

SCHOOL NEWS - 1997-1998 TERM

It's time for another school year 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	Sophomore	SDSU
Michael Riel-Mehan	Senior	La Costa Canyon H.S.
Chris Riel	Junior	Point Loma H.S.
Nathan Riel	Junior	Point Loma H.S.
Jason Benesch	Senior	Patrick Henry H.S.
Michelle Hartman	Junior	Monte Vista H.S.
Timothy Riel	Sophomore	Point Loma H.S.
Brett Sorem	Sophomore	Scripps Ranch H.S.
Jessica Benesch	Sophomore	Patrick Henry H.S.
Craig Hartman	Sophomore	Monte Vista H.S.
Kristy Gillingham	Freshman	Francis Parker M.S.
Megan Riel-Mehan	Freshman	La Costa Canyon H.S.
Curtis Hartman	Freshman	Francis Parker M.S.
Dustin Benesch	8	Pershing J.H.
David Gillingham	7	Francis Parker M.S.
Scott Hartman	7	Francis Parker M.S.
Bryce Sorem	7	St. Columba
Katy Riel	7	Joan McQueen M.S.
Annie Gillingham	6	Francis Parker M.S.
Brian Riel	4	Alpine Elem.
Frank "JJ" Riel	3	St. Columba
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BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

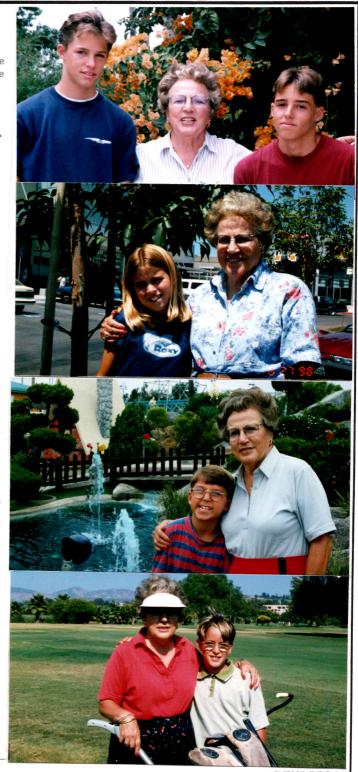
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Karla Riel	September 20	38
Richard Riel	September 29	51

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

August was another busy month on the birthday front, with five celebrations. Chris and Nathan Riel were treated to a round of miniature golf at the Mission Bay Course, followed by lunch at Chili's. We took in a movie, The Avengers, which was another special effects series of explosions fighting, and etc. Annie celebrated with lunch at Embers restaurant, followed by the movie The Parent Trap. Annie had seen this movie already, but enjoyed it a second time, and we thought it was a good one. JJ celebrated on September 4th with a round of miniature golf at the Family Fun Center, lunch at Embers and a movie, the Air Bud sequel, which we enjoyed. Finally, Bryce was treated to lunch at Oscar's, followed by a round of golf at Admiral Baker. The photos in the next column show the latest birthday kids, and we wish all of them a great big HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

TRAVEL NEWS

Recently Alan treated Brett and Bryce to a vacation grand tour of baseball parks (and games) in the East and Midwest. We have the following story from reporter Alan Sorem.



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SUMMER 1998 BASEBALL TRIP

"Brett, Bryce and Dad along with friends Big Mike and son Mike took a once in a lifetime baseball trip to the east coast. If you're a baseball fan you understand, it you're not, you are probably wondering why we would put ourselves through this ordeal.

The first stop was Baltimore and Camden Yards. We saw two Orioles baseball games, visited the Babe Ruth Museum and birth place and Babe Ruth's school, where he learned to play baseball. We also visited with Marianne (Bryce's godmother). The next stop was New York, where we met Francie in Manhattan and rode the subway to Yankee stadium. It was a great experience to sit with the bleacher bums in New York. Boston was next and Fenway park was voted the BEST, great seats, great sausage dogs and the green monster. Then it was back to New York to sight see and watch the Mets beat the Padres two straight. (Time to get out of town) The next stop was New Haven to watch a double A game at Yale University, then on to Gettysburg PA and a break from baseball to tour the Gettysburg battlefield. Side note: While staying in a hotel in Gettysburg, Brett and Mike were rather amused that the hotel was full of 13 to 16 year old girls from all over Pennsylvania competing in a volleyball tournament. The next stop was Pittsburgh and the Three Rivers Stadium and then the night long 10 hour drive to Chicago. The kids slept and we drove.

