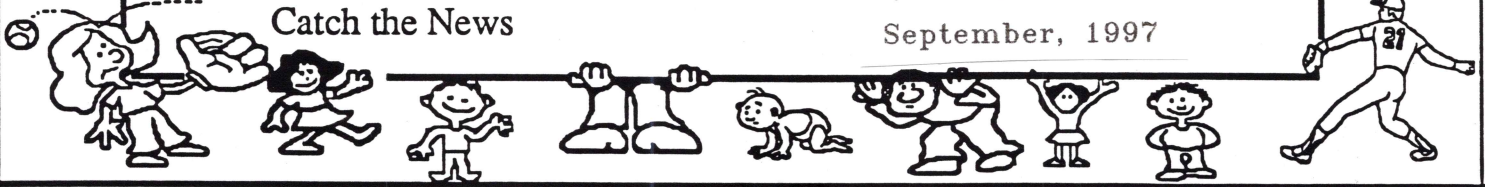




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FAMILY CELEBRATES LABOR DAY AND START OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR

FRANCIE GIVES SCHOOL HAIRCUTS AND FAMILY THEN CELEBRATES AT HARTMAN'S

On Labor Day morning some of the kids and family met at Francie's shop for pre-school haircuts. The place was pretty busy, and with all of the activity there was barely time to get everything done. Carol helped out as did Ed, and by noon (more or less) everyone had been taken care of. In the meantime some of the others headed out to the Hartman estate for some swimming and snacks. Margaret and Bud stopped at Caesar's on the way out, to pick an assortment of pizzas. Once the food arrived the waiting gang headed for the kitchen where they all enjoyed not only the pizzas but also salad, refreshments, chips and dip and dessert. Since September 1st was JJ's birthday his Mom brought a cake for this special day, as shown in the picture on page 2. Everyone enjoyed the cake and all wished him a HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JJ !! It was a great celebration, and we all thank Aunt Francie for her contributions and Birdy and Bruce for the use of their home and pool, plus the food they provided. Summer was officially ushered out, and it's back to school tomorrow. We have some pictures of the hair cut session in the next column, and of the celebrations at Hartman's on page 2.

SCHOOL NEWS - 1997-1998 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	Freshman	SDSU
Michael Riel-Mehan	Junior	La Costa Canyon H.S.
Christopher Riel	Sophomore	Point Loma H.S.
Nathan Riel	Sophomore	Point Loma H.S.
Jason Benesch	Junior	Patrick Henry H.S.
Michelle Hartman	Sophomore	Monte Vista H.S.
Timothy Riel	Freshman	Point Loma H.S.
Brett Sorem	Freshman	Scripps Ranch H.S.
Jessica Benesch	Freshman	Patrick Henry H.S.
Craig Hartman	Freshman	Francis Parker M.S.
Kristy Gillingham	8	Francis Parker M.S.
Megan Riel-Mehan	8	Oak Crest J.H.
Curtis Hartman	8	Francis Parker M.S.
Dustin Benesch	7	Pershing J.H.
David Gillingham	6	Francis Parker M.S.
Scott Hartman	6	Francis Parker M.S.
Bryce Sorem	6	St. Columba
Katy Riel	6	Alpine Elementary
Annie Gillingham	5	Francis Parker L.S.
Brian Riel	3	Alpine Elementary
Frank "JJ" Riel	2	St. Columba



