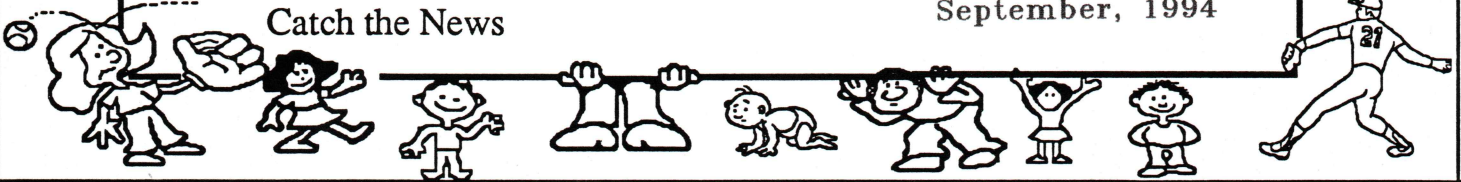




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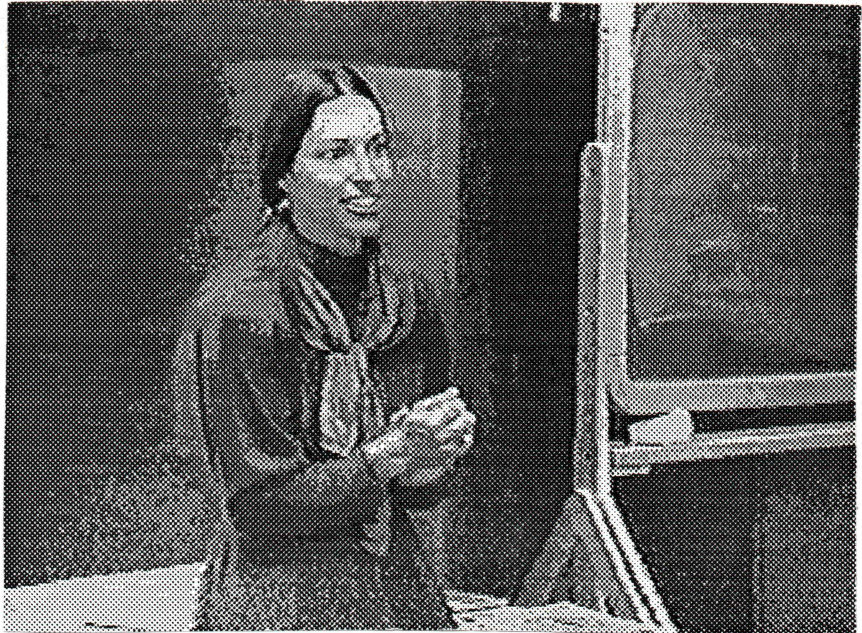
MARGARET RIEL GIVES KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT ONLINE LEARNING CONFERENCE

MEETING HELD AT YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, CANADA

several years ago from the old movies we took many years ago.

The captions will assist you in identifying the people shown.

Last month Margaret traveled to Toronto in order to attend a learning conference sponsored by York University. After a welcoming address by the Associate Dean, Field Development, Department of Education, Margaret delivered the keynote address. The title of her presentation was "Cross-Classroom Learning on the Electronic Frontier, or, John Dewey in the Information Age" The President of the University then added her welcoming remarks, and the meeting then proceeded with its planned program. The format of the meeting consisted of a series of informal panel discussion groups who met to discuss their own ideas and experiences. The meeting lasted for three days, and Margaret commented that it seemed like old times in college, since they were housed in the student dormitory during their stay in Toronto. The adjoining picture shows her in the middle of her address. Margaret's travels are not over, however, since she will be giving a paper at the International Educational Computing Conference, 1994. The meeting will be at Monterrey, in the State of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and is sponsored by the State Educational Agency.



