

From a telephone conversation with Mom and Dad:

Our news is that we are breaking our back getting ready to put carpet in Dad's office. We had a 7x11 foot piece of carpet left over from when the living room was carpeted. It would just fit in Dad's study. We took all the books out his book cases and it filled two different rooms with them. Mr. Paxman took the old carpet out and took the bookcases apart and moved them out. After we had everything cleaned up he moved them back in. I'm having the carpet bound and it will be a free standing carpet. We've been working on putting the books away. Dad's throwing a lot of them away. Anyone who writes a beginning chemistry book send copies to all the teachers and Dad had many beginning chemistry books. We gave some to a private school and threw away others.

The carpet in the living room is a light beige carpet. We bought a chair that matches the couches. The curtains are suppose to be delivered today. This should be my last decorating project.

Dad has been working with the trees out at the farm. He has a cellular phone that he can put right in his pocket. That way I can contact him if I need him. We decided to furnish the two apartments in the basement of the farm house. We're tired of people trying to put 4 rooms of furniture in the small apartments and hope to attract better renters.

It is still dry here. We're having high pressure and have still have 100 degree weather. It's down to 95 now but we have only had one cool day and one cool night.

Mom is taking a genealogy class. We are the magazine representatives. We got one neighborhood done yesterday. One of Delbert Hall's kids, David, is here for a couple of days. He wants to find a job and go to school. He's married and has a baby. Delbert is doing quite well after his surgery.

From a phone conversation with Betsy:

Mary has a new mission president. She and her companion are having opportunities to teach. They had one 17 year old girl that wanted to be baptized. They had some hairy experiences with her parents this past week. Her parents said that she would no longer be part of their family is she joined and that she would burn all her belongings and throw them out on the street. Mary and her native companion went to talk to the parents and Mary made some cultural blunders that she was unaware of until afterwards when her companion talked with her. She had knelt down on a mat and accepted a drink to be hospitable and found out later that she was communicating her complete humility and unworthiness to make the request. Her companion didn't want to embarrass her and didn't say anything at the moment.

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Telephone conversation with Liz:

I've been getting the Los Altos choir together. We had our first rehearsal Saturday. I've been busy with phone calls, buying music putting folders together and etc. I'm also doing a children's choir this year.

When we were in San Louis Obispo our car window broke. It was the side glass on the Suburban. I came out of the hotel and it was broken in a thousand pieces. We drove it home and got it fixed. We paid \$250 and insurance paid the rest. A few weeks later I came out of a grocery store and the same window was broken. It was a nice neighborhood so I knew that it couldn't have been broken by a fist or a rock. I thought something in the car must be rubbing on. I took it to the dealer where we bought the car and they've had it for 2 weeks. It took a while for them to get the glass and after they put it in they inspected it carefully. When I finally picked it up I asked what recourse I would have if this happens again and he said they will not guarantee glass. I'm certain that both times it was a spontaneous break. I'm glad to have my car back and hope it doesn't happen again.

The kids are back in school. Erin is taking singing lessons from a guy I took from in Palo Alto. We got a phone call from Emily in Israel. She was really unhappy because they called her to be the choir accompanist and she wanted to sing in the choir. But she's doing well and they found another pianist so she can sing for 5 or 6 songs.

John has decided to be one sport man. He is concentrating on basketball. His playing ability has really improved with all the camps he has been to this summer.

Marty and I are still doing the same old things. We are going to go to Marty's parents house for Thanksgiving. Our frequent flyer miles will pay for it.