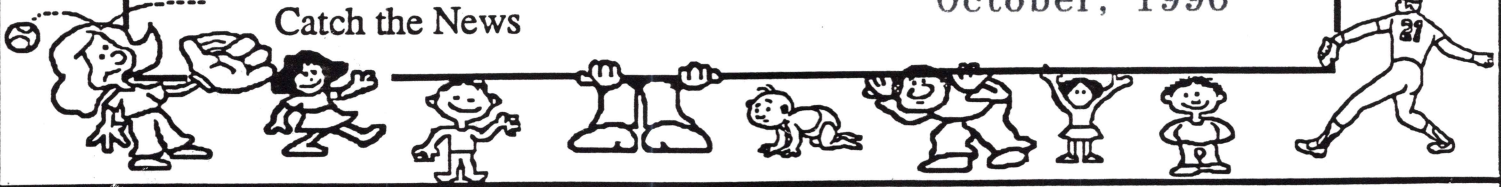




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LISTY GILLINGHAM SPEAKING TOUR FINALIZED

In the last issue of RFNL we mentioned the speaking tours Listy will be making in November and December of this year. We now have the full story on this subject. There will be four one day sessions, each lasting from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The first session will be in Indianapolis, IN, on November 25, the second in Cincinnati, OH, on the 26th. After a break at home the third session will be at Columbia, SC, on December 16th, and the final one in Nashville, TN, on the 17th. The company sponsoring the tour is the Institute for Educational Development, PO Box 718, Madina, WA, and they have prepared, with assistance from Listy, an eight page brochure defining the objectives and scope of the program. Two of the pages are reproduced below, and as you can see Listy is the featured star of the entire program. In addition to organizing the content of the presentations, Listy also has put together

an extensive Resource Handbook for distribution to each of the teachers in the class. The handout contains "Tricks of the Trade" - methods for effectively teaching math concepts, especially algebraic and geometric concepts, Games - strategies for reviewing concepts and reinforcing math concepts, Projects - ideas for connecting algebra and geometry to real-world situations and Investigations - open-ended problems to help students work collaboratively. The course fee is \$150.00 for each person. Listy is paid on a schedule associated with the number of persons in attendance, plus travel expenses.

This certainly is an important career opportunity for Listy, and one she has earned by past performance. In addition, it offers a great opportunity for her to expand her own capabilities and concepts, by associating with other teachers, since she will advance her own knowledge through this experience. One of the very best ways to really learn any subject is to teach it to others.

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"What an enthusiastic and informative presenter! Even better, she is a classroom teacher!"

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"All the ideas and activities are practical...I loved Elizabeth's enthusiasm!"

"Great job, Elizabeth! Every math teacher — no, all educators — need to take lessons from you!"

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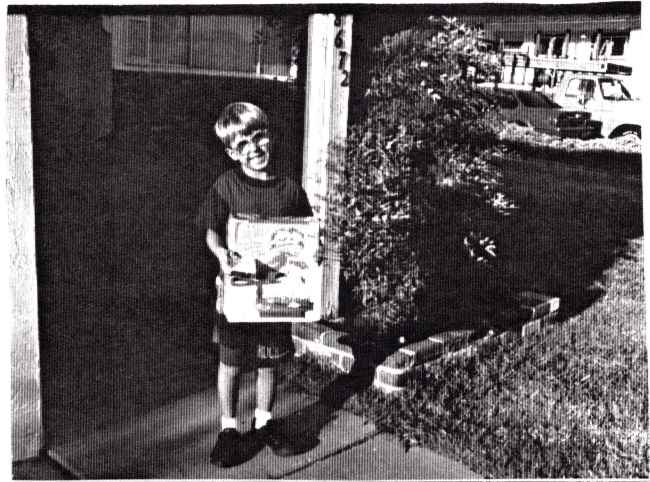
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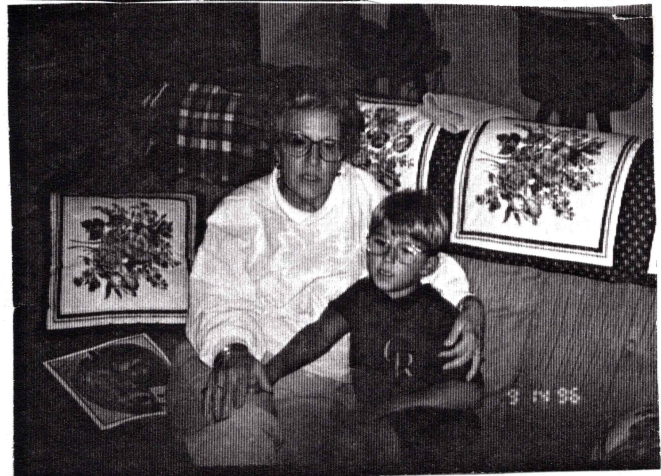
SPEAKING TOUR (CONT)

