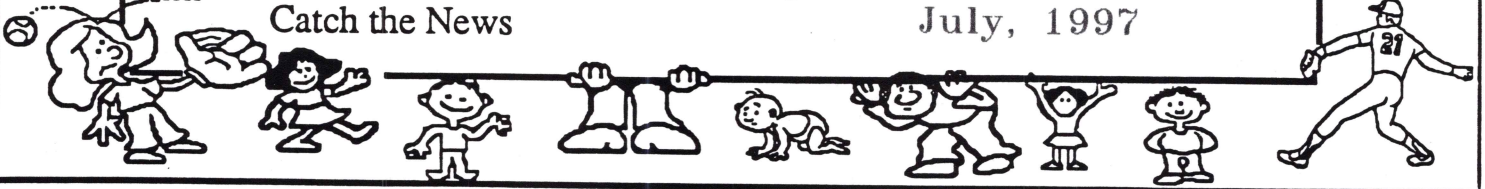


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AUNT ELOISE AND GRANDSON SCOTT VISIT FAMILY IN SAN DIEGO VISITORS TOUR ZOO, SEA WORLD AND FAMILY HOMES

Aunt Eloise and grandson Scott Nix arrived in San Diego on schedule, and were met by Grandpa at the airport. This was the start of a busy schedule which ran from their arrival up until the last full day, Sunday June 22nd. After checking in at the Ramada Inn in Old Town they visited with Grandpa and Grandma. After dinner at the Radisson Hotel we went to the Qualcomm Stadium to watch the Padres game and in spite of the loss we had a good time. Scott is a real baseball fan and enjoyed seeing the Padre stars, especially Caminiti and Gwynn.

Thursday morning we headed for the zoo, and after the bus tour spent most of the day walking around. We enjoyed lunch at Albert's Restaurant and then took a long walk about the grounds, followed by a ride on the Skyfari. We then headed home where we ran the video of the 50th anniversary party.

Friday was Sea World day, and we met Richard and JJ, who went with us for the first part of the visit. We saw just about everything, and were all impressed by the new Wild Arctic exhibit. We also took in the Shamu, Sea Lion and Otter, Dolphin and Bird Shows. We had lunch at the Harborside Cafe and dinner at Mama Stella's Italian Kitchen. Afterwards we visited Horton Square Shopping Center, and sampled some dessert at Maria Callender's.

On Saturday morning we dropped off Scott with the Ed Riel family, who introduced Scott to their favorite family sport, surfing. We understand that he did very well in this first encounter with the cold Pacific ocean surf. While Scott was surfing Grandpa and Eloise headed out to visit with Margaret, Bud and family. Margaret gave Eloise an impressive review of her computer facilities. From there we headed for Kearny Mesa, where we had lunch with Robert and Francie. Afterwards we toured the Electricians Union Training Facility, where Robert showed off the excellent facilities they offer. We then headed for OB to pick up Scott, and then Grandma, and visited the Benesch home. There we were entertained and fed, and met all of the kids. After a nice visit we went to the Gillingham home, where we enjoyed a great meal of broiled hamburger, hot dogs, snacks, etc. From there we set out for the Hartman home, where we enjoyed more visiting while having dessert.

Sunday morning the visitors did Old Town on their own, and at 12:30 we picked them up and headed for Alpine, where we enjoyed another fine meal and family gathering. Afterwards we took a drive to the South Bay area, and up the Silver Strand and across the bridge back to San Diego. This ended an exciting few days, and the next morning we dropped off the visitors at the airport, for the trip home.

It was a great visit, and we really enjoyed this chance to talk over family news. We thank everyone in the family for making the visit so pleasant. We took many photos, and are sending a set to Eloise. We have reproduced a few, on page two, and in the next column we print a copy of the letter we received from Eloise a few days ago. As you can see, they had a great time, and thank all of you for your hospitality. We hope they will come back again sometime soon.

Dear Edith and Frank,
How can I possibly say my thanks and gratitude for the wonderful time you gave us in San Diego. It was great seeing everyone again and meeting all the others. You have a wonderful family, and I'm proud to be a part of it.

