

Family enjoys Easter picnic at Lake Murray Park

Once again the family gathered at Lake Murray Park for an outdoor picnic and Easter celebration. We all enjoyed lots of good food and drink, and the kids had some playing soccer and baseball. It was a great day, enjoyed by all, and the following pictures tell the story of the events of the day.



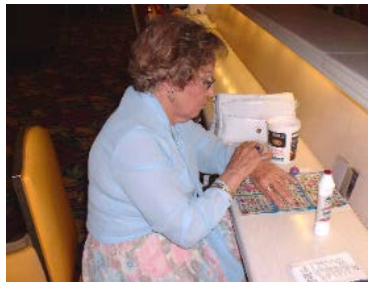
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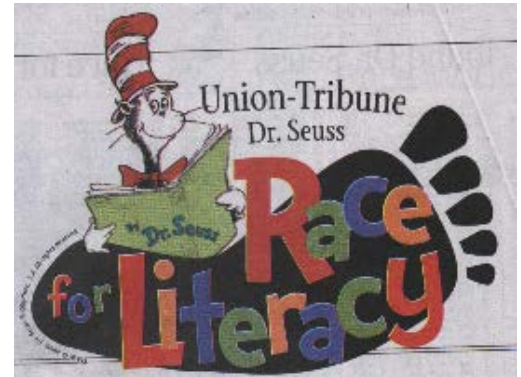
Grandma and Grandpa visit Las Vegas

We were a little late with our annual spring vacation, but we finally took off on April 30th. Once checked in at the Plaza, we headed for the bingo game at Binion's. To our surprise and disgust, the bingo room was filled with poker players! It seems that May is the month for the million dollar poker tournament, and practically the entire casino was filled with poker players. Our friend Bob Peterson told us that each player must qualify in a preliminary round, and then pay \$15,000 entry fee for the finals. They keep playing until the last person has all the money, and he is the winner. Since that will take the entire month of May, were forced to revise our schedule. The next morning we headed for the Showboat, and found that it was renamed the Castaway. Fortunately, bingo was unchanged. We also visited Sam's Town and Boulder Station, so all was not lost. We also enjoyed some nice meals, especially at the Pasta Pirate, in the California hotel. We also enjoyed lunch with our friends Bob and Mary, and the chance to compare notes on retirement in Las Vegas and San Diego. It was a nice vacation, and we look forward to the next one, Indian Wells in June.



We didn't win much, but we didn't lose much, either, so it was a good vacation and a fun experience.

Family well represented in local marathon



On May 6 the family turned out no less than five contestants for the annual Race for Literacy. The RFNL team consisted of Robert, Listy, Carol, Jason, and Dustin. The official times and positions, taken from the local newspaper, are as follows.

	Group	time	position
Robert	male 40-44	36:21	37 th
Listy	female 40-44	38:51	17 th
Carol	female 45-49	45:12	26 th
Jason	male 18-24	36:41	29 th
Dustin	male 13-17	36:41	20 th

As you can see, everyone did well, finishing strongly. We congratulate all who participated in this most worthy cause. It should be noted that the READ/San Diego organization, where Grandpa is a volunteer literacy tutor, is one of the beneficiaries of the marathon.

HOW--EVER, Listy has entered an official family protest, and claims that Robert's time is incorrect, and lower than it actually was. Robert has responded by quoting the official times as listed in the Union-Tribune. Since we all are aware of the impeccable accuracy record of our local newspaper, it would appear that Listy has to substantiate her claim of inaccuracy. Watch RFNL for continuing coverage of this controversy!

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Carol wins outstanding math teacher award

Carol called recently to tell us about her most recent award, and e-mailed us a copy of the following letter.

From:
Greater San Diego Mathematics Council

Dear Carol,

Congratulations! You have been selected as the winner of the "Outstanding Classroom Mathematics Teacher Award" for the Primary level.

We would like to present you with your award and \$200 (to be used at your discretion for your school or classroom mathematics program) at our Annual Recognition Banquet.

Thursday, May 17, 2001
5:00 P.M. - No host cocktails
6:00 P.M. _ Dinner
San Diego Paradise Point Resort - Dockside Room
1404 West Vacation Road
San Diego, California

The person who nominated you is also invited to attend and introduce you. The council will host you, your guest, and your nominator. If you wish to bring other guests, additional reservations are \$20.00 each. Please return the enclosed reservation form with any additional banquet fees to Bill Bokesch by May 13, 2001.

All members of Greater San Diego Mathematics Council congratulate you upon receiving this distinguished award. If you have any questions, please phone me at (858) 748-9554 after 5:00 P.M.

Sincerely yours,
Kitty Smith
Vice President, Programs

We will be attending the banquet, and will present a full report in the next issue of RFNL.

Craig Hartman wins scholarship award

Recently Birdy sent us a copy of a letter Craig received

from Governor Gray Davis, which we have copied as follows.

Dear Student,

I am pleased to inform you that you are eligible to receive a



\$1,000.00 scholarship award for the State of California based on your test score on the STAR exam. The purpose of the Governor's Scholars Program is to reward high school students who work hard to achieve success and score in either the top ten percent

of their high school or top five percent of the State. The scholarship will be available to help you pay for your higher education expenses.

I congratulate you on your academic achievement and wish you great success in the future.

Sincerely,
Gray Davis

Birthday celebrations

There were three birthday celebrations recently. Brian celebrated his 12th, and enjoyed lunch at Black Angus restaurant. Since it also was Robert's birthday (44th) the entire family joined in. Afterwards, Grandpa, Grandma and



Brian took off to see the movie Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles. In the meantime, Robert, Karla, and Kary took off for Escondido to look at new cars.



We took Brian home, and met Karla and Katy, but Robert was still closing the deal, so we did not get to see the new Honda. However, we look forward to seeing it soon.

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Birthday celebrations (continued)

There was one more birthday celebration, and it involved a double header, Nathan and Kevin. They both were interested in playing golf, so met at the Black Angus on Friars Road for lunch. Afterwards we headed over to Admiral Baker. It was a nice day, and we all had a great time, even if the scores were nothing to talk about.



Birthday calendar for May

Curtis Hartman	May 2	17
Michelle Hartman	May 17	19
Hugh Mehan	May 28	60
Robert Gillingham	May 31	46

Margaret teaches on line course for Pepperdine University

Recently Margaret, in association with Pepperdin has set up and is teaching a graduate level course in learning technology. The classroom sessions are on line, but the class meets twice a year for face to face interaction. They met recently in Florida, and will be having another meeting in California.

Join Emerging Leaders in the Learning Technologies

Faculty
Margaret Riel
Visiting Faculty, Education
Riel is a leading innovator in collaborative learning and communities of practice. She creates new models such as "learning circles," or short term collaborative projects that bring teachers and students from around the world in close working partnerships. "The power of the Internet is the energy generated by human interaction," Riel says. "Tools for building communities and programs that bring people together online are building our future."

Program Director
Linda Polln
Professor of Education
One of the leaders and creators of Pepperdine's online programs, Polln has a deep and rich understanding of how to make the tools of technology adapt to human learning. The key: Creating a friendly atmosphere of communication that opens students to ongoing thought and discussion. "The sun never sets on the Net. Our students are online and learning all the time."

Faculty
Terence Cunnings
Associate Dean, Education
A pioneer in educational technology, Cunnings was instrumental in launching Pepperdine's online programs, as well as the co-creator of the first master's in educational technology program on the West Coast in 1982. He is a member of the Campaq K-12 National Advisory Board; Computer Using Educators (CUE); and many other organizations. A Gold Disk award winner, he has presented and authored numerous papers on online strategies and programs.

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