MARGARET GIVING KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT YORK UNIVERSITY

NEW PHOTO REPRODUCTION TECHNIQUE NOW AVAILABLE TO RFNL SUBSCRIBERS

The photograph showing Margaret at the York University meeting was produced by a new technique available from Margaret. Recently she has acquired equipment which will allow her to scan a video recording and select a single frame for a print out. In order to further illustrate this capability, we have added some additional family pictures. In case you do not recognize them, they were taken from the video tape made



MOM AND DAD (WHO ELSE?)

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CAROL WINS COVETED MASTERS DEGREE

In last months issue we reported on the occasion of the 39th+ birthday, certainly an important achievement. However, an even more important and incidentally much more difficult to accomplish achievement was the awarding of a Masters Degree in Education from Azusa Pacific College. We have the Evaluation Checklist for the course in "Assertive Discipline and Beyond" and Carol got the maximum number of points on all six subject areas, for a perfect score of 385 points out of a possible 385. We hope all the kids take notice that hard work pays off with perfect grades. We know how hard Carol worked to get her degree while carrying on all her regular responsibilities, and we congratulate her.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

August was a busy month for Grandma, since there were a bunch of birthday celebrations. Annie Gillingham celebrated her 7th with lunch at Burger King, followed by Toys-R-Us and a movie, "The Rascals". Tim Riel celebrated his 12th with lunch at Sizzlers, with both Grandpa and Grandma, followed by "The Lion King" movie. After the movie there was a visit to the Science Museum, including a present from the gift shop. Chris and Nathan Riel jointly celebrated their 13th with a golf game at the Stardust Palms Course. They opted for Mexican food, and La Pinata in Old Town was the choice, followed by a trip to Toys-R-Us. Jason Benesch also celebrated his 13th, with some golf and a movie. Finally JJ Riel celebrated his 4th. He was picked up from home by Grandpa and Grandma, and the first stop was at Morley Field to watch an exciting soccer game involving Jason's team, which won by a score of 2-0. (See the Sports News section for more details.) Afterwards there was lunch at McDonalds followed by a movie. Grandma is looking forward to November, which is her off month (there are no birthdays then).

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

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|-----------------|--------------|----|
| Frank "JJ" Riel | September 1 | 4 |
| Karla Riel | September 20 | 34 |
| Richard Riel | September 29 | 47 |

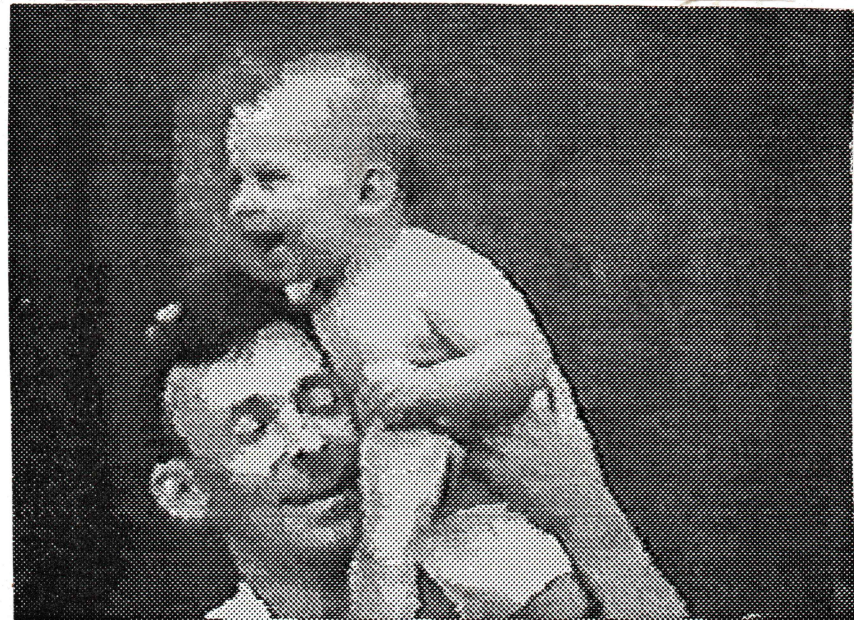
SOME TRAVEL NEWS - BRETT STRIKES IT RICH IN NEVADA

Recently Alan took Brett and Bryce on a vacation trip. They visited and enjoyed the Grand Canyon, and from there went to Las Vegas. Brett told his dad about some lucky numbers he had in mind, and persuaded him to try them out on a keno game. The card won \$5.00, but Brett asked his dad if he could play the same numbers in another game. None of the numbers

