

BRADY NEWSLETTER

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

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Welcome to the 7th issue of the Brady Newsletter. It's been about 5 months since my last newsletter so I'm sure this issue will be full of news from all of you. Everyone is busy winding up another school year and I'm already working on the master calendar at school for the 2006-2007 school year. Congratulations graduates! Hope this issue finds you all healthy and looking forward to summer. My readers have spoken and I have listened so therefore this issue will bring you *more* pictures of your families and pets to enjoy. So without further ado, I bring you the latest news from the Brady bunch:

News from Jim

Monica is enjoying being a new mom and just celebrated her first mothers' day. Madeline was baptized on May 7th. It was a beautiful ceremony. She wore the same christening dress her Dad wore when he was baptized. Mary emailed me some news from her family. Daniel went to Costa Rica with his high school for a week during his Spring Break. It was a great experience for him. He hiked through the rain forests, zip lined through the cloud forest and saw some amazing animals. Riley is playing baseball and tennis. Summer is looking forward to kindergarten and Isabel is two. (need I say more?) Mary is loving staying home with the kids. She substitute teaches every once in awhile in Summer's preschool and Riley's second grade class. They love having Mom as their teacher. Mary and Kevin have actually gotten away without the kids for 2 trips. They went to Mexico for a week and 4 days in New York City. Mary and Monica both sent pictures so they will be included in this newsletter. Jim is looking forward to a promotion at work...more about that exciting news in the next newsletter...



Delgado girls. Riley, Summer & Isabel



Madeline Elaine Putzbach

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**Daniel hiking through the Rain Forest in Costa Rica
(he is the one in the Dickie's sweatshirt and black baseball hat facing camera)**

News from Rhoda

Desiree has become my little email correspondent, sending me pictures of the Lopez family and news from everyone, even though she is a very busy girl. Besides just recently getting her braces off, she is big sister to Gabrielle and an industrious 8th grade student. She was chosen to represent her school in their Academic Pentathlon for the 2nd year in a row. She was selected to be on a Constitution Jeopardy team for her school, and got a 99% on her constitution test. Pam has some exciting news. She is engaged (no date set yet) to her boyfriend, Robert. She sent a picture which I will be attaching along with one Desiree sent. Jayme will be starting 8th grade next fall with her twin "sisters". She is on the Visalia swim team and made the cheerleading team for Pop Warner football. She is on the 49ers.



Desiree and Gabrielle

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**The Lopez family
Julie, Gabrielle,
Rudy & Desiree**



**Pam, Jayme
And Robert**



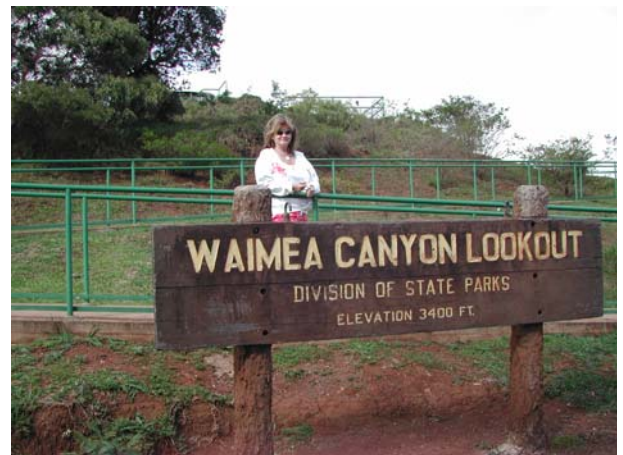
News from John

John made his annual trip to Mission Hospital in April for another stent. All is well now. Ashley is now a bartender at B.J.'s restaurant in Laguna Hills and finishing up another semester at CSULB. Kelly, Chad and their girls welcomed newborn son/brother Cooper on February 2nd. He's beautiful and the family all adore him. Cooper's a lucky little boy to have so many little mothers! I hope to have a picture of Cooper and his sisters for the next newsletter...John is happy tax season is behind him for another year. He is excited about an upcoming trip to Jackson Hole.....more about that in next newsletter.....

