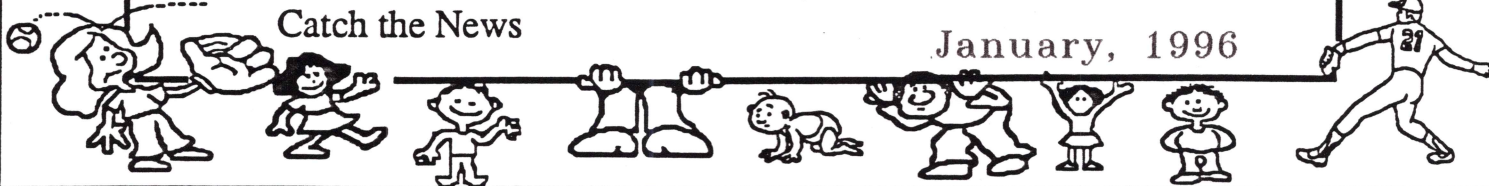




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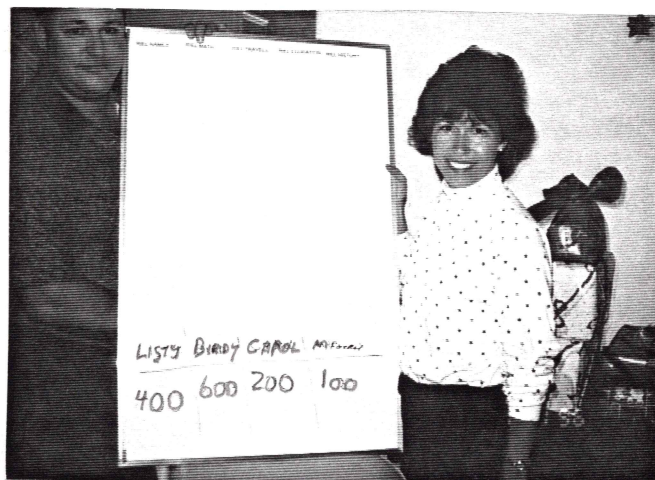


RIEL BOWL V GREATEST EVER

FOUR TIE CROSSWORD CONTEST BIRDY HARTMAN WINS PLAYOFF

PARENTS AND KIDS ENJOY GIFT EXCHANGES, FOOD AND PRESENTS

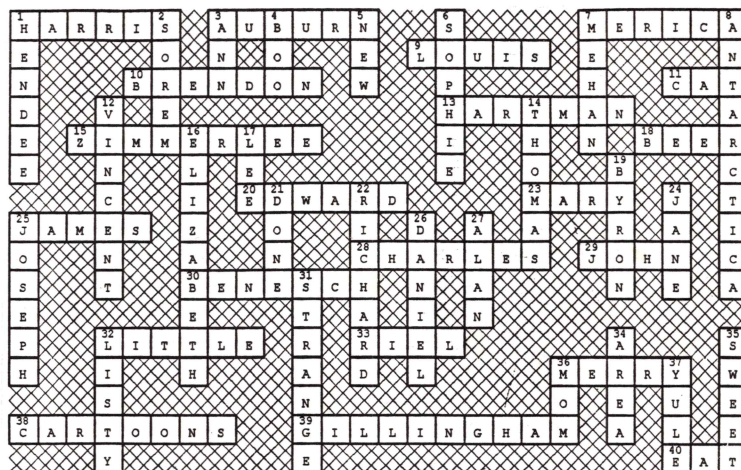
The 5th Annual Riel Bowl celebration was held on January 1, 1996, at the Alpine home of Bob and Karla. Surely this was the best one to date, in terms of organization, weather, participation and food. The early birds enjoyed sweet rolls, coffee and snacks, but the real food was delayed pending the evaluation of the annual Riel crossword puzzle created by Commissioner Bob Riel. Each family had received a copy a few days in advance, so that they would have plenty of time to figure out the obscure clues and arrive at their solution. However, we have good reason to believe that there was a great deal of cross communication, with illegal offers to trade answers back and forth. Because of this fact it is not surprising that there were four ties, each with all blanks correctly filled in. The lucky winners were Margaret, Carol, Listy and Birdy. RFNL is conducting an audit of the number of telephone calls placed between these four homes, during the final days leading up to the contest closing date. We expect to uncover clear evidence of collusion which may lead to a closed door hearing before Commissioner Bob. We predict the disqualification of all four winners, and a declaration that Grandpa Riel was the actual winner. In spite of this circumstance the tie breaking Jeopard game was played to decide the overall winner. After a great deal of discussion on the accuracy of some of the official answers provided by the Commissioner, Birdy Hartman ended up with the winning total, and was declared the overall winner.



