

Family celebrates Easter at Lake Murray Park

Parents beat kids at volley ball – Select group climbs Cowles Mountain

Easter Sunday was the occasion for another family outing, and once again Lake Murray Park was the chosen site. While the food was being laid out the parents and kids engaged each other in another game contest. This time the parents found a game, volley ball, where they could beat the kids, which they easily did. Apparently their height advantage offset the superior speed and agility of the kids, and the result was easy to predict. However, they should realize that time will



reverse this advantage, and sooner or later the kids will prevail.

The next item on the program was lunch, and everyone enjoyed ham, roast lamb, turkey, salad, baked beans, and lots of other goodies. Last but not least there was dessert. There were two cakes, plus fresh fruit and lots of snack foods. Everyone enjoyed the food, and ate their fill and then some. The



following pictures tell the story.



Cowles Mountain conquered!

After everyone had eaten their fill (and then some), Listy and Bob suggested that it might be a lot of fun to climb Cowles Mountain, a large pile of dirt and rocks located nearby. These pictures tell the story.



As you can see, the entire group made it to the top.

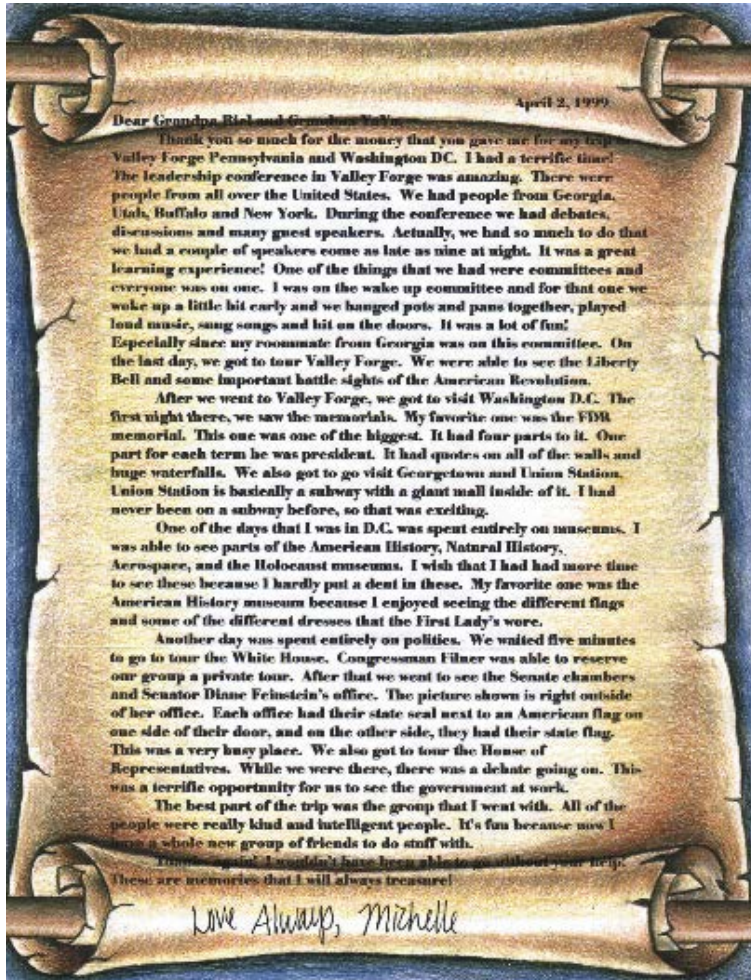
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Michelle visits Washington, D.C.

We received from Michelle the following report on her recent visit to the national capital.



As you can tell from her report, Michelle had a great time, and we were more than glad to help her qualify for the trip. She also sent us a copy of the essay she wrote as a part of her winning a place on the tour. We will save it for publication in a future issue of RFNL.

Classic truck progress report

Here is the latest news on the Chevy truck that Bruce and Craig are rebuilding. As you can see in

the following picture it looks like it is nearing completion. However, some testing of the new engine uncovered a problem, leakage of water into the oil. This suggests a crack in the block, and the engine has been dismantled and returned to the supplier for repair or replacement. As you can see the paint job is complete, so the main deterrent to getting the job done is the faulty engine.



We also have a picture of the truck bed floor, which consists of a series of oak boards, which



Craig sanded down and is refinishing with a special boat deck varnish. Nothing heavier than a pillow will ever be

hailed around in this truck.

CORRECTION

Birthday calendar for April

Dustin Benesch	April 3	14
Brian Riel	April 5	10
Robert Riel	April 9	42
Kevin Riel	April 11	20
Jan Riel	April 21	51

We accidentally used the kid's only list for last month's calendar, leaving out Robert and Jan. Sorry!

Also, you may have noticed that page 1 of the April issue was dated March 1999.

Birthday calendar for May

Curtis Hartman	May 2	15
Michelle Hartman	May 17	17
Hugh Mehan	May 28	58
Robert Gillingham	May 31	44

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Birthday celebrations

April was a busy time for birthday celebrations, with Dustin (14), Brian (11), and Craig (16) all enjoying an outing and gift. For Dustin there was lunch at Souplantation. Grandma and mom Carol then treated



Dustin to a shopping spree at the Factory Outlet facility at the Viejas casino. No pictures were taken, so we have taken a recent one from the RFNL master picture file.

