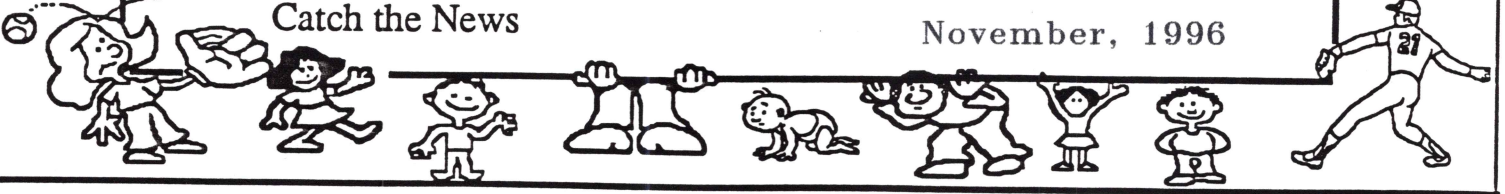




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THANKSGIVING PARTY AT MEHAN HOME

This year the family will celebrate Thanksgiving day at the Encinitas home of Bud and Margaret, just as we did last year. As usual there will be an informal soccer match prior to the food and drinks. Soccer players should plan to arrive at the house at about 10:00 a.m. The food you bring can be unloaded then, and there will be directions on the front door to guide you to the soccer playing field. If you are not involved in the soccer activity, or any other sport, plan on showing up no later than about 1:00 p.m. We suggest you contact Margaret or Bud in advance, to coordinate the items you will bring for the meal. We all are looking forward to another great family celebration, so be sure and make your plans to be there!!

In a subsequent conversation with Listy we learned that she recently competed in another marathon, this on a surprise one in that the contestants did not know what the course would be, how far they would run, or the exact locale. It was more of a fun run, and the surprise ending involved wading through a waist deep water hazard. There were no announced winners, but everyone had a great time.

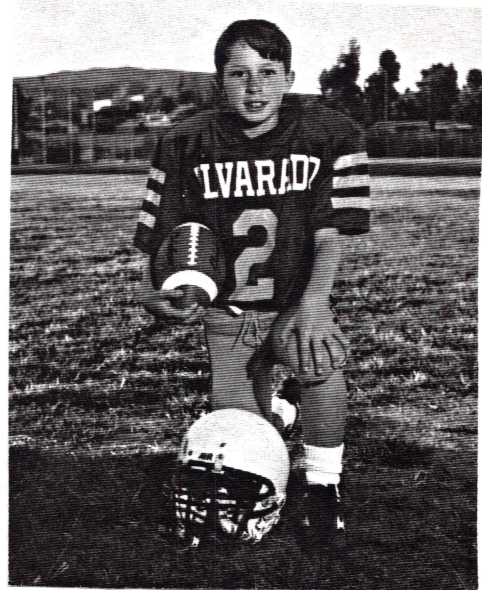
We understand that Dustin Benesch is active in football, and the following picture shows him in uniform and ready to carry the ball.

SPORTS NEWS

We have the following first hand report by Listy, on her recent marathon run.

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Listy



FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH COUPLE IDENTITY REVEALED!!

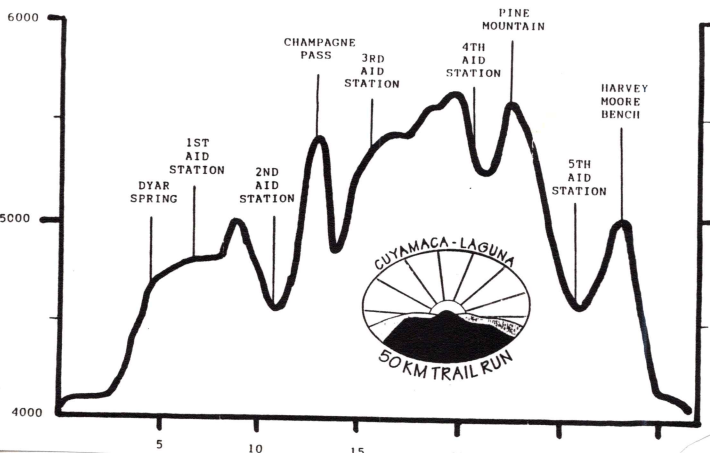
In the last issue of RFNL we carried a picture of the mystery couple and their sudden recovery of their youth. In case you did not guess their identity, they really are our own Bud and Margaret. Here is the story, as told by reporter Margaret.

