



## School news 2001-2002 term

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

Kevin Riel	Senior	SDSU
Michael Riel-Mehan	Junior	U. of Granada
Jason Benesch	Junior	UCSB
Chris Riel	Freshman	Mesa JC
Nathan Riel	Freshman	Mesa JC
Michelle Hartman	Junior	SDSU
Tim Riel	Freshman	SF City College
Brett Sorem	Freshman	SDSU
Jessica Benesch	Freshman	UCSC
Craig Hartman	Freshman	Southwestern JC
Kristy Gillingham	Senior	Francis Parker HS
Megan Mehan	Senior	La Costa Canyon
Curtis Hartman	Senior	Francis Parker HS
Dustin Benesch	Junior	Patrick Henry HS
David Gillingham	Sophomore	Francis Parker HS
Scott Hartman	Junior	Francis Parker HS
Bryce Sorem	Junior	Scripps Ranch HS
Katy Riel	Sophomore	Steel Canyon HS
Annie Gillingham	Freshman	Francis Parker MS
Brian Riel	7 <sup>th</sup>	Joan McQueen ES
Frank JJ Riel	6 <sup>th</sup>	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.

### Kristy Gillingham paints art work for FPLS

The following painting by Kristy shows a view of Francis



Parker school, and now hangs in the lobby of the school main

office. In addition to this item, Kristy has painted murals on the walls of the two rest rooms beside the main office. Since her work covers a large area, it was difficult to photograph the entire mural, but we did the best we could, and the following gives you some idea of the scope of the work she did.



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The work Kristy has done is very impressive, and she has shown a lot of talent. CONGRATULATIONS, and keep the pictures coming!

## Vacation news - Hartmans in Hawaii!!

Bruce, Birdy, Curtis, and Scott recently spent a pleasant week enjoying the warm sun and ocean breeze in hawaii. Birdy reports "Hawaii was a blast!" We have the following pictures.



Birdy also reported that while on vacation Scott experienced a somewhat scary health problem. She provided us with the following details.

### News on Scott

While we were in Hawaii, Curtis woke up to the sound of Scott choking. He immediately rolled him on his side, and ran to get us. When we got into the room, Scott was on the floor, semi-conscious. There was blood on his pillow and on the floor. As Bruce tried to rouse Scott, he seemed very dazed and incoherent. Scott felt nauseous, so Bruce headed him towards the bathroom. About 10 minutes later Scott was clear headed and fine...minus a nasty bite he took out of his tongue! We realized that he must have had a seizure. We took him to a clinic on the island and had him checked out. They confirmed our suspicion, he indeed had a seizure. We were only one day away from returning home, so they suggested we start the testing as soon as we got home. Our doctor ran many test on Scott. The blood test showed that he had something viral going on, so we redid the lab work and discovered that he had Mononucleosis. Next, they scheduled an EEG, MRI, and a holter meter to test his irregular heart beat. The EEG came back normal. That was great news! He is currently wearing the holter monitor and is scheduled for the MRI in early October. The most likely cause of

the seizure, according to his neurologist, is the mono. However, we need to rule out brain tumors, or ? with the MRI first. So, We'll let you know if there is any new information to share. Otherwise, Hawaii was a blast!

We understand that Scott is feeling great now, and we hope that he will not have any future problems.

One of the other kids also experienced a health problem recently. Nathan was at the beach one day when another kid hit him and broke his jaw. The injury was so severe that a metal plate had to be inserted in his jaw, which now is wired shut. This means that he now is on a liquid diet for several weeks, until the injury heals. We will be celebrating Nathan's birthday soon, and we will get an update on his condition.

### Birthday calendar for September

JJ Riel	September 1	11
Karla Riel	September 20	41
Richard Riel	September 29	54

### Birthday celebrations

Michelle Hartman celebrated her 19<sup>th</sup> recently. We enjoyed lunch at Bennigan's and the movie "Summer Catch". Michelle told us about her new job. She is working for the Auto Club, and is one of the voices you will hear if you call in for emergency help if your car is stalled. She determines your location and directs a nearby tow truck operation to come to your assistance. If you ever have to call for help listen carefully to the voice on the line, it may be Michelle's!



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have her account, as follows.