The next activity was dinner, and Bob Riel served up the most delicious prime rib roast we have ever tasted. It was complimented by salad, cooked vegetables, candied yams, Jello salad, ham and drinks. Everything was outstanding, and the group made short work of every dish in sight.

The next activity was a picture taking one. The RFNL editor had reviewed the 1st Riel Bowl report, and noted the family portrait taken at that time. All of the family members were positioned in the same order, so that this years picture would show each person in the same position. Francie's guest, John Curtis expertly handled several cameras, and the group portraits are now a matter of record. We hope to have the official RFNL one for the February issue.

Everyone then assembled in the living room for the distribution of presents, followed by the newly initiated kids gift exchange. Finally, the parents white elephant gift exchange took place, and after lots of swapping back and forth everyone ended up with something, good or bad. The celebration ended



RIEL BOWL CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLVED

with dessert for everyone, and then the various gifts were collected and the party was over. We all owe thanks to Bob and Karla for all of the hard work involved in making the day a really great family outing. It was a great way to wish everyone a **HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Grandpa Riel enjoyed several 77th celebrations in early December. He enjoyed lunch with Bob Riel, Ed, and Francie, at the Black Angus. The picture on page two shows the group after lunch. Another lunch involved Listy and Birdy, plus Grandma, at the Crocodile in Fashion Valley. Also, there were cards, presents and phone calls. It was fun, and we look

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forward to another one next December.



Another celebration (slightly delayed, from July) was with Bryce Sorem, his 10th. We had lunch at a little restaurant near his home, followed by nine holes of golf at Stardust, and then a movie, The Toy Story. Grandma promises to be on time next year. Grandma also celebrated her 71st, at the New Years Day party, and enjoyed congratulations from everyone.

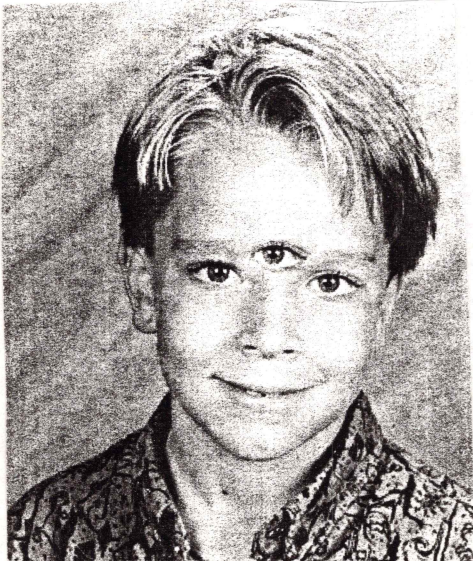
BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Edith Riel	January 2	71
Megan Riel-Mehan	January 15	12

RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

The sick season is here, and we have several reports of sickness. As we reported in the last issue, Curtis missed the Thanksgiving party but is fully recovered now. However, he not only had a runny nose, but also runny eyes, as you can see from the following picture. We understand his vision has improved 100%. (Just kidding - computer magic by dad Bruce)

(Continued on page 3)



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Best Wishes,

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Katy and Brian Riel also were reported to be under the weather early in December, but they obviously were fully recovered by Riel Bowl V time. Grandma Riel seemed to be fully recovered from her recent bout with pneumonia, but she did feel poorly early this month. However, she now is back in action. We also heard that Bob Riel was sick right after the holiday season, but he is OK now. The flu season is upon us now, and we expect we will have more reports before spring arrives.

