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Dear Cousins,

This newsletter was supposed to herald the simultaneous opening of the Hoopes Family website, but we're not quite there yet. I've been hit with unexpected medical problems that have led me to marshal my resources and reevaluate what may prove to be a commitment of time and energy I'm not willing or able to maintain. I am moving forward with the plans - just more slowly and selfishly than originally envisioned. There's more info about this in the body of the newsletter, as I practice getting away from this format into the new one that won't have a cover letter. If there are some of you who would like to continue hearing my personal family news, let me know and I'll work something into the website.

Just got back from participating in the International Code Council structural code hearings Birmingham, Alabama. I'm now looking forward to a wonderful adventure in Honolulu with Pam & Kirk and their 5 boys next month if my health permits. I'll be busy helping to host the International Conference of Building Officials annual conference in SF Labor Day week, then to Seattle 2 weeks later for the Western States Seismic Policy Council meeting.

The kids and grandkids are doing fine. Damon's website design work to supplement his busy window-washing enterprise keeps growing; his website is turnermedia.com. He's gearing up for another season coaching son Devin's soccer team. His wife Maryann enjoyed her debut in community theatre. Ange continues her work at the greeting card warehouse and is looking forward to a train trip to New Orleans in May. She's now a regular instructor of evening water aerobics classes at the local Y. Pam and Kirk continue their busy construction schedule, including a renovation of their own kitchen. Their 5 boys - now ages 4-16 - keep them even busier and the oldest two, Josh and Jairus, have recently completed scuba lessons with their dad in anticipation of our Hawaii sojourn. Bryan still works with Damon and continues to expand his musical repertoire; you can hear a few of his songs on endoverend.com.

Mother/June stays active with church, political, and other volunteer work and should be in Corpus Christi about the time you get this. She'll be going on to Washington DC shortly after her return from Corpus. Though she's not planning any trips out of the country in the near future, she still keeps on the go.

Rob and Wayne and their crew are doing fine. Wayne continues some revision work on the rehab of 2 large dams in Northern California while Rob stays busy at home, on the ski slopes, and on the golf course. Their son Jason is still working in graphic arts, now for a website design firm, and playing music. Jen graduates May 27 from San Francisco State University with a BS in Kinesiology (physical therapy).

Hope you and yours are happy and healthy!

Sincerely,

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