

Michael and Jason graduate and get ready to enter college

June was the date for one of the first moments in the education experience for both Michael and Jason. For Jason the big day



was June 9th, when Patrick Henry High School graduated the Class of 1999. Unfortunately, Grandma and Grandpa were out of town on a previously scheduled vacation, and missed the ceremony.



However, we were back just in time for the open house on the 11th, so we had a chance to join in on this celebration for Jason. It was a great party, attended by family and school friends, and we all enjoyed much food,

drink and dessert, as shown in the pictures.

We were able to make Michael's graduation, however, and it took place at the La Costa Canyon High School's Maverick Stadium, at 4:00 p.m. on the 18th. A large crowd gathered to see more than 500 members of the class of 1999 receive their diplomas. It was a very impressive



ceremony, and at the end there was a big celebration by the new graduates. Margaret and Bud held an open house on the 26th, but pictures of that event are not ready, so we will complete the Michael graduation story in the next issue.

As often said at high school, this is only the beginning, and such is the case with Michael and Jason. College is only a few short weeks away. Michael has been accepted at UCLA and Jason has been accepted at UCSB. Both will be leaving home for the first time, and they will be going with our best wishes for a successful college career.

Done at last!!! Bruce and Craig road test Classic Chevy

After many months of work, sweat and numerous frustrating delays the project is done, and the now new truck is ready to go into service. We had our first viewing of the finished product at



the party following the Father's Day party at the Hartman's home. It is indeed a thing of beauty, and will turn a lot of heads when it starts

to travel the streets of La Mesa and San Diego. Birdy has put together a photo record of the project, from the very beginning up to the final product, and the transformation is something to see. Although Bruce and Craig claim the project is finished (except for a few small details) they admitted that they probably will continue to "play around" with various options to improve performance and beauty.



Runny nose department

Strangely enough there were two broken (minor) ankles in the recent past. Ed Riel twisted his ankle on a curb, while working on his housing project. He needed a small cast, which will come off soon, and no complications are expected. The other causality was Brett Sorem, who had a minor skateboarding accident. Fortunately, the damage was minor, and did not slow down Brett. His skateboarding skills continue to improve, and he played for us a video he shot recently. He puts on quite a show,

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Family celebrates Father's Day with golf and a party at Hartman's home

Father's Day was the occasion for the 3rd annual PGA (Parental Golf Association) tournament, which was held at the Sun Valley Golf Course, in La Mesa. The field included the following teams.



Fairway Frank/Eagle Edith and the Seniors Team + 2



Bunker Benesch and his happy team



Hole in One Hall/In the Rough Riel and the "We Will Win" team



Sand Trap Sorem and his pro golfers team



Birdy Bob and his family team

And the 1999 official winning team was



It was a close, hard fought match, and the Birdy Bob team was a one-stroke winner. The field was closely matched, and even par was the low score.

The Tournament Committee (see picture on next page) served snacks and drinks prior to the tee off, and also acquired the official permanent trophy shown in the above photo. It will be rotated each year to the winning team.

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Tournament Director Francie and her Tournament Committee

Francie (with help from Lyle) organized the entire event, and was ably assisted by Jan, Liz, and Francie's long time friend Cindy. They did a great job, and we all thank them.

After the golf we all headed for the Hartman's for a second celebration. Bruce fired up the barbecue and cooked up lots of hot dogs, hamburgers, steaks, and sausages. There was lots of other food, followed by dessert, and everyone ate their fill and then some.



Carol and Birdy check out some of the kids.



Ed and Francie talk as Cindy and Lyle look on.

Birthday celebrations

We finally got back to birthday celebrations, with Michael celebrating his 18th. Since he now is driving and has his own car (a graduation gift) he met us at home. We enjoyed lunch at the Mandarin Plaza buffet, and then took in a movie, *The Love Letter*. Personally, I found it a rather boring. After the movie we spent some time at our house, with some ice cream dessert and conversation. Michael then provided some much-needed assistance on using e-mail. It was a special day, and we wish Michael a belated **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

We still are far behind, however, and hope that we can hear from Megan, Brett, Michelle, Kevin and Curtis **SOON!**

Birthday calendar for July

Bryce Sorem	July 8	13
David Gillingham	July 20	14
Frances Sorem	July 21	47
Timothy Riel	July 26	17

Some of you may have noticed that in the last issue certain persons received the benefit of an error in that they were reported to be 31 years old. Actually, they both are a lot older than that, and are rapidly approaching 50. We will be taking special care, in the future, to insure that the truth will prevail.

