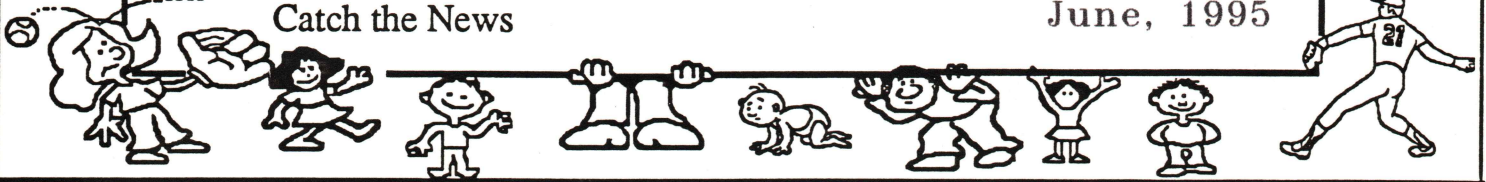




# The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

June, 1995



## BOB GILLINGHAM GETS SURPRISE 40TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

### LARGE CROWD ENJOYS FOOD AND FUN AS BOB GETS ROASTED BY FRIENDS

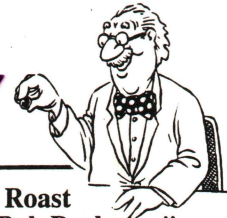
On the evening of May 13th Bob Gillingham thought he and Listy were going over to his parents home to join a restaurant dinner to celebrate Mothers Day. They arrived all dressed up in formal attire, and came in the front door, only to be greeted by loud shouts of SURPRISE, SURPRISE!!!!. It really was a surprise for Bob, but Listy was in on the plot, and previously had left some more informal clothing for both. Meanwhile a large crowd of family and friends were enjoying some snacks, in preparation for the main course. Bruce Hartman presided over the outdoor grill, and cooked up lots of beef for carne asada, which was enjoyed by all, once the guest of honor appeared in casual clothes. After the meal the guests all gathered around a large chair where Bob was seated in preparation for the roast presented by his relatives and friends. Some of his youthful escapades as well as his early teaching day experiences were described in more or less truthful detail, although there may have been a few liberties taken with the real truth. Following the roast he opened many birthday presents, some of which had certain comments relative to his rapidly advancing age. It was a great party, and we all thank Dave and Martha for allowing us to share in this important milestone, and help wish Bob many, many more birthday celebrations.

### GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATED AT ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL

Recently St. Columba Catholic school hosted a Grandparents Day celebration, and Grandma and Grandpa Riel were on hand to see the accomplishments of the three grandchildren in attendance, Brett and Bryce Sorem and Frank Riel. We visited all three in their classrooms, and had a chance to meet their teachers and review some of the work they are doing. After the classroom visits everyone assembled in the church for an 11:00 a.m. service, participated in by all of the students. After the service we all adjourned to the church hall for a great lunch of grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and salad. Plenty of soft drinks were available, and for dessert a large cake was quickly cut up and consumed. We were especially pleased to have the company of Grandmas Sorem and Drewek, who also enjoyed the event. Francie provided us with copies of stories written by both Brett and Bryce, and we will be publishing them as soon as space permits.



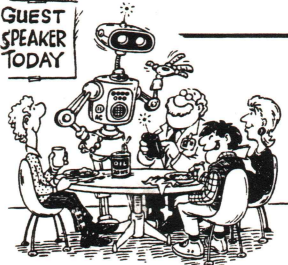
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### The Robert Roast or "The 40 year-old Bob Barbecue" May 13, 1995

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| 1. Growing Up With Bob | Dave Gillingham<br>(oldest brother)     |
|                        | Doug Gillingham<br>(cousin)             |
| 2. Working With Bob    | Rex Panton<br>(first few jobs)          |
| 3. Teaching Years      | Mary Brown<br>(former teaching partner) |
| 4. Neighborhood Pals   | Bill Medigovich<br>and Doug Farkas      |

GUEST  
SPEAKER  
TODAY



HIGH SCHOOL



### RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

We learned at the Grandparents Day celebration that Grandma Sorem would be undergoing eye cataract surgery soon. We understand it has been completed, and we wish her a speedy recovery. Grandpa Riel also has been taking it easy recently. Apparently he hit one golf shot too many, recently, and the result was a ruptured tendon in the right shoulder. The doctor said that the pain gradually will go away, and no further treatment other than rest is contemplated. However, a visit to a specialist has been scheduled. Speaking of aching joints Bob Riel was experiencing some problems with his Wednesday night golf game,

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in that he had a very sore right elbow. Playing golf seemed to aggravate the problem, but he gamely finished off the round. We certainly hope he will be better for the next round of Wednesday golf.

