



Family celebrates Thanksgiving at Mehan's home in Encinitas

Once again the family gathered at the Encinitas home of Bud and Margaret, in order to celebrate thanksgiving. As usual, the fun started off with the annual kids versus parents soccer game, and once again the parents were outmatched. Although they scored first, they soon tired and by the time the game was over it was 4 – 1 in favor of the kids. Even after Kevin and Jason switched sides the



kids still were able to outrun and outscore the tiring parents.



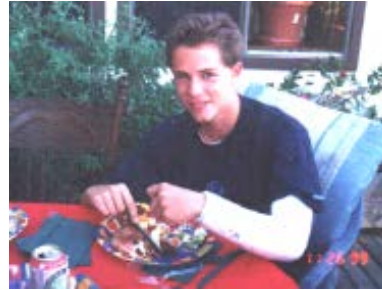
While the soccer game was going on the rest of the guests were enjoying some snacks, to work up an appetite for the big meal. Soon after the soccer players came back, the

big meal was served. We enjoyed turkey, expertly carved by Bud, with advice from Jeff. Also, there was glazed ham, potatoes, salad, vegetables, and more. Everyone ate their fill, but still had room for pies and ice cream for desserts. Afterwards we mostly sat around and talked. Also, there was some football to watch on TV. Thus ended the day, and we once again express to Bud and Margaret a great big **Thank you !!!** It was a great party, and we all had a great time.



Runny Nose Department

We are not aware of any significant sicknesses in the family. However, the skate board craze has claimed another victim. NO, it was not Brett this time. Nathan showed up on Thanksgiving Day looking as shown in this picture. In a slight accident he fell and broke and dislocated his elbow. However, eating was not a problem, and he enjoyed his share of the holiday goodies. We understand the cast is coming off soon, and a full recovery is expected.



Some news from South Carolina

Recently we received a letter from Aunt Eloise, and we reprint it as follows.

Dear Frank,

Everyone enjoys your newsletter, and it's great keeping up with the Riel Family. I must say your family stays busy and on the go.

The enclosed is a clipping sent to me by Georgia Fowles, Marie's daughter. The twins would be your Uncle John Southam's great granddaughters, right? Marie had an operation a few weeks ago but is doing fine now. She lives in the same apartment building with Georgia, which makes it nice.



Corey and Ted Fowles, of Strongsville, with twins Brittany and Madison.

Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it. I hope the family will enjoy both.

Love, Eloise

The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

December, 1999

The article accompanying the picture shown on page one describes the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Fairview Hospital, in Strongsville, Ohio. The twin's mother, Cory, was born prematurely at that facility, weighing in at three pounds, 12-ounces. When she and Ted learned that they were having twins, they knew at once that the NICU was the place for their twin's birth. Both twins weighed about four pounds at birth, and were kept in the hospital for two weeks. However, they are doing fine now, as one can see from the picture.

For those of you who have forgotten, Ted is the son of Grandpa's cousin Marie Southam Fowels, who is the daughter of John Southam, Grandpa's mother's oldest brother. By a somewhat strange circumstance Ted's great grandfather (My grandfather) also was born in Strongsville. You may recall that in the November 1998 issue of RFNL we published the story of how the Southam family arrived in this country from Devonshire, England, in 1834. Henry Southam and his new wife, Betsy Friend Southam were shipwrecked on Long Island, got ashore, and traveled by wagon, Hudson River steamboat, Erie Canal boat, Lake Erie steamboat and wagon to Strongsville, where Edwin Southam was born, on December 10, 1846.

Christmas shopping season arrives!!

Once again the day after Thanksgiving shopping frenzy occurred, and the RFNL shopping team was in full cry in and around the Mission Valley malls. There was a lunch break at Souplantation, after which the team headed



back to the mall.

Some college kids news

The big news on the college scene is that Kevin recently was accepted at the University of Sussex, near Brighton, in England. Brighton is located on the English Channel, only about 50 miles directly south of London, and for many years has been a very popular resort area. If you are interested in more detailed information on the college, it can be found in the Internet under "UK Universities". Kevin will be leaving San Diego on January 3rd and plans on majoring in political science. We talked to both Michael and Jason recently, and they are doing fine in their respective schools. Their mailing addresses are as follows.

