



School news 2000-2001 term

Each September we publish the status of all the kids in the education process, and her it is for this year.

Kevin Riel	Senior	SDSU
Michael Riel	Sophomore	UCLA
Jason Benesch	Sophomore	Grossmont JC
Chris Riel	Freshman	Mesa JC
Nathan Riel	Freshman	Mesa JC
Michelle Hartman	Freshman	Monte Vista HS
Tim Riel	Freshman	Mesa JC
Brett Sorem	Senior	Scripps Ranch HS
Jessica Benesch	Senior	Patrick Henry HS
Craig Hartman	Senior	Monte Vista HS
Kristy Gillingham	Junior	Francis Parker HS
Megan Mehan	Junior	La Costa Canyon
Curtis Hartman	Junior	Francis Parker HS
Dustin Benesch	Sophomore	Patrick Henry HS
David Gillingham	Freshman	Francis Parker HS
Scott Hartman	Freshman	Francis Parker HS
Bryce Sorem	Freshman	Scripps Ranch HS
Katy Riel	Freshman	Steel Canyon HS
Annie Gillingham	8 th	Francis Parker MS
Brian Riel	6 th	Joan McQueen ES
Frank JJ Riel	5 th	St Columba ES

We hope all of the above is correct, but if there are any errors we hope to be notified, so we can make corrections.

We understand that Katy will be participating in a new program where each student will be issued a lap top computer and a carrying case. All course work will be done by computer, and books will not be used at all. (Note - My grammar check suggested that the above phrase "All course work will be done by computer" be replaced by "The computer will do all course work." Maybe that is a prediction of the next step in education - Margaret, please note!)

Travel news

Francie, Lyle, Brett and Bryce returned recently from a vacation in the Caribbean, and we have the following report provided by Francie

I just can't believe that school will be starting up again in a couple of days. It sees like just yesterday we were all at Turks



and Caicos soaking up the sun and enjoying the ease of summer vacation. The weather was great, the water was beautiful, the kids had their own area to hang in, what could be better. We spent 9 days snorkeling, eating, swimming, eating, shooting pool, eating; well, you get the picture. It was an all-inclusive resort so the kids did not need to depend on us for food and beverages; everything was free to them. And since they didn't need transpiration, we were pretty much disposable. We did have a couple of dinners together, but they made a lot of new friends all over the states that they are still communicating with over the Internet.

But all things must end and here we are back in beautiful San Diego, a vacation spot like no other. Many thanks go out to Kevin and his sweet girlfriend Amy for keeping an eye on our house while we were gone. The neighbors reported no huge parties or kegs of beer coming and going so all is safe on the home front.

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Francie



We thank Francie for this report plus the loan of her 6 photo albums. We have room for only a few shots, but I am sure that she will be happy to show anyone the complete collection, any time you can get together with her.

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More travel news

Another vacationing family was the Hartmans, who spent a pleasant week enjoying the wonders of Kings Canyon



National Park. As you can see from the above post card, they had a great time.

Grandpa and Grandma also hit the vacation trail, for a week at Indian Wells. We had postponed our usual June date because of Grandpa's sore neck problem. The shift to the August date was OK, but the weather in the desert was even hotter than we had experienced in June. Not only was the air temperature in the 105-110 range, but due to thunderstorms in the mountains it was also humid, just like in Indiana. We tried one walking round of golf, but had to quit. We gave in to electric carts for three additional rounds, which were enjoyable in spite of the heat. We had dinner with our old friends from Purdue days, Ruth and Lloyd Money. Our other Purdue friends, Jack and Marge Dulin were out of town, so we missed them. We also got in some time at the Indian Casino, but did not have much luck. It was a nice vacation, however, and was a good tune up for our next jaunt, the annual fall Las Vegas visit.

Birthday calendar for September

JJ Riel	September 1	10
Karla Riel	September 20	40
Richard Riel	September 29	53

Birthday celebrations

There was one birthday kid in August. David Gillingham Celebrated his 15th birthday with lunch at Black Angus on Friars Road, followed by a round of golf at Admiral Baker. We also invited dad Bob to join us, and we had a great

time, even if some of the scores were not too good. As you can plainly see in the following photos, Bob, David and Grandma all know how to start out a shot, but we did not get any pictures of how the shots turned out. However, we have one shot showing Grandma blasting out another big drive. It was another fun day, and we wish David a great



big HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Sick call

Recently Michael Mehan underwent extraction of his wisdom teeth. He reports that it was not a pleasant experience, and for a few days afterwards he had to be careful not to exercise or lower his head, which increases blood flow and pressure in the area, thus, much pain. He reports that it is better, now, and soon forgotten.

Robert Riel has been slowed down for the past few weeks with a sprained ankle. It seems that he and Listy were running down Cowles Mountain (again) and he slipped and fell. He claims that Listy pushed him, but we suspect that she would deny any such activity. In any case he is making a good recovery, and will be running again in the near future.

