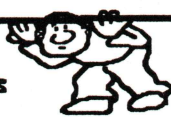




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EASTER CELEBRATED WITH FOOD, SOCCER, BIKE RIDING AND KITE FLYING AT LAKE MURRAY PARK

PARENTS EDGE KID'S ALL STARS AT SOCCER - KITES SOAR IN STIFF BREEZE - GRANDPA AND GRANDMA HURT IN BIKE SPILLS

Easter Sunday, April 3rd was the day for a special family celebration. Based on a recommendation from the twins Lake Murray Park was selected as the site for the picnic. This was an excellent choice, since there was plenty of sunshine and lots of room for fun and games. Uncle Bruce had kindly offered to renovate Grandpa and Grandma's bikes, and good as his word he put on new tires and shined up each one. He also loaded up a big flat bed trailer and brought along lots of bikes of all sizes and shapes. The lake is surrounded by bike and jogging trails and we all set out to see the sights. Unfortunately Grandpa was just getting off his bike to wait for Grandma when he caught his foot and fell on the blacktop paving. The result was a quarter inch hunk of skin scraped off of his wrist, some scratched up arms and a big welt near the left elbow. Not to be outdone Grandma also fell against a post and ended up with an even bigger welt in almost the same place as the one on Grandpa's arm. Neither injury was serious, and a little first aid from Jeff's kit helped repair the damage. After the picnic both went to the urgent care facility for a more complete clean-up, and all injuries are just about healed up.

While the bike riding was going on there was a big soccer match between the parents and the kids. As usual the kids outran the parents, but some lucky shots lead to a two goal margin of victory by the parents. However, there were some outstanding plays by both sides, and it is apparent that it is only a matter of time before the parents are overmatched.

Lunch consisted of hamburgers and hot dogs expertly grilled by Chef Jeff, along with chips and other goodies. There was plenty of food to satisfy everyone. After lunch there was an easter egg hunt, and there were lots of colored plastic eggs with \$\$ hidden inside. Also there were toys for all, and the most fun ones were the kites. Assembly proved to be somewhat of a problem, since most of the parents were not interested in reading the directions. The result was that some of the kites soared into the wild blue while others seemed reluctant to do anything except dive into the ground. One that was especially reluctant was Bryce's, and Francie tried and tried to launch it into the wind. Finally Grandpa and Margaret checked out the kite, and recommended some aerodynamic changes. The result was no less than spectacular, since the kite immediately soared up to the limit of the string. There it swooped and soared in the wind. Suddenly, as Francie was taking the string holder from Bryce it got loose and started dragging across the ground. Bryce ran after it as fast as he could, and Uncle Bob Riel joined in. It was a lost cause, however, as the holder raced across the ground and over some bushes. Francie and Bryce set off down the street hoping the holder would catch, and it did, but in the top of a tree. Shortly thereafter the kit went into a big loop and caught in the top of a tall tree, and so far as we know it still is there.

Grandma insisted on showing some of us the nesting swan, and a short walk down the path to the edge of the lake revealed a large swan

sitting on her nest and busily rearranging the nesting sticks. It was really exciting, and we all were glad we did not miss this sight.

Everyone agreed that this was one of the best family outings, and we certainly will want to come back to Lake Murray Park for a repeat celebration. Our thanks are expressed to all, especially Bruce for the bikes and Jeff for cooking the food.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Jessica celebrated her 11th with lunch with Carol, Grandpa and Grandma at Sizzlers. Afterwards Grandma took Jessica to a movie, Mrs. Doubtfire, and then to the Science Museum to see a movie on animation with computers. Dustin also celebrated, with lunch, a movie and then a visit to the Science Museum.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

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| Dustin Benesch | April 2 | 9 |
| Brian Riel | April 5 | 5 |
| Robert Riel | April 9 | 37 |
| Kevin Riel | April 11 | 15 |
| Jan Riel | April 21 | 46 |

BUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

In addition to the bike injuries experienced by Grandpa and Grandma they also both had some other problems. Grandpa came down with a persistent cold, which still has not gone away. Some pills from the doctor seemed to help some,

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but the only thing that really helps is some rest. Grandma also came down with some bugs, which have responded to medication, and she is about ready to get back on the golf course.

SPORTS NEWS

Bryce solem was awarded a plaque for participation in the Mission Valley YMCA basketball program. His team, the Hornets, had a 10-0 win lose record, and that is about as good as it gets. Bryce also played on the Bombers team, and they came in second in their division. However, basketball is over and the best sport, baseball is now in season. Brett's team won their first game by a score of 7-3, Brett scoring the very first run for his team. Bryce's team had a tough first game loss, 13-12, but Bryce got on base each time he was up, so he certainly did his share. A new sport, for Brett is over the line ball, and the famous OMBAC now sponsors youth tournaments. Brett's team came in third overall in their division, after winning an extra inning tie breaker.

