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The Mission Viejo Reporter is designed to bring attention to all the good things this City has to offer. Our goal is to introduce you to people and places you may not have heard about.



Each issue we showcase a few residents and businesses that make up our wonderful City. We get our ideas and articles from you, the readers. In the next few months, we will acquaint you with what we call the Difference Makers, ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Mission Viejo Reporter

The greatest gift to a community is when someone goes the extra mile, and it makes a difference. Going the extra mile is doing more than is expected. Going the extra mile is extending ourselves to our full reach. Going the extra mile is getting back up after we've been knocked down, despite whatever has happened.

We want to acknowledge these people. If you know of someone who has gone the extra mile, or been knocked down and got back up, or has done something extraordinary, share it with us... we'd like to know.

Thanks for reading, -Dave

KING TOGE



I am privileged to serve as your Mayor for 2019. I take this appointment seriously and will do my best to earn your trust and support. When I served as a Marine Corps officer for 30 years, I learned that team work wins battles. I didn't just take my Republican or my Democrat Marines into battle; I took all my Marines and we won. With that in mind, I will work together with all my colleagues on Council, with the commissions, City staff, and our residents to keep Mission Viejo the best city to live in, in California.

by Colonel Greg Raths USMC (RET) Mayor, Mission Vieio

I will work with law enforcement, our firefighters and paramedics to keep our City safe and secure. I will ensure we balance our budget and spend your tax dollars responsibly. I will maintain a strong relationship with our school districts and community college to see that our children and young adults are properly and safely educated. And I will remain a strong advocate for our local businesses,

both large and small.

One final note, rephrasing our 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your City can do for you, but what you can do for your City."

Thank you, Greg Raths

Mayor, City of Mission Viejo

KNOCKING DOWN MOUNTAINS BY STICKING IT OUT



by Trish Kelley under Mission Viejo nunity of Character

Mission Viejo has just celebrated 15 years as a City of Character! All of our schools join the City in focusing on a different character quality each month. Our character word for January is Perseverance--the quality of refusing to give up and continuing on in spite of difficulty or opposition.

Hard work and perseverance lead to success in reaching our goals, whether it is studying to get a good grade in school, practicing a musical instrument or athletic skill, or pursuing a promotion at work. Perseverance also involves learning from failure. Often we "fail into success!" Failure offers a motivation to get better, an opportunity to learn and grow, and it may open a new door. Abraham Lincoln, Walt Disney, Thomas Edison, and Helen Keller all used perseverance and overcame great obstacles in order to reach their goals.

As you begin 2019, make Perseverance one of your New Year's Resolutions! In the words of Winston Churchill, "Never, never, never give up!"

To read our character documents in full, visit www.cityofmissionviejo.org/character.

by Dave Leckness

Citizen Lends Deputy A Helping Hand

The other night, **Mission Viejo Deputy Coco** chased a hit-andrun/ DUI suspect who fled on foot from a traffic collision. The collision injured a mother and her 11 year old son.

Deputy Coco caught up to the suspect on foot and had difficulty controlling him because they had blood on their arm that made him slippery. A local resident, **Michael** saw that the Deputy was by herself and asked, "Can I help you?" to which she replied, "Yes!"

Michael and Deputy Coco immediately tackled the suspect, and both of them were able to handcuff the individual without further incident. The suspect was then arrested and taken to jail. The victims were transported to a local hospital for a complaint of pain.



Thank you Michael for being an Outstanding Citizen and helping out! The officers of the City are grateful to work in Mission Viejo with citizens like Michael who have their back!

FROM OUR PULLING HEART STRINGS DEPT.