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Margaret"

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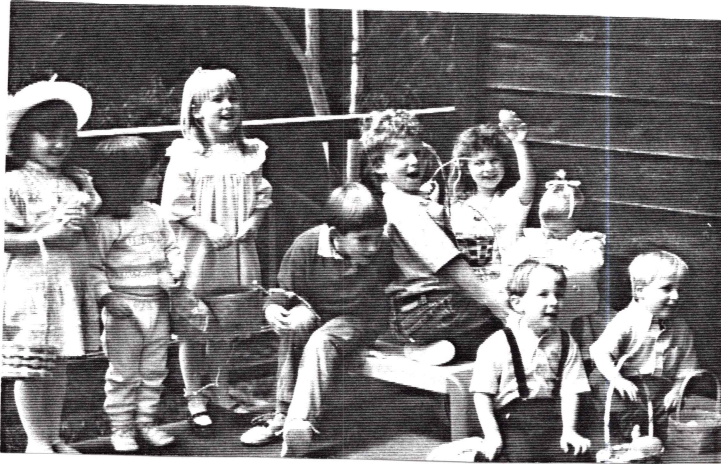
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MORE MYSTERY PICTURES

Speaking of mystery photos, how many of you can identify all of the kids shown in the following photograph? Also, who can figure out the occasion and the date and place the picture was taken? See next months issue for the answers.



Also, who is this smiling kid with her new glasses? See the December issue of RFNL.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Grandma has fallen seriously behind in the birthday celebration department, but she has promised to catch up soon. Annie, Katy and Scott are the ones waiting their turn, and Grandma will be setting up a date soon. Fortunately, there are NO FAMILY BIRTHDAYS at all in November, so we should be caught up by next month.

CAREER NEWS

Francie recently completed two more trade show trips, one to Atlanta and the other to New York city. She reports that the Atlanta trip went well, but the one in New York was not so good. It seems that the organizer failed to provide ISO with good information on the amount of time scheduled for the shows, hence there was much confusion. It was necessary to cut short some parts of the presentation, which pleased almost no one. Just another reason to stay away from New York.

We missed the live show, because we were not informed in advance, but Carol made the five o'clock news on one of the local network channels. She was interviewed about her opinions on the furor caused by the little boy who made national news by kissing a little girl in a school back east. Carol stated her own view that considering the ages of the two students the whole thing was taken far too seriously, and never should have come up as an issue. She did tape the segment, and we had a chance to see her rerun. As usual, she did an outstanding job.

We heard recently that Richard has been promoted at Wells Fargo, and now is Assistant Manager at the banking center located at the Ralph's supermarket on Sports Arena Blvd. This facility differs from his prior assignment at Vons in that it offers a full range of banking services, just as previously offered in branch facilities.

SAN DIEGO ELECTRICAL TRAINING CENTER DEDICATED

October the 23rd was a big day for Bob Riel. It marked the dedication of the newly refurbished San Diego Electrical Training Center, located at 4675 Viewridge Avenue, in San Diego. Some time ago we reported that Robert had attended a week long seminar in Chicago, where he was brought up to speed on the latest electronic technology. As reported at that time that now there are computer chips which are so inexpensive that they will be installed in all new electric appliances. This will make it possible to automatically control their operation from a central computer station. When the decision was made some time ago to completely redo the IBEW Local 569 training center Robert was involved in helping incorporate this new technology into the renovation plan. During the design and construction phase he was involved, on a voluntary basis. He spent many hours helping draw up plans and working on the installation of the advanced computer technology needed to make his new training center one of the most modern in the country. Recently we were treated to a tour of the building by Robert, and we were extremely impressed by the way in which computer technology has been used. For example, in the central control room Robert showed us how he could call up on the monitor the building floor plan. The display included a series of red dots scattered throughout the building. They are activated by motion sensors in each room, and indicate that it is occupied. A picture of each room can be called up, the room lights turned on, and the interior viewed. He also demonstrated how he could call up a diagram of the heating and air conditioning unit, along with a plot of its' operational history over the past 24 hour cycle. All of the interior lighting is automatically turned off and on as the room is occupied or vacated. The training facilities also are very impressive. In addition to lecture type classrooms, there are a number of laboratories where students can practice on actual modules, in order to learn how to install and maintain almost any kind of electrical equipment in a modern installation. One of the work rooms contains a