were called, which calls for a \$500.00 win. We should point out, however, that gambling is always a losing deal, unless one only gambles once, wins, and then quits forever. The laws of probability are absolute and cannot be broken by anyone who gambles a lot. There is no such thing as lucky numbers, good luck charms, astrological signs, etc. The best proof that the laws work can be seen in the extremely ornate casinos and hotels constantly being built at places like Las Vegas, all



RICHARD INVESTIGATES THE WORLD AROUND HIM



EDDIE GETS A FREE RIDE AND A TICKLE FROM DAD

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paid for from gambling losses. The casinos are happy to break even on hotel room fees, restaurant operating costs, etc., and will even provide free entertainment, drinks and other inducements in order to attract customers. All this is not really free, of course, since it is paid for by the profits from the gambling facilities. If you are interested in knowing more about the laws of probability ask Aunt Listy, our math whiz. Also, if you want to know more about casino operation, ask Uncle Richard, who worked in a casino many years ago. The bottom line is that gambling is another form of entertainment, and the "golden rule" of gambling is "never gamble more than you can afford to lose". Thus, it is an activity only for adults who can afford the losses they will sustain.

HELP WANTED

Aunt Francie is in need of a 35 mm projector. If anyone has one or knows where she can borrow one, please contact her at 565-2521. She will appreciate your help.

SCHOOL NEWS - 1995-95 TERM

Each year we publish in the September issue the grade and school each kid attends, so here is the new list.

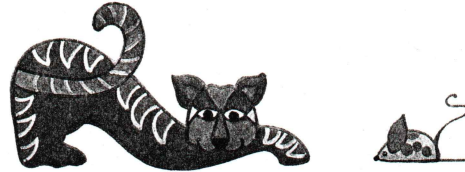
| NAME | GRADE | SCHOOL |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Kevin Riel | 10 | Point Loma H.S. |
| Michael Mehan | 8 | Oak Crest J.H. |
| Chris Riel | 7 | Correia J.H. |
| Nathan Riel | 7 | Correia J.H. |
| Jason Benesch | 8 | Pershing J.H. |
| Michelle Hartman | 7 | ???? |
| Timothy Riel | 6 | Ocean Beach Elem. |
| Brett Soren | 6 | St. Colomba |
| Jessica Benesch | 6 | Green Elem. |
| Craig Hartman | 6 | Francis Parker |
| Kristy Gillingham | 5 | Francis Parker |
| Megan Mehan | 5 | Pacific View Elem. |
| Curtis Hartman | 5 | Francis Parker |
| Dustin Benesch | 4 | Green Elem. |
| David Gillingham | 3 | Francis Parker |
| Scott Hartman | 3 | Francis Parker |
| Bryce Soren | 3 | St. Colomba |
| Katy Riel | 3 | Alpine Elem. |
| Annie Gillingham | 3 | Francis Parker |
| Brian Riel | kgn | Alpine Elem. |
| Frank "JJ" Riel | psl | St. Colomba |

Note that we have no information on Michelle, and hope that when she reads this she will send us the news on her new school. Also, Margaret tells us that Megan's school is a new one, designed as a model for the future. It enrolls only 5th and 6th graders, there are only seven classrooms and they will be working on community projects as a part of the study program. As an example, they are studying the history of the one room school, and will be putting together a museum of exhibits

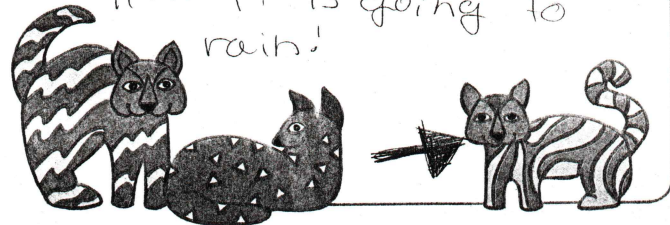
typical of the old time one room schoolhouse. We will be interested in learning more about this project.