## Birthdays (cont)

We had a double birthday celebration recently, with Jason, his 20<sup>th</sup> and Jessica, her 18<sup>th</sup>. The celebration was a part of a end of the summer day at the races party with mom Carol. Margaret joined us for lunch at a beach restaurant in Cardiff, KIS. We enjoyed lunch on the patio, and afterwards we took off for the Del Mar track. We didn't have much luck with the race picks, but we had a lot of fun anyway. It was another nice day, and a good way to say good-bye to the summer and hello to another school year.



What are the chances of taking a vacation five hours from home and planning it for the same week as your sister? Not only did we both end up in Hawaii the same week, but also we were even on the same island. It's funny, we live in the same city but it took a trip so far away for us to spend some time together. We especially enjoyed getting to know Curtis and Scott a little better. What nice kids they are.

Lyle took them out snorkeling at a beautiful bay on the north side of Kauai while Bird and I baked in the sunshine with Bruce (close by in the shade). The boys some fish and even a sea turtle. I have seen many in books so didn't feel the need to rush off and get my hair wet!

Though Bird and I did not really get to go out and shop we did end up having a great dinner prepared by them both and enjoyed the "family" time even if we were too selfish to bring our children!

To endure that we get to enjoy some time with the Hartman's again, both family's purchased time-shares on this beautiful Island. How about the rest of you? Willing to spend a week in an island paradise? We will be waiting for all of you to join us. . .

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## More travel news

As we mentioned in the last RFNL, Francie was really on the go recently. First, she and Lyle visited Hawaii, and we

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## Travel news (cont.)

After Hawaii Francie took off for a business trip to the other side of the world, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In case you have forgotten, Kuala Lumpur is located at the southernmost tip of the Malaysian peninsula. The city of Singapore is on an island, just on the south side of Kuala Lumpur. Francie reported that the long flight took her from Los Angeles to Tokyo, for a brief stopover, and then on to Singapore. We have her own account of her visit, as follows.

Little did I know that when I decided to become a hairdresser over 30 years ago that it would take me to such far away places? After traveling for 28 hours last week, I arrived in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Three hours later at 10 am I was picked up to go to work. So much for jet lag, it's simply not allowable. After prepping my models for the show the next day, I went over the format with the producer for the presentation. Back to the hotel by 3 for a much needed rest.

The next morning I did not have to report to the show area till 10. We did a little rehearsal and a sound check, which proved fruitless when my microphone refused to work at 2 when I took the stage. I did an hour and then Hidero took his turn for an hour as well. Afterwards we did an interview with the press from several fashion magazines in Malaysia. The stage was very impressive for a one day show with my name big as life across the backdrop. The people were more reserved there and very respectful, so different from my usual audience.

Most people there spoke English though it was not quite recognizable at all times. My limo driver, upon finding out I was from the US kept telling me how much he liked "Lambo". I kept tell in him I was sorry but I didn't know what he was referring to. Finally when he said. You know, Lambo with Syrvester Starrone. Oh Rambo. . . got lost in the translation.

The countryside was beautiful and they had a fabulous shopping center next to the huge twin towers with she Sky Bridge at 50 stories. Those of you who saw the movie Entrapment with Sean Connery saw the building featured in that movie. One of the tallest structures in the world, I tried to get up in the sky bridge but the line was too long and I had to get to the airport for the trip home.

The scary part was after traveling for 25 hours and the last leg to LA was for 15 hours straight, I didn't want it to end. I was having too much fun with my own movie screen, remote control and good reading material. I read the e book Captain Correli's mandolin, a current movie with Nicholas Cage. I must recommend the book to all of you. It was, as often happens, much more extensive then the movie. It recaps the Greek involvement in World War II that takes place in the beautiful city of Caphelonia. Don't miss it next time you have 20 hours to kill on an airplane somewhere!

That's all for now, make your appointments now, there are just a few left till November!

francie

Thanks, Francie, for an excellent report on a wonderful trip. She has

promised some pictures, but unfortunately they have been either lost or delayed by the processor. We hope they will turn up soon, and that we can have them for the next issue. We do have a picture of an award she received for her part in the show. We had lunch with Francie so we could learn all about her trip, first hand.



**Printer cartridge refills** - No doubt you are aware of the high cost of new cartridges. Recently we received an ad from a company, which does refills, so we decided to give it a try. Unfortunately, it does not always work, since the tiny holes may plug up if the ink residue in the empty dries out. I was told that if I store the cartridge in a sealed plastic bag the refill probably would work OK. The company claims 50% savings over new cartridges. You may want to give it a try.

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