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Dave Leckness
Editor



CITY SPEAK

MISSION VIEJO ELKS LODGE 2444 COME BE OUR GUEST AND MEET THE ELKS



by Colonel Greg Rath
USMC (RET)
Mayor, Mission Viejo

I have been a member of the Mission Viejo Saddleback Elks Lodge 2444 for the past four years, and I have found it to be an amazing organization. We are known as the friendliest Lodge in Southern California, located at 25092 Marguerite Parkway in the heart of Mission Viejo. **Mike Klinger**, our current Exalted Ruler, along with our Elks Officers put together daily events such as steak and prime rib dinners, football game parties, karaoke and dancing, Wednesday night BINGO, old-timers night, and much more to help raise money for scholarships, our veterans, members in distress, and other disadvantaged people. Check out our webpage at www.mvelks.com to learn how to join this amazing service organization.

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Helping The Chamber Of Commerce Grow In 2019



by John Rodriguez
M.V. Chamber of Commerce
Ambassador

The Ambassador Committee members serve as the "good will arm" for the Mission Viejo Chamber of Commerce. An extension of the Board Membership Committee, the Ambassadors serve an integral role in encouraging membership retention and promoting new membership, mostly among businesses in Mission Viejo.

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Mission Viejo has character! In February, the City highlights the quality of unity. Unity is a trait which includes teamwork, harmony, support, sharing, selflessness, oneness, collaboration, brotherhood, and friendship. In practicing Unity, we gain a valuable tool: synergy, which is the increased effectiveness that results when two or more people or groups work together.



by Trish Kelley
City Council Member
Co-founder Mission Viejo
Community of Character

Through unity we can recognize our limitations and appreciate the resources available through others. Unity does not mean that we must agree about everything or that we are all the same, but we can respectfully see the viewpoint and strength of another, and we may be stronger when we work together! Unity is an important element in families, sports teams, bands, choirs, orchestras, businesses, service organizations, schools, churches, and neighborhoods. Babe Ruth's words help us to see the value of unity: "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." To read our character documents in full, visit:

www.cityofmissionviejo.org/character.



Babe Ruth

A Conversation With...



Mission Viejo's New Mayor Mayor Col. Greg Rath, USMC (Ret.)

The **Mission Viejo Reporter** sat down with **Mission Viejo Mayor Greg Rath** and discussed his extraordinary life. Raised in Arizona, graduated from Arizona State University, went on to flight school and graduated at the top of his class (Only the top new aviators went on to fly jets; the rest flew helicopters.) In 1996, Greg took on a prestigious assignment at the White House (His office was just doors away from the Oval). After Greg retired, he was a pilot for Jet Blue. Now, he looks after the City of Mission Viejo and its residents as the proud new mayor.

What's been a big hurdle for you to overcome?

Successfully completing military jet flight training was my biggest hurdle in life. I endured 15 months of training where I was evaluated and challenged academically, physically, and aeronautically. On June 24, 1977, when my father pinned on my Navy Gold Wings, was a very proud moment for me.

Who were your biggest influences growing up?

My mother was my biggest influence on me growing up. She kept me disciplined and focused on what was important in life. She believed in education, service, and orderliness, and passed it on to me and my siblings.

What was your first car? I purchased my first car at age 21 when I was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. I bought a 1974 Chevrolet Malibu, white with a maroon top. With a steady paycheck now coming in, many of us new Lieutenants were buying cars, thus the name 2ndLieutenantmobiles came into our vocabulary.

Have you ever landed on an aircraft carrier? I have over 500 carrier landings on various Navy aircraft carriers. My first landing was in 1976 on the USS Lexington flying the jet trainer T-2 Buckeye. I later

flew the RF-4B Phantom II off the USS Midway. I concluded my carrier flying as the Commanding Officer of a Marine Corps Fighter/Attack Squadron flying the F/A-18 Hornet off the USS Abraham Lincoln.

Do you remember where you dropped your first bomb? I flew in three combat operations, the most notable Operation Desert Storm in 1991. My first taste of combat was in February, 1991, flying the F/A-18D Hornet. It was during Desert Storm that I first released live ordnance on enemy positions.

