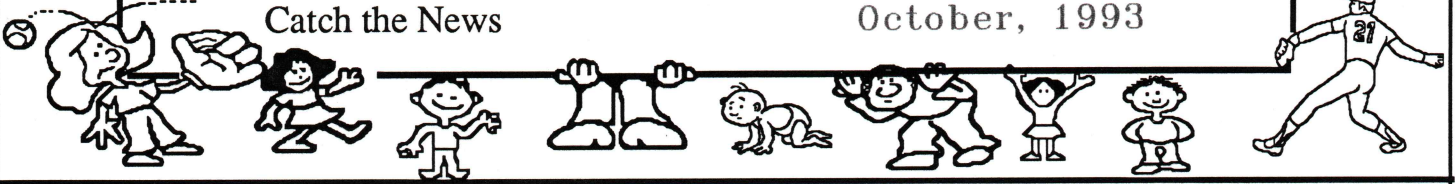




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MARGARET HELPS GOVERNMENT PLAN USA TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUTURE

AUNT MARGARET RETURNS FROM WEEK LONG SERIES OF MEETINGS

The week of October 4-8 was a busy one for Margaret, since she departed from San Diego on Monday morning, and returned late Friday night. There were stops at Washington, D.C, Boston and Newark. The first meeting was held at Georgetown University, and involved about 60 of the countries top experts in the use of computers in education. The theme of the workshop meeting was "Technology and Education". Those in attendance included representatives from industry, universities, K-12 grade teachers and government agencies, including NSF, DOE and DBRI, (Department of Education Research Instruction). The objective of this initial workshop session was to begin the definition of a national policy for the use of technology in schools. The National Science Foundation will play the lead role in the development of this policy. The ideas generated in the meeting will be assembled into a draft report and circulated over the network for comments by the various participants. It was agreed at the meeting that telecommunications will play a key role in the new policy. After the initial review there probably will be another meeting to finalize the recommendations, which ultimately will be sent to the Executive Branch for guidance and implementation.

Margaret's next stop was at the Technology Education Research Center, (Boston) a private group funded by grants. One of the objectives of this group is to develop the concept of a "micro-lab" whereby scientific experiments can be carried out by computer technology. Simulated experiments can be carried out, and the data so generated analyzed to arrive at conclusions. Margaret addressed several groups in "brown bag" lunch sessions, and described the use of the AT&T Network concept, and it's applicability to the issue of teacher professional development by networking with others.

The third stop was at Newark, N. J. to attend a business meeting with AT&T. One of the interesting items in that discussion was the viewing of a video film which projected an image of the long range (20 year) future of communications. If you want to know what TV will be like in the year 2013, just ask Margaret, who is playing a key role in determining that future.

FRANCIE FLIES TO PHOENIX AND ALASKA

Margaret is not the only one who is traveling around the country. We learned recently that Francie will be flying to Phoenix on the 16th, to

participate in a trade show. She will be demonstrating her companies product line. The big news trip, however, will be a six day tour of Alaska, with stops at Anchorage and Fairbanks. On this trip she will be giving instructional lectures to various beauticians on the use of the products manufactured by the company she represents. She will be leaving on October 31, and the weather in Fairbanks already is below freezing temperature at night. Since she is not well equipped, clothing wise, for this kind of weather, she would appreciate the loan of any cold weather gear anyone in the family has. Bar muffs, boots, goulashes, fur lined hats, skies and of course a whip to use as she mushes across the frozen tundra on her dog sled would all be appreciated. It is too bad that this trip is not scheduled for April 1st, so that the annual "snow joke" could be for real.

VACATION NEWS, GRANDPA AND GRANDMA IN CASINO LAND

In late September Grandpa and Grandma took off for another visit to the casinos in Nevada. This time they visited Mesquite, which is near the Utah boarder. The original plan was to spend some time in St. George, Utah, playing some of the golf courses we have enjoyed there in the past. However, due to the "tennis elbow" condition Grandma has (see last months RPNL) the golf had to be canceled. We stayed at a brand new facility, The Virgin River Motel and Casino. This facility, located on the north side of I-15 at Mesquite, includes four large motel buildings plus a casino, and the facility is being expanded. Another large motel/casino facility at Mesquite is the Peppermill, and we enjoyed both of the casinos, with some good and some bad luck.

GRANDPA WINS BIG PRIZE IN CHURCH LOTTERY

Speaking of gambling, Grandpa was informed in September that he was the big winner in the Italian Catholic Federation raffle. The prize was \$1,000.00, which will buy a lot of nickels for the casino slot machines.

