



# The Riel Family Newsletter

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In the June RFNL we reported that Megan had received the Bank of America Achievement Award in Art. Kristy and Curtis also won the same awards, Kristy for Spanish and Curtis for Industrial Arts. All three have summer jobs and are looking forward to college this fall. We congratulate all three, and wish them well in the coming years.

## Lots of travel news

It's the vacation season, and it seems like half of the family is either coming or going. The Bob Riel family is on the way back from the mid-west after a tour of Branson and St Louis, Missouri, Canton, Sandusky and Fremont, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois. They traveled by rented camper, so they had a chance to see much more of the mid-west. Birdy, Bruce, Curtis and his girl friend left home on the 6<sup>th</sup> for a one-week vacation in Austria. Francie and Lyle are off to Paris soon, and Listy and Bob are headed to Florida. Finally, Margaret, Bud, and Michael just returned from a weeklong vacation in Cancun, Mexico. We have their report plus pictures as shown on page 4. We can look forward to lots of other travel reports in the next issue of RFNL.

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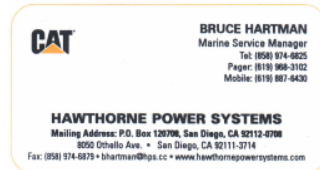
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## Family members on the move

Some time ago we reported that Francie had left her former business location and moved in at a new one. Recently Grandpa, Grandma, and Ed paid her a visit at the new place. It is on Clairemont Mesa Blvd., just west of Rt. 163, and we took a few pictures, as shown. As you can see, Ed took advantage of the visit to get a quick trim. It's a neat place, with an auto motif, so drop in any time and see Francie.



Bruce also has made a career move, and his new job is with Hawthorne Power Systems, as Marine Service Manager. Hawthorne markets and services diesel powered heavy machinery of all kinds. They are an authorized dealer of equipment manufactured by Caterpillar, Inc. Bruce's position involves the supervision of a team of technicians who specialize in



servicing diesel powered ships as well as their diesel powered support machinery. Bruce tells us that he is very excited over this opportunity to be a part of a company that services customers all over the world. We know he will do a great job, and we congratulate him.

## Some health reports

We were sorry to learn from Dave Gillingham that Martha had to have surgery to correct a problem in one foot. Recovery put her on crutches, but according to Bob she is doing well and hopes to be up and about before long. We certainly wish her a speedy recovery.



In the last RFNL we reported that Grandpa had injured his shoulder by falling during a recent aerobics exercise routine. A follow up visit to

the doctor resulted in his recommendation that we reevaluate the condition after another four weeks. If the condition is still too painful, a visit to a specialist and perhaps cortisone shot may be tried. Fortunately the healing process seems to be working (slowly) and considerable improvement has been experienced. Golf has been resumed, so things are looking better.

Bruce reports that Scott will be going in for hearing to see if his driver's license can be reactivated. He has been on medication and has had no problems for almost six months. We certainly hope he gets his license back.

## Birthday celebrations



Michelle celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we met for lunch at the Mandarin Plaza restaurant. Afterwards we took in the movie "Minority Report", which we found interesting and entertaining, in spite of a lot of violence. Michelle has a summer job taking care of three small children during the daytime. She likes the work, but is looking forward to getting back to college in the fall.

## Birthday calendar for July

Bryce Sorem	July 8	16
David Gillingham	July 20	17
Frances Sorem	July 21	<b>50</b>
Tim Riel	July 26	20

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## Margaret, Bud, and Michael visit Cancun, Mexico

The Mehan family (- Megan) took off recently for a relaxing week in this popular resort town. They started off by having Grandpa drop them off in Old Town, where they took the trolley to the boarder. From there it was by taxi to the Tijuana airport. It turns out that it is less expensive to



fly from there rather than from San Diego. They spent some time enjoying the ocean as well as the local scene. As you can see from the pictures, it was a fun experience.

## Some artist's works

Recently were given by Listy a photograph of the latest painting by Kristy. It depicts a resort hotel recently visited by her family. Great job, Kristy!!



As we mentioned in the last RFNL, Megan has a summer job as an artist at Legoland. She draws profile sketches of the various Legoland visitors. Margaret provided us with this picture of Megan at work.



## Some HS graduates survey report

Recently we sent out to all HS graduate kids a survey to get their impressions of their education experience thus far. In reply to a question on advice to those still in ES and HS, we had some interesting comments.

*"Take the highest level classes you can and try and get into the best college you can while you are in HS because it isn't as easy once you're out"*

*"Take those AD classes, they help out a lot in getting the G.E.'s out of the way. Also, I think all of you should consider college because it is an amazing and fun experience that teaches you more than you could ever imagine."*

*"Probably over half of the incoming freshman get at least 1 F, so don't worry about it and have fun"*

*"Kill your television! Read a book!"*

We hope to hear from the others who have not responded. We will print more as space becomes available.