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## Grandma's Dining Room Table Extension Sponsored by RightOn

GRANDMA'S DINING ROOM TABLE RAN OUT OF ROOM, SO WE GOT A NEW SPONSOR TO FUND A COUPLE OF EXTRA PAGES IN THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW SPONSOR AND THE OFFICIAL PAIN RELIEVER OF THE SILVER BUCKS—RIGHTON. THANKS TO BETH NICOLLS FOR DESIGNING AND CREATING THE AD.

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Dear Grandma,

I was the Law Review member of the month. And I thought getting OSU tickets and a job in the same week was the most excitement I could ever expect. Then I received word that I have been chosen to go to Harvard Law School in February for the Animal Law Association to participate in the Moot Court competition for three days! Would you like me to get a Harvard Law sweatshirt for you while I am there?

Love, Emilie



Grandma,

Just a note to say that Jan is doing a great job cooking the turkey each year. Unlike you, she actually *likes* turkey.

Love, the DJs

## Dear Grandma,

By Suzy Yoder

Greetings and Happy Thanksgiving from Suzy & Paul Yoder in Charlotte, NC! We will be celebrating Thanksgiving this year with Paul's family in Winston-Salem, NC, then heading to the mountains of NC to a small town called Blowing Rock to kickoff the holiday season. While there, we will go to a Christmas tree farm and choose and cut our Christmas tree! We look forward to spending time in Oakton, VA with my parents & Cheri around Christmas.

Our children are growing up quickly and keep us very busy with their various activities. Allison is 12 yrs (6th grade) and swims year-round on a competitive swim team. During the winter, she also plays basketball for a church team. She has just been selected to participate in a school ex-

change program to Quebec City, Canada as part of her French studies. She will travel to Quebec City in Feb for 8 days during the city's Winter Festival. In turn, we will host her Canadian "buddy" in Charlotte later in the spring. PJ is 10 yrs (4th grade), is finishing up another flag football season this fall (his 9th!), and is preparing for basketball this winter and baseball next spring. We have season tickets to the Carolina Panthers NFL games so he loves Panthers football and University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) basketball! Earlier this year, we expanded our family to include a puppy, Buddy, who is a goldendoodle (1/2 golden retriever and 1/2 standard poodle). Buddy is almost the size of a small horse but does not shed (yea!) and is the constant center of attention

in our family. When not shuttling kids to activities and playing with our dog, Paul & I try to squeeze in some work full-time. Paul started a small IT consulting firm almost 2 years ago, specializing in Customer Relationship Mgmt (CRM) implementations. After 22 years, I am still working at Wachovia Bank (soon to become Wells Fargo - my future employment TBD) and am preparing myself for lots of changes in 2009.

At this time of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for abundant health and happiness (who needs fame & fortune anyway?!) Each year we consider making the trip to New Castle for Turkey Bowl - so maybe we'll see you next year for Turkey Bowl 2009!!

Love, Suzy

## A San Francisco Treat

By Jake Grover

When my favorite band announced a two-night run in San Francisco, I figured it was high time to hold 'ole Hammerin' Hank to a promise he made when I graduated Ohio State to take me to his former stomping grounds of a more peace-loving era. I brought it up to him and we quickly made plans to stay five days and nights on the North Shore just a block or two from Fisherman's Wharf. My girlfriend Lisa was easily convinced and she pried herself away from the econometric analysis of the effects of a full moon on crime to make the trip with us. I had work mounting for my graduate thesis as well but that could wait for a weekend, and my job is pretty flexible as well - it's only the federal government.

We all flew out on Wednesday. We had dinner on Cannery Row and ex-

plored the Wharf before checking out the chocolate factory at Ghirardelli Square.

On Friday night, Lisa and I met up with friends before heading to the historic Warfield Theater. The theme of the show was Monster Mash-Up where attendees were encouraged to think of innovative mash-up costume ideas. Winning costumes included Larry Big Bird, Sponge Bob Marley, and Stevie Wonder Women. A couple of the band members' costumes included Ronald McDonald Trump (complete with "You're fired!" samples throughout the show), Sugar Ray Charles, Rick James Bond, and the Incredible Hulk Hogan. The show was one of the best I've seen and included such mash-ups as "Thriller / Another Brick in the Wall" and "TNT / Paranoid / Dirty Deeds"; quite a musical

feat to pull off as a live band with just guitars, drums, and keys.

Our last full day in the city meant a long day of checking out tourist attractions which included the Palace of Fine Arts (which was unfortunately closed for renovation but majestic nonetheless) and the Golden Gate Bridge. We stopped for dinner at a gastro-pub called Magnolia, established by a long-time Deadhead, where we had caramelized duck wings and head cheese among other exotic dishes. We ended the trip by heading back to Ghirardelli to treat Dad and Monica to fudge and peanut butter sundaes - some of the best I've ever had. I wouldn't be surprised if we were back on a more full-time basis when Lisa finishes her doctorate in a few short years. Thanks for the unforgettable vacation Dad and Monica!