In addition to the business part of the trips Listy has decided to work in some fun side ones. On the second tour Birdy will be going along, and they plan to visit a friend in Winston-Salem, NC. Then they will drive to Sumter, SC, the home of Uncle Jimmy and Aunt Eloise. This is the first time they have met their Sumter relatives, and they are looking forward to the occasion. In recent conversations with Jimmy he has promised to give them a warm welcome. If time permits they will be able to visit the graves in Sumter where Grandfather and Grandmother Riel are buried. Jimmy and Eloise have two daughters, Susan and Debbie, both married and living in the South. We look forward to hearing all the news from our relatives in this area. After Sumter Listy and Birdy will drive to Columbia for the Monday session, then on to Nashville and then home. We will publish a full account of the trips in the January 1997 issue of RFNL.



OTHER TRAVEL AND CAREER NEWS

Margaret has been on the go again, but this time only to Monterey Bay, for another conference. Francie visited Biloxi, Miss. recently, for another successful show. Shortly after getting home she was off again, this time to Atlanta, GA. We do not have a report on this trip, but it will be in the next edition. As a follow up the the big Chicago show Francie did some time ago she showed us a tape of her working on a model, as well as some of the show put on by Iso. It was pretty impressive.



RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

In our recent telephone discussions with Uncle Jimmy we learned that he has suffered another stroke, his third. He is at home now and works out on the treadmill, so he is feeling better. However, he reported that he has some unsteadiness when walking. He is five years older than I am, so he is getting along in years. Here in San Diego Grandpa Riel had to make a quick trip to the Urgent Care facility recently for what was diagnosed as a bladder infection. Some antibiotic pills seem to have taken care of the problem.

Speaking of birthday presents, Grandma talked Grandpa into an early birthday present, an electric powered golf cart. The photo below shows her zooming down the fairway at the Admiral Baker course at full speed. She enjoys it very much, since she now can cover the entire course without getting too tired. The Navy course has more hills and valleys than we had at Stardust. The down side, however, is that Grandma goes at full speed, and Grandpa has a hard time keeping up.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

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| Edward Riel | October 3 | 48 |
| Katy Riel | October 6 | 11 |
| Scott Hartman | October 15 | 11 |

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

There was only one birthday kid last month, Frank (JJ) Riel. The first stop was for lunch at McDonalds, in the Fashion Valley shopping center, where we enjoyed hamburgers, chicken nuggets and soft drinks. We then headed for the AMC 20 theater in Mission Valley, where we enjoyed the movie "Fly Away Home". Afterwards there was some intense toy shopping at several toy stores. As shown in the following photo, JJ was able to bring home some nice toys. We wish him a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



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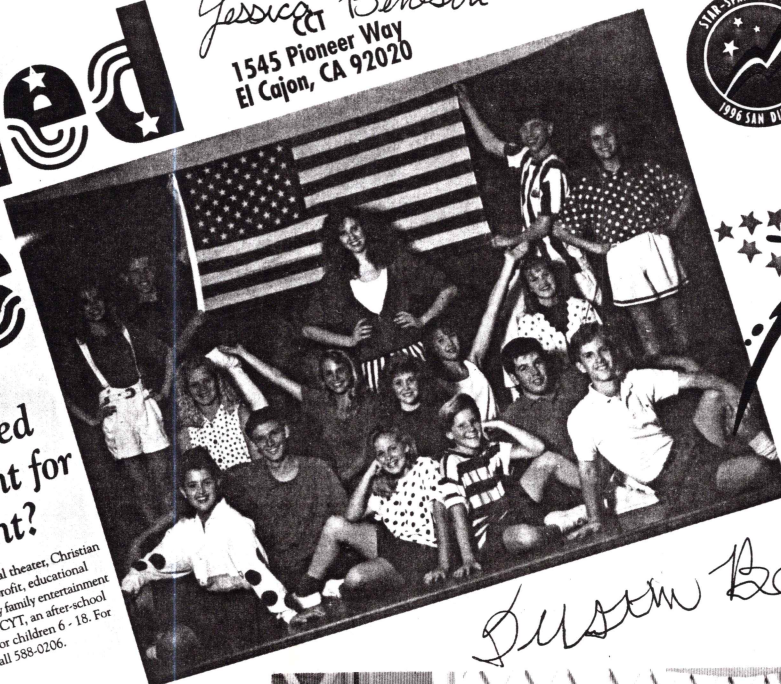
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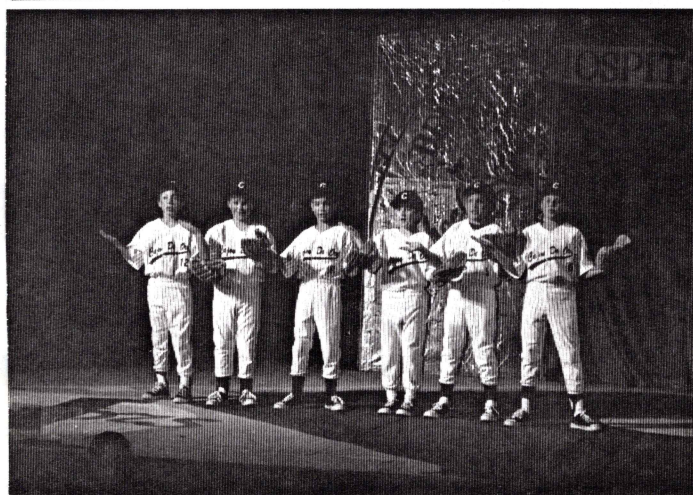