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Brett Sorem featured in skateboard ad



We think that most of you are aware of Brett and his skateboard skills. You may also know that he represents one of the local manufactures at some trade shows, and demonstrates his skill and the merits of the KOFIVE manufacturing company products. Recently his skill was highlighted in an advertisement appearing in the November issue of Transworld Skateboarding magazine. Unfortunately, his picture, in the upper right hand corner of the ad, is quite small and did not reproduce very well. Therefore, through the magic of computer technology we inserted a better picture of Brett, thus greatly improving the appearance and impact of the ad. We are sure the company will want to use this version of their ad in future promotional material.



Megan wins Academic Excellence in Science Award

Last spring, when we were visiting the Mehan home Margaret loaned us a certificate won by Megan at the last school year. Due to

space limitations plus a faulty memory we just now are

getting around to reporting the award. Better late than never, however, and perhaps the beginning of a new school year is an appropriate time to recognize academic awards and encourage more of the same, in the coming year.

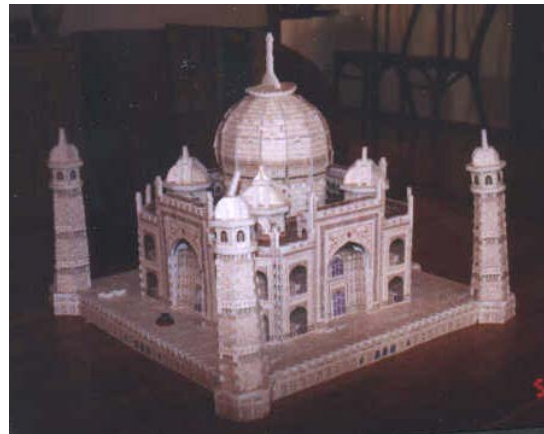
Shopping season opens again !

Yes, it's fall already and the big shopping season 2000 is about to get under way. As usual, the official RFNL



Shopping Team took its' initial work out on Labor Day. After lunch at TGI Friday's (with Grandpa present) the team took off for the mall, and we understand that even at this early date they uncovered some rare bargains. Although the reluctant shopper, Bruce Hartman, was invited to join the team, he politely declined, claiming that he was still suffering from his experience of last Thanksgiving Day. However, the team is now in mid-season form, and the captain (Grandma) reports that they are ready to take on all comers when the official season opener, the day after Thanksgiving, arrives.

Mehan family builds Taj Mahal in Encinitas



As you can plainly see, the famous Taj Mahal in India has been relocated in Encinitas. Actually, the above photo was

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taken in the Mehan living room, and shows a recently completed family project. The result is quite impressive, and obviously required as great deal of effort on the part of the family team, shown above after completion of the job.

Mission Hills- How We Got Here From There

We have room for some more Mission Hills history, as follows.

The Space Race (Cont.)

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But that wasn't a big problem; (lack of gasoline stations) Mission Hillians would simply go for gas on their way to do the shopping. You see, the shopping mall phenomenon was arriving and it would have the same kind of impact on the way people lived in Mission Hills as Portola's arrival did on the Kumeyaay.

Time Out For

A Huddle

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One effect of the shopping mall syndrome was the loss of dining choices in Mission Hills. By the early 70's, almost all restaurants in the area had closed. Down to the last one. The Huddle was bought by Geaoge Babcock and Quent Pearson of Ideas, Incorporated. The antique dealers said it wouldn't be a neighborhood without a place to eat. They sold it as soon as they found a buyer who promised to keep it open. Today Mission Hills is home to some of the finest restaurants in San Diego but 20 years ago there were almost none.

Business closings were nothing new for Mission Hills. In the early 50's, Piggly Wiggly moved out of its Goldfinch location. (Furniture Outlet is located in that space.) Then Richard Brewers Variety opened. Two decades later he closed after the Food Basket (now the Lucky store on West Washington) opened saying the store should be

called, "General Basket since it sells so many of the same things I do." Over the same period, the dime store on West Lewis also closed. It was also hard getting home service as doctors stopped making house calls and grocery stores stopped home deliveries and offering free credit. The milkman was also fading from the scene. In modern America, to get anything required getting into the car first. The trolley tracks which had caused the area to blossom were covered or removed. The electric cars which had brought thousands of residents and shoppers into Mission Hills were replaced with gasoline powered cars which carried thousands out of their neighborhood, killing one local business after another. Residents fell in love with their cars and presumed lower prices at the shopping malls without weighing what they were giving up in their own back yards. Nature felt the changes as well.

The Legend Of The

White Deer

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A white Fallow deer, native to southern Europe, was born in the San Diego Zoo in April 1965. The zoo had too many of her species so she was sold as surplus to Riley Stanly. He owned a ranch in Mission Valley and the deer was taken to a corral there. Then, in November, she and a buck made it out of the enclosure and into the hills, Mission Hills specifically.

Stanley tried to catch her but never could. The buck disappeared, but the doe took up permanent residence in Mission Hills where she was a big hit. It was decided to leave her alone.

Some called her White Deer, others called her Lucy.

The deer could be seen grazing in the hills as motorists drove Interstate 8. It was also routine to see the doe walking in the middle of Pine Street which is close to her favorite spot in Presidio Park: Inspiration Point, the highest point in the park. It's at this highest point where White Deer is buried today.

It happened on December 31, 1975. Officials received Many calls from people saying the deer were trying to cross the freeway. Two animal control .officers were sent to the scene.

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