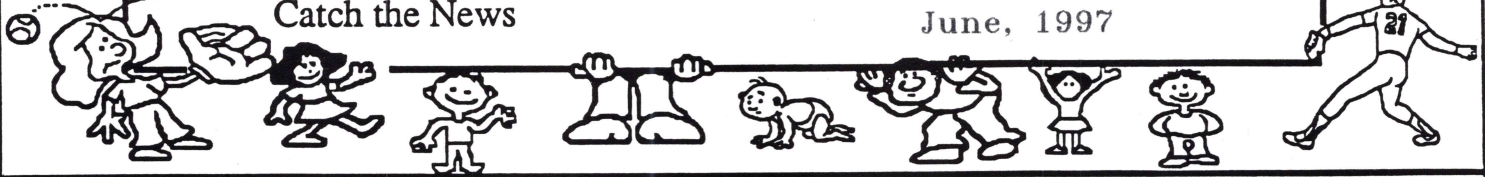




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GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATED AT ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL

Thursday, May 22 was a big day at school for Brett, and Bryce Sorem, and also for Frank "JJ" Riel. A large crowd of proud grandparents turned out to look over the exhibits and see classroom work. The celebration started off with a mass in the church, with the entire school in attendance. After the service the grandparents were invited to inspect the Library and the two Computer Labs and also look at the students' books displayed in front of each classroom. Afterwards we visited each classroom and examined other items on display. In addition, teaching demonstrations were put on by each teacher and her class members. Afterwards lunch was served in the school yard. Chicken, hot dogs, salad, rolls and drinks were enjoyed by all. We saw some samples of excellent work done by all three of the students, and congratulate each of them on their accomplishments. We also enjoyed meeting once again our long time friends from the Narmco days, Carl and Marge Fredericks. They are the Godparents of Listy and Birdy, and their daughter Mary has a 5th grader at St Columba.

We took a number of photos, and a few are reproduced on page 2.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

As we pointed out in the last issue of RFNL we had not yet received a picture of Megan celebrating her birthday. We now have the print, and it is reproduced in the next column. Due to her recent ill health Grandma is a little behind in birthday celebrations, but she hopes to catch up soon, and with school out she will be contacting those who are overdue.

She did have a last minute chance to celebrate Kevin Riel's 18th, however. They played a round of golf at Presidio, and joined Dad and Grandpa for lunch at Oscars. After lunch Kevin and Grandpa took in a movie, "The Lost World" while Grandpa and Ed did some home maintenance at 1875 Lyndon Road. We wish both kids a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



one, certainly his first. We understand it was not a real well struck shot, but it went in, which is all that counts.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Listy Gillingham	June 3	39
Birdy Hartman	June 3	39
Bruce Hartman	June 5	38

SOME SPORTS NEWS

We understand that Kevin, Chris and Nathan have all taken up golf, and are busy honing their games at Presidio. Kevin is playing several times each week, and hopes to see some rapid improvement. Nathan, however, showed up his brothers by making a hole in

ED RIEL TOURS GRANDPA THROUGH HOUSING PROJECT

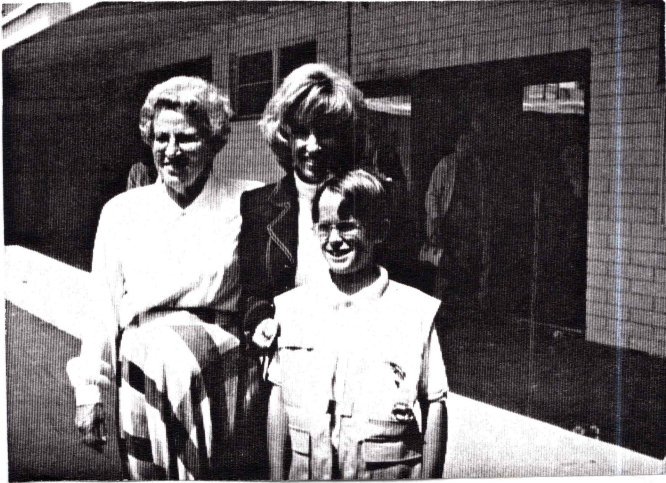
Recently we had a chance to visit the new housing tract project that Ed has been working on for almost a year. The tract is located on the north edge of Escondido, just off of El Norte Parkway, and quite close to Dixon Lake Recreation Area. The project is called Vintage Creek, and there are three very nice model homes ready for inspection. All of the homes feature three car garages, and well thought out floor plans. If anyone knows someone looking for a home in that area, be sure and contact Ed for directions.

