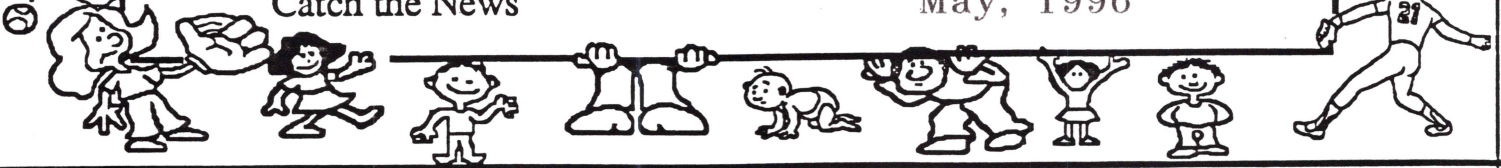




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EASTER CELEBRATED AT PIONEER PARK

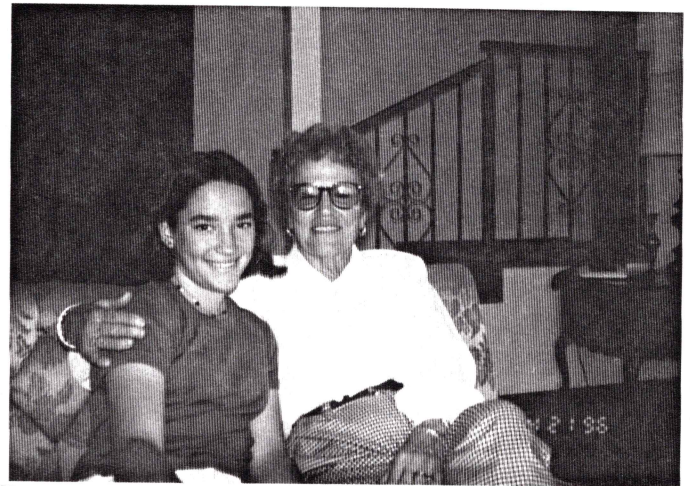
BIG TURNOUT FOR FOOD, GAMES, FUN

Easter Sunday was another occasion for a big family celebration, and this was one of the best. In addition to ham and roast lamb (cooked by Grandma starting early Sunday morning, with lots of garlic), everyone enjoyed baked beans, salad, chips and dips, delicious potatoes and lots of desserts, including apple pie, Grandpa's second choice, because the store was out of his favorite, cherry pie. After lunch there was a big soccer game. Grandpa was one goalie, JJ the other, and there were a few scores made by both teams. In addition to soccer there was a touch football game, and some tossing of baseballs. A new sport was included, croquet. Several spirited games were enjoyed by Grandpa and Grandma, Robert, Bruce, Karla, Katy and Curtis. Robert and Bruce spent most of the time knocking each others balls off the field, and a good time was had by all. Another new sport was tennis, and several, including Grandma, Listy, Birdy and some of the kids took advantage of the courts across the street. The final activity was the Easter egg hunt, and all of the kids took part in this popular annual rite. Everyone who found four eggs was given \$2.00 by Grandpa. Everyone found his quota, and hopefully none of the eggs were left behind. It was a great day, and we thank all who helped organize the event, including Birdy, Carol, Margaret, etc. Also, we should note that all planning activities were coordinated by e-mail, and the computer hot line was running on high as the various details were spelled out for everyone to see. We are looking forward to the next family get together. We have included some pictures of the various activities on the next page.

With this issue of RFNL we are implementing a new feature, a photograph of Grandma and the birthday kid, at some point in each celebration. Unfortunately, we did not start this policy until Megan and Dustin celebrated. However, we promise that we will take pictures the next time Craig, Brian and Jessica celebrate. The two we do have are shown as follows. We wish a HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!! to all of the above, and many more of the same.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

There are five birthday celebrations to report. Craig Hartman recently celebrated his 13th by enjoying a round of miniature golf with Grandma. Afterwards they had lunch at a Chinese restaurant, and then took in the movie "Braveheart". On April 13th Brian Riel celebrated his 7th, with lunch at McDonalds, followed by a trip to the zoo. Grandma and Grandpa lead him on a long hike around the whole area, and we ended up by riding back to the entrance on the aerial tramway. Grandma then took Brian on a shopping spree. Jessica Benesch celebrated her 13th with Grandma and Grandpa. We enjoyed lunch at Oscars, in Mission Valley, followed by the movie "The Birdcage". After some power shopping this fun day was over. On April 28th Megan celebrated her 12th, and Grandma and Grandpa took her to lunch at an Italian restaurant at the beach area in Encinitas. We then took in the movie "Mrs. Winterbourne", which is one of the better films we have seen for some time. Finally, Dustin Benesch celebrated his 11th with lunch at Carlos Murphy's, in Hazard Center. We then took in the movie "The Celtics", and finished off the day by shopping at Oshman's, Grossmont Center.



BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR MAY

Curtis Hartman	May 2	12
Michelle Hartman	May 17	14
Bud Mehan	May 28	55
Robert Gillingham	May 31	41

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SOME SCENES AT THE 1996 EASTER OUTING AT PIONEER PARK



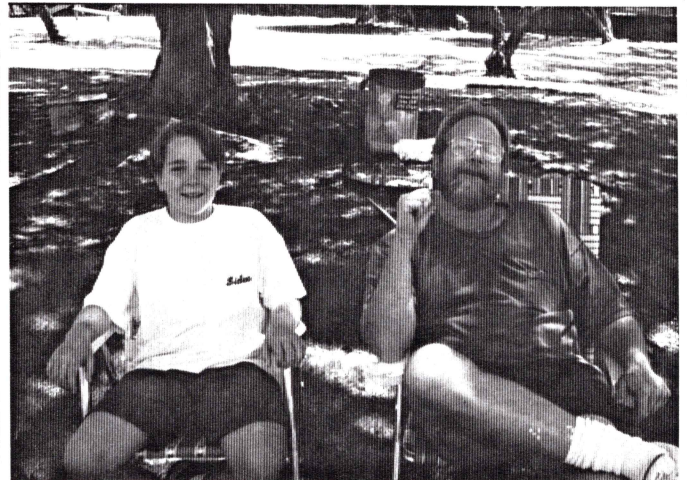
GRANDMA ENJOYS A GOOD LAUGH



THE LATEST THING IN SPORTS TOYS



PALS MICHAEL AND JASON TAKE A REST BREAK



CURTIS AND DAD BRUCE ENJOY A QUIET MOMENT



GRANDMA GIVES OUT SOME GOOD ADVICE



THIS IS A FOOTBALL HUDDLE, NOT A PRAYER MEETING

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GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT FRANCES PARKER LOWER SCHOOL

Thursday, May 2nd was the day all grandparents' were invited to visit the school and enjoy a program put on by the students. The usual overflow crowd was on hand to enjoy this popular annual event. As defined in the following program, the theme of the entertainment was based on Mexican song and dance. Many of the children were dressed in traditional Mexican costumes, and the various songs all were sung in Spanish. It was a very colorful and exciting, and the children did a great job singing traditional songs. Our three kids, Scott, David and Annie all did a great job in their roles, Annie in the 3rd grade group and Scott and David in the 4th. After the formal program the children all retired to their classrooms, for the visitation part of the program. In addition to Grandma and Grandpa Riel, Grandmas Gillingham and Hartman were present, and we all enjoyed seeing the various class work items made by each of the kids. After the classroom visits David, Annie and Scott took us on a tour of the other facilities. We visited the music room, the art room, the woodworking room, the computer room and the library. The kids gave us demonstrations of how computers are used in classroom work and also how they can locate and summarize library books. It was a most interesting day, and some of the activities are illustrated in the following photographs. Bob Gillingham did a great job in running the program, and Birdy kept her Kindergarten group on their toes during their program number. We thank everyone for making this special day possible.



ANNIE SHOWS GRANDMA GILLINGHAM ONE OF HER PROJECTS



DAVID'S WORK BEING ADMIRER BY GRANDMA RIEL

FRANCIS PARKER SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Thursday, May 2, 1996
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Kindergarten-Fifth Grade

- 9:30 Registration & light refreshments
- 10:00 Welcome and flag raising in the courtyard
- 10:30 May Day program in the courtyard

South of the Border

<i>Alla en el Rancho Grande</i>	ALL
<i>Los Pollitos</i>	Kindergarten
<i>Mexican Counting Song</i>	1st grade
<i>Mi Burro</i>	2nd grade
<i>La Piñata</i>	3rd grade
<i>Mexican Folk Dance</i>	4th grade
<i>Granada Medley</i>	5th grade boys
<i>Maypole</i>	5th grade girls
<i>Via con Dios</i>	ALL

- 11:15 Classroom visitation
- 12:00 Good-bye hugs & kisses



GRANDMA HARTMAN INSPECTING SCOTT'S CLASSROOM WORK

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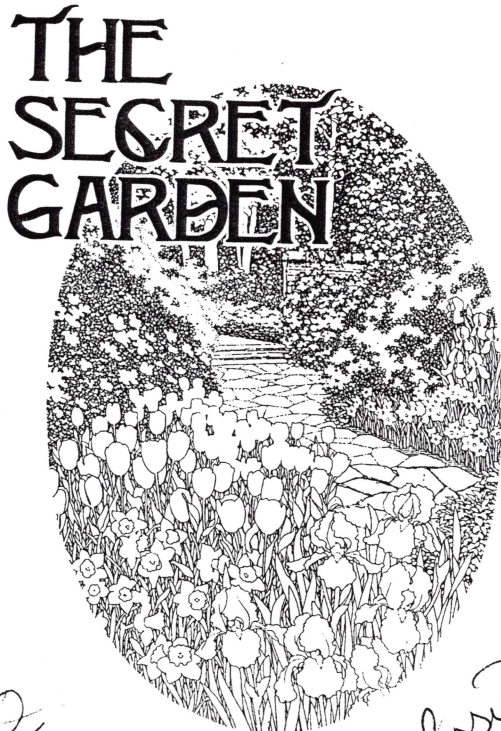
RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

