

To all our friends and family we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!



Family Thanksgiving celebration

On Thanksgiving day the family met once again to celebrate. As usual, Margaret and Bud opened their home and prepared the main dish, the turkey. In addition, there was lots of other food, and everyone enjoyed the food and the company. We

have the following pictures of this happy event.



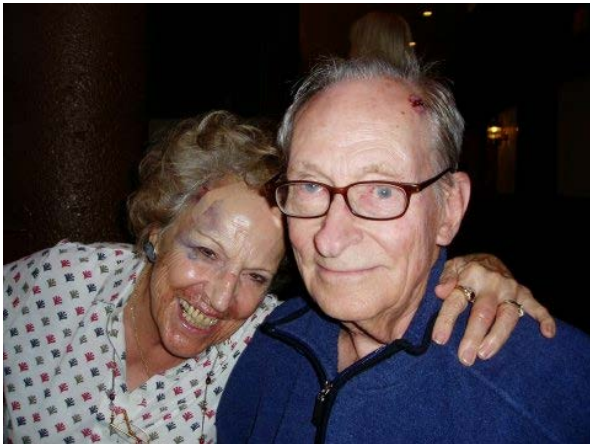
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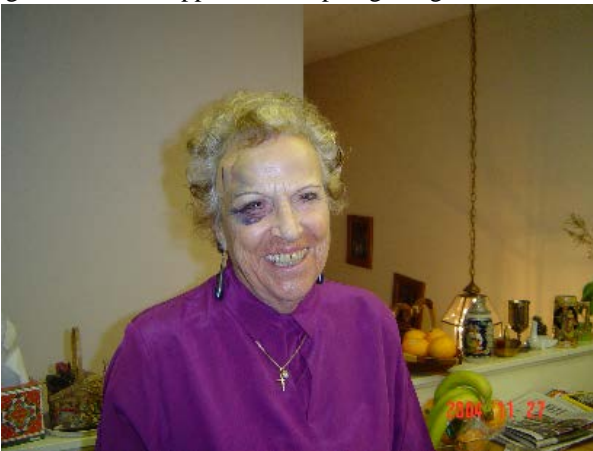
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Grandma and Grandpa hurt in accident

It's a long story with a good ending in that neither of us was seriously hurt. We were walking along a sidewalk in Hillcrest, waiting for as prescription, when suddenly we tripped and fell over a small rise in the sidewalk. We both fell flat, hitting our heads on the ground. Fortunately, some kind people in a nearby juice bar rushed out, called 911, and tended to us until the paramedics arrived. We each had large welts on the forehead, and Grandma's was split open and bleeding profusely. We were delivered to the UCSD hospital, where Grandma's cut was sewed up. We each were



subjected to a number of tests, which all revealed no serious damage. We called Ed and Jan, who rushed over at once to give us moral support and help in getting home. We entered



the hospital at about 5:00 p.m. and were released shortly after midnight. It was a scary experience, especially for Grandma, who had the more serious injury. The accompanying photos, taken on the next day or two, reveal that we survived, and in spite of everything enjoyed Thanksgiving day with our family. We thank Ed and Jan for coming to our rescue and helping us through this scary experience.

Some remodeling news

As you know, there are three major remodeling jobs going on in the family. Birdy and Bruce, Margaret and Bud, and Francie and Lyle are all in the midst of major projects. None are finished, but all are making good progress. We have pictures of progress at the Mehan home, and in the November RFNL we had the latest at Hartman's. We will

be seeing Francie and Lyle at home on Christmas Eve. Here is the latest at Margaret and Bud's.



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More remodeling news

We had a chance to visit Francie and Lyle (see birthday celebration, following) and got an update on their remodeling program progress. The new outdoor fireplace located in the back yard, is in place, as shown below. No, that is not a swimming pool in the foreground, the picture was taken on December 5th, the day we had a big storm. The new bathroom is complete, and looks great.



There still is a great deal of work to be done, but thus far things look really great.