RFNL SACRAMENTO REPORTER CHECKS IN WITH NEWS

We received the following from Michelle recently.



Dear Grandma & Grandpa,
 I miss you a lot! Thank-you
 VERY much for the News
 letter, I like reading them.
 So how is everyone?
 I'm having a lot of fun!
 Today we are going to
 Sacramento to get my
 Dad some jeans It is
 supposed to be really HOT,
 but right now it looks
 like it is going to
 rain!



I am sorry this was
~~a~~ short letter but
 I have to go to
 church now!

love
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 lots
 Michelle

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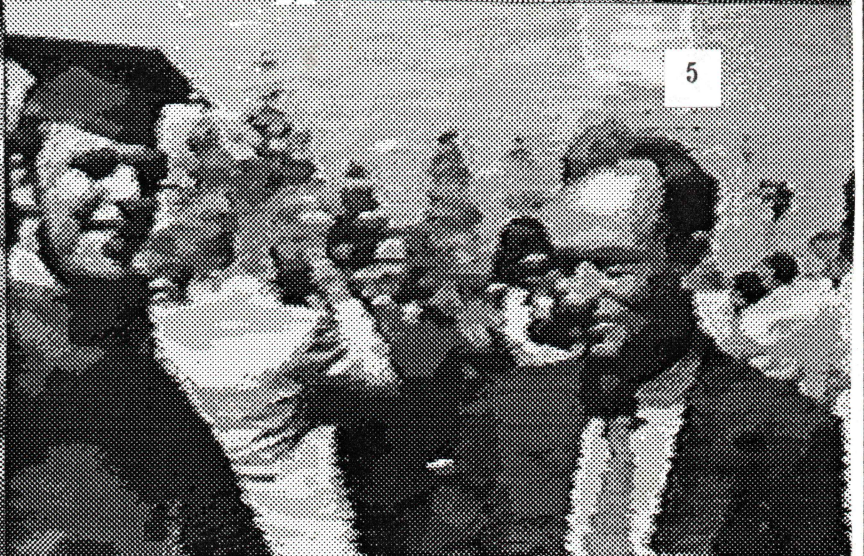
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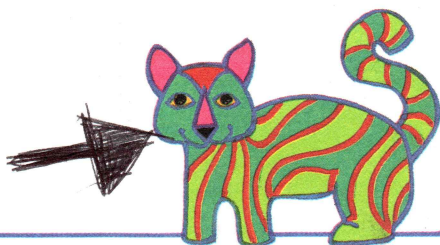


1. EDDIE, AS A HAPPY LITTLE KID
2. MARGARET, ALSO VERY PLEASED WITH HER WORLD
3. UNKNOWN BABY, BUT ONE OF US, PROBABLY RICH, ED OR MARGARET
4. WE ALL KNOW WHO THIS IS, LITTLE KETTLE
5. THIS IS PROUD DAD AT THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OF ROBERT





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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1994

12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Residence Check-In (Calumet College Residence)
Institute Registration (N836/837 Ross)

Coffee & Refreshments (N836/837 Ross)

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. (N836/837 Ross)

Welcome to Delegates from the Faculty of Education

Ron Owston, Associate Dean,
Field Development, Education
York University

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. (N836/837 Ross)

Opening Keynote Address - MARGARET RIEL
AT&T Learning Network

Topic: Cross-Classroom Learning on the Electronic Frontier, or,
John Dewey in the Information Age

3:15 - 3:30 p.m. (N836/837 Ross)

Welcome to Delegates from York University

Susan Mann, President
York University

3:30 - 4:15 p.m. (IBM Lab - S813 Ross)

Mary Beam, Ontario Teachers Federation
Topic: Education Network of Ontario

4:15 - 5:00 p.m. (IBM Lab - S813 Ross)

Harvey Weir, Director, STEM-Net
Topic: Canadian Educational Networking Coalition

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