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FAMOUS UCSD PROFESSOR GETS READY FOR ANOTHER TOUGH SCHOOL YEAR



JJ CHECKS OUT BIRTHDAY CAKE WITH SEVEN CANDLES



ED ABOUT TO GET DUNKED IN THE POOL BY FUN LOVING SON



KIDS SHOW OFF THEIR SKILL WITH WATER GUNS



ED AND JAN ENJOYING SOME SNACKS AT THE FOOD TABLE



SOME OF THE ELDERLY FOLKS RELAX AT THE POOL

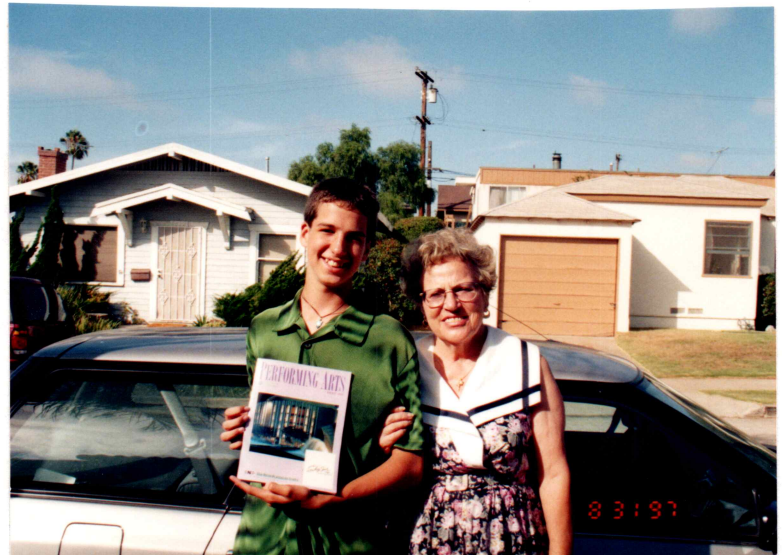
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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

August was a busy month for Grandma and Grandpa on the birthday front, since there were no less than four celebrations. Bryce Sorem celebrated his 11th birthday recently, and the first item on the agenda was a round of golf at the Tecolote Canyon course. Unfortunately we had to wait quite a while to get on, but finished the round in good time. We then enjoyed a late lunch (or early dinner) at one of Bryce's favorite places, Hennessey's Tavern in the Mission Beach area. The following picture shows Grandma and Bryce heading for the next tee. Chris and Nathan Riel also celebrated their 16th recently, and we started off with lunch at La Pinata. We then took in a movie, Men in Black, followed by a round of miniature golf at AHA Mini Golf course, next to the Mission Bay Golf facility. This newly reopened miniature course is well laid out, not very busy and a lot of fun to play. David Gillingham celebrated his 12th birthday. We enjoyed lunch at a Mexican Style restaurant, a favorite of the Gillingham family, on Lake Murray Boulevard, followed by a movie, Leave It To Beaver. We then visited the AHA miniature golf course for a round. Tim Riel also enjoyed a birthday celebration, his 15th. His celebration was something different in that he asked if we would take him to see the Civic Theater presentation of Smoky Joe's Cafe. He wanted that show in place of lunch, a movie, and the usual gift. We decided to take the trolley to the downtown area, and got there in plenty of time to take a walk around the downtown area. Prior to the show we enjoyed a drink and dessert at Marie Callender's, in Horton Plaza. The show was great, and we all had a great day. We wish very HAPPY BIRTHDAYS to Bryce, Chris, Nathan, David and Tim!! Pictures taken at each celebration follow.



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TRAVEL NEWS

In the August issue of RFNL we promised to publish in the September issue details on the business/vacation trip the Mehan family took to Spain recently. Margaret issued the following report, which we are pleased to reproduce as follows. As is apparent from her account, they had an exciting vacation, and we are glad that they are safely home again.

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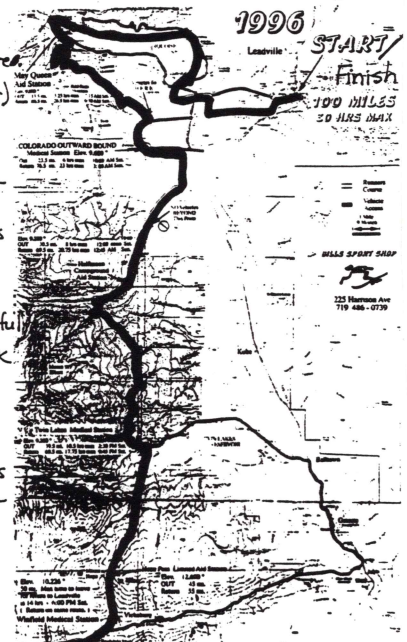
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Beaver Creek, Colorado was inundated by family members in August. The Gillingham, Hartman and Benesch families all visited that popular spot. The highlight of the visit was the 50 mile (!) run by Listy, and her own first hand account is reproduced as follows. Additional details are covered in the three post cards reproduced below, and as you can see it was a great experience for all. The Hartmans went in their camper, and the Benesch family rented a camper for their travel convenience.