Scott and I had a fabulous time - we enjoyed everything! You are the perfect host and hostess! Thank you for all you did for us. We'll never forget the marvelous visit.

We had a good flight back. Although we had left my car at the Airport, Debbie and Dore met us - and we had dinner in Columbia before coming home. I showered and went right to bed - tired but happy.

Take care of yourselves and God Bless you and your great family.
Much Love,
Eloise

25 June 1997

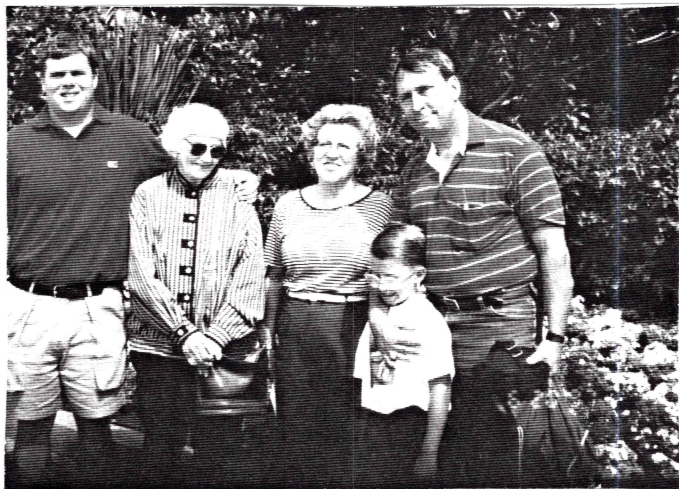
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SOME HIGHLIGHTS DURING THE VISIT BY ELOISE AND SCOTT



RICHARD AND JJ JOIN THE GUESTS ON A SEA WORLD TOUR



ELOISE VISITS THE RIEL MEHAN FAMILY IN ENCINITAS



ELOISE AND SCOTT VISIT THE BENESCH FAMILY HOME



THE GUESTS ENJOY DINNER AT THE GILLINGHAM HOME



AFTER DINNER DESSERT WAS SERVED AT THE HARTMAN'S



ROBERT CHECKS OUT THE POOL DURING THE SUNDAY PARTY

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BUD MEHAN WINS DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD AT UCSD

On May 28, 1997 The San Diego Division of the Academic Senate of the University of California announced that Professor Hugh B. Mehan was this years winner of the Distinguished Teacher Award. The Award Certificate described the basis for the award as follows.

"Hugh Mehan has a major influence on primary and secondary education in the United States in his role as coordinator of UCSD's highly regarded Teacher Education Program and in recruiting students into teaching careers. His contributions to the sociology of education are recognized worldwide, especially his ability to bridge the gap between scholarly research and classroom practice. He has demonstrated to students how sociological concepts have immediate application and influence change in the educational system. He encourages students to handle social issues with rigor and apply what they learn to their lives outside the classroom. He is regarded as a teacher of virtuoso proportions, an inspirational mentor, generous in spirit and humor, and with the unique ability to make learning easy, fun, and interesting, without compromising the highest academic standards."

In addition to the UCSD certificate, shown in the next column, Bud also received three additional Certificates of Recognition, one signed by Teresa Hughes, Chairman of the State Assembly Education Committee, one by Howard Kaloogean, 74th District Assemblyman, and the third by Howard Layne, 78th District Assemblyman.

We congratulate Bud on this most distinguished and well deserved award, and know he will continue to serve the education field in this outstanding manner.

TRAVEL NEWS

On Friday, June 6th Grandpa and Grandma took on their annual trek to the Palm Springs area, for a week at their time share condo. We had another chance to meet our old friends Margy and Jack Dulin, from our Purdue days. We played one round of golf, but spent most of the time either shopping or at the Indian Casinos. There is a very nice inclosed shopping mall, where Grandma exercised her shopping skill at several stores. We were lucky at the bingo games, winning three times. It was a pleasant vacation.

