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Babies, babies, babies—4 + 1

2007 was a very **BIG** year for very little things. It all started on February 5th, when Leonor's daughter Rebekah



gave birth to her first baby, Addison.

As you might expect, as the



first baby, mommy and daddy Paul, and all the rest of us are very excited and proud. Here she is in July, bright and curious. By the time she visited us for Thanksgiving, she was the hit of the party—everyone was her friend, and got a big smile from her. This will be her first Christmas, and I'm sure she

will just love the package wrappings and ribbons—maybe the presents, too!

Then on April 6, my nephew, Mason (with a lot of help from his wonderful wife,



Kristen) gave birth to "little" Charlie Phelps—little, as in 11 lbs 4 oz, 22 inches!! Here he is with big brother George. And



here's the whole family—a pretty neat bunch of relatives!!

That was enough babies for a few months, but along came November. My oldest daughter,

JoAnn, who was married last year to Pierre Girard (covered in last year's Gazette) and still lives in France, just south of Paris, presented us with a new grandson on Nov. 12th. Here is Charles-Elie:



This is Pierre's first child, although he is just wonderful with Zoe and Ian. So, of course, his mom is absolutely ecstatic about the new baby! This is his



mom, Colette holding Charles-Elie. And here is a very proud daddy holding the little guy. I suspect he has already been fitted for his motorcycle helmet!



So far, that's three. So who is number four? My nephew, David and his lovely bride of just over a year, Julie, presented the family Phelps with a



little girl, Audrey Phelps, born on December 5th.

So, two Charlies and an Audrey in one year. I'm sure my parents, wherever they are, are beaming with pride...

4 + 1? (See p.1) What's the 1?

Our live-in grandson, Jeremy (now almost 12), has wanted a kitten forever! We finally gave in in October, and took possession of Casper, a wonderfully cute, friendly,



playful little Siamese. The two of them are almost inseparable.



Here's Casper helping us decorate our Christmas tree! He learned very quickly how to pull the balls and icicles off the tree, but we

decided that those were cheap enough that we would just let him pull them down and play with them. He has only broken four or five so far! He sure has captured our hearts, as only a pet can do.

He quickly became as much a part of the family as the rest of us, maybe even a bigger part. You know the reputation cats have for owning their people!

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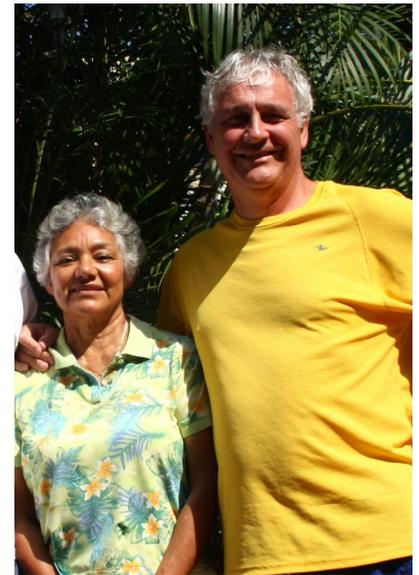
We went to Charleston for ten days in April for a national tennis tournament. That is one very interesting, historic city!

The tennis went pretty well—our team placed second in the nation, behind a very strong Southern California team. We are going to Mobile this coming April, where we hope to beat them all! First place in a national tournament would be pretty nice!! I have a couple of seconds and a third, but first has eluded me.

The history around Charleston was fascinating. We visited several historic homes as well as other sites of interest. Tennis has afforded me many opportunities to visit places that I probably would not have seen otherwise.

A Hurricane and Four Earthquakes in one week!!

We visited the Big Island of Hawaii in August. During our week-long stay, we felt one earthquake, but three others were recorded, and a hurricane narrowly missed the island. All-in-all, it was quite a nice vacation in spite of the scares.



It's us! Leonor and Rocky!

Long Distance Visit

My oldest granddaughter, Ingrid (Kelly's daughter) and her husband Danny visited this year from Japan, where they are teaching English and French to the Japanese. There have been some serious earthquakes not too far from them, but they have avoided any damage so far. Keep your fingers crossed...



Here are Ingrid, Danny, and Brook, Ingrid's sister.

No Santa to Paris Trip This Year ☹️

Since JoAnn is a new mom as of early November, she thought a visit in December might be too much, so it was with some disappointment that I didn't go do my Santa Claus thing in Paris this year.

But not to worry—she and her family are planning to be in Barcelona in February, and she has suggested I visit her there instead. Sounds good to me!

I plan to take Leonor and Jeremy to make it a big family outing. More in next year's Gazette!