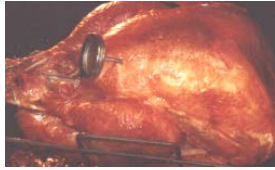




## Family celebrated Thanksgiving in Encinitas

Once again Margaret and Bud opened their home and hospitality to the whole family for another celebration. As usual with the annual kids In a stunning upset the from behind victory. However, we must put in the RFNL record book, since the kids graciously allowed Michael and Jason to play on the parent's team. Even with that advantage the aging parents had a difficult time overcoming the speed and endurance of the kids team. As you can see from the pictures, there was a lot of action, as well as some standing around and resting.



great Turkey Day the activities started off versus adults soccer game. parents scored A come The final score was 7 to 6. an asterisk after the entry



After time ran out on the game (as soon as the parents were ahead) everyone headed back to the Mehan's for the big feast. In addition to the huge turkey, we enjoyed salad, candied yams, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and lots of other goodies. It was a great party, and we thank the Mehans for having us.



## Birthday celebrations

Grandpa and Grandma finally got back on the birthday celebration trail, and we enjoyed days with two kids, Jason and Katy. With Jason we enjoyed lunch at our favorite Chinese buffet at the Mandarin Plaza. Afterwards we took in the movie "Best in Show", amusing but not very great.



The other birthday kid was Katy, and we set out with a well-defined plan. We were going to eat at Oscar's and then see the "Grinch". Because the movie was just out we knew it would be crowded, so we stopped at Fashion Valley to get tickets early. When we apparently got the last parking space in the garage, we decided to skip Oscar's and eat at the mall. "Grinch" was sold out until the 3:40 show, giving us plenty of time to eat elsewhere, but the parking problem made us stay in the mall. We ate at one of the outdoor walk up diners across from the AMC. The food (Mexican and Japanese) was not great, but the ice cream dessert was swell. We did some mall shopping, and Katy found what she wanted. We took in the movie and were able to get Katy to her church in El Cajon just in time for the 6pm service.



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## Birthday Calendar for December

Liz Riel	December 3	49
Alan Sorem	December 4	53
Frank Riel	December 6	82
Kristy Gillingham	December 8	17



## Lots of sports news

We received a lot of sports news last month, but due to the amount of other news we decided to skip everything, and save it for the December issue, so here it is!

### KATY - 10/24

*Hey grandpa*

*Hi, a lot has been going on. On the 21<sup>st</sup> I had cheer camp and on the 23 while trying to do a back hand spring I hyperextended my index and my middle fingers. I will not be able to cheer for the rest of the week and will be spending time with the school trainer. Brian says hi and is doing great in swimming.*

### MARGARET - 10/27

*After a long time kicking soccer balls into nets, Megan Riel-Mehan has finally seen her destiny and is now running cross-country for La Costa Canyon High School. Megan reports: "I've seen my favorite aunt Listy run marathons; I've seen my favorite aunt Carol run marathons, I've seen my favorite aunt Birdy run down Macy's aisles, and I want to be like them."*

### LISTY - 10/24

*David is playing soccer on the weekends for AYSO and Pep Band at Francis Parker. During any major sporting event you'll find David playing the drums and entertaining the fans for both football and volleyball.*

*Kristy is running cross-country with Scott Hartman for Francis Parker. They've competed in several meets already and I'm sure are learning to respect all their aunts and uncles who have completed marathons (smile).*

*Annie is playing soccer and has the best coach in the city (Bob). The funny thing is, Bob really thinks he's in charge when we all know it's Annie calling all the shots.*

*In the world of running you'll never guess who is giving me a run for my money at my most recent race. I was entered in the competitive field for the SRHS/Marshall MS Legs for Literacy 5-mile race. I was feeling very confident that*

*Marshall MS could never match the team from SRHS when who do I see entering the race for the opposing team??? My own brother, ED RIEL. I couldn't believe that he would side with his wife's team over his favorite sisters. I'm sure it was an oversight! Luckily I had considered that Marshall MS might try something tricky, so I had a back-up plan of other runners that helped support our team to a victory, but boy was Eddie tough to beat. I'll have to recruit him to our side next year (smile)*

### BIRDY - 10/22

*Scott is running cross-country with Kristy at Parker. They both are working hard at it. Scott has gotten one medal and Kristy just missed one at the last meet. She was only one girl away.*

That concludes the latest in sports, but keep the new items coming in, for future RFNL's.



## Travel news



Francie was on the go again, this time on a business trip to San Luis Obispo, for another show. She put on her regular demonstrations, including some of the new hairstyles she



has created. She reported that although air travel can be frustrating at times, due to delays and cancellations, she has learned to make the most of a delay by taking in whatever local sights or facilities (malls?) are available. She saved the poster advertising her session, and we

photographed it, along with her.

Grandpa and Grandma were on the go, this time for our semiannual trip to Las Vegas. We drove, as usual, leaving on Monday morning, 11/27, and coming home on the following Friday. We had lunch with our golfing friends from the Stardust days, and also tried out our luck in the casinos. Unfortunately, we did not win a single bingo game, nor did we have much luck with the machines. However, the weather was great and we enjoyed some nice meals and buffets, so all was not lost. We will be going back for another try in the spring! Here are some pictures

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we took during the stay in Las Vegas. The pictures on the right show the



inside and the outside of the new "Fremont Street Experience" show. The curved structure extends for four blocks, and the inner surface is covered with light bulbs. A computer program creates colored images which are animated and coordinated with an audio program. It is quite spectacular, and well worth seeing when you next visit Las Vegas.

