



# The Riel Family Newsletter

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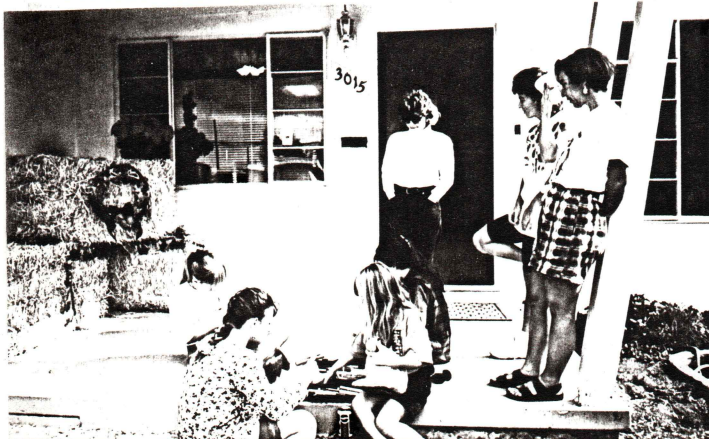


## FAMILY ENJOYS FUN, GAMES, FOOD ON THANKSGIVING DAY



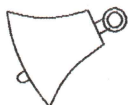
### ALL AGREE, FRANCIÉ AND JOSE PUT ON GREAT PARTY

Thanksgiving day, 1994, was celebrated at the Castro family home, and all who attended agreed that this was one of the best family Thanksgiving celebrations. Chef Jose was the star of the food preparation, and his two turkeys, each cooked to a different style, were superb. In addition, the mashed potatoes were great, along with the salad and green beans. There were plenty of drinks for all, as well as desserts. Perhaps appetites were sharper than usual (if possible) since the kids and some of the parents engaged in some strenuous basketball playing on the new half court. We saw some pretty fancy shot making, and it was apparent that there is a lot of athletic talent left in the parents, and even more in the kids. The decorations were great, with bales of straw on the front porch, and tables set up in the patio area, so that everyone could sit down to enjoy their food. It was a real fun day, and we all owe a big vote of thanks to the entire family, Francie, Jose, Brett and Bryce, for all the effort they put in to make this party the great success that it was.



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## GET READY FOR RIELBOWL III

It is almost that time again, and Sunday, January 1st marks the big day for the third annual holiday celebration at the Bob and Karla Riel estate in Alpine. We do not have too many details, thus far, but in a recent interview Bob stated that he planned an even bigger and better celebration than the last one. He will be cooking his famous roast beef, and he suggests that everyone coming contact him or Karla to coordinate the rest of the menu. It probably will be too cool for the swimming pool, but there will be other attractions to occupy the kids while the food is being prepared. As usual, there will be the annual family white elephant gift exchange. Bring two gift wrapped presents, one a real one and the other a useless item. The party will start somewhere around 10:00-11:00 a.m., and will last into the afternoon. Mark your calendars for this highlight of the year celebration!

## TRAVEL NEWS

Liz Riel and JJ recently enjoyed a vacation trip to Florida, so that Liz could visit one of her friends and enjoy seeing the local sights. She reports that they enjoyed lots of local restaurant dining, plus a visit to Disneyworld. She reports that JJ enjoyed his first plane ride, as well as all of the excitement associated with the trip.

Bud Mehan recently traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend a meeting of the Council of Anthropology and Education, a division of the American Anthropology Association. In case you have forgotten the exact definition of "anthropology" the dictionary defines it as "the study of the races, physical and mental characteristics, distribution, customs, social relationships, etc. of mankind". Bud is the outgoing Past President of the Council, and in that capacity delivered the Presidents Address to the group of about 1000 members. We understand it was well received, and set a standard for future society officials.

## RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

In the last issue we reported that both Grandpa and Grandma were having some problems. We are happy to report that both seem to have recovered and are almost back to normal. Also, Kristy Gillingham no longer has her leg in a cast, and is now OK. However, her mother showed up recently with a broken left thumb. The problem resulted from a soccer game, and although she continued to play, a slight break was detected, and a small protective device was needed. We also had a sick call visit from Craig Hartman, who had a sore throat. Except for a trip to Sizzlers for lunch he spent the day resting in front of the TV, and that seemed to take care of the problem.

## BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Liz Riel	December 3	43
Alan Sorem	December 4	47
Frank Riel	December 6	76
Kristy Gillingham	December 8	11

## SOME FAMILY NEWS ITEMS

\*\*\* We learned recently that Francie got a call from the Sna Diego blood bank, requesting a special donation, due to the fact that her blood characteristics matched those of a cancer patient, who badly needed that type of blood. Francie reported that she really felt good in the knowledgew that she may have helped save someones life.

