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the DIDNER family

✧ Year of Transition ✧

After 16½ years, Michael left Intel while Pam moved to a new role in Strategic Marketing. Meanwhile, Aaron and Joey graduated to 4th and 3rd grade and switched soccer teams.

While Michael has been very picky about his next position, turning down a few job offers, he spent his time renovating a house in the 'old Portland' neighborhood of Sellwood, which we completed just in time for the housing credit crisis. This has given Michael a great deal of flexibility with his time, which has come in useful since Pam travels a great deal for her new position.

In addition to Pam's work related travels, the family has been doing some recreational adventuring too. We took a few weeks near the end of 2006 traveling around Taiwan visiting friends and family. We also did some extensive sightseeing including mushroom farms, Sun-Moon Lake, the WenWu temple and the Tsen Pagoda. Aaron and Joey also spent two days as visiting students at a public school DanShue (where you can see a picture of them teaching their classmates Hebrew on the school blog).

January brought a long waited for snow storm that enabled the building of snowmen. Pam, Aaron and Joey also were initiated into skiing on Mount Hood. Then in the Spring Aaron and Joey left the driving range for their first 9 holes of golf. Then in June Aaron, Joey and Michael participated in their first mini-marathon for kids 7 - 70. Despite falling behind Michael on the swimming and bike phases, Aaron managed to scrape out a victory by a superb performance in the running section of the race.

In the summer we took our annual trip to the east coast where Aaron and Joey spent time with Grandpa David and Grandma Sandy. Pam and Michael took in a Broadway show (Curtains with David Hyde Pierce and pretty much the rest of the cast of Frasier except for Grammer) and went to MOMA.

During the Labor Day weekend we decided to explore Central Oregon and visited Smith Rock, John Day Fossil National Park and other sites along the way. We almost got stopped by a huge forest fire that sent smoke for miles and closed some of the roads we were planning on using.

The boys continue to practice piano and perform in school and other recitals. Michael has used some of his time off to study music and you can listen to some of his compositions at www.myspace.com/michaeldidner

As always, we hope to hear from you all.

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Love, Michael, Pam, Aaron and Joey