TRAVEL NEWS

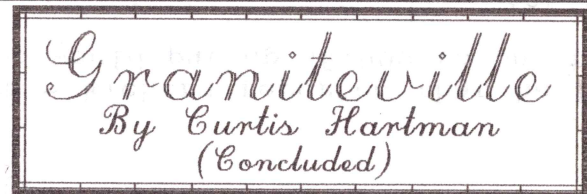
The Mehan family enjoyed a brief holiday over the Christmas season. This time it was cross country skiing in the Reno area. They just barely made their flight out of San Diego, since a must soccer game ended only just in time for a mad dash to the airport. We understand that it was a pleasant vacation. Francie recently returned from another successful business trip to Seattle. On January 7th she took off again, this time to San Francisco and Sacramento. The company she represents, *iso*, is introducing a new line of products, which Francie will explain as soon as she studies up on them, during the airplane flight. We know she can fake it, if necessary, and will do a great job.

SOME SPORTS NEWS

Bob Gillingham reports that he is really into bike riding these days. On Thanksgiving day he rode from home to Encinitas, and did the same for the Riel Bowl V. celebration. He commented that there are some mean hills on the way to Alpine. We also heard that Listy has been running a lot recently, in preparation for some future marathons.

Some golf news - During the Christmas recess Bob G enjoyed a round with Grandpa and Grandma Riel at the Handlery (former Stardust) Golf Resort. His 76 was not bad, considering that he was out of practice. Speaking of golf, Grandma discovered a new hazard at the course. Grandpa and two playing partners were waiting for Grandma on the first tee, but she was nowhere to be seen. After a few minutes Grandpa walked back to the pro shop area to find out what was wrong. He discovered Grandma locked up in the club storage area. It seems that when she went to get her clubs the attendant was not around, so she went in to get the clubs herself. While she was inside the attendant returned, and locked the door to take a break. The door is half height and locks from both sides. She was found standing inside the door, golf cart and clubs in tow, but no way to get out. Shortly she was rescued, and commented that from now on she would let the attendant get her clubs.

The latest word on the fate of the golf course is that it will close for renovation on April 1, 1996, but it might close as early as February. However, it more likely will be October or later. This leaves the schedule pretty much open. Once closed it will take nine months to rework the course, and it will reopen as a public facility, operated by the American Golf Corporation.



Chapter Nine

Fatch saw his fox coming, so he went out to meet him. He took the message out from under the collar and examined it. The message read...

Friend Fatch,

On the other side of this paper you will find a map. The dark line on the map symbolizes a tunnel that we wish you to dig. If it is dug correctly, you will end up directly in front of Mordans throne and save bloodshed.

FROM,

The Slaves

A tunnel... what a great idea! The more Fatch thought about it, the more he liked it. He liked the fact that it would save lives. He figured that some of those soldiers must only be loyal to Mordan because they fear him. Just maybe those people will buy a peice of land and become a farmer or something like that. He realized that now an attack would not be necessary!

Fatch quickly roused the troops and they began construction on the tunnel. They dug all through the day and all through the night. Finally, he got the report that the tunnel was nearly completed because they were in the right place. They just needed to dig up. Fatch drew his sword and told the others to stay back. They nodded understandingly as he went in alone. This was a fight between him and Mordan.

Fatch reached the end of the tunnel and began to dig upward with his swordpoint.

In Mordan's throne room, a soldier named Ripclaw, made his report,

"Sir, while on wall duty I saw a fox runn'in in and out of the fortress AHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

The ground above the tunnel had become too thin, so he fell through and landed right on Fatches swordpoint! As Fatch tried to get him off, Mordan grabbed his bow and arrows. He aimed one right at Fatch!

"So I finally find out who my mystery attacker is. And may I be granted you telling me your name?" asked Mordan.

Fatch's answer was bold and fearless. "I am Fatch Windright, the best fighter of the good city Roupert. I am here to put an end to your tyranny."

"Right now, you don't look like you're in any position to do anything", said Mordan, with his voice full of scorn.

Fatch raised his sword high and said, "We'll see about that!"

Mordan, pulling his bow string back further said, "Yea, we will see about that." Then, all of a sudden, Mordan heard a low growling and a red flash jumped upon him and sank it's teeth deep into his neck. Mordan was dead before his body hit the ground. Fatch's fox, Squire Muldoon, had killed Mordan.

The rest of Mordan's troops surrendered and left Forestria for good. The slaves were set free to go back to their homes and now the name "Mordan the Slayer" is only used to frighten naughty young children off to bed.

THE END

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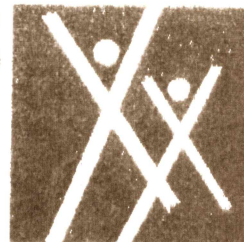
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