\*\*\* Grandpa and Grandma recently got a visit from the Parker School gang, Annie, Kristy, David, Craig and Scott, because of a one day teachers conference which shut down Francis Parker Lower School. There were some visits to next door friends, along with some pool shooting and TV watching. Birdy joined us for lunch at Sizzlers, and we then met Bob and Listy at Glasshouse Square, to see the movie "Miracle on 34th Street". It was another fun day.

\*\*\* Margaret reported that she recently completed a 25 page report on the future of education. This project was sponsored by the Office of Technology, U. S. Congress, and will be used by them to guide their fuure decisions on education policies.

## SOME CAREER CHANGES

We learned recently that Ed Riel will be leaving Gateway after the holidays, and will be considering a try as an independent contractor. He thinks he may have lined up an opportunity on a project in Carlsbad, and hopes that it will come through. Also, he may work with a currently successful tile subcontractor who wants to get into the contracting business. We wish Ed good luck in this new venture, and hope that things work out well for him.

Margaret also is at the crossroads, career wise, in that her long association with AT&T will be coming to an end soon. However, she already is involved in a new project, called "Passport to Knowledge", which is being produced by Geoff Haines-Stiles Productions, a TV film producer. The first program, scheduled for release to PBS stations, is called THE "ELECTRONIC FIELD TRIPS:" LIVE FROM ANTARTICA. In addition to the conventional TV film there will be interactive computer tie ins, so that students participitating in the program will be able to communicate directly with the scientists in their research on the Antarctic region. Students will share the data being collected, and become involved in the new knowledge being generated. This looks like an exciting new concept in which students can actually become apart of the research project, through the magic of interactive networking. This initial program, (produced with the cooperation of the NSF's Office of Polar Programs) is titled "Live From Antarctica" and will be distribute over PBS on December 13th & 15th, 1994 at 2:00 pm EST and January 10th, 1995 at 5:30 pm and January 19th at 1:00 pm. Since the local PBS TV has not yet announced any decision in airing the program, Margaret requests that a call to them at 594-1515, expresing your interest, may help convince them. We certainly wish Margaret good luck in her new venture.



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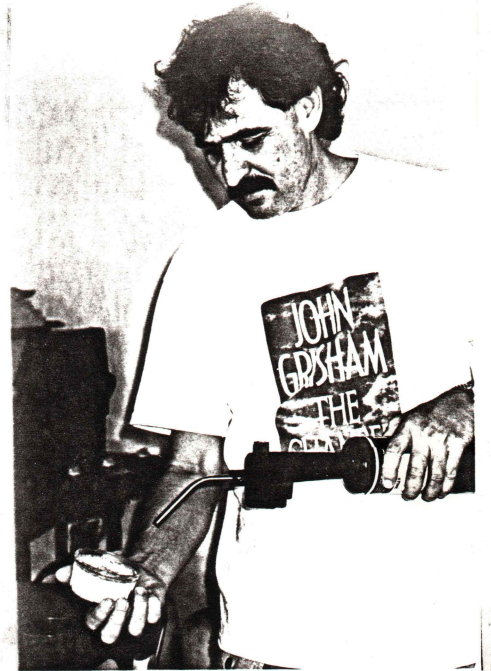
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## CHEF JOSE PREPARES DESSERT FOR HUNGRY BUNCH

The adjoining picture shows Jose putting whipped cream on one of the desserts for the hungry crowd. As mentioned on page one, his cooking skill contributed much to the celebration, and we all owe him a big vote of thanks for all the work that went into the preparation of the food we all enjoyed so much.

