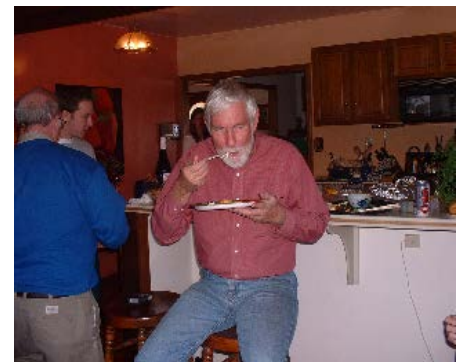


Family celebrates Thanksgiving Day in Encinitas

Once again the family gathered in Encinitas for the 2003 Thanksgiving Day celebration. The crowd started arriving at 11:00 a.m., and in a short time most had arrived. There was the usual assortment of snacks waiting to be enjoyed. However, there was an emergency delay in the main course, the turkey. It seems that a couple of days before the party Robert and Karla had volunteered to bring the roast turkey. Robert said that he had a large and tasty one ready for the oven, and they could roast it and bring it with them. This was great with Margaret. Her reaction was "hours". Unfortunately, just as the turkey home in Alpine the power went off. line repairs were sort of temporary in their thing. A quick check of the RV oven Fortunately, Listy recently acquired a new that it was available. The turkey was roasted there, and delivered on time in was much enjoyed by all. As usual, there grilled salmon, stuffed baked potatoes, dishes. Instead of his usual salad Grandpa mix your own options. Everyone ate their cherry pie, and, of course, ice cream. After soccer game, but most were too full to and we all thank Bud, Margaret, and most enjoyable day. Some pictures tell the



"gee, now I can sleep for two more was about to go in the oven at Bob's Apparently some of the post-fire power nature, and some Santa Ana winds did revealed a major fit problem. stove, and a quick phone call revealed delivered to the Gillingham home, Encinitas. Thus, it worked out OK, and it was a lot of other food. We had delicious candied yams, and a whole array of side brought a complete salad bar, with lots of fill, and topped it off with pumpkin pie, the food some of the kids took off for a move very quickly. It was a great day, family for opening up their home for this story.



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November 25, 2003

Dear Edith and Frank,

Wouldn't it be convenient if we had some time each week, or month, or year, in which was set aside for letter writing? It is not that I don't think of you - it's just getting around to the actual letter writing. I plan my days so that I don't have any time to feel lonely. Staying busy is always a help.

Our youngest great granddaughter, Rollins, is growing so fast, and is very good natured. At six months, she has two teeth, and more to come. She is trying so hard to crawl, but still hasn't gotten the hang of it. When she finally mastered the technique, she will really go!

Maribeth will be four years old in December, and is in kindergarten. Debbie and I went down to Orangeburg last Friday, to see Maribeth perform in her first program. All ages from 3 to 5 performed. They all were dressed in various outfits representing Thanksgiving and they looked adorable. Then we joined Stacy and Andy for lunch before heading back to Sumter.

Sunday we were back in Orangeburg to hear Andy preach and perform his first baptismal. He really is a fine preacher - not that I would be prejudice. Since he is accustomed to handling Maribeth and Rollins, the little baby girl was baptized without a hitch. He later told us that her dress was so slippery that he was afraid that he would drop her. After the services, we had a Thanksgiving dinner with Stacy, Andy, and Stacy's family.

Tomorrow Debbie and Dave leave for the mountains of Asheville. They have always joined the Nix family for Thanksgiving, and are with us for Christmas. We like it that way!

Susan, Jason and Alex will pick me up around noon tomorrow and we will spend the rest of the week at Litchfield Beach, one of the many beaches on the Grand Strand. The beach is their favorite holiday place, and the winter months are my favorite time for the beach.

In the last five months I have lost six friends, four have been my contemporaries, but the last two were young men in the sixties. That was difficult for me because they both left families.

Everyone here is well and happy and busy. Dave had a heart attack a few months past, and while he had little damage to his heart, he has to be careful. He also has to lose 30 pounds, and he is half way there. Eating is Dave's favorite past time, so he has had to give up some good eating. He still runs his construction company, and has some good workers.

