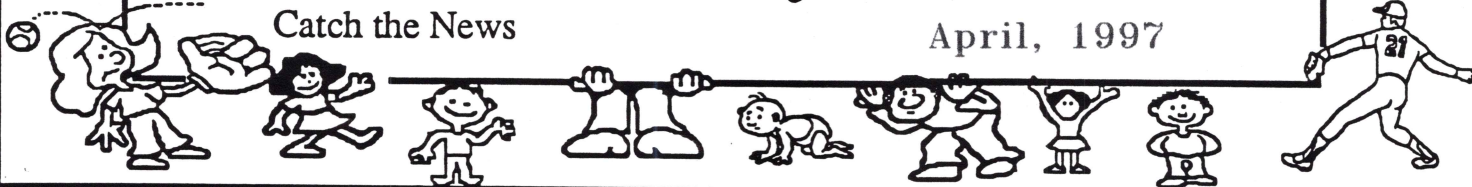




# The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

April, 1997



## EASTER CELEBRATED AT GILLINGHAM HOME KIDS STAR IM MUSICAL SHOWS

This years Easter celebration took place at the Gillingham home. This turned out to be an excellent choice, since the weather was cool and overcast, so most of the activity took place indoors. The main attraction was the food, which consisted of snacks followed by a buffet consisting of ham and corned beef, baked beans, salad, drinks and dessert. The traditional Easter egg hunt took place afterwards, and all of the cleverly hidden eggs were quickly found by the kids. Grandma handed out to each kid a special egg containing candy and money. It was a fun day, enjoyed by all, and we thank Bob and Listy for their hospitality. We will have some photographs in the next issue of RFNL.

### GRANDMA RIEL TALKS AT FRANCIS PARKER LOWER SCHOOL

Recently Grandma was invited by David and Annie to come to their school and tell the class about the land where she grew up, Iran. She took along some examples of Persian art work, including a silver tea pot, a miniature painting on ivory, and some photographs of oriental rugs. She described life in that country when she was growing up, and how different it was from this country and this time. The children all enjoyed her presentation, and thanked her with a nice class letter, She also received a nice personal letter from David, which was much appreciated, and a photo taken during the talk. They all are copied on page 3.



There was much artistic activity in the family during the month of March. On the evening of the 15th we went to the Point Loma H.S. auditorium to enjoy Kevin Riel as a part of the musical presentation "Our Madcap World". This years show was the 37th edition, put on by the MADCAPS (Mothers and Daughters Club Assisting Philanthropies). This organization is dedicated to working together toward the welfare of the community and to provide training for young women on the importance of understanding and serving civic needs. Song and dance numbers were put on by the 7th -12th grade classes. Kevin preformed as one of the Madcaps, and did a great job. It was a very professionally done performance, and much enjoyed by all. Photos of our group and the proud parents are shown on page 2.

On the following afternoon we enjoyed the final performance of "The Jungle Book", a new musical based on the book of the same name, by Rudyard Kipling. The story is about an imaginary boy raised by wolves in the jungle of India. Dustin played the lead role of the Jungle Boy, Mowgli, and Jessica had an important role as Tang in the Or, Rang and Tang trio of singers and dancers. In addition to the roles played by the kids, dad Jeff participated in writing the lyrics and music for the show. It was a really great performance, with lots of singing, dancing and action, and we congratulate the entire Benesch family on a job well done. Some pictures are reproduced on page 2, and the program on page 3.

### TRAVEL NEWS

As we reported in the last issue, Bob and Karla Riel enjoyed a brief week end in Las Vegas recently. Although they did not win any big money prizes we understand they had a great time.

The big travel news, however, is the upcoming cruise by Grandpa and Grandma Riel, which is scheduled to start on the 11th of this month. they fly to Ft. Lauderdale Fla. on Friday, and board the liner Saturday morning for a seven day trip through the Caribbean Islands. We hope to have lost of pictures when we get back.

### RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

Grandpa and Grandma both have been suffering from bad cases of the flu. Grandma went to see the doctor, and chest X-rays were negative, in spite of chest congestion and a temperature. Both are resting easy, to be ready to travel.