We saw two games at Wrigley, the Sears Tower, had dinner at Harry Carey's Restaurant and then we were off to Milwaukee to see the Brewers. Then we took a side trip to Green Bay (Bryce insisted that we go, it was only 130 miles from Milwaukee). We watched the Packers practice and by the way Bryce got the autograph he wanted most on the trip, Brett Farve...other autographs of note: Cal Ripkin, Mo Vaughn, Norman Garciapara, Tony Gwynn, Brady Anderson, Boog Powell, Ben Grieve and Bryce got Glennalan Hill's bat, and Matt Stairs bat from the Oakland A's.

After Green Bay we were off to Detroit to see the Tigers. The game was rained out but several good things happened. Brett got Tony Clark and Alex Rodriquez's autographs and we decided we would have time to hit the Sky Dome in Toronto. The next morning we were off to Toronto. The Sky Dome was a great place to watch a game. All of us really enjoyed the experience of the enclosed stadium. Niagara Falls was next, a quick morning stop, you can only look at falling water for so long, then we were off to Cooperstown and the Baseball Hall of Fame. We could have stayed there for a week, but we only had one day left before we needed to be in Baltimore to fly back to San Diego. The Hall of Fame was a great way to finish the trip and believe it or not we are ready to do it again."

We have some pictures on page three, and it is apparent that the gang had a great time. We thank Alan for treating Brett and Bryce to a once in a lifetime experience!!

The other big travel news, as mentioned in the last issue of RFNL, was the Hartman/Gillingham tour of northern California. We now have some photos, as shown on page 4. On their way to Lake Shasta they stopped off at Lake Tahoe. From there they proceeded to

kangaroo Lake, then to Castle Lake, near Shasta. We quote as follows from two post cards. "The kids are having a ball!!They just stocked the lake, so the fishing is great. Craig and Scott got up every morning at 5:30 to hit the lake! Bruce joined them twice, and so did Curtis. Michelle and I slept in! They caught more fish than we could eat. There are lots of lakes to explore and sights to see. Mt Shasta is covered with snow. I have pictures to show. Love, B & B.

A "THANKS A LOT" NOTE FROM BOB G

August 3, 1998

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MORE TRAVEL NEWS

As mentioned in the last issue the Mehan family (less Michael, soccer camp) took off for a vacation in the Vancouver area. We quote from a post card as follows. "We are up in the mountains (Cheakamus Lake, Whistler, B.C., Canada). It is quiet and peaceful - no phones, no e-mail. Tomorrow we go kayaking down the River of Golden Dreams. We will miss the white water rapids. Megan was off to Playland - a theme park and is likely to be having a great time without us. See you later -Margaret and Bud".

In addition to the "quiet and peaceful" hiking Margaret tried out something a little more exciting. Yes, the girl on the flying trapeze shown in the photo

on the next page really is Margaret, and it may be that this is the start of a whole new career. However, she reports that this may be the last time she tries out this particular form of entertainment. Needless to say, Bud declined the opportunity to try out this new sporting event.

SOME RUNNING NEWS

Carol achieved a new goal by competing in and finishing a 25 mile marathon. She reported that it was quite a challenge, and she may or may not try another one. As you can see from the picture on page 5 she seems to be in pretty good shape, at the finish line. We congratulate her on this achievement, and hope that she will continue to compete at some level. Another

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running event participated in by Listy and Robert was an informal run. Recently they decided to run from Listy's home to Lyndon Road, after getting an OK from Dad that he would drive them back. As you can see from the picture they are in great shape, although a little sweaty after they arrived. In order to get the exact milage we drove back by the same route they ran, and found the distance to be 13 1/2 miles.

RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

Recently Grandma was slowed down by a sudden flair up of an arthritis problem in her left knee. She spent a couple of days on crutches, but some medication seems to have resolved the problem.