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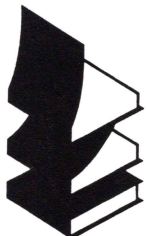


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mock up of the wood framing of a section of a typical residence, so that students can learn by doing how to install wiring. In another area there are several robots, mounted on wheels and with a lever arm and clamp to pick up objects. Students learn how to program the robot to move about, pick things up, etc. All of the rooms are interconnected by computer, and there is a central broadcast room where one person can address every classroom through closed circuit television. It is indeed an impressive training facility, and its' contents highlight the complexities associated with the computer revolution. Robert is one of about a dozen instructors who are training, at any one time, about 300 students. Candidates must have a high school education, are guaranteed a job during the training program, and agree to attend classes at night. It takes about 5 years to complete the course work, and graduates accumulate college level credits. In order to give you a better view of the facilities, we are including with this issue a new brochure which describes the facility. You will note that Robert's picture is on the front cover, and we congratulate him for all of the time and effort he put in to make the facility the success that it is.

NEW RIEL FAMILY TEACHER

The Riel family is teacher oriented, as we all know, with no less than ten (husbands/wives) who are active in the education field. Recently a new name was added when Grandpa Riel completed his 15 hours of training to become a Volunteer Literacy Tutor in the READ/San Diego Public Library Literacy Program. He will be assigned a learner, and will help that person improve their reading, writing and math skills. If he runs into any problems, he may seek out advice from some of the family experts.



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KEVIN RIEL'S NEW TRUCK STOLEN

Generally we like to publish only good news in RFNL, but once in a while something unpleasant comes up which we think should be included. For some time Kevin has been saving money he has earned so that he could buy a truck, which he did recently. Unfortunately it was stolen recently, while he was surfing at the Mission Beach area. Grandpa and Grandma were most upset to learn this bad news, and we hope with all our hearts that it will be recovered before long. His father brought over an open letter to Kevin, requesting we publish it in RFNL, which we gladly do.

An open letter to my son upon his losing his new truck

I remember the beginning of last summer, you announced that you were going to save your money, and buy your own car for this, your senior year, in high School. You worked hard at your job, saved, we scrutinized the market, you made a good purchase of a truck. All was well.

Last week you were using the freedom that the truck provided to go surfing prior to school. While you were enjoying the fruits of your labor someone stole your truck.. It is of course a hard lesson to take. I do, though want you to know how proud I am that at your age you set a goal to improve your life, you stuck to it and you accomplished it. This is an ability and a strength that you earned this summer that can not be stolen and in the end will bring you great rewards.

BRETT SOREM BUILDS BACK YARD SKATE BOARD RAMP

Francie reported recently that Brett and a neighborhood friend have built a skate board ramp in the back yard of the Sorem home. Before starting the project they searched the internet and located some plans. They then collected scrap materials, mostly wood, and with only minimal help from Alan and Francie they finished the job, and now are enjoying his new addition to their play area. Their new project quickly became a magnet for the entire neighborhood. Unfortunately, one of the visitors fell and suffered a broken limb. This highlighted the liability issue, and Francie is in the process of drawing up a responsibility disclaimer for each parent to sign, before their child is allowed to use the facility. I

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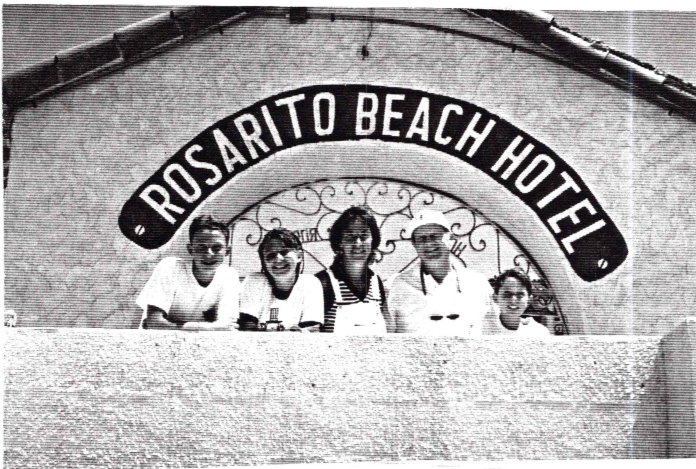
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am sure we are all looking forward to enjoying this new addition to the Sorem back yard play ground.

