

Buffalos, bulls and steers! That's the answer you will get if you are trying to find out what 6 year old Ian is into these days. We are not quite sure where the bovine fascination comes from but Ian swears he must be cowboy by blood and he's not talking Dallas Cowboys. He just wants chaps, ten gallon hats and gun-slingin' fun in his snakeskin boots. This is not common for the average Maryland youngster. When he's not punchin' dogies at the ranch, he's in Pre-first grade at Atholton Adventist School where he joined his sister Jasmine this school year.



Maya certainly holds Ian in high esteem as her best and favorite friend. In addition to watching the girls through the week, Swini continues to work at Washington Hospital Center on the weekends as an X-ray tech (easier to say than radiologic technologist).

Harold took a new job this year in May as

Director of Finance at a non-profit organization in the Adams Morgan area of DC. College Summit helps increase the college enrollment rate of lower income students all around the country (collegesummit.org). Working

with a great group of people and for a

cause Harold is passionate about has been very rewarding and exciting. Harold is still planning on getting that CD done in the coming months. Stay tuned because you will have a very special role to play in making sure that CD gets to places far beyond we all imagine.

One of the highlights this year was a trip to California. Another Peace, the gospel group Harold sang with while in college, had a 20 year anniversary and reunion concert. The reunion with old friends was so much fun and the concert itself was amazing. Several present and past members over the 20-year history joined on one song list and one purpose—to raise the roof off the place in songs of praise.

We only spent a few days in California, so we had to rush to visit relatives, rehearse for the concert, and of course get in an amusement park visit—which ended up being LegoLand just outside San Diego.

Special thanks to the Watkins, Carringtons, Narasappas, Auntie Nalini, Auntie Flora, Isabella, and

Sammy Sadanala who showed us such great hospitality on our brief pass through. On the way back we had a flight transfer in Dallas, so Ian got to pick up a real cowboy hat.



Sheldon Spencer, a close family friend of ours, is frequently commissioned as our

official videographer at family events. This past weekend we were watching old videos he made for us of when the kids were born and the surrounding baby blessings and baby showers. Looking back at the videos we could be spectators and see a lot of the things we didn't see and hear when we were there for those events. What was easy to see is that we were surrounded by friends and family that love us. There were gifts given, kind words spoken and hugs extended. In our adversities and our celebrations you have been there with your prayers and your thoughts to lift us up. We remain grateful again this Christmas that you are part of our lives and we hope you continue to lift us up. As we sealed this envelope we said a special prayer for you and yours. Have a great year in 2007.

--Harold, Swini, Jasmine and Ian--



Jasmine loves ice skating and gymnastics and despite her limited exposure to both, she is caught up in the passion of the sports. She's been continuing with playing violin and in her recitals, she has shown all the charm and poise you would expect from her daddy's little girl. Jasmine is in fourth grade this year and is enjoying school even more this year. She had previously exclaimed, "Math is my arch nemesis." Now she has conquered that villain. She has grown to be a beautiful young lady at ten years old.

Jasmine enjoys helping Swini around the house and even cooking. She also helps look after Tahlia (6 mos) and Maya (3) every day. These two little nieces are just like Jasmine and Ian's little sisters and



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