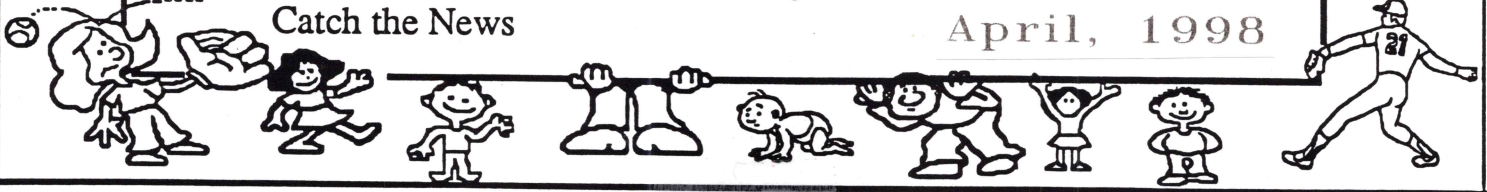




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CAROL DEMONSTRATES TEACHING SKILLS FOR OTHER TEACHERS

Recently Carol invited Grandma and Grandpa to sit in on one of her mentor teacher demonstration sessions. About a dozen elementary school teachers were invited, and the first half hour of the program (which we missed) consisted of an informal breakfast snack, an introduction of Carol by her principal and a brief summary of the scope of the demonstration. We arrived just in time to join the teachers in Carol's classroom, where she demonstrated her teaching techniques through regular sessions with her first grade classes. In one segment she demonstrated the use of a game to teach numbers. In a second session she demonstrated a board type game she has developed as a teaching aid. The visiting teacher audience seemed very interested and many took notes on the manner in which Carol aroused and held the interest and attention of her young students.

After the initial session (which was repeated with a different teacher group) we were invited by one of Carol's friends to meet the principal. We had an interesting discussion, and she was very complimentary of the work Carol has been doing. It was an interesting morning and we really enjoyed seeing Carol at work in her own classroom.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Grandma finally got the birthday celebration activity under way, and Megan enjoyed something different. At Margaret's suggestion we all traveled out to the Encinitas Flower Fields park to enjoy the acres and acres of blooming flowers. It really is a spectacular sight, and we spent some time walking around the large beds of flowers. We have some pictures, shown on page 2. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch at the adjoining restaurant. Since Grandpa was fighting a mild cold he was left at home and Grandma and Megan did a little shopping.

Michael also celebrated, his 17th, recently. Due to a schedule conflict he joined us at 4:00 p.m. and we took in a movie, *The Man in the Iron Mask*. Afterwards we had dinner at Seau's Restaurant in the Mission Valley shopping center. We have a picture of Michael and Grandma celebrating, on page 2.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR APRIL

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| Dustin Benesch | April 3 | 13 |
| Brian Riel | April 5 | 9 |
| Kevin Riel | April 11 | 19 |



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GRANDMA SPEAKS TO THIRD GRADE CLASS AT FRANCIS PARKER

Recently Annie invited Grandma to visit her classroom and talk to her classmates about growing up in a foreign land. Both Grandpa and Listy went with her, and she described to the children what school was like in Iran back in the 1935 era. The kids seemed to enjoy learning how school was then, and asked a lot of questions. We have some pictures of Grandma in action, as follows.



TRAVEL NEWS

Listy just completed another BER lecture tour, with Chicago the first stop. She reports that she had large audiences, in the 80-90 person level, which makes her presentation a little more formal than one for a small group. However, everything went well, as usual, and she then moved on the Pikeville, a small town near Baltimore. Husband Bob joined her for the weekend, which they spent touring Washington, D.C. We picked them up at the airport, and they reported that they really enjoyed the nation's capital.

Margaret recently attended a conference in the Orlando, Florida area, and as usual all went well. Afterwards she and a friend with a small child visited Disneyworld, and Margaret said that she really enjoyed seeing the child take in the wonders of the various exhibits.

SPORTS NEWS

Soccer is very much in the news lately. Both Michael and Jason are involved in the Olympic Development Program. This is a continuing series of soccer games for various age groups, and both Michael and Jason are in the 1981 birth year groups. Some of the games were played in San Bernardino and some here in San Diego. In one game Michael and Jason were on opposite teams, and we have a picture of them going head to head. Megan also is involved in the program, which will go on for some time.



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Point Loma High School Thespians Present

Fiddler on the Roof

Jim Riel



March

19-7pm, 20-7pm, 21-7pm

26-3pm, 27-7pm, 28-2/7pm



TIM RIEL HAS ROLE IN POINT LOMA H.S. THESPIANS PRODUCTION

The Fiddler on the Roof musical was put on by the Point Loma H.S. Thespians, and Tim won a role of one of the Villagers. Although not a major role Tim's part provided lots of time on stage, and he did a great job. The show was sold out, for good reason, since all of the cast members performed like seasoned professionals. We were invited by Ed and Jan, who got a slight scare when we failed to show up on time. However, the start was delayed, and we were able to enjoy almost front row seats for the entire performance.

SOME SERVICE RECOMMENDATIONS

From time to time some of our readers have suggested that if anyone has had an especially good experience with a repair or other service we share that fact with the family. We have three such recommendations to start off this feature.

Francie recommends her income tax prepared, Richard Young. She reported that when she was having some financial problems he offered to defer payment until she recovered, and the offer was accepted. Francie says he does a great job, and highly recommends him. If you are interested call Francie for a phone number.

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CAREER CHANGE

We learned recently that Richard has relocated, and now works for the Educational Finance Group, a local company reported to be the largest operation of its kind in the country. They deal exclusively with loans to either college students or their parents. Since the loans are guaranteed by the government there are no problems with collections. Business is done by telephone, throughout the country, and there is a large market for this type of financial assistance. We certainly wish Richard much success in this new business venture.

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DUSTIN BENESCH PLAYS ROLE OF BASHFUL IN CYT PRODUCTION OF SNOW WHITE

Recently the CYT put on the ever popular Disney classic adapted from the movie Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, and Dustin played the role of Bashful. As you can see from the following pictures they were decked out in colorful costumes, and put on another great show, enjoyed by all.



SNOW FALLS AGAIN ON MISSION HILLS ON APRIL 1ST

Once again a snowstorm hit Mission Hills on April 1st, and this time we were able to collect photographic evidence, as shown in the opposite picture. As you can plainly see the deck is covered with snow, and a heavy snowfall is in progress. However, the fake snowstorm engineered by a certain individual once again failed to live up to expectations. We also have photographic evidence of this trick malfunction. It will be presented in the next issue of RFNL, so be on the lookout.

San Diego/East County CYT presents Snow White



March 6, 7, 13 & 14 at 7 pm

March 7, 8, 14 & 15 at 2 pm

Winter, 1998

Lewis Middle School

5170 Greenbriar Avenue, San Diego

