

RIEL FAMILY NEWS LETTER

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NEWS FROM UNCLE NIKOLAUS IN GERMENY

FRANCIE GETS LETTER FROM GRANDMA'S COUSIN IN NEUFABRN

Some time ago Francie started corresponding with a relative from the Merica side of the family, Nikolaus Merica, who lives in Neufahrn, Germany. Recently she recieved a return letter plus some pictures and a copy of a letter from Edith's father, Theodore Merica, to his brother, Jean, the father of Nikolaus. The letter, in French, was written in Constantinople in November, 1920, and sent to Vienna, where Jean resided at that time. Also, Nikolaus sent two photographs, one recently taken of him in his home, and another taken in Vienna in 1941, when he was three years old. The October 1991 issue of RFNL contains some additional information on this part of the family. To clear up any confusion, the father of Nikolaus was named Janos, in Greek, which translates to Johann in German, Jean in French and in English would be John. Both pictures are reproduced for this issue. The family resemblance is easily seen between Jean and Michael Merica, living here in Vista. The letter to Francie is reproduced as follows.

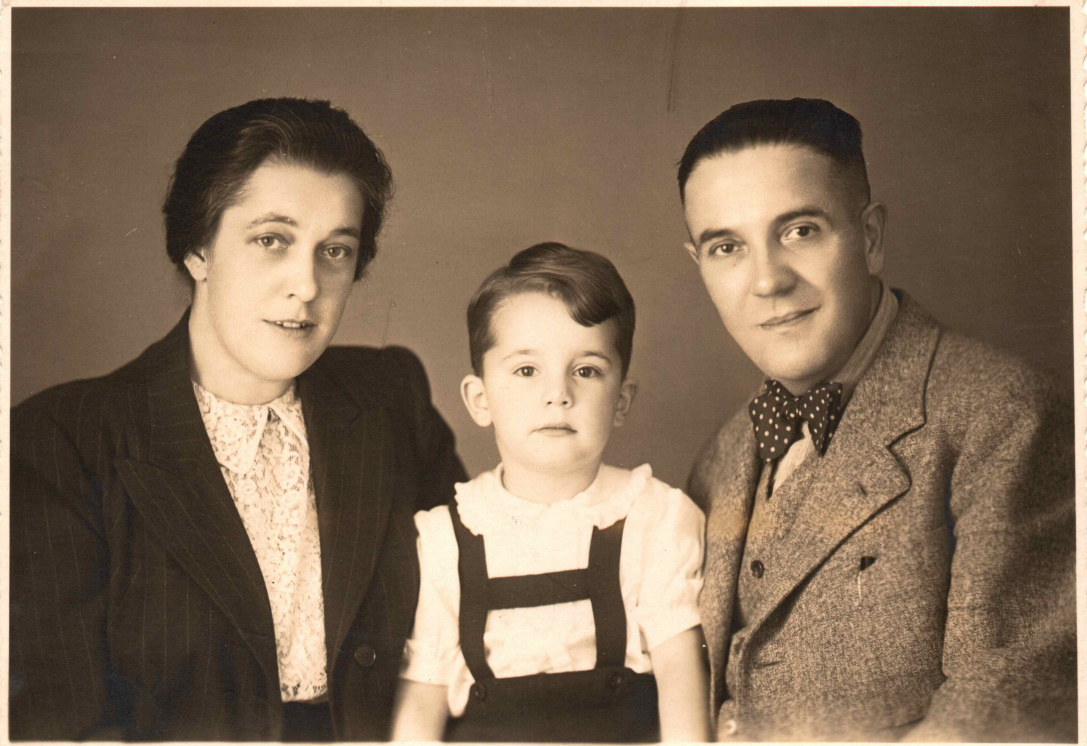
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Yours, Nikolaus"



IN THE KITCHEN OF MY APARTMENT IN GERMANY - NIKOLAUS MERICA RFNL0201

THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN IN VIENNA IN SEPTEMBER OF 1941 AND SHOWS NIKOLAUS AT THE AGE OF THREE, WITH JEAN AND HIS MOTHER.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Katy Riel celebrated her 7th (October 6th) recently, and Grandma took her to the Zoo, Burger King for lunch, and a shopping spree, including Toys R Us. There was another birthday celebration, and Scott Hartman also turned 7 as of the 15th. There was lunch at McDonalds, a movie (Mr. Baseball), a visit to the Zoo, and finally Toys R Us, for a present. Both Grandma and Scott had a fun day, and a HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO KATY AND SCOTT!