In addition to active participation, there was activity in the new major league baseball season. Uncle Alan took Brett and Bryce to Peoria during spring training, and they got lots of autographs, from the Marines, Padres and Giants. Francie took the kids to the Padres opening day game, and their group was fortunate enough to win two caps autographed by Tony Gwynn. Tim Riel was another who went to a Padre game. Due to Grandma's illness she gave her ticket to the Friday game to him, and along with Grampa enjoyed the only Padre win thus far in the season. It was a fun evening, with baseball, hot dogs, drinks and pizza.

Grandpa and Grandma receiver the official word on the Stardust Golf Course future. As rumored, it will go public on July 1st. However, the current members can join the newly formed Handlery Golf Club for a fee of \$240 per month, and continue to play as much as desired. In addition, members will have the right to reserve starting times 10 days in advance, whereas the public can only reserve 7 days in advance. These arrangements are good only until December 31, and the entire situation will be re-evaluated for 1995. We intend to go along with

the new arrangement to see how it works out, and if it is unsatisfactory we will seek other golfing options. Speaking of golf, the Bob Riel Wednesday evening golf game with Grandpa and Grandma got off to a start on the 13th. After nine holes the contest between Bob and Grandma was all even, but both contestants were pretty rusty, and they need to work on their game to get back in mid-season form. Another golfer was Brett, who played the big course at Stardust recently with Grandma.

NEW SWIMMING POOL AT ALPINE ESTATE NEARS COMPLETION

We learned recently the the new swimming pool at the Bob and Karla Riel home is coming along very well. We understand it will have a slide for the kids, and we are all looking forward to its new role in the upcoming 1995 Riel bowl.

KIDS SCIENCE FAIR

Recently Grandpa helped Megan and some friends work on the paddle boat competition for this annual school event. Because of size and shape restrictions the design of a successful boat is somewhat complex, and a number of options were built and tested. The competition also is complicated by the fact that the tests are carried out in a circular trough, hence the boat must have some sort of steering capability. The final boat design was not selected until the day before the contest, and Megan's entry came in second overall. Megan's team also came in second in the catapult event, so they did very well in the competition.

KIDS PARTY AT GRANDMA'S

March 14th was a busy day at Grandma's house, since we got to have the Gillingham and Hartman children for the entire day, due to a teacher's day special at Francis Parker. Since Grandma was having guests on the following day some of the older kids pitched in to help get ready. The outdoor steps and driveway were swept, and the vacuum cleaner was kept busy for most of the morning. In order to keep things neat Grandpa provided a picnic at the lower level patio. He built a big fire in the barbecue cooker, and with expert help from

Michelle cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for all. The picnic table was set up, and all enjoyed the food, including the neighbors dog, who became very interested in the odor of cooking meat. He was treated with a few scraps, and enjoyed them very much. The only problem came when Michelle accidentally touched the hot part of the cooker, and burned her fingers. Some ice cube first aid helped, and we understand that the problem went away in a few days. In the afternoon Grandma took the whole gang to a movie, and then it was back the FSP and home.

MORE BUSINESS TRAVELING FOR FRANCIE

Recently Francie was sent by the company she represents to Idaho for another round of instructions at local beauty parlors. She reported that everything in Idaho has a small town atmosphere, not at all like the big city living we are used to. It was an interesting experience, and her post card report is reproduced on the next page. Her travels are not over, however, since it is Seattle this week and Las Vegas on the 24th. We look forward to reports on these trips.

MORE TRAVEL NEWS

As mentioned in the last issue Francie and Jose took Brett and Bryce to Disneyworld recently, and we now have a report on the details, plus some pictures, as reproduced on the next page. Here is the report by Francie.

"Florida Trip - After a 4 hour delay (courtesy of Continental Airlines) Jose, Francie, Brett and Bryce finally took off for a week at Disneyworld. Brett was a little annoyed spending his 11th birthday in various airports, but after the late arrival everything was forgotten. Brett and Bryce spent the next several days of this educational trip studying the mountain ranges of Florida (Space Mountain, Splash Mountain, Thunder Mountain, etc.) Cindy (Gonzalez) + Boon Wellman joined us a few days later with their son Max. The trip was a fun one and Jose can't wait to go to Mickey's place again - right, Jose? Francie, on the other hand must not have had enough since on Sunday the 13th she took the kids up to Anaheim to spent the night with some school chums and visit Disneyland on Mon-