Brian Riel also celebrated, and we started off with lunch at the Parkway Plaza food court. We then took in the movie "The King and I". It was a fairly good movie, enjoyed by all. After the



movie we visited the carousel, and Brian enjoyed a long ride, as shown in the photo. Grandpa's sweater was a little bit too big for Brian, but it kept him warm on a cool day.

Craig Hartman also celebrated, and we enjoyed lunch at a Hartman family favorite, the buffet at the Mandarin Plaza, on Sports Arena. Afterwards we took in the movie "Cookie's Fortune", which was quite good. We took the following photo when we took Craig home.

Kids donate to Kosovo Red Cross relief fund

As a part of past Easter picnics we included an Easter egg hunt, using plastic eggs, with



\$2.00 in each one. This year the kids decided that they wanted to donate that money, plus any other planned gifts, to the Red Cross Kosovo relief fund. In addition, some of the parents joined in this action, and Margaret volunteered to coordinate the effort, and forward the money to the American Red Cross International Response Fund. Megan agreed to write a brief note to send with the donation, and we reprint it as follows.

I wish we could send you more than words and money, but that's all we can find to help. I hope our money gives you strength and my words you heart. I'm a fifteen-year-old girl from California, USA. My grandparents had eight children who all married and I am one of their twenty-one grandchildren. We all live in San Diego so the family gets together for every holiday. This Easter spending money on candy, eggs, and presents seemed selfish when our money could be used in much more valuable ways by people who need and deserve it so much more than us. Nothing I can think of to say feels meaningful because I cannot possibly imagine what you or your family is going through right now. I wish there was some way to solve this terrible problem. But at least you know that we care.

Megan Riel-Mehan and her 20 cousins

KJp Sports news dfM

Recently we received from Margaret the following sports item, which were published in the North County Times.



Celtic Cup winners

Members of the Rancho Santa Fe girls under-15 Premier soccer team that recently won the Celtic Cup Gold Division title include (front row, from left) Sara Fix, Jessica Joyner, Lauren Sikeen, Ashley Britten, Kristina Freeberg, Megan Riel-Mehan, Tina Stevens, (back row, from left) Kasey Emaw, coach John Miller, Joanna Culley, Cami West, Megan Bogart, Mckenze Joyner, Nattie Thomas and Julie Russo.

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Margaret also received from the North County Times Sports Desk the following brief story on Michael. *Michael Riel-Mehan led his Villa Under 18 team to the championship of the Orange County Cup on March 13th. His first-half goal from outside the box was the difference as Villa defeated the Irvine Strikers Under 19 team, 1-0, for the second time in the tournament.*

We also received from Carol, via e-mail, the following news about Jessica. *Jessica made Patrick Henry's Varsity Cheer Leading Squad!!! There were only three spots, and many, many girls tried out, but she made it!! We are very happy for her!! Carol* And Birdy commented as follows. *That is such cool news! How exciting for her. She must be so thrilled. I am sure she will work hard and have lots of fun!GGGGGGOOOOOOO Jessica! Birdy*

Bryce Sorem opens campaign for President of the Student Body

The above is a draft of the speech Bryce is working on. It

In my eight years at this school I've learned many things. What I think is the most important, can be described in two words, community service. Community service can make you a better person. But it can also make your school a better place.

I would like to be elected to the job of student body President. My reasons for running for this position are many. But the most important one is that I would like to know that what I do makes a difference. For example: We all know of the tragedy in Littleton Colorado. One of the reasons for the violence given on the news, was that these two boys were ridiculed and made fun of by their peers. I intend to eliminate the possibility of this happening at our school by getting people to be kinder to one another and to try not to judge people unfairly. I will do this by example. I admit at times I've been unkind as every one here has at one time or another. If I'm elected President I'll try my best to give you a good example. So, when you are voting, vote Bryce for President of the Student Body.

sounds great to us! We wish him good luck in the election.

Accidents Accidents ☹☹☹

We learned a few days ago that Brett was involved in an automobile accident. Fortunately he was not injured, but his car is in bad shape. He was driving along Ruffin Road when a car pulled out of a driveway, failed to see his car, and hit its' right side, near the front. The front wheels were badly bent, a fuel line broke and there was other damage. The other party was at fault, and hopefully her insurance will make a satisfactory settlement.

That is not all. A few days later Lyle was driving along San Marcos Boulevard, following a police car. That car turned into the left turn lane, and Lyle saw the traffic light turn yellow. He decided he better stop, which he did. However, the car behind him kept going, and Lyle's new Chrysler 300 now had some dents in the rear end. The policeman faulted the other driver, and Lyle expects an insurance payment to repair the damage.

April Snow

In spite of some feeble tricks attempted by certain persons, the truth once again is that it actually snowed on April 1st. The following weather report, taken from the local paper,



tells the story.

Travel News

Francie hit the trail again, this time to Seattle, for another trade show. She reported that all went well, and she enjoyed the trip. Grandpa and Grandma also were on the go, and spent a short week in Las Vegas. The drive over was pretty hard, with lots of rain, and heavy fog at the high elevations. However, we made it OK, and had a great time.

Entertainment reviews

Francie treated Grandma, Grandpa, Lyle, and Jessica to a real treat, the Ice Show "Grease on Ice". It happened that Bryce had won four tickets in a drawing, but could not make it, so we filled in for him. It was a great show, and an enjoyable evening.

JJ gives piano recital at home

Recently we were invited by Rich and Liz to have dinner, followed by some piano music by JJ.



JJ played 8 numbers, all from memory, and did a great job. We all enjoyed some great Greek food and the evening.