Hi Dad,
Here's the latest on my last running adventure. Doug (my running partner) ran the Leadville 100 trail run and I ran as a "pacer" for the last 50 miles. We got to climb 3 peaks (one was 12,600ft), Cross 9 streams, go around 2 beautiful lakes, and run/walk the course all through the night.

Doug was 89th out of 149 finishers (400 people started the race). He took 28 hours to complete the 100 miles. The race started in Leadville, Colorado and went out across the Rockies and looped back to Leadville. Bob + the kids acted as a great support crew by being at each aid station equipped with food, clothing, & words of encouragement. Can't wait to do it again next year! ☺ Listy



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A couple of mountain bikers head up above the resort at Beaver Creek Colorado.



Hi Mom & Dad!
Just wanted to say
hello from Beaver Creek.
Kids are having a great
time in spite of all
the rain. Bob is riding
his bike all over the
mountains & I'm still
doing the running thing.
Hope you're staying cool
in the heat wave...
See you in a few weeks!
Love, Listy & Co!

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In addition to the Beaver Creek visit both the Hartman and the Benesch families did some additional touring, as noted in the following post cards. The Benesch family also visited Jeff's folks in Thousand Oaks, and their post card tells about dining out in style at Newport Beach with Audrie and Bernie. Meanwhile the Hartman family was checking out Las Vegas, and as can be seen in the photo on page 6 Birdy apparently found the key to winning at the slot machines. She reports that the New York New York facility was her favorite because it treated her so well.

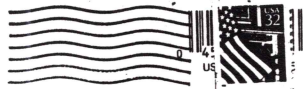
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#19087 Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona
Breastfeeding view of Yaki Point from the South Rim.
Photographer - Liz Hyman

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Dear Mom + Dad -
We are having a great time. We have seen more sights in a week than most people see in 10 years. But don't worry - we are submitting 4 rolls of film to RFN for immediate publication. We have been to Zion, Bryce, Co. Nat'l Mon't, Vail, Beaver creek, Monument Valley and, lost, the Grand Canyon. Love, The Benesch Bus

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organized as a part of the 41st annual conference. The theme of the art exhibit was "A Letter to the World", and Scott's drawing is shown along with his picture, taken at the exhibit, and printed on page 6. The exhibit was sponsored by the City of San Diego, the San Diego Port District and several other local organizations. The entries represented sister cities in Brazil, The Philippines, Mexico, Australia, Poland, China and Japan. San Diego was represented by 15 local elementary schools. Congratulations, Scott!

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Hi Mom + Dad -
Here we are in Newport Beach enjoying a late dinner with Audrey + Bernie. The food is great - the company is great! See ya soon
Carol + Jeff

To:

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MORE TRAVEL NEWS

Francie recently returned from a one day conference in Las Vegas. The meeting was organized by Stardust Salon Systems, and there were two other companies besides Iso making presentations. Francie reports that there were over 100 operators in attendance, and that the show was extremely successful.

JJ RIEL MAKES ACTING DEBUT

We have word from mom Liz that JJ took part in his first play, put on at St. Columba School. The entire show was called "Technicolor Promise", and JJ played the role of a bear in the "Noah's Ark" play. We understand that he did a great job, and have the following picture of him in his costume, along with dad Richard.

SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL 41ST CONFERENCE - CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT

Scott Hartman was one of the winners in an exhibition

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RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

No doubt you all are aware that Robert had a gall bladder problem recently, due to an accumulation of gall stones. The result was a lot of intermittent pain, and surgery was necessary to correct the problem. The operation was done on September 4th, and was a complete success. We saw him shortly after he was back in his room, and he felt fine. He went home the next day, and although he had some pain over the next two days he was back at work on the following Monday. We are all thankful for his rapid recovery.

