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HOT TIME IN PALM SPRINGS

When we stepped off the plane in Palm Springs early in May, we were hit with a blast of 105° desert air, an oddly refreshing change from the cool, damp Seattle environment. It didn't take long to acclimate to the desert dryness and clear skies. The condo (one of our Trendwest properties) was beautifully adorned and scenically situated to provide the greatest comfort we could expect. Mom and Dad came in that Friday, but unfortunately, Mimi had to leave Saturday to pursue her job search efforts. (In addition, she had hurt her back the week before and was not able to engage in our main objective: golf.)

"Yes, but it's a dry heat!"

Every discussion of weather in the hot desert somehow leads to the comment, "Yes, but it's a dry heat," and this was no exception. It's amazing how tolerable high temperatures can be when



Enjoying an evening in Palm Springs with the Folks (Those are my beers!)

there is virtually no humidity. I was able to get my running exercise several times dur-

ing the week-long vacation, and found it quite comfortable.

The golf was great. We played Rancho Mirage and Taquitz Canyon courses and visited TPC West and La Quinta (to get a perspective on why it cost \$225 to play there). In addition, we did a little visiting to one of Dad's old friends in San

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VISITORS TOUR OLYMPIC PENINSULA

Mom and Dad again favored us with a visit to the Great Northwest this summer. While the pleasant memories of last summer tempted us to repeat those earlier travels, we nevertheless turned our sights

to other exceptional spots. This year we focused on the Olympic Peninsula, spending two days there, golfing at McCormick Woods and Port Ludlow (both among the highest rated public courses in the country). For dinner our first night, the restaurant in Manresa Castle in Port Townsend was a pleasure to the palate. Overlooking Puget Sound and the small-town vistas, the food fare was exquisite, while the price barely above modest. We all came away fully satisfied with the experience.

This year's visit found the weather in Seattle unusually warm and humid, ironically not unlike Florida in the summer, so our visitors were right at home, while we residents sweltered and stuck to our car seats.

SEAFAIR BUZZES WITH HORNETS

The Blue Angels returned to Seattle's SeaFair again this August after a 2-year hiatus. SeaFair is a Seattle summer festival, celebrating the water and its myriad activities. Hydroplane races and parades help round out the week of celebration, along with many other related festivities. But the highlight has to be the Blue Angels.

The FAA had banned the Navy F-18s from flying

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No. 2 on the Trail 9 at Port Ludlow

Great Palm Springs Getaway

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Diego, rode the tram to the top of the San Jacinto mountains, found the good, inexpensive restaurants in town, and had our frozen yogurt every night after dinner. Memories of the sunsets over the mountains from the condo patio have us seriously considering a return trip at our earliest convenience.



View from the balcony at Worldmark Palm Springs

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NAVY FLIERS OVER PUGET SOUND

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their usual course over Lake Washington due to safety concerns, and for the last two years we did with substitutes or did without, but this year arrangements were made to allow the aces to fly over Elliot Bay in Puget Sound. Interestingly, this put my office building directly in their flight path. The public performances were on a Saturday and Sunday, but practices on Thursday and Friday proved the most exciting. Watching the nose of a Hornet hurtling straight toward you at lightning speed and feeling your body and building shaken by the thunder of its jet engine as it passes barely overhead is an experience not easily or quickly forgotten.

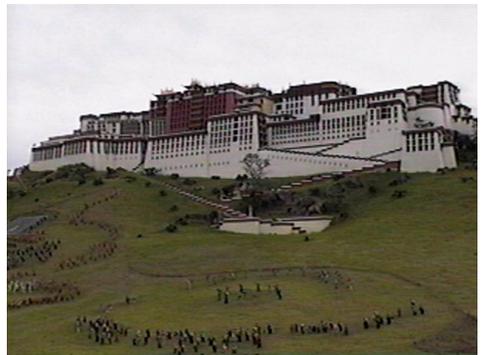
CHRISTMAS '95 WAS 'SPLENDID'

Last year's visit to Florida and the folks for the holidays was typically great, but more than just the pleasure of family was a side trip to Disney World. Several seasons ago, we visited Epcot Center for a day and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Last year we returned to the Orlando parkland to catch some missed attractions.

We had already determined that MGM Studios would be on the first of two days of activities, but had not yet decided on day two. MGM was fun, from the Indiana Jones Adventure show to the Star Wars transport mission, to the historical movies tour, to the Tower of Terror, (which we survived), all of it was exceptional entertainment. The next day, however, proved to be the real surprise.

We decided to visit Splendid China, a relatively new park across from the main Disney complex. For anyone who has ever enjoyed building a model of anything, thus miniaturizing a handful of life, this place was an amazement. Acres of finely detailed

miniatures of so many spectacular locations in mainland China. The Forbidden City, the Imperial Palace, the Chiang Kai-Shek memorial, the giant Buddha, all in incredible detail. The most surprising features had to be the half mile long Great Wall built of 6½



Miniature of Tibet's Potala in Orlando

million hand-made, hand-laid bricks, and the Potala, one-time Tibetan home of the Dalai Lama. If you take your children to Disney World, they would probably prefer Mickey

Our vantage point on the rooftop for these practices could not have been better. For the weekend show, Mimi's mother's condo facing the waterfront in downtown Seattle was also a good spot. We'll look forward to the fliers' return again next year.



A Navy F-18 Hornet streaks overhead.

Mimi Returns to Work

Mimi went back to work in October, but the job she started turned out to be a real dog. While it was a difficult decision to quit after only a month, it was probably the right one. The next day she landed a contract position at Boeing doing work she's well qualified to do at a pay rate that's much better. It's amazing how things can work out sometimes.

Now there's some question about my own job. Chiyoda has not managed to reel in any projects in the last several months, and those we had are finished. The office is making some major changes to the computer network so the slow period is good for development, but we need clients to get pay-

Personal Note

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