My brother, Leroy, and two sisters, Frances and Pat, are doing exceptionally well for their age. LeRoy is like I am - he likes to stay busy so is still working. The difference is that while I sit at a desk, he walks all over wind and hail damaged fields measuring acreage for the government. He is in good shape!

Regards to all the family. Have a great Thanksgiving!

With love,



Recently we received the above letter with lots of news from the south. We were very pleased to have it, and pass on to the rest of the family the latest on their branch of the family. Thanks, Eloise, and we hope you all are having a great holiday season!!

Subj: **HI GRANDPA, IT'S BRETT!!!**
Date: 2/04/03 11:29:08 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: urbansk8312@hotmail.com
To: frankthetuto@aol.com

Hey Grandpa, how's it going? I sent you an e-mail awhile ago about news from me up in San Francisco. Well, here it is. Well, I am having the greatest time up here. I love the city. Right now, I am going to school at San Francisco State University. It is going really well. My major is cinema. I hope to graduate in a few years from now, but we will see, it's tough to get the right classes you need because this school is very impacted. Right now I am taking a GE class 3 film coarse and an acting class, which is probably the most fun out of all of them. I like it a lot. It's a lot of work but not like real work you know like memorizing and mental work; it's really fun. I am living in the on campus apartments. I got really really lucky because I got pretty much the best apartment in the whole place. We are down on the first floor in front of the quad area, everyone comes over to our house to hang out and play foose ball or watch movies and what not. Sometimes its really hard to concentrate living here because there are soooo many distractions. Our place at night on the weekends is pretty much the party room, it gets pretty crazy. It's really fun up here the people, I have met are really awesome. My roommate Eddie is from Mexico City, he is a really funny kid and is currently teaching me how to cook. His major is business management. Andrew and Jose are my other room mates that live in the other bedroom. Andrew is from Santa Barbara, he's really cool and is really agreeable about everything and is fun to hangout with. He also skateboards a little too. Jose is his roommate. He is from Calexico; Jose is a funny character and always has some interesting smirk on his face. He works at American eagle and his major is kinesiology. We all get along really well and all bring something different into the apartment from who we are and what our interests are, which is probably the reason that everyone likes to hang out here because everyone feels welcome and comfortable hanging out. When we don't have class or when we just don't feel like going, we all go downtown to the embarcadero or down to Powell Street and walk around and check out the city. It's really fun being in the city it's got a great atmosphere that surrounds it. We also have gone over to Berkley to meet up with my cousin Evan on my dads side while he was visiting the area. Probably one of the most fun times we have had was when we went to the Giants game when they clinched the championship. I included a picture for you to check it out. I hope this is enough, if you have any questions for me you can email me and I will respond. I check my email about 100 times a day so I am prompt. Thanks for everything grandpa you're the greatest.

And thank you, Bret, for a nice account of how you are enjoying life in college. Don't forget to study hard, and we will be proud of your accomplishments!

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In the last RFNL we reported on Richard's celebration of 25 years of marriage to Liz. In his report he mentioned the not only the visit to Lake Tahoe, but also an evening out prior to the trip. At the Camels Breath Bar and Grill he sang a song and read a poem he had written for Liz. Unfortunately, we cannot reproduce the song, but we can print the poem, as supplied by Richard, as follows.

Love isn't a Word

By

Liz Riel's Husband

On her 25th Silver Anniversary

October 21st, 2003

*Special, Extraordinary, Out of the ordinary, Unique
Words like harmless drops in a gentle rain are incomplete
Dictionaries, thesaurus our language is inadequate
Nothing I can say or write will be totally accurate*

*Twenty-five years married have held pleasures untold
I await the next twenty-five for more blessings to unfold
Every moment, every hour, every day, every year
You are my special love, I hold you dear*

