



# The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

January, 1993



**The M's Make it!**  
**Margaret**  
**Michelle**  
**Michael**  
**Megan**



## Announcing the new Header for the The Riel Family Newsletter

The contest is over and the winners are all of the family members that have a first name that starts with the letter M. There were many excellent ideas. All hand drawings were converted to computer images, and carefully reviewed. After some discussion, the decision of the judges was to combine two entries to form the one that you see on this newsletter.

Congratulations to the Riel-Mehan family team and to Michelle. The Riel-Mehan entry was created with Michael working at the computer, Margaret providing technical support and Megan giving aesthetic

directions. The plan was to find as many cartoon characters as possible of different ages and have them surround a banner with the Newsletter name. Michelle came up with the clever idea of having two kids playing ball with the words "Catch the News."

Grandpa did the first level of conversion of all of the ideas to computer graphics. After a round of totally unbiased judging, these two entries were in a close tie. With a little help from a computer, we were able to combine the ideas into a single header that will form the new look for the 1993 edition of The Riel family newsletter. We hope you like the new look! Thanks to everyone who sent their ideas!



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## 2nd ANNUAL RIEL BOWL CELEBRATED IN ALPINE LONG SHOTS DOMINATE CLOSEST TO PIN GOLF CONTEST. LOSERS DEMAND INVESTIGATION INTO CHARGES OF HANDICAP FIXING

### KIDS ENJOY RIDES ON UNCLE BOB'S SANTA SLEIGH

January 1, 1993 was another day of family celebration. With the exception of Richard, Liz and JJ, who were out of town, the whole family showed up at the Bob and Karla country estate in Alpine for the second annual Riel Bowl. The party started at about 10:00 AM, with informal games by the various kid, as they arrived. In addition to the tossing of footballs, a lot of golf shots were made in preparation for the official contest scheduled for later on in the afternoon. Lunch consisted of a delicious beef roast expertly cooked by Bob and Karla, along with ham, salads, candied yams and an assortment of drinks. After lunch the official closest to the hole golf contest was held. All of the contestants were assigned handicaps, in terms of inches. By this system the best of three shots could be moved nearer to the hole by the number of inches assigned. In addition Las Vegas style odds were posted on each contestant. The odds board listed Bob Gillingham at 2:1, Grandpa Riel at 3:1 and Grandma Riel at 4:1. However, the odds were upset by a 45:1 shot, Uncle Bud, who placed his best shot at 16" from the pin. Since his handicap was 22" the marshal first decreed that his ball should be placed 6" past the hole. However, on further consultation with the handicap committee it was ruled that his ball must be considered as holed out, hence he scored a net hole in one. Ed Riel, a 10:1 shot with a 10" handicap, came in second. However, not all of the odds were wrong, since the closest without handicap was won by Grandma Riel, who put her best shot only about 3" from the hole. The losers had considerable to say about the extremely high handicaps assigned to certain individuals, and threatened to call for a congressional investigation into the validity of the handicap assignment process. However, it was decided that no action can be taken once the contest was over. Nevertheless, Bob Gillingham was heard to mutter in a low voice "just wait till next year, I'll show them how to play this game"

The next item on the agenda was the opening of gifts for the kids. This activity can best be described as controlled bedlam, but somehow or other a measure of order prevailed and everyone got his presents on schedule. The highlight of the presentations was the handing out of the new T-shirts with the new RFNL logo on the front. Each family had it's own color, and all family names were printed on the back. Grandpa Riel handed out the awards to the winning contestants, as announced on page 1.

The kids then were sent outside outside to play and the parents held their annual gift exchange. However, this activity was preceded by a complex and deviously worded contest dreamed up by Bob Riel. In his annual RFNL East County Edition he described how a relative who died over 400 ago had left for the family a package containing a number of secret items. Some obscure clues were contained in a message left with the package, and the group was challenged to figure out what the items were, how many there were, and what purpose they were intended to serve. Because of the

obscure, confusing and misleading nature of the clues no one successfully answered all of the questions. The closest guesses were by Jeff Benesch, who had the correct number and the general use they were to be put to. The correct answers were that the objects were Hershey almond chocolate bars, there were 96, and they were to be used as bidding units in the gift exchange. Once this information was revealed the various gifts were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Some ended up with two "white elephant" gifts, some with two real gifts, and most one of each.