Last month, 13 year old **Edhen** called the Mission Viejo Sheriff's Department to report that his bike had been stolen from the bike rack in front of Los Alisos Intermediate School. Deputies reviewed the school



surveillance footage and saw a suspect jump the gate to the bike racks, grab Edhen's bike, throw it over the fence, and ride off with it. Edhen was devastated by the theft. The Mission Viejo deputies worked with the school, Edhen's parents, and the Mission Viejo Police Foundation and

found him an exact replacement bike. A few days later, deputies picked Edhen up from his home and drove him to school where he was presented with a brand new bike.

Tips on locking bikes:

1. CHOOSE THE RIGHT LOCK. ...

- 2. ALWAYS LOCK YOUR BIKE to a solid object that it cannot be lifted over.
- 3. LOCK YOUR BIKE in a well lit area with high foot traffic.
- 4. MAKE SURE what you lock your bike to cannot be cut.

5. LOCK ACCORDING TO VALUE frame first, then back wheel, and finally front wheel.

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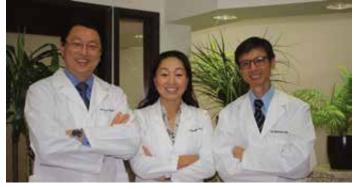
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CORRATORAL OUGAN Vission Viejo Resident's Brush with History Meet Carole Weidler. Carole lives in the Casta del Sol



community of Mission Viejo. When Carole was seven years old she witnessed the first shots of one of history's most epic battles.

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



Wheeler Field

Carole Weidler 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.

Carole remembers being awaked by the bombing, and people instructing her mother to 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 for ever him af her brud Affierican



FROM OUR ROCKET FUEL DEPT.





Three years ago, computer whiz Hassan Fahimi left the world of technology to pursue a new dream of owning his own business. After looking around at local establishments, he decided on the one with the most community oriented opportunity. It's A Grind Coffee House on Marguerite Parkway was exactly what he had in mind.

Since then, Hassan's vision has become a reality. Growing into far more than your average coffee house, It's a Grind has been transformed into a hub of the community. On any given day, you will find the spacious tables filled with studying teens, the conference room occupied by local businesspeople, the comfortable chairs populated with friendly neighbors, and of course regular commuters stopping for their morning fix before work

Whenever the City of Mission Viejo has an event, you can expect to see It's a





Grind handing out quality coffee and scrumptious pastries. Mission Viejo resident Victoria and Katie are ready to help.

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FROM OUR QUESTIONABLE ADVICE DEPT.



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,

Now that my neighbor's kid is driving and has a car, he parks in front of my house almost everyday.

The neighborhood doesn't have a lot of street parking, so I don't like looking outside and seeing his new Mustang. I've asked his dad to tell him to park somewhere else, but it hasn't helped. What would Uncle Earl do?

-Tony

Dear Tony,

While I agree with you 100%, Uncle Earl wouldn't do anything. Since Public Roadways are just that, "public", the law is not on our side. To get even with my neighbor, I parked an ugly, rusted out, old pick-up truck and boat trailer in front of his house for a few weeks. Deputies showed up to check on the situation, and I forgot about an old warrant, and next thing I know KABOOM! Over the years, I learned to go with the flow, and while it's downright rude to park in front of someone else's house, the rule is:

You own the house... you don't OWN the road. First come, first served.

