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Personal Background: I am married, with two daughters. Wife Carolyn is San Rafael librarian. Catherine graduated from Pomona College cum laude (romance languages) and Natalie

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