Grandpa celebrates 86th birthday

The real birth date is December 6th, but since that was Monday Francie, Lyle, Carol, and Jeff co-hosted a party at Francie's home. After checking out the remodeling progress we enjoyed some snacks and watched the last few minutes of the Charger football team victory over the Denver Broncos. The teams were nice enough to finish the game just in time to allow us to take in the show at the Theatre in Old Town. It was a great performance, with lots of singing

and comedy, and was greatly enjoyed by all. We thank all

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who organized this celebration, and much appreciate the great evening we enjoyed.



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RIEL BOWL XIV

Saturday, January 1, 2005 – Alpine

Yes, another year has gone by and it's time once again to get ready to celebrate the New Year's Day for the 14th consecutive year, at the home of Bob and Karla. With all of that experience you have you all know what to do when the great day arrives. However, we will be doing some new things this year, and in order to keep everything on track the Honorable Commissioner, Robert, and the Managing Director, Grandpa, have outlined an agenda, as follows.

RIEL BOWL XIV AGENDA		
TIME	ACTIVITY	COMMITTEE
11:00 - 12:00	GREETINGS - SNACKS	EVERYBODY
	- SOCIALIZING	FRANCIE/MARGARET
	- PICTURE TAKING	
	- CROSSWORD PUZZLE	
	AUTHOR	FRANK
	JUDGE	KARLA
12:00 - 12:30	TRAVEL IN EUROPE VCR	BRETT
12:30 - 1:15	INNOCENT BYSTANDERS REPORT	BUD
	50TH ANNIVERSARY VCR	
	INDUCTION OF LYLE HALL	
1:15 - 2:30	RIEL BOWL DINNER	ROBERT/KARLA EVERYBODY
2:30 - 3:15	JEOPARDY GAME	
	AUTHOR	FRANK
	M/C	ROBERT
	SCORE KEEPERS	RICHARD/ED
3:15 - 4:00	FAMILY GIFT EXCHANGE	M/C ROBERT
4:00 - 4:45	WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE	
	PARENTS	ROBERT
	KIDS	MICHAEL
4:45 - 5:15	GRANDMA'S 80TH BIRTHDAY	LISTY/BIRDY
5:30	CLOSING CEREMONY	EVERYBODY
	HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!	

Please note the times listed for the various events, and make sure you are on time and participating in whatever is going on.

Margaret and Francie have agreed to be the official Riel Bowl photographers, and will take the following pictures. (1) Grandpa and Grandma plus Riel children, (2) Same with in-laws, (3) Each family group.

As soon as you arrive, please turn in your crossword puzzle (attached) solution to Karla, who will grade each entry and announce the winner(s).

When Brett, Bryce and Alan were touring Europe last summer, Brett made a video recording of their travels. The VCR will be shown at noon, in the living room.

After the travel show the Innocent Bystanders will induct Lyle as a full member of the group. Included in the ceremony will be a showing of that portion of the 50th anniversary VCR which shows the IB skits.

After lunch the Jeopardy game will be played. The Commissioner will identify the contestants, and distribute the new rules. The rest of the activities will be as listed

above. I am sure we are all looking forward to another great family celebration!

Margaret, Bud, and Michael enjoy Riel Bowl XIII gift dinner

Last year's other winner (see November RFNL for Ed Riel dine out) of the RFNL dine out certificate, the Mehan



family, recently celebrated by dining at the Red Lobster restaurant. We all were impressed with the excellence of the food at this nice restaurant. It was a most enjoyable evening, and

we were happy to share it with Margaret, Bud, and Michael. We missed Megan, who was too busy at college to join us.



Some brief Family news items

We learned recently that **Brian Riel** made the National Honor Society, for academic excellence. Congratulations! We hope to have more details and an official notice for the next RFNL. **Listy Gillingham** competed in a 50K marathon recently. She does not yet have the official time or position at the finish, but they should be available soon. Finally, **Jessica Benesch** learned recently that she was one of ten out of twenty applicants chosen for a three month internship with Senator Diane Feinstein. She will be in Washington, D.C. for this assignment. She will be doing routine tasks, but it will be a great chance to see the action in D.C.