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Mission Viejo Resident Attempts World Record Drive

By Stacy Mealin

Sean Willard may look like a he was restricted normal Epoxy floor business from driving at owner from Mission Vieio. the Mission Viejo Reporter has driving-ranges, discovered that he has something because he would special going for him. He is one of hit the ball over all few men in the world that can hit a the safety nets and golf ball over 450 yards (that's over hit the houses. Sean four football fields). He proved that hits the ball so hard as a competitor in a recent longest that occasionally the drive competition.

However, Sean actually doesn't golf much. He's more interested in UFC fighting although his mother was very much against it. Sean really looked up to his mother because not only was she a beautiful woman, winning Miss California first in 1989 but was also a hands-on mom, always there for her son. Unfortunately in 2007, she passed from systemic Lupus Erythematosus.

Not long ago, Sean was sitting on his Mission Viejo couch eating Cheetos when his friend Al called and said to turn on ESPN. There was a commercial looking for people to participate in the Remax Longest Drive Championship Competition. Sean hadn't hit a golf ball in years, so he borrowed a driver and went to the local driving range. He quickly found out he could drive the ball farther than all the other golfers at the range. After only a few weeks,

but almost all the local ball explodes. Once, he drove the ball so hard it went through a stucco wall and landed in the living room of a home.

> Sean entered that competition and did not win, but came very close. He decided to take more

lessons, strengthen up and become more flexible. At a recent long drive tournament, Sean came in second place. His drive was clocked at 150 miles per hour. Now that's some heat!



Currently, the top long drive guys are all anxiously awaiting that big \$250,000 prize at the next competition but, there isn't a date set yet.

You can see Sean working on his swing at the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club in Mission Viejo.

Sean Willard (949) 678-8631 www.longdrivers.com

KSBR Tazz Rocks Not that smooth, cool, eyes closed stuff.



Meet Don James. Don is a DJ for KSBR Jazz radio that transmits from high atop Mission Viejo from Saddleback College. He takes his radio and entertainment persona tongue in cheek, yet seriously too. Don really loves what he does, he believes and feels that "It's a rush, it's so much fun, I truly love what I do, and I've always sought to be a purveyor of music, fun times, and harmony. I'm blessed to have the opportunity to do so through KSBR".

Don has been having fun at KSBR for eight years and doesn't ever want to grow up. Don reminds us "to check out my talented colleagues and awesome programming on KSBR."



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mission Viejo Mayor Frank Ury

Mission Viejo Lake the first fully sustainable man made lake in California

The Mission Viejo City Council recently approved an agreement with the Santa Margarita Water District that will help Lake Mission Viejo switch to advanced purified water for Lake Refill and end nearly 40 years

of using potable (drinking) water to maintain water levels in the lake. The agreement will also provide the City of Mission Viejo with enough reclaimed water to irrigate about 80 percent of its parks, medians and slopes for the next 25 years.

The project will eliminate up to 114 million gallons of drinking water currently used to fill the lake, making more drinking water available to Mission Viejo residents served by the district.

As part of the agreement, the City will provide a one million dollar grant to help the water district build the Advanced Purified Water Treatment Facility that will use reclaimed water to maintain the lake level.

We are securing water for our residents and reducing the overall potable water demand during California's historic drought, while at the same time maintaining the lake's ability to fulfill its recreational, fishing and fire suppression purposes. Through the agreement, the City of Mission Viejo will save about \$850,000 over 25 years.

To get the Advanced Purified Water Treatment Facility online in time to meet summer demands (late July/early August), the City of Mission Viejo will provide the district with a three million dollar loan that would be paid off over 20 years at a higher interest rate than normal, netting City coffers about \$150,000. Since the interest rate exceeds the City's current longterm interest rate but is below the rate of interest for the water district, the plan benefits both agencies.

I want to thanks Councilman Ed Sachs, who served with me on the ad-hoc committee that performed all the financial analysis for the city. In addition, I want to recognize the hard work of the Boards of both the Santa Margarita Water District and Lake Mission Viejo. Only their hard work and the efforts of their staff, allowed the agreement to be completed in a short three months. Look for the launch of the facility in early August.



FROM OUR DO THE RIGHT THING DEPT.

