

# RIEL FAMILY NEWS LETTER

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## JESSICA BENESCH SINGS SOLO ROLE IN GIRL SCOUT MUSICAL

PORTRAYS CHARLIE BROWN IN THE KITE SONG, ALSO SINGS "HAPPINESS" SONG IN THE CHORUS AT THE END OF THE FIRST ACT. LARGE CROWD ENJOYS OUT-DOOR SETTING AT GIRL SCOUT HEAD-QUARTERS. RIEL & BENESCH GRAND-PARENTS ATTEND



Recently the San Diego Girl Scout organization undertook the presentation of the musical comedy "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown". This popular show enjoyed a long run on Broadway, and its presentation by the Girl Scouts was an ambitious undertaking. The performance was directed by local professionals, and included musical accompaniment by professional musicians. Jessica won the role of Charlie Brown in the #3 & 4 Brownies portion of the presentation. In this role she sang the solo number "The Kite", which was enjoyed very much by an audience of many proud parents and family members who gathered at an outdoor area at the Girl Scout Headquarters facility. Our family guests included Grandma Benesch, Grampa and Grandma Riel, plus other members of the Benesch family. In addition to her lead role in the opening part of the musical, Jessica also sang in the chorus, for the most popular number in the show, "Happiness". It was a great performance, and it appears that Jessica may have a future as a singer/actress. CONGRATULATIONS, and good luck in the future.

### BABY-SITTING ACTIVITIES

Grandma Riel frequently takes on a baby-sitting task for various of the families. She hit the jackpot last week, however, when Curtis, Craig, Kristy and Annie all came over to the house for an all day party. There was much watching of cartoons on television, game playing, and maybe a little nap in the afternoon. At lunch time there was a picnic in the park, with sandwiches and cold drinks for all. The only unhappy part was that Kristy had an earache, hence did not feel as well as the rest. However, she seemed to feel a little better after a short afternoon nap, and we are happy to report that she now is fully recovered.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Ed called recently and requested that we publish a new phone number for their house. It is 226-1642. This is an unlisted number, hence should not be given out to strangers.

## YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN



### BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

August was a big month for birthday celebrations. Annie Gillingham turned 4 on the 13th, and celebrated with lunch at Chuck E. Cheese, treated by Grampa and Grandma. After pizza Annie played a round of games in the game room. Grandma and Annie then went to the toy store, than the Zoo, for an afternoon of celebration.

Chris and Nathan celebrated their 10th, also on the 13th. Lunch was at MacDonalds, followed by a visit to the Space and Science Museum. They also took in the movie "The Blue Planet".

Jason's celebration is on hold, due to scheduling problems. However, it will take place early in September. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all!!!

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Frank ("JJ") Riel	September 1	1
Karla Riel	September 20	31
Richard Riel	September 29	44

### VACATION NEWS

August was vacation month for several members of the family. Ed, Jan and the boys spent a few days camping out at South Carlsbad beach. They report a good time was had by all. There was some unexpected excitement, however, in that surfboards belonging to Ed and Kevin were stolen. Fortunately Ed saw the thieves and took chase. He traced them to their car and confronted them with the fact that they had stolen property. As he was about to record their car license number they took off, leaving the boards with their rightful owner. Thus, everything turned out all right, but several other people camping in the same area did lose property. The old O.B. philosopher says "never fool with a man's wife, his kids or his surfboard".

The president and 1st vice president of J. Charles Enterprises, otherwise known as Jeff and Carol, spent a few days in San Francisco recently, attending several trade shows. Although this was a business trip, we understand that they took in some of the local scene.

Francie and Jose spent a week at Disney World, and a special report by RFNL National Correspondent Francie is published later on in this issue.

The big vacation news, however, is that the Mehan family is globetrotting again. They were off to Zurich, Switzerland on the 29th, then to Innsbruck, Austria, to visit friends. From there it was off to Florence, Italy, then Venice, Milan and Lake Como. From there it is back to Zurich, and then home to San Diego on the 9th of September, for Margaret, Michael and Megan. Uncle Bud, however, goes to northern Italy where he will give a week long series of lectures at a local university. He returns from Milan to San Diego in the 17th. A first hand account of their trip will be provided by RFNL International Correspondents Michael and Megan Mehan and will be published in the October issue of RFNL.

Both the Benesches and the Mehans took advantage of the 1875 Lyndon Road airport shuttle service, and all are reminded again that we can always help out in this fashion.

#### EDITORIAL COMMENT

Some time ago this Editor noted in one of the sports columns of the San Diego Union an article criticizing scientists who, according to this article are getting wealthy by producing performance enhancing drugs for athletes. This article prompted a reply, which was printed in the Union, and is reproduced as follows:

"As a scientist, I resent very much the column comments (June 27) relative to athletes' use of performance-enhancing drugs, especially the newly announced rEPO. Statements such as 'We've got men in lab coats playing God, capitalizing on the greed and vanity of their prey...' and 'Little men in lab coats changing the course of things'

The role of the scientist is to broaden our understanding of the world around us, and the forces which shape and alter our lives. To suggest that he is responsible for the fanatic admiration we hold for athletes, or for the forces which drive an athlete to do anything to win, even if it involves risking his very life, is complete nonsense.

