

The Lake Pyramid Times

The Suayan Family Newsletter

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2005: Whoa!



The Suayan family was quite busy in 2005.

At the start of the new year, Kyo was part of a night photography exhibit called the **Embarcadero Nocturnes** which ran for a month in San Francisco. His framed photographs were on display at South Beach Cafe, Four Embarcadero Center and Fort Mason. Also in **January**, Anna, Kyo and Kamille found out that a new addition to the family is on the way. Truly a wonderful news for the New Year! The last Sunday in January marks the start of the *Catholic Schools Week* where we visited some schools for Kamille.

In early **February** we had to say goodbye to our trusty 6-year-old minivan when it was totalled seconds after Anna picked up Kamille from school. Fortunately, they haven't boarded the vehicle yet when this happened.

Holy week came early this year and in **March** together with family and friends, they did the Filipino tradition of *Visita Iglesia* where we went to churches around the Peninsula. Good Friday

coincided with Anna's birthday and afterwards they celebrated along with Bobby and Owan's 3rd Anniversary with a dinner at China Wok in Mountain View.

In mid-**April**, Kamille enrolled in a six week soccer clinic run by Chilean pro soccer player Carlos Schulze. At first, she got tired easily but by the second meeting she was having a blast! This month, Anna learned about a job opening at Kyo's former employer where she was offered a Technical Recruiter position.

Kamille has been attending preschool at Beresford Montessori since she was two. By the time she graduated in **June**, she was already reading just as her teachers predicted.



During the first week of summer break, Kamille attended an art camp in San Mateo. She also started her swimming lessons earning her Beginner 1 and 2 ribbons in September. Kamille

attended an eight week Summer Camp in San Mateo with her friend Bianca. She made new friends at camp, did a lot of arts and crafts and went on two field trips: The Oakland Zoo/Fortune Cookie Factory and Safari West/Mrs Grossman's Sticker Factory. She was so excited about the trips as it has always been her dream to ride the big yellow school bus. While Kamille was busy with all her activities, Kyo was preparing for his first wedding photography shoot with Bobby, Franz, Anna, and Owan. It was a lot of fun and was a good learning experience.

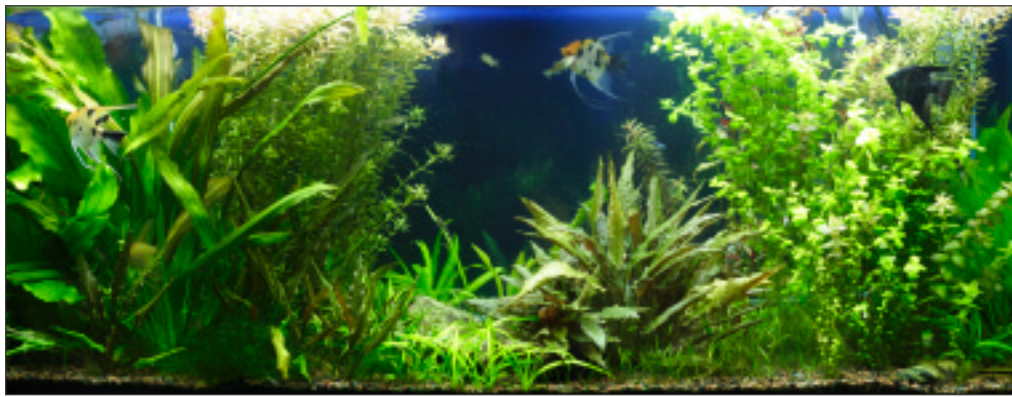
What's On TV?

Ok. Say what you want about American TV. Blah blah blah. Whatever!

- Las Vegas
- Surface
- House M.D.
- The Apprentice
- The Apprentice: Martha Stewart
- The O.C.
- Reunion
- Saturday Night Live
- Good Eats
- Emeril Live
- The Suite Life of Zack and Cody
- That's So Raven

Off to the Movies ...

- Star Wars: Episode III
- Deuce Bigelow: European Gigolo
- Wedding Crashers
- Harry Potter & The Goblet of Fire
- Kicking & Screaming
- Batman Begins
- Bewitched
- Chicken Little
- King Kong



Kyo has been fascinated recently by planted aquariums. He used to have a small tank back in the Philippines and decided to setup a 55 gallon tank. It is now filled with angelfishes, zebra and leopard danios, Cory cats and a few algae-eaters. Kamille also has her own 10 gallon tank in her room with 5 goldfishes named Tito, Vic & Joey and Beavis & Butthead! Another 20 gallon tank was later added for a few tropical guppies in the living room.

Biking was the latest craze among friends this summer. Kyo got on the mountain bike and rode some easy trails around Foster City. They also went biking along the Alameda Creek trail which is right outside their doorstep in Fremont.

By **August**, the Suayan family was getting ready for Kamille's first day at Kindergarten. Anna was also busy preparing for the arrival of their new baby the following month. Owan, Cyn & Cris had organized a baby shower for her. By this time they already knew that they were going to have another baby girl.

Anna, while at work on Wednesday, September 21, felt some mild contractions. She was advised by her doctor to return around 8:00pm after her regular checkup but by 5:30 pm they were all ready to go to the hospital. Finally at 1:01 am on **September 22**, Kathleen Alyssa was born. She was *7lbs 4oz* and *20 in* tall.

Kyo went on paternity leave for 8 weeks and Anna was on maternity leave for almost 10 weeks. Time off from work was a great opportunity for both of them to bond with little Kathleen. Big sister Kamille, was also very fond of her little sister and has been a great helper.

At 8-days old, Kathleen tackled her first 9,000 ft. ascent of Tioga Pass and Tenaya Lake in Yosemite when Anna's relatives from the Philippines (Jun Manzano and family) came for a visit.

Thanksgiving was celebrated at home in the company of family and close friends this year. It was a nice break from usual long trips that they take this time of the year. The gang even had the chance to join in the crazy Black Friday shopping mob. The cold stormy weather and rains did not stop them from getting a few good deals.

As all good things come to an end, in **December** it was back to work for Kyo, but not before baking a few pans of fruit cakes for family and friends. A week later it was Anna's turn to report back to work.

Santa came to the Suayan's home early this year. He had made arrangements with mom for an early visit since apparently, there have been many good kids in 2005. So on the 17th, Santa came knocking on their door with his gifts for Kathleen, Kamille, Bianca and Kyle. The kids had a great time chatting with Santa and having their pictures taken with him. They even sang "*Jingle Bells*" before he left.

Kamille has always talked about wanting to see The Nutcracker live so she and mom went on a date to see the *Peninsula Ballet Theatre* in San Mateo.

It was truly a great year for the Suayan family. Although they did not visit as many places like previous years, their time was well spent with family and friends. ■



Kathleen at the Curry Village parking lot, Yosemite valley.



Everybody sing: "Smelly cat, smelly cat, what are they feeding you?"





Half Moon Bay (*above*); Lake Tahoe (*above right*); The Olive Grove at Filoli (*right*). ▲

Many of their weekends were spent at home tending to the little patches of “garden” around the house [or at least we try!]. For instance, Kyo tried out a few spring bulbs this year: daffodils, hyacinths and a few tulips. The hydrangeas also had a more vibrant bloom compared to last year although they required consistent watering over the summer.

These flowers came in really handy as subjects for Kyo’s still life photography (*the real motive behind going through all the trouble*). ▼

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