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Dave Leckness  
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# CITY SPEAK

## WORKING TO KEEP OUR CITY SAFE TAKING A DEEPER LOOK INTO MISSION VIEJO'S SAFETY



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

I received a comprehensive update by our **Police Chief Lt. Vuong**. He laid out his strategic plan to keep our community safe and secure, especially our schools. I am pleased to announce that several of the initiatives he has implemented have been very successful in reducing crime in our community. He stresses to our citizens to not to be afraid to report suspicious activities, be aware of your surroundings, and drive tactically, anticipate bad or distracted drivers.

I did a police ride-along with our **Quality of Life Deputy - Officer Dana Chaney** last month. She showed me some areas of concern where some homeless encampments have been abandoned in some of our hills. I have directed our city to see that these encampments are cleaned up and the natural environment restored before they attract more homeless. **Sara Miles** from Mercy House also came with us to talk to the homeless we found, and she gave them information and assistance to get them back on their feet. We did find an elderly gentleman living in his van and a young man hanging out at our library. All and all, it was a real eye opener. Job well done to our Police Services.



## GET INVOLVED, GIVE BACK & SUPPORT WHEN LOCAL BUSINESSES PROSPER, OUR COMMUNITY PROSPERS



by Bob Stewart  
M.V. Chamber of Commerce  
President

Recently I was talking with a business owner who asked, "Why should I be a member of the MV Chamber of Commerce? What is membership going to do for me?" I had to pause.

Obviously, membership gives businesses increased visibility to the market. Our members get access to a marketing system that gives them the ability publish their events on our calendar, distribute notices & special offers, establish an electronic catalog and use key word texting giving customers instant access to information about buying their goods and services, not to mention all the events designed for networking and relationship building. All for only \$250 for an entire year! But that's not how I answered.

Instead, I explained Membership is about being part of something bigger that exists to serve. The natural byproduct of service is prosperity. When our local businesses prosper our community prospers. Getting involved, giving back and supporting our community is why we should all be members of the Chamber.

## INTEGRITY - THE FOUNDATION HONESTY, TRUSTWORTHINESS, RELIABLE, DEPENDABLE, FAITHFUL

Sixteen years ago, Mission Viejo established itself as a City of Character. Each month, the City promotes a different character quality. In March our focus is on integrity, which really is the cornerstone of good character and encompasses all 12 of our character traits.



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

It is the quality of being honest, trustworthy, fair, responsible, caring, and having the moral courage to do the right thing—even if there is a cost! Integrity is vital for all ages, but parents and grandparents have wonderful opportunities to train our children in this quality from an early age!

Our Mission Viejo schools partner with us in promoting good character. Research has proven character education to be a positive force in reducing disruptive behavior, alcohol and drug abuse, and teen pregnancy. It contributes to parental and community involvement, safe and orderly schools, reduced discipline problems, greater academic achievement, and higher student and staff morale. The Character Committee is seeking new members. We welcome students in 8th grade and above as well as adults. Please contact me for more information and an application at [trishkelley@cox.net](mailto:trishkelley@cox.net)



FROM OUR DON'T PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD DEPT.

# CONVERSATION *With* "THE LUNCH LADY"

COLLEEN LAMB - CAPISTRANO VALLEY HS  
FOOD & NUTRITION

Last month we took some time and visited with **Colleen Lamb**. Colleen works in Food Service and Preparation at **Capistrano Valley High School** where she has been a fixture for some time. She was happy to answer our questions. Here is what she had to say.

## Q&A

### Best Tip

"Small bites, chew your food!"



