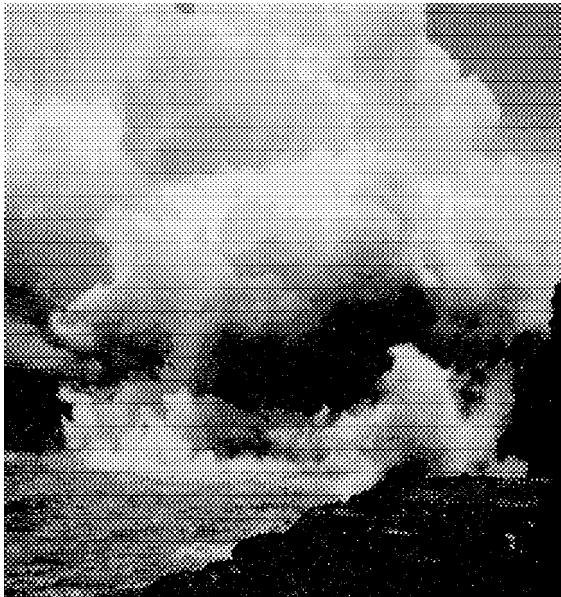


floor. It looked like red sludge as it poured out into the ocean. The sight was well worth the wait.



After we left the lava flow and the National Park we drove back to Kona via the northern route. While driving up the eastern coast of Hawaii we drove through Hilo and on to Akaka Falls. We took a side road that said "3 mile scenic detour." This three miles was fantastic. We saw some of the most luscious scenery ever. It was well worth the detour. We drove through the Parker ranch. I think they own quite a lot of land on Hawaii.

When we got back to Kona we stopped at the local supermarket and rented a VCR. At the hotel we watched the wedding video. I had bought a nice purple shirt before we came to Hawaii and I wore it this day. When I took it off, the heat and sweat from the day had turned my skin purple. Luckily a shower removed it all but it was a pretty funny sight to see. I guess the moral of this is to always wash new shirts before wearing them in the heat.

We got up early and had breakfast by the water at the Hilton coffee shop. The waitress wanted to know how we were going to pay for the meal before we even ordered. I was pretty mad about that. Especially when we ask why, and she said "I am just told to ask...".

When we rented the VCR we got a free movie, so we watched "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids." Cute movie. It was nice to see Matt Frewer in something else besides Max Headroom. After a nap, we drove up the west coast to the Hyatt Regency. The hotel was

amazing. There was a monorail, and water taxis at the hotel. The pool in the hotel was enormous. There were a lot of little swimming pools, and they all had water slides that went from one pool to another. The hotel also had a dolphin pool. If you wished to, you could go and swim with the dolphins.

On the way back we stopped at the Waikoloa beach. The beach had a lovely pond and pretty white sand. It was right out of a movie or postcard. We ate dinner in town that night at the Jolly Roger. We strolled around town for a little while after dinner. We bought some wind chimes and some T-shirts then we went to bed early that night.

We got up bright and early and went on the Captain Cook snorkel trip. We took a boat trip that took us to Kealakekua bay. This is the place where Captain Cook was shot and killed. They served us breakfast on the boat on the way out to the bay. The trip took about 1.5 hours to get there. Once there, we went snorkeling. We were able to jump off the boat into the water. Finally in the water, we had a lot of fun. The water is so clear. We saw tropical fish and coral.

During the trip we met a couple that was from San Diego. Pretty small world. On the trip, the people were offering an activity called SNUBA. It is a cross between scuba and snorkeling. Basically, you wear a regulator to breathe and the tanks of air are on a raft above the water. There is enough hose to dive about fifty feet or so. We decided just to snorkel though. Which was fun. It was the first time that either of us had done this.

The trip back to the harbor was nice. Angie and I relaxed and rested. They fed us hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. We forgot to put suntan lotion back on and got a little burnt. When we got back to the hotel we jumped into the pool and took a shower. Later that day we drove down the coast on Ali Drive. The road is only about five miles long. We found a shopping center, yeah! We stopped and ate an ice cream at Baskin Robbins. For dinner we ate at the Jolly Roger again. Their food was good and their prices were reasonable, so we decided we should go back. On the way back to the hotel it misted a little. This was the first sign of rain we had seen. We planned to go dancing that evening but we were pretty tired and decided to go to bed.