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The Newsletter with "Schmalz"

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ANOTHER GOLFING SUMMER



A view from Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park. One of our summer stops.

THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN'

Changes are occurring in our household. Mimi and I have decided that, while we still care about each other, our lives are taking us in different directions. Mimi has wanted a Kirkland waterfront condo for a long time, while I have wanted a basic house in a convenient part of town to help reduce the misery of the daily commute. She has been developing a new career at Boeing and I am trying to concentrate on reinvolvement in music. She wants an in-town location close to shopping and restaurants, I want a home with no common walls where I can practice piano, tuba, or trumpet without worrying about the neighbors. As such, we are now preparing to make moves to places of our own. The lease is actually up the end of March, but can be broken earlier with the purchase of a house. We'll see how the timing works out. Mimi plans to move out the end of January, and

depending on how quickly I can find a suitable house, I expect to be out by the end of February. When it happens, I'll try to get change of addresses out to everyone as soon as I can, but please be patient. You all know how I am about writing.

Mimi and I will still keep in touch, maybe playing some golf in the summer if either of us can afford it with the new homes. She's been a good companion when we haven't been fighting over our differences. I think her family is wonderful and hope to be able to visit with them from time to time as well. It's been a good journey.

I'm looking forward to getting the house very much. I will be able to bring everything out that's still in storage in Denver, including the piano resting with a friend, and have a place for the little boat

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Mom and Dad visited again in early August this year. For the sake of Dad's arthritis we tried to keep the travels to a relative minimum, but still managed to get around some. One of the first activities was an Argosy cruise on Lakes Union and Washington including a little hanging out in front of Bill Gate's new home on the waterfront. The cruise was very pleasant, except perhaps, for the tour-guide who NEVER stopped talking for nearly two hours. I guess he just had a lot to say.

The second weekend we again took advantage of our time share and spent two nights in Leavenworth in eastern Washington. This is the onetime dying town revitalized by enlightened local townsfolk who decided to turn it into a Bavarian village and attract the money-flinging tourists. It worked. The condos there are very nice. And, of course, the trip would not be complete without a little more golf-- one day at Desert Canyon, also done two years earlier, and a day trip to Yakima and Apple Tree golf course.

Breaking up the trip was a visit to Uncle Frankie's in Bellingham. It was so nice to be able to see Micky for a last time, even though we knew she was suffering terribly from the cancer that f i -

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FIREWORKS AT MIMI'S MOM'S

Mimi's mom, and the rest of us, watched 4th of July fireworks for the last time from the condo on the Elliot Bay waterfront. It was quite a spectacle, especially since both the Elliot Bay and Lake Union shows were clearly visible from the rooftop patio where we had

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My Summer Vacation

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nally took her. She was a wonderful person and will be missed, but I know we can all look forward to seeing her again on the other side. She'll be there.

It was good to have the folks visit again. This year they managed to bring the



The Trendwest Condos in Leavenworth.

Check out the expanded newsletter at <http://members.aol.com/taylortms/ttimes.htm>

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that's in storage here. Since I left Denver in 1989, I have felt as though I'm still on the road. I may finally feel like I'm home again.

This has been a tough year for me musically. Last year I got a roaring start on the First String Quartet. Earlier this year I actually completed it, and even had the opportunity to discuss the possibility of having a reading done with the world-renowned Guarneri Quartet as well as the local Lumiere Quartet, but was never satisfied with the slow movement, even to the point of completely rewriting it from scratch (which has now become the first movement of the Second Quartet). With all the work, yet dissatisfaction with it, it

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planted ourselves. Unfortunately "mom's" friends who owned the place decided the construction was too poor to deal with and sold it. Kelly is now living in an apartment north of Seattle, convenient to buses and shopping, as well as her bowling. She



Fireworks can produce interesting effects.

seems to like it, and that's important.

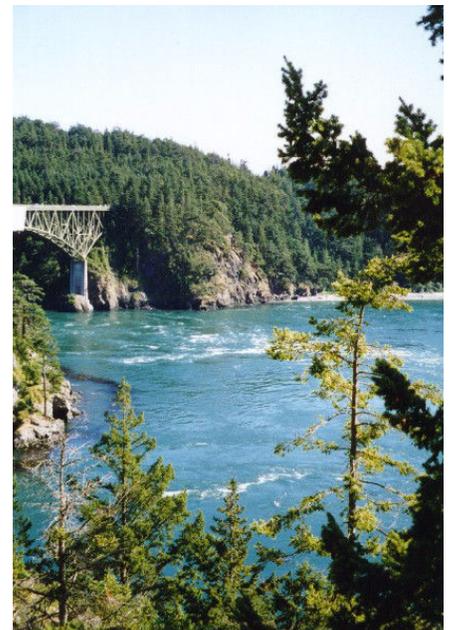
still is not acceptably complete. And all the activities and changes going on have slowed the work to a trickle. This should change again soon, I hope, once settled into a new place.

I think the greatest events of this past year had to be the new and growing friendships I've experienced. We all have our own ways of dealing with spirituality, our responses to God are personality driven and will always be different and personal for each of us, but I do thank God whenever I can, for the true friendships he's given me, and pray that he always keeps those people as well and happy as is coordinately humanly and divinely possible. The Urantia Book has shown me not only how to accept the imperfections of others as well as myself, but to realize the perfection of God's plan in those imperfections. The imperfect leaf is more beautiful than the one without flaws. With that, I wish you all the warmth of the

Mimi's Latest Job

At the end of last year, Mimi had started working for Boeing on contract in their Communications Services department. While the job was, from the perspective of background, perfect for her-- good pay at a job she knew by heart-- it did not provide the challenge she was looking for. For most of this year she had wanted to transfer into another department, but because of Boeing/Agency agreements she was required to stay on contract for a full nine months before they would let her go direct. Finally, in September, the wait ended. She is now working at the Everett plant doing electrical design for airplane entertainment systems and purser stations. She has found the challenge for which she was looking. In the three months she's been in this new department, she's gradually been learning the ropes, but it may be a full year or more before she's completely comfortable.

The job has already entailed some traveling and will require more before long, including possible overseas journeys. She's looking forward to it. My job, too, has been requiring more travel, but at least most of what I do is relatively close by. I hope it stays



Deception Pass between Whidby and Fidalgo Islands

Personal Note

Please accept my apologies for the lack of personal notes this year. Time constraints have been killers. Also the web site may not be ready for a little while yet. I hope you'll all understand and have the best of holidays.

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