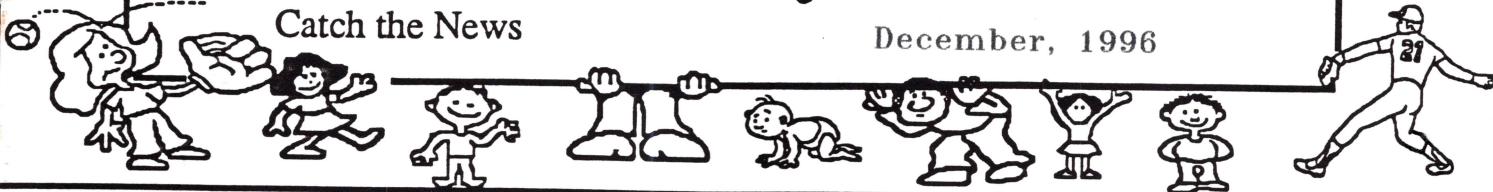




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## FAMILY CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING WITH RIEL-MEHAN FAMILY

### BIG SOCCER GAME BEFORE THANKSGIVING MEAL

The family celebrated another big Thanksgiving Day with plenty of fun and games, followed by another great meal. In the morning the kids played the parents in a fierce soccer match, and once again he kids mostly outran the parents. There seemed to be disagreement on which side won, both claiming they scored the most goals. It was apparent, however, that the parents were more worn out than the kids when time was called.

Dinner was served buffet style in the early afternoon, and we all enjoyed turkey, ham, potatoes, candied yams, salad and great desserts (mud pie and pumpkin pie) plus lots of chips/dip, etc. Everyone had a great time, and we all thank Bud, Margaret and family for inviting us to share this special day. We have some pictures of the soccer action on page 2.

### RIEL BOWL VI SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 1, 1997 AT BOB AND KARLA'S HOME

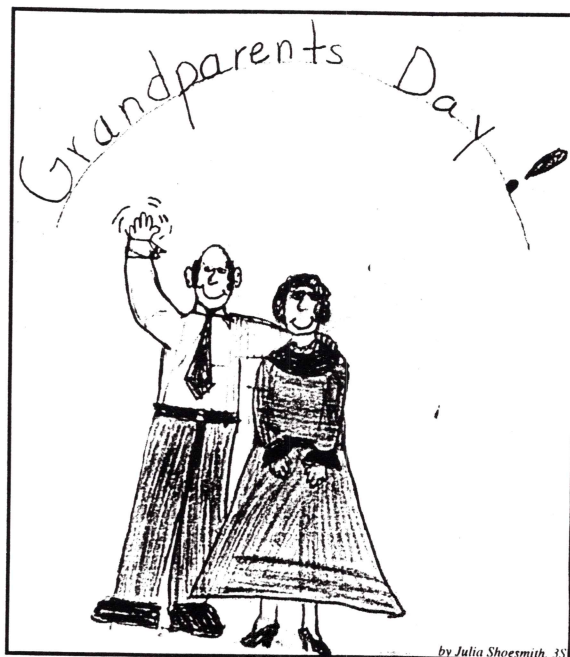
It's that time of year again (already) and plans are in the works for another fabulous New Years Day celebration in Alpine. Watch your mail for the official announcement and the annual RFNL crossword puzzle contest. Bob and Karla would appreciate your letting them know what you will be contributing to the eats. Birdy Hartman will be defending her 1996 championship in the RFNL Jeopardy Contest, so review those back issues and be ready with the answers, as questions, of course.

### RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

We all had a scare recently when the news went out on the internet that Karla was in the hospital. The report was she was having severe stomach pains, and as a precaution she was hospitalized for some tests. Fortunately all were negative, and she was back home the next day, and out and about shortly thereafter. Grandma Riel also has been having some problems recently. She had a bout of the flu, and just as she was getting better she experienced a double vision problem. The doctor referred her to a neurologist, and

he concluded that in all probability the problem resulted from the infection. However, he ordered an MRI to check on the remote possibility of a tumor. He described the results as completely normal, and as of now she is back on the golf course.