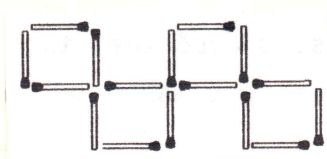
November Birthday Calendar

This is the only month of the year when there are no birthdays, so Grandma can rest up for the holidays. However, there is some news on future birthday celebrations. With the kind assistance of Jeff and Carol Grandma now has a set of clubs for the junior golfer. Those who want to try out the game now have the option to play the Palms course as a part of the birthday fun.

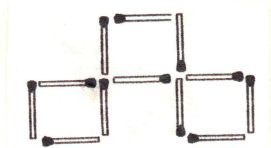
LAST MONTHS PUZZLE SOLVED

Here are the answers to the 4 match sticks puzzles in the October issue.

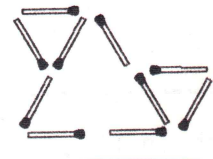
1. ZEZGAG



2. TIC-TAC-TOE



3. AS EASY AS 1-2-3



4. NEW MATH



There was only one contestant who solved all four puzzles, Michelle Hartman. Five others, Scott, Kristy, David, Jason and Michael solved the first three. Maybe some of you did not see puzzle 4 on the next page. If that is so, tough luck, you got fooled!

THIS MONTHS CHALLENGER - BREAKING THE CODE

There is something about the letters shown in the box below that determines their numerical value, as shown. Can you break the code and then identify the only remaining letter of the alphabet that would, according to the system, have the value of 1?

A = 2	G = 2
B = 0	H = 4
C = 2	I = 4
D = 0	J = 2
E = 3	K = 4
F = 3	= 1

SPORTS NEWS

We have the following from reporter Carol on family news. "Soccer, soccer, soccer! Carol and Jeff just completed another co-ed (over 30) season with their 6-time defending champion team "Sunday Surprise", going undefeated and out-scoring the competition 90-24 in 8 games. In one game Sundry Surprise had to play two players short, with Carol being the only woman to play. (Normally, you play 3 men/3 women in indoor soccer.) Carol responded with 8 goals and 16 points in a 17-3 victory.

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Soccer also is THE GAME at both the Gillingham and Mehan households. David plays on the Jets team, and Kristy on the Green Geckos. Micheal's team, the Lightnings, is in second place in the class AA Presidio League. Michael plays the sweeper position. Megan's team, the Cheetas, will be playing in the San Diego Cup Tournament in December. Megan plays defense.

LITERARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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COMPUTER CONTEST ENTRY - BY CURTIS HARTMAN

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STAMP COLLECTING, ANYONE?

The letter sent by Nikolaus Merica some nice Austrian stamps. Any kid who is into stamp collecting can have them by calling Grandpa. First come first served!

CHRISTMAS PARTY CONTEST NEWS

Several more entries have been received, and they all look like good candidates for the top spot. There is still time for your entry, if you haven't put one in. Also, we will accept as many entries as you wish to make, so if you have another good idea send it in, and up your chances to walk away with top honors. Remember, we need all entries by no later than December 1st, so don't put it off much longer.

***** THANKSGIVING DAY FAMILY DINNER *****

Our annual Thanksgiving day celebration will be on Thanksgiving Day, as usual. Everyone is invited to Grandma's house, and she will cook the turkey. Bring your own kid's drinks and whatever else you want. Come about 11:00 in the morning, and we will "play it by ear" from then on. Lets all celebrate this great day!

