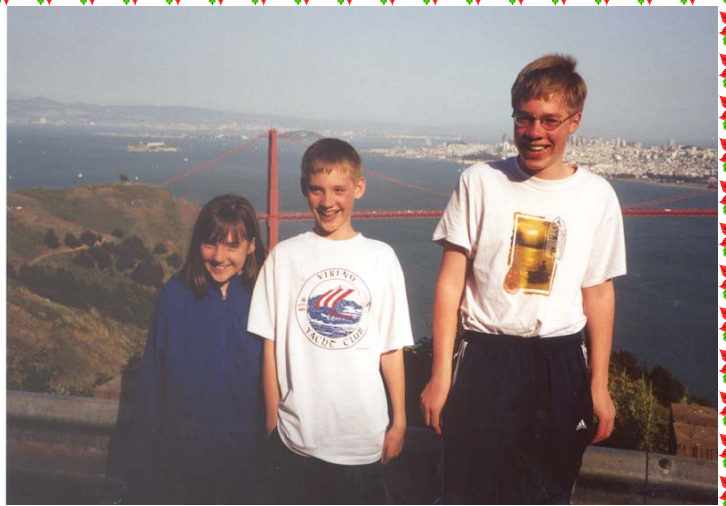


Happy New Year!

We failed to get our Christmas greetings out in time this year, but thought we'd share:



A Day in the Life of the Holmes Family (circa Fall 2001)

5:38 (a.m.) First alarm of the morning goes off

5:40 Cats lobby to be fed

6:30 Brian (9th grade) gets high school bus

7:30 Peter (6th grade) gets middle school bus

8:30 Laura (4th grade) gets elementary bus

8:32 Tom looks for university bus, doesn't find one and drives Camry

6:00-8:30 Carol in constant lunch-making and getting-children-off-to-school mode

8:35 Carol takes minivan to Store-to-Door where intellectual stimulation, nice people and ??? await

10:07 Peter again comes to the conclusion that, outside of math, middle school is a waste of time

10:10 Brian comes to the conclusion that there may actually be something to be learned in high school

11:15 Laura organizes sit-in to protest cutbacks in elementary strings program

1:17 (p.m.) Tom finishes new academic paper, "Why I Didn't Sell Yahoo Short"

2:30 Carol departs from work to beat traffic and children home

3:30 Peter gets off middle school bus

4:15 Laura gets off elementary bus

4:30 Carol picks up Brian from cross-country practice, drives children to various lessons, prepares dinner

6:32 Tom home from work, delicious dinner waiting, from Arby's

7:00 Carol off to committee meeting...

7:15 Homework, violin, cello, piano practice, sledding (8-month season), general play, bickering

8:30 Brian off to bed

9:00 Peter and Laura off to bed (right)

9:30 Brian complains about excessive noise, reminds everyone of 5:38 a.m. alarm

10:00 Carol collapses into bed, but so wound up over committee meetings she can't sleep. Vows to stay off committees, again.

11:00 Tom wraps up task force report, "Intellectual Bullies: How the University Can Reform the Faculty." Vows to stay off University subcommittees, again.

We hope the schedule at your house is as merry as ours. Have a great 2002!