### DAVID, SCOTT AND ANNIE SHOW OFF THEIR SCHOOL WORK



by Julia Shoemith, 35

FRANCIS PARKER LOWER SCHOOL



## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 26, 1996

## SEASONS GREETINGS FROM ALL

## OF US TO ALL OF YOU



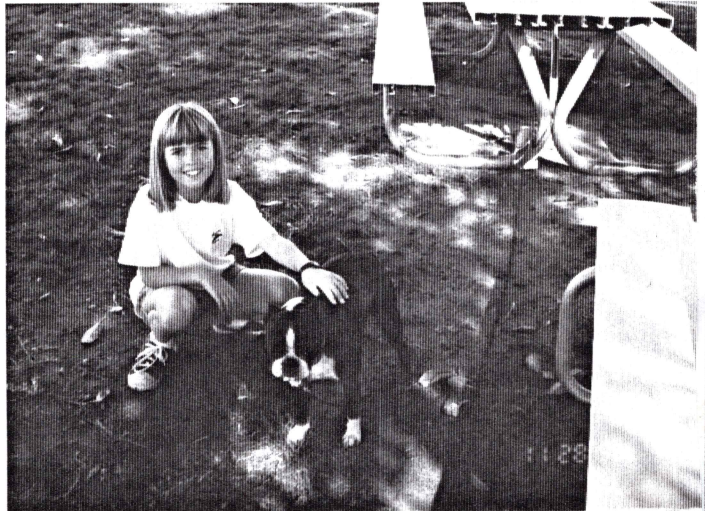
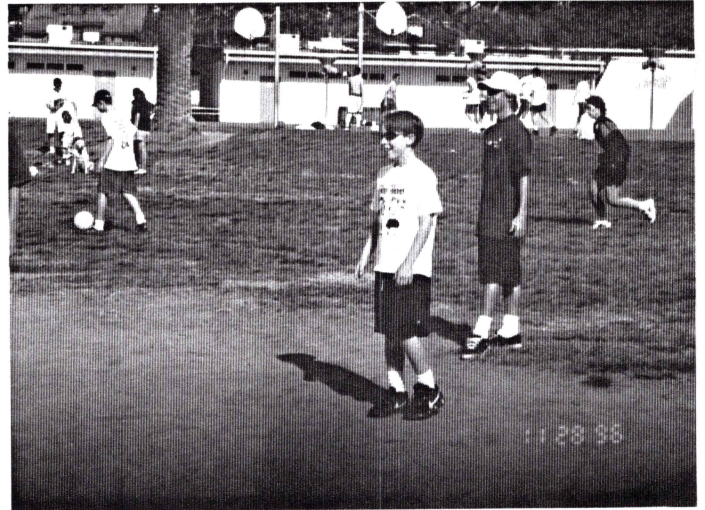
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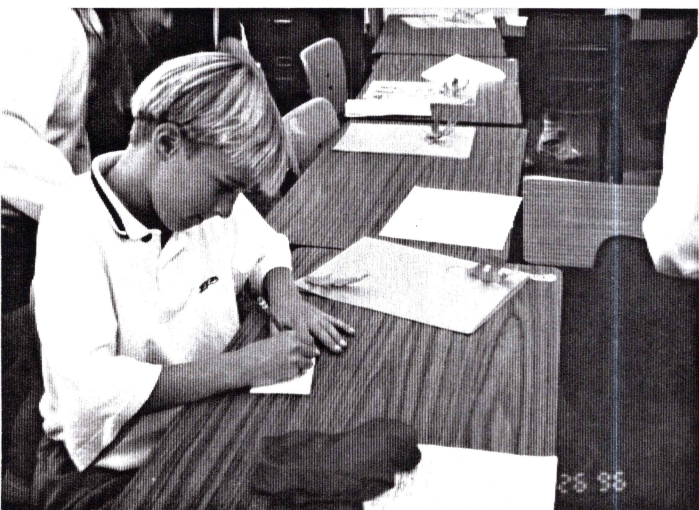
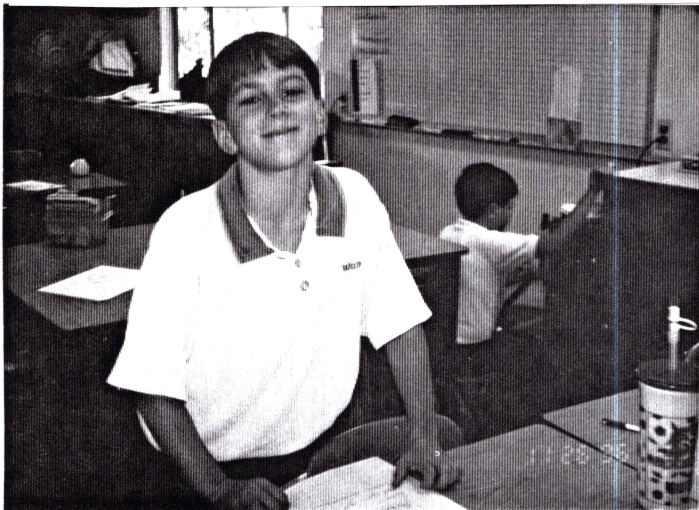
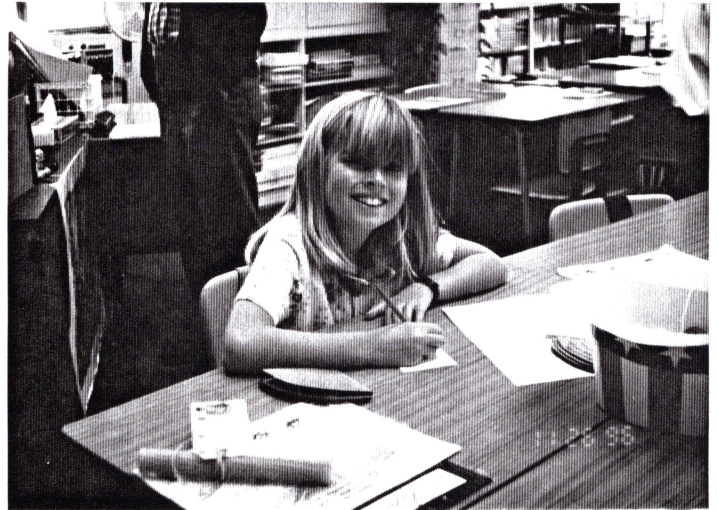
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## GRANDPARENTS' DAY (CONTINUED)