I hope this helps, Uncle Earl

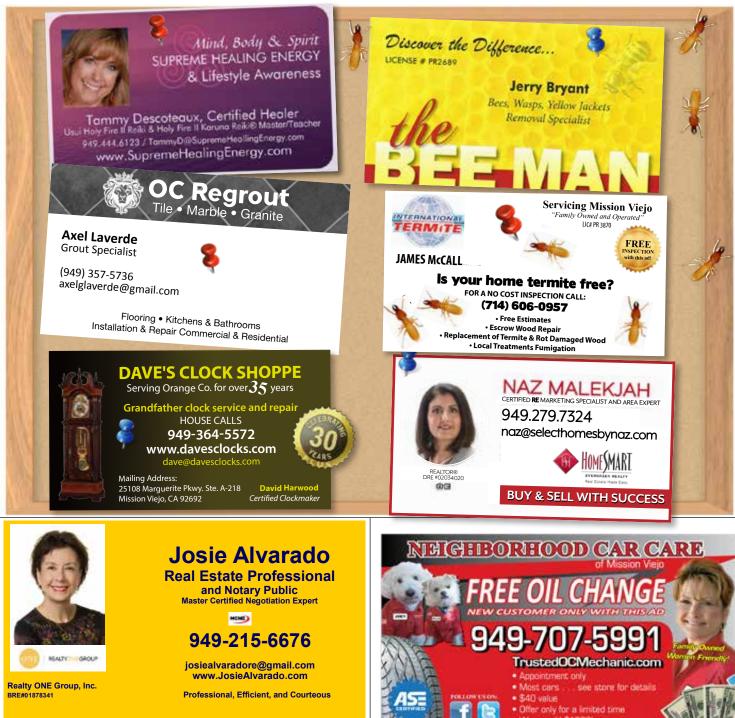
FROM OUR WEIRD SCIENCE DEPT.



This month's Brain Twister seems simple enough, but very few people will solve this in less than one minute.

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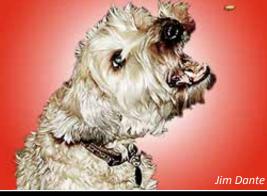
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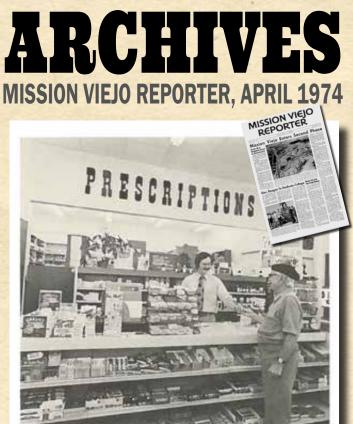
FROM OUR ANCIENT HISTORY DEPT.











CAL-MED PHARMACY — manager, John Bruce, chats with Kenneth Dills, a local customer who lives in the Casta del Sol neighborhood, after filling his prescription.



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2. La Paws Dog Park - 25100 Felipe Road

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3. The Murray Center - 24932 Veterans Way

The Murray Center offers one of the best outdoor workout equipment areas. Break a sweat 24 hours a day.

4. Oso Creek Trail - 24932 Veterans Way

This 6.5 mile paved trail winds throughout the center of the City. You'll pass through rose gardens, classic art, beautiful bridges, and of course the Oso Creek.

5. Recreations Centers - Marguerite Tennis Pavillion-Sierra-Felipe-Montanoso.

Play tennis, workout, swim, volleyball, water park, basketball and much, much more.

6. Amtrak/Metrolink Train - On weekends, ride the train all day to almost anywhere in Southern California for ten bucks.

7. Historic Site Fossil/Whale Skull - La Paz

The skull is 5 million years old and is displayed in a gazebo where the City's first post office once stood.

8. Lake Mission Viejo

Rent a small boat for just a few bucks and fish, or just cruise the lake and view some of the most expensive homes in Mission Viejo.

9. Ride the Bus

It's always a fun time to hop on the bus and take a ride to the beach, mall or anywhere you feel like going.

10. Counting Crows

with Kathy Kuiper

Every night at dusk, thousands of Orange County crows return home to their nests in the Arroyo near the Home Depot. It's one of natures miracles and it's all FREE



R GET YOUR HEATE The owner of Boardwalk Heating and

Air, Peter Angus, has more than 15 years experience in providing heating, ventilation, and air condition services in Orange County. He has a Bachelor's degree in engineering and multiple certifications that equip him with the

by Kathy Kuiper Mother of Triplets plus One

expertise that serves his customers well.

