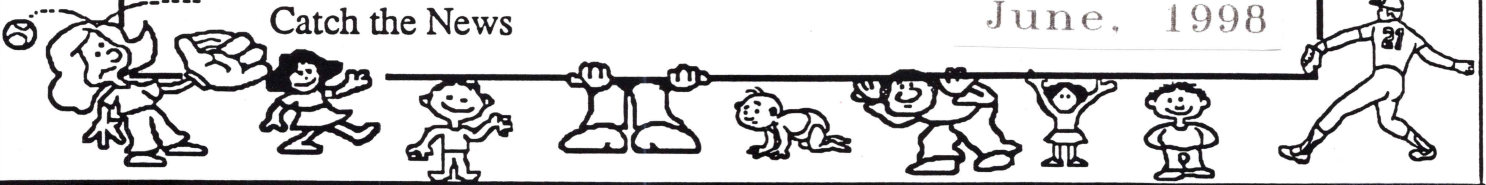




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LISTY WINS *Outstanding Master of Arts Award* from USIU

MASTERS DEGREE AWARD CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 13TH



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Listy Gillingham recently completed all of her requirements for a Masters Degree at United States International University, and was pleased to receive the letter shown at the right. The ceremony is scheduled for 3:45 p.m. on the 13th, and will be held at the USIU campus at 10455 Pomerado Road. Family members are invited to attend, and Listy would be glad to have you share this special day with her. We are proud of her latest achievement, and congratulate her and wish her continued success in the future.

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Sincerely,

Ramona Kunard, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

There were two birthday kid celebrations. Kevin Riel celebrated his 19th with a round of golf at Admiral Baker course. He hit some great shots, and we all had a fun time. After the game we headed to Oscar's for dinner, where we enjoyed pizza, barbecued ribs and Greek salad.

Brian Riel celebrated his 9th birthday with lunch at Oscar's followed by a visit to the S.D. Wild Animal Park. We saw the new dinosaur exhibit, which is pretty impressive and worth the trip. We also took a ride around the park on the monorail train. We wish a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOTH KIDS!!



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BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Elizabeth Gillingham	June 3	40
Roberta Hartman	June 3	40
Bruce Hartman	June 5	39

TRAVEL NEWS

Margaret was on the go again, this time to Toronto, Canada, for a conference sponsored by the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO). She gave three presentations, (1) Learning Spaces in the Networlds of Tomorrow, (2) Education in the Networld and (3) A Forum on the Learn and Live. A summary of the third presentation is reproduced as follows.

In addition to the above trip Margaret took off in late May for a visit to the Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, for a three day conference on education technology. The title of her presentation was "Just-in-Time Learning and the Course of Intellectual Learning in the 21st Century" On the way home she took in the Harvard Internet and Society conference in Boston. We will have additional details on these two trips in the next RFNL issue.

G02 A Forum on the Learn and Live

Margaret Riel
Associate Director
Centre for Collaborative
Research in Education
George Lucas Education
Foundation Fellow



Inspired by film maker George Lucas' commitment to education, the George Lucas Educational Foundation recently released a documentary film and resource book that shows innovative schools around the country that are integrating technology with teaching and learning and involving parents, business, and the community. Join us for a forum where we will show highlights of the film and explore ways that these materials can be used in your own schools and communities.

Strand: Teaching and learning with Technology

Margaret Riel has developed and researched models of Network Learning, specifically "Cross-Classroom Collaboration" and "electronic travel" designs. Her concept "Learning Circles" became the model of an international service called the AT&T Learning Network and are now featured on the International Education and Resource Network (I*EARN). She has contributed to the design and evaluation of the Passport to Knowledge project which uses a combination of live television, electronic networking of scientists to students, online resources and in-class materials to involve students in the collaborative process of scientific discovery.

Riel has written extensively on the use of interactive technology in schools, the curriculum guides for six theme-based "Learning Circles" and was one of the authors of the "Live from Antarctica" Teacher's Guide. Her research and analysis of issues in "Networked Learning" have been published in national and international journals.