ROBERT PRAISED FOR GREAT WORK ON AZTEC BOWL

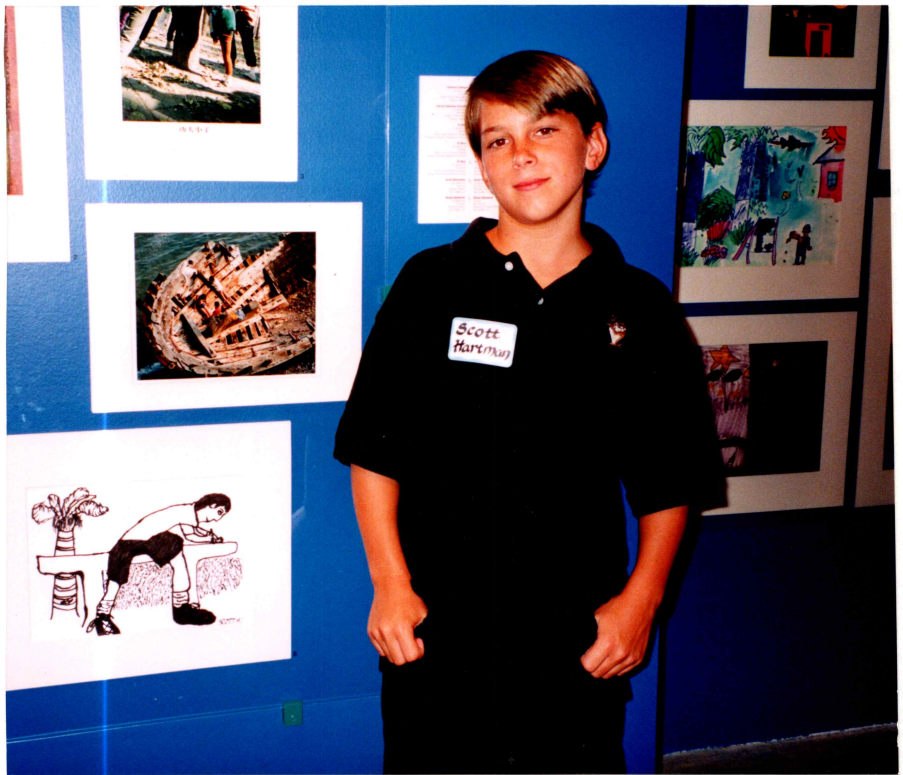
The electrical work for the newly completed Aztec Bowl at SDSU was contracted to Robert's employer, Dynalectric, and Robert was the project manager. In a recent issue of the S.D. Daily Transcript Dynalectric was praised for the great job they did. The following quote is from the Transcript article.

"Beyond the usual demands of electrical wiring and installation for a big arena, one of our primary concerns was to make this place broadcast ready," said Bob Riel, senior project manager at Dynalectric. "The light required to play a basketball game is a whole lot less than the light required to broadcast it, so we installed specialty sports lighting that's computer controlled and designed for television broadcasting. The requirements for broadcast lighting are so precise," Riel said, "that we'll be fine tuning the lights for two days after the wood floor is laid. We have to take light readings to make sure the lighting is balanced a every point across the floor so TV cameras don't pick up light and dark spots as they follow the players down the court"

The article goes on to point out that some design changes defined by Dynalectric resulted in not only the avoidance of a cost overrun but actually resulted in finishing the job under budget. Congratulations, Robert, on a job well done!

LATE NEWS FLASH !!

Some bad news to report - Kevin's truck has been stolen again. Ed reports that he had parked it in the alley behind their home, and that it was locked. Someone broke in late at night and drove it away. The police were notified at once, and we all are hoping that it will be recovered soon.



