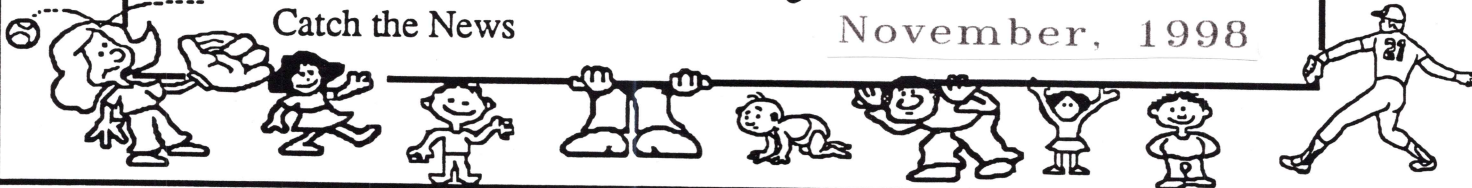




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ED RIEL CELEBRATES 50TH BIRTHDAY THIS ONE IS FOR REAL

In the October issue of RFNL we ran a story on the 50th birthday celebration for Ed Riel. This was all a part of a cleverly engineered plan to fool Ed into thinking that the surfboard gift from his family plus the October 3rd visit to the San Diego Museum of Art was his 50th celebration. The real celebration took place a week later, on the 11th, at a beach party planned and put on by Jan and family. Ed was enjoying a regular surfing outing near the Ocean Beach Pier, and suspected nothing unusual until family and friends began to show up. Once the party got under way Jan and friends set out lots of food and snacks, and everyone enjoyed grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Afterwards Ed opened the presents, as shown in the photos at right and on the next page. The birthday cake then was cut and enjoyed by all. It was a great party, and once again we wish Ed a great big HAPPY 50TH!!!



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picture shows us enjoying a lunch buffet at the Main Street Casino. Afterwards they took us on a tour of some of the new Strip casinos. We also had a chance to try our luck at the casinos, and the second photo shows Grandma playing a slot machine. Grandpa had one big winner on a poker machine, as shown in the third photo. Finally, he got a royal flush in hearts. Unfortunately, one nickel produced only \$12.50, but the important thing was the win. We also won a couple of times at bingo, and all in all had a great time.



TRAVEL NEWS

Grandpa and Grandma were in the travel news in October, as it was time for their semi-annual visit to Las Vegas. We stayed downtown, at the Plaza, and had a chance to visit with friends from our days at Stardust CC, Bob and Mary Peterson. Bob and Mary retired and moved to Las Vegas, and the following



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We also took in a show at the new Rio Casino, which is located east of I-15 and the Strip area. The performance was a one man show called Comedy Magic, and was really excellent. Also, the buffet at the Rio is one of the very best in town, and well worth a visit.

Incidentally, if anyone is planning on driving up I-15 be sure and check with the AAA or highway patrol. The stretch between Victorville and Barstow is restricted to one lane traffic for many miles, both ways, and there are serious tie-ups.

Other travelers were Francie, who went to the S.F. Bay area for a trade show. The RFNL Airport Shuttle service worked on the way out, but the return was at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the first World Series game in San Diego, and we had to politely decline the return pick-up.

Grandpa and Grandma were not the only ones visiting Las Vegas. Bob and Karla had a nice vacation as a part of a business trip for Bob, and we were able to take care of their airport transportation. They reported that they had a great time.

BIRTHDAY NEWS

There were no other birthday celebrations during October, and there are no family birthdays in November. For the record, we still have celebrations due for Jason (overdue), Scott, Katy, and Kristy.

BASEBALL SEASON ENDS

In spite of the last few games it was a great year for the Padres, and Grandpa and Grandma enjoyed some great games and good fun. The following photo shows Grandma enjoying a tailgate party, one of several we had during the regular season. We hope that the new ball park will provide for similar activity in the future.



TIM RIEL STARS IN COFFEEHOUSE 98

We had a chance to see the 1998 edition of "Coffeehouse 98" presented by the Point Loma High

School Thespians, and Tim had an important role in the dance team and also the comedy team. There was a full house for the final performance, and some family and friends of Tim were on hand to enjoy the show, as shown in the following pictures. Tim did his usual great job, and we all had a great time.