What is your fondest memory of working in the White House? I had the honor to be assigned to the White House from 1996-1999, as Assistant Chief of Staff of the White House Military Office. I was a Colonel during this tour of duty. My fondest memory was sitting in the Oval Office with the President, Vice President, Secretaries of Defense and State and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I thought, "How did this kid from Arizona end up in the most powerful room in the world with the most powerful men and woman in the world?"

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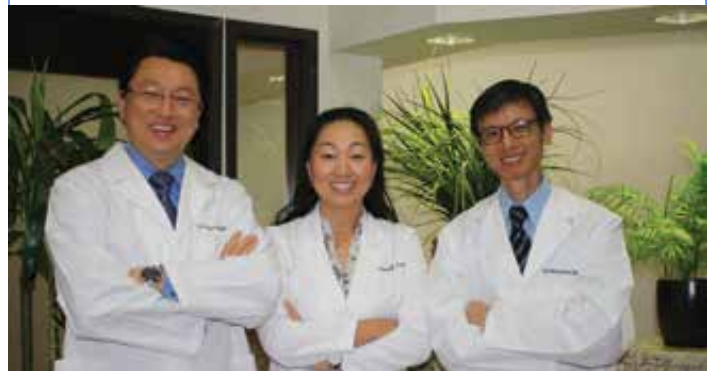


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FROM OUR **BRAVE EXPLORERS DEPT.**

LEWIS & CLARK DISCOVERED MISSION VIEJO

YOUNG DUO VENTURE OUT, FIND WHOLE NEW WORLD

Our reporting has uncovered Mission Viejo residents **Lewis Sellers** and **Clark Johnson**, both fifth graders at Carl Hankey Elementary School who recently enjoyed a field trip on the Oso Creek Trail.

While they were there, they observed red-tailed hawks, poly-wogs, salamanders, and they especially enjoyed the fresh coyote dung!

So do yourself a favor, get outside and enjoy the outdoors just like Lewis and Clark did! You might even see some rabbit droppings!



FROM OUR **PRESIDENTIAL LESSONS DEPT.**

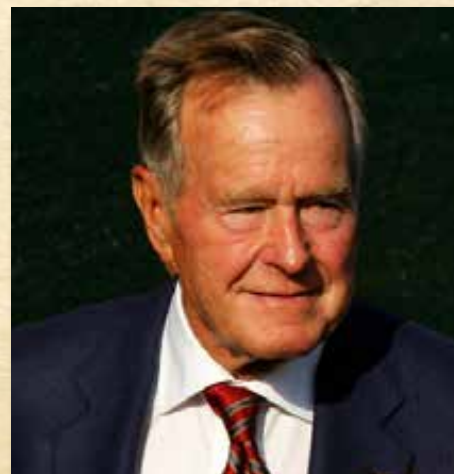
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Former **President George W. Bush** was known for his extreme likeability. One of his secrets was to always greet people whom he'd met before with a simple question.

Upon seeing someone he'd met before, President Bush would remember some detail about the person, whether it was: where they were from, a friend in common, their favorite past-time, etc. Then Bush would greet them by asking "How is ___?". This simple question always puts the person at ease because it's something they could easily answer.

If you ever become President of the United States or just want people to feel good, this secret just might help you win friends and influence people.



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FROM OUR QUESTIONABLE ADVICE DEPT.

Ask **UNCLE EARL**



Aunt Sandy is out of town this month. Uncle Earl is filling in. If you have a question for Uncle Earl, email to missionviejoreporter@gmail.com. We'll make sure he gets it.

Dear Uncle Earl,

I live near Gilleran and Bebe Park. A lot of deer get hit by cars on Felipe. This has been bothering me ever since I saw the deer crossing sign on Felipe. There are too many cars to have a deer crossing sign here.

My frustration is that the city should not allow a crossing sign in such a high traffic area. I understand that deer are wild animals and they need to travel across the streets occasionally to find food, but, it seems so irresponsible to allow these deer crossings to be in areas where these deer are so likely to be struck by oncoming traffic. The deer crossing sign needs to be moved to a road with less traffic. Could you ask the city to move the sign to a road with less traffic?

-Donna the Deer Lover

Dear Donna,

You're right! If the City doesn't move the sign, maybe at least they could put another sign warning the deer to look both ways before crossing the street.

-Uncle Earl

FROM OUR SIZE MATTERS DEPT.