NEW POSITION FOR JEFF BENESCH

When we visited Carol and Jeff recently (see last month's issue) we got some more information on Jeff's new position. He says he is very happy at his new company, and we reproduce his business card below. We understand the T-shirt tee prizes at the Fathers Day golf tournament were procured through this new affiliation, and they certainly were nicely done.







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HARTMAN FAMILY HISTORY BOOK

During a recent visit to the Hartman home Birdy loaned us a very interesting book, "The Silver Queen". It relates in some detail the life and times of Her Royal Highness, Suzanne Bransford Emery Holmes Delitch Engalitcheff. (1859-1942) Many of you have met Bruce's grandmother, Granny Sue. The Silver Queen, generally called Suzie, was Granny Sue's aunt, the oldest sister of Granny Sue's mother, Nellie Bransford Harris. Suzie became extremely wealthy through ownership of the Silver King mine, near Park City, Utah, and was reported to be worth several hundred million dollars. The following is quoted from the Prologue. "As an adult she traveled around the world, socialized with Europe's royalty, discussed politics with America's presidents, had an audience with Pope Leo, and chatted with Hitler and Mussolini.... Married four times, she outlived all her husbands-two of them millionaires, one a mining magnate, the other a civic activist; and two gigolos, one a Serbian physician and the other a Russian prince-even though one was thirty years younger than she. Her travels, elegant parties, and personal tragedies frequently made headlines-and created myths." The book contains many photographs, including the one of Granny Sue in her late teens, shown on the right. Another photo taken in the study of Suzie's second husband (Colonel Holmes) shows the bookcase which now is in Bruce and Birdy's home, a gift from Granny Sue. We found the book to be extremely well written and full of interesting stories about the life style of the "new rich" mine owners in the American west.