## STARDUST STATUS REPORT

The latest news on the status of golf at Stardust is that the present course will be open until June 11th, with a slim possibility that the closing date will slip to the end of the month. After that, there will be a nine hole course which will be open until the end of September, 1996. However, the transit authority may deny access after September, 1995. Also, the Handlery Hotel is trying to work out a deal whereby 18 holes will remain open for some period of time. Things are somewhat up in the air, but we think that there will be some facilities available for a while, at least.

## MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION

Mothers day was a special one for Grandma Riel. The celebration started off with brunch at the home of Listy and Bob. Birdy also was present as were the Benesch and Mehan families. After a delicious series of snacks we took off for the Lewis Junior High School Auditorium to watch Jessica and Dustin perform in the musical Hans Christian Anderson. After the show (see following for more details) we took off to the home of Francie for dessert. Incidentally, the newly painted and landscaped house looks great, and stands out in the neighborhood. After some spirited basketball in the back yard half court we all enjoyed that old Riel tradition, banana splits, with lots of toppings. After everyone was filled up, we watched Grandma open her Mothers Day gift from all of the family. To her complete surprise it was a quilt made up from panels drawn by each of the grandchildren. Twenty completely different panels illustrated names in fancy lettering, cartoons with soccer balls, baseball mitts, smiling faces, and the like, plus each ones age listed somewhere within the panel. It was a great gift, much appreciated by Grandma, and will be hung up in the 1875 family room, for all to see. Grandma thanks everyone who helped create the panels, and especially Francie, who masterminded the whole thing, and put together the final product.

## MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Jessica and Dustin performed in another Christian Youth Theater production, Hans Christian Anderson. Jessica's role was in the Copenhagen Children group, where she sang and danced. Dustin's role was as one of the Odense Children, (Carl), and he also gave an outstanding performance, with a considerable speaking and acting part. The musical setting is Denmark, and is based on many of the charming Anderson stories, such as The Ugly Duckling, The Mermaid, and The King's New Clothes. There was music, dancing and acting, all done in the professional style common to the CYT program. Two of the more popular musical numbers were the well known "Anywhere I Wander" and "No Two People". It was a

great show, and Jessica and Dustin are to be congratulated on their fine performances.

Christian Youth Theater  
San Diego/East County  
presents ...

*Mother Benesch*  
*Dustin Benesch*



**HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN**

Lewis Junior High School Auditorium  
5170 Greenbrier Avenue • San Diego  
May 11, 12, 19, 20 at 7:00 p.m.  
May 13, 14, 20, 21 at 2:00 p.m.  
Spring • 1995

Recently the Francis Parker kids put on a show at the Parker operated Old Town Theater, and Annie Gillingham and Scott Hartman were a part of the show. "The Magic Piano" consisted of a series of skits on various subjects, all set to music. Both Annie and Scott performed well, and the show was enjoyed by Grandpa and Grandma, as well as the proud parents. We look forward to future performances by these two talented children.

## The Magic Piano

May 25, 1995 4:30 pm

Student's name Scott Annie

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## BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Listy Gillingham	June 3	37
Birdy Hartman	June 3	37
Bruce Hartman	June 5	36

A recent issue of "Extra Innings", the Tecolote youth baseball newsletter, contained the following article on Brett Sorem's recent game, in which he pitched his team, the Braves, to a one sided win over the Rockies.

### Braves 14, Rockies 1

Brett Sorem pitched a complete-game six-hitter as the Braves beat the Rockies, 14-1.

The Braves' offense was led by Lance Atkins, who went three for four with an RBI, and Danny Berthiaume, who also had three hits and drove in a pair of runs.

Kenny Gipson and Tim Rico each had a pair of hits and an RBI, and Kit Kugel contributed two hits.



SOREM

Atkins played short-stop and made several outstanding plays, including a diving stop in the sixth in which he rebounded to nip the runner at first base.