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News from Jan

Jan & Steve celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary by going to Kauai for Spring Break. It was Jan's first trip to Hawaii and Steve's first trip to Kauai. He'd been to Oahu with the Navy and Boy Scouts. We had the *best* vacation and hope to return to Kauai again. It is such a beautiful island and the perfect place to get away from it all. The timing was perfect since the constant rain storms they had been experiencing had finally subsided and we just had little daily showers that passed on through as quickly as they came. David and Christina went to Arizona to visit their friends & go to the Grand Canyon and stopped by to visit Donna and Richard. They had a nice visit and Nicolette and Mark Allen came by to see them. David's debut as a cartoon character was aired last week in Fairly Odd Parents "Fairy Idol" on Nickelodeon. The DVD is now on sale in a store near you. He did the voiceover for his character's one line. When you hear him say "He's unconscious...come on, let's go!" that is actually David's animated voice you are hearing!! Jeff is enjoying his job at Broadcom as Senior Project Test Technician. Anie had some exploratory surgery for some female problems and had her appendix out at the same time. She is doing fine and has started a new job at Mission Hospital working more with patients and still going to school to earn her RN. Stephen has worked at RSD for over a year now as an accountant, but is looking for something more suited to him. (after managing Jedediah's he's used to more variety!) He bought a red Ford Ranger truck to replace his black Toyota 4 runner which had been on many cross county trips from Montana & Wyoming back & forth to California. It's really a "sweet ride" as they say these days.....



Grand Canyon of the Pacific – Waimea Canyon

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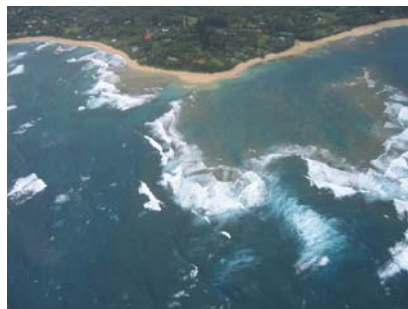


View from our balcony in Kauai....priceless

Jeff and Anie



Helicopter tour in Kauai



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News from Donna

Donna had lots of news this time....most of it is happy, but she did have one sad announcement. Richard's father passed away in March after complications from surgery. Those of us who met him in August at Donna & Richard's wedding were all taken with him. He made their wedding day extra special with a beautiful prayer and toast. Just from our short time with him, we sensed what a kind, sweet man he was and I know Richard will miss him. They flew to Chicago to be with Richard's family for the funeral. Our hearts and prayers go out to you, Richard. On a happier note, Brendan and his girlfriend, Christine (nice name....I was going to name each of our 3 boys Christine, so since that didn't happen, David was sweet & found me a daughter-in-law named Christina!) are engaged...no date set yet...congratulations you two! Nicolette and her boyfriend Mark are going to Puerto Viarta in a few weeks to celebrate Mark's graduation from ASU. Congrats Mark! Jeff is busy working his vet tech job & working on his black belt. Sounds like Arizona is the place to visit lately with all the company Donna & Richard have had....Bobbi & Tom visited during their Spring Break, Kathy & her kids made another visit, David & Christina stopped by to visit on their way to the Grand Canyon, and last but not least, Steve, Jennifer & the boys met up with them when they went to see an Angels Spring training game! Uncle Ferdie & Aunt Annetta were in Tuscon but weren't able to meet up with them, but they used to love to meet Mom there for their Spring visit. Temperatures have hit 100 plus so they are starting their long hot summer and plan to come out to the beach in a few weeks for their summer getaway. The home they bought last summer has a pool so Donna says that has saved them...something they look forward to after long days in the hot sun. they said anyone is welcome to come & visit if you enjoy 115 degree weather. No thanks, Donna, I think I'll wait til it cools off a little. My hot flashes give me all the heat I can stand. According to Oprah, menopause has been the best time of her life....I guess you have to be a multi-millionaire to enjoy it so much.....



David, Christina, Mark & Nicolette



Christina, David, Donna & Richard

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News from Kathy

Kenny finished up at Saddleback College, earning his AA. He is staying busy with working for DHL full time and keeping his website updated. Jessica finished the semester also at Saddleback College and is a shift manager now at Diedrich's Coffee House. Kevin is finishing up the baseball season as a Mission Viejo Dodger and is wrapping up 5th grade. Kathy is finishing her 10th year teaching 4th grade and is looking into a possible big change this summer. Arizona is beckoning and if job opportunities pan out, they will be sending everyone a new address in a few months!



Kevin at bat!



