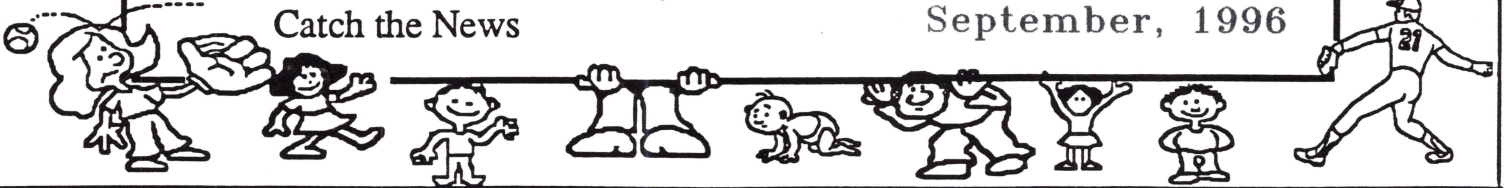




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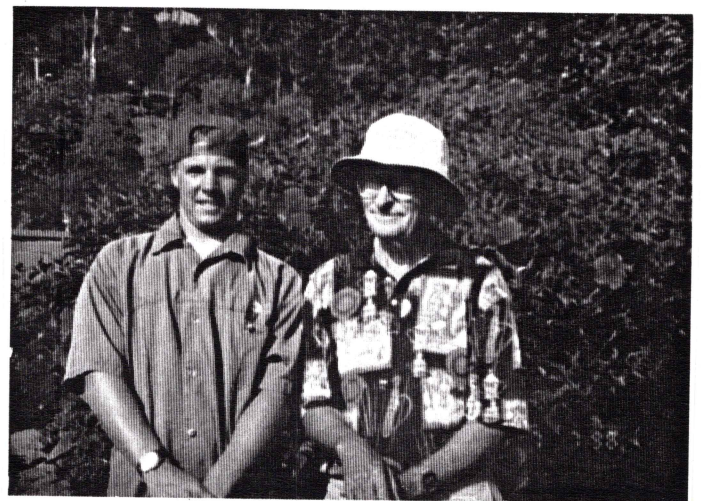
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## FAMILY CELEBRATES LABOR DAY AND START OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR

### BOB AND KARLA HOST AFTERNOON POOL PARTY AND GRILLED HAMBURGERS, ETC.

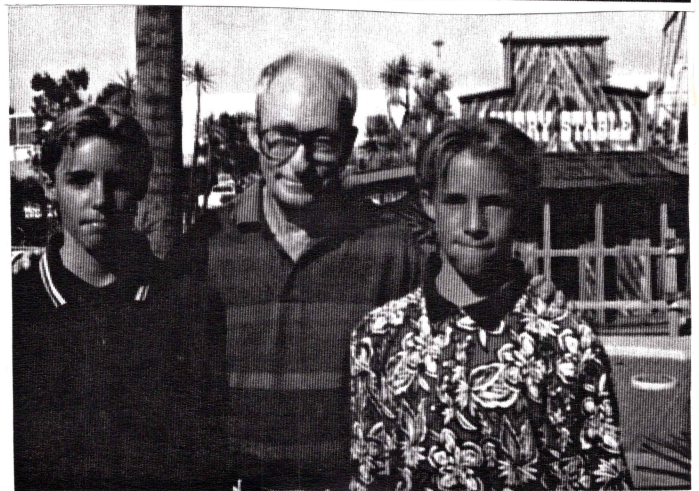
The family enjoyed another Labor Day holiday at the Alpine home of Rob and Karla Riel. Most of the kids and some of the parents enjoyed to swimming pool, especially during the warm early afternoon hours. By 3:00 p.m everyone was hungry, and hamburgers and hot dogs were expertly grilled by Bob, with some advice from the spectators. We also enjoyed baked beans, fruit salad and snacks (provided by Francie), and cake and ice cream for dessert. It was a great party and we thank Bob and Karla, and also Francie for helping to organize the event.



### SCHOOL NEWS - 1996-1997 TERM

It's time for another school to begin, and as usual we publish in the September issue the list of kids and the schools they attend.

NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL
Kevin Riel	Senior	Point Loma H.S.
Michael Riel-Mehan	Sophomore	La Costa Canyon H.S.
Chris Riel	Freshman	Point Loma H.S.
Nathan Riel	Freshman	Point Loma H.S.
Jason Benesch	Sophomore	Patrick Henry H.S.
Michelle Hartman	9	Monte Vista H.S.
Timothy Riel	8	Correia J.H.
Brett Sorem	8	St. Columba
Jessica Benesch	8	Pershing J.H.
Craig Hartman	8	Francis Parker M.S.
Kristy Gillingham	7	Francis Parker M.S.
Megan Riel-Mehan	7	Oak Crest J.H.
Curtis Hartman	7	Francis Parker M.S.
Dustin Benesch	6	Green Elem.
David Gillingham	5	Francis Parker L.S.
Scott Hartman	5	Francis Parker L.S.
Bryce Sorem	5	St. Columba
Katy Riel	5	Alpine Elem.
Annie Gillingham	4	Francis Parker L.S.
Brian Riel	2	Alpine Elem.
Frank "JJ" Riel	1	St. Columba



### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Kevin Riel finally got his long delayed birthday celebration. His school and work schedules had caused several postponements, but a suitable time was found in late July. We enjoyed lunch at La Pinata, in Old Town. Next on the schedule was a movie, "The Nutty Professor" followed by a round of golf at the Presidio course. The next celebration was with Chris and Nathan, and we went

to lunch a La Pinata, in Old Town. We then took in a movie, "The Phenomenon" and finished up the day with a round of miniature golf at the Family Fun Center. Tim Riel was the next birthday kid, and we set out to see "Independence Day" at the Mission Valley 20 theater. Because of the big crowd it generated we picked up tickets early and then went to lunch at the Back Stage restaurant, near the movie. We were a little late getting in, and had to sit in the very first row, which certainly gave us an up close view of the alien space craft shown in the film. After the movie we enjoyed a round of miniature golf at the Family Fun Center.

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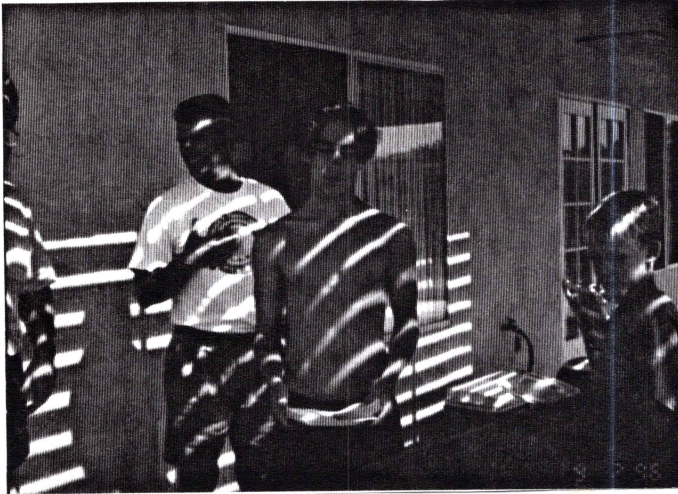
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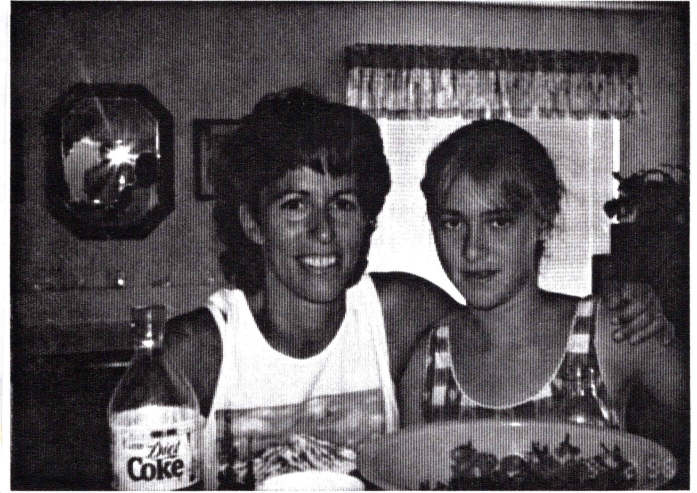