Dustin Benesch

JESSICA AND DUSTIN STAR IN CYT SONG AND DANCE ROUTINE

Recently we had an opportunity to see the final performance of the "Star Spangled Kids", an energetic, 30 minute, patriotic musical revue. Fifteen talented young people sang and danced a celebration of America's beginnings. The musical selections included favorites such as "America, the Land of Opportunity", "Chicago, Chicago", "You Ought to give Iowa a Try", "California Here I Come", "My Country Tis of Thee", "Deep in the Heart of Texas", "Oklahoma", "Meet Me in St. Louis" and others. The show was performed about 25 times, at various local events, including the Republican Convention. It was great entertainment, and Jessica and Dustin performed like real troupers. Each had a solo recitation on some aspect of the early history of our country. We were sorry to learn that this was the last performance, but we look forward to new things from this talented family. We understand that Dustin almost won the lead role in the next CYT production, "Oliver", which is scheduled for early November.

The photo at lower right shows Dustin performing in the show "Damn Yankees". As mentioned in the last issue of RFNL the six little leaguers put on a show stopping rendition of "You Gotta Have Heart". Dustin is on the far left.



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MYSTERY COUPLE DISCOVERS FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH!!

The photo at right shows a happy young couple recently celebrating a wedding anniversary. Who are they? Have they really discovered the fountain of youth? Is it a spring somewhere in the western desert? Can you figure out who it is and how they achieved this magic transformation which rolled back the years? If not, read all about it in the November issue of RFNL.

MISSION HILLS HISTORY - HOW WE GOT HERE FROM THERE

We have space in this issue to continue our account of the history of the Mission Hills area. In previous issues the life style of the original inhabitant, the Kumeyaay (KOOM-yi) Indians was described, along with the arrival of the first "Zonies" (from Arizona), another Indian tribe, the Yumans. In the last segment, in the November 1995 issue, the arrival of Juan Cabrillo and Father Junipera Serra is introduced, in the chapter "East Meets West".

EAST MEETS WEST (CONT)

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In a letter dated July 23, 1769, Father Serra describes the Kumeyaay as, "most friendly and all the men...go about naked while the women, little girls, and even babies at the breast, are decently covered...They treated us with confidence and good will as if they had known us all their lives."

In an earlier letter Father Serra wrote, "All the male heathens go naked, with nothing more than what nature provides...Both men and women go very much painted; the men have the cartilage of their noses pierced, from which hangs sea-shells. They are very well armed with quiver and bow. All the heathens here are very lively and great traders."

Expedition engineer Miguel Costanzo said he found the Kumeyaay to be "friendly and gentle, living in stone and brush shanties with reed roofs." He adds there is an "enclosure made of boughs and tree trunks where they (the Kumeyaay) took refuge against attack."

On July 16, 1769, Portola founded the Presidio of San Diego and Father Serra founded the first of his California missions.

What happened next is unclear. County historian Percy Broell, who in 1927/28 excavated and mapped part of the old presidio, said the "Indians" moved after the Presidio was established. This is possible since historian Winifred Davidson, a contemporary of Broell's, suggested the village of Cosoy was for summer use only. She believed the Kumeyaay moved each winter to the oak forests located in the mountains of east San Diego County.

Whether the Kumeyaay moved or stayed, one thing is certain; they were plagued by European diseases (measles, smallpox, syphilis) which decimated and dispersed them.



CHANGING HANDS

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In our area, European settlement was pretty much confined inside the Presidio walls. Like the Kumeyaay before them, the Spanish settlers looked to the sea for fish and to Mission Hills for wild game. In 1834 Mexico assumed control and built a pueblo at the foot of the Presidio.

After the American conquest (1846) the village was incorporated in 1850 as Old Town. The new city of San Diego was laid out in 1867 by Alonzo Horton, the man called "The Father of San Diego". Modern Mission Hills history began two years later.

INSPIRATION

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In 1869 the actions of three men, two of them newly arrived in San Diego, would start the creation of the new neighborhood known today as Mission Hills.

To be continued in a future issue of RFNL.