SPORTS NEWS

The week of September 20th was a busy on at Stardust C.C., with the playing of the Kyocera Inamori 1993 LPGA tournament. Grandpa and Grandma were volunteer scorers, and each kept score for threesomes on the first two days of the tournament. The score keeper not only records the number of strokes taken by each of the three players, but also records information on the number of putts, fairway drives, sand bunker

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shots etc. It's an interesting but very demanding job, since the scorer must keep track of every shot made by each player. We also watched the two pro-am tournaments and the final two days of play. It was an interesting experience. The Wednesday evening golf game with Bob Riel, Grandpa and Grandma continues on a regular schedule. We recently enjoyed the company of Bob Gillingham, who impressed us, as usual, with his golfing skill. Grandpa and Bob Riel have been working with our Stardust C.C. Pro for the past few weeks, on Saturday mornings. Bob is improving rapidly, and no doubt soon will be giving Bob G a real challenge. The soccer season continues to attract attention from the kids. Craig Hartman's team, the Purple Cows in the American Youth Soccer Organization, is headed for the play-offs, while Scott's team, the Fire Balls, has a 5-1 win-loss record. Kristy Gillingham plays for the Purple People Eaters, and recently she scored her first two goals. Brett and Bryce Sorem also play on winning soccer teams, and Brett is playing in the winter baseball league. Michael and Megan also are active in soccer. Matchless team, the Lightnings, won two pre-season tournaments, and now has 4-1 win-loss record. Megan's team won a second in the pre-season tournament, and now has a 3-2 win-loss record.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The latest birthday celebration was with JJ Riel, who turned 3 recently. Grandma took him to lunch at McDonalds, followed by a visit to Toys-R-Us. The rest of the day was spent at the zoo, and a great time was had by both Grandma and JJ.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Ed Riel	October 3	45
Katy Riel	October 6	7
Scott Hartman	October 15	8

RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

We were pleased to learn that Scott Hartman will have gotten rid of his cast by the time you read this. It has been a long time, and we are sure he is delighted to get rid of it and have back the use of his arm. We learned recently that two of the kids have lost teeth, Annie (2) and Bryce. We certainly hope the tooth fairy remembered to hand over the rewards. There is no news on Bruce's condition, except that we understand that Birdy gave him a cold, recently.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS ABOUT TO ARRIVE

Recently we received in the mail the first sign that Christmas will soon be upon us, the Neiman Marcus 1993 Christmas book. As is our annual custom, we have reviewed it's contents, in order to offer some gift suggestions for those who already have practically everything. If your back yard needs sprucing up, Neiman Marcus will be happy to install a complete miniature railroad, with a variety of scaled down bridges, stations, and the like, all surrounded by real live flowers, shrubs and bushes. You can have all this for a mere \$65,000 - 100,000, depending on the theme you select. Another item for your back yard is a mechanical dinosaur, operated by compressed air (air compressor not included), for only \$63,000. For the man who has a yen for something more than a sports car, how about a four seat ground effects machine which will skim over the water at an elevation of about 6 feet. Recommended only for use on lakes, it can be had for only \$150,000. N-M assumes no liability for your safety

or well being. Finally, for the family that has everything, how about a hand sewn Egyptian Suradeq (tent, to you). Great for family gatherings, and only \$3,300. The NM Christmas book is loaded with bargain gift ideas, and can be seen at the RFNL business office by appointment.

THE FIVE FABULOUS RIEL GIRLS DINE OUT

Recently the famous Riel girls, Margaret, Francis, Carol, Listy and Birdy enjoyed a dinner out, at Trophies restaurant. For the first time they allowed Craig and Brett to attend a movie all by themselves, while they were dining, a first step on the road to freedom from baby sitters. We understand everyone had a great time, including the kids.

SOME BRIEF NEWS ITEMS

The Gillingham kids have some pets, a hamster, a salamander and a fish - Aunt Listy has a new mountain bike, and is looking for mountains to climb - Jan Riel has landed a full time job as a Library Technician at Gompers H.S. She will be in charge of all text books.

TALENT SHOW PLANNED FOR 3RD ANNUAL RIEL BOWL

The 3rd annual Riel Bowl planning now is under way. Once again Bob and Karla have invited the family to share their home with us on New Years Day, to celebrate the advent of 1994. Because of the outstanding success of the magic show put on by Michael and Megan (see photo below) at the back to school party at the Hartmans, we are planning an expansion to include any of the kids who would like to perform. Singing, dancing, skits, musical instruments, whatever suits your fancy. Aunt Margaret is the focal point in organizing this activity, so get in touch with her and be included in the program.



Trance

Trophy - at 5 Birdy

sweater - superbowl -

which then Craig + Brett also along

Undercover Blues -

Shyders

Brett + Bryce on winning team
4-

Brett big wins

under baseball also

Bryce lost tooth 1st tooth

Sat to Phoenix for business

Grad show -

Class in Jan Van & Ann

Oct 31st 6 days

7:00 AM

Sat

Monday

9-27-93

I have moved to Tierrasanta
& hope you'll keep sending me the Riel
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Many Thanks —

Nataline Hartman
