



The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

December, 1997



FAMILY CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING IN ENCINITAS

Thanksgiving day was another reason for a family get together, and once again Bud and Margaret offered their home as the place for the celebration. The first order of business was a soccer game at the nearby park, and there was a good turn out of players. For the most part it was parents against the children, and as pointed out in prior editions of RFNL the kids are rapidly overmatching the parents. This was apparent not only by the score but by the fact that most of the action took place in front of the parents goal. The game was called off when the turkey was done, and everyone headed for the house to satisfy their big appetites. We had the usual great food, roast turkey, roast leg of lamb, salad, candied yams, delicious baked potatoes, cranberry sauce and lots of snacks. For dessert there was pie, ice cream and cake. Needless to say everyone ate their fill and then some.

In addition to the regulars we were pleased to welcome Jeff's parents Bernie and Audrey and his sister, Debbie. It was nice to see them and we hope they join us again soon.

We have some pictures of the party, which are reproduced on page 2. Once again we thank Margaret, Bud and family for their hospitality, as well as all who contributed to the great food selection. It was a great party, enjoyed by all.

GET READY FOR RIEL BOWL VII

Yes, it's almost time for another one of those great Riel Bowl celebrations, and as usual the hosts are Bob and Karla. The activities start at about eleven, when there will be some snacks to stimulate appetites. At the same time the kids will enjoy some back yard fun. One of the key attractions will be the annual crossword puzzle. Because Bob has been pretty busy recently Grandpa offered to make up both the crossword clues and the ever popular Jeopardy game. According to Robert, after he reviewed the two submissions he indicated that they are very hard, and he thinks that no one will solve the puzzle or know all the Jeopardy answers. In order to help with the latter we will provide everyone with the Jeopardy categories. They are (1) 50th Anniversary Celebration, (2) Drama and Arts, (3) Awards and Honors, (4) Birthdays and (5) Travel. We suggest you review your past editions of RFNL, keeping in mind the above categories. In addition to the games we will have the usual gift exchange followed by the parents white elephant gift exchange. Recall that each family brings one good gift and one white elephant category, and the honorable Riel Bowl Commissioner will supervise the entire exchange process, as well as the Jeopardy game. Remember that the Jeopardy winner gets last pick in the gift exchange. Be sure and call Karla to coordinate what you will bring for the dinner. We look forward to seeing all of you on January 1, 1998!

TRAVEL NEWS

We forgot to mention in the last issue the outcome of the vacation Grandma and Grandpa recently took in Las Vegas. We decided to stay downtown, and chose the Union Plaza hotel. We had a very nice room in the south tower, which is located right beside the parking garage, hence is very convenient. We had good luck in the casino, and at one time had more quarters than we could carry. We also tried some of the strip casinos, but we apparently never found Birdy's lucky dollar machine. If we did we lacked her touch. However, we did have a lucky break at the bingo game at Binion's Horseshoe. After playing there every day without a win Edith won on the last day, in the last regular game. Hence we were able to bring home some lucky money for our next trip, in the spring.

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The busy traveler award for this month goes to Listy, who just completed a California tour of five cities in five days, as shown in the program cover sheet reproduced below. In each city she conducted her BER seminar for math teachers. We sat in on the last hour of her San Diego presentation, and it was easy to see why she is so liked by the BER management. We heartily agree with the comments made by teachers who attended previous seminars, as reproduced at the lower right.

Another brief traveler was Margaret, who had an interesting experience recently. She is an Education Foundation Fellow in an organization operated by George Lucus. Recently he hosted a week end party at his ranch in the Merlin county (near San Francisco) area. He is very active in promoting the use of new technology to improve education techniques. Both Margaret and Megan participated in the activities, which included some hiking and bike riding as well as a dinner party. We will have some pictures for the next issue.



exhibits. We wish Scott a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY! As you can see from the opposite picture both Scott and Grandma are enjoying good Chinese food.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Scott Hartman recently celebrated his 12th birthday, and the first item was lunch at the Mandarin Plaza Chinese restaurant, a Hartman favorite. We then took off for the San Diego zoo, and spent the afternoon covering everything from the Panda bear exhibit to the animal and sea lion shows, and the sky ride. We got in a lot of walking, and enjoyed seeing all of the