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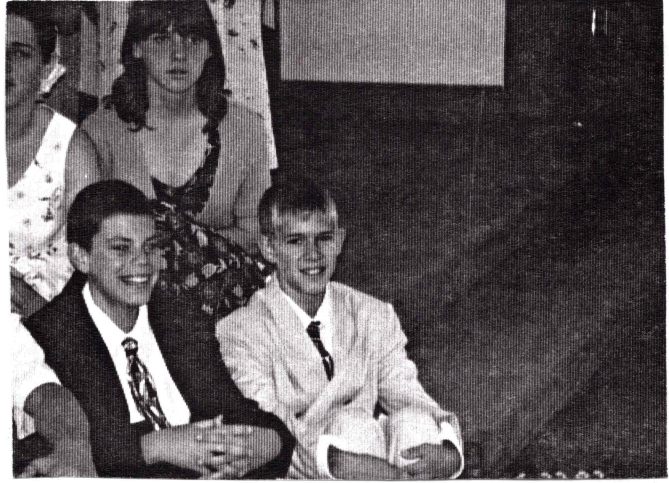
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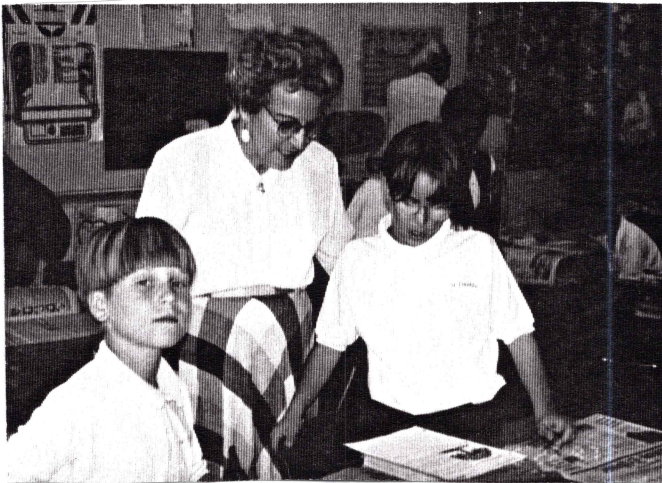
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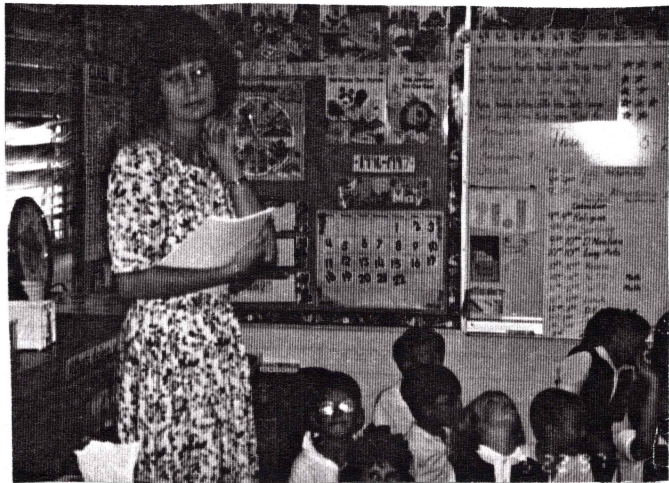
GRANDMA, FRANCIE AND BRYCE AT ST. COLUMBA GRANDPARENTS' DAY



BRETT WITH CLASSMATES AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE



GRANDMA CHECKS OUR BRYCE'S CLASSROOM



MYSTERY PICTURE - CAN YOU SPOT THE RIEL KID IN THIS CLASS PHOTO?



