

RIEL FAMILY NEWS LETTER

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AUNT LISTY AND UNCLE BUD WIN BEST TEACHER AWARDS

LISTY GILLINGHAM GETS GREATER SAN DIEGO MATHEMATICS COUNCIL AWARD

On Friday, May 8, 1992 The Greater San Diego Mathematics Council held their Annual Recognition Banquet, and one of the award winners was Listy Gillingham. Her award was runner-up in the Upper Elementary level. The evening started off with a cocktail hour, followed by a prime rib or breast of chicken dinner. In addition to the proud husband and parents her sister Birdy attended. After dinner the awards were given out to the various recipients. Listy was introduced by her sponsor and principal, Bernie Calderon, who warmly praised Listy for her dedication and teaching excellence. She was presented with a nice plaque, and made her own acceptance speech, thanking her husband for his encouragement of her teaching career. After dinner, we were entertained by The 4 City 4, a barbershop quartet type group, who not only sang, but also played instruments. They put on an excellent show, much enjoyed by all.

BUD MEHAN GETS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

We were notified by Margaret that Uncle Bud had received an award as the teacher of the year at Warren College, one of the units at the UCSD Campus. We have no other details except that a monetary consideration was included in the award. We will try and get more information for the next issue. In any case, we all extend to these two dedicated educators CONGRATULATIONS, on behalf of the entire family.

VACATION NEWS

It's that time of year again, and Grandma and Grampa took another crack at the casinos in Laughlin. We did not have too much luck this time, but the meals were great and Grandma did win a 777 jackpot on a slot machine. For a while we had more nickels than we could comfortably carry. However, they all eventually found their way back into the machines.

We understand Ed Riel took Kevin, Chris, Nathan and Tim on a week-end camping trip recently. Jan passed up this treat in order to spend a quiet time at home.

It's not exactly a vacation, but Bob Gillingham will be spending three weeks in Phoenix soon, to finish off his last course work for his PhD degree. After that the last task is the thesis, and then it will be Doctor Gillingham!

FRANCIE'S 40TH PARTY APPROACHING FAST

Here is the latest up-date on the Phoenix junket, straight from RPNL Reporter Francie "With plans shoring up for the July caravan to Phoenix, there have been some slight changes. Instead of staying at the Pointe Resort, we have relocated to the Hotel Westcourt. As those of you who are

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One more thing - in the spirit of fun and abandonment, all are encouraged to come to the airport dressed as tourists. Since "Zonies" always come to San Diego in July, let's show them what "Sun Doozies" look like going to Arizona in July. Be creative, and we'll all travel in style. And one more thing - I will have all boarding passes so no one will forget them (remember how Birdy showed up for her wedding with no rings?) See you at the airport - Francie"

LITERARY AND ARTISTIC EFFORTS

The following was written by Scott Hartman, age almost 7, as part of a Kindergarten exercise. It should be noted that at this stage phonetic spelling is used, so some of the words must be sounded out.

ALL ABOUT ME

by Scott Hartman

Chapter 1 Me - My name is Scott Hartman. I am 6. My hair is brown. My eyes are brown. I like to swim. I like to read. My favorite thing is kolleeflower. I like to camp. I like to watch TV. I like to play soccer. I love my parents. I like school. I like to do my s.r.a. I like p.e. I like my bike. I am happy.

Chapter 2 Mom - My Mom's name is Berde Hartman. My Mom is a teacher. My Mom lets me go swimming. My mom is 33. My Mommy is the best! My mom washes my clothes. My Mom got me a new bathing suit. My Mom makes the best hot dogs. My Mom is the best in the world.

Chapter 3 My Dad - My Dad's name is Broos Hartman. My Dad lets me go swimming. My Dad's job is fixing trucks. My Dad's eyes are hazel. Dad's hair is blond. My Dad helps me rake. My Dad takes me camping. Soon my Dad will paint my bike. My Dad is the best! All of my Dad's shorts are ripped. My Dad is tall. Some time he goes swimming with me. One he let me kum with

him to werk. My Dad is the best in the world.

Chapter 4 My Family - I hav six peopl in my famlee. My sisstr is ten. I am the yungis. My sisstrs name is Mishel. My bruthr is nine. My bruthrs name is Creg. Mishel is in the 4th grade. My bruthr is in thrd grade. My Mom is a teechr. She is the best. My Dad fixis trukx. My uthr bruthrs name is Cirtis. Unkl Steev is funee. Unkl steev cols me mondo. Wen evr I go ovre to Unkl Miks haws I ekshr sise. Wen evr I cum ovre to grandmo Hartmans haws I plae with the dogs. Grandmo yieyo takes me to the zoo. I like to plae at David's haws. Ant Fransee is a barbr. Hse gave my sisstr a prm. Wen I go oevr to Tomees haws we plae nintendoe. When I go oevr to Ant Morgrits haws I plae in the dak yord. My famlee is the best!!