Mission Hospital Foundation recently nominated seven inspiring volunteers for OneOC's Spirit of Volunteerism awards. They were honored at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards Luncheon, Orange County's largest and longest running volunteer recognition event.

- Ann Morris (hometown: San Juan Capistrano)
- Tricia Raymund (hometown: San Juan Capistrano)
- Lisa Brabender (hometown: Rancho Santa Margarita)
- Bob Young (hometown: Mission Viejo)
- Joey Maioriello (hometown: Irvine)
- Toni Andrews (hometown: Coto de Caza)
- Kristine McFarland (hometown: San Clemente)



FROM OUR GOOD CONDUCT DEPT.

n Rule

Mission Viejo's Favorite UPS Driver

Who's got the best job in Mission Viejo? Who else gets to drive a big truck with the doors open and in shorts?

Meet Gilbert Gomez. Gilbert, a 25 year employee of UPS has been driving the streets of Mission Viejo on the same route for over 17 years.

Gilbert loves Mission Viejo and his customers. With Gilbert's seniority he could have any route he wants, but Gilbert chooses the south Marguerite Parkway route. From The Shops at Mission Viejo to Capistrano High School, he stops about 150 times each day. He has become close with all of his stops and chooses to drive down from Anaheim everyday where he lives with his wife Rhodora and daughter Briana.



Gilbert Gomez

Secrets our reporting has uncovered about UPS:

1. THEY'RE ALWAYS BEING WATCHED.

UPS knows time is money, and it is obsessed with using data to increase productivity. The hand-held computer drivers carry around tracks their every move.

2. DRIVING IN REVERSE IS DISCOURAGED AND THEY DON'T TURN LEFT.

The first rule of backing up is to avoid it. Drivers are encouraged to drive in right-hand loops to get to their destination.

3. GOOD DRIVERS GET REWARDED...

When drivers go five years without an accident, they get to choose an item from retail stores' catalogs.

4. THE TRUCKS ARE "BIG BROWN OVENS."

They don't have air conditioning, so drivers run their routes with the doors open to stay cool. "It is cold in winter and hot in the summer,"

5. DOG BITES ARE PART OF THE JOB.

Most UPS drivers are attacked by dogs. What you do is jump on the hood of the nearest vehicle and don't move.

6. UPS IS PICKY ABOUT SOCKS.

The company has a strict dress code to which drivers must adhere: Shoes must be shined, shirts must be pressed, and don't even think about wearing shorts without buying the UPS-brand socks.

7. FACIAL HAIR IS FROWNED UPON.

You'll probably never see a UPS driver with a beard. Mustaches are permitted, but can't grow below the corners of the mouth, and men's hair mustn't touch the top of the collar.



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FROM OUR GUITARS & CADILLACS DEPT.

Mission Viejo Music Scene

By Alyx Poska

of young ambitious musicians who balance work, school and creativity while still putting out a large body of work. One of those musicians is Isaiah Rolow who currently writes music for a band, and for professional projects: Shutterings and The Gloriosas. The Gloriosas, a three piece psychedelic



rock band, has released 6 different albums and EPs since 2014, each one featuring higher production value and more dense orchestration than the last. However, his most recent project is a solo endeavor called Shutterings which finds Rolow experimenting with layers of guitar to create lush soundscapes.

Isaiah lives in Aegean Hills (off Muirlands and Olympus) and also records other Mission Viejo bands in his home studio. His most recent release as Shutterings is available for free download: https://intimateeveningrecords.bandcamp.com/album/malarkey. You can find his band, The Gloriosas, on bandcamp at: https://thegloriosas.bandcamp.com/.

MEET YOUR MERCHANT

TIME WARP

Meet Dave Harwood. Dave has been fixing all types of clocks here in Mission Viejo for over thirty-five years. His specialty is the mother of all clocks, the Grandfather Clock. Repairing grandfather clocks and wind-up wall and mantel clocks is Dave's passion. Dave's Clock Shoppe repairs and services just about every type of clock. Dave's service is now 100% mobile. It's the same great service and he comes to you.



Dave and his family have lived

in Mission Viejo for almost 40 years, in a neighborhood that has consistently won the City of Mission Viejo's "Clark Griswold Award" for Christmas decoration. It's the cul-de-sac, with the over-the-top, no holds-barred holiday decorations.

Dave says he loves Mission Viejo and can't imagine living or working anywhere else.