Annie Gillingham showed up at Grandmas recently, with a sick feeling. It took two days to get better, but she is OK now. Grandma also has been feeling bad recently. She had a back problem, then a sore shoulder. As of now she has a headache, and is taking it easy until it settles down. Bryce Sorem took a foul ball near one eye, at a recent little league game. He had a nice black eye for a while, but stayed in the game.

YOUTH THEATER ACTIVITY

We ran out of room in last months issue, and had to delay reporting on a recent Christian Youth Theater presentation, "The Secret Garden". Jessica was a member of the Production Crew, and gained some new theatrical experience, as a Rehearsal Secretary. Dustin had a role as one of the Gardeners, and both did a great job, as usual.

Christian Youth Theater
San Diego/East County Presents ...



Dustin

Jessica Sorem

All performances at
Lewis Junior High School Auditorium
5170 Greenbrier Avenue • San Diego
March 7, 8, 15, 16 at 7:00 p.m.
March 9, 10, 16, 17 at 2:00 p.m.
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CAREER NEWS

We learned recently that Listy received tentative offers to do consulting work for two different textbook publishers. The offers came after she presented a paper at a recent math conference. If a deal can be made it will involve two or three trips a year, for a series of seminars. We hope to have additional news for the next issue.

TRAVEL NEWS

Richard and Liz returned recently from a three day cruise to Ensenada. We understand that it was a great experience, with lots of great food, some gambling, and sightseeing and shopping. Francie recently returned from a very successful trade show and conference, the National Cosmetology Association Expo 96, at Green Bay, Wisc. She reports that the best part of the trip was a two hour visit to the big nearby shopping center.

THE LOST RADIO BY BRETT SOREM CONTINUED FROM MARCH ISSUE Concluded

"So what's the deal?" said Tim.

Tim and Kenny looked at each other hoping their plan would work. "Just put the bag in the middle of the room, and back off slowly," said Merv to the boys.

"Oh, no," said Tim. "We want Mom and Dad first!" There was of long pause.

"Fine," said Joey. "Let's dump the parents". "Fling the bag over here," said Joey.

"Are you certain" said Kenny.

"Yeah" was the reply. With all his strength, Kenny flung the bag. There was a large thump and the bag landed on the chandelier.

"Oh, you stupid little fool" yelled Merv. Joey let go of the parents and they walked into the room looking dazed.

"Hey, Mom and Dad, let's go", yelled Tim as he ran for the door. Joey and Merv hardly gave a glance as the four people ran for the door and into the waiting cab. By the time Joey and Merv climbed on a chair to get the bag off the chandelier, the taxi was backing out of the driveway. After Joey ripped open the bag and found the rocks, they were too late to catch anything but the taillights as the cab turned the corner.

Joey looked at Mervyn. "Where do they think they went?"

Merv looked back. "Probably back to Tim's house." They hopped into the car and drove to Tim's home.

Chapter 6

The Trap

The boys had the taxi drop the parents off at Kenny's house to call the police. Then the boys went to Tim's house. Satisfied with his twenty dollars fare, the cab driver drove away.

The boys went into Tim's house and locked all the doors except the rear one. Tim positioned himself in front of the back drop so his reflection hit the mirror at an angle that made it look like he was standing in the doorway of the basement.

The robbers arrived on schedule. They charged Tim's reflection thinking it was real, and crashed through the mirror and rolled down the basement stairs. It did not take them long to find the way out of the basement. They chased Tim across the slippery kitchen floor. Tim made it but the robbers slipped and fell. Tim ran up the stairs passed Kenny's trap. Kenny laid the open end of the looped rope at the top of the stairs. The rope was strung through a pulley and attached to the ceiling. Kenny held the other end. As Joey chased Tim to the top of the stairs, he stepped in the trap and Kenny pulled with all his might. Joey went flying upside down to the top of the ceiling. Merv followed Joey to the top of the stair and looked at Joey hanging. He leaned on the banister. The banister broke and Merv went flying down the stairs. Before Merv could get up, Kenny attached a hand cuff to Merv's wrist and the bottom banister.

The boys heard commotion at the front door. "Police. Open up."

Kenny opened the door and said "Boy are we glad to see you." The police arrested the two robbers and took them to the local police station. Before they left, Kenny and Tim gave the money to the police.

"There will be a reward for you for recovering the stolen coins," said the policeman.

The following week Tim and Kenny were honored by the museum president to a audience of half the town's people. They were give a hero's proclamation and a life time passes to the museum.