Our world wide traveler Margaret is on the go again, this time to Barcelona (on the Mediterranean Sea, close to the French Boarder). She is attending an International Conference, and Megan went with her. Bud and Michael will be joining them after the



conference, and the family will spend an additional two weeks, mostly in the Barcelona area. We look forward to hearing all about this area of Spain, when they return.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

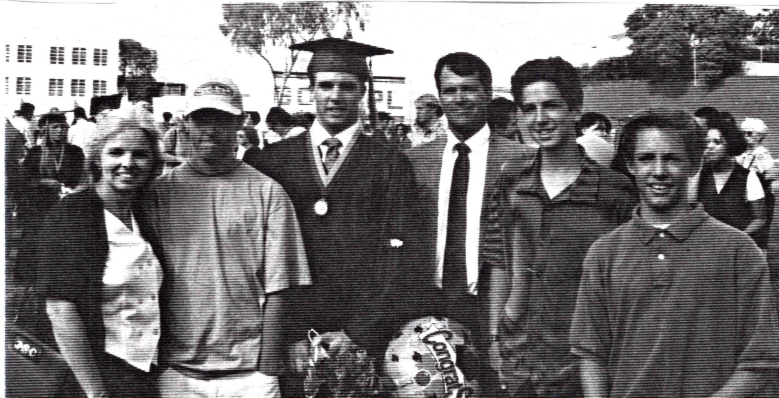
Curtis Hartman celebrated his 13th birthday recently. We enjoyed lunch at one of his favorites, The Mandarin Plaza restaurant. We then took in a movie, "When Best Friends Marry", followed by a round of miniature golf at the La Mesa center. His picture is not yet available, so we will publish it in the next issue.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR JULY

Bryce Sorem	July 8	11
David Gillingham	July 20	12
Frances Sorem	July 21	45
Tim Riel	July 26	14

KEVIN RIEL GRADUATES FROM POINT LOMA HIGH

It's graduation time again, and there was a first, in that Kevin Riel became the first kid to graduate from high school. He will enter SDSU this coming fall. Due to vacation we were not able to attend the ceremony, but we have the following picture of Kevin surrounded by his proud family. Congratulations, Kevin, and good luck in your college career.



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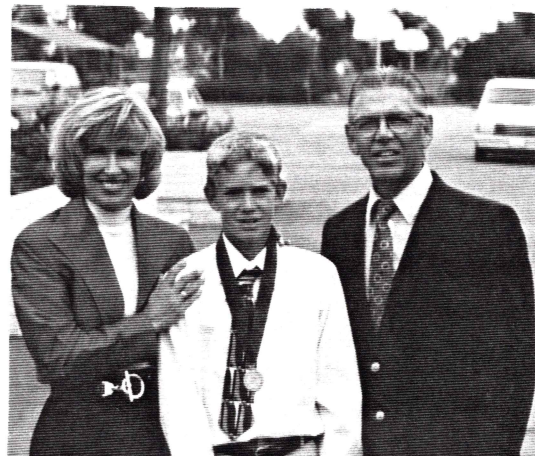
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Another graduate was Brett Sorem, who graduated from JHS and will enter Scripps Ranch High in the fall. We understand he will be taking math from Aunt Listy, and we know she will show him no mercy. His 8th grade diploma has a gold seal indicating membership in the California Junior Scholarship Federation. In addition, he won the St. Augustine medal given to the best all around 8th grade graduate. He was the unanimous choice of all four 8th grade teachers. Congratulations, Brett, on your accomplishments. The following picture shows him with his medal.

In addition to Brett there were three other kids who are moving into high school this fall. They are Jessica Benesch, Craig Hartman and Kristy Gillingham. We extend to all of these students our best wishes for a successful four years in high school.

TIM RIEL DEBUTS AS SHAKESPEARIAN ACTOR

On a recent Saturday evening we were invited to see Tim Riel perform in the famous drama "The Taming of the Shrew", by William Shakespeare. The performance was put on by the All Free Shakespeare Company, a project of the Bear State Theater and is funded by the California Arts Council and the San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. The performance was put on at Presidio Park, in the upper level area. This outdoor site, with the audience seated on the ground or on picnic chairs was a welcome change from the usual indoor sites. Tim played the role of the Haberdasher, which included about five minutes of on time, with a modest speaking role. He did a great job, in the presence of experienced Shakespearian players. Congratulations, Tim, and we look forward to more productions of this type. After the show the parents hosted a picnic dinner of broiled hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, dessert and drinks. It was a fun evening, enjoyed by family and friends, and we thank Jan and Ed for inviting us. A copy of the program is published in the next column. We took a number of pictures which will be published in the next RFNL issue.