LISTY GILLINGHAM ADDRESSES MATHEMATICS COUNCIL MEETING

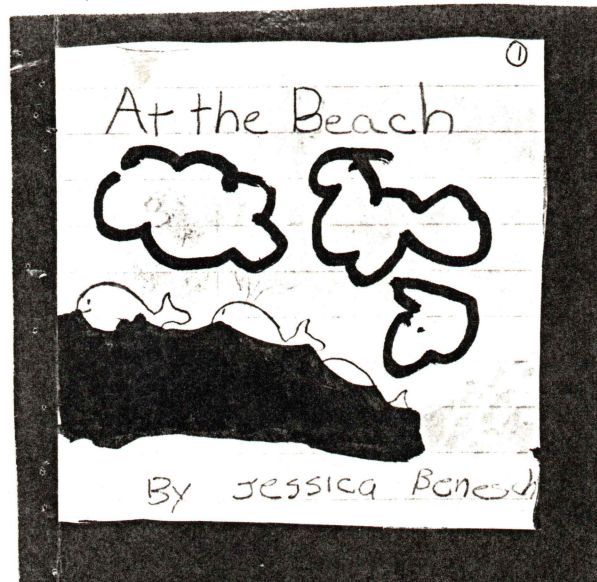
We learned recently that Listy presented a paper at the recent Palm Springs meeting of the So. Cal. Section of the California Mathematics Council. Her session had an audience of over 150 people, and her