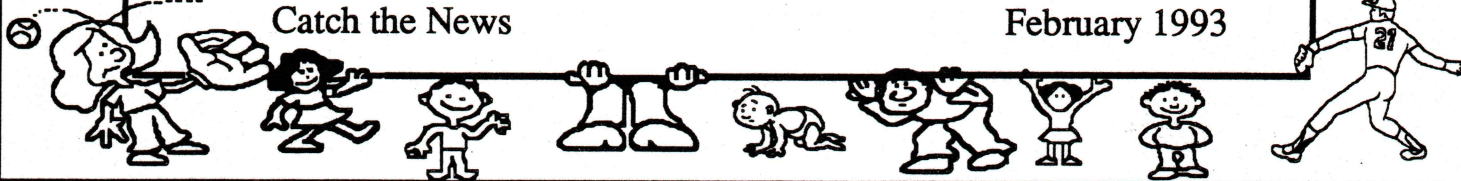




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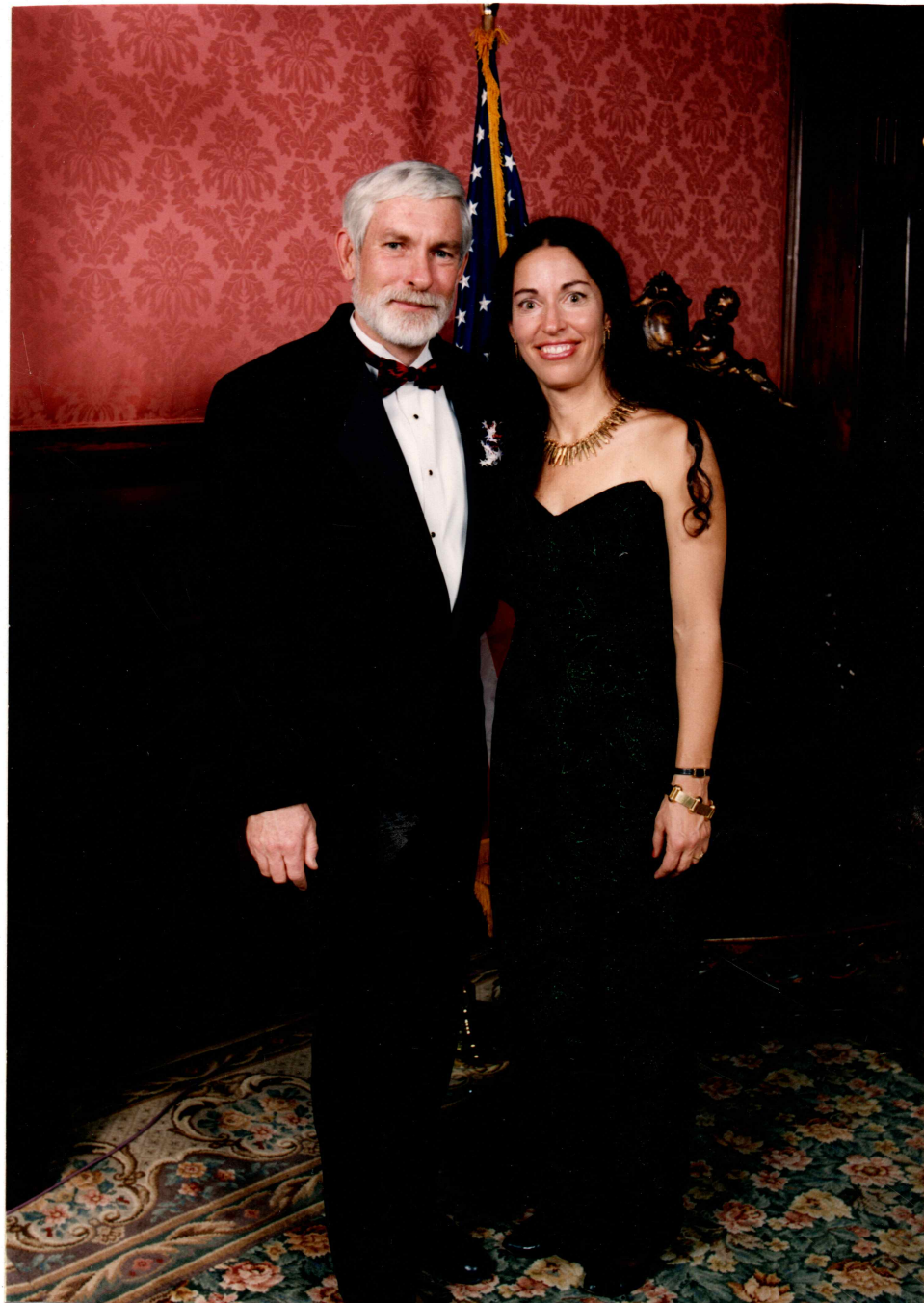
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## MARGARET AND BUD ATTEND INAUGURAL BALL

