



The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

March, 1995



GRANDMA, LISTY AND BIRDY GO ON SAN FRANCISCO SHOPPING SPREE

70th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR GRANDMA

During the February 16-18 week end the long awaited junket to San Francisco, by Grandma and the twins took place. The trip was planned as a part of Grandma's Rielbowl day birthday celebration. Grandpa delivered the three travelers to the airport on schedule, and upon arrival they proceeded to the Francis Drake hotel. From that time on it was a mad rush to cover as many shopping mall as possible. In between there was some time left over to enjoy some dining and celebrating, as noted in the adjoining photos. There was a slight accident to mar the otherwise festive time. It seems that while running to catch a cable car Grandma slipped and fell down (twice). She came home with a black and blue chin, but otherwise was OK. Her new theme song is "I left my chin in San Francisco". The weary travelers came home Saturday night, and all concluded that it was a great way to celebrate a birthday.



MARGARET GOES TO ATLANTA

Margaret was on the go again, and this time it was to Atlanta, to attend another conference. The theme of the meeting was "Imaging and Science", and Margaret played the difficult job of chairing the meeting, summarizing the main features of each presentation, and conducting the questions and discussion session. The various speakers described how they used computer simulation to determine how molecules interact with each other, in a chemical reaction, how the ocean currents and wind patterns interact, and many other scientific studies.



SPORTS SPECIAL - BRETT MAKES HOLE IN ONE AT PRESIDIO

We have the following first hand account from Brett Sorem, on the hole in one he recently scored at Presidio golf course. "Last Saturday I was playing golf with my dada and brother at Presidio Hills. I was on the eighth hole and my brother hit the ball and it went OK. Next I hit it. Dad said "well, at least it is straight" I said "I think it is better than straight" Then the ball dropped in and we were

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MORE SPORTS NEWS

Jason and Dustin are busy with basketball, and we leaned recently that Jason's team has made the finals. Dustin's team just missed their finals, losing by only three points. Both played well, and it was lots of fun competing. Michael has taken up a new sport, golf, and joined Brett, (see below) for a round at Stardust. After some instruction by Grandma he did very well, hitting some excellent shots. However he found out that it is a hard game to play, and some more practice is needed to gain consistency.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Megan Riel-Mehan celebrated her 11th birthday, and she and Grandma went on a shopping spree. They met Grandpa for lunch, at Sizzlers, and then returned to the mall. They did find time, however, for a movie (The Brady Bunch). Brett Sorem also celebrated, (his 12th), and the first item was a round of golf at the Palms course at Stardust, along with Grandpa and Grandma. Unfortunately he was not able to treat us to another hole in one, but he hit some excellent golf shots. If he continues to work on his game Brett will grow up to be an excellent golfer. After golf there was lunch at Sizzlers, along with Michael (see above). There was some pool and ping pong at Grandma's, and the celebration ended with a trip to the toy store.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

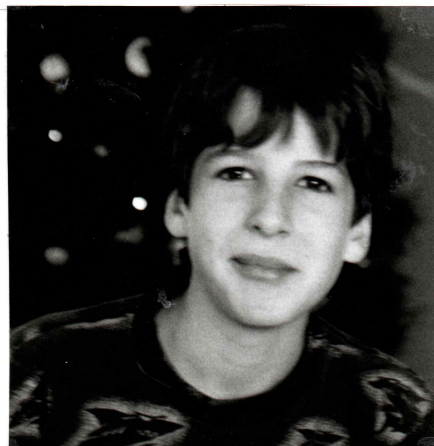
Margaret Riel	March 6	45
Jessica Benesch	March 17	12
Craig Hartman	March 19	12
Jeff Benesch	March 23	43

RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

Brian Riel showed up at Grandma's recently feeling pretty sick. Since this was an evening baby sitting visit, he spent most of the evening asleep. We understand that he has fully recovered.

TIM RIEL APPEARS IN OPERA

The San Diego Opera Education and Outreach program recently put on a student production of the opera Hansel and Gretel at Ocean Beach School. We attended a sold out standing room only crowd to watch Tim Riel in his role as an animal in the animal chorus. Tim did a great job, and we all enjoyed a first class performance.



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FRANCIS PARKER SCHOOL

San Diego, California

Achievement Award

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Kristin Dillingham

for

*Honors at Admission to Middle School
February 10 1995*

RIEL'D UP CROSSWORD

Thus far no one has submitted a solution to the crossword puzzle printed in the February issue. The author, Jeff Benesch, has generously offered a valuable prize to the first family submitting a correct solution. In case of a tie, RFNL will offer duplicate awards. It would be an embarrassment if no one can solve this puzzle.

BENESCH FAMILY ENJOYS WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT WON AT RIELBOWL IV

The Benesch family won the dine out certificate contributed by Grandpa and Grandma at the last Rielbowl, and enjoyed dinner at the Raddison Hotel. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the family outing, even though it took place right in the middle of the latest rainstorm. It takes more than a little rain to dampen the spirits of this fun loving group.

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SPECIAL FAMILY SECTION

The following letter was provided by Francie, along with her request that it be distributed with the next issue of RFN. Since it is somewhat personal in scope we have decided to distribute it to family members only. However, we have provided Francie with additional copies for distribution to others, as she sees fit. Needless to say, we are very, very proud of the way you have supported Francie in this very trying time in her life.