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Liz Riel	December 3	46
Alan Sorem	December 4	50
Frank Riel	December 6	79
Kristy Gillingham	December 8	14



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ELIZABETH GILLINGHAM is an award-winning teacher and an outstanding presenter. She has been a secondary math teacher for 14 years, and her enthusiasm for teaching and working with students is apparent in every presentation. Elizabeth's work at a new school with a strong school-to-career emphasis gives her an exciting perspective on the changing role of mathematics education. Participants leave her seminars with the feeling that even the most reluctant students can learn — and even enjoy — math because of the power of her ideas. She is the author of *Strengthening Student Involvement and Learning in Your Geometry and Algebra Instruction*, the extensive handbook that each participant will receive at the seminar. Seminars with Elizabeth are fast moving, fun, and filled with ideas, strategies and activities you can use immediately in your classroom.

WHAT YOUR COLLEAGUES SAY ABOUT ELIZABETH GILLINGHAM:

"Great ideas! With block scheduling (and even a traditional period) this seminar will really help to get our students 'working' with math." - L. Clifford, Math Teacher

"Very practical with lots of usable activities! Ms. Gillingham is energetic, alive and makes the day fun!" - Kathy Holmes, H.S. Math Teacher

"Super ideas! Elizabeth is motivating and an exciting presenter who wants to teach for understanding!" - Dee Robinson, 6th Grade Math Teacher

"The ideas presented are fantastic! They can be easily adapted to any grade level or class. Superior!" - Christina Buttrey, Junior High Math Teacher

"Finally a seminar that offers functional ideas for my classroom. These activities seem fun and challenging, which I've had a hard time finding for my students." - Kelly A. Kramer, Math Teacher

"Great ideas that I can take back to my classroom and use immediately!" - Paula D. Pitcher, Math Teacher

"I have gained many creative, innovative ideas today! I find these ideas especially helpful to enrich a 92-minute class period. The resource handbook is well organized and most helpful!" - Michelle Yeoman, Math Teacher

"Fantastic day! Ideas that can actually be used in the classroom!" - Raelynn Burten, 8th Grade Math Teacher

"This is exactly what I was looking for... New ideas to make math more interesting within the class! The instructor was great, upbeat and very excited about the topic." - Liz Shauer, Geometry/General Math Teacher

"Thank you for all these excellent strategies that I can take directly to the classroom!" - Jeff Holbrook, Algebra/Pre-Algebra Teacher

"Lots of great ideas presented in a short amount of time! Wonderful presenter - enthusiastic and upbeat!" - Cheryl Scheffer, Math Department Chair

"Super ideas that are immediately applicable in my classroom!" - Amy Cash, Math Teacher

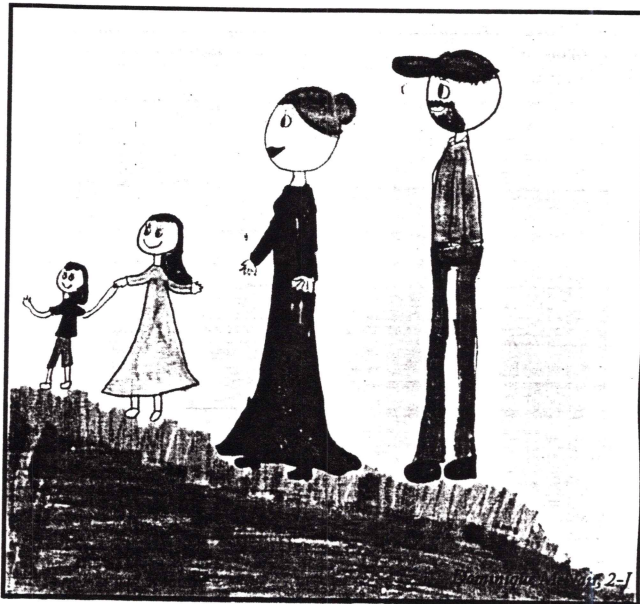
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GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT FRANCIS PARKER

Grandpa and Grandma reached another milestone on November 25, their last Grandparents' Day at Francis Parker Lower School. This is Annie's last year and she is the last of a long line of Hartman and Gillingham children, extending back for 14 years. We enjoyed the singing and dancing show put on by all of the kids. Afterwards we visited Annie's class room, and looked over the work she has been doing, as shown in the following pictures.