Berthiaume recovered a ball hit off Sorem's glove and got the out, Kugel made a diving catch to end the fifth inning and Gipson dived for a foul pop to end the game.

Sorem and Atkins received game balls from manager Alam Sorem.

Brian Amador had three of the Rockies' six hits.

My name is Bryce Sorem. I was born in 1986, and I'm 8 years old. My family is christian, and my favorite sport is baseball. My favorite ice cream is called twist, and I have 5 pets. My favorite color is blue, and I have 1 brother. I have 1 sister that lives in mississippi.

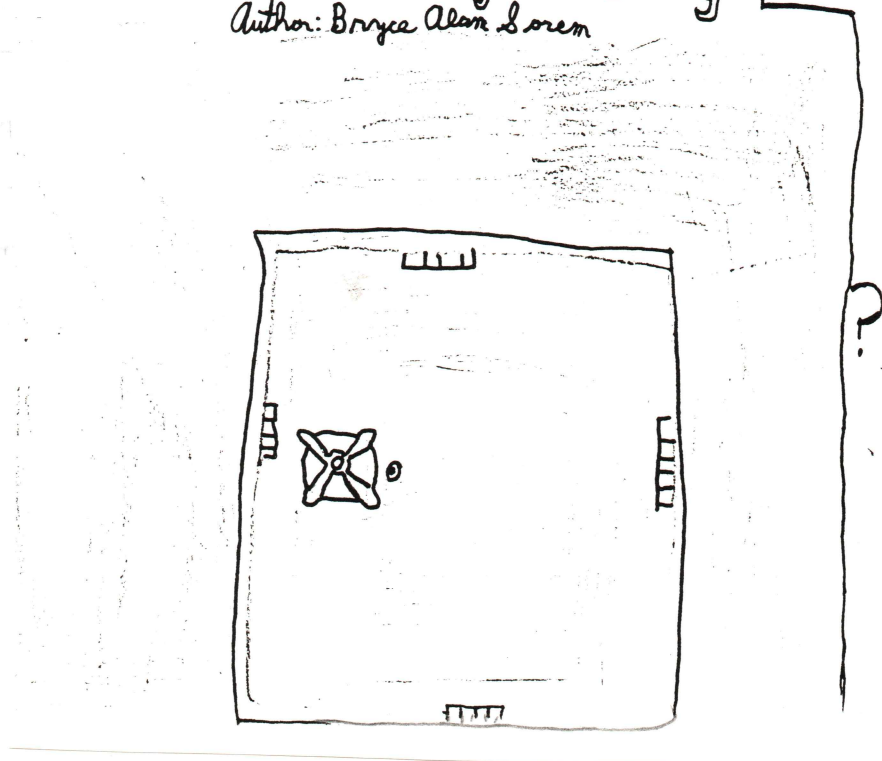
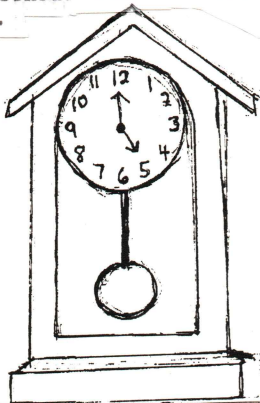


The Case Of  
The Missing Money

Author: Bryce Alan Sorem

### MICHAEL HAS EXHIBIT AT NEXT DEL MAR FAIR

Michael Riel-Mehan has built an oak clock which will be exhibited at the coming Del Mar fair, in the woodworking exhibit area. It looks like the following sketch, so be on the lookout for it when you are there.



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## TAILGATE PARTY AT S.D. JACK MURPHY STADIUM

Grandpa and Grandma Riel had some unused baseball tickets left over from the 1994 season, and they recently were traded in for eight tickets for unused ticket night, June 6th. The Ed Riel family plus Brett and Bryce Sorem were invited to go to the game. Grandma and Grandpa put together a tailgate dinner complete with grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, salad, and party snacks. For dessert we enjoyed some fresh fruit provided by Francie. While Ed and Grandpa were expertly grilling the meat the kids enjoyed some ball playing on the parking lot. Everyone enjoyed the food, and we then cleaned up and set out for the stadium seats. The game turned out to be a good one, with the Padres edging the Phillies by a 1-0 score. It was a fun evening.

