

December 2004

Merry Christmas!

It's been a good year. On November 9 at 7:53AM, Maxwell Angus Young was born. He was 10lbs 1oz. The biggest baby born in a month and a half, until the mayor's granddaughter bumped him two days later. (She was 11lbs, 1oz). So far, he has been a great little baby.

Duncan just turned five on November 24. He is slowly adjusting to having a new baby brother. He did tell me that he thought the baby would be able to play with him and he was disappointed that Max just lay there doing nothing but being cute. He is in his third year of primary at Montessori. (They consider it his kindergarten year, but he will be in kindergarten in the public schools next year.) He is doing quite well, and is beginning to understand how letters make words and how numbers can be added.

Kristen turns eight on Christmas Eve. She has not adjusted as well to the new school as I had hoped. She has made a few new friends and has continued enjoying her old friends in her Girl Scout troop. She has been in Art classes since early this year and is a natural. Both of the girls have been in gymnastics since September, but Emmy has decided it was not for her.

Emmy turned ten in June. She has become a beautiful young lady. She has really grown up this year. For her, the adjustment to the new school in her last year of elementary school (5<sup>th</sup> grade here), has been great because she has a "cool" teacher named Mr. Foscalina. She is in her second year of playing the violin through the school orchestra program. (If you are interested, you can hear her and see her play on [www.livermoreschools.com](http://www.livermoreschools.com) click on Arroyo Seco/Jackson 5th Grade Orchestra) She also loves Art classes and Girl Scouts. (Cybelle and I have been co-leaders together for more than five years.) This year, our Girl Scout Troop got to spend the night on the USS Hornet, the aircraft carrier that recovered Apollo 11 from the moon landing. She even got to experience a flight simulator and speak to women who were in the Air Force.

Alastair is still working for MetaTV in Mill Valley. He has been going on rides on his Triumph motorcycle with the Triumph Bonneville group in the Bay Area (though not as frequently as he wishes.) He has also been doing some machining and is developing a side business. (Go to [www.redhunter.com](http://www.redhunter.com) if you are interested)

For me, this year has been a very political year. Ever since January, when we discovered that the school district was going to close the school the girl's were attending, I have been involved in a variety of activities -the most rewarding was helping to precinct walk for Measure D ( a parcel tax to help Livermore schools), which thankfully was approved by more than the necessary two-thirds of Livermore. I have volunteered to help in many different ways at the girl's new school and somehow have found myself being the Room Mother for Kristen's class. But everything has slowed down since Max was born.

We hope this finds everyone in good health, Please feel free to email us at [Melanie@redhunter.com](mailto:Melanie@redhunter.com) or [Alastair@redhunter.com](mailto:Alastair@redhunter.com). We love to hear from our friends and family.

Love-  
The Young Family