The final activity was for the kids, and was a ride around the back yard in Santa's sleigh, towed by Uncle Bob's tractor. Bob and Bruce each acted as driver, and the trailer was quickly filled for each turn about the yard.

This ended the day, and all agreed that it was the best ever January 1st party. TO ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Grandma treated Kristy to her 9th birthday celebration in mid-december. First there was lunch at Burger King, then a movie, and finally Toys-R-Us. A good time was had, and we all wish Kristy a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JANUARY BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Edith Riel	January 2	68
Megan Riel/Mehan	January 15	9

### LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE SOLVED

As defined in the last issue we have initiated a new policy of providing two puzzles each month, one for the seniors and one for the juniors. The correct answers are shown in the following charts.

THIS PUZZLE FOR JUNIORS, BORN AFTER JANUARY 1, 1983		
ELBOW DECIDE	FORTUNE MOUNTAIN RANGE	MAKEUP KEEP IN TOUCH

THIS PUZZLE FOR SENIORS, BORN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1983	
a. 26 = L of the A	Letters of the Alphabet
b. 7 = W of the AW	Wonders of the Ancient World
c. 52 = C in a D	Cards in a Deck
d. 9 = P in the SS	Planets in the Solar System
e. 13 = S on the AF	Stripes in the American Flag
f. 32 = DF at which WF	Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes
g. 18 = H on a GC	Holes on a Golf Course
h. 90 = D in a RA	Degrees in a Right Angle

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Last months winners in the junior division were Kristy, 4/6 and Jessica/Dustin, 5/6. The senior winners were Jason, 7/7 and Michael, 2/7. Good work, and keep on trying.



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## THIS PUZZLE FOR SENIORS, BORN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1983

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|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. ELECTROCARDIOGRAM _____ | CHART _____  | 7. HELSINKI HOTEL _____ | INN _____     |
| 2. MOBY DICK _____         | TALE _____   | 8. HEADACHE _____       | BRAIN _____   |
| 3. OLEO _____              | BREAD _____  | 9. REALTOR'S JOB _____  | SELLING _____ |
| 4. A JOUST _____           | KNIGHT _____ | 10. BAND-AID _____      | SCRATCH _____ |
| 5. CARDENING _____         | SOIL _____   | 11. ACROPHOBIA _____    | FRIGHT _____  |
| 6. EIGHTY _____            | FOUR _____   | 12. TRADE UNION _____   | GUILD _____   |

## THIS PUZZLE FOR JUNIORS, BORN AFTER JANUARY 1, 1983

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. BUMBLE     | 7. EUPHONIOUS   |
| 2. CAFTAN     | 8. HYPOCRITIC   |
| 3. CARDIAC    | 9. INVESTIGATOR |
| 4. CONCEAL    | 10. NIGHTMARE   |
| 5. DANDELION  | 11. RAMPAGE     |
| 6. MELANCHOLY | 12. TYCOON      |

### PUZZLES FOR THIS MONTH

**SENIORS** - If "hay and oats" are **STREED FEED**, and a "magician's group" is a **TRICK CLIQUE**, what must the following be? (The missing word in each answer rhymes with it's mate)

**JUNIORS** - Find the word at the top of the page which best fits the animal shown in the drawing.

Be sure and get your answers in soon, so you can qualify in the contest. They must be in writing and be sure and sign your name to your answer sheet.

**VACATION NEWS** - The Mehan family spent the Christmas week in Calgary, Canada. As anticipated, there was plenty of snow and lots of cold weather. The best fun was skiing and swimming in an outdoor pool heated to 90 degrees F. It must take some courage to brave the freezing cold air to jump into a heated pool. Personally, we prefer sunny (?) San Diego, but if you want to enjoy a white Christmas, they sure went to the right place.

Not to be outdone, however, Grandma and Grandpa went on their annual visit to the land of casinos, which Grandma likes to refer to as Disneyland for grown ups. We didn't have much luck in the casinos, but we had a chance to visit old golfing friends who moved to Las Vegas some time ago. We enjoyed seeing their new home and hearing about their new life style.