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Ocean Beach Opera and

San Diego Opera Presents



Hansel and Gretel

STAFF
SAN DIEGO OPERA
Coordinator/Stage Director.....Kellie Evans-O'Connor
Musical Director.....Diana Larson
Technical Director.....Lesley Torresen

OCEAN BEACH SCHOOL
Principal.....Adele Lancaster
Vice Principal.....Steve Gennaro
Office Staff.....Rosemary Fay, Caroline Asbury, Joyce McDonald
Facilities Manager.....Rosie Mejia

Teachers
Dena Page, Rosette Garcia, Susan Douglas, Tom Kilroy, Arlic Dromgoole

*Special Thanks to Ms. Lancaster, Rosie, & these great teachers! A
Big thank you to the PTO & Ellie Cole for all your
special care & help!
Thanks to ALL the staff for your flexibility and support!!
It was great to be back at Ocean Beach!!*

OPERA FOR KIDS...BY KIDS !!

For more information regarding our other Educational Programs, San Diego
Opera season of productions, or just to let us know what you thought, contact:

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PO Box 988
San Diego, CA 92112 (619) 232-7636

February 8, 1995 7:00 PM

SAN DIEGO OPERA

In cooperation with

OCEAN BEACH SCHOOL

Ocean Beach Opera Theater

5th & 6th Graders

presents

HANSEL & GRETEL

an adaptation of the opera by Engelbert Humperdinck
for performance by students

THE STORY

When our story begins, Mother and Father have gone to sell their wares, leaving the children to do their chores. But working on empty stomachs is no fun, so Hansel and Gretel set to playing instead, only to be discovered on Mother's return.

Angry at their misbehavior, she sends them to the woods to find berries for supper. Unable to find any near the house, the children wander to an unknown area and are soon lost. Cold and frightened in the darkness, they must sleep in the woods, but they are watched over by magical characters -- Sandmen, Dew Fairies, animals, and angels.

In the morning they discover a wonderful gingerbread cottage, but are soon trapped by the witch who owns it. Hansel, trapped in her cage, overhears her plans to turn the children into gingerbread cookies. As she turns to Gretel first, Hansel warns his sister to be careful. Just as the Witch thinks she has Gretel near the oven, the quick thinking Gretel fools the witch instead-- into the oven falls the Witch.

Suddenly, a fence of gingerbread cookies call out to the children, and Hansel uses the witch's magic broom to free the children who have been trapped! Mother and Father rush to find their children safe, and all are delighted to find that the witch herself has baked into a gingerbread cookie! Everyone is FREE!!!

CAST (in order of appearance)

Narrators.....Torrey Bell-Edwards, Jonathan Allen
Gretel.....Stephanie Burgener
Hansel.....Dustin Best
Mother.....Sarah Powell
Father.....Aaron Markland
Sandmen.....Joseph Robinett, Rudy Silva, Sky Carliola
Dew Fairies.....Margo Smith, Crystal Humphries, Ana Bermudez
Witch.....Rachael Rimando

Members of the Chorus

Animals

Jeff Roberts, Daniel Hein, Cheyne Nicoll, Timothy Riel

Witch's Apprentices

Numan Stotz, Amber Issacs, John McFarland, Lacy Richardson

Angels

Jennifer Markland, Michael Martinez, Noel Nichols, Mishawn Johnson, Raquel Arroyo,
Gustavo Alcoser, Felipe Saavedra, Justin Kirschinger, Melissa Bernhardt-Nelson,
Kyle Baird, Cecilia Gonzalez, Karina Silva, Angelica Alvarado, Alma Florian

Gingerbread Children

Sabrina Cauldren, Jonathan Redig, Benjamin Amouroux, Andrew Bucy, Michael Ryan,
Julie Summers, Danael Flores, Daniel Chavez, Chris Trevisan, Angela Quinn,
Stacy Antonei, Kelli Merrill, Ricky Fannin, Keira Koss-Baker, Jerry Stolper,
Michael Oltraver, Torrey Bell-Edwards, Jonathan Allen

TECHNICAL CREW

Stage Manager.....Joel Mellon
Assistant Stage Manager.....Ashley Kegelmeyer
Running Crew.....Ashley Green, Ryan Townley
Props.....Jesse Rohner, Arturo Torres
Lights.....Eric Ensminger, Donnie Cameron
Sound.....Seth Munoz, Derek Mills
Makeup Crew.....Leah Ann McCollum, Crystal Cortez,
Amanda Woodruff, Nana Brackeen, Pilar Uballe
Costume Crew.....Brandon Phillips, Kristen Rush, Laura Duran,
Sandra Villa, Jesse Premo, Chris Powers
House Manager.....Quinn Doerr
House Staff/ushers.....Jr. Hudson, Amber Howell, Shawna Holstrom, Marlen Bahena
Publicity.....Bud Bong, John Kouma, Trent LeClair, Anica Calhoun,
Cherise Pena, Denise Velasco, Jared Buford, Isabel Flores,
Maria Flores, Fabian Martinez, Arturo del Carmen
Backdrop Design.....Amanda Woodruff
Program Cover Design.....Arturo Torres

Scenic Art Crew

All tech students listed above worked to create the backdrop!!

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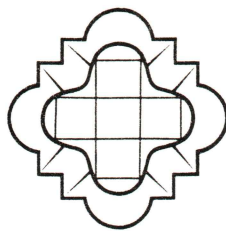
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