GRANDMA LOOKS OVER JJ'S CLASSROOM WORK



GRANDPA AND GRANDMA WITH TWINS GODPARENTS CARL AND MARGE FREDERICKS

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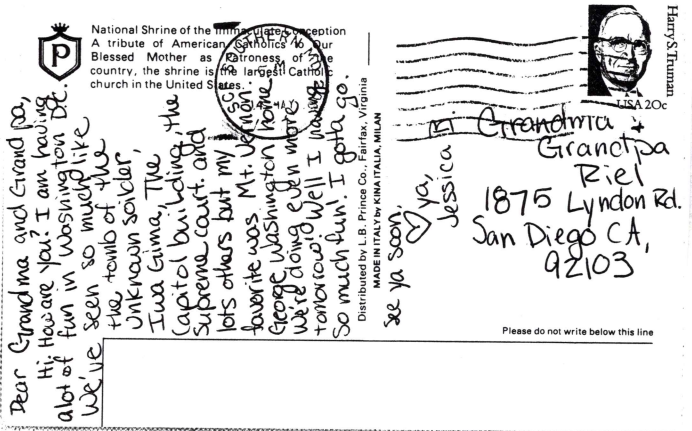
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TIM RIEL STARS IN SCHOOL PLAY

On May 22 Grandma and Grandpa were invited by Jan and Ed Riel to attend the Correia JHS production of "The Wizard of Oz" starring Tim as the Tin Woodsman. This play, adapted from the well known movie of the same name, was put on by a cast of JHS kids, and they did a great job. Tim's costume and make up was very realistic, as you can see in the following photograph. We all enjoyed the production, and congratulate Tim on a job well done.

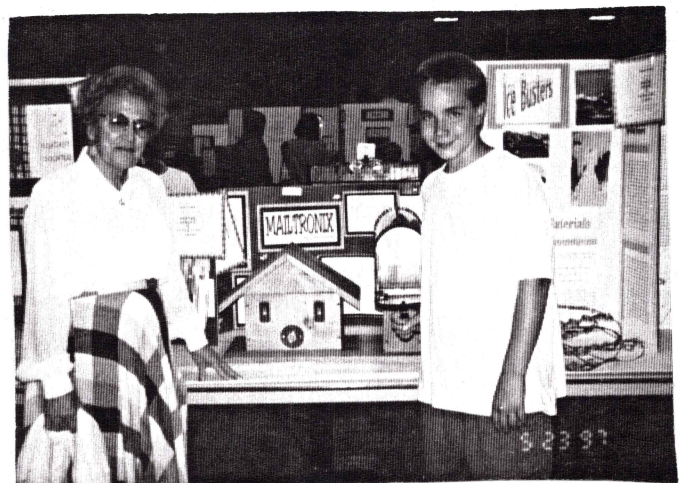
TRAVEL NEWS

Jessica Benesch recently returned from a visit to the Washington, D.C. area, and she reports that they had a great time. She sent us a post card, reproduced below, which describes some of the interesting places she visited. We also learned that Bud Mehan just returned from a trip to Sweden. Watch for more details in the next RFNL, plus news about a surprise award revealed at a surprise party given for him when he returned.



SCIENCE AWARDS

Jessica Benesch and Curtis Hartman both had projects entered in the in the annual Inventors Showcase contest. Both had excellent inventions, as shown in the attached photographs. Curtis Hartman's invention, the electronic mail box sensor, won a third place award. Both projects were well done and showed a lot of creative thinking, and we congratulate them. Jessica also participated in the Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair at Balboa Park, on April 9-13. Jessica's entry placed second, and won a Professional Society Award.

