

Double Header birthday celebration

On May 5th we had the rare opportunity to celebrate two birthdays, Robert and Brian Riel. For Robert it was his 45th and for Brian his 13th. For starters we enjoyed lunch at Black Angus on Friars Road. After a great meal we took Brian to see the Spider Man movie at the Pacific Theater on Clairmont Mesa Blvd. It was a pretty good movie, but does not live up to the advertising it has been getting. After the movie we headed over to Robert's office, where he was working overtime to get out a big bid on some new work. We left Brian to help Robert finish the bid and get him back



home in time to rest up for the next days work. Robert tells us that he is putting in 100+ hours per week, and also will be doing some business traveling in the next few months. That doesn't sound like much of a birthday celebration

However, we wish a big HAPPY

BIRTHDAY to Dad and Brian. On the way to the movie Brian demonstrated for us the latest in teenager foot-ware. As you can see in the following photograph, there is a new concept in locomotion, exercise shoes with built-in rollers, on in the bottom of each shoe, just in front of the heel. This device enables the wearer to glide along the sidewalk with the greatest of ease. It is sort of like a skateboard without the board. Brian said that it took about a week to get used to the idea, but now it easy to get around in a hurry.



Jan's stepfather dies from Alzheimer's disease

We were saddened to learn that Reggie passed away recently, after a long battle with this difficult problem. We still have pleasant memories of enjoying dinner with Reggie and Catherine years ago, when they were still living in Las Vegas. Ed has provided us with some brief details about Reggie, as follows. Reginal Greatbanks was born in Blackpool, England in 1931. After WW II he joined the British Navy, where he learned his profession, a marine electrician. Upon release from the navy he worked in the Merchant Marine industry. Subsequently he moved to Canada, and then to the USA. He and Jan's mother were married in about 1975, and lived in Las Vegas. At that time he was involved in and working on the secret CIA project whose objective was to find and raise up a Russian submarine that sank in the Pacific ocean. Although this must have been an exciting experience security restrictions prevented him from discussing it in any detail. We extend our deepest sympathy to Catherine and Jan.



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Catch the News

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High School graduates activity survey

Recently we received from Margaret and also from Listy some suggestions regarding how to keep up with the ever expanding activities of those kids who have finished high school and in some cases have left or are about to leave their homes. We now have ten alumni from various high schools and more will be coming along in the coming years. Margaret and Listy both provided thoughts on a survey form which we could use to provide information that will help keep us informed on what is going on. In order to implement this idea we have made up a form for each of the ten to fill out and return to RFNL. It is not very long, and in order to help get returns from everyone we have provided stamped self-addressed envelopes for all. We look forward to hearing from all, and promise to pass on to the rest of the family all the news provided.

Some family news items

We have the following items from Francie, Richard, Listy, and Margaret, as follows.

April was not a big month for goings on around here. You might want to pass along the news about Jan's stepfather passing away. He has had Alzheimers for so long I guess it is a good thing, but I'm sure very tough on Jan and her family.

I have been doing hair shows almost every week-end. I have been to Georgia, Nashville, and Cleveland all in one month. The weather all in all has been good and I always enjoy meeting people from so many different places.

ISO will be opening a training center in Connecticut where people will come from all over the world for education. I am helping to write the curriculum and formats for the presentations that have to do with adding texture to hair. Many of the techniques that I have developed for ISO over the years will become part of what they will be teaching there. How fun is that! It also will be nice to have more trips so close to NY city so that I will be able to go into town and catch some Broadway plays.

Brett has been car shopping for his first new car and after considering many options he is looking at a Toyota Corolla type S in blue. He has found a dealership he likes in Pacific Beach, so he and his dad will do some scouting to see if can find a better deal elsewhere. Then it's down to the credit union to establish credit for the first time. He will be working with his dad this summer to raise his capital so he can afford those payments during the school year. My how

time flies. It seems like he just started t-ball. Francie

We also heard from Richard, as follows.

JJ is playing varsity soccer for St. Columba. I am an assistant coach for the team. Our record is 4-3 and we just qualified for the playoffs. The playoff game is scheduled for May 18th. Richard

And from Listy

I ran a marathon (all 26 miles) last Saturday in Temecula and I'm going to be running the Rock and Roll Marathon on June 2nd. Kristy and Curtis are graduating from Francis Parker school on June 8th (party will follow ... more news will be coming). We are working on something for Mothers Day. David is playing in a band and will be featured at Canes for the Battle of Bands event in May .I liked Margaret's idea of surveying the kids to see where they are...may be we could print up the survey and pass it out on Mothers Day. Listy

On April Grandpa and Grandma took off for our annual spring jaunt to Las Vegas. The new car performed perfectly and made the rides there and back very pleasant. For the first time we skipped the downtown area and stayed at Sam's Town. It is a very nice facility and the bingo was nice, but we had no winners. However, we had some good meals, and enjoyed the trip.

NOPE OR YUP ???

As many of you are aware, the proposed upgrading of Francis Parker Lower School has stirred up some turmoil in the Mission Hills area. A few neighbors living near the campus have formed an opposition group, called NOPE, for "No On Parker Expansion" A counter group of



neighbors have responded with YUP, for Yes Upgrade Parker. As you can imagine, we are YUPs, as indicated by the sign in front of our home. One of the objections expressed by NOPEs was that the closure of a short dead end

street would deny public access to a canyon view site. The street in question is surrounded by Parker property and Bob tells us that he has been told by the city that the street will be closed. Other issues are being worked on, and approval by the City Council is this summer is anticipated. We hope to attend the hearing and pull for approval of this worthy plan.