Travel News ...

The Gillingham family will be taking off this month for a vacation in Hawaii, and we understand they are looking forward to a great time. Dad Bob has arranged with the family surfing Guru, Ed, to provide his family with a crash course in surfing techniques, in preparation for the Hawaii beaches.

The other big travel news is that Bruce and Birdy will be taking off for Europe in early August. They will be based in Zurich, and plan many railroad side trips, including one to Milan. We hope Birdy will remember that shorts are not allowed in the Duomo Cathedral, in Milan.

We look forward to full accounts, with pictures, when the travelers get home.

Grandpa and Grandma recently spent a week at the timeshare in Indian Wells. By chance Francie had scheduled her "retreat" vacation, all by herself, for the same weekend. She stayed at the Marriott Resort Hotel, where she enjoyed being pampered for the entire stay. We got together for dinner at a Mexican restaurant on Monday

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evening. We enjoyed a great meal, some music, good food and a chance to talk about vacation activities.



For the rest of the activities, we played golf every day at the Palm Royal course, on Fred Waring Drive, just east of Washington Street. This 18-hole par 3 course suits our needs, in that it is not busy, and

we can play a round in about two hours, so the rest of the day is free for other activities. We tried our luck at the Indian Casino, but got shut out at Bingo. However, we had a great time.

Sports news – Listy qualifies for Boston Marathon



The Rock and Roll Marathon was held in San Diego recently, and there were two family participants, Listy and Robert. Both finished, but Robert was bothered by leg cramps, and had to walk part of the way. However, Listy finished strongly, with a time slightly less than that shown on the time clock. Her time was good enough to qualify

her to run in the famous Boston Marathon, to be held next spring. As of now, she plans on making the run. Along the route some onlookers encouraged her with shouts of "goooo!! Mrs. Hartman".

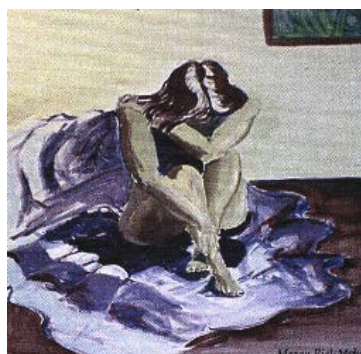
Liz Riel's mom hospitalized, seriously ill

It is with sadness that we must report that Mrs. Drewek was placed in the hospital more than a week ago, with heart, liver and lung problems. Her condition is stable but very serious, and last rites have been administered by her

priest. We have no additional facts at this time, but we prayerfully hope that her condition will improve.

Names in the news

Megan has been awarded a special best of fair runner up prize for her technical drawing of a T-flange. Her entry was drawn the old fashioned way, by hand, rather than computer generated. Her work is on display in the Hobby Building, at the special prizes section.



Also, she recently completed a painting, which was printed in the La Costa Canyon school publication "Maverick Musings". We have a photo of her painting, as shown in the left margin.

As we reported last month, Margaret recently served as a keynote speaker at the recent NECC Conference in Atlantic City. After the meeting she was interviewed by a reporter from the magazine T.H.E Journal, (T.H.E stands for Technology Horizons in Education) and her comments were printed in the June issue. We have the following quotations from that issue.



Margaret Riel

Margaret Riel is the Associate Director of the Center for Collaborative Research in Education, at the University of Calif., Irvine. She has developed and researched models of online learning, particularly cross-classroom collaboration in Learning Circles. She has contributed to the design and evaluation of multi-media programs that involve students in the collaborative process of scientific discovery. Currently she is helping educators reflect on and document their professional development as they integrate technology with their teaching.

T.H.E. What do you think educators need to learn about the use of computers in the classroom?

Riel Teachers need to know how to use basic productivity and communication software. At the minimum this includes the following: productivity tools, communication tools and community tools.

These three areas – personal productivity, communication with others and community participation – are the

basics of our new technology. A teacher with this foundations is likely to be able to learn other tools, as there is a great deal of overlap with these essential tools.

We will print the rest of comments in the next issue.