



# The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

November, 1993



## THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION TO BE HELD AT HOME OF GRANDPA AND GRANDMA RIEL

BIG PARTY SET FOR 11:00 AM TO ?? PM

THIRD ANNUAL RIEL BOWL STATUS REPORT

The Thanksgiving Holiday is almost upon us, and once again the entire family is invited to come to the Riel home at 1875 Lyndon Road to celebrate. Grandma has purchased two (2) big smoked turkeys, already cooked, but frozen solid. We will have them thawed out and heated up in plenty of time. We ask that each family bring whatever dish they would like, along with drinks for their own family. We hope to see some salads, potatoes, cooked vegetables, rolls and some desserts. If the weather is nice some of you may want to have some fun and games at Grant School yard before the meal. As usual, the food will be set out buffet style, and you can eat whenever you feel like it. Also, we probably will have some pool shooting and ping pong activity, plus Grandma's toy collection for additional amusement. If we don't hear from you we will assume you are coming. If you can come only early (or late) that's OK. However, if you come late you take your chances on the availability of the food. We think it will be a fun day, and hope everyone can make it, at least for a short time.

Plans are going ahead (more or less) for the big January 1, 1994 celebration at the Bob and Karla family estate in Alpine. There will be an expanded games program plus lots of good food. Also, don't forget the talent show to be put on by the kids. Aunt Margaret is in charge, and we hope all of you will get involved in whatever way you like. Look for some more news in the December issue of RFNL.

### FRANCIE BACK FROM SUCCESSFUL ALASKA TRIP

We had lunch last Tuesday with Francie, and heard the whole story of her recent jaunt to Alaska. As reported in the last issue, she was sent to Anchorage by her company, to give lessons to beauticians on the use of their products. She spent several days meeting appointments to give various presentations, from a brief outline of the product line to a full "hands on" lecture and demonstration. The photograph below shows her in



FRANCIE DEMONSTRATING NEW PRODUCTS AT ANCHORAGE BEAUTY PARLOR

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action at an Anchorage beauty parlor. All of her presentations were very well received, and several operators who did not get the full presentation want her to come back next February to continue the work. Since she was so busy, Francie did not have much time for sightseeing, especially since there are only about eight hours of daylight at this time of the year. However, she liked what she saw, and found that the cold weather was not as hard to bear as she had thought it would be. It was a great trip, and Francie is looking forward to a return engagement.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Katy Riel was treated by Grandma to a birthday celebration on October 28th. There was a visit to the zoo, including a bus tour, and also lunch. Presents came from the zoo store, and there also was a movie. Scott Hartman also celebrated, first a movie, "The Nightmare before Christmas" (not too good), followed by a visit to the zoo, where gifts were purchased, and then a visit to the science museum. Since they got a late start they did not get back until about 6:30 pm, and found the rest of the family waiting at Grandma's home. This was ok with Michelle, Craig and Curtis, since they watched television instead of doing homework. A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SCOTT AND KATY!!!

## BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

This is Grandma's month off, since there are no birthdays in November.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

There were a number of events of note in the past month. Grandpa treated Francie and Margaret to lunch at a Mexican restaurant in Encinitas. Before lunch Francie borrowed from Margaret some cold weather wear for the Alaska jaunt.

Grampa and Grandma also treated the Bd and Jan family to dinner at the Happy Chef restaurant on Mission Gorge Road. We all enjoyed the traditional Greek cuisine. If you haven't tried this establishment, we recommend it to you. The food is excellent, the service great, and the price is right.

On Halloween eve Grandpa and Grandma had a surprise visit from Richard, Liz and little JJ, who was in the process of discovering the "trick or treat" process. Richard took him on a brief tour of Lyndon Road, and he had a great time.

On October 16th Grandpa and Grandma skipped their regular golf game to attend the Liz Gillingham wedding at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Coronado. It was a very impressive ceremony, with piano, organ and trumpet music, and a solo by Uncle Gary Gillingham. The Bob and Listy family was fully represented, with Listy as a greeter, Bob as an usher and reader, Kristy as a bridesmaid, Annie as a flower girl and David was the ring bearer. He also rang the school bell used by his great-great Grandfather. After the wedding we attended the reception, at Le Meridien Hotel. In addition to drinks and snacks, a full buffet dinner was served, followed by music, dancing, and of course the traditional cake cutting and

toasting of the bride and groom. A great time was had by all, and we extend our best wishes for a happy future to Liz and her new husband, Brinton Donaldson.