Michael Room 331
401 Charles C. Young Drive, West
Los Angeles, Ca 90024

Jason P.O. Box 11281
Santa Barbara, CA 93107

We will be sending RFNL copies directly to Michael and Jason, and to Kevin, when we have his new address.

Birthday calendar for December

Liz Riel	December 3	48
Alan Sorem	December 4	52
Frank Riel	December 6	81
Kristy Gillingham	December 8	16

Grandpa award picture in READ annual report



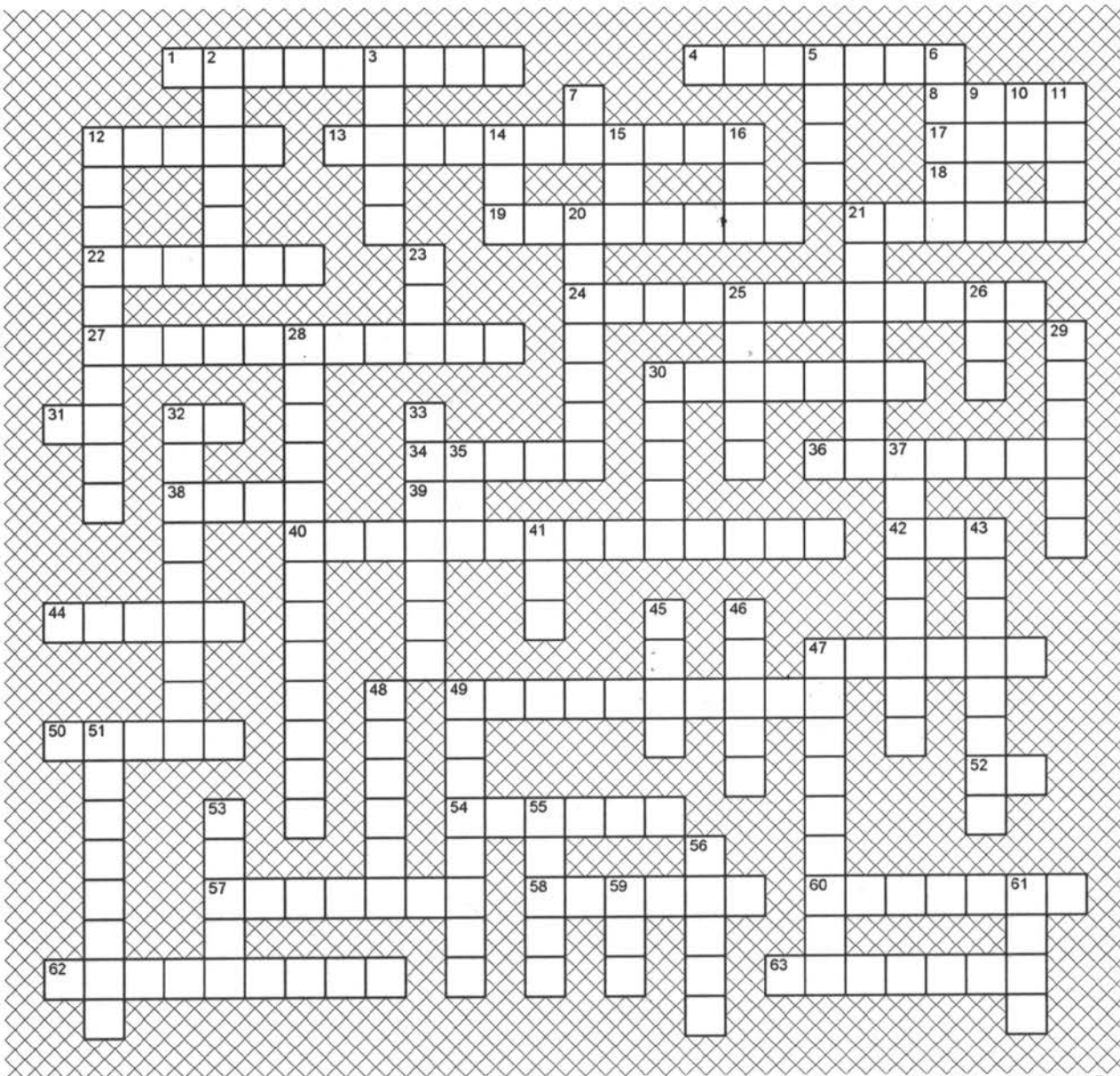
Rebecca E. Lytle Tutor of the Year Award Winner, Riel Shopping Team (Seated) and Jackie (Back)