FROM OUR IT'S NOT NICE TO FOOL MOTHER NATURE DEPT.

VOYAGE TO ADVERSITY

A recent email to Mission Viejo Reporter from resident Jeff Lodder regarding last month's two man attempt to travel from Newport Beach to Marquesa Islands.



Part e and my sailing friend Jim left Newport Beach, after saying good bye to relatives and other people who had come to wish us well mid day on March 26. The weather was clear and we had great wind as soon as we got out to open sea. However, late EASTER evening, near midnight and after a serious "seek shelter warning" to all Mariners from NOAA, we unfortunately found ourselves already in one hell of a "non forecasted" storm which we then battled for the following few nights and days.

NUAGE, handled this "non forecasted" storm very well even though the storm created havoc. The storm was severe, it actually rotated the radar dome 180 degrees out of its proper alignment (see the picture) leaving us with no radar!

Also, the storm damaged the boat's autopilot and thus leaving us no choice but to return when we were already quite a way South of the Ensenada Latitude. It proved again that, regardless whether the Mariner's Route Book advises to do this journey during the period of March through May, never trust Mother Nature.

Right now our fingers are swollen because we had to manually steer NUAGE in very heavy weather and we used an every 2 hours change of piloting. We had no sleep and no real food intake for nearly two nights and two days even though we had all kinds of food on board. It was too dangerous down below to move around since the storm had created pure chaos there. Cooking a meal was totally out of the question. So, we ate dried fruit, health bars and chocolate.

Anyway we finally reached, rather exhausted, the San Diego Yacht club where we docked after battling the storm from south of the Ensenada, Mexico Latitude. We appreciated their great hospitality.

Now we are docked at the SDYC and getting ourselves back in shape. NUAGE herself handled the storm well but the sea, with waves, of up to 15 feet, tossed her around like a match box.

Anyway, this is a brief report, obviously we have to abort our trip to The Marquesas Islands. We plan getting NUAGE back to Newport Beach, her home port, in a few days but again we will have to steer her back manually, w/o auto pilot, for about ten hours. We certainly are not looking forward to that! It is very disappointing that after carefully preparing this journey for over 6 months, we have to cancel it. May be we will try to accomplish this journey again

- Jeff Lodder

commencing March next year!

ission Viejo Resident's Brush with History



Meet Carole Weidler. Carole lives in the Casta del Sol community of Mission Viejo. When Carole was seven years old she witnessed the first shots of one of history's most epic battles.

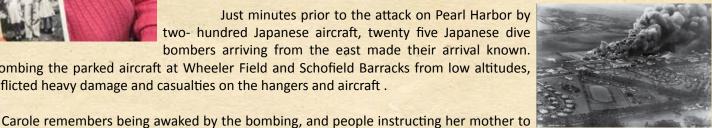


Schofield Barracks

Carole's father was a Captain in United States Army, stationed in Honolulu Hawaii. For Thanksgiving, he had Carole, her sister and mom travel by ship from San Diego to Honolulu. They were living in a house on Dole street just a few blocks away from Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Field, where the United States had parked most of its aircraft that supported the Pacific Fleet. Just before 8 am on Sunday morning, December 7th, 1941, all hell broke loose.

Just minutes prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor by two- hundred Japanese aircraft, twenty five Japanese dive bombers arriving from the east made their arrival known.

Dive-bombing the parked aircraft at Wheeler Field and Schofield Barracks from low altitudes, they inflicted heavy damage and casualties on the hangers and aircraft .



take the kids in the car and drive out to the pineapple fields and wait there where they would be safe. As they drove away from the house on Dole Street, Carole vividly remembers looking outside the back oval window of the car and seeing a Japanese pilot, with his white scarf blowing in the wind drop a bomb, the explosion rocking the car. Carole, her sister and mom remained hidden in the Pineapple field for about an hour. On their return to the house, Carole remembers huge amounts of black smoke and fire coming from Wheeler field.

Carole told the Mission Viejo Reporter that she will never forget her brush with history that day, and forever remains a proud American.

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Happy Hour "Food"

\$6.45 Guacamole Appetizer \$5.25 Bean Dip \$7.95 Cheese Nachos \$8.75 Appetizer Quesadilla



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

I have been reading Mission Viejo Reporter for a few months now and I am still amazed. I have seen articles in your publication on people which you would never see anywhere else. You have the courage to treat all people and subjects with humor and respect while making them feel important. -K. Menroe

I wish to thank Dave Leckness for the brilliantly conceived piece on the monument in Sycamore park. I hope all get the message how important these local monuments are to our community.