#### How long have you been a lunch Lady?

*I have been working as a Lunch Lady for 17 years.*

#### How long have you been at Capo?

*I've been very LUCKY and have been at Capo all 17 years, where I have found a Love for our Capo community and FAMILY!*

#### What is the kids' favorite meal?

*By far, the Favorite Meal in the morning is Pizza Sticks. Lunch is a tossup with Pizza and our Pulled-Pork Nachos.*

#### Where did you grow up?

*I grew up in Creve Coeur, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis.*

#### How many kids do you serve on a typical day?

*On an average day, we will serve 600 to 700 students.*

#### Have you ever witnessed a food fight?

*I have never in 17 years witnessed a food fight. {THANK GOODNESS!}*

#### What's your favorite part of the job?

*Watching the students grow! I was diagnosed with cancer in 2013. If it were not for the students at Capo, I don't think I would have made it. They were there every step of the way for me. They supported me, loved me, and even watched as I got my head shaved as a fund raiser for cancer awareness! They were my ROCK! I LIVED BECAUSE OF OUR STUDENTS! I LOVE THEM!!!*



Colleen and Mayor Greg Rath

#### Have you ever had to perform the Heimlich?

*No, we have never had to perform the Heimlich here at Capo, but Yes I have had to use the maneuver in my job before Capo.*

#### What's the oddest thing that's happened at lunch?

*When the kids decided letting smoke bombs off was hilarious! THAT STUNK!*

#### What food do you like the least to prepare?

*I don't have a least favorite item. I feel that all our offerings are very good, and the kids like what we serve. Yes, some days are better than others.*

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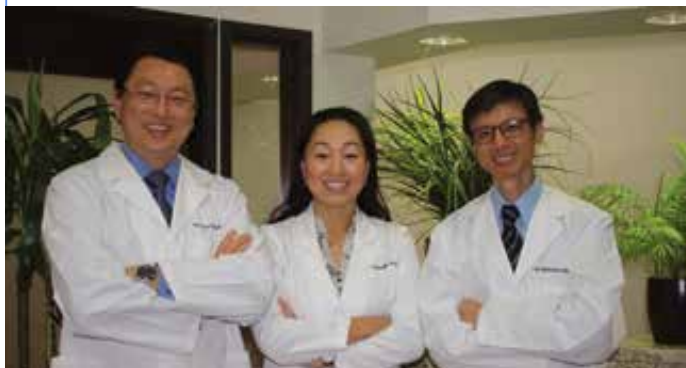


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## WAIT A MINUTE MR. POSTMAN

### Mission Viejo's Favorite Mail Carrier

For the 30 years, Mission Viejo postman **Jay Waterman** has been delivering mail to homes in Mission Viejo, 20 of those years have been to the same neighborhood. Meet Jay Waterman. Jay is a proud Native American from the Mohawk tribe. It's easy to spot Jay with his doo-rag and tribal tattoos.



Jay makes about 475 stops a day in his trusty old mail truck. He knows about everybody, and enjoys stopping, chatting and listening to his customers when he can squeeze in the time. Often, he's offered water, pizza and hot dogs and many other things along the route.

The **Mission Viejo Reporter** asked Jay if he's ever been bitten by a dog as a postman. He said "only once". One time, a dog burst through a screen door and sunk its meat-eating fangs into Jay's arm. He had to go to the doctor for a precautionary tetanus shot. Jay said, "Getting the shot hurt more than the bite."

For the last 19 years, Jay has been driving the exact same postal truck and he loves it. It has become part of him; he knows every little nuance of the truck.



Each postman at the Mission Viejo Post Office is required to do six mandatory movements at each stop:

1. Take off seat belt.
2. Put in Park.
3. Put on emergency brake.
4. Take keys out.
5. Turn wheels to curb.
6. Carry satchel to porch to use as guard if necessary.

FROM OUR ANCIENT HISTORY DEPT.

## ARCHIVES

### MISSION VIEJO REPORTER, 1978



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## FROM OUR QUESTIONABLE ADVICE DEPT.



- WITH MISSION VIEJO'S SANDRA FERGUSON

*Mission Viejo's very own advice columnist is a straight shooter and slightly humorous.*

Dear Uncle Earl,

I live in Palmia, and I've carried a lucky rabbit foot keychain since I was 10 years old. It has brought me more than my fair share of good fortune. My miniature schnauzer **Noodles** is close to the end of her life after giving me 15 years of companionship. Would it be out of line for me to have one of Noodle's paws tuned into an adorable keepsake keychain? I haven't heard of anyone doing this, but I'm sure once others see the results, it could catch on.

