

## Family celebrates Mother's Day at Gillingham home

May 12<sup>th</sup> was the occasion for another celebration honoring the family mothers, and Grandma told everyone that the nicest present she could want was the presence of as many family members as possible. The first activity was attendance at the 9:30 mass at St. Vincent's church. Margaret, Bud, and Megan showed up at our home around 9:00 a.m. but there was a slight problem. Margaret had a large red blotch on her forehead, assumed to be an insect bite. At the urging of Grandma, Grandpa, Bud, and Megan she finally agreed to go to the urgent care facility and get a medical opinion. She was treated with an antibiotic, which took care of the problem. However, some tests were taken on a blood sample, and she has a follow-up appointment to revue the results.



After the mass we all took off for the Gillingham home, and enjoyed lots of food, drinks, and a family celebration. As usual, the pictures tell the story.



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drove over to show all of us the new car. As you can see from the pictures, it's a beauty!

## Listy runs in Rock and Roll marathon

As most of you noticed, especially if you tried to drive anywhere in the Mission Valley area last Sunday, the annual Rock and Roll marathon was the featured event. As usual, Listy entered and finished. We have her report on how she did, as printed below.



*Dad*  
*Here are photos from the Rock and Roll marathon. I managed to finish within my goal, which was to run it in under 4 hours. My time was 3:56. I ran a good race for the first half and then had to work a little bit at*

*the finish. Bob was cheering me on at mile 23(good thing he was on his bike or I may have been tempted to hitch a ride.)*

*Listy*

Good going, Listy! A time of 3:56 figures out to more than 6.5 mph, which is moving along for sure.

## Brett gets new wheels

One of the big moments in a kid's life is when he buys his first new car, and that moment came recently, when Brett drove home his brand new Toyota Corolla. Since Ed, Listy, and Birdy were already on their way to Lyndon Road, Brett



## Grandpa falls, injures shoulder

As you all probably know, Grandpa and Grandma have been going to a senior fitness class for more than 10 years. We now work out at the 24 Hour Fitness facility in Mission Valley on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. On May 22 we were doing an aerobics exercise when Grandpa tripped and fell, landing on his right shoulder. It was very painful, so Grandma took him to the urgent care facility for a check up. The doctor ordered X-rays, which fortunately revealed no breaks or dislocation. The doctor recommended pain pills and rest, indicating that it probably would take 4 weeks to heal up. After a little over 3 weeks it feels somewhat better, and we are hoping that it will be a thing of the past soon. We hope to get back to golf soon.

## Movie review

As you know, Grandpa and Grandma take in a movie every Sunday, and we have seen some good and some not so good ones. Recently we saw "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" and enjoyed it so much that we recommend it to all of you. The story line involves a young man from a conservative wealthy family. He falls in love with one of the daughters in a large and very Greek family, and the plot involves interactions between the two families up to and during the wedding ceremony. It is a very funny and enjoyable film, and is well worth seeing.

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At the Curtis and Kristy graduation party on June 8<sup>th</sup> (see page 4) Birdy gave us the following montage photo of art exhibits made by Craig, Curtis, Annie and Kristy. As you can see, these kids all are talented, and their projects are very impressive. We congratulate all four on the great work they have done!



*By Annie Gillingham  
age 14*

*Arts Night at  
Francis Parker School  
May 2002*



*By Scott Hartman  
age 16*



*By Curtis Hartman  
age 18*



*By Kristy Gillingham  
age 18*



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## Grandparent's Day at St. Columba

Once again the school at St. Columba church hosted a large group of grandparents who came to see the progress made by their grandchildren. Grandma was there for the entire celebration, which started off with a 9:00 a.m. mass in the main church. Following the service the various classrooms were open for the grandparents to visit and review some of the accomplishments made by the children. A buffet lunch was served, and all the group enjoyed the celebration. Grandpa was unable to attend the entire program, but did arrive at the end, and was able to visit JJ's classroom just as the afternoon lessons were resuming. Grandma took over for the picture taking, and we have the results as follows. In addition to Grandma, Richard was there, along with Connie, Liz's sister, and her husband.



FRANCIS PARKER SCHOOL  
Founded in 1912

### THE HEADMASTER'S PRIZE

is awarded to a young lady who loves Disney movies, mystery novels, and her flip-flops — and who absolutely adores the beach!

She has been a remarkable student — curious and persistent, and with an extraordinary work ethic. One of her admiring teachers states, "She is a superb writer... In class she maintains grace and goodwill, and a respectful attitude toward both work and her classmates' feelings. She is as beautiful inside as out, and when she smiles, the whole room fills with sunshine — at 8:00 a.m.!"

She is an accomplished artist and her outstanding works reflect immense creativity and superior craftsmanship.


Her strong moral character is matched by an infectious zest for life.

She is an effective informal leader on campus, and a formal leader on the varsity athletic field — where her softball talents shine, as does her unobtrusive but firm resolve to galvanize the team and guide younger players.

The length of her Parker career of 15 years is exceeded by its distinguished and effervescent quality.

KRISTY GILLINGHAM  
Class of 2002

June 7, 2002

  
W. Lee Pierson  
Headmaster

Kristy and Curtis enjoyed a joint celebration at the Home of Martha and Dave Gillingham. Megan's party is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup>, and we will have complete coverage of both events in the July RFNL.

## Some family news

As you can see from the letter reproduced at the left, Kristy was awarded the Headmasters Prize for the class of 2002 at Francis Parker School. This certainly is a great honor, and we congratulate her. Also, we noticed in the newspaper that she made the Union-Tribune All-Academic softball team at Parker.

Megan and Michael also were in the news. At a special ceremony held on June 4<sup>th</sup> Megan was announced as the winner of the Bank of America award in art. We hope to get some additional details for the July RFNL. In addition, she now is a professional artist, since she was hired by Legoland to draw cartoons of visitors to the park. She sells each picture, plus a frame, to the various customers. Brother Michael also landed a summer job. He was awarded an internship at UCLA, working on a migraine headache project lead by a professor. We congratulate both Michael and Megan on getting such interesting summer jobs.

## Three new H.S. graduates celebrate

Kristy, Curtis, and Megan all graduated this June. Proud parents, family, and friends enjoyed graduation parties.