-A. Browne

It was an all time low when you quoted Paul van Olden saying "I can't wait to play with my balls at The Murray Center." -J. Schwartz

I dislike readers on your Facebook page who send in comments and take up space with the phrase LOL, its overdone and not particularly funny. Oh BTW, congratulations on the article on the new Bocce Ball Court made me laugh out loud... LOL. – P. Henderson

Please use a thinner paper for your publication, the current paper jams my paper shredder every time. – J. Lusk

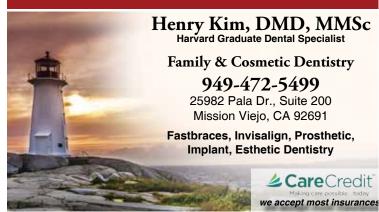
I thought your March Resident of the Month (Rabbi Marcus) was a very good choice. - A. Goldberg

Your article on conserving energy was a kick in the plants! I already ordered my solar tube.- **S. McMurtrey**

In your latest edition I loved the Bocce article & encouraging people to come & play. There are many "teachers" who will help them. The centerpiece story on trees is outstanding & so eye-catching. It adds to our reporter-I have been challenged to find the places.

— A. Boyce

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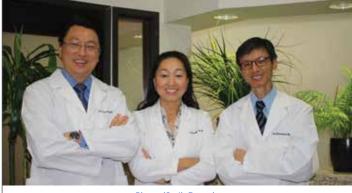


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and about in Mission Viejo with Kathy Kuiper

Since we did a Pub Crawl recently, it seemed only fair to do what the kids dubbed a "Park Crawl". We decided to hit up four of some of the best parks in Mission Viejo in one day. First, we fueled up at Taco Mesa. We love the festive ambiance and delicious food. We drove over to Aurora Park (23202 Via Guadix), which is really fun

because they have a long bike path that winds all the way around the park. We brought our Razor scooters and rode them down to the bottom of the path, where the girls always climb a huge, beautiful Occasionally my husband bring big boxes and they do some "box sledding" down the hill next to the big tree. This park also has a

great soccer field and, since the girls all play soccer, we usually kick the ball around a bit. There's also a basketball court, some fun play equipment and if you're lucky, you'll spot a few wild bunnies.

We then drove to Florence Joyner or "Flo Jo Park" as most MV residents know it, which is located on the corner



of Alicia and Olympiad. This park has some fun slides, a big sports field, and an outdoor covered area that you can rent for parties for only \$25. That's me in the photo acting like

Next, we went to the recently remodeled Pavion Park, next to Reilly Elementary. It has state-of-the-art interactive play equipment, a cool jungle gym and climbing mountain. Neither Aurora nor Pavion Park has restroom facilities, so sometimes the kids can't stay too long before they have to, pun intended, "go".

Inside the Mission Viejo Lake park, the triplets, Sienna, McKenna and Ashtyn, big sis, Savannah and their friend, Allie, tossed a football and did their best hula hooping while I caught up on some reading. We can't wait to go on another Park Crawl again soon.



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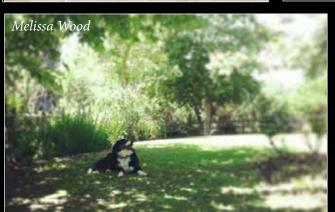




















How Much Is A Home In Mission Viejo?

You've made you decision to move to our fine city of Mission Viejo and now you need to know what it's going to cost! A basic measurement of home prices is called the median home price which is a phrase that contains one of those mystery math words. But it's really a simple measurement; just get a list of all of the homes for sale and pick the middle one. That's the median. Here's what it looks like in Mission Viejo:

There are currently 346 homes for sale in all of Mission Viejo (Active, Back Up and Pending). 257 of these are Single Family homes and 89 are Condos / Town Homes. If we look at the middle of each list we find that median price Single Family home is \$724,900 and the median price Condo / Town home is \$449,000. This is NOT the average price, which is calculated by adding all the list prices and dividing by the number of units.