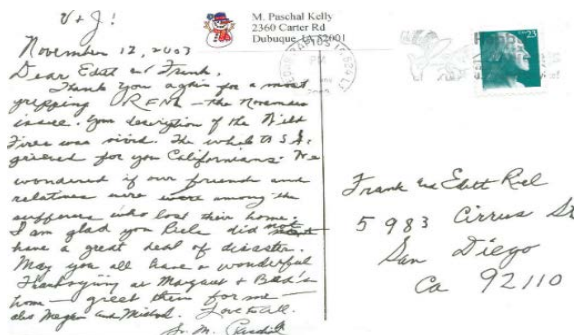
*Only in poetry can I describe the time we are wed
Feelings that are felt and shared but not written or said
You are special in ways that together makes us whole
A marriage for the ages that transforms my soul*

*Sweet Love, true love, love that echo's from my heart
Is nurtured by your spirit and affection when we are apart
Together, tomorrow, today or tonight always in love's majesty
Our marriage transcends time or space or infinity*

Nicely done, Richard, and I'm sure Liz enjoyed the tribute and celebration!

Some news from Dubuque, Iowa

We received the following Thanksgiving card from sister Mary Kelly.



Some more pictures of the big fire

Robert provided us with some dramatic and scary pictures of the fire surrounding his Alpine home.



View looking down the driveway at front of house



View looking up driveway and across the street



View looking west on Victoria Meadows Street

Get ready for Riel Bowl XIII!!!

Yes, it's almost time. Your RFNL crossword puzzle is attached. No cheating!! Check with Bob and Karla on what you will bring. There will be lots of fun and games, so be ready to celebrate.

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Living Trust update

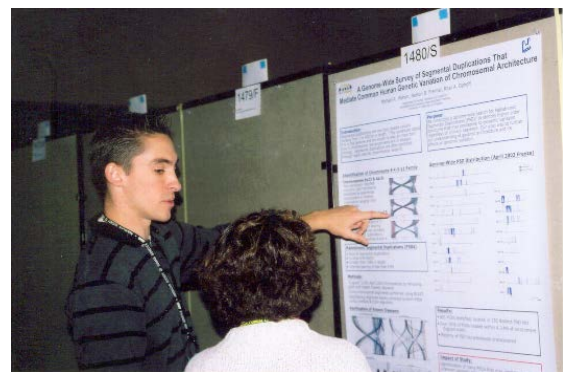
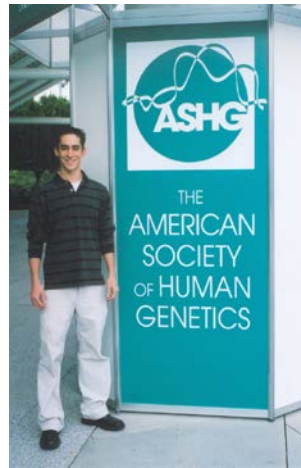
Recently we met with Richard and Carol in order to explain the main provisions of the Living Trust document we set up a while back. The first order of business was lunch, which we enjoyed at the Red Lobster. We then adjourned to the condo, and went over the various provisions of the document. Robert was invited, but had to cancel, due to a business commitment. We hope to see him soon, so we can complete the review sessions.



A Genome-Wide Survey of Segmental Duplications That Mediate Common Human Genetic Variation of Chromosomal Architecture

In case you wonder what that is all about, that is the title of a presentation Michael made at an International Symposium sponsored by the American Society of Human Genetics, which took place at the Los Angeles Convention Center this past fall. His results were presented in the form of a poster session. In this format the program lists the

many different subjects being presented, and the various scientists who were interested in the subject matter were free to visit with Michael and discuss his results. The conference lasted for three days, and included formal presentations and commercial exhibits, as well as the poster sessions. Michael's results also have been prepared as a formal technical paper, which has been submitted for publication. We congratulate Michael on this achievement, and look forward to more of the same in the future.



Francie on the move

Francie has been on the go at trade shows, and was featured in a recent ISO handout booklet. She tells us that she is planning on writing a book which will document the various concepts she has created.

MEET THE ARTIST:



At Hair Mechanics in San Diego, ISO Designer Francie Sorem is the undisputed queen of texture. Why? She regularly books anywhere from six to 12 texture services each week. "It's all about choice and options," she explains. "Sometimes I form curls, sometimes I just rearrange them or create separation. There's no limit to the effects you can come up with if you commit to texturizing every client."