

## Francie moves to new business location

No doubt many of you saw in the newspaper or on television that the beauty salon where Francie worked (Primo) suddenly declared bankruptcy and closed its' doors. Many of the employees were locked out and some lost portions of their equipment and supplies. In addition, back pay was also lost. Fortunately, Francie was not an employee, but simply leased space at the Hazard Center site. Also, she had planned several weeks ago to move out, and was able to get all of her property out of the building before the doors were officially locked. She has relocated in the shop operated by her friend Cheryl, and her new location is at 8303 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, not far from the 163 freeway. The new telephone number is 1 (858) 565 2015. I am sure she would be pleased to see any of the family who wish to stop by and wish her well, just as we do.

## Travel news

Margaret and Bud were on the go again, along with Michael and Megan, and we have the following report from Margaret.

*The Riel/Mehans have been doing their part to keep the airlines from going bankrupt. We spent Christmas in England, visiting our dear friends Phil and Bev and had a great time with them. Michael traveled from Spain to England to join us. He caught the last train through the channel before it closed down for some problems. Then we all flew together to Austria for some terrific skiing. We stayed in a picturesque little village around a lake a few miles from the German border.*

*Once we returned Margaret packed her suitcase and went off to Boulder, Colorado for a conference on Computer Supported Collaborative Learning.. Also attending this conference were the 20 students she had just finished teaching online and the 40 students she was soon to be teaching. In fact, she held her first classes with students in Colorado. The course is called Mentoring and Team Leadership, and anyone who wants to follow along can visit the course at "<http://hale.pepperdine.edu/~mentorct/edc639>".*

*For Megan's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday she asked for a trip to visit friends north of Berkeley. So Margaret unpacked the suitcase and Megan was off on her adventure. She had a wonderful time and seems to really love the adventures of travel.*

*Then out came Megan's clothes and Margaret was packing for a trip to Kent State University to give some research talks and an after dinner keynote. The talk was on the Crossing the Digital Divide, describing some of the research she has been doing in Anaheim City schools. More information can be found on the internet,*

*Before Margaret returned, Bud took off for San Francisco to meet with the Spencer Foundation to review candidates for post doc fellowships. But now everyone is home and enjoying staying there for a while.*

*Margaret*

Thanks, Margaret, for this report and also for the pictures. As you can guess, they were taken in Austria, and show what a real winter is all about. See page 2 for some more.



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Catch the News

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Personally, I still prefer sunny San Diego!



## Birdy gets remodeled kitchen

The Hartman home got a recent facelift, a remodeled kitchen. Bruce refinished the cabinets, and the rest involved a new floor and some other new items, as shown in the following picture. It really looks great, and we look forward to seeing it the



next time we visit.

## Birthday news

There were no celebrations in January. The

February schedule is shown as follows.

Michael Riel/Mehan	February 10	21
Brett Sorem	February 10	19

## Sick call

The pneumonia season seems to be finished, and everyone is back to normal. However, we have some accidents to report. First of all, Bryce broke his collarbone in a fall at a wrestling match. We understand he is recovering nicely. In another accident Kevin was snowboarding recently, and fell. His wrist was either badly sprained or broken, and we await word from Ed on his condition. We hope all is well by now.

## College kids news

We have the following from Jessica.

*How is everything in Sunny San Diego? Even though it might not be very sunny right now, I still miss the weather there opposed to waking up and going to class in the 40-degree rain, like this morning. But despite the weather, everything here is going wonderfully and the views here at UCSC are breathtaking. I am very sorry that I didn't write sooner, I have been extremely tied up in a number of activities and a lot of schoolwork. I am quickly getting into the theater department here and was already in one play my first quarter and am now in another that opens this Friday. This one is a student choreographed modern dance production called Random with a Purpose. I am a little nervous because my parents are coming all the way up to my neck of the woods (literally) to watch me. But I am sure it will turn out great. Classes are going well too. I have a ton of reading to do, which really keeps me occupied most of the time I am not dancing. This quarter I am taking 4 classes for a totally of 20 units. It's a big work load but I am enjoying all of my classes and it's very rewarding. I recently got to go to San Francisco with my boyfriend, Matt and we had the opportunity to see the opera, The Merry Widow, a great experience. Afterwards we ended up eating at a small restaurant nearby and had a table right next to the star of the show! It was a lot of fun, especially because Matt had sung with him previously in concert at his school, UC Irvine. The trip ended with some sightseeing and lunch with my aunt and uncle who live in the area. I will include a few fun pictures from the trip and the Opera. Although it is very cold and rainy here, I enjoy school very much, but miss everyone else back home as well.*

All my love Jessica