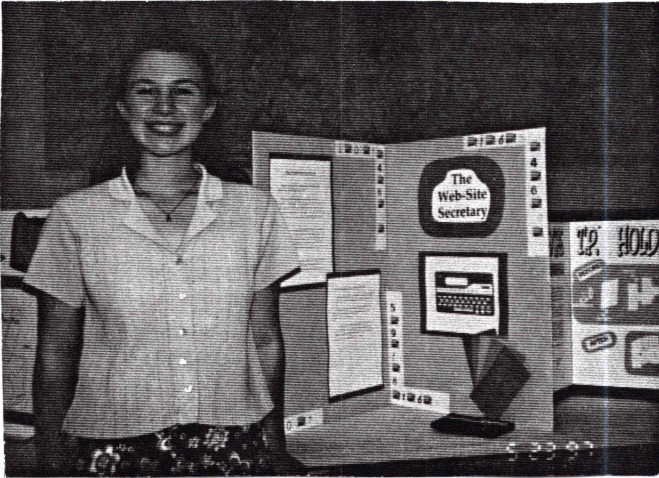


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RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

As you all know by now, Grandma spent a week in the hospital, during the month of April. She had been taking some medication which suddenly had an adverse side effect, and the doctor decided that she should be hospitalized so that some changes in medication could be controlled and their effects carefully monitored. After seven days they were satisfied that she could return home, but has been going in to a special class on a three times a week basis, for follow up. The new medication schedule seems to be tolerated without any problems, and she now feels much better. She thanks everyone who came to visit her during her stay in the hospital. The gifts, food, flowers, etc. and most of all the visits did much good in helping along the recovery.

Skate boarding finally caught up with Brett Sorem, who suffered a mild break in one foot. Fortunately it was not a serious one, and he enjoyed a rapid recovery. It did move him to the outfield, on his baseball team, but the move was temporary, and he now is back in his regular slot.

As we reported in the last issue of RFNL, Margaret has recovered from a recent hernia operation. We have the following photograph taken shortly after the operation and as you can see she was taking it pretty easy at that time.

Grandpa has been experiencing some vision problems over the past year, attributed to cataracts in both eyes. Surgery is scheduled for July, and he was assured that his vision can be improved. He underwent a routine physical recent, and his doctor cleared him for the operation, pending the results of some chemical analysis testing.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

During a recent visit to the Gillingham home we had a chance to see the latest hobby by daughter Annie, who has taken up gardening. She showed off (see picture below) her tomatoes and broccoli, and we enjoyed some of the product in the salad served with dinner. The



freshly picked broccoli was especially good. We also had a chance to examine some of the pictures Kristy has painted. We were very impressed with the talent she has exhibited, and the following photo bears out that impression.



*Annie's
Garden*

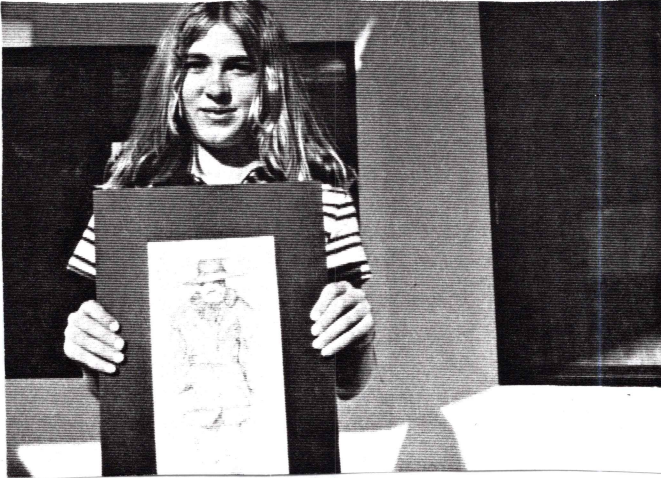
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AT WORK ON HER VEGETABLES

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AUNT ELOISE VISIT SET FOR JUNE 18TH

Recently we received a letter from Aunt Eloise in which she confirms their travel plans. We have provided her with the tentative schedule of visits, as follows.

