

Family celebrates Thanksgiving Day in Encinitas

Another year is drawing to a close, and once again the family gathered at the Riel-Mehan home in Encinitas for another Thanksgiving Day celebration. As usual the fun started off with snacks and general conversation. After a while the turkey came out of the oven, and the rest of the food arrived. Before we dug in Margaret assembled everyone in the dining room. She pointed out how fortunate we all were to be able to assemble as a family are less fortunate, and she suggested that helping others less fortunate than we collect money it uses to help needy careful investigation they buy an animal, animal is given to the selected family, and example, a goat can produce milk that can Also, the animal can be bred to produce countries ownership of an animal can be a later on e-mail Margaret reported that 1 llama, and a flock of chicks. After the set took off for a soccer match, while the usual, the football fan crowd gathered in on television.

Another activity involved a Science Fair project involves testing the short-term administered tests involving recall of a tabulating the results and looking for sounds like an interesting project, and we together.

Thus ended another celebration, and as Margaret and Bud for opening up their dinner and hospitality we all enjoyed so share on this page and also on page 3 information on the Heifer International



and enjoy .the food and each other. Many one way to express our thanks was by Heifer International is a project that families throughout the world. After a goat, a llama, a lamb or sheep, etc. This its value is in what it can produce. For be consumed or used to make cheese. lambs, kids, etc. In many backward big factor in the life of the new owner. In she collected \$420, enough to buy 2 goats, food was consumed some of the younger older folks sat around and talked. As the living room to take in a football game

project that JJ has been working on. His memory ability of various people. He list of words or playing cards. He will be trends by sex, age group, education, etc. It wish him good luck in putting it all

usual we express our gratitude to home and supplying the great turkey much. We have some great pictures to Also, you will find some more program on page 2.



We extend to all our family and friends our very best wishes for a very happy holiday season and coming year. We wish you all happiness, good health and as we move into 2003 a year of accomplishments and good fortune.



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[Heifer International 2001 Annual Report](#)

Heifer animals (and training in their care) offer hungry families around the world a way to feed themselves and become self-reliant. Children receive nutritious milk or eggs; families earn income for school, health care and better housing; communities go beyond meeting immediate needs to fulfilling dreams. Farmers learn sustainable, environmentally sound agricultural techniques.

[Heifer Chosen as One of 100 Best](#)

We're proud to share that Worth magazine selected Heifer as one of the 100 best charities in the US.

[How Heifer Began](#)

In the 1930s, a civil war raged in Spain. Dan West, a Midwestern farmer and Church of the Brethren youth worker, ladled out cups of milk to hungry children on both sides of the conflict. It struck him that what these families needed was "not a cup, but a cow." He asked his friends back home to donate heifers, a young cow that has not borne a calf, so hungry families could feed themselves. In return, they could help another family become self-reliant by passing on to them one of their gift animal's female calves. The idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for more than 50 years. As a result, families in 115 countries have enjoyed better health, more income and the joy of helping others.

This program certainly seems to be well thought out, and worthy of support. We trust Margaret will pass along any follow-up she gets from the contribution we all made on Thanksgiving.

Jason article published in UCSB paper

Carol loaned us a copy of a recent issue of the Daily Nexus, a publication of the University of California, Santa Barbara. The editorial page contains an article written by our own Jason, and we reproduce its contents as follows.

Outdoor Couch Ordinance Should Make You Burning Mad

Jason Benesch

Couch fires have plagued or invigorated Isla Vista - whichever way you would like to view it - for as long as students have been packed into this rat hole we call home. Crammed two or three to a room with inadequate plumbing, no parking, outrageously expensive rent and a security deposit that we'll never see again all make Isla Vista the wealthiest ghetto in the world. We have put

thousands of gray hairs on every governmental body as well as the North County which has tried to lasso us down with ordinance after ordinance that are supposed to help us in the end, aren't they? They have tried to convince us not to vote, UCSB is now sending parental notifications home when we get arrested, the police give out MIP's like party favors and they are now trying to make us move our couches inside. I say enough is enough. When are we going to say, "No, we don't want this," and stand up for our rights?

