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Calling All Parrot Heads!

The quest to find the origin of the Mission Viejo Parrot



Photo by: Brian Ferguson

By Dalia van den Boogaard

I thought I had downed two-too-many margaritas when I left High Park Tap House and encountered what appeared to be a flock of partying parrots. I squinted and blinked but found that my eyes had not deceived me, nor had my ears, punctured by a cacophony best described as screeching and squawking with a dollop of chirping. I'm no ornithologist, but the Shrek-colored creatures frolicking in the parking lot trees were indeed parrots.

Since then, my occasional parrot sightings while walking my dogs have intrigued me, but nothing piqued my curiosity as much as a recent encounter in my own front yard. Hearing their distinctive caterwauling, I raced outside to find a pandemonium of parrots that descended, in one fell swoop, into our Sour Gum tree. I tiptoed back inside, grabbed the camcorder, and filmed these red-crowned phenomena as they basked in the late-afternoon sun. Where did these parrots come from, or was Southern California their native home?

Originally a Midwesterner, I knew little about Orange County's indigenous birds and decided to do some research. For starters, I learned that the species that hung out in my yard was not native to the Golden State. The only parrot native to the United States, the Carolina Parakeet, was declared extinct in 1939. Around the world, however, dozens of the 393 species of psittacines—parrots, that is—are currently critically endangered. This situation brings us to the theories about

how 13 species of these tropical and subtropical birds came to California, some to our city, whose climate is between semi-arid and Mediterranean.

The key word is "theories." Not even the experts at the Orange County Zoo could provide me with definitive answers. The first documented sightings of wild parrots in So Cal occurred in the 1960s, although one urban myth dates their arrival back to the 1940s. That story suggests that a woman routinely flew her small plane down to Mexico to smuggle Amazon parrots to sell in California. On several flights, the parrots escaped their cages, bashed about the cockpit, and flew away when the woman landed the plane. Fast-forward to the *(Continued on pg.3)*

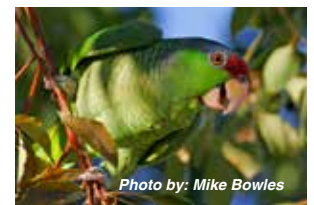


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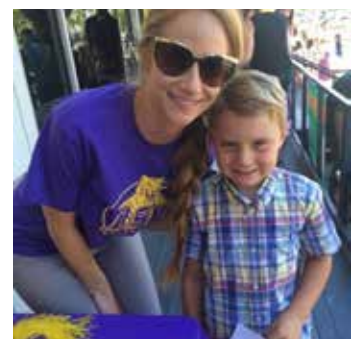
OUR TEACHER OF THE MONTH AT OXFORD PREPARATORY ACADEMY



Molly Trumbo is a first grade teacher at Oxford Preparatory Academy elementary school in Mission Viejo. She attended California State Fullerton University, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Child and Adolescent studies as well as a K-8th grade multiple subject credential.

She is a teacher that is well respected and loved for her work ethic as well as creating individual curriculum for her students. She is a teacher who loves and appreciates reading to her students and incorporates group art in her studies to influence her students, the majority who are special learners.

Mrs. Trumbo likes participating within her school by joining the social community and recycling committee. She plans on staying at Oxford for years to come. Any parent would love to have her as their child's teacher.



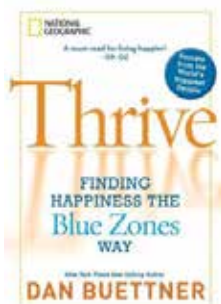
From The Editor

By Dave Leckness



Recently, I read a book called **Thrive: Finding Happiness the Blue Zones Way**. The author talks about what makes a person happy; here is an excerpt:

You can shape your own environments to live better, happier and longer. The best way to do that, as we've seen, is to follow the practices of the world's most experienced thrivers: Set reasonable goals for your life. Seek out a place to live where people are already thriving. Choose a community where you can live out your interests. Find a modest house in a neighborhood of other modest houses, with neighbors you can call friends and sidewalks that let you walk where you need to go. Recognize your purpose in living each day. Take time to appreciate the arts. Find a job that you love without worrying too much about the salary. Find a hobby that fuels your passions. Take six weeks of vacation a year no matter what. Set your life up so that you're physically active every day. Spend six hours a day with your lover, kids, and a handful of TRUE friends. Meditate, pray, or nap daily. And, call your mother.



Thanks for reading,

-Dave

Intersections We Remember



Map with streets provided by Mitch Kronowit

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PRO TEM ADVOCATING FOR MISSION VIEJO

By Mayor Pro Tem, Wendy Bucknum



Recently, I joined Mayor Frank Ury along with the Association of California Cities OC and the Orange County Business Council in Sacramento to discuss issues impacting our region and especially Mission Viejo.

A few of the topics covered:

- **Impact on crime** in our region associated with AB109, which has pushed state prisoners into county prisons and Proposition 47, which decriminalized some felonies to misdemeanors.
- Discussed potential legislation with Senator Pat Bates and Assemblyman Bill Brough related to Sober Living Homes in an attempt to provide more oversight and regulatory control over these facilities placed in our local neighborhoods.
- Water storage and supply discussions.
- **Regulatory environment** impacting businesses and the housing industry.



It's important that city council members spent time with our state and federal elected representatives to advocate on our citizens' behalf. Many State and Federal mandates and legislation directly impact our city and the ability to protect our quality of life and vitality of our economy.

NOTE FROM THE SUPERVISOR



By Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett
5th District Chairwoman, Orange County
Board of Supervisors

Going into my second year as a County Supervisor, I would like to sincerely thank my colleagues for appointing me as 2016 Chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors. With new leadership on the Board, many Mission Viejo residents are asking what are my goals and objectives for 2016.