NORTH COUNTY LADS LEAD VILLA TO STATE FINALS ON MOTHERS' DAY

David Genge, Eddie Hackbarth, Michael Riel-Mehan, and Ricky Usher of Encinitas led San Diego Villa's Boys-Under 17 soccer team to the finals of the Snickers' California Youth Soccer (CYSA) State Cup at the CYSA soccer complex in San Bernadino on Mothers' Day. Hoping to give their mothers a special present. Villa fell short to the San Bernadino Blast, 3-2, which will represent California in the Western Regionals in Albuquerque, NM Eddie Hackbarth, who is also a State Olympic Development Player, netted both Villa goals in the well played match.

Riel-Mehan and Usher each scored 7 of their team's 40 goals and Genge led Villa in assists as Villa notched 12 wins against 4 losses and 3 ties in the team's Spring march through the Orange County Mayor's Cup, the Nomads Tournament, and the California Gold Cup en route to the State Championship.

Villa entered the State Cup as a decided underdog. Seeded 28th of 32 teams, in bracket play, Villa tied Pateadores, last year's State semi-finalist 1-1, beat the Central Coast Condors, last year's State Champs 2-1, beat cross-county nemesis Poway Pegasus 2-1, and perennial powerhouse Claremont Stars 2-0 before falling to the highly-skilled and speedy Blast side.

By placing second in the State Championship, Coach Tom Evans' team will compete next season in the prestigious CYSA "Super League" along with the Blast, La Jolla Nomads, Pegasus, JUSA Gotcha, Claremont Stars, Los Angeles Galazy, and the Palmdale Falcons.



MICHAEL RECEIVES STATE CUP FINALIST MEDAL FROM TOM EVANS, HIS COACH

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GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATED AT PARKER MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SAINT COLUMBA

May was a busy day for Grandma and Grandpa in that there were two school celebrations involving six kids, Kristy, David, Curtis, Scott, Bryce and JJ. The first one, at Francis Parker Middle School, was especially well organized in that the visitors were directed to an office where a grandchild was paged to come and escort his grandparents to his classroom. We had plenty of help from Kristy, Curtis, David and Scott, so we never were lost. We had a chance to visit some of the classrooms while in session, and meet the teachers. Afterwards we all enjoyed drinks, fruit and sweet rolls in the dining area. Unfortunately we had to skip the orations and musical selections part of the program, since we had promised to take Listy and her friend to the airport, where they took off to Santa Maria, CA for a teachers conference. Pictures of the Grandparents' day celebration are on page 4.

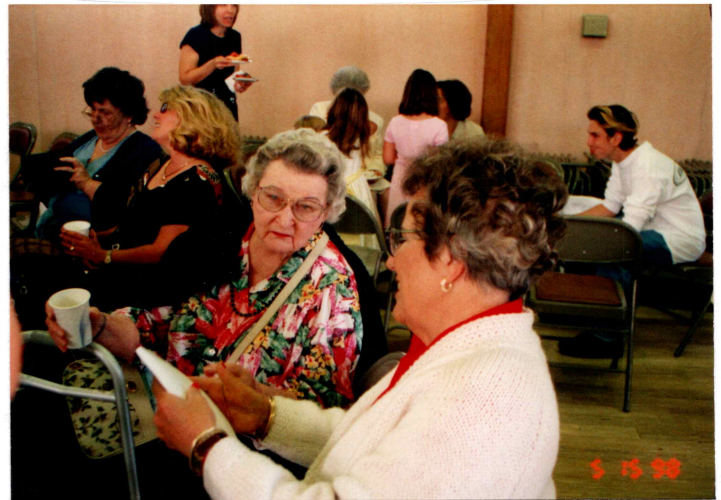
The St. Columba celebration started off with a church service, after which the classrooms were open for visits by the proud grandparents. We had a chance to see both kids in action, and also to chat with our old friends from Narmco days, Carl and Marge Fredericks. After the classroom visits we enjoyed an excellent lunch of chicken, hot dogs, baked beans, salad, rolls and dessert. There are some pictures on page 5, and the roses held by Grandmas Riel and Sorem were a gift from Francie, who took time off from work to enjoy the celebration. The flowers were much appreciated.

FRANK RIEL CELEBRATES 1ST COMMUNION AT SAINT COLUMBA CHURCH

A large crowd turned out to see the 1st communion class at St. Columba church, including many parents and grandparents. After the mass everyone adjourned to the school hall for refreshments and cake. We took some pictures, as shown below.