- Eloise

**Dear Eloise,**

**To be honest, I find your idea of the puppy-paw keychain an interesting idea.**

**Holding on to meaningful memories shared with a loved one who has passed away is a helpful way of dealing with your grief. As time passes, memories have a tendency to fade away unless they are revisited occasionally. For instance, I keep both of my ex-husbands ashes here in the house, one on the mantle and one outside I use as an ashtray. It still brings me joy when I find my first husband's toenail clippings near the fireplace.**

**Hope this helps - Aunt Sandy**

## FROM OUR STRAIGHT FROM THE TOP DEPT.

# ASK THE CHAIRMAN

- with Planning Commission Chairman Joe Blum



# SPEED HUMPS OR SPEED BUMPS

**Q: The crazy teenagers drive too fast down the street. How can I get speed bumps installed?**

All the following conditions are required per the City of Mission Viejo's Speed Hump Policies, Guidelines and Procedures.

1. Obtain signatures of 67% of street residents indicating support.
2. Street segment must be at least ¼ mile long.
3. Legal speed limit is 25 mph.
4. Radar survey shows more than 15% of motorists exceed 32 MPH.
5. Paved width is 40 feet or less.
6. Street shall be no more than one lane in each direction.
7. Average traffic volume greater than 2,000 vehicles per day.
8. Street has grade of 5% or less.
9. Roadway must have adequate sight distance.
10. Orange County Fire must approve.

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Thank you,  
**Joe Blum**  
Chairman, Planning Commission





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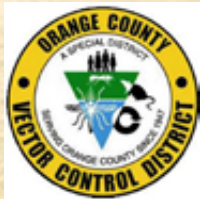
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FROM OUR POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE DEPT.

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Birds testing positive for West Nile virus are good indicators that the disease is present in the neighborhood. Residents are encouraged to report dead birds to Vector Control for testing.

The bird must be dead for less than 24 hours. If you are not sure if the bird you have found has been dead less than 24 hours before, look for the following clues:

1. The bird should not be stiff.
  2. There should be no ants or flies covering the bird.
  3. The bird should not have a foul odor.
- In addition, the bird should be intact.
- a. No missing body parts
  - b. No physical injuries
  - c. Eyeballs must be intact (disease testing require bird eye fluid)

## Use caution if you must handle a dead bird:

- Do not touch dead birds with your bare hands.
- Wear gloves or use a stick to pick the bird up.
- Do not eat while handling the bird.
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For many years, the Santa Fe would whistle when it had something or someone to drop off at Galivan, as well as stopping there if anyone was "flagging" to be taken aboard.

**DEFINITION:** A *flag stop*, or *whistle stop* is a stop or station at which trains respectively stop only on request, that is, only if there are passengers or freight to be picked up or dropped off.



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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

**QUESTION:** When you see a penny on the ground, do you pick it up or leave it there?

All answers submitted by readers on the Mission Viejo Reporter Facebook page

**Patti Bout Morrison** - See a penny pick it up, all the day you'll have good luck

**Irma Smith Maurer** - I pick it up because I don't want God's name to be trampled on, by our feet or tires!

**AJ Jones** - How do y'all suppose all those pennies get there? Yep, me. When I get them in my change I sprinkle them around town in high traffic areas. Been doing it for years.

**Rose Perry** - I pick it up because it is from one of my loved ones in heaven

**Popi Massey** - I pick it up.  
When I was little, my dad would pick up pennies off the ground no matter what and exclaim, "Oh, a lucky penny!" So now, so do I.

**Jenni Lewis** - I pick it up of its heads up. If it's tails up I leave it

**Bonnie Murray** - pick up pennys from Heaven!

**Dian Hunt Garbarini** - Pick it up. It's a wink from my mom in heaven!

**Joanne Foritano Suttile** - Always. Found two brand new ones a few days ago. Is that twice the luck?

**Annette Craddock Jackes** - Always. Pennies from heaven. Or any other coin/bill. We always say, "thank you Tim, I love you too". Goes to a charity eventually.