The Taming
of the
Shrew

Tim Riel
w/ LOVE



by William
Shakespeare
directed by
Billie Hadget

SOME SPORTS NEWS

Bryce Sorem recently returned from rock climbing camp. He came in 3rd in the speed climbing olympic style event, which took place on the last day. Good going, Bryce! We understand that Katy Riel is doing great in the Alpine Little League baseball competition. Her team won the District competition and will now compete in the Tournament of Champions. We wish her good luck!

ROBERT RIEL PRESENTS PAPER AT ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR CONFERENCE

As we mentioned in the last issue of RFNL Robert returned recently from an Electrical Contractors Conference. The meeting was held at Santa Clara, California, and featured speakers and exhibits by suppliers. The title of Robert's paper was "Building Automation: Binding Logic to Reality" and the following abstract appeared in the program. "A presentation of issues dealing with the transition between network design and actual installation. It will highlight some of the real world challenges and solutions encountered during construction. The presentation will address code implications, component design, network configuration and other considerations, as seen from the installers point of view."

The information presented was sufficiently new and informative that a national trade magazine, Electrical Contractor, wrote up a very detailed account of the information presented. This article describes how the San Diego Electrical Training Center remodeling project was influenced by new technology to fully automate the facility, using state of the art automation concepts. When this decision was made the Director of the Training Center sent three volunteers, one of them Bob Riel, to a special training program put on at Knoxville, Tenn. Upon their return the final decision was made to introduce automation "the smart building" to the remodeling project. The result was a building

where the following functions are controlled automatically by computer - heating, ventilation and air conditioning - lighting controls - security - card access control - landscape sprinklers - occupancy sensors - closed circuit television - power usage monitoring - fire alarm panel - and raising and lowering the flag each day. Robert was quoted at length in the article, which enjoys distribution throughout the country. Robert and his two colleagues spent many week ends designing and installing the automation facilities which represent the latest in building design. If any of you have not seen the facility it is well worth a visit, which can be arranged through Bob. We congratulate him on an important achievement in building design.

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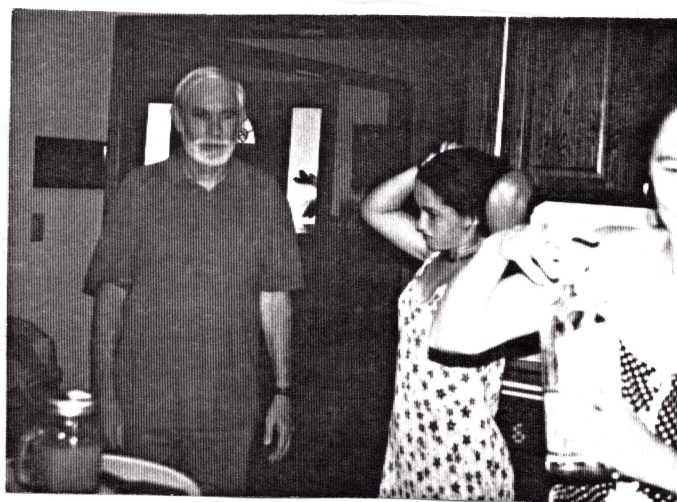
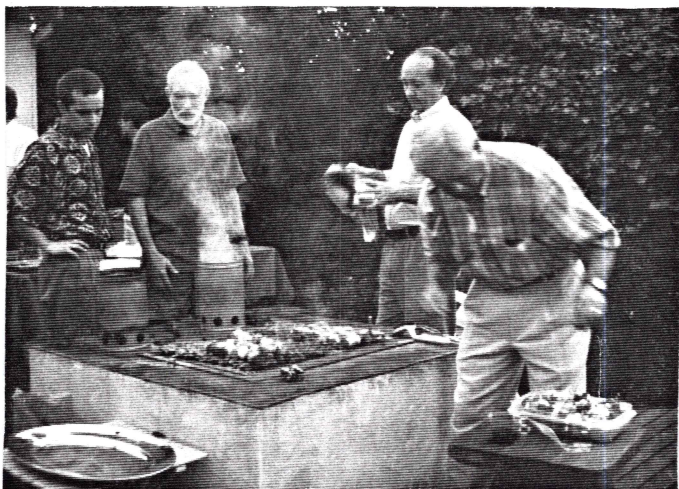
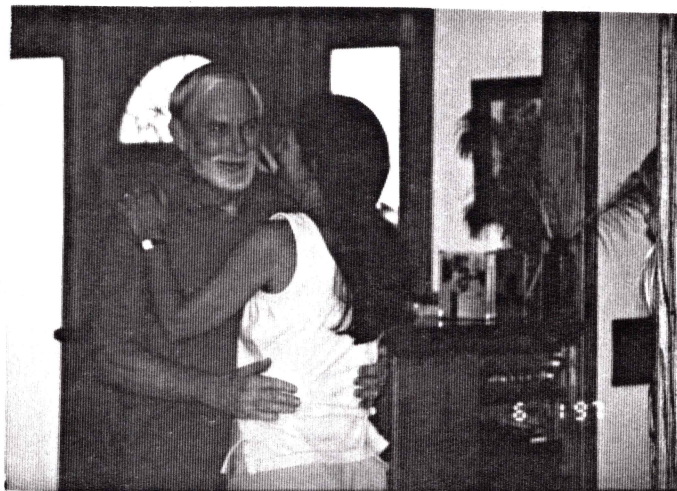
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BUD MEHAN TREATED TO SURPRISE PARTY