subject was "Mathematics Projects". Also, see next month's issue for another presentation, by Margaret, at Stanford University.

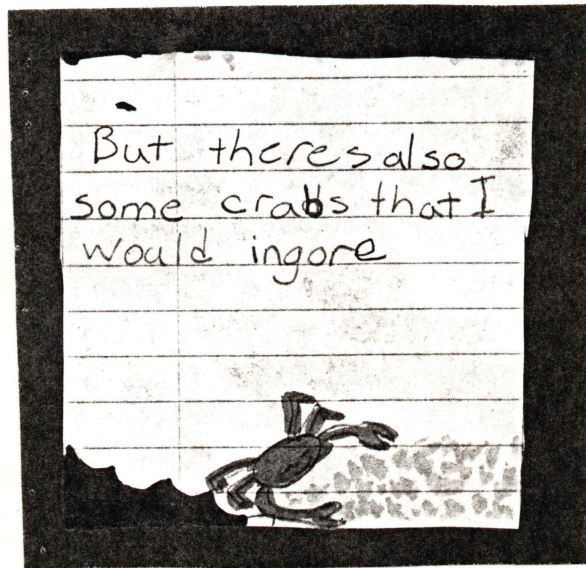
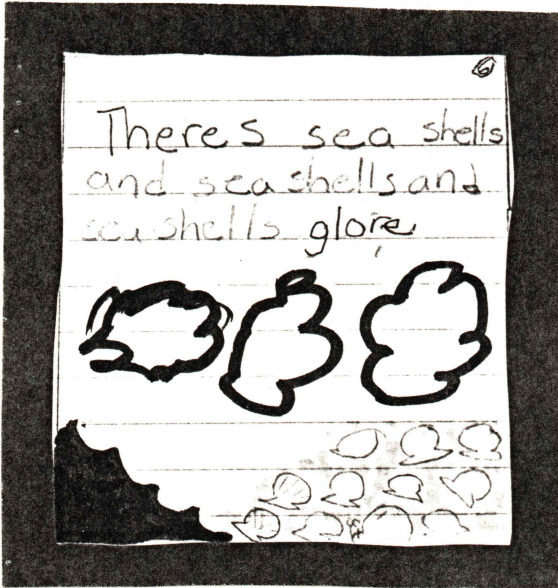
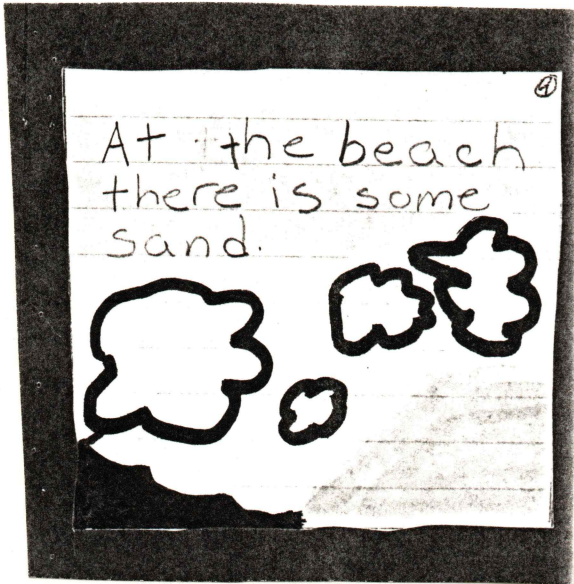
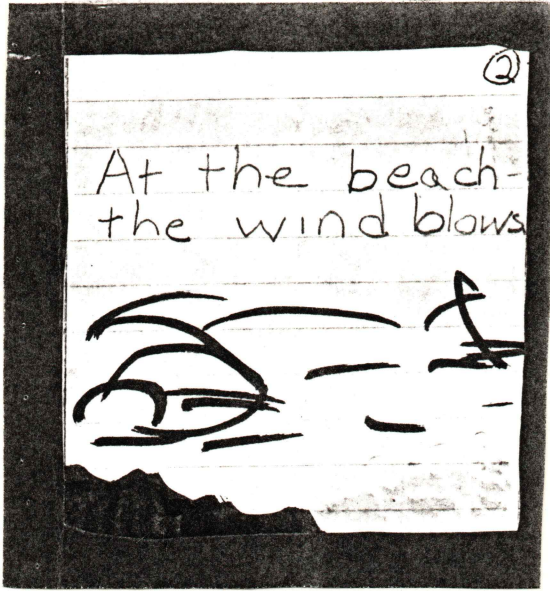
ELECTION NEWS

