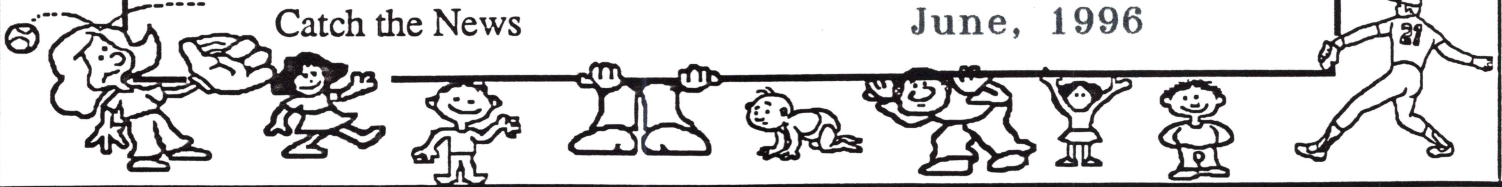




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BIRDY HARTMAN WINS WAL-MART TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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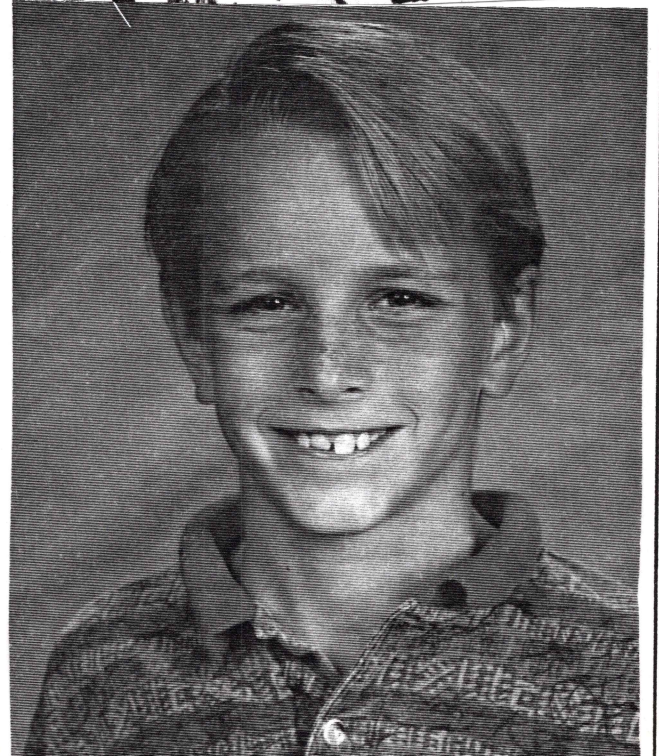
Birdy Hartman was recognized by the administration of Francis Parker School, who entered her name in the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year contest. Each store gives out this award every year, and all area teachers from Kindergarten to the 12th grade are considered. Birdy was selected as one of nine finalists to go before a board of four judges, a business executive, a Chamber of Commerce representative, and lower school and high school principals, for an interview. After answering a series of questions on her teaching philosophy she was declared the overall winner! She will be awarded a \$500 check, to go shopping (for her classroom, of course).

We congratulate Birdy on this award in recognition of the many hours she has spent on the education of the Francis Parker kindergarten children. It certainly is well deserved, and we look forward to more of the same.



INVENTORS SHOWCASE

Birdy was not the only Hartman family member in the news. Recently, Craig was invited to enter his Roto-Roaster invention in the 10th Annual Inventors Showcase for the City of San Diego. This contest is sponsored by the San Diego Science Alliance, and contestants from all over the metropolitan area are invited. The entries were on exhibition at the Scottish Rite Center in Mission Valley. When the Hartman family reviewed the results of the judging, they saw many entries marked with stickers indicating a winning entry. Since Craig's entry was not marked they assumed that he had not won anything, so they went home. They learned later on that he had won first place, overall. His award consisted of a silver medal and a \$25.00 savings bond. A complete description of the Roto-Roaster was printed in the April issue of RFNL. We congratulate Craig on this example of creative thinking, and agree that the judges made an excellent choice.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Curtis Hartman recently celebrated his 12th birthday with Grandpa and Grandma. After lunch at a Chinese restaurant we played a round of miniature golf at the Mission Bay course. Next came a movie, "The Pallbearer", followed by a visit to the Family Fun Center in El Cajon, where Curtis took a ride on the bump boats. That finished off a fun day, and we wish Curtis many more! The next page shows a picture of Curtis enjoying his celebration.

JUNE BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

A month off for Grandma, there are no June birthdays.