As we reported on page 3 of this issue Bud received the distinguished teacher award, and in recognition of that honor some of his colleagues plus Margaret, Michael and Megan put on a surprise party. Also, it was a birthday, his 56th, and a second cause for celebration. The guests assembled at a neighbors home, and after Bud had returned from a trip he did a little jogging, and headed for the shower. While he was showering everyone silently filed into the dining room. Margaret, Michael and Megan did a great acting job by carrying on some normal conversation to fool Bud. When he emerged from the shower he was really surprised to find a house full of friends. Margaret had prepared the food, and also arranged for a talented neighbor couple to entertain the guests with keyboard and saxophone music. It was a great party and we all wish Bud a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



FAMILY CELEBRATES FATHER'S DAY WITH GOLF TOURNAMENT AND PICNIC AT PRESIDIO PARK

Father's Day was a special one for the family dads in that Francie organized a fathers/sons/daughters golf tournament at the Presidio Golf Course. Six teams were entered, and their pictures are shown on page 6. Grandma filled in as one captain to fill out the field. The scramble format was used, and we were able to arrange the tee times so that we played in sequence. The winner was the Alan Sorem Team, consisting of Alan, Brett, Bryce and Carol Benesch. They turned in a fantastic eight under par score, beating out the Bob Gillingham team by two strokes. However, Bob G. pulled off the shot of the day with a hole in one! It was a lot of fun, and everyone enjoyed their round. Afterwards we met at the top of the park for a great picnic. It was a great day, and all the dads thank the committee for all the arrangements.

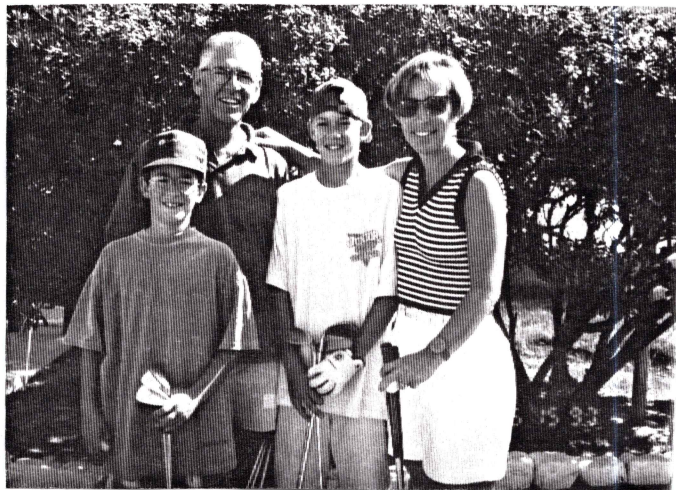
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SIX FAMILY FOURSOMES COMPETE IN FATHERS DAY TOURNAMENT