FRANCIS PARKER LOWER SCHOOL



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 25, 1997



RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

Recently Grandma had two chances to play nurse to a couple of sick kids, JJ and Annie. Both spent a day watching television and napping, and the cure was successful in both cases.

On the up side we are pleased to see Robert continue to maintain his slim figure, as shown in the following picture, taken recently in the RFNL office.



CAREER MOVE

We are pleased to report that Richard is back in the work force, after a long job search. He now is Assistant Manager in the Loan Department at Home Savings Bank. He is working out of their Spring Street, La Mesa office. We certainly wish him continued success in this new position.

GRANDMA AND GRANDPA CELEBRATE

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving Grandma and Grandpa spent a day at the annual Dixieland Jazz Festival, at the Town and Country Convention Center. This event features nearly 30 top jazz bands that provide continuous entertainment throughout the day. It was a lot of fun, and we plan to make attendance an annual event.

FOR RIEL BOWL V11 JEOPARDY GAME

- Category 1 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Category 2 Drama/Arts
- Category 3 Awards/Honors
- Category 4 Birthdays
- Category 5 Travel

Category 1 - 50th Anniversary Celebration

- X Statement This person read the newspaper account of the wedding of Frank and Edith.
Value 10 Response - Who is Dustin Benesch?
- X Statement This person played the role of Frank Riel, Sr. at the wedding ceremony.
Value 20 Response - Who is Tim Riel?
- X Statement Bruce reported that the leaves will be turning red in the fall somewhere in Arizona.
Value 30 Response - Where is Sedona?
- X Statement Frank gave Edith and himself a cruise vacation on this cruise vessel.
Value 40 Response - What is Century?
- X Statement Carol is planning to play in an over 50 soccer tournament in this city.
Value 50 Response - What is Tucson, Arizona?
- X Statement Two of the guests were the godparents of Listy and Birdy.
Value Super Response - Who are Carl and Marge Fredricks?

Category 2 - Drama/Arts

- X Statement Dustin Benesch played this character in the musical "The Jungle Book".
Value 10 Response - Who is Mowgli?
- X Statement Scott Hartman played the role of a butler in this original Francis Parker production.
Value 20 Response - What is "Clue"?
- X Statement "The Narmia Musical" is also referred by this name.
Value 30 Response - What is "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"?
- X Statement Tim Riel played this role in the production "Taming of the Shrew".
Value 40 Response - What is the Haberdasher?

Category 4 - Birthdays

- X Statement These two kids (not twins) share the same
Value 10 monthly birth day.
Response - Who are Michael Riel-Mehan and Brett
Sorem?
- X Statement This month has the most grandchildren
Value 20 birthdays.
Response - What is August?
- X Statement This month has no family birthdays.
Value 30 Response - What is November?
- X Statement Francie celebrated her 45th birthday at this
Value 40 local facility.
Response - What is Princess Resorts?
- X Statement Tim Riel celebrated his birthday by going to
Value 50 this musical show.
Response - What is Smoky Joe's Cafe?
- Statement These three kids share the same monthly birth
Value Super day.
Response - Who are Christopher and Nathan Riel
and Annie Gillingham?
- Statement These two kids were cheated out of a golf game
Value Super by Grandma and Grandpa.
Response - Who are Michael Riel-Mehan and Brett
Sorem?

Category 5 - Travel

- X Statement Listy and Birdy visited this town in December,
Value 10 1996.
Response - What is Sumter, So. Carolina?
- X Statement Jessica Benesch visited this city in May, 1997.
Value 20 Response - What is Washington, D.C.?
- X Statement Eloise and Scott Nix visited this popular
Value 30 attraction when they first arrived in San
Diego.
Response - What is Qualcomm Stadium?
- X Statement Bob and Listy stayed at this hotel during a
Value 40 recent awards ceremony.
Response - What is the Ritz Carlton Hotel?
- Statement Francie visited these three cities in the Jan-
Value 50 Feb 1997 time frame.
Response - What are San Francisco, Seattle and
Chicago?

