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It's been another hectic year for the Morgans. Tim continues to travel. He started this year with another Navy trip to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and wound up the year with brief excursions to Pocatello, Idaho, Helena, Montana, and Seattle, Washington. In September, Tim spent three weeks in southern New Jersey and briefly returned to Gaithersburg, Maryland for a weekend to haunt some of his Bechtel friends there. While in Gaithersburg, Tim spent an afternoon at the Daughters of the American Revolution Hall in Washington, D. C., looking into the family tree. He found out that the Morgans aren't related to anybody famous, yet.

For Sharon continues with Hands On Science, The recent news that two schools will be offering the classes after the holidays is a welcome Christmas present. After a year of working toward this goal, it's something to celebrate! Otherwise, she finds enough to keep her busy helping in Amanda and Jocelyn's school, leading two Girl Scout troops and La Leche League groups and running the family's taxi service. (ha-ha)

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Amanda, at 8, is having a busy year in third grade. She has two third grade teachers who are team teaching and have combined their classes. This arrangement is working out very well for her. She is back in gymnastics this year and bounces and cartwheels around the house. She is still active in Scouts and spent a week last summer at day camp in Petaluma. Her accomplishments include an honorable mention in the Petaluma gingerbread house contest, a part in her schools production of Peter Pan, and

Jocelyn kept up with horseback riding until mid-summer and is now going back to playing piano a little and, as always, reading. In 6th grade this year, she is almost as tall as her mom, is getting As & Bs in school and enjoying her friends. She is taking piano lessons this year.

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→ ^{SPRING} Won 6th grade writing contest

Won Tee shirt design contest for Petaluma GS camp

Won second place for sand castle contest at point Reyes again for the third year in a row

Won first place in the Petaluma city gingerbread contest

Terry, is now a freshman in high school. is working hard at turning in assignments, and when he remembers to do that he usually gets As & Bs. (Funny how details make a difference.) He is active in the school's science club, which is currently working on planning an environmentally sound city of the future. Otherwise his favorite activities are having sleep-overs with his buddies to stay up all night playing computer games or Dungeons &

Dragons. Two of his good friends he has known since babyhood from our babysitting coop before we moved to Maryland. It's interesting to see them now at 13; we parents tease them unmercifully about diaper changes and pleas of "Apple juice!" Terry is also active in Boy Scouts and has been initiated into the Order of the Arrow.

Our summer was quite unusual even for us. It began with a four day backpacking trip to our favorite Desolation Wilderness with friends. This was the first time the entire family backpacked, fished and froze together. This was followed by a one month visit from Katja Kolomainen, from Finland. Katja and her exchange student group wound their way into our lives and left us with a special understanding of her country and culture. One very important thing we learned is that Santa Claus really lives in Finland!

We hope all of you are enjoying the season and spending it warm and happy. We miss our Maryland friends and all those days scraping an inch of ice off the windshield, shoveling snow and charging car batteries. Never fear, the temperature HERE is in the low 40s today and they're calling for snow!!

Happy Holidays!

Once again, Tim is talking about Brazil next year ... who knows?

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