



Francie jets to London for weekend *iso* planning meeting



In the October issue of RFNL we reported that Francie was in the process of setting up with *iso* a visit to London, in order to train operators in the famous Daniel Galvin salon. That trip is still in the works, but when attending a recent trade show in Fort Worth she learned that she had been selected to attend a future-planning meeting, in London. She took off on Friday morning, the 29th of October, and returned home on the following Tuesday. A few days later we had a chance to find out what happened during her trip. We have the following interview.

RFNL - When and how did you find out about this trip?

Francie - About three weeks ago I received a telephone call and I was informed that I had been selected as a member of the new artistic council for *iso* and I would be going to London within a week and a half.

RFNL - What were you told about your role in this trip?

Francie - At that time I was told that I would be one of five people on this council, all picked with specialties in different types of the business. Our responsibility was to work with the facilitator to set the trends for the following season, to plan the filming, the photoshoot for various technicals for "how to" videos, and to pretty much have a consensus about what we saw coming in the future.

RFNL - What was your travel schedule?

Francie - My travel schedule was very long. I started out for Los Angeles on Friday night, left there at 7:00 p.m. and arrived in London at two in the afternoon. I was there from two o'clock on Saturday until two o'clock on Tuesday. I flew home much more quickly, and arrived here at one o'clock, stopping in Chicago on the way.

RFNL - What did you do in London?

Francie - While I was in London, besides meeting with my company, I did get one morning free till about one in the afternoon. I took one of those little double decked buses around

to the Tower of London and the London Bridge, Big Ben, and most importantly, saw Trafalgar Square where Mary Poppins danced with the pigeons - a real highlight of the trip.

RFNL - How successful was the meeting?

Francie - Well, it got me to London and that was about as successful as it had to be for me. I think the company was happy with the things we were able to set forth, what type of cutting to show for this year, what type of weaving, what the lengths were going to be, and how we were going to sell our new products.

RFNL - Was the meeting related in any way to the training session under consideration by the Daniel Galvin salon?

Francie - Indirectly I guess you could say that it was because the business manager for the Daniel Galvin salon was there. We did discuss whether or not they should first provide a training course that was a little more basic, and then have me come in and teach them a grander level of expertise. However, there was some hesitation on Louise Galvin's part, saying she thought that if they took basic 101 perming they would never want to do it again. So, we will see what happens after the holidays, as far as that goes.

RFNL - Do you have any follow up action resulting from the meeting?

Francie - Well, as a matter of fact, I will be going to New York City to participate in a photo shoot, probably the first week in December. We want to get our new materials out and ready for the January and February time frame, so that will have to be done pretty quickly.

RFNL - Did you enjoy your visit?

Francie - When I got home, I realized that out of the last thirty-two days I have only been home for sixteen. I enjoyed the trip being short and sweet, and I wanted to get home. Unfortunately, on Sunday I am off to Boise, Idaho and I'll be returning on Monday night, so I will finally get a day off on Tuesday. So, if anybody wants a haircut, I am sorry, I am not available.

Birthday celebrations

October was another busy month for birthday celebrations. There were three birthday kids, Bryce, Katy, and Scott. Bryce celebrated his 13th with a round of golf at Admiral Baker. Since

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Bryce gets out of school at noon on Tuesdays, we were able to get in a full 18 hole game. Afterwards, we had dinner at Oscar's. It was a fun day, enjoyed by all.



The next celebration took place on October 10th, when Karla

delivered Katy to our house, to start the celebration of her 14th birthday.. We had lunch at Sizzler, and then we took in the movie "The Sixth Sense". It was a fairly good movie, although not one of the best we have seen.



Finally, Scott celebrated his 14th, and we enjoyed lunch at his and our favorite Chinese restaurant, Mandarin Plaza. Afterwards we took in the movie "Superstar",



which should have been named "Superdud". It really is a movie with no merit whatsoever and we all wondered why anyone would make such a dumb film. However, we had a good time

anyway. So, we wish a **GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR BRYCE, KATY AND SCOTT!!!**

Birthday calendar for November

Yes, this is the "no birthday" month. In spite of falling way behind early in the year, Grandpa and Grandma finally caught up (almost), since the only delinquent kid is Brett. We are hoping to hear from him soon. The last kid of the year is Kristy, whose day comes in December. We hope to start off the year 2000 with a clean slate.