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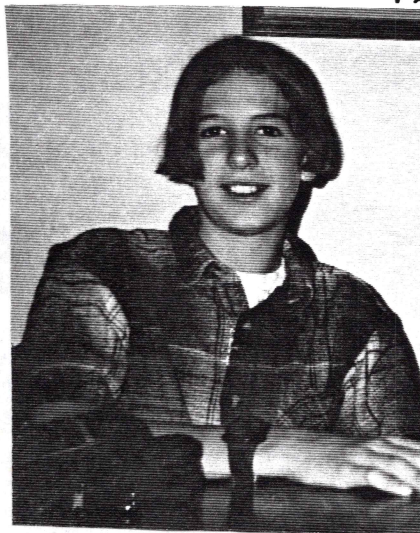
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**GRANDMA AND CURTIS CELEBRATING
AT THE FAMILY FUN CENTER**

TIM'S ACTING DEBUT



*Corriea Jr. High
Presents*



KIDS HAVE ROLES IN PLAYS/MUSICALS

There were three productions which included four families, the Gillinghams, Hartmans, Riels and Benesch. The Francis Parker Lower School was represented by David Gillingham and Scott Hartman, who were a part of a musical production depicting the history of California. David had a role as an Indian chief, and recited a monologue to the accompaniment of an Indian drum. Scott Hartman played the role of an historical figure from the old west, Jedamiah Smith. Smith was one of the early mountain men who paved the way to the California gold fields in the early 1800's. Scott gave a monologue defining some of his exploits. Both David and Scott did an excellent job, and the audience enjoyed their efforts as well as the entire performance.

Jessica and Dustin Benesch appeared in the musical "Alice in Concert", a delightful series of incidents based on the story "Alice in Wonderland". The show included all of the well known characters in the story, including the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts the Mad Hatter, the Mock Turtle, etc., all played with great enthusiasm by the large cast. Jessica and Dustin both were in the Cards chorus, and executed a complex dance routine with much skill and precision. It was a great show, one of the best in the Christian Youth Theater series, and we congratulate both Jessica and Dustin on jobs well done.

Finally, Tim Riel had a role in a recent Corriea Junior High class play. Due to the fact that Grandma was in the hospital (see below) we were not able to see the show in person. However, we have an account from reporter Ed Riel, as follows.

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A ROCKIN' ALICE IN WONDERLAND

**ALL PERFORMANCES AT
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We certainly add our own congratulations, and hope we will not miss Tim's next appearance.

RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

You all are aware that Grandma had to spend two days in the hospital recently. She had been suffering some ill feelings for about two weeks, and after various tests, which all came back negative, the doctor decided it was merely a severe case of flu. However, she suddenly became quite ill and depressed, and the decision was made to put her into the hospital for observation and an assessment of the medications she was taken. It was apparent that she was having some sort of reaction to one of the drugs, and some changes resulted in a speedy recovery. She feels much better now, and wants to thank all who sent flowers, cards, get well wishes, etc. Ed Riel reports that he also had a bad case of the flu, but he is fully recovered now.

SPORTS NEWS

As reported in the last RFNL Michael and Dad went on a trip to France, as part of an all star team of Olympic Development Players from San Diego County. We have the following from reporter Bud.

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Michael Riel-Mehan had an outstanding soccer (and cultural) experience recently, representing the United States in an invitational soccer tournament in Marseilles, France. Michael was picked to an All Star Team composed of Olympic Development Players from San Diego County to play in the invitational tournament which had professional development teams from Portugal, Spain, England, France and Belgium.

Michael played every minute of all four games at fullback, and his team did better than American soccer teams are expected to do: they finished fourth in the 8 - team tournament. In the preliminary round, "The San Diego Select" beat two French teams, but lost to the Barcelona Football Club. Playing for third place, The Select lost to Manchester United, the top pro-development team from England.

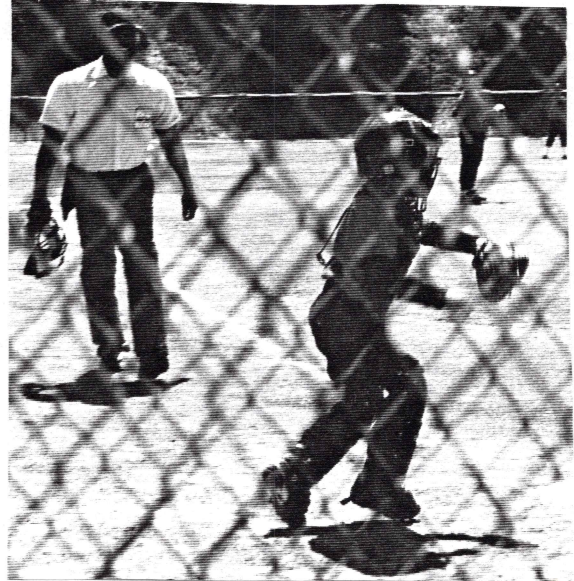
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Since both of Michael's parents are educators, they want to emphasize that the trip was not all soccer. The team visited the Louvre, the Sacre Coeur, L'Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, Monmartre and had a night-time cruise on the Seine in Paris before their "fast train" ride to Marseilles.