**Erin Lewallen** - If its tails up, I flip it, heads up I pick up

**Jill Keating** - I leave it but always say "dad's here. Hi dad." Pennies from heaven.

**Dian Hunt Garbarini** - I guess the picker-uppers remember what a penny could buy, and pick up for nostalgic reasons. The younger crowd would most likely leave it.

**Jackie Derr Ladd** - Heads up - yes. Heads down - nope.

**Laura Berry** - Heads up - pick it up. Heads down, flip it over for someone else to find.

**Michael McGauley** - I always pick it up....it's money and I used to buy stuff with it, mostly candy

**Marie Hussey Kilby** - Penny, Penny bring me luck, cuz I'm the one who picked you up

**Charles Pfeffer** - Only so many knee bends left. Stays where it fell!

**Emmett Smith** - Only heads up do I pick up, if it's tails I kick it.

**Nancy Hoyle Brown** - I always pick them up .....

**Jonette Urena Corbett** - Always pick up and always make a cross sign on the floor where I found it. It's what my mom does and now I do for Good luck :)

**Nermine Morcos-Clark** - Pick it up! And spend it! Haha.

**Lois Halbert** - Pick it up. If you save enough you can buy something.

**Russell Long** - Pick it up, it says in God we Trust

**Debra Porter Twardowski** - Leave it because they took all the copper out



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**M**arguerite Parkway was designed to be the spine of Mission Viejo. All main streets would intersect this curving, scenic, mother-of-all-roads. Named after Marguerite O'Neill, the matriarch of the O'Neill family, this parkway winds and twists seven beautiful miles through the center of Mission Viejo.

The intent was to design and build an internal curving ear, arterial road system connecting all the residential neighborhood streets via this road.

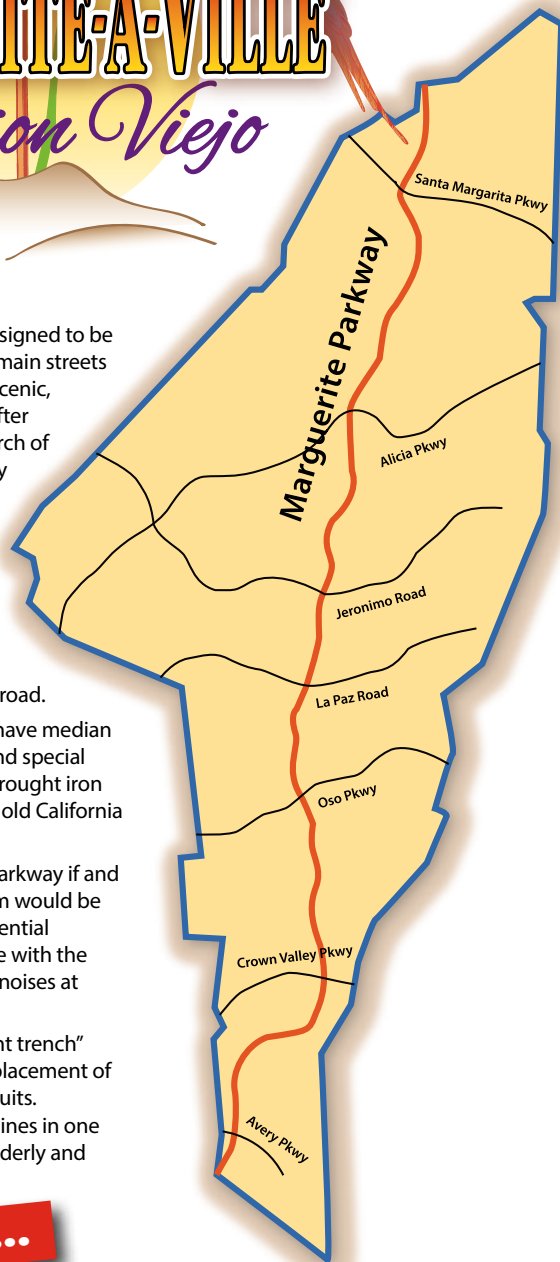
Marguerite Parkway would have median strips with trees, shrubbery, and special street-lights, complete with wrought iron ornaments reminiscent of the old California mission bells.

