

“Are you really sitting at the bar of The Palm™ in Denver with your computer, your pipe and your Glenlivet, writing the Christmas Letter?” “Hey! Writing in bars is a great literary tradition! Just ask **Dashiell Hammett** and **O. Henry!**” “Well, you better take a cab home or you’ll end up following **Cervantes’** great literary tradition.” “What’s that?!” “Writing from your jail cell.”

CHRISTMAS 2005
THE YEAR IN REVIEW – VOLUME XXIII – “CONTINUING ON”
The Tisdale Family Christmas Letter ®

2005 saw some big changes, but proved to be a year of continuing on as well. Here’s a snapshot.

Vicki entered her Freshman Year at the University of Southern California in January. She took the school by storm – literally: Los Angeles had more rain in the Spring Semester 2005 than it had endured in 100 years. (“**Dad!** I need more money!” “Already?! What for?!” “All the kids are building arks to get to class and I have to import wood from South America!”) She had a very successful first semester in the School of Theatre: her stellar grades earned her a spot on the Dean’s List of friend **Dean Madeline Puzo**. In March she was invited to lunch with **Jason Robert Brown**, composer of Broadway musicals *Parade*, *Songs for a New World* and other hits. After her successful stage managing of *Soledad*, she was recruited to run backstage operations for the **Stephen (“Vicki, you can call me Steve!”) Sondheim** 75th Birthday Gala at the Hollywood Bowl in July. (“I got to meet **Angela Lansbury** {“**Mom** loved *Murder She Wrote!*”}, **Barbara Cook** {“She came up to me and said, ‘Hi, I’m **Barbara!**”}, **Carol Burnett**, **Jason Alexander**, **Bernadette Peters** {“**Dad!** She’s older than *you!* I hope *you* look that good next year!”}, **Len Cariou**, **Warren Beatty**, **Annette Benning** {“She told me she came for the champagne!”}, **Elaine Stritch**, **Vanessa Williams**, **Jason Danieley**, **Josh Groban**, **Marin Mazzie**, **Audra McDonald**, **Eric McCormack** and a host of others.” “**Vicki**, didn’t you meet **Barbra Streisand**, too?” “We don’t talk about **Ms.** ‘I need a separate dressing room for my dog, too!’ **Streisand.**”) **Dad** brought **Dr. Sara** out for this Really Big Show. Fall Semester saw **Vicki** continue into Sophomore Year (“See! I’m already saving you money! I did Freshman Year in one semester! So, can you pay me instead of USC?!”) She became a “Silk,” one of the elite color guard of The Spirit of Troy, the USC Marching Band. “**Vicki’s Dad!**” (as the other Silks labeled him) and his pipe became a smokin’ mascot for the Silks at practice and games at the Coliseum. (“I even scored access to the field for the post game show!” “Yeah, **Dad**, but the security guard is still threatening an assault suit!”) **Dad** and **Vicki** went to the **Paul McCartney** concert in Los Angeles, where she was (properly) “busted” for taking pictures, while (understandably?) the pot-head smoking next to **Dad** went unmolested. And, yes, we were both at the 2006 Rose Bowl Game (See picture at right). (“**Dad’s** hankie got a good workout at the end of the game. From now on, when **Vicki** gets mad, she won’t see red. She’ll see *Orange!*”)



The Big Event of The Year (!) was the wedding of our dear sweet **Maggie(!)** (NYU, Tisch School of the Arts, BFA, '04) to **Marty Schettler** (Johns Hopkins, MS, '05)! On June 25th the **Tisdale** and **Schettler** clans (“**Maggie(!)**! Just how many cousins do these people *have!*!”) descended like swarms of Africanized Killer Bees on the Beaver Creek Chapel in the Vail Valley



to celebrate the nuptials. Celebrants were Vail pastor **Fr. Ed Poehlmann** and **Doug's** oldest friend from high school, **Fr. Tom McClain, SJ**, head of the Catholic campus ministry at The University of Michigan. **Maggie(!)** invited **Dad** to join dear friend **Eileen Figaro** to perform a duet of "The Prayer" (made famous by **Celine Dion** and **Andrea Bocelli**) at the wedding. Tears flowed freely and **Maggie(!)** rived our dear **♥Pat** in beauty as a lovely bride. The reception was at Balata Restaurant at the Sonnenalp Golf Course and the ever-changeable Rocky Mountain weather cooperated completely to provide for a beautiful Vail experience. **Maggie(!)** totally melted **Dad** by selecting "Try to Remember" (**♥Pat** and **Doug's** Wedding Dance) for her Father/Bride Dance. Further info available at www.maggieandmarty.com and in this year's Tisdale/Schettler First Annual Merry Missive (See Volume I, Christmas 2005). **Maggie(!)** has been working in children's theatre at the **Mizel** Theatre and **Marty** is employed by a top-secret intelligence/defense contractor. ("**Dad!** Be careful! It's a felony even to mention the name of his company!" "OK! I'll just say, go to the cia.gov website, press Shift/F9/F13 simultaneously, type in 'MartySentme!' and then hold on to your hats!") The **Newlyweds** are happily ensconced in a lovely apartment at **Stapleton** Town Center and see **Dad** often, but not nearly enough. ("Whose fault is that, My Dear Peripatetic **Father?!)**"