The recent elections were not the only ones going on. We had some school elections, as described by reporter Carol. "Jason and Jessica both ran for Green School offices in the Student government, Jason for President, Jessica for Sergeant-at-Arms. Both survived 6-person primaries to make the 2-person final elections. Jessica won, while Jason lost to a very popular fellow classmate. Jason was the out-going Student body treasurer, which just goes to show that maybe the anti-incumbancy mood permeated even the grade school elections. Jason was consoled by the fact that on the same day the results were announced, both he and Jessica were named Green School ALL-Stars for excellence in P.E. and athletics in their respective classes. It was Jason's second and Jessica's third All-Star honor"

POETRY/ART

Last month we printed a poem by Jessica, and promised to print the illustrations, which are as shown below.





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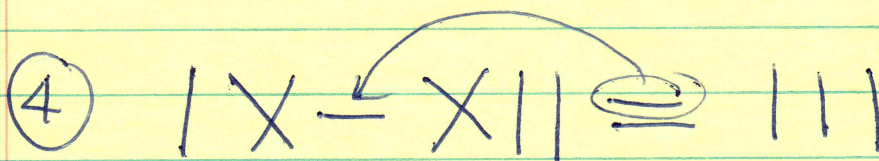
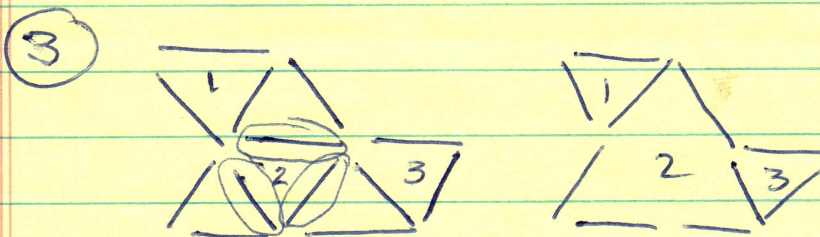
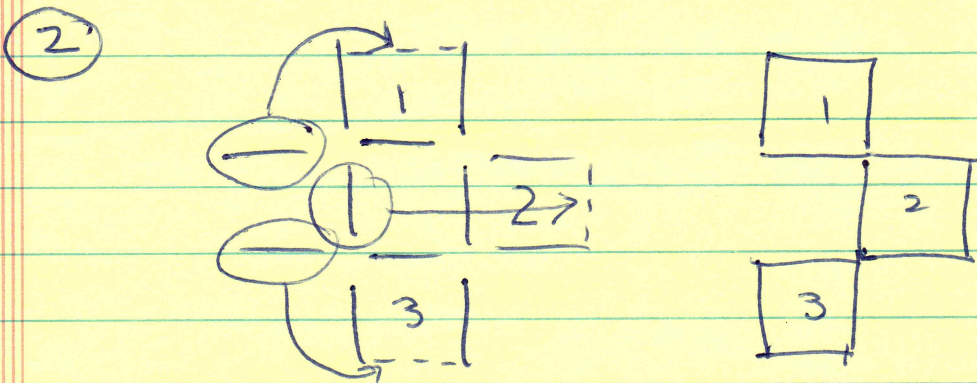
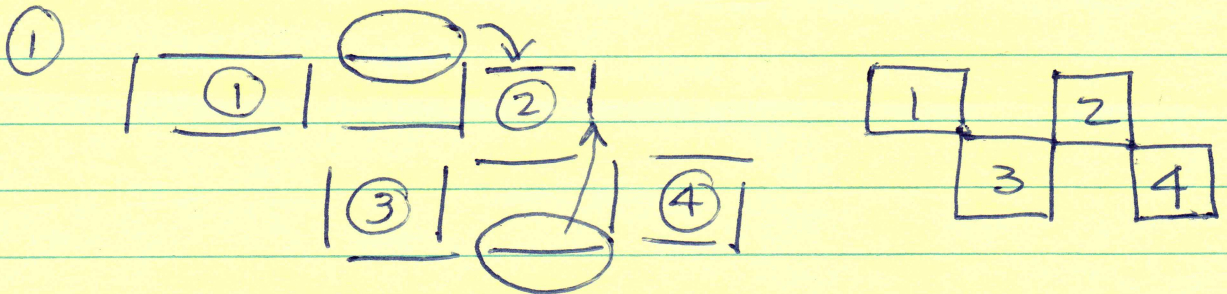
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Michael R-M

Dad- I hope these are not too late for consideration in Nov. newsletter:

Jasons solutions to Oct. puzzles:



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Michelle Hartman
10/24/92

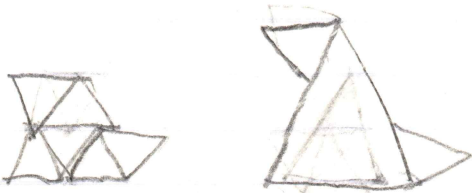
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Zig-zag