Some time ago we reported that Grandpa had won one of the Rebecca E. Lytle Tutor of the Year awards. The READ annual report for 1999 contained the adjoining picture of Grandpa with two of the other award winners. He keeps very busy tutoring two students, one to take the

Nursing Assistant Certification test and the other to win a GED (high school diploma equivalent) degree.

Riel Bowl IX set for January 2nd

Since New Years Day falls on a Saturday, it has been decided that Riel Bowl IX will take place on Sunday, the 2nd. This will allow a full day to recover from the New Year Eve celebration. Your crossword puzzle is attached (**NO TRADING ANSWERS!!**), and we will have the usual games and White Elephant gift exchange. Check with Karla on what to bring. We look forward to seeing everyone, and a great day!



Dec 6, 1999 - Crosswords Plus

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| <p>1. Parents win at this game</p> <p>4. _____ Truck</p> <p>8. Jason's son</p> <p>12. Big Bear scratch</p> <p>13. Opened in 1921</p> <p>17. Santa goes here</p> <p>18. First and last letter in one of grandma's sisters first name</p> <p>19. She lost her purse</p> <p>21. Tour arranger</p> <p>22. Twins could cause this</p> <p>24. It came in 1912</p> <p>27. Lesson plan source</p> <p>30. A traditions kid</p> <p>31. Associated with Robert and Santa Fe</p> <p>32. Size</p> <p>34. Left a spot on your windshield</p> <p>36. Next Summer's visitors</p> <p>38. Comes on at 11:00</p> <p>39. A former Riel's first two init.</p> | <p>40. 1453 loss</p> <p>42. Sancho</p> <p>44. September Golfer</p> <p>47. It will rotate</p> <p>49. Segail subject</p> <p>50. He found it</p> <p>52. OOH LA _</p> <p>54. Teaching Treasure</p> <p>57. He is 18 in reverse</p> <p>60. She got rubies</p> <p>62. We'll miss her on the 25th</p> <p>63. Hallowed battle ground</p> <p>Down</p> <p>2. Rib Cooker</p> <p>3. Place</p> <p>5. Ed does this</p> <p>6. Win</p> <p>7. Power</p> <p>9. Car _____</p> <p>10. A Captain at Disneyland</p> <p>11. Move from one to another (abrev).</p> <p>12. Bench Warmers</p> <p>14. He managed</p> | <p>15. Everyone loves to get one of these</p> <p>16. _____ Down</p> <p>20. Cub Scout Leader</p> <p>21. One of Five</p> <p>23. Subject of a Riel collection</p> <p>25. She ran down</p> <p>26. The square root of one</p> <p>28. They missed it by 2</p> <p>29. Game maker</p> <p>30. Better Kid</p> <p>32. Diplomat's wife</p> <p>33. Mission Hills Namer</p> <p>35. Hit a ball with this</p> <p>37. Award</p> <p>41. None in this (abrev)</p> <p>43. FFVF Winner</p> <p>45. Fly Fisherman</p> <p>46. Youngest member on winning team</p> <p>47. Pigeon Place</p> <p>48. Show</p> <p>49. A Mayor</p> <p>51. Walk Start</p> <p>53. She has expectations</p> <p>55. 3rd timer</p> <p>56. Floor Finisher</p> | <p>59. New Director (same old guy)</p> <p>61. A street we used to meet on</p> |
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Riel Bowl IX crossword puzzle
Grandpa authored this puzzle, and all of his clues and answers can be found in the RFNL 1999 issues. **However**, Robert added on a few of his own, which came from who knows where, so watch out for them.
In case there are ties, we have a tiebreaker puzzle which will be given on the spot, without reference to RFNL issues, or anything else! The winner gets one place on the Jeopardy Game contest.