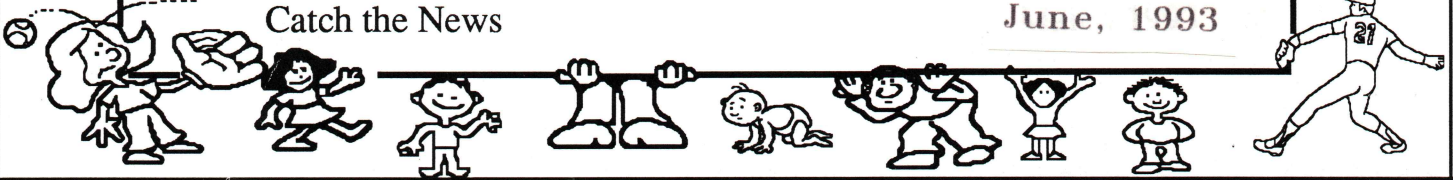


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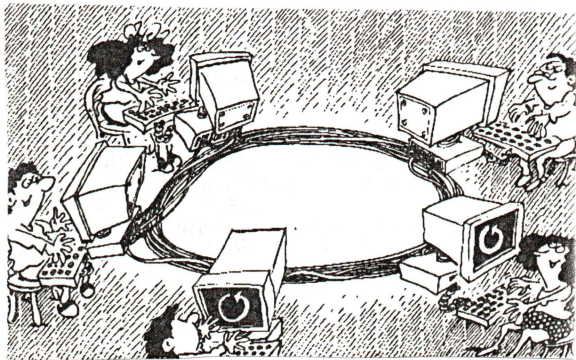
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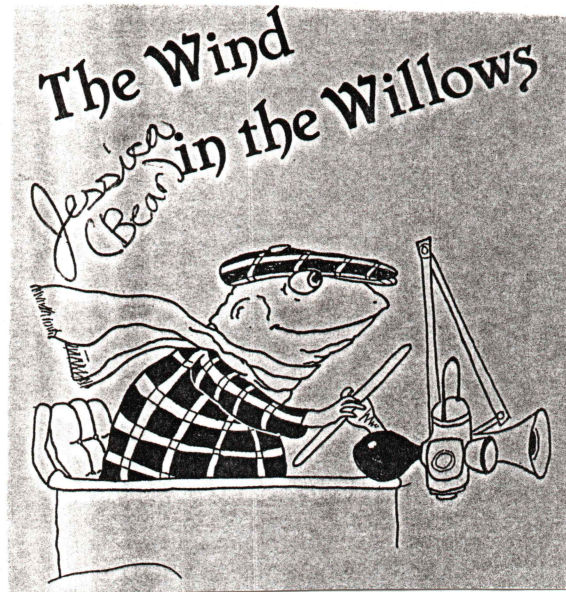
MARGARET WINS PRIZE IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST ON THE USE OF COMPUTERS IN EDUCATION

FIRST RUNNER-UP AWARD MADE FOR AT&T COMPUTER LEARNING CIRCLE DESCRIPTION

Recently we learned that Margaret won an award in an international contest on the use of computers in education. The contest was sponsored by the Centre Informatique Pédagogique, (Center for Education Information), Department de l'Instruction Publique, Geneve, Switzerland. A long list of contestants was narrowed down to 55 candidates whose submissions were examined in detail by a panel of prominent educators selected from government agencies and universities in Europe. The contest was truly international in scope, with finalists from not only the USA but also Canada, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Russia, Poland, New Zealand, Hungary, India, Thailand, Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland, Brazil, Israel, Germany and Denmark. Awards were given in three categories, Institutional Projects, Individual Projects for Classroom Use and Individual Projects Involving Educational Concepts to the Use of Telecommunications. Thirteen awards were announced, three "Prix D'Excellence", and ten Honorable Mentions. Margaret's award, a first Honorable Mention in the Institutional Projects category, merited a prize of \$1040.00. The results were announced during a conference held in Geneva, in May of the year, and Margaret was invited to attend, to accept her award in person. Since she was unable to attend, the award was mailed, along with a booklet listing all of the finalists and the award winners. Each winner's submission was summarized, and a comment on by the judges. Unfortunately the entire booklet is in French, hence a translation is needed to understand the information provided. However, the publisher commissioned an artist to draw a cartoon based on the nature of each contestant's work, and the one drawn for Margaret's paper is reproduced below. As you can see, the "Learning Circle" concept is depicted in the cartoon. Only four of the thirteen winning submissions were from the USA, so Margaret was in an exclusive group. OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO MARGARET FOR THIS GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT, AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



