



Times of the Odd Family

December 2006

Julie, George, Jaden, and Pauley Tsai

The Seventh Volume

Three's a Charm

The Year of the Threes: The Tsais began their third year in NorCal. Julie and George continue their third year working in Dry Creek. Jaden is enjoying his third year on the planet.

The Terrific Twos

Although the two-year stage usually has a different adjective to describe it, Julie and George have been enjoying Jaden's added skills and goofy charisma.

Jaden continues to delight and entertain at get-togethers with his singing, charm, laughter, and sense of humor. His obsessions include Thomas & Friends "choo-choos", Duplo blocks, Curious George, and Berenstain Bears.

Great Beginnings



Jaden began attending Montessori school in July and has since made quite a few friends in his Great Beginnings class. He involves himself daily with

lots of learning games and hands-on experiences.

Julie and George are amazed to see Jaden and his classmates eat lunch on their own, clean up after themselves, and increase their skills in counting and the alphabet.

Jaden's Profile

Weight: **28 lbs.**

Height: **34 in.**

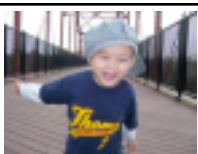
Favorite Toys: **Trains**

Favorite Songs: **ABC, Old**

MacDonald, Happy Birthday

Favorite Sayings: **"I watch choo-choo movie", "Mo milk, pees", "No, Paweey, sit!"**

Giggles Per Minute: **3.4**



40 Going on 80

After two years working 40% at one school, Julie now divides twice that time between 4 elementary schools in the district. She spends the majority of her time coaching teachers, organizing trainings, and working with students who are below grade level in reading. Overall, this new role has been challenging and exciting.

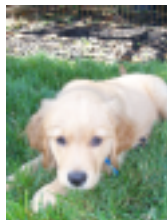
The Juggling Act

With his original principal and assistant principal promoted elsewhere, George has a new administrative team at his middle school.

This month, George attempts to bring resolution to his SoCal masters program by taking the comp. exam. He also begins the second phase of his credentials with weekend courses in Santa Rosa.

Good Golly, Miss Pauley

Pauley joined the Tsais in July. The most calm out of the litter, Pauley (named after UCLA's Pauley Pavilion, of course) is probably the most mature in her new household as well (aside from the chewing!).



Jaden and Pauley had a rocky start, typical of a sibling rivalry. Since then, the two have managed to coexist and can occasionally be spotted playing with each other.

Family Business

In 2006 alone, parents **John** and **Chris** have remodeled parts of their home, helped the kids on numerous projects, hosted countless get-togethers, acquired another dog, and traveled. They even found time to celebrate their 35th anniversary in Cancún.

Parents **Donald** and **Grace** are considering the many options for their retirement years. In the meantime, they and Grandmother **Chen-Yuan** continue to stay active with their church, take trips around the state to visit friends and sites.

Brother **Mark** spent much of his free time completing home improvement projects, attending Kings games, and completing his MBA.

Sister **Janet** went overseas for a semester in Sweden and is now back in San Diego completing her degree. **Jenn** is still enjoying life in Davis and now pursuing a music degree at Sac City College.

Reflections

With six weddings, pregnancies and births within our social circle, and the loss of Grandma May, we experienced life's heartaches and celebrations in 2006. We are blessed with amazing friends and family members. Hope happiness and health accompany your new year. We look forward to hearing from and about you.



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