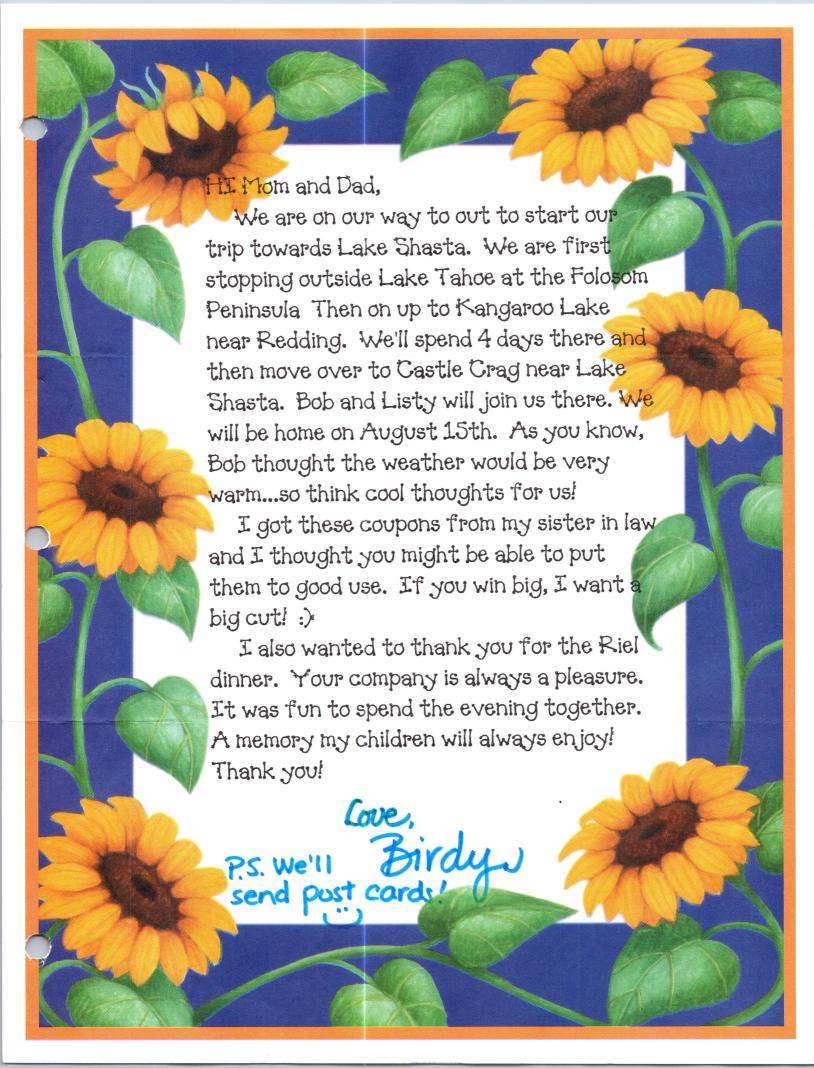


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RIEL BOWL VII RFNL DINNER GIFT CERTIFICATE

After a long delay the winner of the RFNL family dinner gift certificate won during the white elephant exchange, the Hartmans, collected their dine out award. They chose the Claim Jumper restaurant, near Grossmont Center, as the site. Everyone had a great time, as you can see in the photos at left and below. It was a fun evening!





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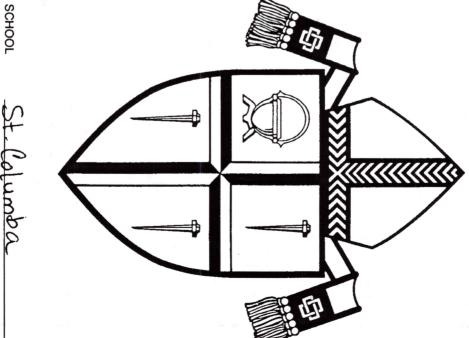
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Colonel Holmes used his study frequently. He was concerned with civic problems ranging from the water supply to the prevalence of crime in the city. Used by permission, Utah State Historical Society, all rights reserved.

and humiliated, she ran to their bedroom, locked the door, and, like her mother, used a gun to kill herself. She had survived Adele by only two years and was just nineteen when she died.9

For Susie, the deaths were overwhelming. By this time she was estranged from most of her family, so she treasured her relationship with Adele and her daughter. She had planned to leave them her estate, but in 1939, with both of them dead, she revised her will, now leaving the bulk of her estate to her servants. When she was later asked why she had left her nieces and nephews nothing, she explained that money was the root of all evil, and she planned to spend it all so they would have nothing to fight over after her death. Until the day she died, she claimed money had destroyed her family relationships. 10

Some family members might have agreed with her. In the years that followed her last two marriages, younger members of the family criticized Susie, saying her behavior was foolish and even an embarrassment. Even though she had been very generous to many of them, paid for the weddings of two of her nieces, and financed the college educations of several family members, only Susanna Harris Hartman stayed close, and she saw Susie only infrequently during the late 1930s and early 1940s. While Susie had sought out her wealthy friends, the younger members of her family chose instead to live quiet lives away from the artificiality of society life and the glitter of Hollywood.

Nellie's husband, Jay Harris, had allowed their daughter, Susanna, to stay with her Aunt Susie at El Roble, in the Gardo, and at Oakwood as a child. Prior to her marriage to Gage Hartman, Susanna had often visited with her aunt. But her father refused to let Susanna become Susie's protégée. Susie had introduced the girl to several Hollywood personalities, including Rex Bell, Marie Windsor, and Cecil B. DeMille, who visited at El Roble, thinking this would please her. She may also have been grooming her for a Hollywood career as she had Adele. To make sure Susanna had a stunning dress to wear at any occasion, Susie purchased several for her to pick from whenever she threw a party for her niece. Later, after the dinners concluded, Susie would leave her niece with the men so they could get acquainted. When Jay heard about these parties, he put an



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end to the nonsense; he would not give Susie a chance to mold his daughter any further. Though he had previously indulged his sister-in-law in her affection for his daughter, he now limited Susanna's visits to her aunt's home at the pointed out Susie's flaws.

When Susanna grew old enough to make Europe with Susie, he again refused permission. He worried that Susanna find happiness if she followed Susie's frequently reminded both of his calculated wealth could be a curse or a blessing of how it was used. Like Susie, some of tives had great wealth, but he consustrels. He wanted a more secure daughter. Susie was hurt when she criticisms, but she pretended not to not at such times she hid behind a nonce to protect her pride. In response to criticism, she began avoiding many

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