As pointed out in a companion article, rEPO was developed as a treatment for kidney failure, and its use to enhance the performance of an athlete had nothing to do with the original development or the scientist who developed the product.

If you want to blame someone, blame the sports writers who glorify athletes, blame the President who invites winning teams to the White House, blame the Olympic Games' pagan pageantry, where winners are placed on a pedestal, with waving flags, screaming crowds and the winners national anthem playing in the background. Most of all, blame our society for priorities so misguided that we seem to have lost our senses with respect to what's important and what is not important.

One of the local sportscasters keeps quoting his law 'it's only a game'. He is right, and ignoring that simple statement is the root of the problem. Please do not blame the 'little men in lab coats' who have contributed so much to our society".

#### \*\*\*LATE NEWS FLASH\*\*\*

Robert reports that their home in Mera Mesa has been SOLD, hence they will be moving to the new home in Alpine sometime soon. We are all looking forward to the house warming. However, first comes the moving party. We need volunteers to help out. The move will be on a Saturday, and you will be contacted by phone.

#### \*\*\*SPECIAL REPORT\*\*\*

RFNL Reporter Francie Castro on location in Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida, Dateline 8/26/91 - After spending one full day in muggy, hot weather, we are still having a great time. It's not very crowded at all! As a matter of fact I think the lightning crackling across the park and the torrential rainstorms might have sent a few of the sissies home - but not us! We're loving it!

This morning we took Bryce fishing. Bryce was casting pretty well into the river when we decided to let Jose refine his technique for him. As he was doing his first couple demonstrations, he cast off about 6-8 inches into the river. Bryce then showed him a proper cast of about 20 feet. Not to be outdone, Jose muscled up and made a cast of about 10 feet. Unfortunately, he let go of the entire rod as well and had to take a crying Bryce into the general store and purchase a new one (only \$6.00 more than the San Diego price). Too bad we didn't get it on video.

I will keep you posted on any new developments. Today we're off to Typhoon Lagoon this morning so we can water slide before the typhoon hits around 4:00. We'll hit the MGM studios later. Take care, and we'll see you soon.

#### JOKE OF THE MONTH

This popular segment of RFNL has been missing from the last few issues, due to the amount of more important items. Since the report from International Correspondents Michael and Megan Mehan did not arrive in time to make our deadline we can resume this section of RFNL.

This story is about a Mexican lady who married an American. He had a good job as a fire fighter, and their future was secure. One day his wife told him that she was expecting their first child. "If it's a boy" she said, "would you mind if we gave him a name which will remind him of his national heritage?" "Of course not, her husband replied, what do you have in mind?" "Well," she said, "I would like to name him Jose." "That's fine with me" he said. Some months later he came home and found her very excited. "Guess what, we're going to have twins!" After some discussion, the subject of a name came up. "Well," she said, "since I picked the first one's name, it's only fair for you to name the second one." He thought for a few minutes, and then said. "Well," since we are going to name the first one Jose, why don't we name the second one Hose B ?

# YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN

Based on The Comic Strip "Peanuts"

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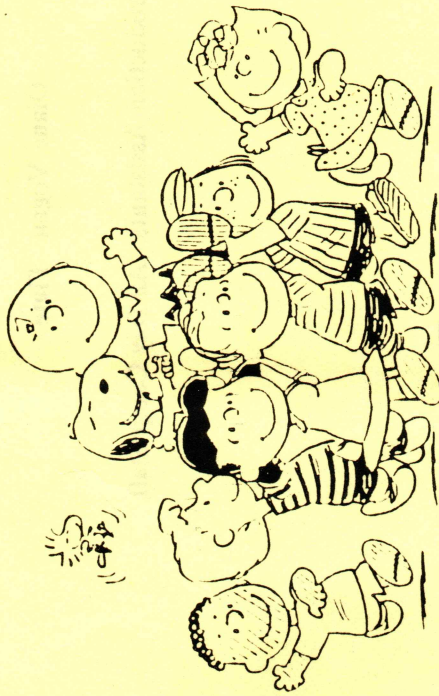
Charles M. Schulz

Book, Music and Lyrics

by

Clark Gesner

Originally Produced in New York by  
Arthur Whitelaw and Gene Persson  
Originally Directed in New York by Joseph Hardy



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Meral Aker has been involved in theater since she was eight years old and began her training at the San Diego Junior Theater. She has acted in eleven Junior Theater productions from her first as an "Oompa Loompa" in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, to her most recent, this past winter, as "Mrs. Potiphar" and "Asher" in Joseph & His Technicolor Dreamcoat. She also played "Violet" in JT's Charlie Brown. In addition, she has appeared in productions at Moonlight Amphitheater, La Jolla Stage Company, the Jewish Community Center Theater and the Christian Community Theater. Meral has been involved in Girl Scouts since age seven. She is presently a Senior scout, an assistant leader for a Junior troop. This past year assisted in Junior Theater drama classes and earned her Gold Award. Directing Charlie Brown this summer has given her a perfect blend of her two favorite activities - theater and Girl Scouts. And a little note to all the scouts "Don't be anything less than everything you can be."