Peter aims to provide a service that is affordable and honest for his customers that allows them to decide whether it is best to

replace or repair their HVAC system. He strives to offer thorough and comprehensive inspections that cover 26 points including evaluating the indoor air quality, changing the air filter for efficiency, and checking the refrigerant pressure. His company provides a safety inspection of your furnace to check for carbon monoxide leaks and inspects all of the parts of the furnace to ensure all is working optimally and without any fire hazards. What I love about dealing with his company is that he doesn't always try to upsell you when he can just change a simple part or tighten things up a bit.

Boardwalk Heating and Air offers a membership for \$89 which includes two scheduled maintenance calls per year, spring A/C maintenance and fall furnace maintenance. Members also enjoy priority for service calls, free basic repair, and free emergency call service.

His online reviews are quite impressive, nothing but 5 star reviews on Yelp, so you absolutely can't go wrong with Peter for your HVAC needs.

Call Peter at 562-841-7089 today to become a member and schedule your fall maintenance. Mention code MVREP for 15% off your first service.





FROM OUR SELFIES WITH ST. NICK DEPT.







AFTER



With almost a fifth of an acre, they were able to add a grape arbor, a fire-pit with a couch, and a raised orchard and vegetable garden with still plenty of room for large parties. Rosa and Chuck agreed,"We love Mission Viejo and are happy to be back". Chuck added about what he had done, "The great thing about landscape re-modeling is that clients get to enjoy all the amenities for years and still get their money back when they sell." Rosa and Chuck Ver Burg returned to Mission Viejo in 2015 from las Flores. "We wanted to downsize now the kids were gone and wanted a smaller place so they couldn't come back with their kids," Rosa laughs. Searching for just the right property took months, but finally a single story in the heart of Mission Viejo with major improvements like room additions, roofing, piping and a new pool already done.

They transformed it into a small Italian cottage with mostly Mediterranean plants and materials. Being a seasoned landscape designer/contractor, Chuck's years of re-modeling patios came in handy, "All it needed was landscaping'. Soon, cars were slowing, "We love what you've done!" Neighbors would shout and wave!





Intersections We Remember

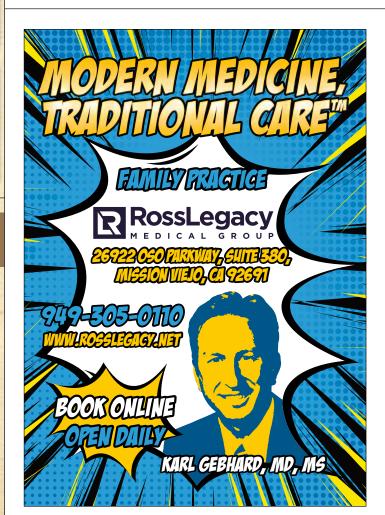


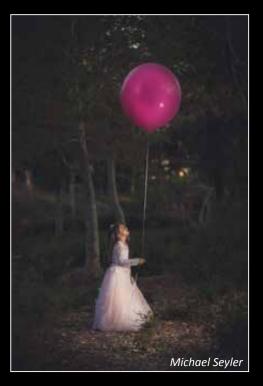
Crown Valley Parkway and 5 Freeway - 1968



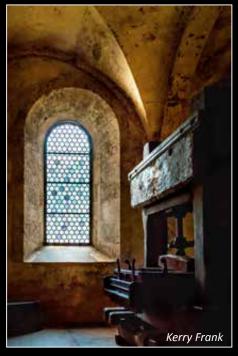


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Mission Viejo Public Art With A Purpose

Orange County Department of Education and **KOCE** teamed up for a wonderful program. The program is called the "Butterfly Initiative: Celebration of the Butterfly". The initiative was initiated to ignite imaginations and foster creativity related to arts and science education in schools.

"Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly".



Oso Creek Trail

Murray Center

SCHOOL COPS Orange County Sheriff's Program

School Resource Officers' (SROs) primary duty is the protection of our students.