Another activity enjoyed by Grandma and Grandpa was an invitation by the Benesch family to join them in seeing the Christian Community Theater presentation of the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", at the theater in El Cajon. This show is a modernized version of the story told in the book of Genesis about the jealous sons of Jacob who sold Joseph into slavery in Egypt, where he became a favorite of the pharaoh by correctly interpreting a dream which revealed seven years of plenty would be followed by seven years of famine. Eventually Joseph is reunited with his family, as the story ends. The players all were professional performers and the entire show was extremely well performed. After the show we all enjoyed ice cream. It was a fun evening.

Recently, Bd Riel took Kevin, Cris, Nathan and Tim on a camping trip to Palm Canyon in Anza Barrego Park. They hiked up the river to see the waterfall, and also observed about ten wild bighorn sheep drinking at the river bank. While they were having fun, mom Jan stayed at home to study for her Library Technician test. She will be getting her certificate in December. It was not all fun on the camping trip, however, since the van developed an overheat condition, due to an oil leak. A hose change helped, and a new head gasket is needed. These problems all give added impetus to the plan to buy a new car, probably a van, before very much longer.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We learned recently that Nathan Riel was elected to the position of Playground Commissioner at Ocean Beach Elementary School. We understand that his election was won on the basis of a speech he made at a school assembly period. Congratulations, Nathan!!

Aunt Francie reported that Brett was praised for his response to a current events school assignment in which he was required to select an item from the current newspaper, and write his own account of the story. He selected the Malibu fire, and here is his version of that event.

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Brett certainly did an excellent job of reporting on the Malibu fire, and we hope he got an A for his paper.

## MORE TRAVEL NEWS FROM MARGARET

On November 10th Margaret took off for another business meeting, and a round of presentations on the Learning Circle concept. This time it was three days in Dallas, and we understand that the trip was very successful. After a few days at home, however, the whole family will be leaving on the 17th for a visit to Washington, D.C. This is business for Bud, who will be presiding at a conference on anthropology. (the study of the races, physical and mental characteristics, distribution, customs, social relationships, etc. of mankind). During the conference Margaret, Michael and Megan will be taking in the sights at the nations capital. They consider this to be an educational tour, and plan on seeing the Congress of the United States in action. We will be looking forward to a full report, with pictures, when they get home.

## SOME SPORTS NEWS

Golf was very much in the picture recently, and Bob Riel was treated by his boss to a golfing weekend in Palm Springs. They played three different courses, the most famous one being the PGA West, a championship course for the tour players. It proved to be a pretty tough challenge for our beginner, but he tells us that it was a great experience, even though he left a few balls and a lot of strokes at the course. In order to help correct that problem Bob has signed up for another series of lessons.

Recently Grandpa treated Brett and Bryce (plus photographer Francie) to a round of golf at Presidio Park course. Page four of this issue is a collection of pictures taken during the round, and as you can see there was a lot of lining up of shots, some good swings, and holed out putts. No scores are available, but everyone had a great time.

We learned recently that Listy now is a field hockey coach. We didn't know she was an expert in that game. We know that her team will do well.



## HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE

The above photo shows Megan dressed up as an old man, complete with one of Grandpa's old shirts, some baggy pants, glasses and a fancy cane. She and her partner certainly make a fine pair of old timers, and we hope their costumes made a good impression of the participants.

## CORRECTION - CORRECTION - CORRECTION

Last month we reported in error that the recent cast had been removed from Scott Hartman's arm. We think everyone knows that the broken arm kid actually was Curtis, and his arm was the one sporting a cast recently.

## RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

Speaking of Curtis, he showed up last week at Grandma's house with a mild case of the flu. However, some resting and TV watching seemed to do the trick, and he was able to enjoy lunch with Grandma and Grandpa at a Chinese restaurant.

## GLOBE TROTTER TRAVEL SERVICE

In addition to his regular work at the beauty parlor, Jose Castro has taken on a part time job as a travel agent. The attached sheet lists some travel specials available up to the end of this month. The specials must be used during the month of December. If you are interested, or know someone who is planning to travel in December, Jose can be reached at the beauty parlor number, 295-8230. We wish him luck in this new venture.