## FRANCIS PARKER CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING

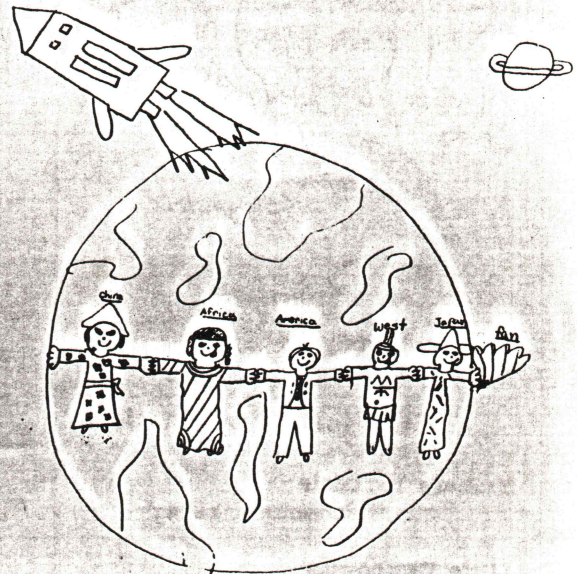
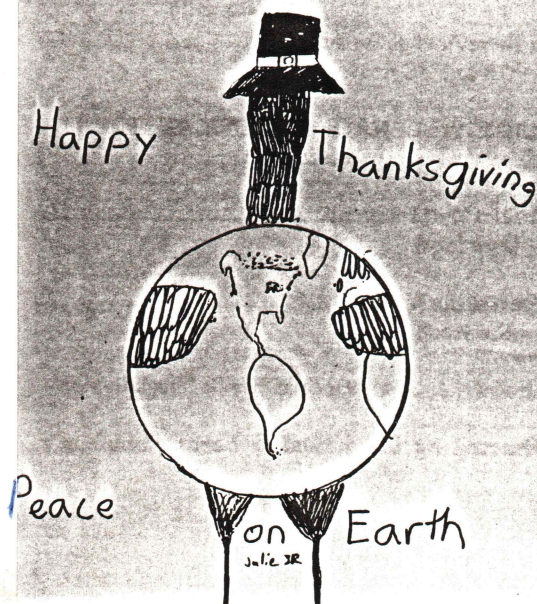
Wednesday, November 23rd was a big day at FP Lower School, when all interested parents and grandparents were invited to enjoy a musical program put on by all of the students. A series of ethnic folk songs were performed by the student chorus. The program included songs from Canada, Rumania, SW Africa, Brazil, France, etc. Most of the presentations were by groups, backed up by the entire student body. However, Scott Hartman had a solo part, in which he performed admirably. The finale, performed by the entire group, was the Spiritual "We've Got the Whole World". Birdy's Kindergarten Class were dressed in Indian costumes, including war paint, bows, for the boys, and dolls strapped on the back of some of the girls. The title of their presentation was "Traditional Native American Medley" and they were accompanied by drum beats and piano music. The whole program was enjoyed by an overflow crowd of proud parents and grandparents. After the show was concluded Grandpa and Grandma visited Birdy's classroom, and we then collected the children and took off to Sizzlers for lunch. We have reproduced below the back two sheets of the program, partly because of the interesting Chinese Proverb printed in the upper left hand corner. The kids put on a great show, and we all appreciate the hard work.



*If there is light in the soul,  
There will be beauty in the person.  
If there is beauty in the person,  
There will be harmony in the house.  
If there is harmony in the house,  
There will be order in the nation.  
If there is order in the nation,  
There will be peace in the world.*

Chinese Proverb

## "ONE WORLD, TOGETHER"



Wed, Nov. 23, 1994  
11:00 a.m.  
Lower School Patio



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SOME FAST ACTION ON THE BASKETBALL COURT  
MICHAEL, BUD, ED, DAVID, DUSTIN AND BOB G



GREETINGS FROM THE HAY BARN  
MEGAN, KRISTY, ANNIE, GRANDMA AND JESSICA



COME ON, FRANCIE, LETS HAVE SOME DESSERT  
MICHAEL, LISTY, BOB, GRANDMA, BUD, JESSICA  
DUSTIN, KRISTY, JEFF AND FRANCIE



THREE SMILING SISTERS  
FRANCIE, LISTY AND CAROL



GRANDMA AND FOUR SMILING KIDS  
KRISTY, MEGAN, ANNIE, GRANDMA AND JESSICA



AND A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL  
LISTY, ANNIE AND KRISTY

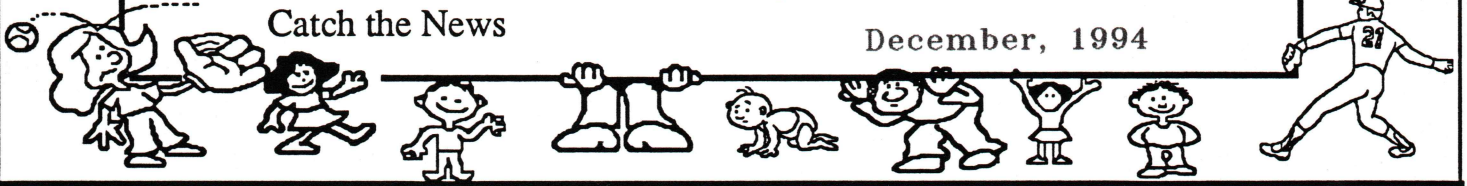




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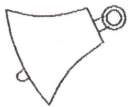
### *RFNL SPONSORS BIG CONTEST FOR RIELBOWL CELEBRATION*

VALUABLE PRIZES PROMISED FOR WINNING FAMILY

CONTESTANTS MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Early in 1994 the RFNL Contest Department (Francie and Robert) conceived an idea for a contest to be held at the end of the year, in conjunction with the annual RIELBOWL event. Throughout the entire year the editorial staff has cleverly concealed certain errors in the text of various issues. These errors could be misspelled words, errors in identification, incorrect statements, etc. In order to participate in this contest each family must locate the errors and define them by reference to the issue and page on which they occur. The family coming closest to finding all of the errors will win a valuable prize, so get out your back issue and start looking.

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