

LESLIE, JASON, AND TIMMY



to stick out his tongue. It's a good thing he's still cute. Wait till he becomes *Nakakatakute* (opposite of cute). Well, hopefully not for a while since he is the *bunso* (youngest one) of the Laico grandchildren.

Have you seen Leslie lately? Slim, long hair, high pitched voice, *singkit* (almond-eyed), grade one, Britney Spears fan and no problem child. Smiling but shy. All three kids are shy, but Leslie is the *piraka* (most of all). However, she is the smartest one in her class. She wants to join the soccer team. Mom had no time to bring her this year and found it a bit dangerous, but most likely next year she'll be kicking.

Their mom (drill sergeant Carol), religiously has them practice, of course, and brings them to piano lessons.

The three siblings are growing on schedule and Dad has also been busy with his night school at UC Berkeley Extension taking telecommunications courses and Unix shell programming. We did have a chance to go camping and boating in Lake Oroville and spend a day in Burney Falls near Lassen Park, north of the Bay Area. But yes, most of this year was taken up with kids' activities, school, and fixing the house. It's a good thing the Bay Area is the best place to live, but don't tell everybody that.

As you can tell, I could still use babysitting volunteers. So, please don't be shy.

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Bringing up Laicos

by Carol Laico

The *Laico Lines* reminds me of our Christmas Reunion last year, 1999. Boy, that was a happy one. As they say *Masaya*, or *Maugma*. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended, and for those who missed out, try to convince everyone to have another reunion where you can be sure to attend.

My kids are now ages 8 (Jason), 6 (Leslie) and 2 (Timmy). Let me start with Timmy, who is now learning how to talk and is potty trained at home. He only wears Pampers while traveling. His other talents are laughing and dancing (ala Elvis shake a leg). He can also tell you parts of the body. He still says some Spanish words even though he now has a new Filipina *yaya* whom he likes but is still trying to get used to. And of course he is not perfect; he now knows how

Jason was on the swimming team this year. During swimming events at

the clubhouse, Mom and Dad were volunteers. Dad would sell T-shirts, caps, stickers, etc., while Mom would sell snow cones. Dad even joined a T-shirt relay race and won a T-shirt. Jason really gets into the competition, which makes it exciting to watch. Pokemon and Gameboy are his other favorite activities. Jason had his First Holy Communion at St. Bonaventure Church. Jason and Leslie also attend church school on Wednesday evenings since the public schools don't teach religion.

Leslie and Jason had their first piano recital on October 8. They both performed well, without their piano books. May they have more recitals to come!

FROM LEFT: Timmy, Popoy, Leslie, Carol, and Jason.

