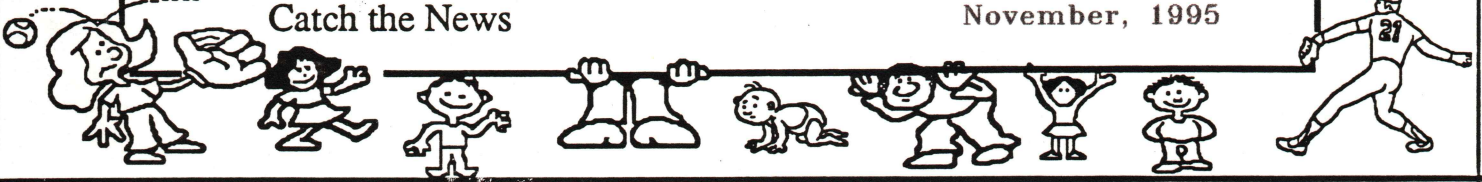




The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

November, 1995



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FOOD, FUN AND GAMES PLANNED FOR HOLIDAY

Thanksgiving day marks the beginning of the holiday season, and this big celebration will take place at the home of Bud, Margaret, Michael and Megan. The details are outlined in the next column. We will be looking forward to enjoying your favorite dish, along with the various games planned by Margaret. Also, we look forward to this chance to visit with everyone.

NEW YEARS DAY IS NOT FAR AWAY

You are reminded that RIEL BOWL V is set for January 1, 1996, at the Bob and Karla Riel home, so start thinking about the white elephant gift exchange, RFNL crossword contest, typo errors contest and other popular features. Kids, get out your RFNL file and start reviewing last years issues.

TRAVEL NEWS

Francie recently returned from a very successful show assignment, this one in Pittsburgh. However, she will be hitting the road in early November, this time to Philadelphia. This will be a big show, with over 500 expected in the audience. Francie will be working with one of the top level supervisors at ISO, so she is looking forward to an exciting time.

Margaret, as reported in the last issue of RFNL, returned from her White House conference on the future of education. Although she did not get to meet President Clinton, she participated in the preparation of recommendations which will be presented to him for consideration and future action. The details are contained in a letter from Dr. David Shaw, and a copy is reproduced on page 2 of this issue.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Katy Riel recently celebrated her 10th birthday, and Grandpa and Grandma treated her to lunch at Sizzlers. Afterwards Grandma and Katy set out for an afternoon at Sea World, followed by a shopping spree at T.J. Maxx. Jason Benesch finally got his delayed 14th celebration, and Grandma and Grandpa treated him to lunch at Tio Leo's. Afterwards we went shopping at the Incredible Universe, a very busy place on a Sunday afternoon. The rest of the day was spent at the Family Fun Center, with two rounds of miniature golf. Both celebrations were enjoyed by all, and we wish Katy and Jason HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

NOBODY IN NOVEMBER - GRANDMA'S MONTH OFF!



The Riel Clan
Thanksgiving Day Feast
to be held at the Riel/Mehans

The early "birds" will be served coffee and muffins from 10:00 -11:00. At 11:00 the group will move to Cardiff park (2 miles from the house) for some pre-dinner exercise. There is a new playground, baseball diamond, basketba; hoops, and soccer field. Come with outdoor toys. If you want to come directly to the park, take the Birmingham exit and go west (left) until you hit San Elijo Road. Turn north (right) and the park/school will be on your right after about a 1/4 mile.

We will return to the house for dinner about 1:00 pm. Pot Luck as always. Either call and let Margaret know what you are bringing or take your chances.

After noon entertainment will include a ping-pong tournament, trampoline jumping, Sega football for the couch potatoes, and Monty Python's Complete Waste of time on the computer for the mindless.



HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Since Grandma and Grandpa were not able to attend Annie Gillingham's first communion service, she was treated to a special celebration. We had lunch at Sizzler's,

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followed by some high level shopping at Target and Grossmont Shopping Center. We then took in a movie, "Now and Then". It was a nice afternoon, in spite of all the shopping, and we congratulate Annie on this important step in her religious life.

SPORTS NEWS

Recently Margaret, Bud and Megan participated in a 5K "On the Beach" marathon. The rules of the race allowed barefoot contestants, and Margaret elected that option. Bud came in first, in his division, Megan second and Margaret third in their divisions.

Michael is on a triple A soccer team, and they are in first place after their 4th game. Triple A is the highest level, for their age group. Also, Michael has made the District 2 Olympic Development Team. The details are contained in the report printed in the right hand column of this page. We wish Michael the best of luck in the coming competition.