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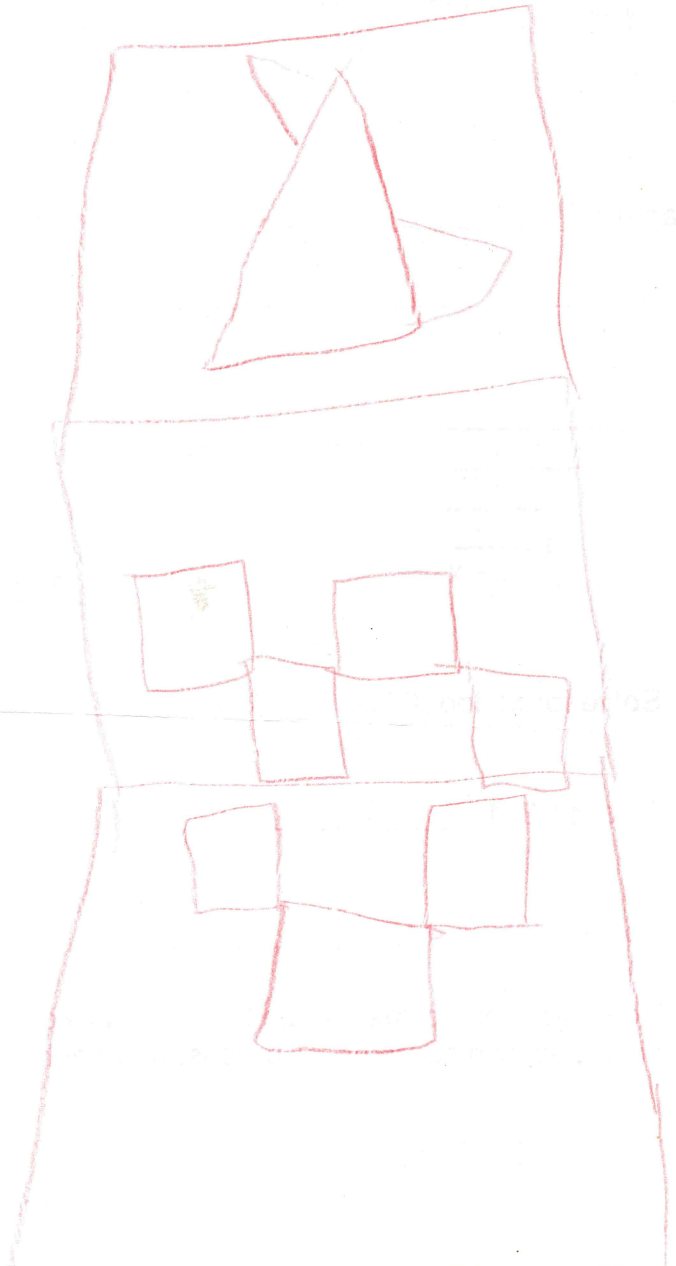
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big triangle

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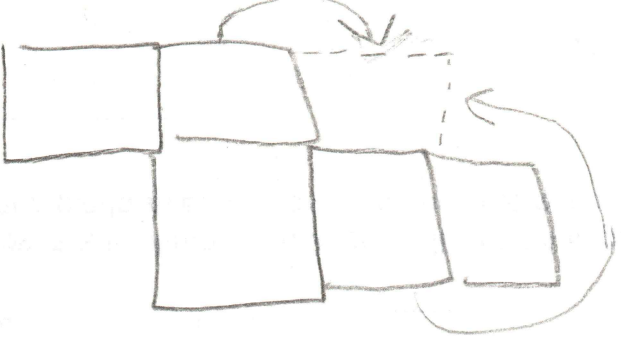
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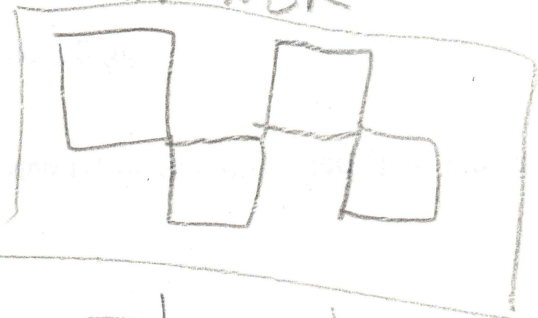
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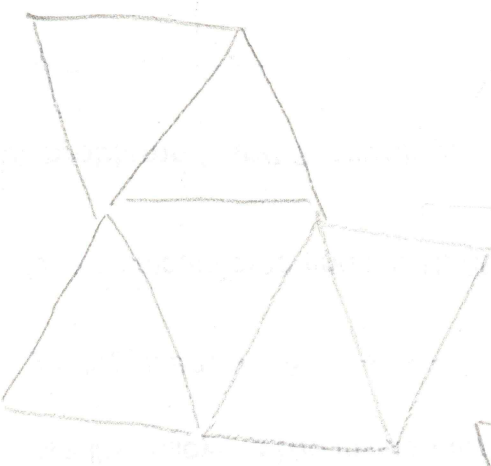
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ANSWER