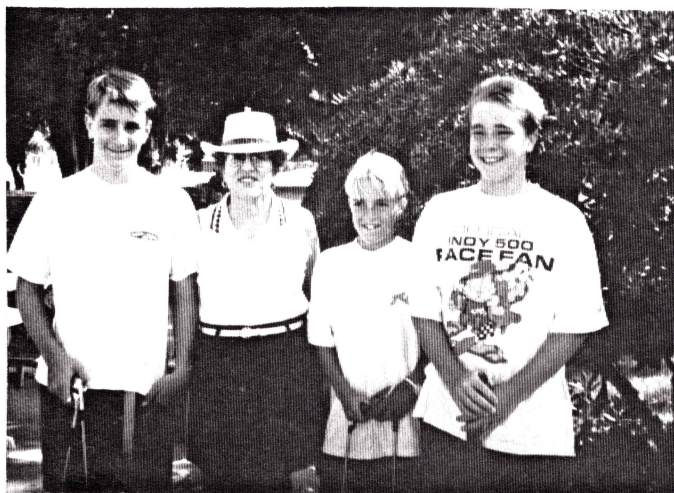
THE WINNING FOURSOME - 8 UNDER PAR



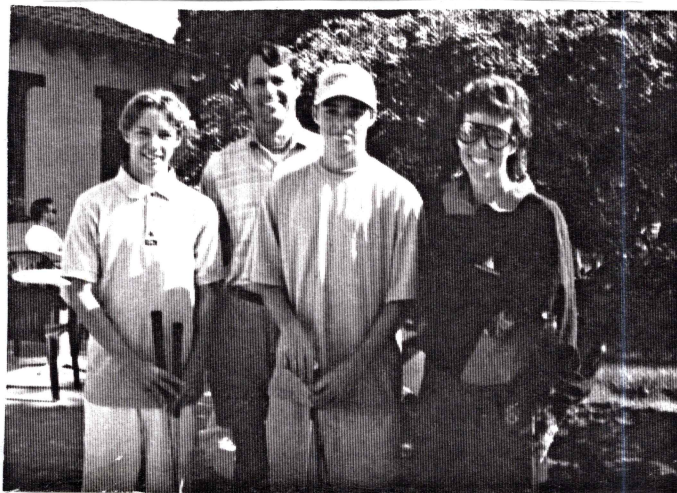
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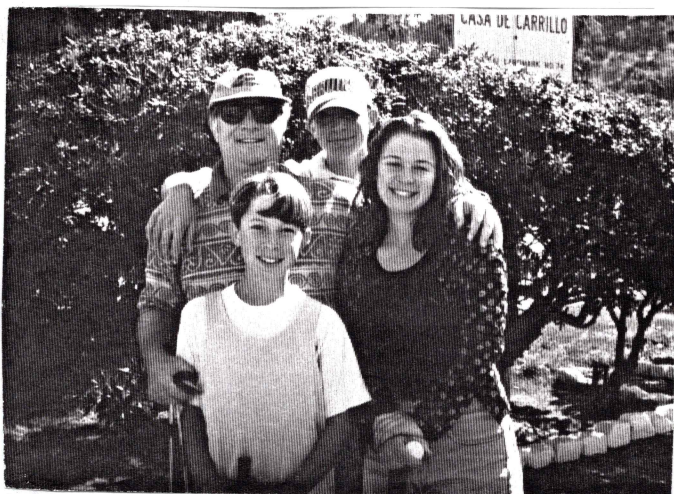
THE MOST DISTINGUISHED FOURSOME



THE BEST LOOKING FOURSOME



THE HANDSOMEST FOURSOME



THE BEST FAMILY CHEMISTRY FOURSOME

and hostess! Thank you
for all you did for us.
We'll never forget the
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We had a good flight
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Take care of yourselves
and God Bless you and
your great family!

Mark Lane,

25 June 1997

Dear Edith and Frank,
How can I possibly
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It was great seeing
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You have a wonderful
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Edith and I had a
fabulous time - we
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