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Over the EDGE NOTES

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Hello Holiday Cheer Recipient:

I've finally stolen time away to write. Can you smell it? No, not the scent of Christmas cookies. No, not the aroma of holiday pies. It's the slightly burnt bouquet of grey matter attempting to remember what happened throughout the year - Brain Toast. *← Gee, lovely holiday image, don't ya' think?*



↑ been married how long?



I am reminded that toast is not so great when soggy and soggy is how we started the year. Turns out the cast iron plumbing is the perfect place for years of grease and sludge to coagulate which, ultimately, leads to a backed-up pipe, water leaking into the wall, and through to the garage below ... all on New Year's Eve. So, 2006 starts with a plumbing job ... busy year ... maybe I'll just jot down a few lists ...

Of Projects & Neighbors: Finished *No thanks to the neighbors* moving the electrical & gas lines; put in a gas light at the corner of Blossom Hill & Francis Oaks Way; ran water pipes and electrical conduit up the hill to the storage tanks; built a small wall around the pohutukawa; re-roofed the shop house; took out interior walls and 1/2 of the exterior walls of the shop house; created "Machu Picchu;" started "The Great Wall" ... and after an ongoing email exchange with words inappropriate to print here, our neighbor finally admitted to, among other things, spray painting our irrigation pipe red in 2002 ...



↑ Gas & electrical lines are covered over with a custom speed bump

Car Talk: Purchased a Toyota truck for Brandy *one of Grady's salvadoran friends* and an X-19 for "Baby Rob;" *neighbor kid* joined Fiat America; and Lil had her 15 minutes of fame on the stage at Concorso Italiano ...



↑ Lil & Grady

Travels, Celebrations, & Experiments: Ashland; SXSW; *new addition this year* Artfest; *E launched a new biz - wonderfully irreverent Ts - http://www.namastemofomo.com* launch party for Namaste Mofomo at the Hotel Utah,



↑ Grady says there's a reason you see the same sodas everywhere

Martinez to meet a relative visiting from Finland; Grady's Great "Taste Off" soda experiment ... *lil' beanie for my good friend's son, Douglas*

Arts & Crafts: Stamped stuff; knitted hats; *↑* jewelry; mixed media painting; evil bartender bunny; devil duck kewpie doll walking a two-headed dog ...



↑ kd & Mikko

That's Entertainment: Sal's comedy; Concerts *You must hear Magnet! http://homeofmagnet.com* (Magnet, *Thanks to John P. for puttin' on the house concerts* Billy Bragg, Robyn Hitchcock, The Minus 5, Jon Auer, Steve Smith & Vital Information, David Lee Roth, OK Go, The Flaming Lips ...); Interviews (The Beastie Boys, Neil Young, Chrissie Hynde, Morrissey, Henry Rollins, Ray Davies ...); Tributes (School of Rock - Beatles & Bowie); got a ukulele on which I've learned, *↑* among other things, "Sheena Is A Punk Rocker" ... *Thanks to Steve and his guitar & uke lessons*



↑ Billy recommended a fantastic Mexican restaurant (Curra's Grill down on Oltorf) ... mmmm, avacado margaritas.

I should send this before 2007 activites begin ...

Merry Krimble,

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