In addition, on Marguerite Parkway if and where possible, its road system would be built below the adjacent residential neighborhoods. This was done with the purpose of keeping vehicular noises at acceptable levels.

Lastly, Marguerite had a "joint trench" which was the underground placement of telephone and electrical conduits. Telephone, gas and electrical lines in one joint trench provide a more orderly and aesthetically pleasing road.

### Did you know...

There are exactly 108 palm trees within the median along Marguerite Parkway, some topping out close to the 60 foot mark.



Mission Viejo's first elementary school was named for the ranch matriarch, **Marguerite M. O'Neill.**



## This Month's "Quotable Quotes"

The Mission Viejo Reporter asks the question. Who motivates the motivator?

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil, is for good men to do nothing - Edmund Burke  
Christopher Skornia, MV Rotary President

**TODAY IS A GIFT. THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT THE PRESENT.**  
-KEVIN FROBOTA - LAKE MISSION VIEJO GENERAL MANAGER

Don't stop imagining the possibilities and your choices in life won't stop either. - Tamar Kushner  
Patrick Stabell, President - Metro Coast Insurance

A society grows great when old men plant trees under whose shade they will never sit - Unknown  
- Mission Viejo Mayor Greg Rath

When our local business prospers, our community prospers.  
Bob Stewart - President, MV Chamber of Commerce

**Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right.** - Henry Ford  
Leroy Sabre - Former President of the MV Chamber of Commerce

**All things are possible for those who believe!**  
- Mark Martinez - President, Mission Viejo LeTip

The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others.  
- Lt. Yuong Ouyen, Mission Viejo Chief of Police Services

You're only given a little spark of madness, you mustn't lose it. - Robin Williams  
- Dave Leckness - Publisher, Mission Viejo Reporter

**Do or do not, there is no try.** - Yoda  
- Brian Goodell  
Mission Viejo Mayor Pro Tem

**It can be done** - Ronald Reagan  
- City of Mission Viejo Recreation Director Mark Nix

Happiness comes from the capacity to feel deeply, to enjoy simply, to think freely, to risk life, and to be needed - Margaret Storm Jameson  
Sherri Butterfield - Former Mayor of Mission Viejo

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. - Ralph Waldo Emerson  
Dennis Wilberg - Mission Viejo City Manager

**Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote once every year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.** - Marjorie Moore  
Doug Zielasko - General Manager, Mission Viejo Chamber of Commerce



FROM OUR **NUMBER TWO** DEPT.

# SEWER SURFIN'

## VISITING WITH RON JOHNSON PLANT SUPERVISOR



Ron Johnson

Located in the heart of the city but also in a place where few know exactly where, is our sewer system. In charge is long time **Santa Margartia Water District** employee and MIT graduate **Ron Johnson**. Along with Ron are his crew members Nick Salb and Jeff Sprueill.

This elaborate system at the **Oso Creek Water Reclamation Plant** brings all of the bathroom debris to a special location here in the city where it is cleaned, separated and converted into reclaimed water used for irrigation. This facility is absolutely spotless and smells terrific! The **Mission Viejo Reporter** asked Mr. Johnson, "How is it that there is no terrible smell although all the water is a churning dark brown color?" He replied, "We keep massive amounts of air and movement injected into the water."

All of Mission Viejo medians, parks and slopes are irrigated by this sophisticated system, so next time you flush, know it's going to a good cause.



The Oso Creek Water Reclamation Plant

FROM OUR **SCARED SHIRTLESS** DEPT.

# GOLFERS SHAKEN

## GOLFERS EXPERIENCE WILD KINGDOM MOMENT



With recent stories like the jogger killing a mountain lion with his bare hands and a cougar removed from a backyard tree in Hesperia in the news lately. It is good to remember that it was not long ago a few Mission Viejo golfers got the scare of a lifetime, when they spotted a medium sized mountain lion at the 13th

hole on the Tijeras Creek Golf Course.

This area is just a few hundred yards away from Gilleran and Curtis Parks. So, next time you and a friend are hiking in the arroyo near the 13th hole, be sure and be careful and bring running shoes. You don't have to out-run the mountain lion, but just out-run your friend.





