



Kaua'i helicopter



Snorkeling on the Big Island



The Guggenheim in Bilbao



Cruising off Spain



Gibraltar

Dear Family and Friends,

2006 has been a busy year for Linda at work and Dani at school. Steve has just been goofing off, as usual. Both Linda and Steve celebrated their 50th birthdays this year. Steve got a bumper sticker on his ass, and Linda got a special surprise we found on ebay: the control console she designed almost twenty years ago for the Indiana Jones Stunt Theater. Who says romance is dead?

Over spring break we met our Australian friend, Pamela, in Hawai'i for a cruise aboard NCL's Pride of Tackiness, or something like that. During the week we visited the Big Island (twice), Maui, Kaua'i and Oahu, and then spent a few days at The Mandarin Oriental — well, it was a Mandarin when we booked the room. A few weeks before our arrival it was defrocked. Anyway, we enjoyed watching the dolphins in the lagoon outside our room, and celebrated our 28th anniversary at what purported to be one of the top restaurants in the country. Hawai'i was a nice place to visit, but it was strange being someplace so completely dependent upon the outside world for supplies.

Linda has been very busy with Disney projects, including a major updating of Pirates of the Caribbean at Magic Kingdom. It seems like she's been juggling half a dozen projects all year, including a Narnia walkthrough, Finding Nemo ride, and many others. Currently at the top of the list is a new show based upon Disney's Monsters movie.

Alcorn McBride has had a good year, with an increased emphasis on international sales that has brought the director of our French subsidiary over to visit and stay with us several times. This has proved quite handy when Dani has a French composition assignment! Steve is still teaching classes offered through over 1000 colleges via ed2go.com, and is completing a new class in Advanced Fiction Writing that should be online soon. He also judged 1400 wines at his 14th Florida State Fair (fortunately the wines aren't from Florida).

Dani has had a busy year with both drama and forensics — the speaking kind, not the crime scene investigation kind. She took first place in Oratorical Interpretation at a tournament in Orlando, and as a member of Trinity Prep's Travel Team has been on the road once or twice a month, with competitions around the state and as far away as Texas and Yale. In the spring she had an opportunity to pursue her great passion, Shakespeare, acting in both *Henry V* and *Richard III*. Then, in the fall, she had a starring role in a fantastic production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. She also won her school's drama award. Somewhere in the midst of all that she finished her sophomore year with better than a 4.0 average.

As a reward, she and Steve headed to Europe for two weeks in June (Linda was busy on the Pirates rehab). They cruised from Monaco around Spain and Portugal to France, finishing with five days in London, where they saw two Shakespeare productions, plus the musicals *Avenue Q* and *Billy Elliot*. They were amazed at how much more affordable theater was in London than New York.

For New Year's, we'll be heading to Tokyo, so we should have some interesting pictures to share in our next letter!

Have a great 2007!  
Steve, Linda and Dani Alcorn



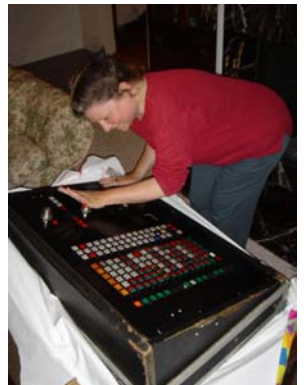
A Midsummer Night's Dream



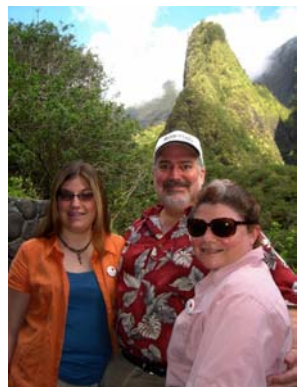
European dining



Birthday insults



A surprising gift



Maui