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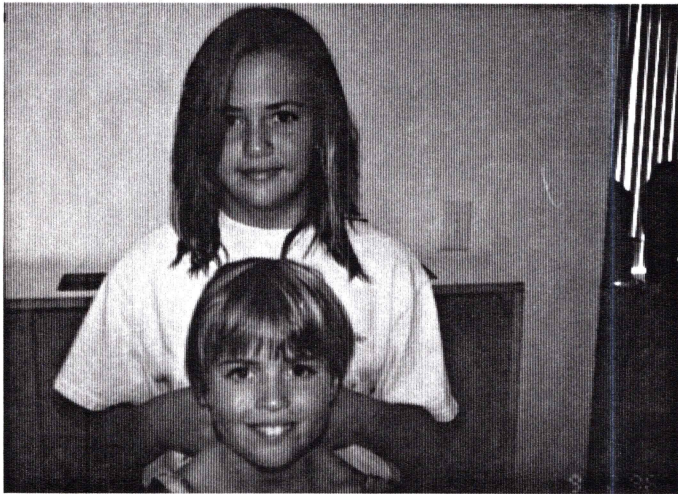
## SOME SCENES FROM THE 1996 LABOR DAY CELEBRATION



ED, MICHAEL AND BRIAN IN THE CHOW LINE



LISTY SAYS "I AM MY KIDS MON"



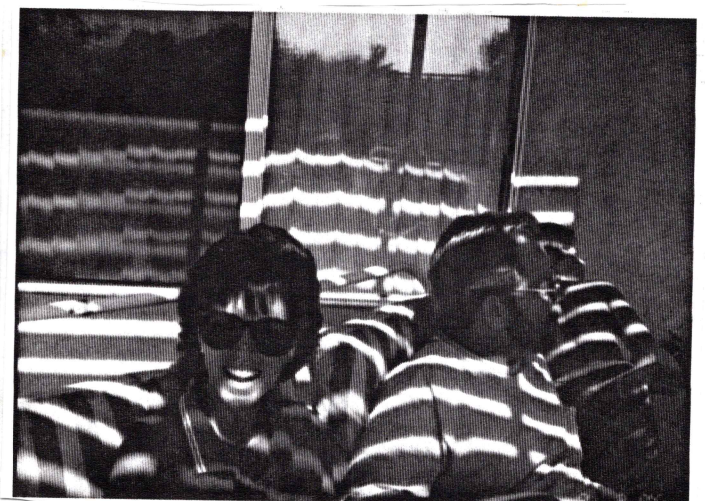
KATY AND ANNIE POSE FOR PICTURE



BIRDY SAYS "LOOK AT MY NEW TOY"



SOME KIDS COOL OFF IN THE POOL



BIRDY SAYS "THANKS, BRUCE, FOR MY NEW TOY"

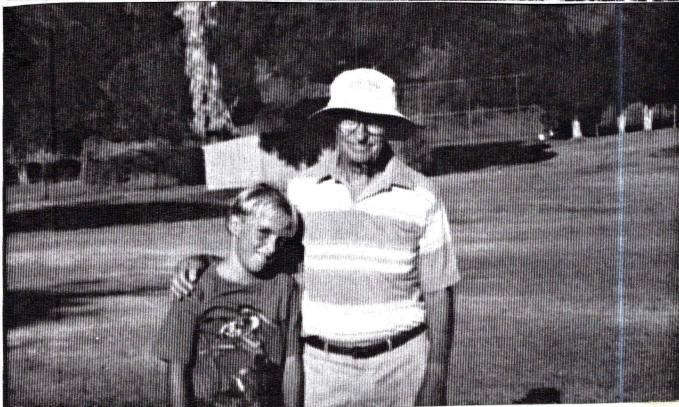
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Jason Benesch recently celebrated his 15th birthday, and we started out by having lunch at the Happy Chef Greek restaurant. We then took in the movie "Jack", and afterwards there was some intense electronics shopping at Circuit City and Dow. finally, David Gillingham was treated to a celebration. After lunch at Sizzlers we took in the movie "1st Kid". We then went to Presidio Park golf course for 18 holes. David recently scored two birdies, playing with his dad, and he checked in with another one, on the 11th hole.