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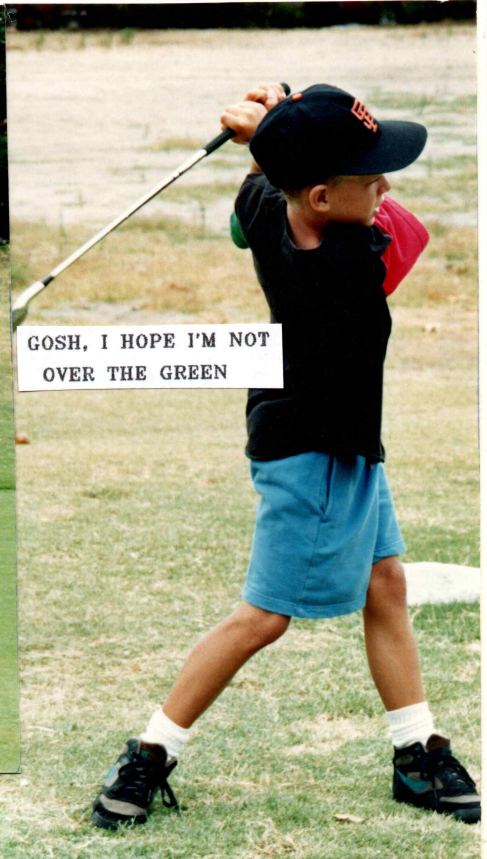
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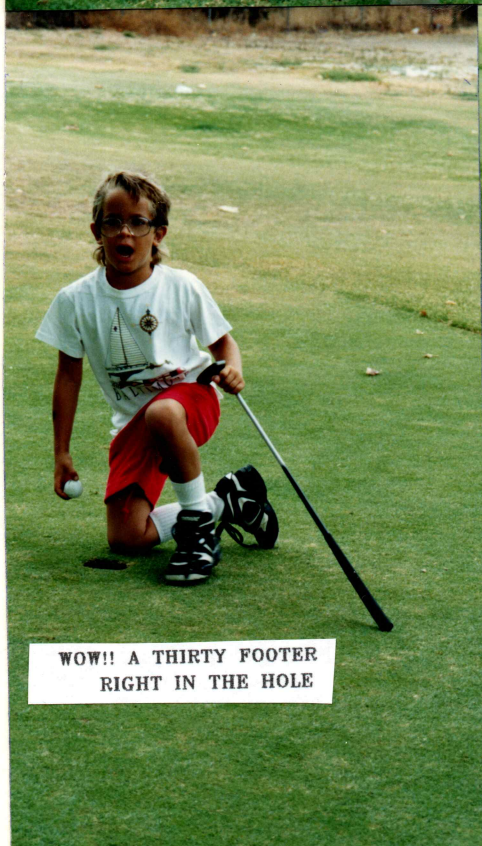


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GOSH, I HOPE I'M NOT OVER THE GREEN

A GILFING DAY AT PRESIDIO



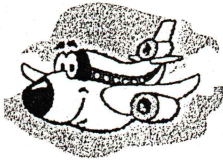
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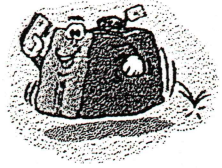
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NICE FORM, BRETT, IT'S ON THE GREEN




# FALL SPECIALS



## PRICES INCLUDE:

- \* Roundtrip air via Southwest Airlines
- \* 2 nights hotel accommodation & taxes

## Prices Starting From:

SAN FRANCISCO		\$136.00
SAN ANTONIO		\$306.00
ALBUQUERQUE		\$186.00
NEW ORLEANS		\$397.00
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND		\$330.00
SANTA FE		\$206.00

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All prices are based on double occupancy, per person, subject to availability, and subject to change without notice. Some restrictions apply.

Brett Sorem  
November 5, 1993  
Current Events

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ELIZABETH ANN GILLINGHAM  
AND  
BRINTON McPHILLIPS DONALSON

OCTOBER 16, 1993

WE ARE FREE SPIRITS, WE CAN FLY IN THE GROUND, WE CAN WALK IN THE  
AIR, WE CAN SWIM IN A TREE, AND CLIMB WATER, IN SILENCE WE HEAR, IN  
DARKNESS WE SEE, IN LOVE WE ARE. NOW THEN, CAN I TELL YOU, OF MY LOVE?  
STRONG AS THE EAGLE, SOFT AS THE DOVE, PATIENT AS THE PINE TREE, THAT  
STANDS IN THE SUN, AND WHISPERS TO THE WIND - YOU ARE THE ONE.

MAID OF HONOR  
AMY GILLINGHAM

BEST MAN  
BRIAN DONALSON

GUESTBOOK ATTENDANTS  
BETSY GILLINGHAM  
ELIZABETH HENDEE

BRIDESMAIDS  
JERI BOORTS  
NICOLE FINCH  
PAULA PRESENKOWSKI  
KRISTIN GILLINGHAM

GROOMSMEN  
DAVID VAN GORDER  
DAVID LEWIS  
ALLAN LEHMANN

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS  
BEVERLY CONTE  
RICHARD GAMMILL  
LITA GATES  
KATIE GATES  
BONNIE TAYLOR  
THOMAS CARLIN

FLOWERGIRLS  
KAITLYN GILLINGHAM  
ANNIE GILLINGHAM  
EMILY GILLINGHAM

RING BEARER  
DAVID GILLINGHAM  
(RINGING HIS GREAT-GREAT  
GRANDFATHER'S SCHOOL BELL)