Wednesday	Pick up at airport, check in at Old Town Ramada Inn, and visit with Grandma and Grandpa, followed by dinner and the Padres baseball game.
Thursday	A visit to the San Diego Zoo.
Friday	A visit to either Sea World of the Wild Animal Park.
Saturday	Scott Nix will be introduced to surfing by Ed and kids. Eloise will visit Margaret and Bud, at their home. We will meet Robert for lunch, and then visit his Electrical Training Center. Afterwards we will pick up Scott and go to dinner at Hartmans' or Gillinghams'.
Sunday	Family party with Bob and Karla, at Alpine. Everyone is invited, please contact Bob or Karla on what to bring.
Monday	To airport, for 9:00 a.m. departure.

Everything is open to changes or suggestions. Please contact Grandpa for additional activities. Please note that Grandma and Grandpa will be at Indian Wells for the week of June 6-13. Birdy will have our phone number. We will be home by 2:00 p.m. on the 13th.

JESSICA BENESCH WINS WRITING AWARD

The following letter describes an award recently won by Jessica. The winning entry is reproduced below, along with the notification letter. We congratulate Jessica on this well deserved honor.

ON STAGE

Standing in the dark,
Waiting to begin,
I feel my stomach turn.
I am so nervous and tense.
I hear the crowd's applause.

The music starts to play.
A stream of light floods the stage.
The curtain's going up.
I glance quickly to a friend,
More nervous than I've ever been.
Standing
Staring
Waiting
Watching
In nervous admiration
Of the part that I am playing.
It's finally time
To say my line.
What thrill! What fun!
The play's begun!
It's my brush with fame.

Greater San Diego Council of Teachers of English

May 15, 1997

Dear Jessica Benesch,

As a reward for your excellence in writing, the Greater San Diego Council of Teachers of English would like to honor you at our Annual Awards Dinner. This year, the dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 30 in the faculty dining room of the Hahn University Center at the University of San Diego. A get-acquainted time with refreshments will begin at 6 p.m. (The university is located at 5998 Alcalá Park, off Linda Vista Road; map enclosed). Jean Ferris, author of many award-winning books, will be our guest speaker.

Your and other outstanding San Diego writers will be our guests. You may also bring a guest of your choice. If you wish to bring additional guests, the cost is \$25 per person.

Please reply by May 23 to Jackie Walter, program chairman at 268-9370. Be sure to specify the number of guests in your party.

Members of the San Diego Council look forward to celebrating your achievements; when you receive your award, you are welcome to make brief comments.

Congratulations!

Arlene Mulligan
Dr. Arlene Mulligan
Corresponding Secretary

MORE TRAVEL NEWS

We learned recently that Robert Riel spent several days in San Francisco, attending an Electrical Contractors Meeting. Robert reported that he presented a talk, and also was featured in a national trade magazine article. We will have a full report with pictures for the next RFNL issue. Watch for it.