Frances Parker Lower School celebrated another Grandparents' Day on November 26, and the usual large crowd of proud grandparents was on hand. Grandpa Riel had to take over for Grandma, who was still recovering from the flu. Also, Grandma and Grandpa Martha and Dave were in Colorado, so Grandpa Riel got undivided attention from all three kids. All of the Kindergarten-Fifth Grade students were involved in the program. After introductions by Dr. Lee Pierson, Headmaster, and Dr. Bob Gillingham, Head of Lower School, the kids put on their usual fine program. The theme of this Thanksgiving program was the original thanksgiving celebrated by Pilgrims and Indians. The kindergarten kids (directed by Aunt Birdy) put on an Indian pageant, in native costume. The entire class entertained the crowd with several appropriate songs. After the program the guests visited the classrooms and inspected the work being done. It was a great day, and we have pictures of Scott, Annie and David in their classrooms, as shown below, writing get-well notes to Grandma. Afterwards we visited Aunt Birdie's classroom for a group picture.



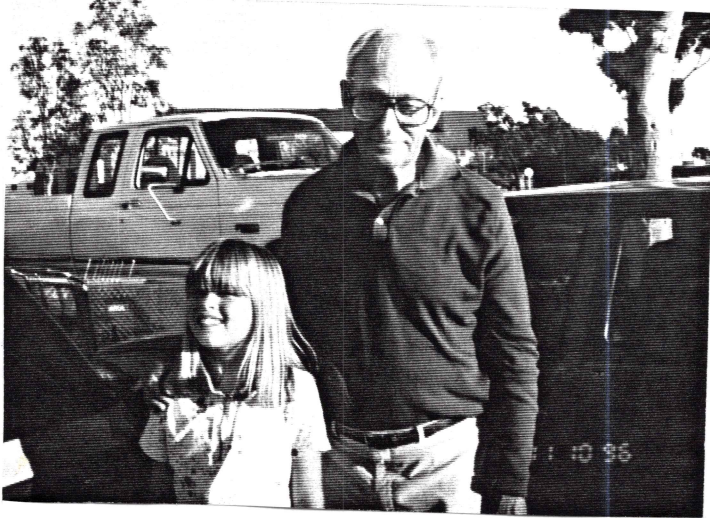
## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Annie Gillingham celebrated her 9th birthday recently, and Grandma and Grandpa treated her to lunch at the Enbers restaurant. Afterwards we took in the movie "High School High", which was a rather poor choice. However, the afternoon was saved by some power shopping for presents. Katy Riel also celebrated her 10th birthday. We enjoyed lunch at Sizzlers, and Grandpa took Katy to the zoo. Grandma was fooling bad, and had to stay home. At the zoo we took the bus ride and the aerial tramway across the grounds. We then took a long walk, and finished the visit with some snacks, as shown in the following picture. Scott Hartman celebrated his 11th with lunch at a Chinese restaurant. We then took in the movie "Space Jam", another loser. We finished the day with a round of miniature golf at the Family Fun Center. We wish a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all three kids. Pictures of each kid are published on page 4.