## MIKE'S MATH CLUB

Michael Riel-Mehan was honored at an Encinitas School District ceremony for running the "MIKES MATH CLUB", an after school activity for 5th and 6th graders. We hope Michael will share some of the items with RFNL readers.

## MEGAN RIEL-MEHAN GETS MENTION IN LOCAL PAPER

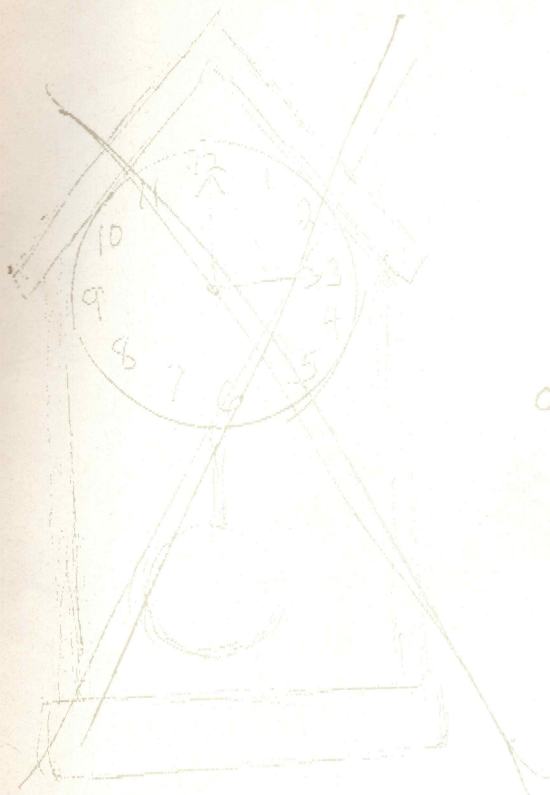
The following is quoted from the Schools section of the May 11th issue of the Encinitas Sun. "Don't tell Rush about the two Megans, he'd call them a couple of "environmental whackos." Megan Scott and Megan Riel-Mehan, fifth-graders in Pacific View teacher Judy Leff's class, had their poems published in the winter edition of the Batiquitos News. Megan Scott's poem was titled "The Amazement of Life" and Riel-Mehan's was named "Snowy Egret"

## FRANCIE OFF TO CHICAGO TO MAKE TV FILM

Francie has been invited by her company to travel to Chicago soon, in order to participate in the making of a TV "Infomercial". We hope to have all the details for the July issue of RFNL.

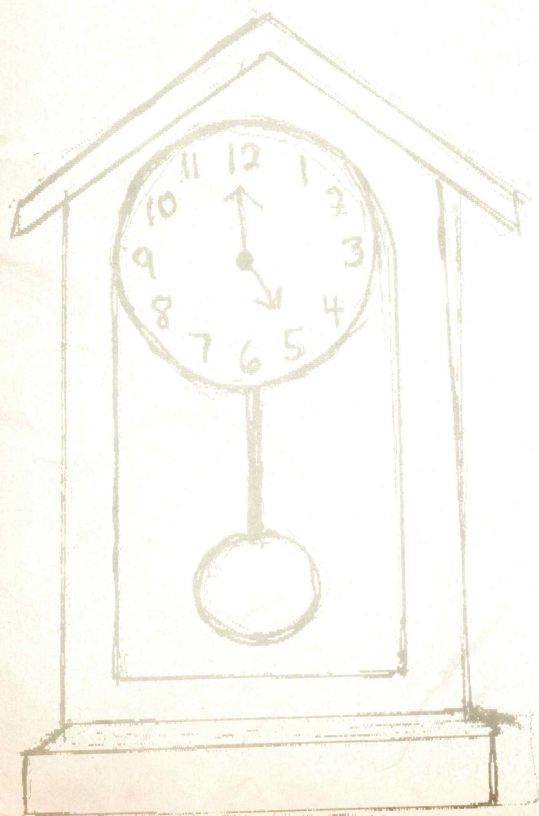
## The Mystery Hound Go To The Hotel

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Also Michael was honored at  
 an Encinitas <sup>School</sup> District ceremony  
 for running the Mike's Math Club  
 an after school <sup>activity</sup> for 5th + 6th  
 graders. (Maybe the RFL  
 editor could twist his <sup>and</sup> arm  
 to join the editorial staff  
 offering riddles and math  
 games on a regular basis  
 for younger cousins.)