MINISTER  
DR. THOMAS P. WARMER

CANDLELIGHTERS  
JEANNETTE GILLINGHAM  
SUE GILLINGHAM

USHERS AND READERS  
DAVID GILLINGHAM  
ROBERT GILLINGHAM  
BRUCE GILLINGHAM  
JAMES GILLINGHAM

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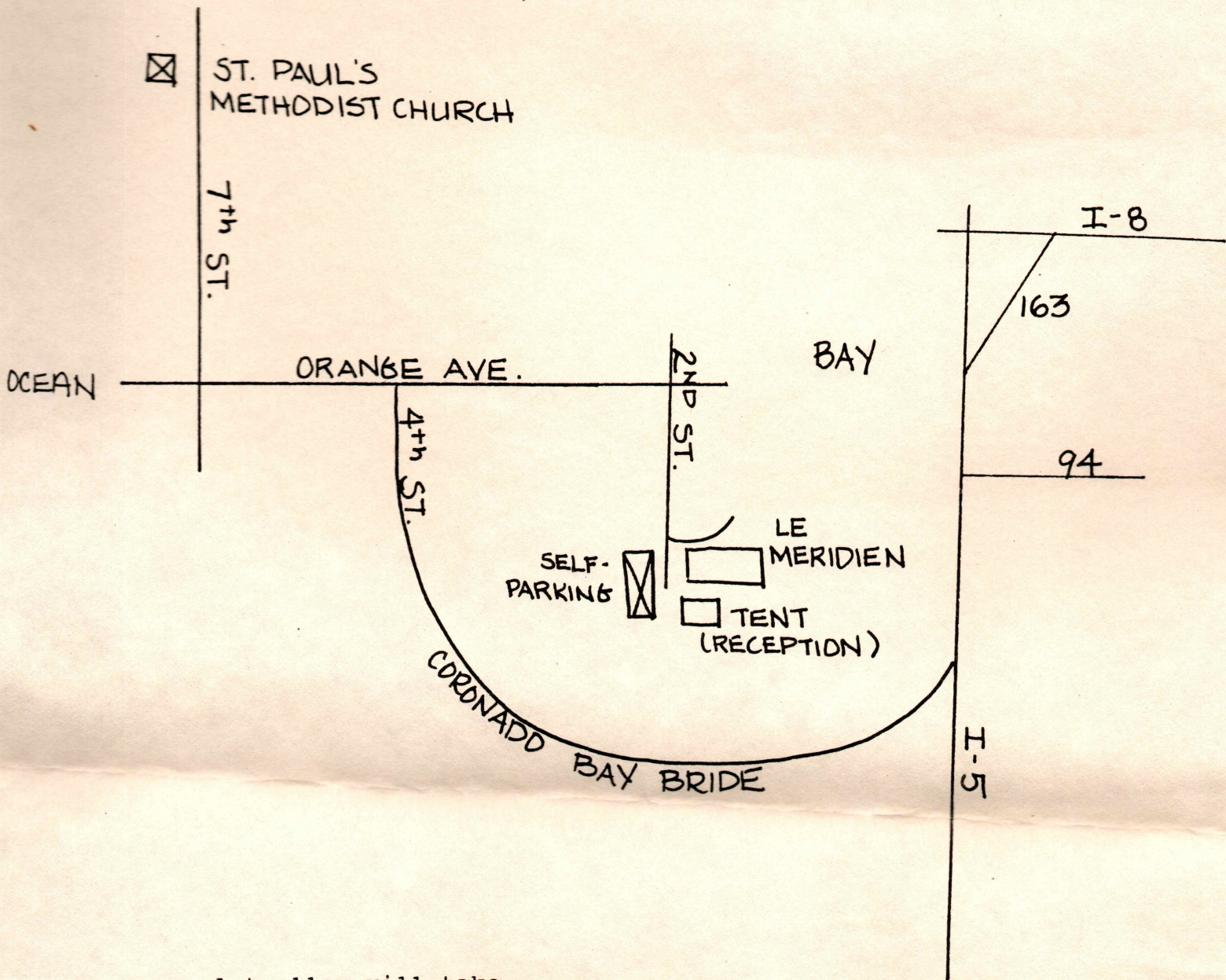
TO OUR GUESTS:

MAY THE ROAD ALWAYS RISE TO GREET YOU. MAY THE WIND ALWAYS BE AT  
YOUR BACK. MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM IN YOUR FACE. MAY THE RAINS FALL  
SOFT UPON YOUR FIELDS.

MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING OUR SPECIAL DAY.

LIBBY AND MAC



-A trolley will take you from the ceremony to the reception.

-A shuttle, available every 30 minutes at the reception, will return you to your car.

-If you take your car to the reception, park in the self-parking lot at the Meridien. The reception is outdoors behind the Meridien building.

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