ELK'S STATUE The King of Statues

There are similar Elks statues at other Lodges around the country, but none as magnificent as the Mission Viejo bronze elk. Standing eight feet above the pavement and looking out over the safety of the members inside, this gigantic elk weighs over 1,000 pounds. The organization couldn't use charity funds for the statue, so a collection was taken among interested Lodge members and they raised enough money to erect the statue.

Photo by: Jay Boivin



The Mission Viejo Bronze Elk

Members decided it would look better at the building entrance off the parking lot rather than out front on Marguerite Parkway and risk an accident or theft.

For the first few days the Elks had this bronze beauty, it was proudly displayed on their float in the Lake Forest 4th of July Parade. Then it was installed at the Lodge the following week where it now proudly stands welcoming all.



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Think about the Mission Viejo Post Office's value proposition. They will deliver mail to every single home and business in Mission Viejo, for the ridiculously low price of .50 a letter. They will even pick-up mail from your house and deliver your handcrafted, signed message anywhere in the United States for that fifty cents.

There are 36,843 homes and businesses in Mission Viejo that our City's team of 207 dedicated postal workers deliver to six days a week...rain or shine. Each day, an average of 400,000 pieces of mail leave the post office

headed to your home or office in 72 trucks to cover all of Mission Viejo. That comes out to around 125 MILLION pieces of mail that get delivered by hand each year by them!

In the 1980s faxing was the first attack on regular mail, but the big market shift began 15 years ago with the availability of free email. Fewer people write letters, send bills or even pay bills via physical mail.

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COOLSCULPTING

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by **Kathy Kuiper**
Mother of Triplets plus One

As most of you who read this column know, I'm a busy 55 year-old Mom of triplets, age 10, plus one, age 11. I homeschool all of them and also own a housecleaning franchise, **Molly Maid**, which I mostly run from home. My side hustle is writing this column and getting my books published, so although my intention is to work out most days, as evidenced by the fact that I throw on workout clothes every morning, the reality of it is that it usually doesn't happen. I know I should prioritize working out, but the truth is, I only think about doing so right before summer rolls around. A few months ago, I decided to look into 'coolsculpting' because I was sometimes avoiding wearing a bathing suit and I live on the Lake in Mission Viejo. No bueno!

I started off by searching for coolsculpting information online, and then proceeded to visit a few places locally. I went to **Dr. Freeze** in Irvine, but ultimately decided to go with a local company called **OC Weight Loss** for a myriad of reasons but mostly because I was very impressed that the Doctor would be doing the procedure herself.

After a consultation with **Dr. Rani Kakar**, who assured me that the process was painless and that I could expect to see results in 30-60 days, I was all ready to get my Coolsculpting done. I scheduled an appt. for the following Thursday and showed up prepared to get bikini ready. She applied some applicators to my sides and lower stomach, and I felt a "freezing feeling" but was comfortable enough to watch TV while I underwent the 30 minute procedure. They offered blankets so that I stayed warm and while I felt tingly during the cool sculpting procedure, it was pretty easy.

Although the doctor had told me not to expect to see results for at least a month. I did feel a bit numb at the treatment area for a day or so afterwards, which was actually great because I didn't feel any "fat jiggling". My stomach, although slightly bruised, look a lot better immediately so I was excited to see the results slowly improve over the next month. Although the Dr. suggested that I only do one procedure, I had a second session for more significant improvement about 4 weeks later, right before I went to Europe with my family.

I am beyond thrilled with the results and shared my little "secret" with all my friends and of course, now, our readers. Best of all, it has motivated me to get moving a bit more each day since I have a "jump start" on being in better shape and I feel more confident at the beach with my girls.

OC Weight Loss is offering readers of this column 10% off when you mention the Mission Viejo Reporter this month. You may reach them at (949) 416-0950 and see before and after photos (including mine) on their website at: ocweightlosscenters.com.



Photo by Dana Pembroke Photography



Near La Paz Road

Photo: Tom Gildersleeve



View from Muirlands & West of La Paz Road looking East

Photo: Tom Gildersleeve



Photo: Hank Mills

The Mission Viejo Story

In 1964, my friends **Hank Mills** and **Gordon Glattenberg** and I began to put an extensive amount of time into photographing the San Diego Surf Line of the Santa Fe Railroad. It turned out to be a very good decision, because things were on the cusp of change. During the early summer, Hank noticed that trees were being cut down in that area, and construction activity was getting under way.