Although the baseball season is over, David Gillingham still is interested in his game, and the photo reproduced below shows him listening to some helpful hitting hints from Padre star right fielder Tony Gwynn. With that kind of advice we can expect some special hitting from David, comes the next baseball season.



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Dear Margaret:

On behalf of the President, and of the members and staff of the PCAST Panel on Educational Technology, I wanted to thank you for taking the time to brief the panel on matters related to its current investigations. I discussed these briefing sessions briefly with the President on Friday, and will be meeting tomorrow with him, the Vice President, the Secretary of Education, and the CEOs of a few of our nation's leading information industry firms, to pursue these matters further.

Your contributions will play an important role in shaping our government's policies in the area of educational technology, and in preparing American for the formidable challenges they will face over the coming years. Many thanks once again for your valuable assistance.

Sincerely,

David E. Shaw, Ph.D.
Chairman

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CAREER MOVES

As we reported recently, Ed Riel is back in the work force, and when we talked to him recently he indicated that he was very happy with his new position. Since his company does only insurance claim work, he is confronted with a wide variety of repair items, from simple and small to comprehensive. This is a welcome contrast to previous work, which was fairly routine and predictable. Richard Riel reports that he is very happy with his Wells Fargo position. He is very busy, and reports that he is the top salesman in his district. Kevin Riel also is working part time, at Sea World, and expects to be able to work full time during the summer vacation period.

CAREER NEWS

Several months ago we reported on Francie's trip to Chicago to help make two promotional video tapes. The two tapes now are being distributed across the country. Also, ISO has printed a flier advertising the tapes, and it features Francie working on one of the models used in the tapes. The front sheet of the flier is reproduced at right, and her picture now is being sent out across the country. As we pointed out recently, this kind of publicity helps her regular trade, and she now is so busy that she has increased her prices. Robert Riel used his computer technology to provide her with a new pricing sheet. Carol reports that she has been chosen as a monitor teacher for another year, an honor that we know is well deserved. The extra pay also helps.

TRAVEL NEWS

Grandma and Grandpa recently returned from a one week visit to their time share condo in Indian Wells. It turned out to be a very enjoyable vacation. We played some golf, although the weather was pretty warm, and checked out two of the shopping centers. The main attraction, however, turned out to be the two Indian tribe casinos, located only a short drive from Indian Wells. Both are new, and one holds afternoon bingo games every day. Also, they both have nice restaurants, where we enjoyed some excellent meals. It was a nice vacation, and we look forward to another visit next spring. Unfortunately, however, we were not able to contact our old friends Jack and Margy Dulin. They did not answer the phone, and the message we left cut off before our phone number was mentioned, hence they were unable to contact us. However, we will see them next spring.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Recently we came across this story about a family where the wife was not exactly noted for her cooking skills. One day the husband decided to check out the smoke detector. He

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lit a match and the alarm went off as it should. Turning to his teen age son, who was watching, he said "do you know what that sound means?" His son answers "sure, it means dinner is ready". Obviously this story does not apply to any of the fabulous Riel girls.

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TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Usually we do not have many visitors on Halloween night, perhaps because of the in the canyon location. However, a whole gang showed up about 7:00 p.m., headed by Katy and Brian Riel. They brought along some friends, and also mom and dad plus another parent. Their visit was rewarded with some special treats, and everyone enjoyed the brief visit. They then took off to visit a few of the old neighbors who lived here when Robert was young. It was a fun visit, and we were glad to see all of them.

MISSION HILLS HISTORY - HOW WE GOT HERE FROM THERE

Some time ago we started a story on the history of the Mission Hills area, and we now have the space to print another episode, as follows.

The First Commuters

..... And the Zonies

By the 1700's, the natives who inhabited the San Diego area were Kumeyaay, (pronounced KOOM-yi). They had been greatly influenced by the Yuman migration which brought large numbers of Arizonan natives into the region. The early Zonies (as Arizonans are known today) arrived about 1000 years ago and introduced the bow and arrow to the Kumeyaay.

In the Mission Hills area, the main Kumeyaay village was called Cosoy (pronounced KOH-soy) and was home to some 40 families. Its original location was thought to be the Presidio area but in the 1970's experts found the site to be near the Hanalei Hotel in Mission Valley.