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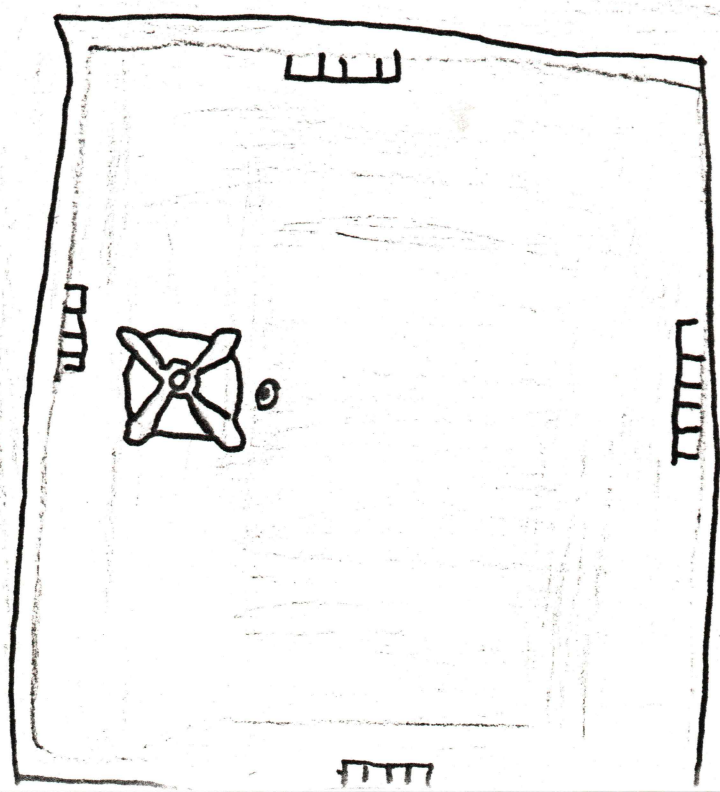


AT THE DEL MAR  
 FAIR - WOODWORKING  
 EXHIBIT - LOOK FOR  
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 BY MICHAEL RIEL-MEYAN

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# The Case Of The Missing Money

Author: Bryce Alan Loren



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The case of the missing money

Author: Bryce Sorem  
Illustrator: Bryce Sorem

St. Columba  
Mrs. Sanchez  
Grade 3

My name is Bryce Sorem.  
I was born in 1986, and I'm  
8 years old. My family is christian,  
and my favorite sport is baseball.  
My favorite ice cream is called twist,  
and I have 5 pets. My favorite  
color is blue, and I have 1 brother.  
I have 1 sister that lives in mississippi.



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## Tough Luck For The Mystery Hounds

When they were done investigating they found no clues. Then they went back to their hotel room and talked to each other. John said, "I can't believe we didn't find any clues." "Ya," Shari said. "I thought this would be easy to figure out." Then Greg said, "We'll get up late tomorrow and see if we can get him, so we have to go to sleep at 10 o'clock." Time past and finally it was 10 o'clock. everybody went to sleep. The next day, they got up late, and went to the front of the hotel. When they got there they were on time. They stayed there for a long time. When they saw someone, they said, "Gotcha!" "Hay guys it only me. The guy you met in front of the hotel remember?" "Ya, I remember. Man! I thought you were the criminal," said Shari. "What I see something, I see it too. It's a finger print," John said. "We must

have not seen it yesterday," Greg said.

## The Case is Closed

Don't worry we'll catch him someday. Gurus, we have to go to sleep at the same time, and wake up at the same time too. When it was 7 o'clock, everybody went to sleep. The next day they got up very late, and went to the front of the hotel. It wasn't very long when someone was walking to the cash register, but the Mystery hound couldn't hear because they were sleeping. When they woke up they saw the cash register was open. "Man! Why don't we just go to the hotel manager," said Shari. "Gary that's a good idea," said John. When they got to the manager's office, they saw him sorting out money. "Mr. Sorem," said Greg. "What?" said Mr. Sorem. "You're the one who took the money," said Greg. "No you're wrong. I just wanted to give Mr. Anderson a raise." "Cool, then the case is closed now," said Shari. "Not yet," said Greg. "Mr. Anderson!" "Your money isn't missing you're boss just wanted to give

you a raise. "Now the case  
is closed."