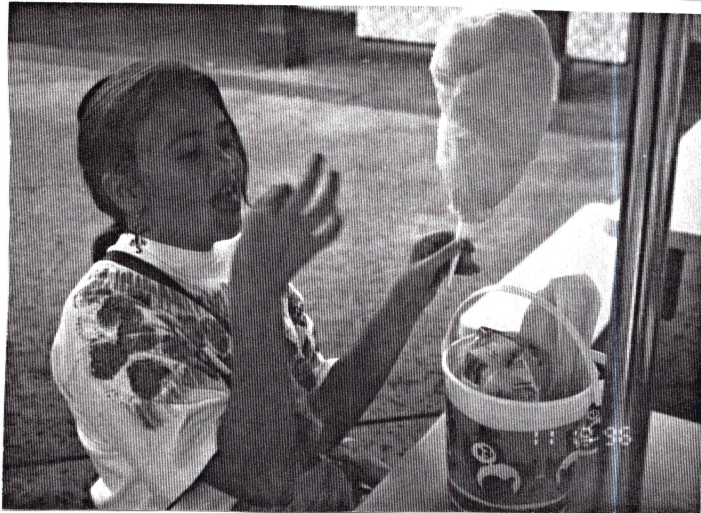
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ANNIE AND GRANDPA ABOUT TO HIT THE MALL



KATY ENJOYS A FEW SNACKS AT THE ZOO



SCOTT AND GRANDMA PLAYING MINIATURE GOLF

## BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Liz Riel	December 3	45
Alan Sorem	December 4	49
Frank Riel	December 6	78
Kristy Gillingham	December 8	13

## TRAVEL NEWS

Listy seems to be trying to outdo Margaret and Francie for most miles traveled. Recently she completed the first leg of her math teaching seminar, visiting Indianapolis and Cincinnati. She has provided a report on her experiences on that trip (see page 5 for her first hand account). Based on her report the two sessions were very successful, and she is to be congratulated for the high marks she received from the program manager. Her comment on "I move to the big leagues" means that she will be associated with another division of the company. The present one is organized to audition beginners, and if she meets expectations she will advance to the next level. Her next trip is to Columbia, South Carolina and then Nashville, Tennessee. In South Carolina she and Birdy will have a chance to visit Uncle Jim and Aunt Eloise in Sumter, and we are looking forward to a report on news from that branch of the family. In between these trips Listy fitted in a one day trip to San Jose, where she presented another paper at a math teaching symposium.

Not to be outdone Birdy and Bruce spent a few days in Sacramento, where they attended the graduation ceremony of a close friend who graduated from the police academy and now is a member of the California State Highway Patrol. They reported that it was a very impressive ceremony, and their friend was very happy to finish his training and begin his career.

Finally, the Benesch family took off from the Thanksgiving party for Thousand Oaks, to spend some time with Jeff's family. We understand that they had a great time, although it was a busy week end.

## MYSTERY PICTURE SUBJECTS IDENTIFIED

In the November issue of RFNL we published two mystery photographs, and we now can identify for you each of the kids shown. In the first photo, from left to right, we have Megan, Katy, Kristy, Michael, Jason, Annie, Dustin and David. The picture was taken at Grandma's home, on Easter Sunday, 1989. The second photograph shows the latest glasses kid, Annie. She needs them for close up work, and we think they are very becoming.

## LATE NEWS FLASH! SCOTT HARTMAN LOST/FOUND

At about 8:00 p.m. one recent evening Grandpa received a strange phone call from one of the twins. The voice on the call said "happy birthday, Dad, we've lost Scott, I'll call you back." Needless to say Grandma had to be restrained from jumping into her car to go and find the missing kid. She had to be content to leave a frantic offer of help on the Hartman answering machine. Within a few minutes another call came in

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announcing that the missing kid had been found. It seems that there had been a mix-up on who was supposed to pick up Scott at school after some athletic event. Later on Listy and Birdy explained the whole thing, but it is too complicated to really describe. If you wish to know the details we are sure one of the twins will be happy to fill you in.