Francie also reported that Brett won the Academic Student of the Month award at ST. Columba school recently. We congratulate Brett on both the skate board project and the award!

BENESCH FAMILY VACATIONS IN MEXICO

This is the first chance we have had to report on a summertime vacation Carol, Jeff and family took to Rosarito Beach. As you can see in the following photographs they had a very enjoyable time. Jessica took this opportunity to try out a new hair do, and you can see from the below photo how it came out. Jessica may wish to get a professional critique from Aunt Francie.



MISSION HILLS HISTORY - HOW WE GOT HERE FROM THERE

We continue another chapter in the Mission Hills history account.

INSPIRATION

In 1869 the actions of three men, two of them newly arrived in San Diego, would start the creation of the neighborhood known today as Mission Hills.

Captain Henry Johnson became the first Mission Hills property owner when he bought about 65 acres of public land centered about Sunset and Witherby Streets. During his first visit to the hill, he named it "Inspiration Point" after seeing the spectacular view it offered.

Johnson had been sailing the wooden side-wheel steamer S.S. Orizaba into San Diego bay for four years. The ship has been named the "Mayflower of San Diego" since it brought thousands of people into the area from San Francisco. Johnson used the hill he would later name "Inspiration Point" to get the ship's bearings.

Legend has it that after one nearly disastrous voyage in 1869, he rented a horse immediately after docking and traveled to the top of the hill where he decided on the spot to buy it. He went to the court house and paid \$16.25 for the 65+ acres. That's 25 cents an acre, the going rate for undeveloped San Diego land on February 2, 1869!

Just 30 days later Johnson sold half of his land to his first mate Ormsby Hite for \$50.00 - a 700% return on his investment plus he still owned half of the land. The deal meant that Johnson became the first real estate broker in Mission Hills as well as the communities's first land speculator.

Johnson planned on building his family home on the peak of the hill but that task would be put on hold for 18 years.

"Gold" in Mission Hills

It was also 1869 which saw the arrival of Cyrus Arnold and Daniel Choate. It's very likely Choate, who came to San Diego via steamship from San Francisco, was a passenger aboard the Orizaba captained by Henry Johnson.

Choate came to California during the 1849 gold rush but ended up owning and operating two dry goods stores. The first was in the gold fields and when the gold ran out, he relocated in San Francisco. During a vacation Choate sailed in San Diego and, like so many others, never left.

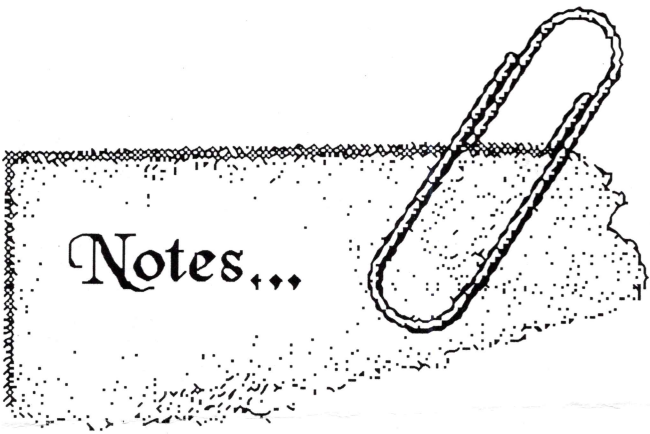
According to a history of the Choate family in America, Daniel "had but one object in view - the accumulation of a fortune which he had come to California to gain, but had failed to acquire in the mines. His faith in the future of his adapted city never forsook him."

Choate believed there was a different kind of gold in San Diego. He made it a point to buy land by the acre. It had to be located at least one mile outside "New Town" San Diego. Choate eventually owned, either individually or in partnership, thousands of acres of land in Mission Hills, Middletown, City Heights and North Park. He preferred San Diegans for partners as opposed to absentee landlords. He found such a partner in Cyrus Arnold.

Dad,

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— picture in mail

Bud Writes Book

Cambridge University Press recently released Constructing School Success by Bud and some of his graduate students. Bud's book 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.

Riel family members are encouraged to buy many copies of the book to contribute to Michael and Megan's college fund.