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Yours
Nikolai

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Monsieur Jean MERICA

Vienne

Mon cher Jean,

J'ai bien reçu toutes tes lettres et te confirme ma précéd du 5 te portant un chèque de 650.000 couronnes que tu dois encaisser personnellement.

Depuis, ton départ, tu ne m'as pas envoyé un seul décompte pour voir si tu tiens des écritures d'entrée et sortie, comme c'est ton voir.

Par la lettre incluse que je vous adresse, à toi et à tes associés, tu pourras comprendre combien je te veux du bien et la seule chose que je te demande en retour, c'est de me prouver que mes efforts dans ce sens iront de pair avec ton mérite. Avant tout, tu dois t'appliquer à être sérieux pour que tes collaborateurs te jugent comme tel et que tu n'en sois pas le jouet. Puis, n'accepte jamais de devenir un fardeau pour les autres, sois en tout économe et honnête. Ne te crée pas des ennemis, acquiesce l'amitié de tout le monde, mais ne cherche pas des compagnons de plaisir, car ce sont toujours des ex-teurs et de mauvais conseillers. L'amitié est aujourd'hui une chose très rare, et c'est l'intérêt qui prime dans toutes les relations ; par conséquent, lorsque tu verras quelqu'un s'efforcer d'entrer dans ton intimité, réfléchis avant tout au profit qu'il pense en retirer et conduis toi en rapport. Le monde est fait de dupes et de dupés ; vaut mieux toujours se trouver dans le premier camp. *sous cherché à* Avec tes associés, sois comme un frère, écoute leurs conseils attentivement qu'ils ont plus d'expérience que toi, ne t'emporte jamais et ne permets pas non plus qu'ils te considèrent comme une quantité négligeable ; il faut t'imposer à eux par ton attention aux affaires et ton application.

Maintenant que tu es encore jeune, travaille tant que tu pourras, instruis toi commercialement, littérairement, sois curieux de toutes choses qui peuvent assagir et orner l'esprit. Apprends les langues étrangères, elles te serviront toujours ; tu peux chercher aussi à savoir le russe, mais ce n'est pas indispensable.

Des 650.000 couronnes que je t'ai envoyées, ainsi que de ce que tu dois encore avoir, tu paieras mon auto, et tu avanceras à votre association les frais nécessaires pour votre installation. Il me sera superflu d'ajouter que tu dois tenir compte de ce que tu donneras aussitôt que vous aurez signé le contrat, tu m'écriras en me remettant le décompte de ce que tu tiens comme disponible afin que je parvienne à capital que je vous promets d'avancer à votre société.

mais être intelligent et comprendre son intérêt.

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Il va sans dire que tu garderas une certaine somme pour tes fra et extras personnels, tout en touchant les 8000 couronnes que te permet d prélever votre contrat.

Chose essentielle, il faut que tu soignes ta santé, car tu es seul à ce titre, personne ne saurait te bien soigner en cas de maladie ; pas d bêtises avec les femmes, prends l'amour comme un besoin d'hygiène mais n' en fais jamais une charge dans ta vie. Je ne te pardonnerais pas un colle pas plus qu'un dévergondage déraisonné, car ce serait là l'indice qu'il n a rien à faire de toi. Tu avais une petite amie à Görlitz, si tu as la mo dre dose d'esprit, tu devrais faire le mort pour t'éviter des imprévus do tu ne pourrais calculer la portée.

Voilà brièvement et in extenso les conseils que je crois devoir donner avant que tu n'entres résolument en collaboration avec tes amis ; toi de me prouver que tu as su en faire ton profit et que tu mérites tou ce que je pourrais faire pour toi.