RICHARD AND LIZ CONGRATULATE JJ AFTER MASS



GRANDMAS RIEL AND DREWЕК CHAT AFTER THE SERVICE

MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

There were two celebrations on Mothers Day, this past month. In the first one some family members gathered at the Sorem home for a banana split feast featuring every imaginable goodie to enhance the taste of a variety of ice cream treats. It was a great party.

On the next day another group met at a Mexican restaurant for another celebration, organized by Listy and Birdy. We all enjoyed great food and drinks. We all had a wonderful time, and thank both the twins and Francie for the lovely celebrations they organized. We have some pictures, as shown on page 6.

NO SNOW PUZZLE SOLVED

We had only one response to the question of why it didn't snow on April 1. Annie won a consolation prize for trying, but there were no other responses. However, Listy figured out the answer. The closed door on the plastic bag containing the foam pellets produced a crimp seal, and the pellets were so light that they simply stayed put in the plastic bag. Next year try heavier snow!



FRANK RIEL ENTERS CHURCH FOR MASS

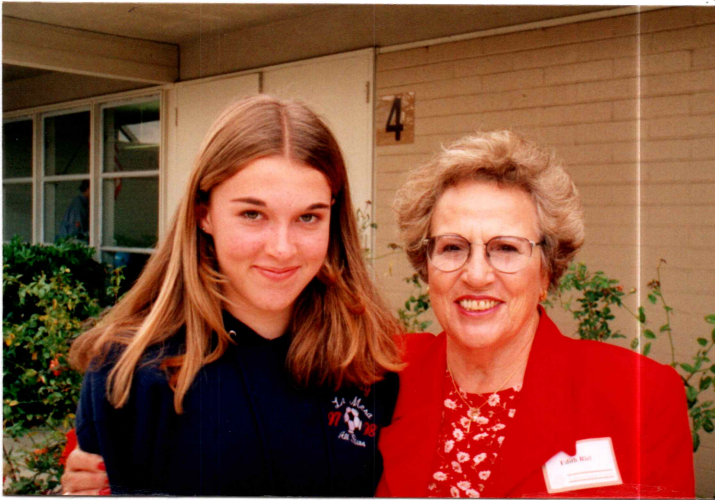
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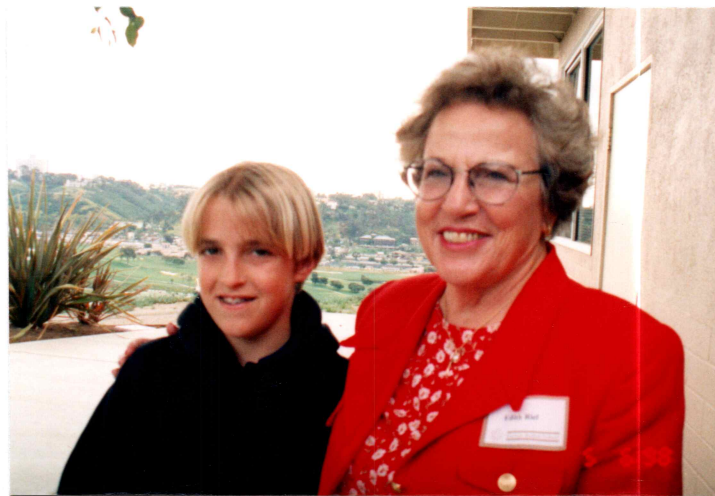
GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT FRANCIS PARKER MIDDLE SCHOOL