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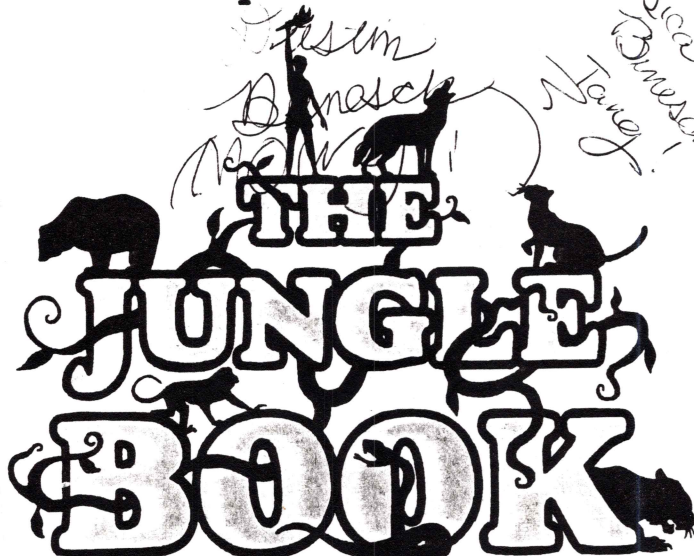


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Christian Youth Theater  
San Diego/East County  
presents



All performances at  
Lewis Jr. High School  
5170 Greenbrier Avenue, San Diego  
March 6, 7, 14, 15 at 7:00 p.m.  
March 8, 9, 15, 16 at 2:00 p.m.  
Spring 1997

Based on the stories written by Rudyard Kipling

Book by:  
Jeff Benesch & Paul Russell

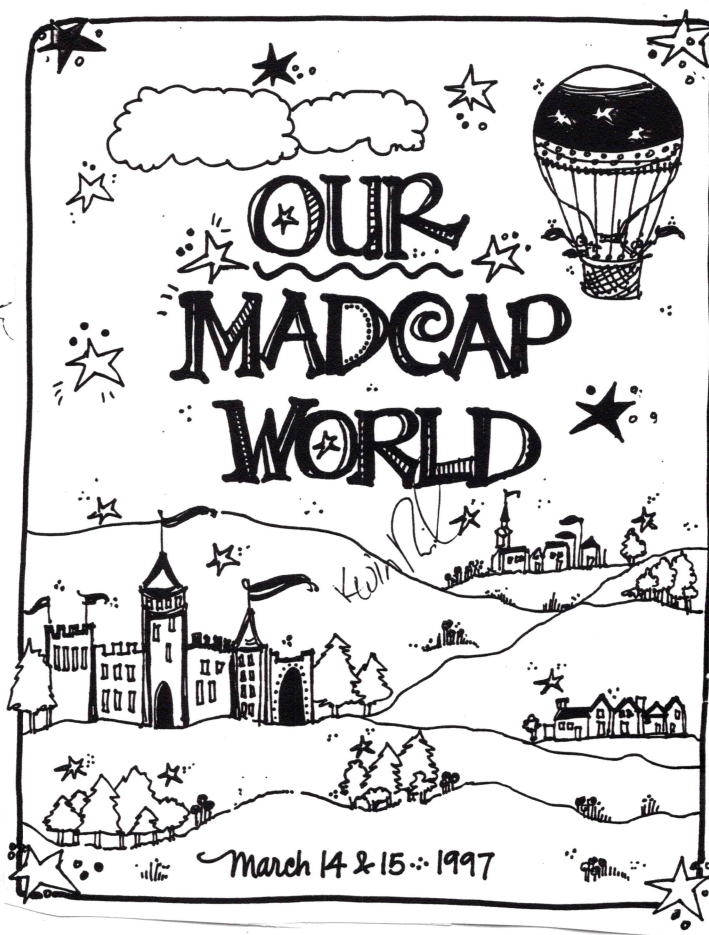
Music & Lyrics by:  
Jeff Benesch, Gary Chun & Paul Russell

Musical Arrangements by:  
Gary Chun

Dear Grandma,

*I thank you so much for coming. It was really cool! Everybody likes you! I really enjoyed your coming because I learned a lot about your life!*

David Gillingham



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Due to her illness Grandma was not able to take care of birthday celebrations in March. She has not forgotten Jessica and Craig, however, and will catch up right after the vacation in April. Also, she will not forget the April group, as shown below, but it may take a little while. In the meantime HAPPY BIRTHDAY to everyone!

## BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Dustin Benesch	April 3	12
Brian Riel	April 5	8
Robert Riel	April 9	40
Kevin Riel	April 11	18
Jan Riel	April 21	49

## RIEL BOWL VI WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT DINNER

You may recall that as the Jeopardy Game winner at the last Riel Bowl celebration Margaret had last pick in the white elephant gift exchange, and won the dinner gift donated by Grandpa and Grandma. The celebration took place recently, and the entire family enjoyed dinner at an Iranian restaurant in Solana Beach. The

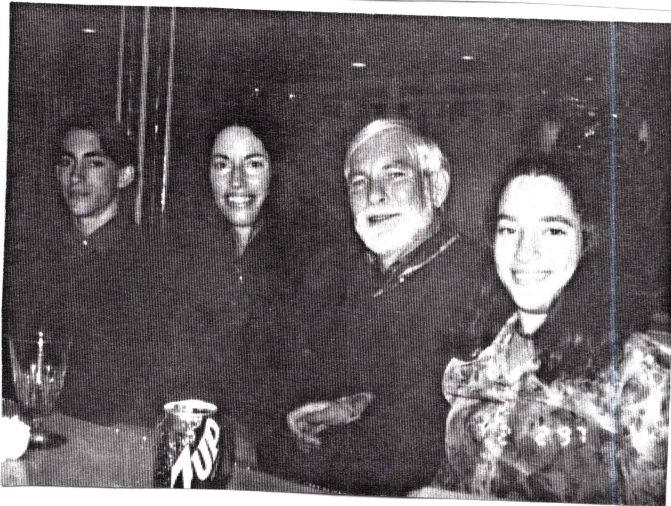


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following photograph show them about to enjoy the interesting and unusual appetizers and main dishes which are a part of the middle eastern cuisine. It was another fun evening for everyone.



## JJ RIEL SOCCER TEAM WINS TROPHY

We learned recently that JJ is into soccer, and each member of his team won a trophy. Also, he won a medal for excellence in class room work. The following photo shows him with his trophy.



## DINNER PARTY AT MEHAN HOME

In celebration of Margaret's 47th birthday the Mehan family hosted a dinner party for a group of friends and family. The food was catered by the Iranian restaurant noted in the Christmas dinner party described above, and the unusual dishes were enjoyed by all. After dinner a birthday cake, as shown below was cut and served to everyone. It was a great party and we join all in wishing many happy returns for Margaret.



## SENIOR FITNESS PARTY AT 1875 LYNDON ROAD

Grandpa and Grandma recently hosted an afternoon buffet luncheon and party for their exercise group, and about 75 people attended. It was somewhat crowded, but thanks to the loan of several card tables and chairs by our family members everyone was able to enjoy a sit down lunch. Afterwards there was entertainment by some of the talented members of the group, and everyone said that it was one of the best parties they had ever attended. We express special thanks to Ed Riel, who installed a speaker system in the living room, and also to Francie and Mark, who loaned us a microphone and helped figure out how to hook it up in our complex sound system.

## AUNT ELOISE TO VISIT SAN DIEGO

Eloise called recently to tell us that she will be coming to San Diego, along with her grandson, Scott Nix (younger son of Debbie) for a family visit. They are looking forward to meeting the family, and we will be planning some activities for them.



# THE CITADEL

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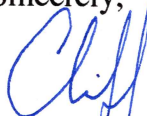
Dr. Frank J. Riel, '41  
1875 Lyndon Rd.  
San Diego, CA 92103

Dear Doctor Riel,

I was saddened to learn of the death of your brother and I wish to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Please know that this expression of grief is made on behalf of the entire Citadel family.

Words are often of little comfort at a time like this, but rest assured, however, that you and yours are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,



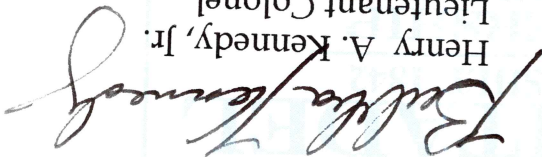
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Director of Alumni Affairs



Sincerely,

We were saddened to learn of the death of your brother, and, as executive director of the Association of Citadel Men, I want you to know that Citadel alumni everywhere join me in extending sympathy to you and your family at this time of bereavement.