Pictures of all of the birthday kids are shown on pages 1 and 3, and we extend to all of them CONGRATULATIONS, AND BEST WISHES FOR THE COMING YEAR!!



DAVID ABOUT TO SINK A BIRDY PUTT

## RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

We understand Bruce is making a good reconvey from his recent eye surgery, and we hope to hear more good news as time goes by. Speaking of eye surgery, Margaret recently underwent laser eye surgery to treat her astigmatism. We understand that the treatment was successful, but some time is required to assess the final results. Hopefully she will no longer need contacts.

This months issue of RFNL has been delayed because the editor has been fighting a severe cold for the last week. Although the symptoms were not too severe, this particular virus left him completely tired out, and with no ambition to do anything except sit and look at television. Fortunately, some improvement has been achieved, and he hopes to get back on track soon.

## CAREER NEWS

We heard recently that Alan Sorem had received a promotion in his work for the Huffy Bicycle product line. We understand that he will be managing a territory which includes Arizona, Nevada, and part of Southern California. Congratulations, Alan, and best wishes for continues success.

Margaret returned recently from a trip to Australia, where she gave the keynote address at a computer conference sponsored by the State of Victoria Department of Education. In addition to the address she also is consulting with the Education Department, and will be submitting to them her recommendations on future education activities in their state. In conjunction with this activity she met with several state agencies, to discuss their problems and future plans. For you "Web Surfers"

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## CAREER NEWS (CONTINUED)

Recently we had a chance to enjoy the Christian Community Theater presentation of the musical "Damn Yankees". This theater group is the adult version of the youth group, and all of the players are local adults with much talent and theater experience. The show does have a role for six kids, who play the role of little league players, and put on a spirited song and dance rendition of the popular song "Heart". Dustin was one of the six who performed, and their part was one of the most applauded in the extremely popular presentation. Dustin did a great job, and we all enjoyed the show.



Recently we received a complimentary copy of Bud Mehan's latest book, "Constructing School Success", published by Cambridge University Press. The book is co-authored by three of his graduate students, and describes a particular educational reform that he calls "untracking". Untracking is the practice of blending previously low-achieving students and high-achieving students in the same rigorous academic high school program. The book describes the elements that contribute to the success of this educational innovation. We recommend this book to all of the teaching members of the family. If you contact Bud we are sure he will be able to direct you to where a copy can be obtained. He recently held a book signing session at the Town and Country Convention Center, which we missed, but no doubt he will be glad to autograph family member copies as requested.

Some time ago Francie got a telephone call from a survey type person who ask about future trends in her industry. She responded, and considered the matter closed. However, one month later she got a call inviting her to participate as a panel member in a meeting sponsored by her parent company, Helene Curtis. The meeting was on one day session in a hotel in Santa Monica, and Francie found herself in a high powered group of executives, including a physician, a marketing firm, a consumer advocate, and a food company representative. They spent the entire day discussing a wide range of topics centered on what the customer of the future will want. It was an interesting experience.

The speaking tour of Listy is being firmed up, and we will have a more detailed report in the next issue. She will make two trips, one in November and the next in December. The first session is in Indianapolis, Indiana and Cincinnati, Ohio. The second is in Columbia, S.C. and Nashville Tenn.

## CONSTRUCTING SCHOOL SUCCESS

THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNTRACKING LOW-ACHIEVING STUDENTS

HUGH MEHAN  
IRENE VILLANUEVA  
LEA HUBBARD, AND  
ANGELA LINTZ



*Dustin Mehan*

Words and music  
by Richard Adler &  
Jerry Ross  
Book by George Abbott  
& Douglass Wallop

## DAMN YANKEES

August 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25,  
29, 30, 31 at 8:00 pm  
Mt Helix Amphitheater on the top of Mt. Helix  
La Mesa, California  
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