

The Durands
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We don't have a long Christmas letter this year since we've mainly been working and haven't made our usual number of trips.

In January we worked on a show (Roman Holiday) that our friend Steven was in. Sharon helped with his costumes and routine and Jerry video taped it for them.

During the year we toured all the major TV stations in the area. We saw one of two 35" HDTV sets in the world (\$200,000 with VCR!). Preparations for the new Digital TV (DTV) channels that are supposed to be on the air in about a year aren't going well. As of a couple of months ago the chief engineer of the ABC station hadn't even received instructions to look into DTV.

The end of March we went to Kaua'i, returning in April. As always we enjoyed our trip, we even got to try out our inflatable boat in one of the rivers (the day before 10" of rain fell).

We went to several excellent plays.

In June we went to ShowBiz Expo in Los Angeles. Sharon took a writing class at the expo and the guy sitting behind her turned out to be the writer of Independence Day.

June found us touring the Anchor Brewing company in San Francisco. They are a local small beer company famous for their "steam beer".

Our avocado tree had fruit for the first time this year, they all wound up in our salads and were delicious.

Wish you the very best for Christmas and the New Year!

Jerry, Sharon & Jo