

# 2007 Annual Report: Seeing Light at the End of the Tunnel

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This is the condensed version. To see the full report, check out [www.hargrove.org](http://www.hargrove.org).

Ah Love! could thou and I with Fate conspire  
To grasp this sorry Scheme of Things entire,  
Would not we shatter it to bits—and then  
Re-mould it nearer to the Heart's Desire!  
—The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam,  
No. 73, trans. Edward FitzGerald

## Jim and Linda

This was another year for traveling. Altogether this year, we managed these, which are described in more detail on the website.



- Kai's First Birthday Party in Berkeley
- A side trip to Oregon to visit cousins Emily and David Grimes at their home near Brookings
- A weekend with old Rice chums in Sausalito
- A family vacation to Yosemite in September
- Another family vacation to Belize in Thanksgiving
- A trip to Ecuador in January, 2008. In Ecuador, we both climbed 208 steps to a tower overlooking the forest canopy **three times**, so we think we're still in decent shape.
- Numerous trips to Houston for the Ballet and family gatherings.

Whew! Sounds tiring. We loved every minute of it. Linda's sister Leslie used her vacation time to come visit Lil here in Austin while we were out galivanting around, which seems as if it should be worthy of a medal.

Linda is still working as a Family Nurse Practitioner, seeing mostly elderly patients. She mentions retiring occasionally, but never gets around to doing anything about it. Jim is working on another book, a history of the future after the Collapse. He's on the third major revision of what he describes as "The Time Traveler's Wife meets Left Behind, from an atheist point of view." Both Jim and Linda have been active in politics this past year. Haven't you?



## Charles, Amy, and Kai

**The big news:** Charles and Amy are expecting another baby in April, 2008. Kai will be two years old May 10, 2008.

In other news: They have bought a house. It is located in El Cerrito, a few blocks from their current abode. Pictures, etc., will be available after they move in, in March, 2008. Charles continues to work as an archivist with the National Center for Science Education, and Amy is a Midwife and Women's Health Nurse Practitioner.



## Claire

Claire still loves her work as a *pediatric anesthesiologist* at [Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland, CA](#). She works really hard when she is on duty and enjoys her vacations the rest of the time. This year, she visited Telluride for the Bluegrass Festival, and popped over to Tuscany for a bike tour. Lately, she has been enjoying snowboarding in Tahoe. Most of the time when we talk to her, she reports that she has just gotten off duty at 7:00 a.m. or something like that.

She has bought a new pad in San Francisco, still in the Cole Valley area of the city, a few blocks from her old abode. Her new place occupies the upper floor of a two unit condo. In San Francisco, it is a **big deal** to be in a condo, rather than a *tenancy in common*. The city keeps a tight grip on the number of conversions allowed each year.

Her new place offers a view of the Pacific Ocean, the value of which exceeds the cost of a modest family home in Austin. Here are some photos Claire took with her iPhone:



## Other News



We still have the pleasure of Lil's company, though she is growing weaker from the ravages of old age. Now confined to a wheelchair, she still manages to get around for shopping, eating out, and checking out the doings at the Senior Citizens Center, due to help from Cindy Garcia, who comes four or five days a week, bullies Lil to get up, and takes her out for the day. Our list of comensals is the same as last year, though Chipper, the dog, now occupies a central place in home and heart.



## Adventures in Real Estate

Our friend Mo Altholz died in 2007 and left us an option to buy his house for the value of the lot. Linda had told him often that she wanted the house. The dwelling built in 1949 in the Travis Heights area of Austin needed everything. Jim suggested simply selling it to someone who wanted to do the work, but after Linda saw *This Old House* on PBS, she decided we should fix it up. Then, when she found out what that involved, she got cold feet. Too late! Jim has taken on the project, with Linda serving as a brake on the spending. Stay tuned.

Best wishes from us to you. Let us hear from you.