



## Max's Life Inside Stories (told by Daddy)

Now I'm second grade! I've got the greatest teacher and she has given me a newfound love of math.

I've had a fun year of sports and played baseball both spring and fall. I'm still in gymnastics and am now in the boys program. We're doing more difficult things, and I was really proud that I could climb the rope to the very top of the gym!

I joined Boy Scouts this year and our last family camp was at Irvine Park in a new area just for groups. We stayed in a bunk house and it was a blast. Our whole family had their first zip line ride! You should have seen my Mom, she put the brakes on just before her launch. Jackie and I shot BB guns and bow and arrow for the first time. Looking forward to more Boy Scout outings!

## Jackie's Life Inside Stories (told by Mommy)

Beginning with the last day of school I broke both my wrist and both bones in each wrist! Ouch! My Mom says I was a trooper and thank goodness for water proof casts!

First grade is more my speed, initially I was a little scared because it was real work! But, I'm still reading at the highest level in my class and Mommy and I practice my math with fun pages out of a book.

I'm in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of gymnastics and still being challenged. I played softball, soccer and marched in my first parade with my Daisy group. This spring I'm going to take a break from sports and give Dance a try.

## Peggy's Life Inside Stories

Well last year I began working at UCI Medical Center in Interventional Radiology. I really enjoy my job and my boss Lisa is the best. Initially I was concerned of possible lay offs, but recently we hired 2 new nurses, which now gives me some seniority. This made it easy for me to justify quitting my per-diem job at St. Joseph Hospital. Recently

they were asking us to rotate in the Night call position. Frankly I'm getting too old for that!

I received a wonderful Mothers Day and Birthday gift this year. A Nikon D-60 and I'm having a blast, learning a lot and had all the intentions of a nice photo of the family for our card..... But as time keeps flying by took the opportunity to get the kids some exercise in the rain! Hope you like it.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

## Ed's Life Inside Stories

Yet another year flies by! The kids sure are growing up and it's really fun to watch them learn and grow.

Workwise it was pretty good. The year started with a trip to Atlanta to celebrate my company surpassing all records, only to have a few layoffs later in the spring. Thankfully we had a couple of new products pull us through and I am thankful my group is always challenged with plenty to do. I proudly got an employee recognition award and a nice bonus to go with the award! Very nice to know they see the work I do from home all the way back in Atlanta!

For fun, I got certified on a catamaran sailboat the sailing club has. We took it out a couple of times and had a blast on the water. Wish I had time and money to do it more! Also got into electric scooters and can be seen buzzing the neighborhood or campground on my 800W Turbo.

I sure was disappointed with the Michigan football team this year. Not sure the new coach is doing what needs be done. Maybe next year. At least no bowl game to lose this time. It was nice to see the Lakers take it all. I was able to get to a playoff game (Thanks Aunt Sam!). I also went to a few Ducks games too.

## Chmiel's News

We had some nice trips this year: camping with our tent trailer, skiing up at Tahoe, and a nice trip over to Catalina.

The year started with construction, and it took some time, but we redid the drive, new windows, stucco, and hardscape out front. The house really looks nice now. I'm glad to be done with the mess!

We have new additions! We adopted two adorable abandoned calico kittens. They are both very sweet and lovable. After a while they got along just fine with the dog. And vice versa!