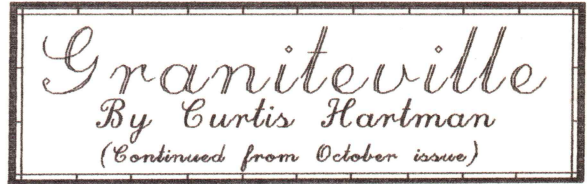
While living in the valley, the villagers worked in Mission Hills. The men hunted the Mission Hills canyons and plateau extensively for rabbit, raccoon, wood rat, opossum, deer, mice, lizard, snake, quail, antelope and sheep. They used bows and arrows, throwing sticks, and nets and snares. They also fished from reef rafts on the San Diego River for abalone, clams, lobster, halibut, grunion, shrimp and crab.

Meanwhile, the women gathered acorns, pine nuts, wild cherries and agave. They used ceramic bowls and mortars to grind the seeds and acorns.

The Kumeyaay cremated their dead and buried the ashes in clay jars. They, like the other 500 California tribal groups, continued in their hunter-gatherer ways until the Spanish established a settlement in 1769.

EAST MEETS WEST

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The first known European to visit arrived in June 1542. That's when Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, a Portuguese explorer sailing under the Spanish flag, entered San Diego Bay. After naming the area San Miguel, he sailed on. Then, 60 years later, Spaniard Sebastian Vizcaino got into the act. He sailed here and renamed the area San Diego de Alcalá de Haneras in 1602. The real red letter date though is April 1769. That's when an expedition led by Gaspar de Portola showed up alone with Father Junipera Serra. Mission Hills and the Kumeyaay would never be the same.



Chapter 2

Later that night, they arrived at the town and set up camp. Fatch was awakened by a shout from the look out.

"Fatch, I've spotted a camp ahead. I went in closer and I found that it was the refugees from the village!"

"Good work. Maybe they wish to assist us in our fight against Mordan the Slayer," said Fatch.

After they identified themselves and told them of their mission, they eagerly fell into our ranks. There were four of them. By name they were Garen, Rab, Seth, and Thoron. Each of them had their bad qualities. Garen is a glutton whose perpetual hunger drives him to clear out pantries at an amazing rate. Rab is frightened to death of heights. Seth is superstitious. Thoron believes that Squire Elvis Presly is still alive. Even though that their bad qualities may make them seem bad and not battle worthy, each of them are warriors to the bone because they have seen so much death from when Mordan attacked. All of their families were either killed or enslaved and they all have sworn to put an end to Mordan the Slayer.

Later that evening, Fatch conferred with them in hushed tones about the predicament.

"Mordan has practically turned our town into a fortress. We were forced to build a makeshift wooden wall to be protected and he is backing them with a stone wall built by his slaves," said Rab.

"We need to find a weakness in the fortress so we know where to make our main attack," added Garen.

"I think we should form a spy system by getting someone inside" suggested Seth.

"Wonderful idea" Fatch said. "All right everyone! Thinking caps on! Let's think of how to get a man inside and get information back without getting caught".

Chapter Three

As we sat around the campfire trying to think of an idea, the crew slept. All of a sudden, while Fatch was watching the lookout, it hit him like a thunderbolt!

"I've got it" Fatch shouted triumphantly (waking some nearby soldiers). "I have a plan! What we do is get some of us to dress up as townfolk and during the changing of the guard, those people will climb over the walls on grappling hooks and mingle in with the city slaves. Then you stay there and keep your eyes and ears open for a weakness in the guard. You will send messages back on parchments carried by my pet fox Squire Muldoon the Third. You will know him because he will come directly to you and he will have a collar. The one day he carries weapons on his back, you will know. That is the day we will attack!"

We soon chose the people who would go in because they had friends in that city. We had a plan.

Chapter Four

Meanwhile, back at Roupert, the whole town was bustling with activity. Some of the younger boys were being taught by the elders how to use the short sword. They knew that they would be totally defenseless if Mordan sent even a fraction of his horde to their town because all of their fighters were gone.

The families gathered to hear a speech from Mayor Horas concerning their predicament.

"Citizens of Roupert," he began, "I am sure you are aware of the problem we are facing. I am also sure you have seen our team of defense training in the fields with short swords and bows and arrows. I now request for the remainder of people to help reinforce the walls around the village and go out hunting and harvesting food in case of siege. Thank you."

Soon the tasks were completely under way.

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Morgan by Telephone

① Invitation to White Plains
See letter

② Sports

Michael has Cupli A
premier league soccer team is
(highest level for
age group)

after 4th game team is in
1st place in league

Bud, Megan & Max ran in 5K

"On the Beach" marathon - It
was run along the beach (bananas
for Max) - Bud - 1st place

Meg 2nd place

Max 3rd place

each in their own
division

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