KRISTY AND GRANDMA OUTSIDE A CLASSROOM



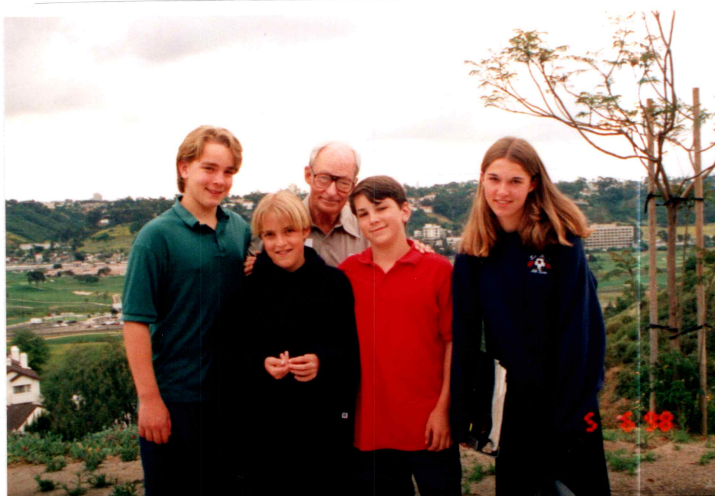
SCOTT TAKES SOME NOTES WHILE GRANDMA WATCHES



DAVID AND GRANDMA OUTSIDE ANOTHER CLASSROOM



CURTIS AND GRANDMA CHECK OUT THE GOLF COURSE



GRANDPA AND KIDS READY FOR LUNCH



THE WHOLE GANG ENJOYS A SNACK IN THE LUNCH ROOM

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GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT SAINT COLOMBA SCHOOL



SIGN OUTSIDE CLASSROOM BY BRYCE SOREM AND FRIEND



JJ SHOWS OFF HIS COMPUTER SKILLS



GRANDMA AND JJ GETTING READY FOR LUNCH



JJ, BRYCE, GRANDPA, GRANDMA AND GRANDMA SOREM



GRANDPA WITH OLD FRIEND CARL FREDERICKS



GRANDMA TALKS TO OLD FRIEND MARGE FREDERICKS

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EVERYTHING FOR BANANA SPLITS EXCEPT THE ICE CREAM

JESSICA AND DUSTIN APPEAR IN CYT MUSICAL

Jessica and Dustin Benesch (not Jason, as listed in error in the May issue of RFNL) had important roles in the CYT production of "Little House in the Prairie". We took in the last performance, and really enjoyed the entire show. Dustin's role was that of Alfred, one of the Schoolhouse Children. In the opening schoolhouse scene of the show he gets in trouble with the teacher and is made to sit in the corner. Jessica plays the role of one of the Walnut Grove Townspeople, Mrs. White. She has both speaking, singing and dancing roles to play. Both kids did a great job, and are to be congratulated! Pictures will be in the next issue.

BIG FAMILY CELEBRATIONS COMING UP ON JUNE 13-14 !!!

See the special notice on the next page for all the activities scheduled for Saturday, June 13 (same day Listy gets her degree and award, see page 1) and Sunday, June 14th. Get ready for a fun weekend!!



GRANDMA CHECKS OUT SOME MOTHERS' DAY GIFTS



MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION AT THE GUADALAJARA RESTAURANT

San Diego/East County CYT
presents

Little House

Jessica Benesch
on the
Dustin Benesch
Prairie



May 15, 16, 22 & 23
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WEEK END DOUBLE HEADER — TWINS BIRTHDAY/FATHERS DAY GOLF

News Flash!!!! Listy and Birdy are now officially older than Baskin Robbins has flavors. . . by about nine years!

No more denying it. To celebrate the last of the Riels crossing over to the "other side" ,there will be a party ta The Gillingham's home on Sat. Night at 7:00 P.M., the 13th of June. No surprises here, the twins know they can't avoid this, that is unless you bring one (surprise guest, surprise toast, surprise story no one else knows but is really a good one we will all love to hear, etc. etc.)

To make the what you're going to bring part easy, I will divide everyone up by the first letter of your last name and you can pick out something from that category.

A-H finger snax, chips, veggie trays, popcorn, pretzels etc.

I-P heavy hors'doerves, finger sandwiches, mini quiches etc.

Q-Z beverages, lemonade, sodas, ice teas, ice cream (How did that get in with beverages?)

The whole idea is to bring what you want but these are suggestions so everyone does not bring chips and onion dip.

Remember, this is an adult occasion so all the kids will have to party at home while mom and Dad are out (hahahaahh).

Please remember to bring funny stories or memorabilia to remind the twins that they may still be the youngest, but they are coming up close behind us. . .

In addition to this glorious event, keep in mind that the following morning we will be holding the second Annual Father's Day Golf Tournament, I know , I know, it's not Father's day but when did that ever stop us from having a great time?

This year the tournament will be held at Sun Valley, the self described "Friendliest Course A-Round" (get it?). Those of you who attended last years tourney at Presidio, I'm sure you remember the graciousness of the clubhouse towards our arrival (You have how many foursomes?????) So this year we have starting times beginning at 8:00 a.m. Now since there will be some presentations to the Dad's from their kids, prior to tee-off time, we are looking to meet at 7:30 (that's A.M. Bud). I will bring coffee and donuts so be there or tee off last & hungry.