So just what does the median home in Mission Viejo look like? Based on today's search (3/31/16) the median single fam-

ily home is a 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2,056 sq. ft. home on a 5,104 sq. ft. lot with a pool and spa in the Cordova Vista tract. The **Home Owners** Association (HOA) dues are \$29 per month and Lake Mission Viejo dues of \$19 per month. It was built in 1978 and

has recently updated kitchen and baths, \$724,900.

The median condo / town home is a 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 1,464 sq. ft. town house unit in the Highland Park Association.
The HOA dues are \$290 per month and the Lake Mission Viejo dues are \$19 per month. It was built in 1987 and the condition is above average, \$449,000.



For comparison, this chart shows the median values for Mission Viejo homes from 2013 to the present. Values are increasing this spring because of a lack of inventory and a stronger buyer demand. Well priced homes in excellent, upgraded condition are selling quickly with multiple offers.

If you like to search for similar homes in Mission Viejo, just visit this link: www.OCHomeAndCondoSearch.com



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MEET YOUR MISSION VIEJO

Firefighter

Ryan Swanson is one of our local fire fighters at Orange County Fire Authority Station #9 in Mission Viejo next to The Shops at Mission Viejo. He has been a firefighter for six years. For the first four years, he was a part of the wildlife hand crew that specializes in fighting local fires. Swanson loves to be outdoors, and this was one of his favorite parts of the job.



For the past two years he has worked in OCFA Station #9 as an EMT in the fire department. He really enjoys being a part of this station because he gets to be involved with wildlife and local city calls. As he says "He gets the best of both worlds." Swanson will continue his education, and plans to become a paramedic within the year. Swanson usually works two days straight, and four days off.

When he's not working, Ryan spends time with his wife, and together they are very excited to meet their new child who is on the way. Everyday Ryan looks forward to serving the residents of Mission Viejo.

SURE, THE INTERNET IS FUN

by The Insufferable Dan Avery



On the internet you can find all sorts of people who agree with you, even if you truly believe the world is indeed flat. After all, anyone with a 12

pack of beer and a modem can spout garbage well into the dead of night on Facebook. As it happens, it was on the Facebook page for La Paws Park that I ran into claims

that two dogs have been killed at our lovely dog park. The evidence for these claims was "I know for a fact," a staple of liars everywhere.

Being educated I went looking for "a fact." Just one would have done. Over a cup of coffee with Mission Viejo's current Mayor, I learned he hadn't heard a word. Nor had the other council member I asked. And, being a rabid opponent of La Paws, Council Woman Schlicht wasn't screaming for blood. So I called the founder of D.A.W.G, and learned neither she nor the folks at the Animal Shelter had heard a word. You'd think that if one, let alone two, dogs had been killed, someone would have given the city a description of the sadist and his vicious dog so that we, and our four-legged friends, could be safer.

So when I started asking the obvious on the Facebook page, I was immediately attacked "Net style" which always includes charges of things you never said, and this one culminated with: "you really really need to get off of this site your comments are not needed nor wanted." The lack of punctuation tells us plenty about the mind of this particular writer. Of course, she knows the people whose dog was killed and they are just too wrapped up in grief, a year later, to even contemplate contacting the city so the rest of us dog owners can be safer and avoid their friend's tragic end.

Who knows why people tell these types of dangerous lies on the Internet. All we can really know for sure is that "people are strange" and the high they must get from lying is just too damn dark to contemplate.

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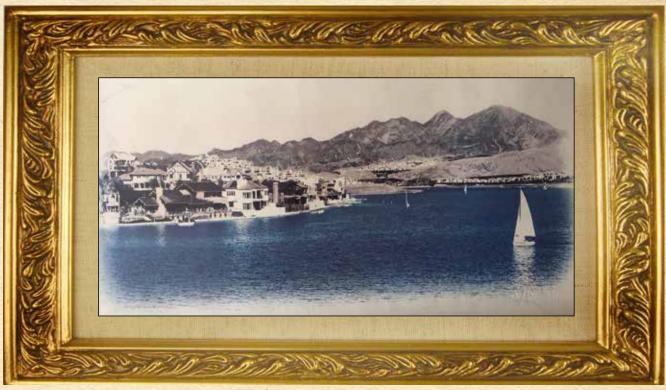


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FROM OUR MIXED SALAD DEPT.