Travel news

We already have covered the travels of Francie, but one

result of her being on the road needs to be added. On Sunday the 6th Francie, Alan, Lyle and Brett were all out of town. Lyle and Brett were in Long Beach, where Brett was competing in a skate board contest. He was sponsored by the K-3 Skateboard Shop. Alan was out of town on business, thus Bryce was all alone. Furthermore, he needed transportation to a Tecolote Canyon Winter Baseball game. Fortunately, Grandpa and Grandma were able to take over. We not only got him to the field on time, but also had the chance to see the last few innings of the game. Although Bryce got two hits and a walk, and also caught the last



three innings, the team lost the game. Since Bryce was all alone we decided to treat him to lunch and a movie. We ate at Sizzlers, and saw the movie "Three to Tango". This movie was fair, but not one

we would recommend except as a last resort.

Robert and Karla also were in the travel news. Robert had a business meeting to attend in New Orleans, and along with Karla they spent the rest of the week enjoying the sights of the historic old city.

Richard, JJ, and Liz also are enjoying some travel. Liz and JJ left to go to Florida to visit relatives, and Richard followed them, going to Charleston, SC. Liz and JJ will take the train to join him in Charleston, and the rest of the trip will involve Richards class reunion at The Citadel.

San Diego Symphony Classic Film Series

Speaking of movies, Grandma and Grandpa were invited by Carol and Jeff to see an old movie, "the General", presented as a part of the San Diego Symphony series. This film stars Buster Keaton, a famous silent film comedy star. In place of a sound track the symphony played music specially composed to enhance the mood of the action shown in the film. The contrast between movies made in the 1920s and today's films was remarkable. "The General" was very entertaining, and the large audience at Symphony Hall burst out in laughter many times, over the clever antics of the main character. It seems too bad that today's moviemakers, with all the technical advances they have at their command, cannot produce films with entertainment value approaching that of the old time productions. It was a most enjoyable show, and we thank Jeff and Carol for inviting us and sharing the evening.

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It was especially enjoyable to see the Copley Symphony Hall, since it once was the Fox Theater, where our children used to go for movies back in the 1960's era. Although extensively remodeled, the original layout of the old movie house is easily recalled, and brings back good memories.

Tim Riel is stage manager and actor in the 1999 edition of the yearly Point Loma H.S. Thespians

October is the date for the ever popular production of the 1999 Coffeehouse series. Each year the members of the Thespians group put on this lively revue type show, featuring many amusing and entertaining skits on a wide variety of subjects. Tim has been involved for several years, and this year, in addition to having roles



in both the comedy and dance segments he served as Stage Manager. Hence, he had a major role in the overall operation of the show. We were invited by Ed and Jan to attend the

final evening performance, and an enthusiastic audience (mostly students of Point Loma H.S.) enjoyed a lively cast put on a fast moving and highly amusing performance. It was a real fun evening, and we certainly thank Ed and Jan for inviting us to share in the fun. Finally, we congratulate Tim for an outstanding job in performing and in his role as stage manager. We look forward to Coffeehouse'00, next October.



How to tell if you are a real teacher

In the last issue of RFNL we included a list of ways one can use to identify the real teacher. We have room to complete that list, as provided some time ago by Listy.

Real teachers can predict exactly which parents will show up for Open House.

Real teachers never teach the conjugations of "lie" and "lay" to eighth graders.

Real teachers know the best end of semester lesson plans come from Blockbuster.

Real teachers never take grades after Wednesday of the last week of the nine weeks.

Real teachers never assign research papers on the last nine weeks or essays on final exams.

Real teachers know the shortest distance and the length of travel time from their classroom to the nearest restroom.

Real teachers can "sense" gum.