The county's board of supervisors is drafting an ordinance as we speak that would force us to move our couches inside or pay a hefty fine. It is modeled after an ordinance that was adapted at the University of Colorado at Boulder, attempting to reduce the amount of couch fires. While couch fires in I.V. have been prevalent in past years, there is a huge fallacy as to the number in recent times. There were only 46 fires in the months between September 2001 and August, 2002, with 11 of those occurring within the month of June. Are these numbers truly alarming enough to ban couches from being outside? A more proper way to address the problem might be to target certain times of the year when fires most often occur. For instance, stiffening the punishment for couch fires in the month of June or forbidding couches from being outside during that month would cut down on couch fires without penalizing the majority of the student body. Another attempt may be to provide more means of disposing of unwanted couches during the last few weeks of the school year. Or better yet, by creating a designated fire pit somewhere along Del Playa where on the last day of school we could build a huge couch bonfire, that would start to eliminate random couch fires while keeping intact the vigilance of Isla Vista.

So I ask you to please think critically about the outlawing of outside couches as an attempt to limit couch fires and tell me, will this ordinance be a means to an end? Will this limit the amount of couch fires in our streets? Do we burn the couches that we sit on? I don't believe so, and your A.S. government is fighting to protect your rights; but now we need your help. Freshman to seniors, left wing to right wing, DP to El Coregio, we need everyone. We are asking everyone to write a letter, a paragraph, even just a sentence stating your opinion and send it to voiceyouropinion@fightforyourrights.info. If that is too much to ask there will be petitions circulated through I.V. with a universal paragraph asking the supervisors to please consider other options of limiting couch fires. Every letter and petition will be put together in a packet and sent to each supervisor. Included in the packet will be a critical analysis of couch fires and suggestions for a course of action. Lets all do our part and protect each others' rights by letting our voices be heard. Let's all write letters and sign petitions and keep our right to store our couches outside.

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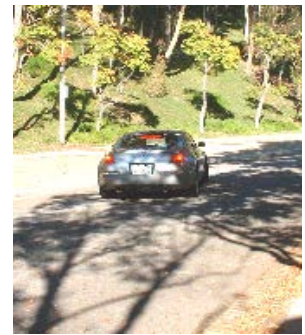
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Lyle gets new wheels - Francie and Lyle showed up the other day driving a brand new Nissan 350 X sports car. As you can see, it looks like it is going fast even when it's standing still. They both report that it is lots of fun to drive! As you can see in the picture below on the right, it takes off down the road, looking for the freeway.



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Loss of Compartmentalization Causes Misregulation of Lysine Biosynthesis in Peroxisome-Deficient Yeast Cells

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The above title is from Vol. 1, No. 6 of the Journal of the American Society of Microbiology. As you can see, our own Michelle is a co-author, and shares in the publication of this report on microbiological research. The subject matter is highly technical, and understandable only by those trained in the subject matter. If you are interested I am sure Michelle would be happy to explain what it is all about. We congratulate Michelle on her accomplishments.

Birthday celebrations

There were two this month. First of all, JJ celebrated his 12th birthday. Since he wanted to see the Harry Potter movie, we had lunch at the California Pizza restaurant, which is next to the AMC theatre in Fashion Valley.



There was a huge line to get into the theatre, and we had to sit way in the back.

However, it worked out ok, and we all had a good time. On December 6th Grandpa celebrated his 84th in an unusual way. Margaret came over with some delicious turkey soup made from the leftover Thanksgiving turkey.



We made a big salad, and enjoyed a great lunch. The following day Listy and Birdy took us out for lunch. We also had many phone

calls, and some other celebrations are in the offing, as well as gifts. It was a great celebration, and we thank everyone for the birthday gifts and good wishes.



RIEL BOWL XII IS NEXT!

Yes, it is almost time for another big family celebration in Alpine. Family members will find the annual crossword puzzle attached to this RFNL. Once again we warn you against trading answers. The honorable commissioner has stated that each entry will be checked carefully for signs of collusion, and anyone detected will be dealt with harshly. We will give you all one hint - watch out for not only the past RFNL text, but also the pictures. Check with Karla on what to bring, and be ready to celebrate the biggest and best New Years Day ever.!