Sell the Sizzle and the Steak

Sizzler headquarters moves to Mission Viejo

Driving down Acero its hard to miss the giant Sizzler Restaurant sign on the side of the building. Sizzler has been around for years serving families all over the United States. The Headquarters were located in Culver City, California since 1975 and recently moved to Mission Viejo.



The Mission Viejo Reporter spoke to Steven McDermott, the senior vice president at Sizzler. Steve said that many of the company employees live in Mission Viejo or South Orange County, so they packed their bags and left Culver City. Sizzler wanted to be a part of a smaller community rather then a big city surrounded by high rises. Steven has been with Sizzler for seven years and has been friends with Kerry Kramp, the CEO of Sizzler, since before Sizzler started. Steven has thoroughly enjoyed his longterm friendship and journey growing and developing Sizzler with Kerry.

There will be exciting new changes to Sizzler in the very near future. They will be remodeling all their Sizzler Restaurants, giving them a fresh new look. They are also adding a Mix it Station. The Mix it Station, will be where you go after you've completed building your salad. A trained Sizzler professional will mix your salad and give you that extra robust flavor. Sizzler will continue to make their soups and salads from scratch daily. Every day Sizzler cooks and cuts their steaks fresh, ready to eat. Visit the closest Sizzler to Mission Viejo on El Toro Road in Lake Forest.

FROM OUR **HISTORY VAULT** DEPT.

Seal of Approval

Mission Viejo Resident Input Influenced Design of City Seal

Back in the eighties, various resident design entries were compiled into three renderings, which were then reviewed by the City Council. The final design was created, reflecting the will of the community.

The dominant symbol chosen to represent the modern community was the Mission Bell Streetlight, and its ties to local history, set before the backdrop of landmark Santiago Peak. In the middle, The Lake

is displayed signifying outdoor activity. At the left is the "Rafter M" brand used for decades by Rancho Mission Viejo. Balancing it to the right is a symbol of modern history – the Olympic torch. It was chosen because the cycling venue of the 1984 Olympic Games were in Mission Viejo. The date of incorporation, 1988, is depicted as if it were branded on the land.



FROM OUR **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT** DEPT.

Saddleback College Unveils Law School Program

Saddleback College students now have a direct pathway to law school, thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding signed at the University of California, Davis School of Law. The Memorandum of Understanding establishes the Pathway to Law School, a program that gives students the ability to transfer to one of six California universities to finish their bachelor's degrees and proceed to law school. The universities and law schools include: Loyola Marymount University, Santa Clara University, University of California, Davis, University of California, Irvine, University of San Francisco, and University of Southern California.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, president of Saddleback College, stated, "This remarkable program will greatly impact and enhance the educational experience for students who seek careers in the legal profession, and will have a profound result in attracting a more diverse population to work in our system of jurisprudence."





For information on enrollment in the program visit https://www.saddleback.edu/edbs/pathwaylaw.

FROM OUR **SHIRT OFF YOUR BACK** DEPT.

Julie Marshall opened The Shirt Cannery on Marguerite Parkway, forty years ago in June 1976. Using cans to package the shirts was a unique way of marketing her business. She was also known as the banner lady because of all the soccer and baseball banners she printed for the sport teams.



She participated in all the Mission Viejo St. Patrick's Day parades and 4th of July Street Fair for more than twenty years. Julie says, "when the Olympics were here in 1984, we stayed up all night and sold shirts that went all over the world"...."when the US soccer team was here, we hit the deadlines for all their events"

Julie has come up with many new ways of making shirts. She's added photos and letters on them, along with large screen jobs. She

also does embroidery, no job is too small. This year she added a direct to garment machine that allows a multi color design or picture to be put on a single shirt.

The Shirt Cannery will be having a huge celebration on June 25th with giveaways, discounts and a raffle to thank customers.

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Devin Jenkins

Football - Capistrano Valley High School

Devin Jenkins was born and raised in Mission Viejo and is currently a Junior at Capistrano Valley High School where he is excelling on the football field. He started playing football for Pop Warner Saddleback Valley Bears when he was 8, and immediately showed a natural gift for the sport. Last season he ran the ball 822 yards and made 101 tackles averaging 10 tackles per game. At the award banquet his Freshman year, he earned the MVP award and the Coach nicknamed him "Mr. Everything" because Devin can perform in any position.