JESSICA SINGS IN ANIMAL CHORUS OF



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MUSICAL PRESENTED BY THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH THEATRE SAN DIEGO/EAST COUNTY

This musical is based on the famous book by Kenneth Grahame, who writes about the adventures of the irrepressible Thadeus J. Toad, master of Toad Hall, and his pals along the river bank, Mole, Rat and Badger. The sneaky Weasels take over Toad Hall when Mr. Toad is sent to prison, just because of reckless driving, when he smashed up his new automobile. However, he and his pals outsmart the Weasels and recapture Toad Hall. It all ends up happily, with the chorus singing "Messing Around on the River". Jessica performed in her usual happy and outgoing way as the bear in the animal chorus. Her picture, in costume and make-up, was taken with Grandpa and Grandma right after the show. Jessica is the one in the middle. In addition to the Benesch family and Grandpa and Grandma, the show was enjoyed by Margaret, Bud, Michael and Megan. Also, we understand that the Gillingham family took in an earlier performance. It was a most professional and enjoyable presentation, with lots of singing, dancing and just plain running around on the stage and up and down the aisles in the theater. **OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO JESSICA FOR ANOTHER PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE !**

THE EASTER QUIZ IN POETRY

We did not have room in last month's issue to publish the latest effort by the family Poet Laureate, Aunt Francie. However, we now can print this classic Easter Epic, in the form of some clues designed to fit the various members of the family. See if you can figure out all the Aunts and Uncles.

TO THE RIEL CLAN

by
Francie Castro

I am hoppy that together you are,
so that I won't have to travel too far.
I have left a game for something to do
I hope it doesn't boggle you.

Here a clue, there a clue,
follow until you there are no clues.

My first clue is a special Dad,
some think he is really rad.
A Professor type he can be,
but can you guess...we shall see!

Ah ha, how clever you Riel's are ,
Perhaps with this one you won't get far.
Go and ask for someone with principals and guts,
and ask him if his dress code gets him in the ruts.

You brainy group, I am so impressed,
by now I thought you would need a rest.
Look very carefully and you will find,
A clue with an Uncle who's bearded and kind.

You are so very sharp and quick,
Let's see if on this one you're so slick.
Numbers, numbers are her game,
if she can't teach you, you must be lame.

Wow! I have failed to trick you at all,
I hope with this one you will take a fall.
check with someone who likes Green,
I don't think she is very mean.

Did that one slow you down,
or was it too easily found?
I think for the next you'll have to be sharp,
You certainly don't want her working on you in the dark.

Yikes, I find this an impossible task,
this Riel group is just too fast!
See if you know who is super wired,
and a computer whiz who never tires.

Let me think of someone tough,
and I hope this time it is really rough,
In the news he keeps this bunch
and often takes us out to lunch.

I can't compete with you smart Riel's,
but I hope this game left you with a smile.
Your treat is hidden in one more spot,
Under a big blanket the kids here love a lot.

HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

There was only one birthday celebration, and it was delayed to early June. Curtis Hartman celebrated his 9th by a round of golf at the Palms course at Stardust CC, with Grandma giving advice and Grandpa showing the way (sometimes). Afterwards there was lunch at Jimmy's restaurant, and Curtis put away a hamburger, fries, salad and dessert in no time at all. Afterwards, Grandma took Curtis to the Natural History museum, then to the toy store for a gift. Michelle was due for her celebration last month, but Grandmas busy schedule forced a postponement. However, she is not forgotten, and Grandma will make up for lost time as soon as she gets back from the coming vacation. SO, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CURTIS AND MICHELLE!