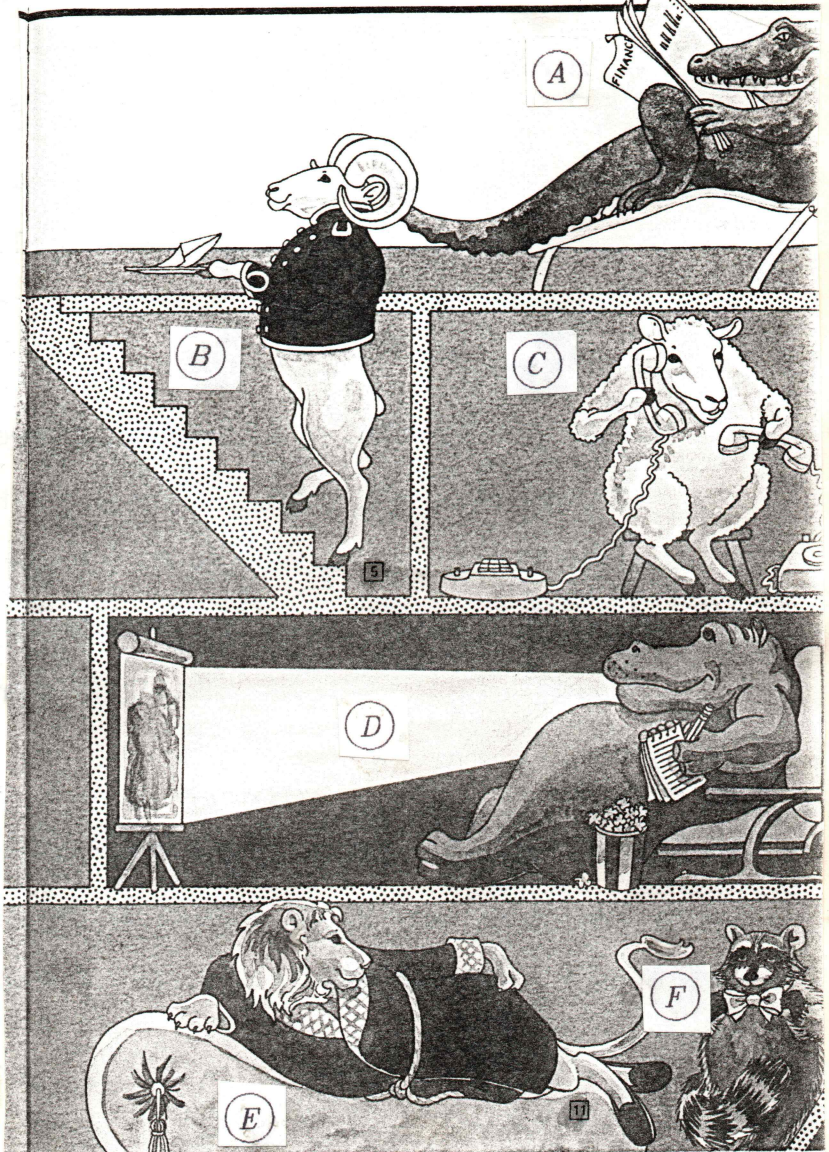
We learned recently that Aunt Listy has been invited to an all expenses paid working visit to Boston. The host is the Houghton-Mifflin Company, which publishes math text books. They have invited a number of prominent educators to advise them on future editions, and naturally they would want Listy included in that group. Sounds like a great deal, even if it is in January. That's not all for the Gillingham's,

since in February Bob is taking Listy with him To New York city, where Bob is attending a conference. We will have more news on these trips when they return.