Dear Dr. Riel,

Dr. Frank J. Riel, '41  
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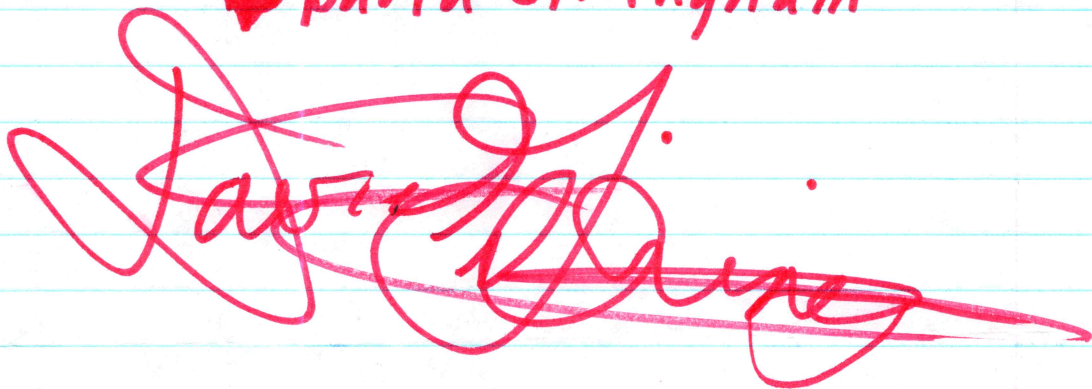
CITADEL MEN



Dear Grandma,

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♥ David Gillingham



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CYT/Special to The Daily Californian

Dustin Benesch, as the young Mowgli, horsing around with Jeremy Lapp as Baloo and Morgan Carberry as Bagheera in a scene from Christian Youth Theater's production of "Jungle Book."

# Life's a jungle

THURSDAY - SUNDAY  
MARCH 13 - 16, 1997



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From left, Dustin Benesch as Mowgli, Jeremy Lapp as Baloo and Morgan Carberry as Bagheera, share a tender moment during a break from "Jungle Book," now in production at Lewis Junior High

## ■ Paul Russell is king of the jungle with his impressive production of "The Jungle Book."

Rudyard Kipling's delightful tale of the young boy raised by wolves has been turned into a brilliant musical now in production by Christian Youth Theater.

Mike Rose, a junior at Monte Vista High School, is exuberant as the teen-age Mowgli. Romping around the stage in his animals skins, he's a born leader of the jungle packs

youngsters, that's a lot of animals and villagers.

Morgan Carberry slinks around the stage as the panther, Bagheera, close friend and confidant of Mowgli and his buddy, Baloo the bear.

Carberry is a talented young woman who, at the age of 14, has appeared in more than 30 productions for CYT and its counterpart, Christian Community Theater. She's an accomplished musician as well as a singer and an actor.

Baloo is delightfully played by Jeremy Lapp, another seasoned performer on CYT and CCT stages. He has more than 60 productions under his belt.

Sarah Torres offers Mowgli's love interest as Anjali. The young Anjali is played by Danielle Beckman

