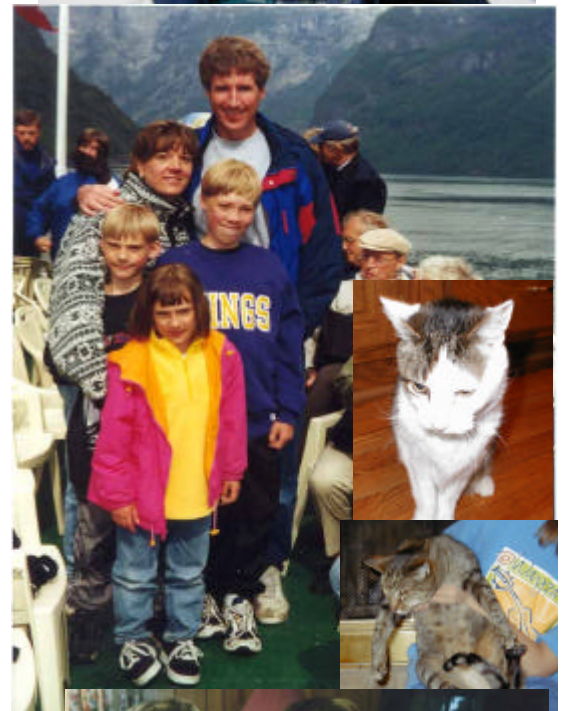


So You Want to Know the Holmes News?

1. Brian's favorite part of 1999 was
 - (a) starting middle school and getting up at 6 am to catch the bus for early math class.
 - (b) convincing Tom to drive him to early math so he could sleep until 6:20 a.m.
 - (c) learning to wake board.
 - (d) reading 10,285 books (approx.).
2. Peter's favorite activity of 1999 was
 - (a) summer vacation.
 - (b) winter break.
 - (c) spring break.
 - (d) Thanksgiving break.
3. Laura's favorite aspect of 1999 was
 - (a) having the best first grade teacher in the world.
 - (b) having the best second grade teacher in the world.
 - (c) having the best best friends in the world.
 - (d) having the best family in the world.
4. Best vacation of 1999 was
 - (a) 3-day spring break trip to Thunder Bay, Ontario.
 - (b) 4-day trip to Norway in June.
 - (c) 4 weeks in Michigan in July.
 - (d) week in Philadelphia/Jersey Shore in August.
5. Most culturally-diversifying aspect of the trip to Norway was
 - (a) eating Norwegian McDonald's.
 - (b) eating Norwegian Pizza Hut.
 - (c) eating Norwegian Subway.
 - (d) eating Norwegian Chinese food.
6. Favorite pet of 1999 is
 - (a) Giffen (now 17 years old).
 - (b) Riley (now 15 years old).
 - (c) Spike the Hedgehog (now residing at the Hedgehog Humane Society).
 - (d) that little goldfish Brian fish-sat for a couple of weeks.
7. Best reason to live in Minnesota is
 - (a) the governor says the darndest things.
 - (b) global warming is improving the climate.
 - (c) the friends and neighbors can't be beat.
 - (d) a steady income.
8. Best slogan to sum up 1999 at the Holmes house is
 - (a) No news is good news.
 - (b) They grow up so fast!
 - (c) So many books, so little time.
 - (d) Time flies when you're having fun.

And our final answer is...
(e) All of the above!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Millennium!

from Tom, Carol, Brian, Peter and Laura