*JANUARY 20th PARTY HELD AT HOTEL DEL CORONADO GRAND BALLROOM. LARGE CROWD OF SUPPORTERS OF CLINTON ENJOY DINNER AND CELEBRATE THE NEW BEGINNING IN WASHINGTON*

Inaugural day was a cause for celebration across the country, and San Diego was no exception. The celebration was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Del Coronado Hotel, and was timed to take place at the same time as the official celebration in Washington, D.C. Thus, dinner was served at 6:00 pm here, and at 9:00 pm in the nations capitol. In addition, the same menu was served at both places. Surprisingly, there were no political speeches here in San Diego, and the evening was given over to dining and dancing. Because of their interest in politics and strong support of the Clinton campaign, Bud and Margaret were in attendance, and the opposite picture shows them as they looked at the party. Since we are more accustomed to see them dressed in more informal clothes, we thought our readers would be interested in seeing them in the formal attire suited to the occasion. We think you will have to admit that they make a very handsome and impressive appearance, and could easily pass as diplomats, royalty, wealthy philanthropists, motion pictures stars, business executives, or the like. We know, of course, that in real life they are every bit as important and impressive as any of the above mentioned, even though not as much in the public eye. In honor of this occasion, and in spite of political differences, Grandma allowed Margaret to borrow the solid gold bracelet she has on her left wrist. This family heirloom was given to Grandma by her father when she was a teen-ager, and she has worn it frequently over the years.



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## FAMILIES ENJOY CYT MUSICAL *Bridge to TERABITHIA*

### JESSICA BEMESCH SINGS IN 5TH GRADE CHORUS

On Friday night, February 5th, the Gillingham, Hartman, Castro and Mehan families, along with Grandpa and Grandma, enjoyed the presentation by the Christian Youth Theater of the West Coast premier of the musical "Bridge to Tarabithia". This children's show was first performed in 1977, but heretofore had not been seen on the West Coast. The 5th grade chorus opened the show with their rendition of "UP, Up, and Away" and "This Land is Your Land", which got the show off to an impressive start. It was quite apparent that the children had rehearsed their roles very diligently, and the whole performance, from beginning to end, was of professional quality. The Director, Paul Russel, had the following comment on the cast. "It was a delight directing this show as we tried to pull some of the great songs of the 60's and 70's and incorporate them into this touching and, I believe, profound story. The talent of these children truly amazes me, and the depth of their emotional expression is truly a joy to watch". Those of you who could not be there missed an excellent performance, and would have been proud of Jessica, just as we were. We are looking forward to the next CYT presentation, and recommend that everyone come.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Megan celebrated her ninth by seeing the movie "The Moppets". Before the movie there was lunch, and Grandma treated not only Megan but also Mom and Dad to lunch at one of the fancy restaurants along the shore line. It was a fun day, and we all wish Megan a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Jose Castro	February 25	44
Michael Mehan	February 10	12
Brett Sorem	February 10	10

### TRAVEL NEWS

The Boston trip by Listy, as reported in the last issue of RFNL, has been postponed until sometime in the spring. We will keep you informed on this junket. However, Francie and Jose went on their vacation to San Francisco on schedule. We understand that due to the somewhat rainy weather a great deal of the time was spent at the shopping malls. However, some good restaurant meals were enjoyed. The 1875 Lyndon Road airport shuttle service was used and we remind all that it is available to all travelers, unless it interferes with golf, of course.

