

Well here I find myself typing another holiday letter. Sit back and enjoy as I recount a few of the highlights. The full-length version can be found on our website at www.flamingeaux.com/2004

January: Joyce and I were back at the theater, at work on the technical crew for the childrens production of **King & I**. That was terrific fun.

March: For our Purim Shpiel this year, the script was based on the marvelous cartoons of Jay Ward: Rocky and Bullwinkle, Fractured Fairy Tales, and a few others. It was called "A Fractured Purim Tale." I played the evil Haman's wife Zareh as Natasha -- of Boris and Natasha from the Bullwinkle series. Joyce had two roles in the adult play, and Vashti in the children's play. We also read two of the closing verses of Esther in Hebrew from the Megillah. What a blessing!

Joyce's French class at school had a Café Français night at her school, where they served us French food and performed in French and English.

April: By April we were well into tech rehearsals for **Fiddler on the Roof**. I was "deck lead" on stage right and Joyce joined me there where our crew kept the sets and props moving throughout the show. We also saw another show, **The Scarlet Pimpernel**, at Joyce's school, as performed by our Dorothy from **Wizard of Oz!**

During Joyce's Spring break from school, we went to Disneyland in Southern California. We flew out right after I sang at the congregational seder, right after Joyce put away the last prop for the **Fiddler** performance, and we spent three days at The Land, The Adventure, and The Mall!

May: I interviewed for a new position at work, and was selected above all the other candidates. For the first time in 8 years I am going to be working in a totally different department! At the end of the month, we celebrated with 40 or 50 of our good friends from the theatre with a party for three young men, turning 21, 22 and 30!

July: While Joyce was enjoying R&R in Hawaii with her Dad (and swimming with dolphins!), I spent the 4th of July weekend in Monterey. I drove a Model A on the 17-Mile Drive thru Pebble Beach. What a treat!

August: We moved (with Janet and Joel) for the first time in 7 years, and it took several weeks to pack up, and 3 days to get moved in by August 2nd. The UNpacking will probably take alot longer!



September: We worked on the tech crew for **Jesus Christ Superstar** and



loved it. Toward the end of the month, I had the opportunity to join the cast of **Merrily We Roll Along**, a Sondheim musical that travels backward in time from the end of a friendship, 20 years in reverse to the beginning of a friendship. All who participated agree that this is one of the hardest Sondheim shows to put on, and we did it!

October: It's birthday time again We went to the Monterey Bay Aquarium on our special day. On the day after our birthday, we went to a 49er game. Turns out, as of this writing, it was the only game they were to win for the season. That means we must be the lucky charms for the boys in red & gold.

November: We are thankful for all the blessings God heaps upon us. We hope you are too!

December: Our house celebrated a dedication of a mezuzah. Ana sang Holiday songs with the JFP Choir, and Chanukah and Christmas were celebrated with the Joy of the Season. We are happy we have our health, our family, and our friends. God bless all who read this Holiday Letter!