## GOOD NEWS! KEVIN'S TRUCK RECOVERED!

Probably you all are aware by now that Kevin's truck, which was stolen in November, has been recovered. The thief(s) apparently only were interested in a ride, and abandoned it, probably on the same day. It was parked in a residential area, and neighbors eventually decided it was abandoned, and called the police. Jan reports that Kevin was not at home when the call came, so she and Ed picked it up and drove it home. When Kevin returned, by the back entry he was told to go around to the front. Much to his surprise he found his truck parked in front. Not only was it undamaged but the thief had put gas in the tank. We are all very happy to see things work out so well, and hope that neither Kevin nor any other future first car owners experience a similar problem.

## SPORTS ACTIVITIES

In the last issue of RFNL we reported on the design and building of a skate board ramp by Brett Sorem. The facility now is in full use by Brett, Bryce and friends, and Francie has provided us with some action pictures, which are reproduced on the next page. It really looks good, and Brett has done a fine job on this project.

Recently Bryce Sorem was lucky enough to win two tickets to a Charger game, and he invited Grandpa to share his good fortune, as an early birthday gift. The seats were in one of the luxury sky boxes, located on the 35 yard line. Since Alan did not get the kids back from a Big Bear weekend until 3:00 p.m. Sunday (for a 5:00 p.m. game) it was decided to use the bus to get there. This worked out pretty well, although we had to wait about 45 minutes at Hillcrest to get a ride. We arrived at 4:30, and really enjoyed the food and drinks provided in the enclosed room at the rear of the loge section. The seats were great, and it was a fun afternoon, in spite of the poor showing put on by the home team. We certainly thank Bryce for the fun.

Printed by: Bob Gillingham  
Title: Re(2): Tanks giving

Wednesday, November 27, 1996 6:14:25 PM  
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Unsent Message

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Subject: Re(2): Tanks giving  
To: mriel@weber.ucsd.edu,Internet

Cc:

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Have fun!  
Listy



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## DUSTIN HAS ROLE IN TV INFOMERCIAL

The following letter was received by Dustin after completion of a TV Infomercial. It defines the currently scheduled view times, which unfortunately were not received in time for this edition of RFNL. However, we have taped two of the showings for viewing at the next family get together.

Date: 11/13/96  
To: All Talent Participants in Infomercial  
From: Andrea Graves - Producer - Graves Film & Tape  
Subject: Amazing Wealth Secrets - San Diego time buy



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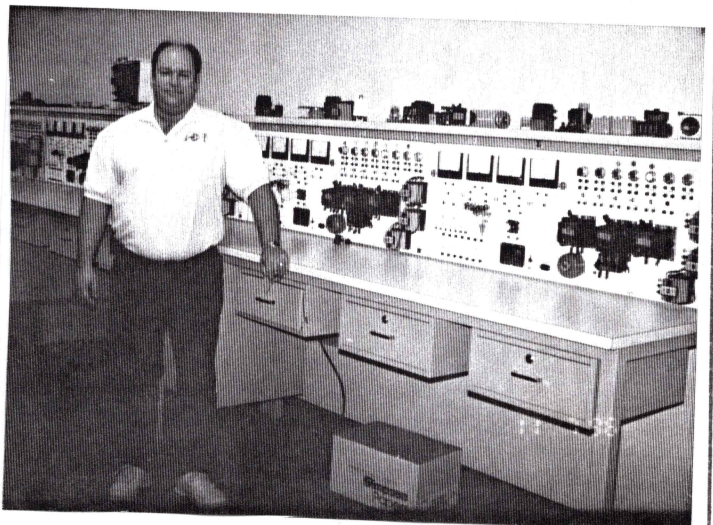
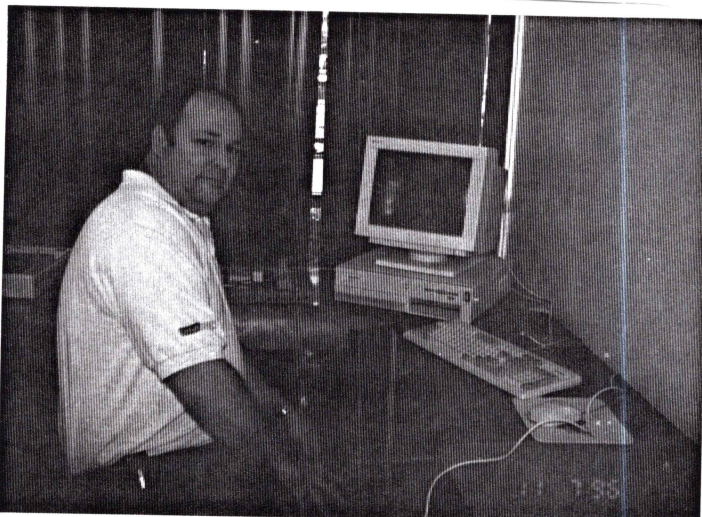
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## ROBERT SHOWS OFF TRAINING FACILITY