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# SHE WANTED TO DIE

## NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPE

Two employees who work at the Shops at Mission Viejo helped prevent a woman from jumping off the 5th floor of the Nordstroms parking structure at the mall in January

Security Officer **Jonathan** saw a distraught woman with her legs over the edge. He tried to reason with her to get off the ledge, but she repeatedly told him she wanted to die. **Chanel**, who works at Nordstrom in the makeup section, was returning back to work from a break. She saw Jonathan with the woman sitting on the edge of the parking structure with her feet hanging out of the structure. Chanel heard the woman tell Jonathan she wanted to die and heard Jonathan trying to convince her to not kill herself.



Chanel went over and assisted Jonathon by grabbing one of her arms while he held onto her other. Soon after, they felt her put her weight forward, so they had to pull her back to an upright position. They physically prevented her from going over the ledge and continued to plead with her not to jump.

Chanel then shared a very personal event with the woman. Chanel told the woman about her uncle who was a police officer who had taken his life by jumping off of a building. Chanel further explained all the hurt she would cause to all the people that love her. This shared moment calmed the woman down, and she agreed to sit facing into the parking structure.

Deputies arrived and were able to place the woman on a mental health hold. Without a doubt, these two outstanding citizens saved the woman's life. Jonathan and Chanel, thank you for caring for a total stranger and making our community safer. Some heroes may wear capes while others wear makeup

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FROM OUR SANDBAGGING DEPT.

# BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY

MISSION VIEJO PROVIDES FREE SAND BAGS



Now that Winter has officially begun, we're reminding residents that free sandbags are available to help protect properties from possible flooding.

Sandbags are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through April on a first-come, first-served basis. Bags are pre-filled and are limited to 10 bags per resident. You can pick-up sandbags throughout the City of Mission Viejo at the following self-serve locations:

Craycraft (Alicia) Park, 23650 Via Linda

Animal Services Center, 28095 Hillcrest

Mission Viejo Civic Center, 200 Civic Center

Florence Joyner Olympiad Park, 22760 Olympiad Road

Gillman Park, 24960 Felipe Road

Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center, 24932 Veterans Way

Marty Russo Youth Athletic Park, 22056 Olympiad Road

## Ask Me...

I can help you

**Rob Capobianco**

Mission Viejo Fire Chief



MY FIRE CHIEF

**Rob**

**QUESTION FOR THE CHIEF :**

How many Firemen watch over Mission Viejo at any given time?

**ANSWER:**

The City of Mission Viejo has 16 Firefighters on duty every day.

**Fire Station 31** - 22426 Olympiad Rd

**Fire Engine 31** - 1 Captain, 1 Fire Apparatus Engineer & 2 Firefighter/Paramedics

**Fire Station 24** - 25862 Marguerite Pkwy

**Fire Engine 24** - 1 Captain, 1 Fire Apparatus Engineer & 2 Firefighter/Paramedics

**Fire Station 9** - #9 Shops at Mission Viejo

**Fire Engine 9** - 1 Captain, 1 Fire Apparatus Engineer & 2 Firefighter/Paramedics

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**Thank You,**

**Rob Capobianco**

Mission Viejo Fire Chief

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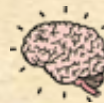
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FROM OUR MESSING WITH THE MIND DEPT.



## BRAIN TWISTER

Count the number of "F's"  
in the sentence below.

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COMBINED WITH THE  
EXPERIENCE OF YEARS."

One's perception may not always be correct.

Answer on the back cover



FROM OUR MEET YOUR MERCHANT DEPT.

# ROYAL

## DONUTS & BURGERS

### A MISSION VIEJO MAINSTAY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR



Originally built as a Pup-n-Taco over 40 years ago, The building now has a true icon, **Royal Donuts and Burgers**, where they have been serving high quality donuts

and hamburgers for over thirty years. **Sing Chau** bought Royal Donuts over 22 years ago, and his entire family works there now.

A typical day begins at 1:00 AM, when the doughnuts get prepared.