Dr. Sara (Creighton Medical School, MD, '03) continued on into the final year of her Pediatric Residency with NebraskaMC / CreightonMC / Omaha Children's Hospital. ("Rumor: **Sara** went into pediatrics because she never stopped being a child." "And the fact is that her **Father** never stopped being a" "*Don't finish that thought!*") We all learned the true spirit of *Public Service* from **Dr. Sara** this year! Not content to sit at home in her comfortable condo in Omaha, **Dr. Sara** decided to "make a difference." In July of 2005 **Dr. Sara** journeyed to the campos in the wild mountain country of the Dominican Republic. There, accompanied only by huge amounts of Kaopectate™ and Imodium™, **Dr. Sara** lived and worked her magic amongst the locals for a month. ("One morning I woke up to find a *grande rata* in my room. The kids where I was staying laughed at me. Turns out the rat's name was **Sara** too! Imagine my embarrassment!") Our **Princess** continues to save lives and make a difference in pediatric medicine, and next fall she will be Chief Resident!

Doug Jr. (Regis, BA, '98) continued teaching fifth grade in Aurora, but decided to go back to substitute teaching for the 05/06 school year. ("Hey! Have *you* ever spent a year with 25 fifth graders in a small space?!") He does his skier conditioning at the Denver Athletic Club so earnestly that his Powder Keg Jump™ scored the entire front cover of the *Rocky Mountain News* Spotlight magazine in November. ("How did he jump that *high!*" "They don't do urine testing at the DAC.")

Doug Sr. continued to work hard as President of **Tisdale & Associates LLC** ("Your Commercial Advantage") and traveled a little, flying to Los Angeles 10 times and to Detroit (funerals for **Aunt Norma Stefani** and **Uncle Andy Beke** and First Holy Communion for nephew **Brennan Eagle**), New York, San Antonio, Washington, D.C., Scottsdale, Chicago and Pittsburgh. He continued as city councilman in Cherry Hills Village and as board member of: the Denver Regional Council of Governments, Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee, Vail Valley Medical Center, Eagle Health Care Center, CP of Colorado Foundation, Colorado Neurological Institute, E-Z Health Care and others. He joined the Church of the Risen Christ Choir and starred in the Denver Law Club 2005 Show. He was given a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Law Club for his 25 years of shows. He served as Corporate Chair for the CNI

Gala, did the live auctions for the Wine in the Pines Gala and the Dominican Religious Foundation Art Show, still attends the Widowed Boomers Support Group he helped create, and single-handedly (according to CHV residents!) brought the 2005 U.S. Women's Golf Open to Cherry Hills Country Club. ("Isn't that a lot of bragging, **Dad**?" "Hey! At least people will understand why I don't call them as often as I should!")

The **ROLL OF HONOR™** for 2005 includes those who came out for The Wedding and over the holidays: **Pat ("Mom") Brennan**, the **Audrey & Paul Eagles**, the **Mary Frances and Jon Millers**, **Fr. Tom McClain SJ**, **Don Seeger & Phyllis Arlo**, **Paul & Donna Atkins**, **Ronda Winnecour**, **Barbara Klinger** and many others. Thank you all for stopping by!

Additional tributes to ♥**Pat** to be noted this year: The Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute at the DU College of Law initiated the annual **Patricia C. Tisdale** Symposium on Land Use this year in memory of our dearly beloved ♥**Pat** (the second annual will be on March 9th). This followed last year's posthumous award to ♥**Pat** of the Catholic Lawyer's Guild Lifetime Achievement Award. ("**Dad**! That was last year." "Cut me some slack: I used to have a QC editor helping me with this Letter!")

In closing, please know that we are *not* "moving on" from our great loss of ♥**Pat**, but we are all *continuing on*, incorporating her sweet memory and spirit into every aspect of our lives. May the great strength of her soul, now infused by the eternal life gifted to her by our Lord **Jesus Christ**, continue to bless and protect you and all of your loved ones throughout this New Year of 2006! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of our Family and Friends around the world! We truly treasure your friendship, association and support and wish we could share that message with you more than just once or twice a year!

Doug Sr **Doug Jr** **Dr. Sara** **Maggie(!) & Marty** **Vicki**

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PICTURES: The **Tisdale Family**; **Doug Sr & Maggie** at the **Patricia C. Tisdale** Memorial Bench at the Beaver Creek Chapel (see plaque inscription below); Family with **Mom Brennan & Marty**; **Doug Sr & Maggie** walk down the aisle; **Fr. Ed & Fr. Tom**; Father / Bride Dance; **Vicki & Doug Jr**; Wedding Wine; **Doug Jr** at the DAC; "Silk **Vicki**" at the LA Coliseum; **Dr Sara** in the mountains of the Dominican Republic and at work in her clinic.

IN MEMORIAM: Patricia Claire Tisdale, Esq. September 7, 1951 – January 6, 2004
Beloved Wife, Mother and Lawyer
"She Pioneered Change!"

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