 1/3 milk chocolate, 1/3 dark chocolate, and 1/3 semi-sweet chocolate. When we tried to get Willie to go outside in the morning he wasn't moving very much. I took a closer look and he was nearly comatose and having trouble standing up. I drove to my work, which is a veterinary office, as fast as i could to get some help. Willie past out 2 times on the 10 minute drive. We induced vomiting, which luckily he must have eaten the chocolate recently because he vomited up most of it. We ran blood work and put him on I. V. fluids for a total of 8 hours. Through ECG monitoring it was found that Willie had heart irregularities, which in follow up appointments disappeared. After three days of recovery, in which he did a whole lot of nothing, he was back to normal. There is a stimulant chemical in chocolate called theobromine, this gives chocolate the effects that make people eat so much of it. For humans it is harmless in this dosage but for dogs it can be fatal. The darker the chocolate the more concentrated the theobromine concentration. Dark chocolate is approximately 10 times more concentrated than milk chocolate, semi sweet chocolate is 5 times more potent than milk chocolate. For a 50 lb dog, like Willie it would take 50 oz. of milk chocolate for it to be considered a fatal dose, but only 5oz. of dark chocolate. Willie ate about 120% of a fatal dose of chocolate, but I knew what to look for. I wanted to educate everyone on the symptoms of a chocolate overdose. Signs to look for are over excitement, nervousness, trembling, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle spasms, and seizures. Serious cases can result in comas and death due to heart irregularities caused by theobromine.

Jeff

### **Birthday Greetings**

November – Ashley, Matt, & Madeline!

December – Aurora, Jessica, Uncle George

January – Jake, Chad, Steve Brady, Isabel

February – Jennifer, Monica, Grant, Jeff Brueggeman, John Brady & Jayme

March – Mary, Julie, Charlie, Tyler

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*Look for your next issue of the Brady Newsletter in April!*



## East Coast News:

Aunt Catherine sent me some adorable pictures of Hope Fitzgerald (Lynn's youngest – I think she's 4). It seems she has an uncanny resemblance to yours truly so they sometimes refer to her as "Little Janice". Wow, I must have been cute 'coz Hope is a little doll! Also, Jake (Hope's 9 year old brother) is a huge Nickelodeon fan, especially of Fairly Odd Parents so Dave sent him some posters from Fairly Odd Parents, etc. (one was signed by the creator) so that was a big hit and arrived just in time for his birthday party!!

Uncle George called on New Years Day. He is doing great. They (Rhode Islanders) have also experienced an extremely cold winter this year. He is 94 years young after celebrating his birthday on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Uncle George sent me some information for the newsletter and some newspaper articles. The photo below was taken at a Veterans' Day Memorial this past Nov.11 in Cumberland. He told me that Dad and he both enlisted in the military on the same day, Oct. 20, 1943. They went to Sheepshead Bay, New York for 3 months training then were sent out on different ships headed for England and France. When he had some shore leave he went looking for Dad's ship and they spent some time together. I love hearing stories like this. He also sent me a card that states he is having a tree planted in Gallatin National Forest, the gateway to Yellowstone National Park in honor of Mom through the National Arbor Day Foundation. That is *so special*...thanks Uncle George. You can learn more about this tree and Gallatin National Forest by visiting this website: [arborday.org/your tree](http://arborday.org/your tree). Uncle George also asked me to thank all of you for your Christmas cards and pictures you sent him.

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**Uncle George at  
Veterans' Day  
Memorial Ceremony  
11/11/2005**

## Newsletter Reviews:

*“This past year you have brought much joy & comfort to us all with the newsletter – also a spirit of unity. Thanks very much”.....Jim*

*“Thank you for the Brady Newsletter.....it’s great!”....Uncle George*

*“I was re-reading my newsletter yesterday and thought I’d mention to you again how much I enjoyed it. It’s such a good way to keep up on everyone and with pictures starting to come in more that’s making it even more enjoyable.”....John*

*“Love the newsletter...I’m really glad you keep doing it”.....Matt*

*“Two thumbs up!”....Ebert & Roeper*