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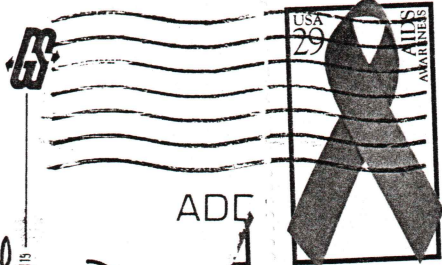
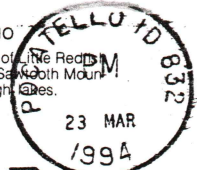
day. This also was rationalized as an educational trip, studying the mountains of Southern California (Matterhorn, Space Mountain, etc)."

was up at dawn to intercept Grandpa's newspaper in order to insert a section B (local news) she had saved from last November. That insert had a picture of a snowstorm in the back country and a story on the amount of snow. Grandpa was surprised to see the report until he noticed the date at the top of the paper. Later on he found the current section in the mail box. Once again it snowed on April 1st!

APRIL FOOLS DAY TRICK

Once again Francie pulled off an April 1 trick on Grandpa. This time she

SAWTOOTH MOUNTAINS, IDAHO
The Sawtooth Range reflects onto the cool waters of Lake Redfish Lake. Frequently called the "American Alps", the Sawtooth Mountains are dotted with meadows, streams, and high lakes.



Dear Mom + Dad,
I have seen more cities in Idaho than I thought existed this morning there is snow on the ground & this place finally looks pretty. Working 12 hour days but having fun! - (I did hit the mail in Idaho Falls!)
Francie

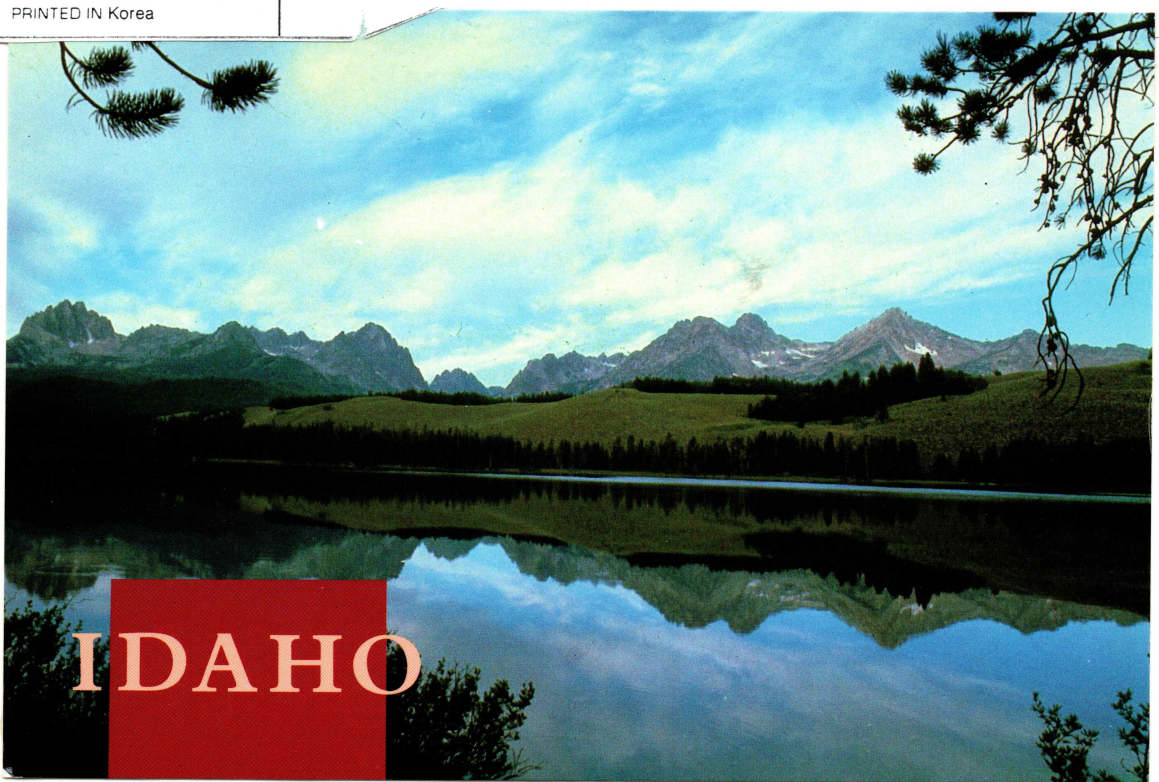
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A LITTLE RAIN DIDN'T STOP THIS FUN LOVING GROUP AT EPCOT CENTER
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BRYCE'S WISHES COME TRUE IN TOONTOWN

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