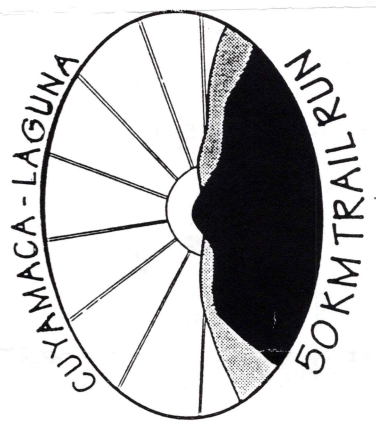
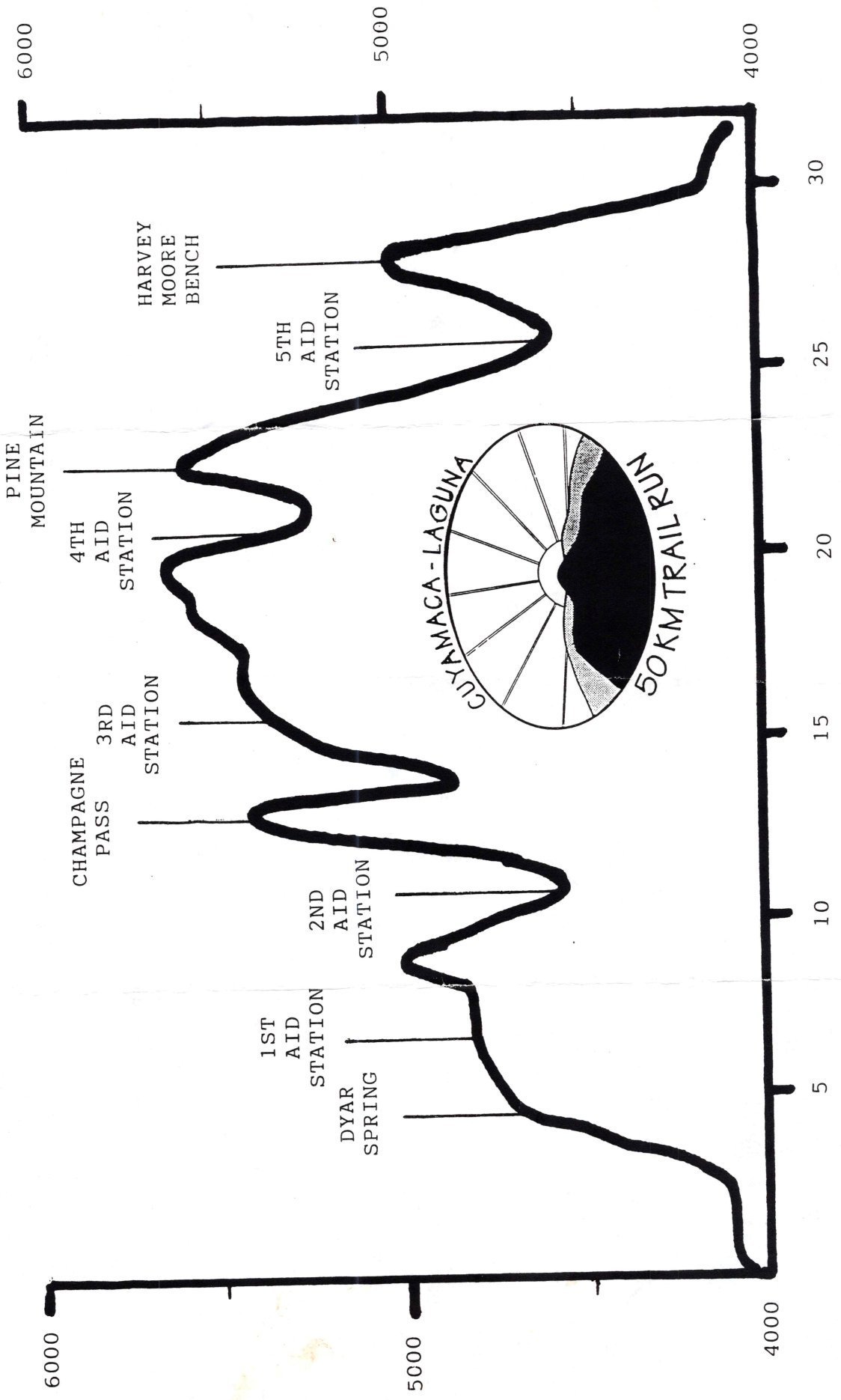
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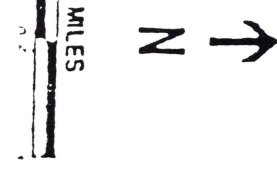
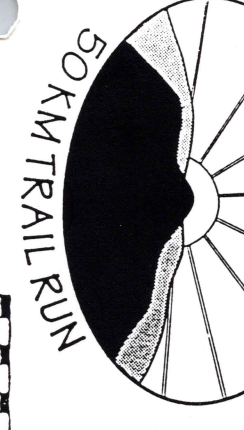
