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Redondo Drive

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I'm sitting on the deck at Dick's (my nephew) and Mary's house a block from the ocean at Mission Beach in San Diego – it's one of those wonderful, mild Southern California days that make me homesick for Los Angeles. On Sunday I flew to Palm Springs and visited with Helen, then drove on to Granada Hills to stay overnight with Netty and Jan, and then drove down here. Just missed Joanne and Dave (who are getting married this coming Saturday), but I did talk to her a couple of times on the phone and also talked to Dick's Aunt Grace who lives in Alpine, just east of San Diego. It's been a nice trip. Dick (husband) didn't come with me this time – he's saving his remaining 2001 vacation to use over the Christmas holiday.



El Dorado Hills

We've spent much of this year buying and selling houses and moving in and out of them. Early in the year we decided to buy a house in El Dorado Hills, which is east of Sacramento in the foothills off Highway 50. We sold our house in Cupertino and rented an apartment (which we still have) while the house was being built. It was finished the end of October and after we moved in I spent the rest of November getting settled. The windows are now covered (an important item, because the house next door, still being built, has a bird's-eye view into our house from the construction scaffolding), storage shelves in the garage, and the yard, which is designed but not started yet. At least we don't have to do that ourselves, and it's too cold and wet right now to sit outside anyway. For the past few summers we've spent a week during the summer at Fallen Leaf Lake with our kids and grandkids, and we were starting to think of tile Tahoe area as a "home away from home." We think we'll enjoy El Dorado Hills both as a home and as a jumping-off point for the mountains, both winter and summer. We hope to get lots of company, too - our house has a permanent guest bedroom and also a couple of dens with trundle beds.



Hunting Easter eggs

I quit my job with Siebel the end of October and now I'm interviewing for contracting jobs with both Bay Area and Sacramento high-tech companies. Dick is still at IBM and will be spending most of his time in our Cupertino apartment until at least the middle of next year.



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Blomquists

Our kids are still scattered around the West – Tim is in San Francisco and working on his Web site on ethno-botanical and holistic information. Jill and Mike are in Phoenix – he did a photography course in Vancouver that ended in June, and she is now in law school at ASU. Ellen and Rick are in South San Jose – Rick is still working at Intel and Ellen has been at IBM (technical writer) since February of this year. Matthew and Miranda are growing and thriving, and we enjoy so much the fun and privilege of occasionally visiting with and taking care of them. We hope to get them up to visit often at our new place – and we hope the same for our kids, other relatives, and friends.



Blomquists and Anna on Vancouver Island

Our family was all together for Thanksgiving – we did a “test drive” of the new place and found it pretty adaptable for guests. Please plan on stopping by if you’re up our way!



Dick hiking at Lake Tahoe



Our friends Jan and Netty Meertens

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