### CONSTRUCTION NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the new apartment building Bd and Jan have been building is finally complete and occupied by a renter. It took a lot of doing, and some help by Bob Riel on the electrical work. Bd tells us that he spent a lot of time and effort (and some money) satisfying the



special code requirements imposed by the Costal Commission. Since he at one time he had a part in the formulation of the special rules they set up for the PB area, he now has seen both sides of the building code concept, and has a better perspective on the whole situation.

### SPORTS NEWS

Recently Grandpa and Grandma took advantage of the rainy weather, which closed the golf course, to take in basketball games at the YMCA. Both Brett and Bryce were playing, and we enjoyed both games. Although Brett played well, his team lost by a narrow margin, and after the game we learned that Brett was not feeling well, and not up to his usual self. Grandpa joined Francie and the kids, plus some friends, for lunch at Carl's Jr., and we then returned to the Y for the second game. Bryce's team won easily, and Bryce was the star of the show. It was a real thrill to see him grab the ball and dribble all the way down the court to sink a basket. Francie tells us that his coach has encouraged him to not shoot, but to pass the ball to one of his teammates, so they can have a chance to score.

### LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE SOLVED

**SENIORS** - Here are the answers to the rhyming words.

1. Electrocardiogram HEART Chart
2. Moby Dick WHALE Tale
3. Oleo Bread SPREAD
4. A Joust Knight FIGHT

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 5. Gardening      | Soil TOIL        |
| 6. Eighty         | Four SCORE       |
| 7. Helsinki Hotel | FINN Inn         |
| 8. Headache       | Brain PAIN       |
| 9. Realtors Job   | DWELLING Selling |
| 10. Band-Aid      | Scratch PATCH    |
| 11. Acrophobia    | HEIGHT Fright    |
| 12. Trade Union   | SKILLED Guild    |

## JUNIORS

- |                |             |              |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| A Investigator | B Rampage   | C Buphonious |
| D Hypocritic   | E Dandelion | F Tycoon     |

## WINNERS

The winners in the Senior division were Nathan and Cris Riel, who solved 11 out of the 12 "Rare Pairs", and Michael Megan, who got 10 out of 12 correct answers. In the Junior Division Megan Mehan and Kristy Gillingham both had all six correct answers.

## THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES

In January Jessica not only solved that months Junior puzzle, but she also submitted one of her own. It is similar to the equations puzzles used in the December issue. Here it is, and anyone who can figure out the correct answers, regardless of age, will be a winner.

1. 88 K's on a P
2. 12 N's on a C
3. 4 T's on a C
4. 11 P's on an F T
5. 64 S's on a C

*own*  
*on*  
*Foot race*  
*Sep - check*

## SENIORS CHALLENGE

Here's your chance to play matchmaker. The clues below suggest 14 common two-word phrases that can be formed by pairing the 28 words in the list. But be fore-warned; the clues are not straightforward definitions of the answers, but plays on unexpected meanings. Number 1, for instance - "film clips about Atlantic resort" - is answered by BERMUDA SHORTS. Each word in the list is used only once, so cross them out as you use them.

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|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <del>BELT</del>     | <del>CHAFING</del> | <del>HAM</del>    | <del>ROAST</del>   |
| <del>BERMUDA</del>  | <del>CHECK</del>   | <del>LEGAL</del>  | <del>SEAT</del>    |
| <del>BLANK</del>    | <del>CUE</del>     | <del>LIGHT</del>  | <del>SHORTS</del>  |
| <del>BOOK</del>     | <del>DISH</del>    | <del>LONDON</del> | <del>SOLE</del>    |
| <del>BROIL</del>    | <del>ENDS</del>    | <del>PAD</del>    | <del>SPROUTS</del> |
| <del>BRUSSELS</del> | <del>FALL</del>    | <del>PEANUT</del> | <del>SWITCH</del>  |
| <del>BUTTER</del>   | <del>GRILLED</del> | <del>POOL</del>   | <del>THROUGH</del> |