About 5:00 AM, Royal's opens, and the drive-thru begins to fill up. 10 AM is when the smell of those freshly made hamburgers start to fill the air around the corner of Jeronimo and Marguerite. Next time you want the best hamburger in Mission Viejo, stop by Royal Donuts and Burgers.



*Some of the Royal's Wares*

FROM OUR MISSION VIEJO HISTORY DEPT.

**Did you know...**

# THE Y IN MV

## HOW THE YMCA GREW IN MISSION VIEJO

The original Mission Viejo Recreation Centers were built to have a place for Mission Viejo kids to be active. The Marguerite facility was very large, and in 1993, the City discovered that the recreation center was losing money. The **Saddleback YMCA** existed at the time, but had no facility. They ran Indian Guides & Child Care programs out of a store front office building on La Paz Road.

Around that time, one of the YMCA board members, **Rick Murray**, was having lunch with **Bill Craycraft**, the Mayor at the time, and Bill was mentioning the cost of operating the recreation centers. Rick said he had the solution: The YMCA would take over the Marguerite Center on a 15 year lease for \$1 per year and save the City hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. In December of 1994, the YMCA signed an agreement with the City, and soon Saddleback YMCA moved into half of the Marguerite Recreation Center.

The YMCA became hugely successful, and membership grew, and along the way, new programs for children and adults were created.

Fast forward to 2004, **Chuck Costello & Rick Donahue** negotiated a 30 year lease extension, and the YMCA changed its name to the **Mission Viejo YMCA** and will be part of the City's history forever.



FROM OUR HORSEBACK HISTORY DEPT.

# THINGS THAT ARE NO LONGER HERE



*Mission Viejo Stables Entry*

With each phase of homes developing in our community, the Mission Viejo Stables and adjacent riding trails were moved. They eventually closed in the 1980's, as the urban plan was completed. The final site of the stables would, coincidentally, become the **Mission Viejo Animal Services Center**.



## A Choice Blend of Community and Coffee

You clearly have an overabundance of choices to grab a cup of coffee and a bite to eat as you start your morning commute, or join friends or colleagues for lunch, or cram for that midterm exam, or just decompress after a hard day's work. But many coffee houses just don't have the comfort and sense of community that Mission Viejo's **It's A Grind** has.

Perhaps that's because the baristas and the owner genuinely care about their customers and greet many regulars by their first names when they walk in the door. **It's A Grind** also constantly gives back to the community — whether donating coffee and food to Mission

Viejo schools, PTAs, veterans organizations, and other groups, or hosting events like singing recitals, or treating customers to live music giving local talent a chance to shine.

If you enjoy hot, iced or blended fresh-roasted gourmet coffee or tea drinks, **It's A Grind** has all that, too, of course — as well as, bistro items

other bigger coffee chains don't have, like their very popular, signature avocado toast. **It's A Grind** demonstrates that when community and coffee blend, good things happen.



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## SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING ATHLETE OF THE MONTH Joe Carlucci - Water Polo



**Joe Carlucci** is a Sophomore at Mission Viejo High School. Joe just wrapped up the water polo season where he is the varsity goalie, and made Sea View League First Team for 2018-2019. His 1st water polo coach at Power Aquatics said, "You're a good size to play goalie; get in the goal," and it has been game on ever since. Joe is also on the varsity swim team and is excited for this season. Joe loves to be with his teammates and has a gift for making people laugh. He enjoys silly antics in the pool like singing or roaring, and it has been said, he can make any situation fun.



Most people would describe Joe as a fun loving, quick witted, highly spirited young man, but, there is a serious side of Joe too. That's the military side. Joe has also been in the Navy Sea Cadets since age 10. He has attended Navy Basic Training and advanced trainings in medics, leadership, aviation, marksmanship and sailing. Not many kids can say they've flown around over Camp Pendleton in a helicopter! Joe plans on joining the United States Marine Corps in the future. In the meantime, he enjoys playing Xbox with friends and family.

The less obvious thing about Joe is his big heart. He volunteers his time feeding the homeless with his church. Joe also loves animals; he and his family have goats, rabbits, dogs and chickens. Joe loves all animals with short legs and still loves dinosaurs.

Brain Teaser: The correct answer is 6



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