### JESSICA BEHESCH PERFORMS IN CYT SHOW

Jessica has been selected to be in the chorus in CYT's upcoming production of "Bridge to Terabithia". She, along with a full cast and crew

of students ages 8-18, will rehearse for 10 weeks and then present the musical at Lewis Jr. High School. Set in rural Virginia in the sixties and based on a Newberry Award winning children's book by Katherine Paterson, the story is about the friendship of 10 year old Jesse and the new girl, Leslie. The production combines the best in quality children's literature with the excitement of live musical theater with costumes,





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## RUNNER-UPS IN THE CHRISTMAS LOGO CONTEST

make-up, choreography and special effects. The cast and crew of 84 students ages 8-18 all currently participate in CYT's after-school theater art classes offered in La Mesa. Performance dates are February 4,5,12,13 at 7:00 p.m. and February 6,7,13,14 at 2:00 p.m. at Lewis Jr. High School, 5170 Greenbrier Avenue, San Diego. Ticket prices are \$5-7, with special discounts for groups of 15 or more. For ticket reservations call Carol at 286-5430. Call early so we can take advantage of the discount, and all sit together.

### MANY EXCELLENT ENTRIES SUBMITTED

Although there could only be one winner (actually two) in the Christmas RFNL logo contest, there were many fine and interesting candidates, as shown on the right.

The top entry, by Bruce, is an interesting geometric design, using the end of the leg on the letter R as the starting point of an arrow pointing to the content of the newsletter. However, it's box like structure makes it less suitable to the geometry of the logo heading.

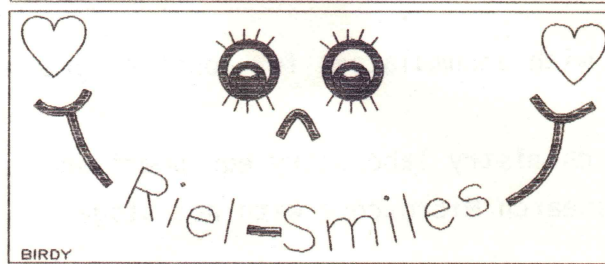
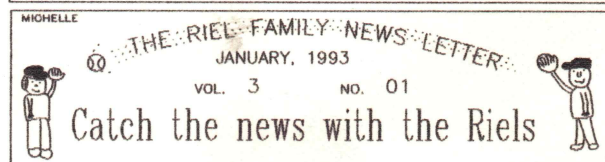
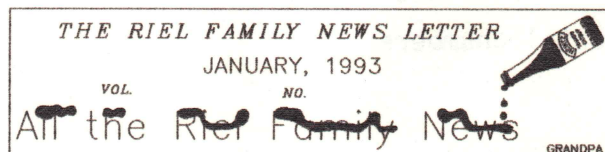
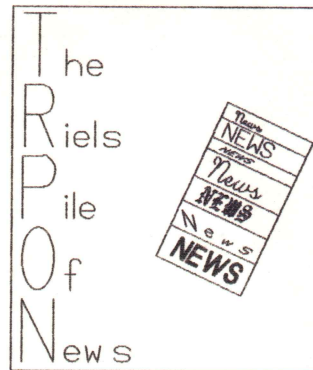
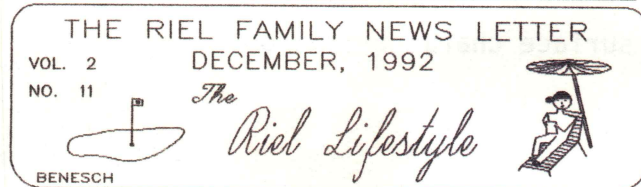
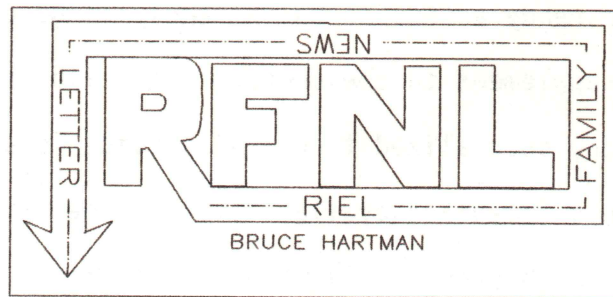
The second entry, submitted by the Benesch family, shows an interesting concept of the leisure life, with a golf course theme. It fit the masthead well, and was strongly considered.

The third entry was not signed, so we don't know who sent it in. However, it too does not fit well into the mast head, and was ruled out on that account.

The fourth entry, by Grandpa, was also strongly considered. However, the somewhat frivolous nature ("catch up" on ...) was considered as not being sufficiently dignified for RFNL.