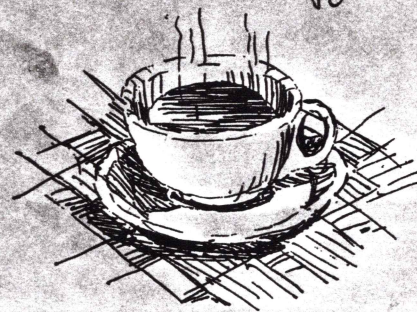
Point Loma High School Thespians Present

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Tim Riel



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Mission Hills

..... Officially Born

Mission Hills was officially born January 20, 1908. That's when subdivision map #1115 was filed at the County Recorder's Office. While Sessions and Rainford were circulating their trolley petition, a group of investors proved J.D. Spreckel's theory that development followed the trolley tracks.

Knowing the trolley was coming, the investors bought a tract of land north of Johnston Heights. The northern boundary was Altimira Place; it's eastern boundary was Stephens Street. To the west, it's Witherby then jogs east on Sunset where the western boundary runs south down Saint James. No street exits for a southern boundary; just a line on the map which connects the southern end of Saint James to the southern end of Stephens. (to be precise, homes at the intersection of Portola and Pringle are at the most southeasterly corner of the subdivision; homes further east on Pringle aren't.) One of the investors was George Marston who named the subdivision "Mission Hills." The signatures on map #1115 include Marston's, Tom and C.S. Hamilton, E.S. Babcock, co-owner of the Hotel del Coronado, John and James Forward of Union Title and Trust, and John and Charles Kelly of Kelly Investments.

"Civilization" Arrives

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During the next 20 years, schools and churches followed the people who had followed the trolley.

In 1911 the Redwood Chapel became the Congregational Church. Soon there'd be Methodist and Catholic churches.

Francis Parker School opened in 1912. At the same time, George Marston brought in expert Frank Parsons from back east to develop planting schemes from the city including one of the canyons which runs behind Mission Hills Nursery. The canyon now is Mission Hills Park. The planting never happened, but the plans still exist.

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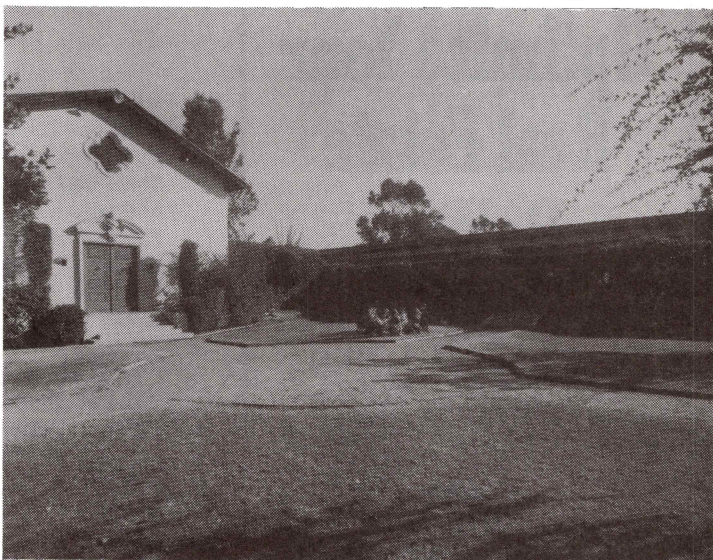
DON'T FORGET THE BIG THANKSGIVING PARTY AT THE MEHAN HOME!! CHECK WITH MARGARET OR BUD FOR DETAILS AND WHAT TO BRING.

MISSION HILLS...HOW WE GOT HERE FROM THERE

We have room in this issue for another chapter on the history of Mission Hills. In the March issue the final paragraph described how Kate Sessions convinced J. D. Spreckels, owner of the San Diego Electric Railway Company, to extend trolley service to the intersection of Fort Stockton and Lewis Streets. The story continues, as follows.

"Spreckels believed 'transportation determines the flow of population' and wherever the tracks went, development followed meaning more riders, fares, and profits.

He was right.



Francis Parker School, 1938

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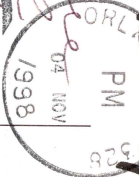
Frank J. Dyer

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Don Bezzi

PRINCIPAL

Walt Disney World



Hi,
Debbie and I are
here for a week
taken in all the
attractions. It's great.

We received the
new Newsletters and
forwarded them on
to Marie, Susan and
Debbie

*Take care
CINDERELLA CASTLE*

Visible for miles around, this Magic Kingdom landmark's
spires reach 18 stories into the sky to point the way to
Fantasyland.

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