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FORMER MONTECITO JOURNAL WRITER OFF TO IRAQ

Michelle Kimball, who was the Journal's first "Local Schools" columnist is putting her money where her heart is and will join a large delegation of religious leaders, medical professionals and various activists on a mission to Iraq from May 6 through May 13, 1998, to bring what they consider badly needed medical supplies to Iraq. Ramsey Clark, former U.S. Attorney General, will head the Iraq Sanctions Challenge Delegation as the group makes its "illegal" way abroad. The hope of the mission is to force the United Nations to lift the current sanctions now in place against Saddam Hussein's regime.

A send-off meeting is planned in New York City on the evening of May 5th. Meetings and press conferences are being planned in cities all over the country as delegates of the Iraq Sanctions Challenge travel to Baghdad. Meetings in Santa Barbara are also scheduled.

Timothy Conway, a local author and educator (Pacifica Graduate Institute and Santa Barbara City College's Continuing Education Program) said that Santa Barbara "should not only be proud of Michelle and her colleagues, but support her in this mis-



Michelle Kimball is bringing supplies to Iraq

sion of mercy. The scriptures of the major religions and the teachings of all the saints and sages are on her side."

Kimball, mother of a five-year-old daughter is married to **Dan Kimball**, an inventor and CD producer. She is also a writer, lecturer, and scholar and is the author of a recently published book on women in Islam. She plans to teach a local course on spiritual traditions.

Kimball and members of the International Action Center will be available for presentations upon their return to speak to groups to inform more people of the situation in Iraq. *