## Riel Bowl X news update

It won't be long now before January 1 arrives, and with it the fabulous Riel Bowl extravaganza. This 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be special, so be ready for some extras. Your 2000 crossword puzzle is attached, and you are warned once again that no "trading" of answers between families is allowed. The honorable Commissioner, Robert D. Riel, has released a proclamation that violators will be severely punished for any infractions to this rule. We will have the regular Jeopardy Game, White Elephant gift exchange and regular gift exchanges. In addition, the long awaited resolution to the Bruce Hartman shopaholic case will be resolved by judicial decree of the Commissioner.

Grandpa's 10 speed will be raffled off to the lucky winner.

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO MUSICAL KIDS !!!

Bring your instruments, we are going to have a jam session. If anyone has a piano keyboard and sound system, be sure and bring it. This is your chance to show off your talents and provide some fun for the whole family.

### FAMILY PORTRAIT

Francie has volunteered to bring her wide-angle camera so we can take another entire family picture. Please review the picture we took wearing the color-coded T-shirts, so you can pose in the same position. Wear the same shirts (if they fit), or the same color. The code is: Rich-pink, Ed-dark blue, Margaret -yellow, Francie-pale green, Carol-red, Robert-white, Listy-green, Birdy-light blue, Grandma and Grandpa-orange. Lets make this a special one while we all are together!!

### New twist in Hartman case!!!

A few days ago we received the communication reproduced on page 4 of this issue. As you can see, an underground group calling themselves the BVD League have questioned the findings of the honorable Commissioner, as reported on the last page of the November issue of RFNL. Although the make up of the BVD League is not identified, a communication authored by Francie Sorem and published recently in RFNL causes us to think that the Frances referred to in the BVD letter is indeed Francie Sorem. The identity of the rest of the BVDs has not been revealed. However, we have independent information that a certain well-known surfing person co-authored the BVD letter, and is a moving force in the BVD movement. Since Surfer was identified as a member of the committee which held the clandestine Sunday morning meeting which produced the Hartman case findings, we have a situation in which the BVD spokesman is questioning the very decisions he was a part of formulating!

The BVD group is demanding an election, as noted in their letter, and in the interest of fair play we agree. Mark your ballots as indicated, and turn them in to the Riel Bowl Election Commissioner, Karla Riel, when you arrive at Alpine on January 1, 2001. All valid (as determined by the commissioner) votes will be counted and the results announced during the celebration.

### Sick call

We had a scare recently when we got a call from Francie that Bryce had been injured in a bicycle accident. He was trail biking, fell, and the one handlebar hit his lower right stomach, breaking the skin. Francie was out of town and Alan was in LA. He had to make a quick trip back to San Diego, to take charge. Bryce needed a few stitches, but he is OK now.

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## Riel Bowl's Committee Ruling in Doubt,

### ***New Election Count Demanded by Radical (Underground) Group***

A Group calling itself, "Bruce's Virtue Defense League" a.k.a. The BVD's, is raising serious allegations against findings of a clandestine Sunday morning, meeting, reported last month, which called into question Bruce Hartman's manhood. More specifically his so-called alleged shopping addiction. Arguments disputing Bruce's addiction were stated convincingly several months ago, by Frances, one of this families most expert of shoppers (in a family noted for it's experts). This argument, unceremoniously ignored by the Commish and members of his "Executive Committee" disputed whether shopping at Sears, which in reality is a glorified hardware store, can be seriously considered shopping at all. (see RFNL issue ?) For this reason we feel the judgment against Bruce is not only libelous and slanderous but is a travesty of justice against one of the finest and most highly respected members of the Innocent Bystanders. In careful objective consideration of the facts, we feel the angry partisanship has clouded the truthfulness of the important issues as listed below. Therefore we present on behalf of truth, justice the only way of solving an issue - this lawsuit. In this lawsuit we shall contend:

1. The allegation of shopping addiction is unsubstantiated. Though Bruce admits to spending a half-hour in a glorified home improvement store called Sears and procuring certain hardware to use in the manly business of maintaining the household. We allege that unbeknownst to the commission, that said hardware (namely screw drivers) were to be used to install "state of the art" satellite television equipment to capture every sporting channel transmitted on the face of the earth.
2. As far as the weekly Sunday shopping trips, the information provided to the committee by highly pervasive intelligent gathering techniques was reported inaccurately. They are, should the truth need to be known, shopping at places to enhance the marital experience. No further explanation need be provided due to the family nature of this publication.
3. As to the unsubstantiated allegation of a personal shopper, this is outrageous and untrue. Just look at the way that Bruce dresses, need we say more.
4. Because of the duress caused by the mental cruelty of declaring Bruce a victim of maleitis whimposis. We feel a finding on his behalf would be in order. Because we want this to be a fair and impartial ruling (unlike the last one), we will be offering a simple chad free ballot to all members, minors and Innocent Bystanders. To make it as simple as possible to fill out, and correctly count your ballot, only red crayons may be used to cast your vote. Any other color may result in a non-counted ballot. Pastmarks must be the day after you receive this letter and no sooner than today.

All legally received ballots shall be machine counted, twice if necessary, then by hand, until we get the expected results. If we still deem the results incorrect, you can be assured that we will exercise our constitutional rights to appeal to the highest court on behalf of all the people who voted correctly.

FILL ENTIRE BOX FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT OF YOUR CHOICE

Bruce Hartman is a man among men

Bruce Hartman is a maleitis whimposis