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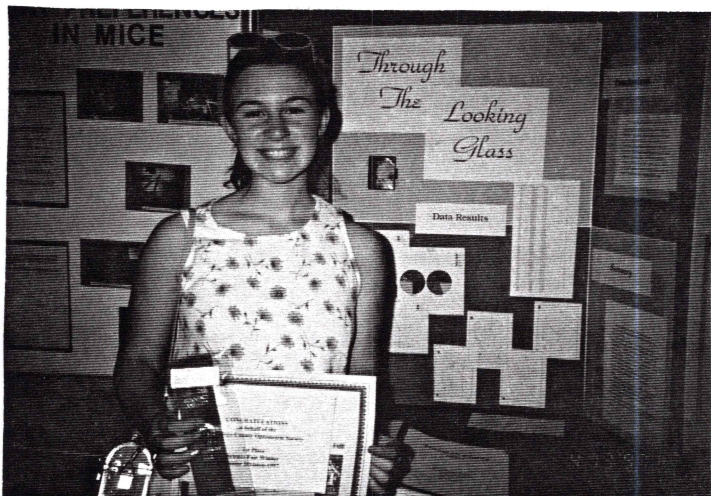
MORE SPORTS NEWS

We learned recently that Jason Benesch's 3 on 3 soccer team won second place in a tournament. The following photograph shows the team with their second place medals. CONGRATULATIONS!



JESSICA BENESCH WINS AWARD IN SCIENCE FAIR CONTEST

In addition to the Inventors Showcase competition, Jessica also had a project in the Science Fair competition, and in that event her project won a second place over-all award in the Physical Science category. She is shown in the following photo with her award. GOOD WORK, JESSICA!



MISSION HILLS HISTORY - HOW WE GOT HERE FROM THERE

We have room to add another chapter on the history of the Mission Hills area. In the last chapter, (see RFNL November, 1996) the 1859 arrival of Daniel Choate is noted. He believed that land was the real "gold" in San

Diego, and he bought land in Mission Hills, Middletown, City Heights and North Park. He preferred San Diegans for partners, and found one in Cyrus Arnold.

Claim Jumpers

Arnold also arrived on the scene in 1869 and he immediately opened a law and real estate office. In addition to law and land, he also knew how to organize people and make speeches.

Early one morning in December, 1869 a claim jumper named Stapleton tried to fence off a piece of downtown land. Doing that and then paying a few dollars in taxes on that land would give him legal title to it under California law. If the true owner lived out of town, the claim jumper could have legal title before the owner knew what happened.

Word spread of the attempted jumping. By 9:00 that morning a mob of 200 people showed up, dumped coal oil on the fence and burned it to the ground. An eyewitness gave this account: While this was going on, Arnold "who evidently appreciated the opportunity for a speech, mounted a buggy and harangued the multitude with great fervor, asserting the determination of the people to 'defend their homes and firesides to the last drop of blood' etc. etc."

Later that night hundreds of people turned out for a public meeting to hear Arnold say a "secret society" (a vigilante committee) had been set up and operating for several months to deal with claim jumpers. Arnold asked those gathered for a show of support or condemnation for the morning fence burning. Five men were chosen to draft a resolution expressing the sense of the meeting. Among the five was Daniel Choate. A resolution was drafted warning claim jumpers to stay out of San Diego or face the consequences. About 150 people signed the document.

Three years later, in 1872, Arnold gave up his law practice to concentrate on real estate. One of the first things he did was go into partnership with Choate.

The First Subdivision

That same year, 1871, saw the first subdivision area we call Mission Hills. It's called "Arnold & Choate Addition" and looks like a square donut. It's the area bounded by University Avenue to the south, Randolph Street on the west, Curlew on the east and Arbor to the north. (Originally it didn't have a hole in the middle, but in 1907 the Washington Heights subdivision was created. The four square block hole in the middle is made by connecting Fort Stockton, Ingalls, Montecito and Ibis, and in it you'll find some of the rare alleys in Mission Hills.)

(to be continued)

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM ROBERT TO THE TWINS

We have been asked to publish this special message from Robert Riel to Listy and Birdy. "Don't forget that you now are working on your 40th year. Before long you will be as old as the rest of us - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!"