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Tanya Vogan started her acting career as "Betsy the Cow" in Jack and the Beanstalk. Since the age of eleven she has been seen on stage at San Diego Junior Theatre, Monte Vista High School, and Christian Community Theatre. Her favorite roles include "Lucy" in You're a Good Man Charlie Brown and "Rizzo" in Grease. Tanya has over seventeen shows accredited to her name and this summer you see her in both of Christian Community productions of West Side Story and Brigadoon. Tanya is nineteen and an advertising major at San Diego State University and part of the management team at Millers Outpost in La Mesa. "I was a girl scout for ten years and I'm glad that I have the opportunity to put something back into the program."

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Michael Erickson currently serves as Musical Director and resident composer for both the San Diego Junior Theatre in Balboa Park and the Kellogg Performing Arts School in Chula Vista. He recently directed the music and wrote incidental music for the New York bound production of Tales of Tinseltown at the Gaslamp Quarter Theatre. He has written over 20 original scores, all of which have been produced either locally or in the Mid-West. Michael loves working with young people and hopes to do so as often as possible in the future.



## GIRL SCOUTS

**Cast:** Art in the Park Campers

**Directors:** Meral Aker  
Tanya Vogan

**Musical Director:** Michael Erickson

**Combo Band:**

Michael Erickson - Piano

Tim Stanford - Drums

Scott Rhyner - Bass

Diane Vogan - Flute

**Production Assistants:** All Day Camp Staff

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

#3 & 4 Brownies

The Kite

Jessica Benuch, Sarah Lucas

Clouds

9 & 10 Brownies

Schroeder

Jesse Plack, Leah Plack

My Blanket and Me

Cory Camarillo, Katie Grant, Shirley Saunders

I Know Now

11 & 12 Juniors

They Like Me

Kerry Doudino, Dana Carabet Howells, Julie Kaufman,  
Mary Joann Mathis, Jennifer Ochs, Jessica Ochs, Megan  
Elizabeth Snyder, 1 & 2 Preschool Girls, Boys

Don't Be Anything Less

15 & 16 Juniors

Happiness

5 & 6 Brownies

\*\*\* Intermission \*\*\*

The Baseball Game

13 & 14 Juniors

Poor Sweet Baby

Kristina Kaufman, Katie Taft

Little Known Facts

Kerri Mulder, Deanne Palmer, Jessica St. Clair

Crabbiness Survey

Cadettes & Seniors

Supper-time

Elizabeth Kostrubala, Ondrea Stepp

If Just One Person Believes in You

7 & 8 Brownies

Dad,

Could you please publish this in the next newsletter?  
I'll make sure Jeff doesn't see it. Thanks.

Carol

### JEFF'S FABULOUS FORTY SAHARAN SAFARI SURPRISE!!!!!!!

As you may know, my husband is also reaching his 40th year in 1992. To celebrate in the true Riel tradition, I've arranged a SECRET vacation for us and a couple hundred of our friends and family. I was thinking, "Why wait until July to go to the desert?" Jeff's got ancestral ties to this nice little OASIS just a few degrees from the equator in the Sinai where it's 117° f. year round. So late March should be the perfect time to work on those pre-summer tans! And this place has everything: Sand dunes, luxurious 20-man tents, date palms, open-pit BBQs, belly-dancers, a heated swimming hole, and, best-of-all, camels. And I've arranged an all-you-can-eat Saturday night party featuring lamb-on-a-spit, couscous, tabouli salad, houmous with pita, date cobbler and goat-milk margueritas! We'll go oasis-hopping (camelback) for practically nothing. Kids are welcome, so there's no babysitting to arrange.

We fly into Cairo on the 20th of March, barge down the Nile some 350 miles, and then caravan overland to Kharthoum. Our OASIS-spa is just a short 15-hour camel ride from there. We'll return to San Diego on April 3rd, just in time for Dusty's birthday.

All this for just \$1800. per couple, airfare, barge and camel included. (You must get passports if you don't already have them.) To make it easy on everyone, just send me \$150. monthly, preferably by the 5th. Since we're a few months behind, start with \$600. to reserve your spot. Space is extremely limited, so hurry. Make all checks payable to Bedouin Travel and Tours. I can't wait!

Carol

R.F.M.L. reporter Francis Castro on location  
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store + purchase a new one (only \$6.00  
more than the San. Diego price!).  
Too bad we didn't get it on video.

I will keep you posted on my  
new developments. Today we're off  
to Typhoon Hugo. This morning so we  
can water slide before the typhoon  
hits around 4:00. We'll hit the  
M.G.M. studios later.

Take care + we'll see you  
soon!

Jeanie + family





Frank Riel Jr. (makes you sound  
younger, huh! :)  
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