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The Newsletter with "Schmalz"

Mexico Trip Highlights the Year

In May our travels took us south of the border. Mexico had called us again to escape the spring showers and cool temperatures of Seattle for a week. (When the bills arrived I realized the call must have been collect!) Our flight to Puerto Vallarta provided us views of desolate but beautiful Baja before leaving us in the land of tropical sun (and tropical sunburn).

During our first three days we stayed at the Lindo Mar condominiums, built on a hillside at the southern end of town overlooking mountains, ocean, and rugged beach. The views and accommodations were wonderful though we were told the ocean bathing at that end of town could be rather septic and should probably be avoided.

We visited the beach at Mismaloya, where "Night of the Iguana" was filmed, and the isolated haunts of Chico's and Chinos Paradieses. ("Predator" was filmed just up the road from one of them.) Their out-of-the-way locations



Looking down on the beach from the balcony of Lindo Mar in Puerto Vallarta.

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and the fact that we were there just after the tourist season had ended made it quiet and relaxing. And the margaritas and piña coladas didn't hurt either. Fresh fruits abounded including several varieties of mango.

The restaurants were great, but even those who normally live in the country but spend significant time in the U.S. or Canada, need to reacclimate their stomachs to the growing, cleaning, and

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Happy Holidays!

Visit from Parents Provides Midsummer Fun

Maybe you can't go home again for good, but visiting can certainly be a lot of fun. In July my folks came to see the great Northwest (and maybe us, too). Just for them, we managed to provide some of the best weather of the summer. (Now all I need to do is remember how we did that!) During the week they were here we sailed to Victoria on Vancouver Island in British Columbia and returned to the mainland city of Vancouver the next day for golf at the unbelievably scenic Furry Creek course around the bend on Howe Sound. The Canadian stop was topped off by gorgeous views of Vancouver and excellent food, both provided by the restaurant on Grouse Mountain.

Throughout the remainder of the



Spectacular Furry Creek Golf Course in B.C.

week we visited several of Washington's finest golf courses. Our own best could be the one built in the desert overlooking the Columbia River near Wenatchee — Desert Canyon. Once again the weather was gor-

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Mexico Time Share Purchased

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cooking habits of the local cuisine. Mine was no exception.

We were presented early with one of many time-share purchase opportunities. It



The lobby of Paradise Village.

is necessary to use great caution when walking the time-share highwire--especially in Mexico where there is no net. But we found a good one, Paradise Village, and purchased the smallest package we could, staying there the rest of the week on comp time provided by the management.

A boat trip to the Marietta Islands, punctuated by Mimi's jellyfish sting, and a car tour to San Blas and the Ixtlan Toltec ruins provided by our generous new friend Lisa Morales, as well as a few rounds of golf, complimented the journey nicely.

This was certainly not the ultimate dream vacation, nor was it the most beautiful place we've yet visited, but the locale will nevertheless be held in high regard for many moons to come.

Parents Visit Not Long Enough

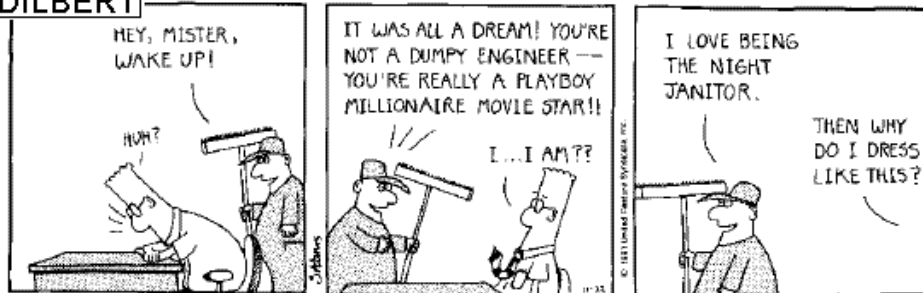
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geous, and it's a good thing since it helped us forget about our scores. We had so much fun that we started planning for next year's vacation before this one had ended.



The 6th at Desert Canyon is a 698-yard killer.

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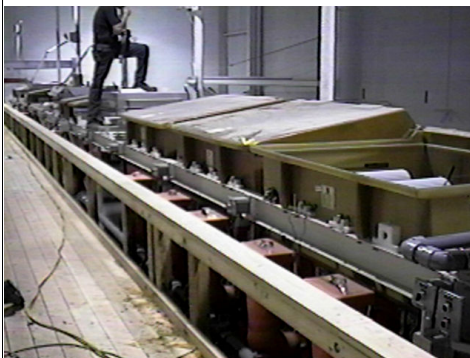
Engineering Continues to Pay the Rent

My job at Chiyoda in Seattle continues. As a mid-size company it suffers from ups and downs, and as a company dealing almost exclusively with Japanese clients its work volume is continuously uncertain. Nevertheless, there has been, and will probably continue to be a reasonable supply of work to keep most of us busy.

In March, I flew once more to Japan for a few days of project meetings. The job for us, originating in the Yokohama office and started the previous year, was a small portion of a huge refinery in Qatar. Yokohama had subcontracted a part of it to the Seattle office. At the time of my visit the Rice Festival was in progress in Tokyo, unfortunately there was no time to do more than a little shopping.

The other big project of the year has been KDK in Moses Lake, the dry

farmlands of eastern Washington. The plant will produce anodized aluminum foil to be used in capacitors and is currently scheduled to begin running its first machine in just a matter of weeks. Fifteen machines will be operating when phase 1 is complete and will require nearly 15 megawatts of power.



Early construction of machine no. 1 at KDK.

Mimi Suffers Layoff

Continuing cutbacks at GTE may have cost Mimi her job. Officially her last day is December 21, but she may still be able to "bump" someone into a different position. It's a union thing and not very ethical, but then, neither is a layoff based on seniority rather than skill. If she is laid off she will get 12 weeks of termination pay. It should be sufficient to find another job since communications is a growing industry and GTE is not the only wolf in the pack.

Florida-Bound for Christmas

We will again be visiting my parents in Florida for Christmas this year, and always look forward to it. It's especially nice to have someplace to go to get away from the dreary winter of the Northwest. We hope this letter finds all of you in the best of spirits if not the best of health.

Personal Note