

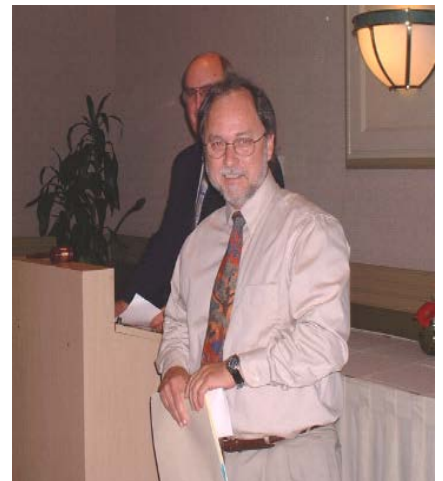
Carol honored at Mathematics Council awards dinner

On May 17th we attended the Annual Recognition Banquet sponsored by the Greater San Diego Mathematics Council. Carol was one of two citywide winners in the primary grade level category. There also were awards in the upper elementary junior high, secondary, and college levels. In the program each winner's brief statement on his/her teaching philosophy, and we reprint Carol's, as follows.

Problem solving and math connections are a daily occurrence in my teaching. From taking lunch count in the morning to walking in lines and playing at recess, reading books, and being a timekeeper, we are constantly living math. This makes the bridge between manipulating a worksheet a less threatening and more exciting experience. I love math and take great pride in knowing my students share my enthusiasm

We met with Jeff, Carol, and a couple of her friends for some drinks and conversation. Afterwards, dinner was served, and enjoyed by all. The program included introductions of winners by the one who nominated each one, and a short acceptance speech. Carol did a great job, and we congratulate her on winning this award.

On reviewing the program we were pleasantly surprised to see that the winner in the college level was Dr. Randy Souviney. Randy is a close friend of the Mehan family, and some of our family has met him at various family parties and celebrations. We were able to get some pictures of the entire event. We also reproduce the plaque which was presented to Carol. (See page 3)



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Bud Mehan celebrates 60th birthday

Saturday, May 26 was a special one for Bud, who celebrated his (almost) 60th birthday. The real date was the 28th, but since that was Memorial Day Margaret selected the previous Saturday as the best option. A large crowd gathered at the Mehan home, and started off the evening with some games organized by Margaret. In addition, there were lots of snacks and drinks. Afterwards, dinner was served and the real celebration began. The RFNL a cappella chorus rendered an original song composed for the occasion. It was set to the tune "Yesterday" and the lyrics are reproduced below. There were several speeches by friends and family members, and the final activity was a Jeopardy game organized by Margaret. Michael handled the computer projection of the board, and helped compose a series of computer oriented questions. It was a great party, attended by many family members plus many of Bud's and Margaret's friends. CONGRATULATIONS BUD!!!



Yesterday

Yesterday, all his youth seems oh so far away,
Now he trims his ears and nose each day,
Next thing you know, he'll use Ben Gay.

Suddenly, he's not half the man he claimed to be,
He just moans about his eyes and knees,
Oh, spare us, Bud, show dignity.

Why Bud had to age, I don't know,
It happened fast.

Life would be pretty good,
If he'd just stop passing gas.

Yesterday, Bud had skills that could be matched by few,
He built a deck out back he thought was true,
Too bad his wife fell right on through!

Tragically, Bud is just a posing wannabe,
We know he's published internationally... but,
If you read his books, you'll be sawing ZZZZ's.

Sixty years is old,
But on Bud, it's older still,
All those years he's climbed,
But now, it's all downhill.

Yesterday, youth is found now only in his heart,
He's getting older now, thus we must impart...
Happy Birthday, Bud, you're an old, old fart.



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CAROL'S AWARD PLAQUE

Megan wins scholastic awards



In a recent e-mail Margaret reported that Megan, like Craig, has won a \$1000.00 award for scoring high on the STAR test. In addition, she has received two Academic Excellence Awards, one in Visual

and Performing Arts, and the other in English. Megan also received the Outstanding Student Award from the English Department. She also won an award for the best drawing made in her art class. In order to have a place at home to continue her art interests she has converted Michael's old room into an art studio. Tough luck, Michael!

Bud wins Muir College award

Bud has received the Muir College Teacher of the Year Award. The students give this award to the professor that they judge to be the best teacher. Bud enjoys teaching and manages to develop a close relationship with his students even when teaching in a large class.

Birthday calendar for June

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| Elizabeth Gillingham | June 3 | 43 |
| Roberta Hartman | June 3 | 43 |

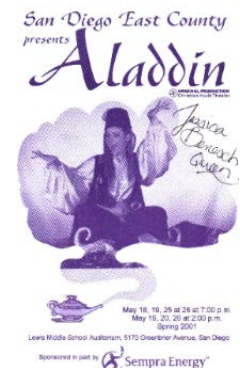
Birthday celebrations



Although Tim Riel will not reach his 19th birthday until July 26, we celebrated early. He had planned to leave early for college in San Francisco, so we wanted to celebrate before then. However, a minor health problem (see box on page 4) delayed his departure. We enjoyed dinner at the Mission Hills Café on Washington street. Afterwards we took in the play (Shear Madness) at the Theatre in Old Town. It was a very amusing and unusual play, and well worth seeing. We had a great time, and wish many more for Tim.

Jessica stars in important role in CYT Aladdin Musical

In what is her final role in the CYT program Jessica played the part of the queen, the mother of the female lead, Jasmine. As usual, Jessica did a great job in this popular musical based on the story of Aladdin and his magic lamp. The whole cast did a great job, and we enjoyed every minute of this lavish production.



Race for Literacy results still in contention!!

Recently, we received the following message by e-mail

Let's get the record straight. You missed a few Riel competitors at the Race for Literacy. Jeff and Bryce both ran in the race in addition to the other studs you listed. And jus because the newspaper prints times, it doesn't mean it's accurate. For the real record, Listy's time of 38:08 was the fastest time while the other Riels (Robert, Carol, Dustin, and Jason came in at 40 minutes at best, with Bryce and Jeff coming in a little later. As you can see from my photo I was zipping ahead, way too fast for the others to catch. If anyone wants to challenge the result, bring it on. The Rock and Roll Marathon is June 3 and this newly-dubbed 43 year old is ready to race you. Look for me at the finish, hopefully I'll still be smiling.

Listy

See page 4 for pictures and more comments.

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The above photograph was supplied by Bob Riel, and shows three of the Riel family finishers. As you can clearly see, Listy is in the lead at the finish line, with Robert second and Carol third, but closing rapidly. This picture seems to verify the claim put forth by Listy in the page 3 e-mail. However, the mystery of the official times as published in the newspaper is still unsolved. Borrowing a phrase from Charlie Brown, "I'm always interested in anything that will confuse the issue".

Family celebrates Mother's Day

Mother's Day was the occasion for a family gathering, and we met for brunch at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel on Aero Drive. They serve a great buffet, along with champagne and fruit juice. Everyone ate their fill and more, and then Grandma opened some special gifts. Most of all, she enjoyed the company of children and grandchildren. As usual, the pictures tell the story.



Late news flash - Jessica, Tim

On May 30 Jessica underwent knee surgery for an injury she got recently while performing on the school cheerleaders team. The surgery was successful, but also painful. During recovery she has to put up with a device that flexes her knee constantly, in order to prevent stiffening up. She is doing better now, but will be on crutches for a month.

Tim will have minor surgery to remove a small cyst on the neck. The report is that it is not serious. We will keep you informed.