JUNE BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Elizabeth Gillingham	June 3	35
Roberta Hartman	June 3	35
Bruce Hartman	June 5	34
Christen Castro	June 14	17

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ANOTHER GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION

Recently we visited St. Colombo School to participate in their Grandparents Day activity with Francie, Brett and Bryce. Grandma Soren also was there, and the initial activity was a social hour in the church hall, with cake and coffee. Afterwards there was a church service. After the mass there were classroom visits, so that the Grandparents could meet the teachers, see the classrooms and examine the work being done by the children. We were pleased to see many good grades on the papers in Brett's and Bryce's files. Brett's progress in math was especially good, and we saw lots of perfect or near perfect test papers. After the visits we returned to the church hall for an El Pollo Loco catered lunch. It was a nice day, and we are proud of the excellent progress Brett and Bryce are making. During the church service we were pleasantly surprised to find seated directly behind us two old friends and former Narmco folks, Carl and Marge Fredericks. Carl joined Narmco shortly after Grampa did, and is a veteran of the old R&D Laboratory located on Moore Street, near the foot of the California Street hill. Our older children remember when Grandpa used to walk to work, back in those days. Also, Carl and Marge are the Godparents of our twins, so we enjoyed the chance to talk over old times with them. They were happy to hear about their wonderful godchildren, Blizabeth and Roberta.

SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

We may not have a complete list, but we are aware that the senior grandchild, Kevin Riel, will be entering high school this fall, at Point Loma High, after graduation from the 8th grade. Also, Michael Mehan and Jason Benesch graduate from the 6th grade, and enter junior high in the fall. Michael will be at Oak Crest Junior High, and we are not yet aware of where Jason will be going.

LIZ RIEL PICKED AS FAVORITE TEACHER BY FORMER STUDENT

Recently Liz received the following letter from a former student at Mead School.

Oak Park School
May 5, 1993

Dear Mrs. Riel,

How are you doing at Mead? I wanted to write you because today is the day of the teacher. If you don't know what it is, it is when you pick your favorite teacher and I picked you.

I picked you because you taught us how to be friends with everyone. Right now I'm in the third grade and I'm 8 years old. I have no sisters and I love to cook with my mom. A week ago I made some oat bran bread. It was good. I also like to read and walk. Reading is one of my second favorite things. I hope I can go to Mead where you are. I miss you a lot.

Love, your
favorite student,
Kimshara Smith

CHRIS AND NATHAN RIEL WIN GOOD CITIZEN OF THE MONTH AWARDS

We learned recently that the Riel twins earned the good citizen of the month awards at their school. This award, for all around good grades, behavior and responsibility is well deserved. Included in the award is a bumper sticker for the car, and also dinner for the family at Sizzlers, which was much enjoyed.

VACATION NEWS

The vacation season is upon us, and we heard recently that the Hartman family took off in the camper for a Mexican vacation. According to reporter Curtis Hartman they parked near San Felipe, on the Gulf of California coast. There was lots of fun and games, swimming, and seeing the sights. Everyone had a great time. Not to be outdone, Grandma and Grampa Riel are taking off soon for another visit to Laughlin. This time we hope to recoup some of the losses sustained in the past. Grandma is sure she will win a big prize someday. We certainly hope so.

GREEK FESTIVAL AT GREEN SCHOOL

Recently Grandma and Grandpa visited Green school to enjoy the Greek Festival program put on by the students. A series of 21 skits, illustrating various incidents in Greek mythology were adapted by the students and presented in costume. Examples were (1) Persus and Medusa, (2) Oedipus, (3) King Midas and the Golden Touch, (4) The Tales of Pan, etc. Jason was the narrator in "Prometheus and the Fire".

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PEOPLE

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No longer were the people cold at night and the beasts were scared of the fire so they stayed in the forest and did not attack the people.

After the people got the fire they showed respect for the gods by burning the best of the meats in appreciation of the fire. When Zeus saw the fire he was furious but he liked the smell of the burnt offerings and decided to let them keep it. Prometheus became mad because the people had burnt their last pieces of meat. He told the people...

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NARRATOR

Every day an eagle did come by and eat Prometheus's liver. But since he was a god and immortal at night his liver would grow back. The way Zeus punished the humans is by sending down all the bad things in life, like lies, distrust, old age, scolding, despair, envy and gossip.

RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

Recently "JJ" Riel showed up at Grandmas because he had a stomach ache, and could not make it to school. However, he did not seem to be in too much distress, and spent the day happily playing with toys and watching television. Another miracle cure for Doctor Grandma!

On a more serious note, we have some additional news on Bruce's condition. The good news is that a diagnosis has been made, but the bad news is that it is not a trivial problem, easily cured. The current medical opinion is that Bruce has myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune disease. He sent us considerable information copied from several sources, and they describe in great detail the symptoms and potential treatments. The following summary is from the Academic American Encyclopedia.

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

"Myasthenia Gravis is a disorder in which skeletal muscle fibers lose the ability to respond to impulses from nerves., resulting in muscle weakness. The disease has a broad spectrum of symptoms, from mild drooping of one eyelid or occasional double vision, which may never progress, to nearly complete paralysis, with the inability to breath, chew, or swallow. Most cases fall between these extremes. Other symptoms include weakness on neck and other extremities muscles, as well as those involved in speech and swallowing. The course of myasthenia gravis is variable, and 80% of patients respond well to the available treatments, without disabling side effects.

Myasthenia gravis is an AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE, in which an abnormal antibody impairs muscle cell receptor sites for the neurotransmitter ACETYLCHOLINE. It is not known what causes healthy people to produce this antibody. Certain individuals seem to be genetically predisposed to autoimmune disease such as inflammatory arthritis and hyperthyroidism. Onset is usually between age 20 and 40, but all ages and both sexes can develop it. Spontaneous improvement may occur but the majority of patients will require treatment.

Drugs called antiacetylcholine agents can increase availability of acetylcholine at the neuromuscular junction, improving the symptoms of the disease. Corticosteroids, with use limited by long term side effects, and immunosuppressants work directly on the immune response. Removal of the thymus gland from the chest can increase the chance of remission. Other approaches remove the abnormal antibody via plasma exchange or block its

production by giving the patient a high dose of intravenous gamma globulin. Both treatments are extremely costly and are used for more seriously ill patients".

Considerably more information is available, but the above seems to be a good summary. We are looking forward to learning how well the treatments are working, and in the meantime we all are pulling for a speedy remission.

SPORTS NEWS

The little league baseball season now is in full swing, and recently Grandma and Grandpa had a chance to watch Brett Sorem pitch for his Mets team in the Mustang division of the Tecolote League. He pitched three strong innings but had little support in the field, and his team was not able to overcome the lead the other team got by the unearned run route. In a previous game, however, Brett had struck out three, walked none and allowed no hits in his three innings of work. We are looking forward to taking in another game sometime soon.

SECOND CAREER FOR FRANCIE MOVING ALONG

We learned recently that Francie spent two days in Los Angeles, at a beauty products trade show. She was at the booth sponsored by the company she represents, and talked to potential customers, extolled the merit of the products she demonstrates, and generally acted as a company representative. All expenses were paid, as well as cash compensation for the time she spent at the exhibit. Also, we learned from Jose that the demonstrations and instructions she teaches at various local shops are going very well. He was present at one of the classes., and said that Francie did an extremely good job . Teaching skills seem to be a special talent in the Riel family.

HUMOROUS MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY FOR THE LAYMAN

Recently we came across some simple definitions of some of the more complex medical terms, which we print for your edification

Artery:	The study of fine painting.
Benign:	What you are after you are eight.
Colic:	A sheep dog.
Coma:	A punctuation mark.
Dilate:	To live long.
G.I. Series;	A baseball game between soldiers.
Medical Staff;	A doctor's cane.
Minor operation:	Coal digging.
Morbid:	A higher offer.
Nitrate;	Lower than a day rate.
Node:	Was aware of.
Outpatient:	A person who has fainted.
Protein:	In favor of young people.
Tumor:	An extra pair.
Urine:	Opposite of you're out.
Varicose Veins:	Veins very close together.

