

Merry Christmas 1996 from the Wolbert Family



Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year from Bob,
Miki, Sarah, &
Lisa Wolbert! We
hope all is well
with your family
this year and that
your Christmas
plans are
proceeding
joyfully.

Season's Greetings from the Wolberts!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes from the Wolbert Family!

We share our accomplishments of the past year by sending you this booklet of photographs. We hope you enjoy it.

Everyone, Lisa, Sarah, Miki, and Bob, all enjoyed another happy, healthy year. Both Sarah and Lisa started new schools: Sarah is attending Kindergarten, Lisa now goes to Sarah's former preschool.

Lisa is approaching three years old but rarely displays the nasty fits associated with the "terrible twos". Her pleasant disposition and ready smile is her parent's delight.

Sarah is 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, and a Kindergarten student. She also attends piano lessons, dance school, and Kumon (Japanese). Sarah likes playing, swinging (on her swing set), and coloring.

Miki keeps busy chauffeuring Sarah and Lisa to their various activities and sewing new clothes.

Bob was promoted to Applications Engineering Manager for Micrel Semiconductor. This new job is great for filling all free (and not-so-free) time. A second book is nearly finished: *Designing With LDO Regulators*. You will surely find it on the best-sellers shelf early in 1997 — NOT!

Overall, we had an exciting and enjoyable year, and the prospects forecast another great one ahead in 1997. Best wishes to you from the San Jose Wolberts!



The Year 1996

January We recover from Christmas '95

February Lisa celebrates birthday #2 on February 10th.

March Anniversary #6 already?

April The girls visit Oba-chan in Japan.

May Sarah enters a talent contest for Macy's.

June Sarah stars in a dance recital.

July Bob's radio club sponsors a major international radio contest in the bay area; thousands participate. Sarah

celebrates birthday #5 in Honolulu.

August We return from Hawaii.

September Sarah starts Kindergarten. Lisa begins her preschool. Miki celebrates birthday number 21 (again).

October The world revolves around *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* this Halloween.

November On Bob's birthday, the FCC issues him a new callsign: K6XX.

Tokyo Disneyland, Watch Out!

Miki, Sarah, and Lisa visited Japan during April. They enjoyed the beautiful blooming cherry blossoms and were surprised by a snow-storm. Snow and cherry blossoms at the same time—in April!

Sarah was excited by her 200km/hr bullet train (Shinkansen) ride to visit an old friend and former neighbor, Rick.



Hanami

Sarah

Rick's new neighborhood, outside Tokyo, was filled with cherry trees in full bloom.

The girls also went to Tokyo Disneyland

with Miki's cousin, who has a daughter, Hanami, the same age as Sarah. Don't they look like twins?



Unlike the other children, brave Sarah wasn't scared by Splash Mountain at all!



Three Dopeys?

If it is July, this must be Hawaii...

We spent two weeks in Hawaii in July and early August.

We visited Oahu one week and the Big Island the second. We all fully agree that we could get used to this! This gave us enough time to travel over much of both islands, as well as swim and play.

We again got to Hanauma Bay in Koko Head crater on Oahu. The fish were not quite as rambunctious as they were on our last visit, but it was still fun watching them swarm around as the girls dropped fish food on the water.

On the Big Island, we traveled all over, getting to South Point (the most southerly place in the United States) to admire the beautiful, extremely blue water, and to Volcano National Park.

After dark at the park, we took telephoto pictures of the orange-hot lava flowing into the ocean. Here is a sequence, taken over the course of an hour. Pretend the white areas are actually red and orange molten lava and the vapor clouds rising on the right side of the photos are steam, colored orange by the glowing lava.





This is a GIANT turtle

Miki and Bob shot about four rolls of film underwater. Our prize catch was this tremendous sea turtle which we

found about fifty feet off shore in six feet of water. Its shell is the size of a small hot tub!

Feeding the Fishies at Hanauma Bay

Sarah and Lisa are enjoying the frenetic fish as they swarm about, eating the fish food. Occasionally the fish will rub against us, frightening the girls—those fish don't feel like kitties! Koko Head volcano is in the background.



Sarah's Birthday

Sarah spent her fifth birthday in Honolulu. Here she is waiting to blow out the candles in the hotel room.



After we returned, she received a bicycle from Oba-chan. Here she is breaking it in at a local park. Hey, where is Lisa?

School Daze

Both Sarah and Lisa started new schools this year. Sarah started Kindergarten and rides the bus home each day. She has homework every weeknight. Her first assignments were simply practicing writing her name in upper and lower case letters; now she uses flash cards and dictates short stories.



Lisa also started school this September. She spends Tuesday and Thursday mornings as the teacher's "helper".





Sarah with Halloween booty and Lisa with her jack-o-lantern

Here we are at the Halloween party at Lisa's school. Esmeralda is Sarah, Djali is Lisa, Frollo is Miki, and that handsome guy is ... well, you know.



Halloween '96

Halloween is always a big event around here. This year, the Disney cartoons theme continued, with costumes designed around *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

Sarah was the gypsy Esmeralda; Lisa played Djali, the goat. Miki was both the evil Judge Claude Frollo and the minstrel Clopin.

The girls won prizes at the costume contest held at a shopping mall, so I guess we're not the only people that find them adorable.

Miki is very proud of her handmade costumes and has already started deciding upon a theme for next year.

Lisa couldn't get enough Halloween. She was Snow White on some occasions.





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Some Things Never Change?

But callsigns ain't one of them... This September, the Federal Communications Commission allowed ham radio operators to

select a custom callsign for the first time in twenty years. Although Bob's old call, **N6IP**, was a good one, he decided to upgrade to a more distinctive identifier. About 5,000 others also

applied for a change on the same day; **K6XX** was his fourth choice. He is extremely happy with it. That double-X really cuts through the ether and stands apart from the hordes!

Sarah Dances in a Big Show

Sarah's Ballet and tap dance class gave a

recital in June. Sarah was in two of the programs; once as a ballerina, and

as a pseudo-Polynesian tap dancer in the second.



Lisa poses by the front door.





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