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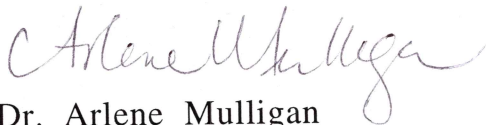
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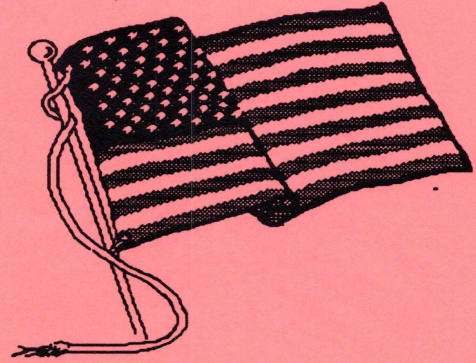
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Golden Eagle Room

May 22, 1997

5:30 PM

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Greg Deering and Joe Falletta

6:00 PM

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Martin Teachworth

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Jo Anne Schaper, Coordinator, Inventors Showcase

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Greg Deering of Deering Banjo Co.

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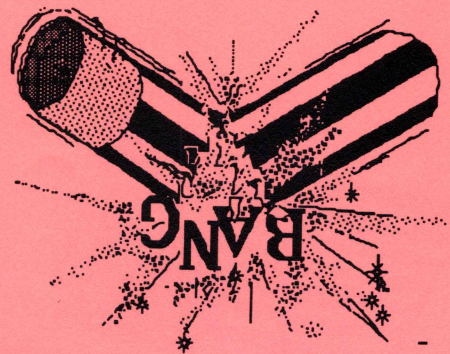
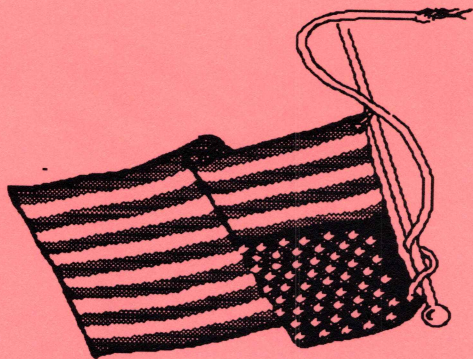
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Dear Edith and Frank,

Time is drawing near for our trip to the West Coast, and we are anxiously waiting . It is great of you to offer Scott and me your hospitality, and we thank you for that. I am looking forward to seeing you again and meeting all the new members of your family.

We will be arriving on June 18th on Delta flight 391, arriving at 1:55 P.M. and will depart San Diego June 23rd at 9:00 AM. If you would be so kind and make reservations for Scott and me, adjoining rooms if possible - convenient but not absolutely necessary. Charge the room to Master Card #5441 2900 1014 2936, card is in my name, with an expiration date of January 1999.

Last Saturday was one of those spring days when it rained all day long. I entertained myself by going through all the Riel Family News Letters that you had so thoughtfully sent, and trying to match up the families. I kinda took advantage of Birdy's Christmas card, with the picture of her family complete with names, so I started off with one family intact. I made some assumptions along the way, so I may be wrong in some instances, but I came up with the following:

Richard and Liz: One son (no clue as to name)
Eddie and Jan: Kevin, Nathan, Chris – one more?
Margaret and Bud: Michael, Megan
Francie and Alan: Brett, Bryce
Carol and Jeff: Jason, Jessica, Dustin
Robert and Karla: Brian – one more?
Birdy and Bruce: Craig, Michelle, Curtis, Scott
Listy and Bob: Kristy, David, Annie

Then I had three left over: Katie (Katy), JJ and Tim – all Riels, who I figured should belong to Richard, Eddie or Robert. It was fun !

Looking forward to seeing you on the 18th,

Love,


Elaine

answered

5-28-97

Dear Grandma and Grandpa,
Hi. How are you? I am having
alot of fun in Washington D.C.
We've seen so much like

the tomb of the
Unknown soldier,
Iwa Gima, The
Capitol building, the
Supreme court. and
lots others but my
faverite was Mt. Vernon
George Washington home
We're doing even more
tomorrow! Well I have
So much fun! I gotta go.


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