The next entry, submitted by Michelle, actually was used in part in the winning entry. However, we thought you would be interested in seeing the entry in it's original form. The "catch the news" slogan, and the baseball were too good to ignore, so it was fitted into the winning entry.

The last entry, by Aunt Birdy, speaks for itself. We all liked the idea, and think it has much merit.





B = elbow  
O W

tune = fortune  
tune =  
tune  
tune

E = makeap  
K =  
A  
M

D = Lefty

R A N G E = mountain range

you keep ch = keep in touch.  
Jessica Benesch

Dustin B.

a 26 = ~~letters~~ letters of the Alphabet

b = 7 wonders of the ancient world

c = 52 cards in a deck

d = 9 planets in the solar systems

e = 13 stripes on the American flag

f = 32 degrees Fahrenheit at which water freezes

g = 18 holes on a golf course

h = 90 degrees in a right angle

Jason Benesch

~~Grandpa~~ Grandpa here's some for you!

1. 88 = K on a P.

2. 12 = A's on a C.

3. 4 = T's on a C.

4. 11 = P's on a F. T.

5. 64 = 5's on a C.

Jess





"Quality educational theater for children . . . by children."

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(FOR USE IN YOUR SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER)

Executive/Artistic Director San Diego--A student from our school, Green Elem,

Paul B. Russell

has been cast in the part of Chours in CYT's upcoming

Board of Directors

Glen Aubrey

Gordon Austin

Dr. Terry Beardsley

Joyce Dentt

Anne Durning

Laura Engelberg

Michael Jones

Jack Kent

Bliss Lanier

John McTighe

Betty Olson

Dr. Steve Richards

Paul Russell

Sheryl Russell

Gerry Sablan

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concerning CYT call ~~588-0206~~ Carol 286-5430

If we do this early we can all sit together! ###



# RIEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## EAST COUNTY EDITION

JANUARY 1, 1993

SPECIAL EDITION

ONE CENT

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### 2ND ANNUAL RIEL BOWL STUNNED BY MESSAGE

Last week Riel bowl officials were stunned when a Wells Fargo agent delivered a package that was sent over 450 years ago. Although the contents have not been made public, RFNL reporters were able to get a copy of the letter that accompanied it.

The letter written in french and authenticated by experts at the history department of UCSD, is from Louis Riel, a French Monarch of the mid 1550's and patriarch of the modern day Riel Family.

Apparently the letter was written on the advice of a family friend named "Norty" who was concerned over the possibility of a major rift developing within the famous Riel heritage.

Still sealed with melted wax that was remarkably intact when delivered, the Wells Fargo agent said the letter had been sent with instructions to deliver it on this exact date to the "great Riel basin in the Land of the eagle." According to their records it was received around 1812 from an undisclosed source in England and has been in their main vault in Washington DC for the last 180 years.

"No one had any idea where to deliver it until last year" said agent Wager, "Then we read about the Riel Bowl and put it all together".

RFNL has had the letter "loosely" translated and it is as follows:

July 15, in the 1,551st year of our Lord.

My Dearest Descendants,

If you should receive this bundle it will prove that my dear friend Michel Nostradamus (we called him Norty) was a true Prophet. To be perfectly honest with you, we all had our doubts about ol' Norty, I

mean after all, how many four liners can you write about fire, death and consumption. Oh sure he used a cryptic language, but that was so you could make his quatrains fit any circumstance. His goal was to be the greatest fiction writer of all times, however we are quite sure nothing ever became of his verses.

On to the task at hand. Norty has convinced me that you are in danger of some type, ...how did he put it, ah yes, "Moiling over Ashen Vast". I trust this will make sense to you as it means very little to us.

To assist you in this endeavor he has prepared a special "alleviate" to help obtain an orderly way of life. He tells us that it has a magical effect on your kind and will be greatly treasured by the Riel blood line. However so great is its' power that only the very wise should control it. Therefore, we have devised a test so that only the most Practical offspring may use its controlling powers. We fear that if not used properly one could become so consumed by its' influence, that their appearance would be altered to such a hideous looking creature, that the Riel name would be lost forever due to non propagation. The fruit of the trees of "Knowledge", "Maturity" and "Insanity" are symbolically inclosed within these golden shaped substances. Additionally there is a sufficient number as to supply a third of the total disadvantages used by our descendants.