Each deputy has an office at each school, most just a few doors away from the principal's office. The SROs are hard-working deputies, or they would not be assigned to this difficult and demanding position. They are the liaison between the school and the department/city and work seamlessly to do what's best for each kid depending on the situation. They spend a lot of time on campus, taking away the "cop" stigma that is often on the kids' minds, working with, talking with, and just being there for the kids. They are all extremely dedicated to what they do, and do an outstanding job day in and day out.

In Mission Viejo we have five SROs:

Deputy	K. Bilton
Deputy	N. Alkawadri
Deputy .	J. Duran
Deputy .	J. Gunderson
Deputu	S. Hume

...Silverado High School ...Trabuco Hills High School ...Mission Viejo High School ...Newhart Middle School ...Capistrano Valley High School

Having SROs at each school is not cheap; that's why not every city has them. However, Mission Viejo sees the value and recognizes how it affects school violence, bullying, and drugs on campus. Mission Viejo City Council believes the SROs are worth every cent.







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FROM OUR LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH & INFAMOUS DEPT.

As we reflect on 2018, we see that the real estate market was very strong in Mission Viejo and most of Orange County. This year, we had a shift in location as most of the home sales were centered in the gated Canyon Crest community with only two houses located in gated Tres Vistas on the south west end of Lake Mission Viejo, and our top honors going to a gorgeous San Marino home on the northeast shore. As one can imagine, waterfront homes typically command the highest prices with their views across the lake while homes in Canyon Crest usually offer panoramic views across the Saddleback Valley or the mountain backdrop of Modjeska and Silverado Peaks.

Location	Bed/Bath	Square foot	Sold Price
Tres Vistas	4/4	4,269	\$1,325,000
Canyon Crest	4/3	3,120	\$1,335,000
Canyon Crest	4/3	3,308	\$1,450,000
Canyon Crest	6/4	4,319	\$1,482,800
Canyon Crest	5/5	4,300	\$1,498,800
Canyon Crest	5/4	4,440	\$1,530,000
Canyon Crest	4/4	4,480	\$1,600,000
Canyon Crest	6/6	7,249	\$1,750,500
Tres Vistas	4/3	4,147	\$2,425,000
San Marino	4/5	4,563	\$2,500,000

All information provided by CRMLS

So what do you get if your budget is northward of \$2,000,000? How about gourmet kitchens with top of the line appliances, custom cabinetry, hard wood, marble or travertine floors, floor-to-ceiling windows and doors, expansive master suites, waterfront decks and private docks. The Canyon Crest homes enjoy community amenities such as pool, spa, club house, gym, tennis courts and more.

These homes also enjoy membership in the Lake Mission Viejo Association which gives access to all of the Lake amenities like the Beach Club, swimming, fishing, sail boats, kayaks and party boats, live music summer concert series, movie nights and holiday events including the 4th of July fireworks.

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FROM OUR LEAVING A MARK DEPT. R. HEROat La Paus Park

In 2013, former Mission Viejo Mayor **Dave Leckness** saw this sculpture along El Paseo in Palm Desert and with the dog park opening soon, he thought it would be a perfect fit. He contacted the city of Palm Desert and asked if Mission Viejo could purchase the piece for the entrance to our new dog park. Palm Desert put him in contact with the artist's representative **Bunni Benaron**. Bunni and **Rick Benaron**, are the founders of **The Hero In You Foundation**, and they provide the financial support for the placement of R.HERO sculptures.

Bunni explained that the \$15,000 6-foot tall sculpture piece wasn't for sale...but, they would be happy to donate it. Bunni told Leckness, "These



Sculptures were meant to be displayed at fire stations and police departments, not dog parks, but with you, I'll make an exception."

> The Hero in You Foundation seeks to honor first responders, and the sculptures serve as reminders of the sacrifices firefighters, police officers,

paramedics and military service personnel make. They place the art pieces and support them with a kids' educational program hoping to inspire future generations to become heroes.