X Statement Jessica Benesch won an award for writing a poem
with this title.
Value 50 Response - What is "Hey, it Could Happen"
Alternate Response - What is "A Light in the
Window"?

Statement Scott Hartman's drawing of a boy writing on a
bench was displayed at an exhibition sponsored
by this organization.
Value Super Response - What is the San Diego International
Sister City Cooperation?
Alternate response - What is the Visual and
Performing Arts Department of the San Diego
City School District?

Category 3 - Awards/Honors

X Statement Bob Gillingham was honored for teaching
excellence by this university.
Value 10 Response - What is Johns Hopkins University?

X Statement This kid won an award in the General
Woodworking, Grade 8 category at the county
fair.
Value 20 Response - Who is Craig Hartman?

Statement Curtis Hartman won an award for this invention
at the Greater San Diego Science and
Engineering Fair.
Value 30 Response - What is an electronic mail box
sensor?

X Statement Dr. Hugh Mehan won the Distinguished Teacher
Award from the University of California for
this project.
Value 40 Response - What is the Teacher Education
Project?

X Statement Robert Riel recently presented a technical
paper at the Electrical Contractors Conference
in this city.
Value 50 Response - What is Santa Clara, California?

Statement Listy Gillingham was commended for her teaching
excellence by this company.
Value Super Response - What is the Bureau of Education and
Research?
Alternate response - What is BER?

Statement

Grandma and Grandpa visited these four island cities during their Caribbean Cruise.

Value Super

Response - What are San Juan, St. Thomas, San Maartin and Nassau?

Statement

The Mehan family experienced an automobile accident while traveling in this Spanish city.

Value Super

Response - What is Valencia?

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Tim Riel

COFFEEHOUSE '97 10th Anniversary!!!!

brought to you by the P.L.H.S. Thespian Society

Head Director:

Nicole Poppe Opper

Choreographer:

Telina McCord

Comedy Director:

Monica Souza
Matt Harrington

Lighting/Sound:

Tia Nigro*, Jenny Shipley*, Piper Gunnarson*

<u>ACT I</u>	<u>CAST</u>	<u>LIST</u>	<u>ACT II</u>
<p>Coffeehouse Opener Magic To Do Animal Rights# Green & Fazio 1 Richard Simmons Spartans 1 <i>Music -- Brett</i> PEZ Rehab Group Just Wear It ^ Chad Filler A Song For A Very Special Lady Fresh Face Modeling Tour Manuel Labor <i>Music -- Julie</i> runner Zero Tolerance Stayin' Alive</p>	<p>Gustavo Alcoser Priscilla Allen* Aerrie Allen Katie Anderson Richard Caballero Cassandra Cenicerros Diana Crespo Chad Davis* Maria DeLorenzo* Theres Fuentes* Evita de la Garza D.J. Gauger* Diana Halliday Matt Harrington* Regina Hernandez Adriana Herrera Tanya Houff Kristen Johnson Telina McCord*</p> <p>* denotes membership in Thespians ^ written by Chris Acedo</p>	<p>Nicole Poppe Opper* KimPaiva Megann Paulette Mike Refkin Chris Renda Tim Riel Reina Rivera Chatia Rogers Andrea Silva Alexandra Souza Monica Souza* Vanessa Souza Brent Stevens Nicki Vasquez</p> <p><u>CAST MUSICIANS:</u> Elisa Ferrari Brett Florio Juliet Hawk</p> <p>• written by Chris Renda # written by Torrey Bell- Edwards</p>	<p>Curtain Boy Tap Dogs Sarcasm 101 Interview • Spartans 2 Dirty Old Man <i>Music -- Julie</i> Rain Thespian Interpretive Dance Green & Fazio 2 <i>Music -- Elisa</i> Chad Filler I'm A Woman Flapper Style</p>

Coming Soon...

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Night's Dream

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AND

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