In the last issue of RFNL we reported on the newly remodeled electricians training center which Robert helped complete. The following pictures show him at the computer control center for the facility, and also in one of the many well equipped classrooms.

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Nov. 13  
8704 Robles  
Dr. 92117

Dear Grandma and Grandpa,  
School is great, we  
are studying our ancestors.  
I need some information  
about them can you tell me?  
These are some questions I have:

1. Where did they come from?
2. Did they ever come to America?
3. What are their names?
4. What jobs did they have?
5. What was going on in the world when they got there?  
How did they get there?

Can you call me or write me about them and answer these questions?

Love Annie

#74 To make at least \$1000.00 per week, have 9 out of every 10 clients book in advance and attend some sort of class every month.

#11 To have a loving, loyal clientele that I can take great care of for a lifetime.

#94 To learn more advanced cutting coloring and styling techniques and to strive to create, maintain and obtain new clientele.

#1 To take my clients and try to sell more different services, massage, facial, manicures etc. To each client the more services, the better.

Travis J

#92 To commit not only myself to excellence, but to encourage and inspire those around me as well, so that I might learn and benefit from their knowledge.

#125 To continue on a growth of Mind, Body and Soul to love others as I desire. To always give my clients my gift of creativity. And to always have the desire and passion for Hair and Life.

#72 My goal for 97 is to be successful both financially and career wise, through my experiences and by applying myself creatively. I have always believed that experience is the best teacher, and through experience, I believe someday I can be a platform artist. I wish to meet this goal in 1997.

#189 Helping family clients, co workers and friends, getting their success, dreams, and desires which can bring me closer, to getting mine.

#164 I will take a stand to be Passionate, Empowering, A leader generating unlimited possibilities, unabashed generosity and profound relatedness, besides being outrageously fun!

This is my job, this is who I am, this is what you can count on. I take this stand as a possibility to touch all those around me.

#118 To care for others as I would want to be cared for, to quietly live my life and make a difference in the world. To continue to learn things to help me to be more effective.

#75 To double my client walk-in base to learn to be a patient listener, and to work 15 minutes faster on all my chemical services.

#19 To increase my service dollars by \$100.00 per week, to increase my client base by adding three new ones per week, and to increase my commission by selling more products. I will accomplish this by re booking every client doing add-on services, keeping myself well educated, making it worthwhile to my clients to refer me to their friends, and by educating them on the importance of good hair care.

#70 I want to focus on an attitude that will re-force others on our salon team to achieve their maximum potential. Benefiting not only our customers, but all of us, both professionally and personally.

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Please select your top 5 choices and for me back with your selections -

Each person can vote once - See reasonable

Judges accepted -

Thanks

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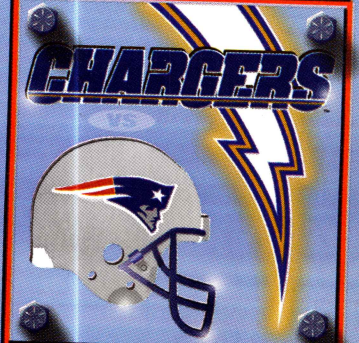
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slim down if you couldn't be here,  
but I hope you get well. I gave  
a note to your mother and he will  
give it to you. Maybe you  
can order a video of the  
program. I love you and  
miss you very much.

Love  
David B.

Dear Grandma  
I hope you got well.  
I am sorry you missed  
the program but it was  
all for you. Lots of  
love to a lovely grandma.

Love  
Anni

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