Greeting the Day With a Dance and a Song

Most mornings along Marguerite Parkway, you can see a dancing, singing, happy young lady enjoying the start of the day. Meet Mission Viejo Resident **Sheila Gibson Vislocky**. Sheila almost died during multiple illnesses. She was bedridden, 90 lbs, in chronic pain and had an infection that almost killed her.

Why does Sheila dance and sing along the street? Experts believe music can help in all kinds of situations and can soothe all kinds of pain. Even though what you're going through seems so insurmountable, and it seems nothing could alleviate the difficulties you're going through, it is possible to find some solace in music. Even sad songs can offer their own kind of company and remind us of the good times.



Sheila along Marguerite Parkway

Sheila says that over the last few years, hundreds of strangers have approached her, saying she brings them joy and happiness. "The other day, someone said seeing me dancing gave her hope", Sheila said "That almost makes all the hospital visits I suffered worth it... almost. It's like being a Suffering Whisperer!"

Sheila is a Born Again Christian, a woman of faith. She attributes much of her healings to the incalculable power of prayer. Sheila is 54 years old, has four children, three grandchildren, been married over 30 years, and has been a stay at home mom for 23 years. Sheila also reminds us, "I don't want to be known as the weird lady that dances down the street."



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FROM OUR WHERE'S WALDO DEPT. SCANE AND ENTIFY THESE MISSION VIEJO LANDMARKS?



From left to right, from top down: Row 1- 1. Statue of Flo Jo, 2. Clock tower - Plaza Del Lago, 3. Metal Sculpture - Alicia Pkwy. and Jeronimo, 4. Stairs @ the Kaleidoscope, 5. Bridge at Flo-Jo Park, 6. La Paz School, 7. Claim Jumper, 8. Sculpture - Flo Jo Park Row 2- 1. Finish Line @ Olympiad, 2. MV Country Club at Oso, 3. Krispy Kreme, 4. High Park Tap House. 5. St. Killian Church, 6. Sign @ Quail Run, 7. Animal Services Center, 8. Stairs - Plaza Del Lago Row 3- 1. Fire Station 31, 2. Fountain @ Mission Hospital, 3. Mural M.V.H.S., 4. Diving Structure @ the Aquatic Center, 5. Cheesecake Factory, 6. Flo-Jo Park, 7. Tent Structure - Kaleidoscope, 8. Statue @ Elks Club, Row 4- 1. MV Dog Park Felipe, 2. Parking Sign - Kaleidoscope, 3. Norman P. Murray Center, 4. Mural C.V.H.S., 5. M.V.H.S. Campus, 6. M.V. Library, 7. Oso Creek Trail, 9. Islands Sign - Kaleidoscope Photos by Richard Burrow



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Alex lemsisanith is a 3-year starting Point Guard for the Lions and she has picked up this season exactly where she left off last season. Alex was selected to the basketball All CIF Southern Section First Team while averaging 16.3 Points and 5.7 Assist per game during the playoffs. Last season she set a JSerra Catholic season school record of 141 assist. This is some accomplishment when you consider the old record of 118 assist was held by Coco Miller (2015 JS Alumni - UCSB starting Point Guard) and Lexi Vail (2017 JS Alumni - Irvine College starting Point Guard) who had 126.

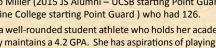
Alex is a well-rounded student athlete who holds her academics in very high regard, she currently maintains a 4.2 GPA. She has aspirations of playing basketball in college and feels with the education JSerra Catholic offers mixed with her basketball abilities this will open many opportunities for her along the way. I want to stay close to home for college, I love Southern California. Besides playing High School basketball at JSerra, she is also the starting point guard for her U17 Cal Sparks travel basketball team. It should also be noted Alex is an accomplished surfer and loves the ocean. When she is not studying or honing her basketball skills, she can be found surfing at some of the hot spots here in South County. "Surfs Up!"



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