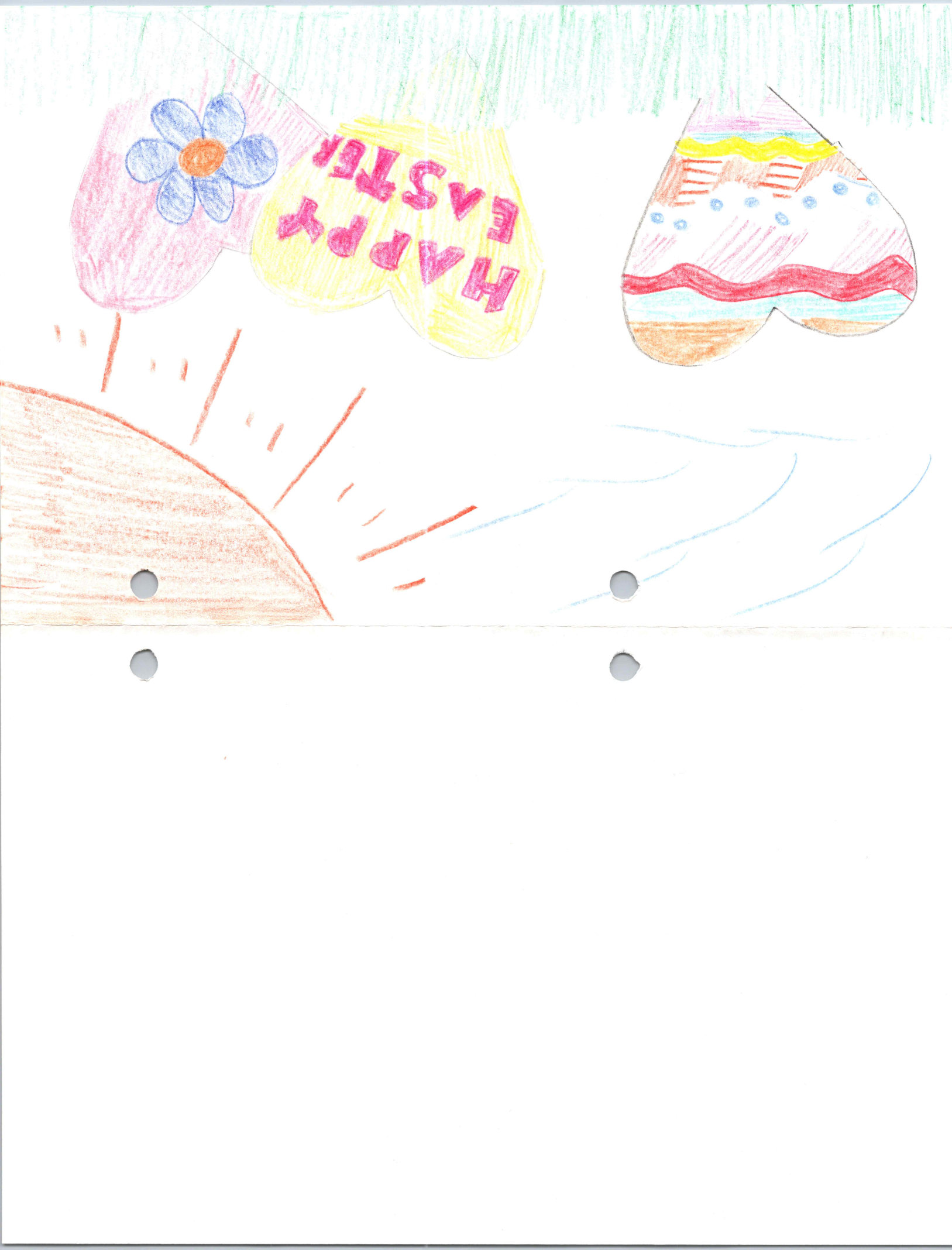
with Christina Hambrick.

The roles of birds, monkeys and an assortment of jungle animals are a great outlet for expressing the many talents of the aspiring actors enrolled in CYT classes.

A particularly delightful trio is Or, Rang and Tang, three orangutans played by Krysten Issac, Nick Bonnell and Jessica Benesch. The sprightly trio leads a rollicking version of "Throw Up Your Arms" with the monkeys and other animals as well as bringing out some lively audience participation.

Artistic Director Paul Russell has done wonders taming the cast. "The Jungle Book" is based on Kipling's version, but leans heavily on a book by Jeff Benesch and Russell.





HAPPY  
EASTER





Dear Grandpa and Grandma,

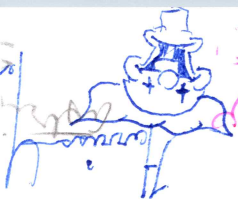
I hope that you have a great  
Easter!! I always look forward to  
seeing you on this day!!

Have a hoppy day!

Love,  
Michelle



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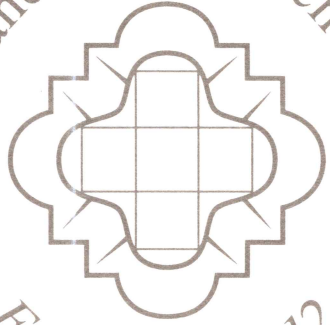
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Dear Mrs. Piel:

¡Muchas gracias!

We appreciate very much your love for your culture & the way that you talked to the students & myself. Having you among us was like talking to our own grandmas'.

Liliana Chojnik



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