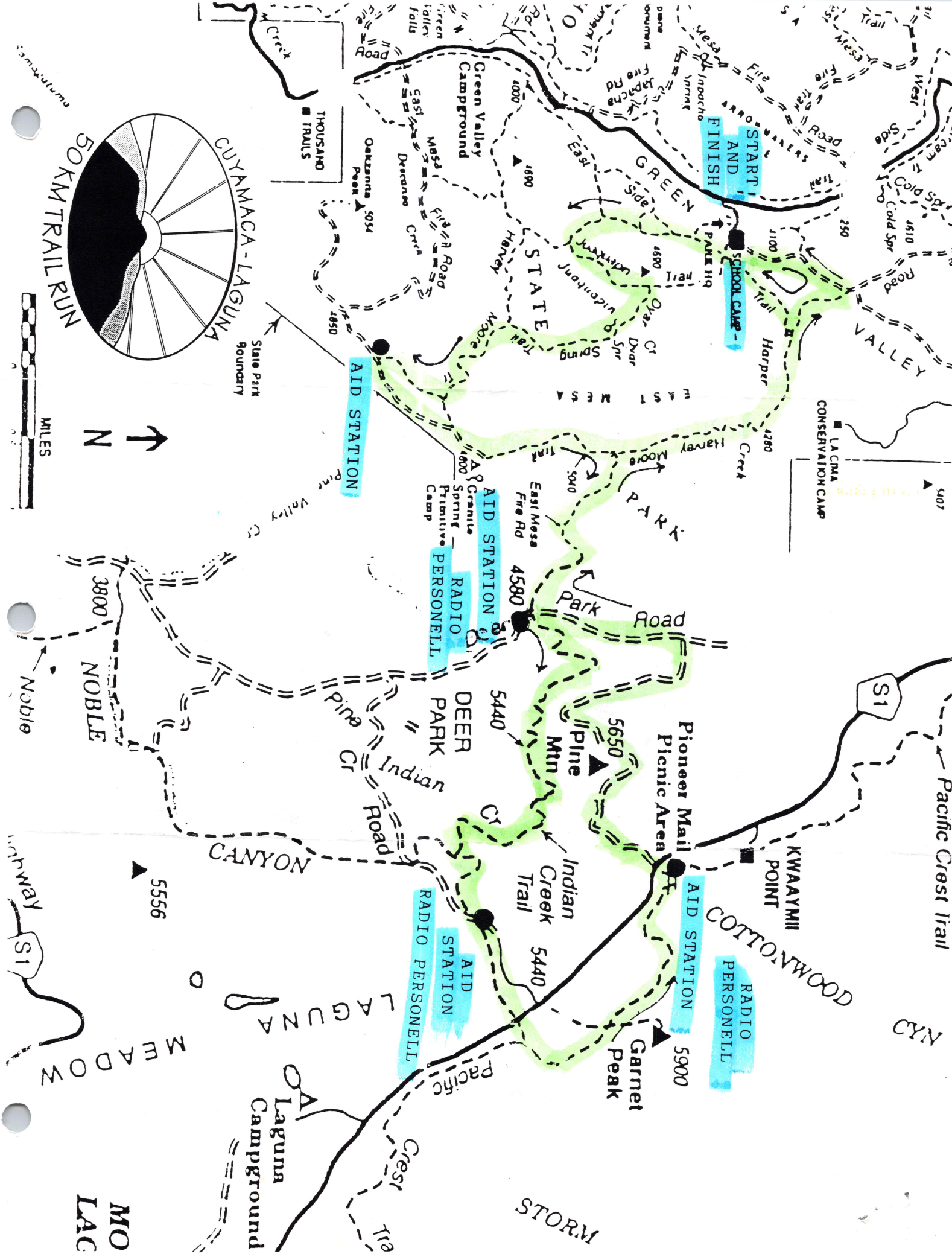
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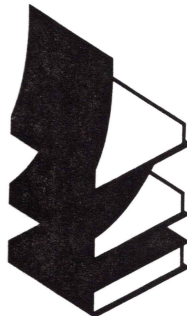
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