



Thanksgiving Day celebration

Yes, Thanksgiving is upon us once again, and Margaret and Bud have graciously volunteered to once again host the annual get together. The format will be the same as last year, that is, soccer players will show up about 11:00 a.m. and when ready set out for the soccer field. After the game we will head back to the Mehan home for the usual meal and socializing sessions. Be sure and let Margaret know that you are coming, and also what food you will bring. Let's not wait until the last minute to call, so Margaret can make the necessary plans.

Birthday celebrations

Katy Riel celebrated her 16th birthday recently, and we started



out by enjoying lunch at La Pinata restaurant in Old Town. The main item on the celebration was to take in the Theater in Old Town production of "Shear Madness". Since the Sunday



afternoon show was scheduled for 3:00 p.m., there was some time available for birthday shopping at Fashion Valley mall. The mall was so crowded that there was no place to park, so Grandpa went on an errand and returned to pick up the shoppers just in time to head out

for the show. Of course, there was no place to park in Old Town either, but Grandpa solved the problem once again, and we really enjoyed the show. We extend to Katy a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY and best luck in the future.

As you may recall, there are NO birthdays in the month of November, so there is no schedule this month.

Sick call

In the September RFNL we reported on the recent operation David Gillingham underwent. We talked to Bob G recently, and he told us that everything went as planned and David now is in great shape, with no further problems expected. We also called Bruce to get an update on Scott's current status. He reported that the heart test came out normal, the blood test is normal and the MRI came out the same. The doctor now believes that the seizure was the result of having mono. Although not common, it does occur in rare cases. However, there is one circumstance that is a problem. Because of the seizure he experienced his drivers training and driving license are on hold until he gets an OK from his neurologist. Hopefully, this problem will resolve itself shortly.

Travel news

We have the following e-mail from Francie.

Dad,

Travel has been my middle name recently, as I have been out of town 14 days out of Sept. and 15 out of October. Last month I was leaving a hair show in Paducah Kentucky, and passing through St Louis International, when I spied above the throng of people someone who looked just like Bob Gillingham. In fact, it was Bob, Listy and a couple of their friends. They were returning from pleasure trip to the New York, where they took in a Broadway play or two. We even were flying on the same plane home. Hardly advisable to have two Riel family members on the same aircraft, but somehow we got through and managed to return to San Diego. Since then I have been in San Jose and Niagara Falls, New York. Rest assured the water is still running up there, and the Canadian border was very easy to cross with little consideration being felt from the current uneasy events. On Sunday the 10th I will be off to Philadelphia and NYC. Then I should be home until January!..All this travel has put a damper on my holiday preparedness, so don't be looking for that Christmas card anytime soon!

Bob and Karla also were on the go, visiting Washington D.C. recently on a combined business/vacation trip. They reported that most of the sights they had wanted to take in were closed, but in spite of that they had a great time.

College news

As you all realize, the list of grandchildren in college is growing rapidly. We now have Kevin, Michael, Jason, Chris, Nathan, Michelle, Jessica, Tim, Brett, and Craig all busy somewhere or

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other with college level studies. Therefore, we would like to start up a section devoted to their activities. In so doing we hope that they, and we, can keep in touch during this important period in their lives. We can start off with two items, one is an e-mail from Michael. As you recall, he is enrolled in the University of Granada, Spain, and has some interesting comments on college life in that country.

Grandpa

Greetings from Granada - I am about a month into my studies here in Europe's playground and life is wonderful. My classes are pretty long but very relaxing. I am in classes of no more than 15 people so you get to have a very personal relationship with your professors. We spend the majority of the class just talking about nothing in particular just to practice our speaking so the classes go by very quickly. In addition to Spanish and History I am also taking a Salsa class in the evenings. I am slowly learning how to execute the steps correctly. However, it will be some time before I am able to do them to any kind of rhythm. I guess it's just not in my blood. I am currently living with a host family with two of my best friends from school. My family is really nice although we have suspicions that the father is integrated deep into the Spanish Mafia. We hoping if we get on his good side we'll get made by the time we leave. He has a great sense of humor and is constantly asking us ridiculous questions about American culture like "Is Homer Simpson a typical American father?" My señora is a sweet old lady who sings all day long. We get soup for both lunch and dinner and anything that we don't finish gets made into the soup for the next day. I usually pass my spare time over here reading, watching the news, and writing emails at the Internet cafe, oh and I study sometimes too. I recently took up reading Corelli's Mandolin on strong recommendation from another family member. I'm almost finished I recommend it to anyone looking for a great book. As far as friends I've made here I regret to inform you that they are all American except for a couple. I came here with 6 of my best friends from school and we met a bunch of kids from Denver College that we hang out with most of the time. We spend most of our evenings trying to dance with Spaniards and looking for places where they play American sports. I miss burritos terribly but we have discovered a relatively good substitute. They are an Arab food called Chuarmas with chicken lettuce and mayo, Spaniards love mayo. If there were three foods I could describe Spain with it would be mayo, ham, smint. Without these the country would fall apart. Well that's all the news for now, sorry that the letter tended to ramble a bit but my English gets progressively worse as my Spanish improves.

Adios mi familia,Miguel de España.E<>

We also have an e-mail from Birdy containing some news on Michelle's new job.

Michelle quit her job at Triple AAA and is now working 10 hours at a biology lab conducting experiments. She is very excited about doing something that she hopes to lead her towards her future. She is also interviewing for a position at a Chemistry lab assistant. The head of the department called and said that her résumé looked very good, and offered her an interview. She is thrilled over being considered.

We thank Michael and Birdy for providing us with this news. However, we would like to hear from all the other college kids, so crank up uoyr computers and send us a report on what you are doing.

In another part of her recent e-mail Birdy shared the following plus two photos shown below.

I have two Halloween photos to share with you...I am the patriotic one on the end and Bob is the wearing a grass skirt to promote our spring auction "One Enchanted Evening." I hope you can open them!

Talk to you later,

love Birdy