Real teachers know the difference among what must be graded, what ought to be graded, and what probably should never see the light of day.

Real teachers have their best conferences in the parking lot or at the grocery store.

Real teachers have never heard an original excuse.

Real teachers buy Excedrin and Advil in quantity.

Real teachers will eat anything that is put in the workroom/teacher's lounge.

Real teachers never plan discussions for first period or co-operative groups for seventh period during an evaluation.

Real teachers know secretaries and custodians run the school.

Real teachers know the rules don't really apply to them.

Real teachers hear the heartbeats of crisis, always have time to listen, and know they teach students, not subjects.

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RFNL computer still crashed

As we reported in the October issue, the RFNL computer has experienced some technical problems. Most have been corrected, but the on line and e-mail options still are nonfunctional. We hope that this situation will be corrected soon, but in the meantime, hold the e-mail.



Some school news

We have several reports on progress in education. In a recent visit with Richard and Liz we learned that JJ got an outstanding report card from St. Columba School. Also, we had a chance to talk to Michael recently, when he was home for the weekend, and he said he is doing great in chemistry at UCLA. We have not been in contact with the other two college kids, Kevin and Jason, but we assume they are doing well. That brings to a suggestion. We would be pleased if those away from home would send us a little report, via e-mail, on how they are doing and what is going on with them. Parents, please relay this message to Michael, Kevin, and Jason, and tell them we want to hear from them. You might just mail them this RFNL, with this paragraph highlighted for their attention. Margaret tells us that Megan also is finding chemistry a fascinating subject. She takes two hours of chemistry every day, and is doing great.



Turkey Day celebration at Mehan home

The annual family Thanksgiving Day celebration will once again be held at the Encinitas home of Bud and Margaret. The relaxed schedule will be like prior years, that is, early (11:00 a.m.?) arrivals may take part in a soccer game. Afterwards, the main courses will be served, probably around 1:00 p.m., or whenever it seems like the right time. Check with Margaret on what to bring, or do what you did last year. Whatever you do, be sure and show up!

Mission Hills...How We Got Here From There

We have not printed an installment on the history of Mission Hill since last March, but we have some room now to add another chapter or so, as follows.

The Big Boom

The 1920's roared into San Diego. Building booms were experienced in Point Loma, central San Diego, and La Jolla, as well as Mission Hills and many other California coastal cities.

In 1921 the new 28,000 square foot Grant Elementary School opened. In 1914 the first two buildings housing the original school went up on land formerly owned by Kate Sessions. A third building opened in 1917.

The first Mission Hills branch library was opened in a portion of the new 1921 school. Not only was it a first for us, it was the first time the city had placed a branch library in a public school.

And for one year Mission Hills had its own mayor. In 1925, R.W. Caldwell was elected to head the Mission Hills "Businessmen's" Association and was given the title of "Mayor." By 1926 the city forced the group to drop the title. But for years to come Caldwell was known as the "Mayor of Mission Hills." As late as 1935 Caldwell was still using the title over his service station at 1111 Fort Stockton. (He'd probably be surprised to learn his two-car repair bay is now the home to the neighborhood office of one of America's largest investment firms - Edward D. Jones & Company.)

Parking The Presidio

George Marston still had a key role to play in the 20's and 30's. He had named Mission Hills back in 1908. In 1910 and 1911 Mission Hills 2 & 3 were developed. They abutted the northwest corner of Mission Hills but Marston was not involved in their creation according to county records.

In 1923 Marston did create Presidio Ridge, the area northwest of the corner of Hickory and Ampudia. Three years later, he created the Presidio Hills subdivision which is the Presidio Drive - Marilouise - Altamirano Way area. Both overlooked what Marston hoped was soon to become Presidio Park.

Twenty years earlier Marston had stopped buying up land around the Presidio. Originally he was in partnership with A.G. Spaulding, E.W. Scripps, and John Spreckles, but he soon bought out their interests. Over the years he had continued buying parcels of land and tried to give them to the city so it could create a park. The city kept saying "No."

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