I later learned that I was witnessing the commencement of construction for the new City of Mission Viejo. It was the beginning of the end for the old Orange County I had known as a boy. These photos were taken of the San Diegan during July, 1964. The location was approximately where present day La Paz Road crosses over the the former Santa Fe tracks, now owned by Metrolink.

IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME MISSION VIEJO RANCHLAND 1964

Today, the city of Mission Viejo, with a population of around 95,000, occupies this entire area. It's name is interesting, because Viejo means "old" in Spanish, and the town is neither old nor does it contain a mission. For me, this area seemed like paradise, with its pastoral landscape. I am sure, however, that those who live in Mission Viejo today see what has been constructed there as their version of paradise in its own right, with beautiful homes in a nice setting with a great climate. Most of them probably have little or no knowledge of what the place used to be.

- Tom Gildersleeve



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FROM OUR **GETTING AROUND** DEPT.

TRAINS & LOCOMOTIVES

FROM YESTERDAY TO TODAY

The railroad. It's thought of as a thing from another time period long gone. What is sometimes missed is how important that one invention was to the development of Mission Viejo and California in general, and the role it still plays in our City today.

In 1887, the Atcheson, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad completed the track through Mission Viejo. A section of the line between Avery and Oso



*The remains of the **Galivan Whistle Stop** with the Santa Fe Railroad to the left and Hwy. 101 to the right. - (Photo from 1960)*

Parkway was named Galivan, and there the Santa Fe built a whistle-stop that included a cattle ramp. That cattle ramp was important to the O'Neill Ranch. The ranch had large numbers of cattle, far more than the local markets could handle, so being able to export their beef to other parts of the country allowed the Ranch to flourish and grow economically. That in turn eventually led to the development and founding of the City of Mission Viejo.

Today, Galivan is long gone. Metrolink is the main source of train activity through Mission Viejo today. Over a million passengers ride its system each month - which reduces congestion on our freeways and the amount of air pollution in our region. The trains are used for activities ranging from the daily work commute to going to schools or visiting beaches in the summertime. So while railroads may seem a thing of the past, they are still holding their own today.



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Sixth Neighborhood Debuts

Granada Homes — Mission Viejo's sixth neighborhood, the first residential development in the new town's second phase and its first popularly-priced golf course-oriented homes — made its formal debut Jan. 11 with the unveiling of five all-new models and sales of over 60 homes in the first three weeks.

John T. Martin, vice president of marketing for Mission Viejo Company, attributed the new homes' immediate public acceptance to designs based upon market research:

"When the company's first houses, La Paz Homes, were designed over three years ago, we thoroughly researched the entire Orange County housing market. We not only knew which models and which tracts were selling best, but

we also found out why they were selling and who was buying them.

"So, when we designed the La Paz models, we departed from the usual approach of designing homes and then hoping sufficient numbers of the homebuying public would be able to fit the plans to their needs. Instead, we determined which types of families would be most likely to be attracted to these homes and we designed a model to appeal specifically to each family profile.

"For example, one plan might be for a gregarious professional man of 38 with a wife who likes to entertain and two children, aged 12 and 14.

"In the three years since we launched La Paz Homes, they

have become the most popular models in Mission Viejo with sales approaching the 1,000 mark. And, it's amazing how many of these individual buyers fit the family profile for which their model was designed.

Granada Homes tour on page 2

"For Granada Homes, we carried this process a couple of steps farther. Not only did we design a home for a specific family profile, but we also furnished and landscaped the home to appeal to this family. And now, we keep this family profile in mind when we plot the homes — that is decide which model will go on each lot."

Martin stressed that meticulous implementation is as important as careful planning.

"No matter how expert you are in reading plans, you don't really know how a house is going to look and feel until you build it. For that reason, while our Granada models were under construction, we frequently walked through them to see where and how they might be improved. To cite but one simple example, in the Santiago model, we added a dining room window so the golf course view from the living room and dining room could achieve panoramic proportions."

Adding another dimension, pre-testing, to the research behind the new Granada Homes, Martin sent letters to the nearly 2,500 families living in Mission Viejo, inviting them for a sneak preview and asking for their comments and opin-

ions on the new models. To facilitate this evaluation, each family was given a preview-survey card.