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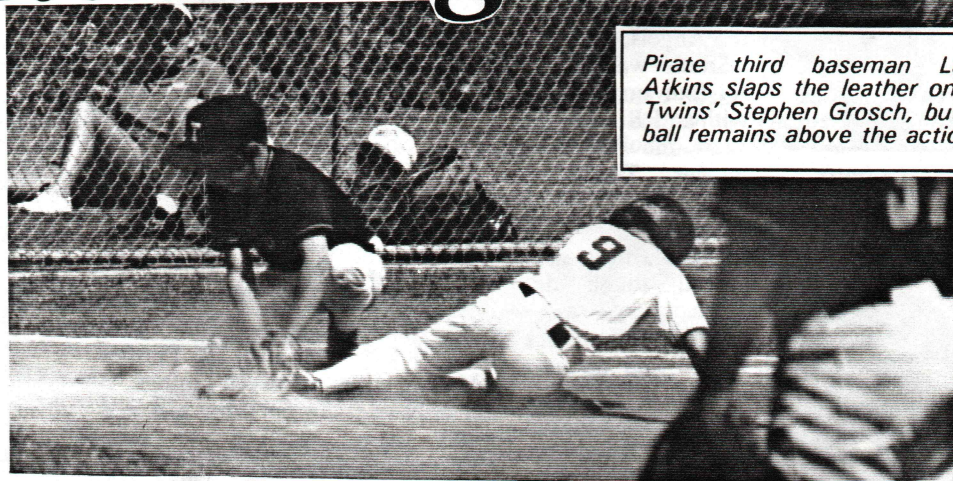
Final first half standings

Team	W	L	T
Pirates	8	0	1
Blue Jays	7	2	0
Red Sox	6	2	1
White Sox	6	3	0
Rangers	5	4	0
xBrewers	4	4	0
yTwins	3	5	0
xMets	2	6	0
yExpos	1	7	0
Giants	0	9	0

x - Brewers-Mets game declared No Game upon protest.

y - Expos-Twins game rained out.

mustang



Pirate third baseman Lance Atkins slaps the leather on the Twins' Stephen Grosch, but the ball remains above the action.

Pirates 21, Giants 4

Porter Troupe hit for the cycle, drove in nine runs, and scored three in the Pirates' 21-4 win over the Giants.

All ten Pirates scored runs, with multiple runs scored by Joe Gentillalli, Michael Reed, Troupe, Anthony Stabile, Winston Timothy, Lance Atkins and Steve Rocha. Runs were also scored by Robert Welsh and David Trebil.

Reed and Gentillalli pitched for the Pirates, allowing only two hits, to Giants' Brendon Merideth and Jonathan Hamilton.

The Giants' runs were scored by Hamilton, Merideth, Brian Hastings and Chris Shaw.

Jordan Standefer started for the Giants and left the game after three innings with a 4-2 lead. Four Giants' pitchers followed, allowing sixteen earned runs on thirteen walks and seven hits.

Standefer also caught two innings and picked a runner off first base and threw a runner out trying to steal third.

Brewers 11, White Sox 3

The Brewers scored eight runs in the first two innings and went on to beat the White Sox, 11-3.

Consecutive hits by Reuben Medina, Ryan Moorcroft and Arturo Elizalde gave the Brewers an early 3-0 lead. After hits by Josh Randel, Justin Feria and Medina in the second, Elizalde doubled down the right field line to clear the bases.

For the Brewers, the highlight of the game was the pitching performance of Jeff Rowe.

"It was Jeff's best outing ever," said Manager Steve Randel. "He really went out and challenged the hitters and he had great location."

The Sox' Kit Kugel had two hits, one a long double, and an RBI. Andy Felfoldi and Charley Zagami also had hits, and Zagami also had an RBI.



ROWE

Red Sox 12, Giants 1

Brian Cummings, Jason Anthony and Brandon Flatt combined to pitch a three-hitter in a 12-1 Red Sox win over the Giants.

Anthony, Cummings and Jonathan Jung scored two runs each, and Matt Guiliano scored three for the Sox.

Cummings also had an unassisted double play at short stop in the fifth inning.

Zack Herriott, Jonathan Hamilton and Jared Zack had the Giants' hits and Jordan Standefer drove in the Giants' sole run.