Unfortunately we cannot reproduce the full color art illustrations which add so much to this work.

In addition to Scott's story, we have a sports story by Brett Sorem. This work also is illustrated, page by page in full color, which you will have to imagine.

MY STORY IS ABOUT BASEBALL

By Brett Sorem

"Once there was a bunny playing baseball. His name was Bunny Bido. He was on the New York Yanks, he could hit good. One day he tried out for baseball, and he was a first round pick. The New York Yanks picked him. The next game was January 21. His team was playing the Mariners. His team beat the Cardinals, 7-2. His first game was January first. That game he beat the Mariners 6-3, he hit a home run that game. The last and hardest game was vs. the San Diego Chickens. The game was on Baster Sunday. The first inning was a shutout. The next inning each team got a hit. In the third inning the Chickens got 2 runs and the Yanks got 1 run. In the fourth inning the Yanks scored one run and the Chickens scored 4 runs. In the fifth inning the score was 6-3, Chickens. In the sixth inning it was the same score. In the last inning the Yanks were down three. Bunny Bido hit a grand slam in the last inning to win the game."

In another segment of the arts, we understand that Michelle Hartman gave a violin recital at the Benke home, a Francis Parker parent residence. We hope that sometime soon she will bring her violin to one of our family gatherings, and favor us with a song or two.

SPORTS NEWS

It's spring and sports activities are now in full swing. We hear from Margaret that both Michael and Megan were selected for the Invitational Olympics at Paul Enke Central School. Michael will be running the mile race, Megan the 50 yard dash. Good luck to both of you. Both the Gillingham and Castro families are active in little league baseball. Brett Sorem tried out his skills as a pitcher and struck out two in one inning. His team will be in the play-offs soon, and are the favorite to win. There is a new golf nut in the family, Curtis Hartman. See the Birthday Calendar section for more details. Speaking of golf, Grandma and Grandpa Riel were winners at the annual Stardust CC Memorial Day Tournament. They were tied with another couple until the last group came in and beat them out by two

strokes. We tied for second, but also we won both the men and ladies the closest to the hole on a par three contest, so we actually won more than the entry fee.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT THE ED RIEL HOME

Most of you are aware that the small rental unit behind the main residence was severely damaged by fire some time ago. Rather than restore it, Ed and Jan have decided to start over, and build a better structure. The remains of the old house have been removed, the plans are complete, and the new construction will be starting soon. We certainly hope it goes well.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Grandma Riel slipped behind a little bit in May, and the Curtis and Michelle Hartman celebrations were delayed into June. Curtis had his day on June 8th, and something special happened. He asked Grandma if he could play golf at Stardust, and she agreed at once. Grandpa and Grandma picked up Curtis at Francis Parker, and we proceeded to Stardust. Curtis had junior clubs kindly lent by Kristy Gillingham, and after a little putting instruction we proceeded to the Palms course. After nine holes we had lunch at the club, and then played another nine. Grandma gave expert instructions, and although no scores were kept, there were some good shots made by Curtis. After golf Grandma took Curtis to Toys R Us and then to see the movie at the Science Museum. It was a great day, enjoyed by all. Michelle will be celebrating in a day or so, and her story will appear in the next issue. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CURTIS AND MICHELLE!!!

The Hartmans and Gillinghams, along with Grandpa and Grandma Riel, celebrated the twins birthday with dinner at the Brigantine in Old Town, followed by attendance at the final dress rehearsal of the new show "Beehive" at the Old Town Theatre. Grandpa was confused for a while because he thought a beehive was a place where bees lived, but he was straightened out by Listy and Birdy. It was a fun evening, and the show is well worth seeing.

JUNE BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Elizabeth Gillingham	June 3	34
Roberta Hartman	June 3	34
Bruce Hartman	June 5	31
Cristen Castro	June 14	16

FIRST COMMUNION

In addition to a birthday and a first golf game, Curtis celebrated a more important and serious event, his first communion. Congratulations, Curtis, on this important step in your life.

KIDS SCIENCE QUIZ

? Why does a full unopened can of diet Coke float, whereas a similar can of Classic Coke sinks in water? Call Grandpa with the correct answer, and you will get a prize. No coaching from parents, please!

~~Attention~~

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