

MAILBOX



I wanted to share with you and your readers something I saw on our last trip to Disneyland. While riding on the *Pirates of the Caribbean*, past the pirate ship, I noticed the captain's shadow against the sail looked just like Mickey Mouse! We went on the ride a second time to be certain and sure enough, there it was! Was it intentional or coincidental?

Also, the new silhouettes of the fighting men were very impressive.

Franci Crownoble Cottonwood, AZ

Our Pirates expert, WDI show writer David Mumford, tells us you are a very observant passenger. The shadow effect was recently added for dramatic effect, but the resulting "Mickey," he believes, was a "happy accident." (Of course, when it comes to Imagineers you can never be entirely sure!)

The dueling pirates you mentioned were an enhancement added within the last two or three years These are all license plates on cars of The Disney Store Cast Members...(who) want to show their Disney feeling and support even while they're driving down the highway.

The new California "kids plates" have symbols available: a heart, a star, a plus sign, and a hand. The proceeds from the \$50 fee benefit the "Child Health and Safety Fund" (which) supports child abuse prevention programs and injury prevention programs and injury prevention programs.

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We felt this would be a fun way to support a worthy cause and show some Disney enthusiasm at the same time.

Frank Anzalone Campbell, CA

We have received a few other "Disneyized" plates in the past, and now we're curious just how many of our readers take a Disney message on the road with them. We'd like to see a picture

of any other Disney plates that might be out there. If we get enough, we'll even dedicate a page (or two) to our "moving fans." (Be sure your pictures are clear and sharp!)

Also—note DSNYLCS on your envelope to be sure we get it!

I have been attending Disneyland since it opened. When I saw the picture of the ticket book in the Winter 1994 edition, it reminded me of a special offer

ed me of a special offer in the late 1950s. It was called Date Night at Disneyland. The special tickets were sold after 6:00 PM. They included admission for two and two each of ride tickets A-E. Does anyone remember what the price was for the Date Night at Disneyland tickets? As I remember it was a great deal for a high school date.

James L. Ramsey Garden Grove, CA

Matthew at Ticket Control at Disneyland researched this for us and came up with a price that certainly was a good deal: \$5.50! But, he tells us that the first time Date Night tickets were available was in 1961—which is close enough to the late '50s to count, right?

I have been wondering for a long time about this, so I decided to write to see if you could give me the answer. Can you tell me what has happened to Kevin Corcoran who was in many Disney movies in the early sixties? I haven't heard anything about him since he was a child, and I wondered if he was still in the entertainment field.

Marie Logan Fremont, CA

That's a very good question! Kevin, better known as "Moochie," was just about everywhere during those early days. His feature films included "Swiss Family Robinson," "Old Yeller," "The Shaggy Dog" (where he played Moochie Daniels), "Toby Tyler," "Babes in Toyland," "Pollyanna," "Bon Voyage," "Savage Sam," and "A Tiger Walks."

On TV, he played in "Adventures in Dairy-



Although he played numerous characters in a variety of films, including Arliss Coates in "Old Yeller", Kevin Corcoran was most readily identified with—and as— Moochie.

land," "Johnny Shiloh," "Moochie of Pop Warner Football" (his first Moochie role, last name here was McCandless), "Moochie of the Little League," "The Moon Cussers," and "Daniel Boone."

He also did voice work in "Boys of the Western Sea," and as the title character in "Goliath II."

As an adult he worked for a while at the Disney Studio as a production assistant, however, he left several years ago and no one we contacted seemed to know where he went. Luckily, one of our writers happened to send us a copy of a magazine called Persistence of Vision—and there we found the answer. Kevin is now first assistant director for almost-Disney Legend Angela Lansbury's "Murder, She Wrote" on NBC.



Disney Store Cast Members take the job home—and everywhere else—with them! From left: Laura Caskey, Karen Anzalone (the "heart" DSNLND is her husband's), and Eric Chu.

On my way to the Disney Store at the Valley Fair Mall in Santa Clara, CA, I noticed something a little funny in the parking lot. There was a car with a personalized license plate that had a familiar theme: "MKYMAUS." Then I noticed another: "DIS MGK," and another: "WE (heart) DSNY (this one actually belongs to my wife who is a Cast Member at The Disney Store).