The cards were quickly tabulated. Features achieving a high rating in each of the models include: the Segovia, kitchen eating area, Santiago, traffic pattern; Madrid, bonus room; Castile, separate family room away from the living room and Barcelona, large walk-in pantry in the kitchen.

Granada Homes is planned as a three-year program with a total of 700 homes. The first homes will be completed for early spring occupancy.

The first unit of 47 Granada Homes went on the market in December. The second and third units opened in mid-January.

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7,880 People!

Artmenko Wins 1,000-lb. Steer

Coming within three people of our Dec. 31 population of 7,880, Ted Artmenko, 25712 Cervantes Ln., won Mission Viejo's Predict Our Population Contest.

The winning prediction, made during January, 1968, was 7,877, just short of the actual calculated year-end population total.

Predictions in the contest ranged all the way from 5,036 to 14,113. Mission Viejo's population at the end of 1967 was 4,530. If our town had grown by the same number in 1968 as it had in 1967, it would have had exactly 7,500 people at the end of 1968. Instead, its numerical growth for 1968, 3,350 people, substantially exceeded its 1967 growth of 2,970 people. In percentage terms, Mission Viejo grew 74 percent in 1968.

Artmenko, controller for First Federal Savings and Loan in Fullerton, based his prediction on projections of figures available one year ago. Mrs. Artmenko gratefully recalls that he submitted his entry despite her protests that it was too low.

The Artmenkos won a 1,000-lb. steer, a long term meat supply, since they have just one child, Michelle, 2. They are among Mission Viejo's pioneers, having moved into Unit 1 of La Paz Homes in September, 1966.

Their name appeared in the Mission Viejo Reporter several months ago in a list of potential winners. When informed in early January that they had won, she "ran up and down the street, shouting the



POPULATION PREDICTOR — Marty Russo, Mission Viejo Company demographer, presents Ted Artmenko with the 1,000 lb. steer he won by estimating the year-end population of Mission Viejo. Enjoying the unusual presentation are Mrs. Artmenko and daughter, Michelle.

news to neighbors."

Coming in a close second was Charles A. Vogel, 25782 Via Vicento, who was 17 people away from the winning figure with his prediction of 7,863. Other close contenders on the low side were Charles R. Murphy, 25415 Remesa Dr., 7,857; Frank E. DeGrood, 26511 Cancion Dr., 7,850; Eric C. Pepys Jr., 25722 Cervantes Ln., 7,839; and James McCafferty, 25412 Posada Ln., 7,810.

Tied for third place with predictions of 7,900 were Gilbert P. Baird, 24682 Mosquero Ln., and Bernard L. November, 26782 Estanciero Dr. Others who were close on the high side were Terry H. Holberton, 24661 Caverna Ct., 7,930; and Edward L. Carter, 25442 El Picador Ln., 7,934.

San Diego Freeway Link Opens, Cuts Driving Time

By the time this issue of the Reporter is published, the last link of the San Diego Freeway — a 9.4-mile stretch connecting the Mission Viejo area with the airport, the university, two major shopping centers, and Newport Harbor — should be open and scores of Mission Viejo residents should be saving over a half hour of driving time every day.

The last stretch extends the freeway from its former terminus at MacArthur Boulevard, just north of Orange

County Airport, to the Santa Ana Freeway-San Diego Freeway interchange north of El Toro Road. It provides a direct route from Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, south Santa Ana, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach and Westminster, as opposed to previous circuitous routes employing the Newport or Garden Grove Freeways.

Driving time between the airport off-ramp and Mission Viejo's La Paz Road off-ramp has been reduced to just 13 minutes.



EXCELLENT JOB — Philip J. Reilly (c.), president of Mission Viejo Company and James E. West, (r.), board chairman, received Professional Builder Magazine's Plaque for Excellence in the publication's 15th annual nationwide residential marketing competition. Editor James Shapiro made the award during the January convention of the National Assn. of Homebuilders in Houston. Plaques also went to Larry Manzo Public Relations, Inc., and Vineyard Advertising, Inc. for their roles in the program.