Je t'embrasse, Ton frère,

Edouard

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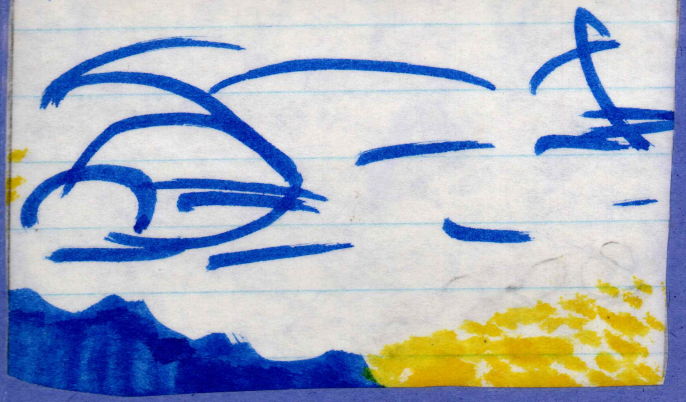
At the Beach



By Jessica Benesch

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At the beach-
the wind blows



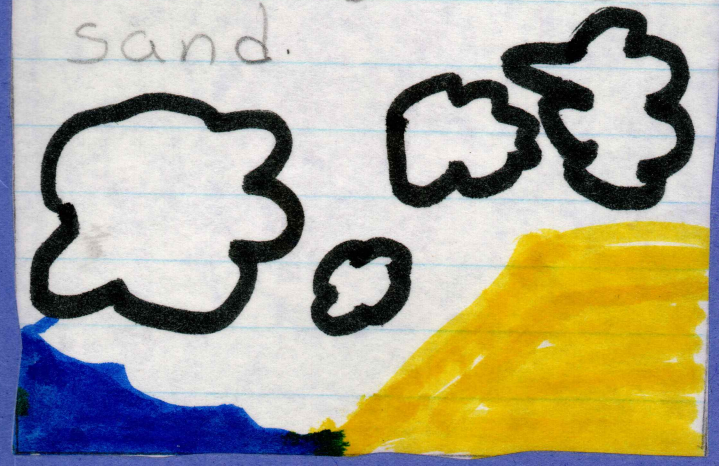
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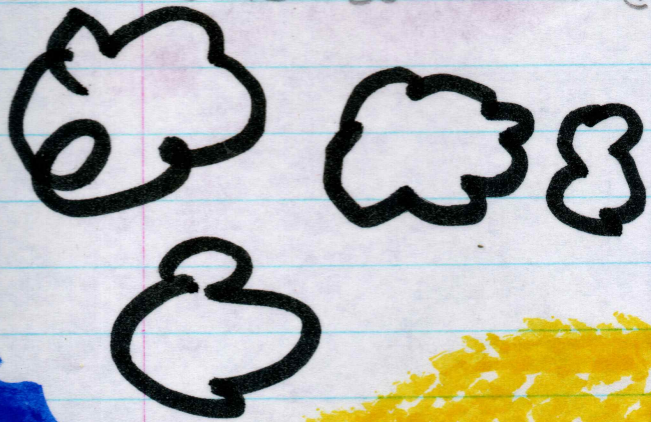
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At the beach
there is some
sand.



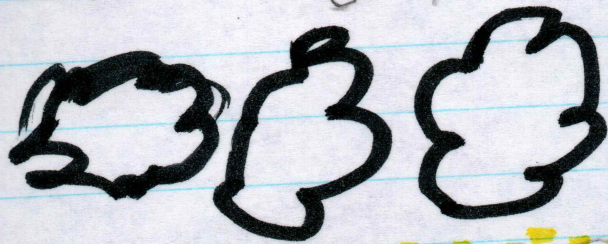
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At the beach
there is some land!



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There's sea shells
and sea shells and
sea shells glore



But there's also
some crabs that I
would ignore