Defensively for the Giants, shortstop Brent Miller made a spectacular going-away catch of a hard hit liner to end fourth.

Mets 11, White Sox 7

Cole Sutherland led the Mets' offense with three RBI as the Mets downed the White Sox, 11-7, in the first game of the second half.

Brett Sorem, Andrew Brown and Mike Stidman also had RBI for the Mets.

The Sox' Kit Kugel had a good day with two RBI and made a strong showing at catcher and pitcher.

On defense for the Sox, Matt Meador made two solid catches of towering infield flies.

Mike Roccoforte, Meador and Matt Granum also had RBI for the Sox.



ANTHONY

Mets 13, Giants 3

The Mets sent twelve batters to the plate in an eight-run second inning and went on to beat the Giants, 13-3.

The Mets' Brett Sorem, Jay Donnell and Jeremy Parker scored two runs each. Parker had three RBI and Jesse Myers had two.

Sorem also pitched three strong innings, striking out three, walking none and allowing no hits. Matt Coan got the save.

The Giants only three hits came off the bats of Jordan Standefer, Brendon Merideth and Jonathan Hamilton. Merideth and Hamilton had the Giants only two RBI.

Jared Zack also scored a run for the Giants after reaching base on an error.

Mets 15, Expos 14

Matt Coan led the offense with five RBI and helped keep the lead at pitcher with three strike outs as the Mets bested the Expos, 15-14.

Jack Crawford had two RBI for the Mets and Cole Sutherland, Brett Sorem, Jay Donnell and Wes Ebner drove in one each.

Bryan Monaghan drove in four of the Expos' runs and Alex Foster and Matt Morrison followed with two each. Brendan Chaconas and Brendan Groth also had an RBI each.



COAN

4-6-93

Dear Dad Riel,

It's time for an update on all of my medical goings-on. In my last letter, I mentioned some of the tests that were scheduled. All the results are in but they were not a lot of help in the over all diagnosis. The first was the Bone and Joint Scan. This was done in the Nuclear Medicine Dept. at Grossmont Hospital. I was injected with a radio active dye and three hours later pictures were taken of my pelvis and spine. I found out later that the sole purpose of this imaging was to determine whether or not I had bone cancer. I am happy to report that the results were negative.

The next test, performed at Alvarado Hospital, was the Colonoscopy. This test was not a lot of fun. It involves a VERY LONG endoscope (camera) winding its way through the colon to the junction with the small intestine. Several polyps were removed and many biopsies were obtained. After several days I was relieved to learn that the pathology report indicated that all the samples were benign. It went on to say that I had a large ulcer in the junction area where the large intestine meets the small intestine and that I have a condition called Inflammatory Bowel Disease. All of this is a "piece of cake". It's treated with medication, the bleeding has stopped, no big deal. The down side to this one is that they are unable to tell me what the cause is. It is just more manifestation of the inflammation that is running rampant throughout my body.

Today, 4-6-93, I went to see a Neurologist. He performed several tests to determine why I am suffering spinal pain and severe muscle fatigue. One test involved shooting high voltage bursts through nerves and measuring their conductivity. Another test involved sticking long thin needles into the muscles and measuring the normal electrical activity while working the muscle. As a human pin cushion I failed horribly. The doctor explained that I have several problems. First, my spinal cord is damaged causing numbness in my legs, butt and back. Second, near the top of the spine, where the nerves branch out to the shoulders and arms, there is another problem. The cause is yet unknown, but it too causes numbness and loss of circulation and strength. To give you some idea, if I hold my arms up over my head for 15 seconds or so, you can no longer feel a pulse at my wrist. This of course explains the incredible fatigue I have been experiencing. The next step is to determine how bad it is. One of my doctors will schedule a MRI scan of my spine tomorrow. It will probably be a wait of 4 to 5 days and then 3 to 4 days of waiting for the results of the MRI. VERY FRUSTRATING!!!!!! The Neurologist was nice enough to tell me what some of the possible causes might be, but none of them are much fun so I wont go into that now... wait 'till I know more.

At this point in time, all I can hope for is that my doctors can figure this out SOON. I have another appointment tomorrow... maybe I'll get lucky!