1. FILM CLIPS ABOUT ATLANTIC RESORT BERMUDA SHORTS
2. ENGLISH HEAT WAVE LONDON BROIL
3. FIRE DANCERS SUFFER FROM IT GRILLED SOLE
4. PAN BAD ACTOR ROAST HAM
5. "THE SWIM CLUB IS NOW OPEN" POOL SIDE
6. MILD PUNISHMENT LIGHT SWITCH
7. UNDERSIZED GOAT PEANUT BUTTER
8. SPANKING SEAT BELT
9. EXAMINATION FOR AMNESIA BLANK CHECK
10. DECEMBER 21, OFFICIALLY FOOT RACE THROUGH
11. ATTORNEY'S APARTMENT LEGAL PAD
12. IRRITATING BEAUTY CHAFING DISH
13. BELGIAN CHILDREN BRUSSELS SPROUTS
14. "...LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER", "FINIS" ETC. BOOK ENDS

## JUNIORS CHALLENGE

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The Juniors puzzle for this month is shown on page four.

## REMEMBERING A CELEBRATION

In December of 1986 Grandma and Grandpa celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a big party at St. Vincent's Church. Since the oldest grandchild, Kevin, was only 7 at the time, and most of the other kids were small or not even here then, we thought this would be a good time to share some of the memories of that event. One of the highlights was the reading of a poem composed especially for the event by the family Poet Laureate, Francie. Here it is.

## SOME RIEL FAMILY HISTORY

by  
FRANCIS CASTRO

The year was 1946, the month the last of the year  
Wedding vows were exchanged by two, who 40 years later stand here.

Those years passed with happiness, sadness and joys  
and the continued succession of 5 girls and 3 boys.

That time gone so quickly, was prudently spent  
molding eight little monsters into ladies and gents.

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Three kids seem enough, well, maybe for you,  
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Then sick of the snow and hoping for the best,  
Dad packed us all up and moved us out west.

To San Diego we came, a place so pretty,  
How lucky to end up in the Worlds finest city.

To celebrate the occasion of having arrived,  
We soon welcomed Carol, and then we were five.

Bob came three years later to even the score,  
Three boys and three girls, please God, no more.

But then lucky us, who would have guessed  
That with not one but two we'd be blessed.

Listy and Birdy added to the load  
In a houseful of chaos on Lyndon Road.

Twelve years of babies, constantly growing  
Kept you both running, coming and going.

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Soon it was teen time, with troubles galore,  
Screaming and loud music behind every door.

And if that's not enough to keep you alive,  
Try teaching eight kids and a wife how to drive.

Just when you think things couldn't get worse  
Have your daughters start dating, that's life's  
real curse.

Be home by 10, why you've got to be nuts,  
But a curfew it was, no ifs ands or buts.

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We'd like to thank you all for coming here.  
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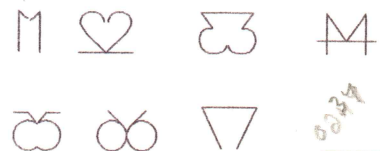
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**Kristy  
Puzzle**



All ok

5 is E

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7 is C

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8 is D

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9 is A

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11 is B

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12 is E  
(F)

Michael  
M

- ① Michael
- ② Heart chart
- ③ whale tale
- ④ bread spread
- ⑤ knight fight
- ⑥ sidl tiol
- ⑦ four score
- ⑧ Finn iam
- ⑨ begin pain
- ⑩ dwelling selling
- ⑪ scratch patch
- ⑫ bite fright X<sup>2</sup>
- ⑬ field quild X

Megan

- A = investigator
- B = ram-page
- C = eu-phonius
- D = hypo-critic
- E = dandy-lion
- F = Ty-coon

OK Megan

January 16, 1993

Dear Grandpa,

Chris and I have figured out the "Senior Puzzle of the Week." This is the easiest one I have ever done. Here it is:

1. Electrocardiogram; heart chart
2. Moby Dick; whale tale
3. Oleo; bread spread
4. A joust; knight fight
5. Gardening; soil till
6. Eighty; four scores
7. Helsinki hotel; sin inn X
8. Headache; brain pain
9. Realtors job; dwelling selling
10. Band aid; scratch attack
11. Acrophobia; height fright
12. Trade Union; skilled guild

Your very intelligent grandson,

Nathan Riel