**Donna & Kathy by Saguaro
(notice the snow on foothills)**

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News from Bobbi

There's finally no snow and lots of green grass in Jackson. Charlie is playing Legion baseball again this year and his team had their first tournament up in Bozeman, Mt. May 9th. Lots of traveling is on the schedule for him this summer. Jake is graduating on June 3rd from Jackson Hole High School and has decided to attend Seattle University in the fall. They offered him a Presidential scholarship that they are all excited about, so he will be leaving for Seattle the middle of September. Anyone in the Seattle area next year definitely pop in to see him! Bobbi joined the women's golf league again for the summer and Tom has his fishing rods ready to go. Anyone who would like to come up for visit, now is the time! Matt and his good friend Brian had an awesome week in California for spring break. Matt finished school on May 2nd so now he has 2 years of college under his belt. This summer he is going to continue catering for private jets out at the airport and playing softball with some buddies. Matt sent some updated news about his pal, Jeter and some recent pictures which will be featured in Canine Corner....



Matt & Brian at a Lakers game at Staples Center...



Jake and his date for the prom....

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News from Steve

It's baseball 7 days a week for Steve and Jennifer and the boys. Tyler's Mater Dei team beat Capo Valley in 1st round of CIF playoffs. Ty was the winning pitcher in the championship game in San Jose over Easter break. Tyler is still working at Vons as a dairy stocker. He sees the occasional residents like Kobe Bryant or Mark McGuire stopping in for groceries just like us regular folk. Brooks went to Catalina for a 3 day field trip. He gave a stellar performance in his school play "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". He played Charlie. He is a pitcher/centerfielder on his Pony baseball team and is playing on the All-Stars. The family all went to spring training for the first time ever to see the Angels and A's and had a brief freeway-side visit with Donna in Phoenix. Steve is currently filming his second Mater Dei baseball highlight video and coaches Brooks' ballclub. Jennifer started a new job in May with her former employer Matria healthcare. She will be going for a week training soon in Arizona so Donna will no doubt have another visitor!



Tyler



Brooks

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Canine Corner



I don't know this dog, but I *want* him....I'll take the little boy too. Oh well, this picture was in an email someone sent me and I couldn't resist including it in the Canine Corner. Another really cute dog is Jeter. Matt sent me some cute pictures of his puppy to share. Jeter is a year old now and as cute as ever. The last I heard from Matt he had Jeter on a shock collar system which was starting to work and Jeter was finally starting to listen to Matt. I hope he shocked some sense into the little guy so he can be free of the shock collar. Amber taught Molly a new trick....so see, you can teach an old dog new tricks. (Molly is 2 years older than Amber)...She taught her how to lay on her back and roll back and forth to scratch her back on our grass. I have to brag because some people (mainly my sons) don't think Amber is too bright (probably because she barks at people and then runs and hides) (she's just confused with being half german shepherd and half yellow lab...she's not sure if she should bark or lick you) , so this proves them wrong.

Here are some recent pictures of Jeter: (don't forget to send me your pet's picture!)



Jeter



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More Family News:

Joanne Shea wrote me after the last newsletter. She really enjoyed reading about all of you and enjoyed the pictures. She retired a year ago April but still works for CHOC in Mission Viejo as a consultant one day a week. She loves retirement and says she thinks of Mom when she goes on walking trips in Huntington Beach. She remembers how far Mom used to walk along the beach and then she'd realize she had to turn around and walk all the way back!

Uncle Ferdie and Aunt Annetta sent a card with an offering of masses and prayers from the Passionist Monastery for Mom for her 2nd anniversary. He wrote a note saying how much they will miss Mom on their Tuscon trip. They always enjoyed spending time with her. He also said that Mom was so good she probably didn't need these extra prayers and would probably share them. I'm sure he's right. Thanks Uncle Ferd & Aunt Annetta for your thoughtful gift.

John Comolli & John Brady (our east coast cousins) both emailed me to say how much they enjoyed the newsletter. Uncle Ferdie had forwarded it to them. (wow, how my circulation has grown!)



Farewell, Mr. Kuczak.. And thanks for the memories...you touched the hearts of all who met you . You will be missed & remembered for the gentleman & gentle man you were. We are all better people for having met you. God speed.

Until the next newsletter, take care, stay safe and keep in touch....

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We at *The Brady Newsletter* want to assure you that the opinions of the reporter of this newspaper are hers alone. Our apologies to Oprah if her comments about menopause and her wealth were offensive. Molly, we know you aren't an "old dog" (you are only 8) and Amber, we know you aren't confused. That goes for *any other personal comments this reporter has made or will make in the future*. They are hers and hers alone, and not the opinion of this publication. Thank you for your understanding & continued support of *The Brady Newsletter*.