SCOTT HARTMAN SHOWS OFF HIS WINNING ENTRY IN ART CONTEST (DRAWING OF BOY WRITING ON BENCH)



BIRDY SHOWS PROOF OF HER MASTERY OF THE SLOT MACHINES IN LAS VEGAS

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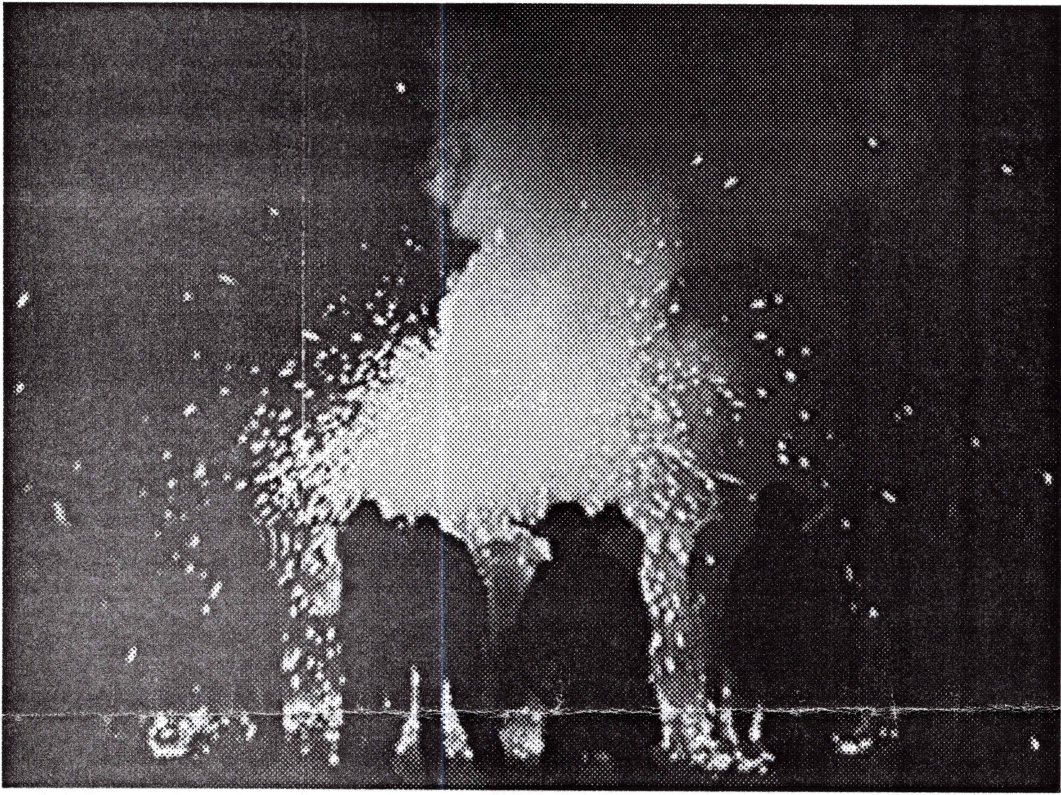
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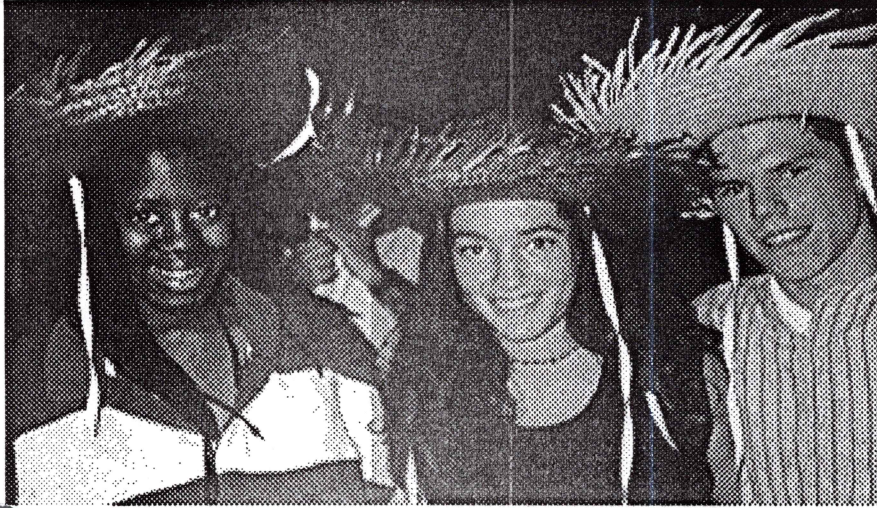
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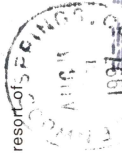
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