Movie Theater Plans Revealed

Plans for a 700-seat movie theatre in Mission Viejo were announced in late January by Robert E. Maurer, vice president of purchasing and property management for Mission Viejo Company.

To be located immediately north of the present La Paz Plaza parking lot on Chrisanta Drive, the theatre will be designed in an Early California style to blend with the other public buildings in the community.

Maurer indicated that construction is scheduled to start in April with completion anticipated late this year.

HITTING A GRAND SLAM

BEEBE PARK, CURTIS PARK, GILLERAN PARK

In 1992, Mission Viejo Mayor Pro Tem Robert Curtis boldly marched into the Mission Viejo Company offices, spoke directly with Jim Gilleran, President of the MV Company, and demanded that the Company make some major concessions to the City.

Gilleran readily agreed, and what resulted was "the deal of the century" for Mission Viejo. Under the terms of this landmark agreement, the MV Company donated the following to the City:

1. All four recreation centers.
2. Three large baseball park complexes on Olympiad Road — fully developed, with lights, at a cost of \$20 million.
3. A large parcel, plus \$1 million, to develop Florence Joyner Park.
4. The Youth Athletic Park on Olympiad (north of the Lake).
5. The home-finding Center in Melinda Park (now the Heritage House).
6. Seven acres of land for a city hall.
7. 80 acres of open space, previously zoned for housing.
8. Major monetary contributions to the development of Crown Valley Parkway.

In exchange, the City guaranteed that the Company could develop most of the previously planned housing and commercial tracts — up to a limited density cap, which was lower than the population density in the original plan approved by the County.

To honor the two principal negotiators of this landmark agreement, two of the new

parks were named Gilleran Park and Curtis Park at a ceremony conducted by Mayor Robert D. Breton in April 1993. The other baseball park on Olympiad was named for Bill Beebe, charter President of the first Mission Viejo Little League. Bill Beebe was a nationally recognized umpire who umpired many games at the Little League World Series and is in the Hall of Fame.

If you ever wondered where each field is exactly located along Felipe/Olympiad just think "alphabetical" Beebe, Curtis and Gilleran



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FROM OUR NAME GAME DEPT.

STREET NAMESAKES

MISSION VIEJO'S FIRST FAMILY



Clockwise –

1. Tony Moiso – Antonio Parkway
2. Melinda Moiso – Melinda Road
3. Richard O'Neill – O'Neil Parkway (Now Olympaid)
4. Alice O'Neill Avery – Alicia Parkway
5. Marguerite O'Neill – Marguerite Parkway



FROM OUR IN THE GUTTER DEPT.



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FROM OUR WHAT'S IN A NAME DEPT.

BART SPENDLOVE PARK

PARK NAMED FOLLOWING TRAGIC ACCIDENT



The Bart Spendlove Memorial Park has a sad story associated with it. **Bart Spendlove** was a County Commissioner who was killed, along with his wife and 4 of his 8 children, in a plane crash coming home from a family visit to Utah in 1975.

The park was built before the 1992 annexation of Aegean Hills by the City of Mission Viejo, so it was a County decision to memorialize him by naming the park after him.

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Zane Wilson is known for his speed, agility and resilience as a lacrosse player, but most of all for being a selfless player. Playing on team sports like soccer, baseball and basketball has taught him that skill alone is not enough to stand out as a valuable player.

Obviously, a lacrosse player needs to have physical strength to fend off opponents, who don't always follow the rules of the game, but sportsmanship is an integral component in winning games. Zane understands that sportsmanship is leadership. It's about being a strategic player when contributing to the team. He says that "assisting other players to score is just as fun as scoring myself."

He started playing on the CVHS Varsity as a Freshman (the only Freshman on the team at that time). Although he had to weather some challenges that year, the highlight of being on this team was making the Sea View All-Star and receiving a couple of Scholar-Athlete awards since then. Currently, he is a Junior, eagerly awaiting the start of a new lacrosse season. In the meantime, he is focused on finishing the semester with a 4.7 GPA.

He is also fully committed to many of his responsibilities outside of sports: a weekend job, NHS, CFS, Lion's Heart President and CVHS Club Namibia President. He has been awarded the Gold President's Volunteer Service Award for the past four years and the CVHS Foundation Award for his community service efforts.

Like most teenagers, he finds a way unwind by watching football (go Packers) and playing video games with his buddies.



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