The course is located at 5080 Memorial Dr. in La Mesa. Take I-8 to Jackson, right on La Mesa Blvd. Right on Memorial.

Those non participants like me, will then proceed to go to Starbucks and enjoy real coffee and read a leisurely morning newspaper at a relaxed and rested pace (NO Bud ,that is not for you. . .) We will then head over to Lake Murray park, sight of the Easter get-together, and save adequate lunch space for all. As last year, I will pick up cold cuts, cheese and bread for the crowd. Everyone else can bring a side dish or pass me a little cash to help with the cost. Remember, I leave that da,y on vacation, (Jamaica, here I come), so whoever pitches in takes home the leftovers (right, like there ever are any!!!!)

The teams will be announced at The twins Party the night before. The tournament Director's (that would be me) selections are final and all the no whining and no cry baby rules set up by Commissioner Bob hold true here.

Any questions you may have should be directed to someone who knows or cares about golf. I expect to see all of you there and all on time (I Won't mention any names. . .)

**(Tournament Director and
Party Coordinator)**

Francie

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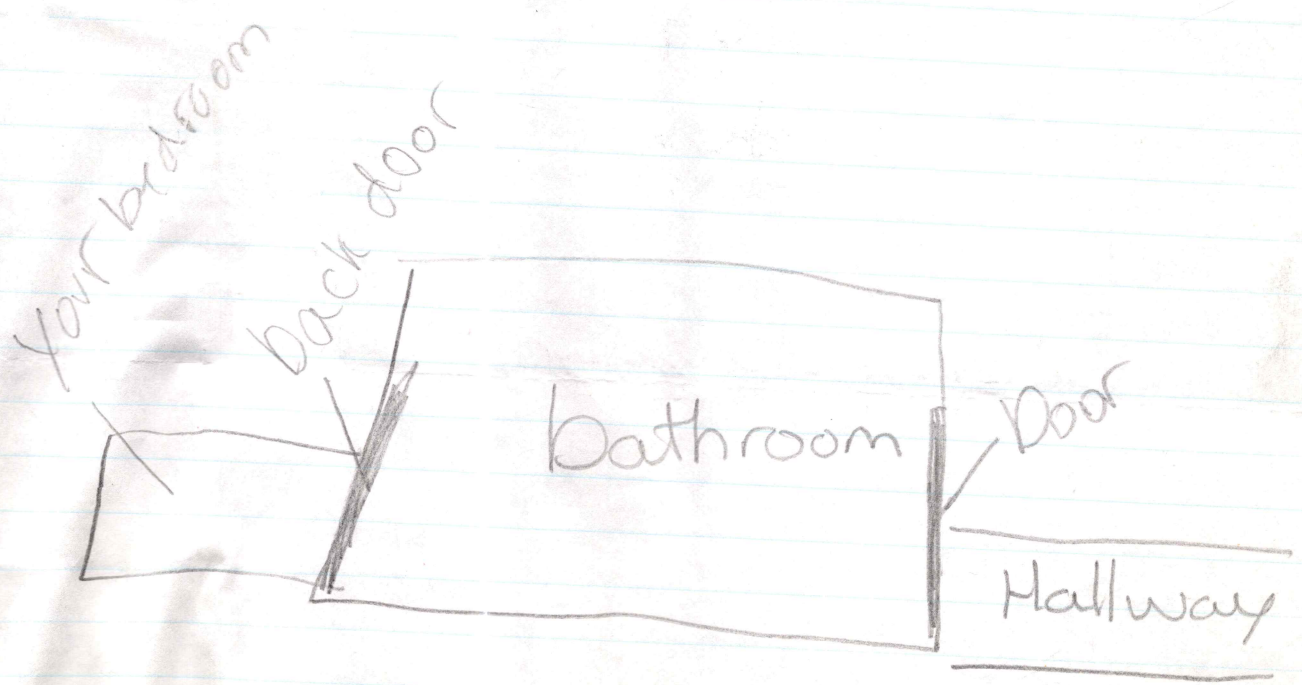
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Dear Grandpa,
The reason why you didn't get hit with styrofoam balls is because there is another door to the bathroom from your bedroom. The other door is right next to the toilet in the downstairs bathroom. You probably came through that door not the one with the trap.

Love,
Annie

Received
5/8/98





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