Those who wish to posses this power must now accurately scribe the contents, use and number of items I have sent you.

What be it? \_\_\_\_\_

How Many Be There? \_\_\_\_\_

What be it used for \_\_\_\_\_

Someone named the Commish will award this precious gift. I pray this message has reached you in time. -- Louis Riel XII --



# Golf Tournament Odds

Name	Odds	Handy Cap	Tee	Comments
Frank Riel	3:1	+ 3"	White	Recovering from injuries, still a strong competitor
Edith Riel	4:1	+ 6"	Red	Happy birthday, but no green stuff today.
Richard Riel	-	-	White	Scratched from today's competition
Liz Riel	-	-	Red	Headed for the "Frisco Bay"
Ed Riel	10:1	+ 16"	White	Has been practicing in the off season, stick to surfing.
Jan Riel	13:1	+ 24"	Red	Supervising construction and golf do go together, a maybe.
Bud Mehan	45:1	+ 22"	White	Last years long ball hitter, tow trucks will be standing by.
Margaret Mehan	50:1	+ 34"	Red	Broken toe should improve her game.
Jose Castro	18:1	+ 12"	White	Like most of his hair-cuts, he will come up short.
Francie Castro	5:1	+ 22"	Red	Could win the whole enchilada, has the southwestern style.
Jeff Benesch	28:1	+ 10"	White	Beat out last year, wants revenge, to much pressure to win.
Carol Benesch	10:1	+ 20"	Red	Last years winner, could win if she keeps her eyes closed.
Bob Riel	7:1	+ 18"	White	Has home course advantage, an Edith prodigy, could win.
Karla Riel	100:1	+ 42"	Red	Last club she saw had a king on it.
Bob Gillingham	2:1	Even	White	Today's favorite, total humiliation if he doesn't win.
Listy Gillingham	7:1	+ 20"	Red	Strong motivation, winning means money for shopping.
Bruce Hartmen	5:1	+ 12"	White	Has secret club, a tire iron from an 18 wheeler.
Birdy Hartmen	12:1	+ 27"	Red	Golf is in her blood, to bad it's anemic.

## WHITE ELEPHANT MORE THAN JUST A NAME

Last year we all learned that a White Elephant isn't always something for the attic. Karla Riel walked away with the championship of Wrestle Mania XX by snagging the much sought after solid ivory, "White Elephant" that Grand-dad had collected.

"Although there were a few skirmishes and minor whining, for the most part the new system has worked" said WEW (White Elephant Wrestling) commissioner Riel.

Once again each couple is to bring two gifts, one a "nice" gift and the other a White Elephant. Both are to be wrapped as appealing as possible, the idea being to attract the interest of the other contestants. The rest of the rules will be disclosed later on.

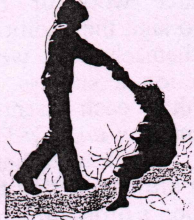
"We found that rules have a way of starting controversies" said Francie Castro, special adviser to the commissioner, "It's best that the contestants not know the rules, at least not until match time".

Sources close to the commissioner tell us that there are several rule changes this year that have been prompted by some "twist of fate" but would not go further into detail. However we have learned that this years event will be held in a tag-team format.

"With 16 competitors is should be a fantastic match, I could watch it ten times over." said one longtime Riel observer, "we will just have to see what the future holds for this day."

Due to the uncertainty of the rules no odds are available for the match.





*Bridge to*  
**TERABITHIA**

Auditions for *Bridge to Terabithia* will be on Friday, December 11 from 4-6 p.m. for ages 8-10 and from 6:30-8:30 for ages 11-18. Call backs will be on Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Just because you are not called back does not necessarily mean you were not cast in the show. Also, just because you are called back does not mean you are automatically in the show.

★ Show dates are Feb. 4, (5), 12, 13 at 7:00 p.m. and Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14 at 2 p.m. with School Days on February 9 and 11 at 9:15 a.m. and noon.

Jessica's Debut (C.Y.T.)

I thought it might be fun to see a good play all together, and the next Barbra Streisand! If you are interested give us a call for more info.

The Benesch's