We wish to thank Bud and Margaret for this excellent

report, and also to congratulate Michael and his team for their excellent performance.

Little league baseball is in season again, and although we have no team results to report we do have a couple of pictures, as shown below, of Brett and Bryce Sorem at the ball park.



BRYCE SOREM IN ACTION AS TEAM CATCHER



BRETT SOREM SOLVES JJ'S SHOELACE PROBLEM

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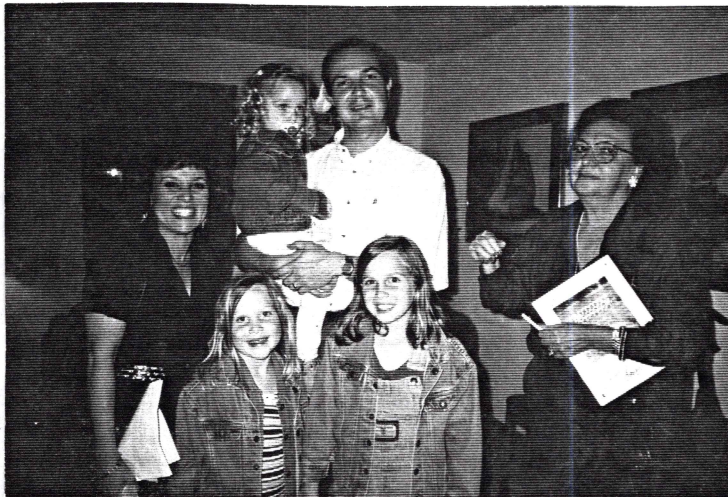
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MARGARET ENTERTAINS MERICA FAMILY

Recently Grandma and Grandpa were invited to attend a dinner party for Michael and Linda Merica and family, plus Michael's mother Isa, who was visiting from her home in Athens, Greece. Isa is the wife of Edith's oldest brother Romulus, who died many years ago. Michael is the youngest son, and was born while the family still lived in Tehran, Iran. Michael came to San Diego in 1985, to attend the University of San Diego. He met his wife Linda while in college, and after graduation they were married and settled in Vista, where they now live. Michael is in the insurance business, and also is setting up a property management firm. We all enjoyed a delicious dinner, and the opportunity to talk over family matters. We thank Margaret and Bud for inviting us, and the opportunity to renew old family ties.



LINDA, ATHENA, CASSANDRA, MICHAEL, JULIA AND ISA MERICA

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR MICHAEL

Michael Riel-Mehan recently received the following award for excellence in first year algebra. This also is an important achievement, and we congratulate Michael.



Academic Excellence Award

This certifies that

MICHAEL B. RIEL MEHAN

*has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement on
the 1995 Golden State Examination in*

*First-year Algebra
with
High Honors*



Delaine Easton
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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CAREER NEWS

We have additional news on the new consulting offer being extended to Listy. She now has a contract with a company which organizes training seminars for math teachers. Listy will put together the program outline, and the company will circulate it in various cities. When a seminar is organized at a specific location Listy will be paid to travel there, and put on her presentation. This activity will be in addition to her regular teaching position at Scripps Ranch H.S. This sounds like a great opportunity for Listy to expand her career, and we congratulate her and wish her good luck. We know, however, that she will do a great job. Incidentally, she recently showed us a gold necklace presented to her by the parents of her recent senior class. The necklace includes the symbol of her school, a eucalyptus tree.

Richard continues to do well at his Wells Fargo position. He has never been lower than tenth in the state for sales total.

VACATION NEWS

Grandpa and Grandma will be taking off in early June for a week at their time share in Indian Wells. We look forward to some golf and a visit of the two local casinos. Later on Francie will be going on a vacation trip into Canada, and we look forward to some interesting news from her. Although not a vacation trip, Robert Riel will be going to Chicago for some additional training in electronics.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

This is a story about a little boy who was spending his first night away from home, with his grandparents. When it was bedtime his grandma went up to his bed room to be sure he was all settled for the night. She asked him if he wanted anything, and he said he would like a glass of water and an empty glass. Grandma brought him the two items, and said "I suppose you want the glass of water in case you get thirsty during the night". "Yes" he said, "that's what it's for". "What is the empty glass for?", she said. He replied "that is in case I don't get thirsty".

GRANDPA RIEL GIVES CAREER TALK AT CORREIA J.H.

Grandpa recently gave four talks on careers in chemistry, at the school Chris, Nathan and Tim attend. Unfortunately, none of the classes he addresses were any of theirs. He missed seeing them, but was not aware of the details of the schedule.

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