- Alleviating traffic and improving goods movement, such as including a direct carpool connector between SR-91 and SR-241, I-5 widening, and completing SR-241.
- Improving public safety, especially as it relates to securing more resources to address the growing presence of AB 109 offenders. (AB 109 transfers responsibility for supervising certain kinds of felony offenders from state prisons to county jails).
- Addressing the drought through regional cooperation.

As always, my door is always open. For more information, or if I can ever be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at Lisa.Bartlett@ocgov.com or (714) 834-3550.



Jill Jackson Rosalos

(Continued from cover story)

1960s for two more urban legends: The first submits that a van transporting exotic birds was involved in a collision, and parrots were set free when their cages came crashing from the vehicle. The second one relates to the disastrous Bel Air fire that prompted frantic homeowners and firefighters to release yellow-headed parrots, very popular among the residents, into the wild. Among rumors from the 1970s, one suggests that our local yellow-headed and red-crowned parrots are descendents of about a dozen escapees from a circus. A second, perhaps more plausible story is that when Busch Gardens in Van Nuys decided to get rid of its bird sanctuary to make room for what the public really wanted—more beer halls—parrots escaped while being shipped to new locations. Who knows if any of these stories are for real... or simply for the birds?

Meet Mission Viejo's DEPUTY HOWLETT

Deputy Brian Howlett has been a part of the Orange County Sheriff's Department for eight years. He has been with the



Mission Viejo Police Services for only a year and enjoys it. Deputy Howlett responds to calls daily for theft and domestic violence, patrols the area, and more, all to ensure that Mission Viejo is safe.

Deputy Howlett not only enjoys working as a sheriff protecting the community but also enjoys helping the Mission Viejo Boy Scouts. He works a 12-hour day throughout the week full time, so more than likely you will see him at the Civic Center in Mission Viejo if you need any assistance. Howlett is married, a father to two girls, and loves the community and his family.



VOTED BEST PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Flag at half-staff in honor of Nancy Reagan.



Last month on our **Facebook page** hundreds of residents sent us their best picture. Here at Mission Viejo Reporter headquarters we chose **Karen Chapin's** photo as "Best in Show".



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SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



Nicole Sighiartau Sailing

Nicole is ten years old and in the fifth grade at **Bathgate Elementary School**, and started sailing with her dad at age six. She has been a member of the junior sailing team at Lake Mission Viejo for two years. Nicole has been a winner at many sailing events. Perhaps her biggest win was the Gold Cup at Newport Harbor where she placed first in a group of twenty-five boys and girls representing coastal yacht clubs from Long Beach to San Diego. She's looking forward to the Sabot Championships this summer.





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CROW DOWN!

Crow gets tangled in streetlight



Special Report by Karin Krawiec of Neighborhood Car Care

Special thanks to City of Mission Viejo staff and **Animal Control Officer Rodriguez** and especially **Bruce Trexler**, who came out last month to help get a poor crow whose foot was stuck on a city light post. At 7:00 am, I called the Sheriff's non-emergency number, and by 9:20 am the crow was rescued.



Unfortunately, it had a broken leg. I gave them a dog crate to put it in, and the crow was taken to the **Mission Viejo Animal Shelter** and received by **Officer David Lim**.

I am grateful for the compassionate people in my city that were sent out to do this job humanely. -KK



PATSY'S IRISH PUB

Out and about in Mission Viejo with Kathy Kuiper



Many a night, our gang ends up at **Patsy's Irish Pub**. Patsy's is located at 25571 Jeronimo. Our good friends, Rebecca and Alex, love this place too, and we've even run into each other there when we drop the kids off at a YMCA Parent's Night Out. The only downside is that so far, our parental judgment

has prevented us from taking Uber to go pick them up.

The corned beef tacos are popular with locals, and if you have a hankering for anything with horseradish, along with a cheap strong drink, these tacos are calling your name. They're especially inexpensive (or as my husband likes to say, "almost free") on the Happy Hour menu.

Sometimes you can barely hear yourself talk over the karaoke, but that's half the fun. The DJ often hands out hats and glasses and gets people to perform like rock stars onstage.

I even like seeing the smokers in the parking lot and the bouncers at the door and yes, maybe it's because they always still card me. All of it adds up to a night of, well the antithesis of good, clean fun, which is exactly what I came for.

SCHOOL COPS!

Orange County Sheriff's Program

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

In Mission Viejo we have five SRO's:

Dep. Tanisha Pa'uSilverado HS/Los Alisos Intermediate

Dep. James PorrasTrabuco Hills HS

Dep. Hugo HuertaMission Viejo HS/La Paz Intermediate/Gang Reduction Intervention Program

Dep. Heather TimminsNewhart Middle/Carl Hankey/Gang Reduction Intervention Program

Dep. Hector CatalanCapistrano Valley HS



Each deputy has an office at each school, most just a few doors away from the principal's office. The SRO's 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.

Having SRO's 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 SRO's are worth every cent.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Islands Restaurant will be moving from Kaleidoscope Mission Viejo to a new location at **The Shops at Mission Viejo**. The space was previously occupied by Farrell's Ice Cream, although **Islands** will slightly reduce the size of lease space to 5,600 square feet (from about 7,100 square feet). The site will get an exterior façade renovation and related site improvements.



The restaurant also will have an upgraded Type 47 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license, allowing on-site sales of beer, wine and distilled spirits. **Islands** will have new entry doors, a new patio, and new landscaping. The patio is in the same



location, and the façade will be new. There will be a new fence, glass panels and trellis. **Islands** hopes to be up and operating at the new location in late July. Proposed hours of operation are 11:00 am to 12:00 midnight, daily.



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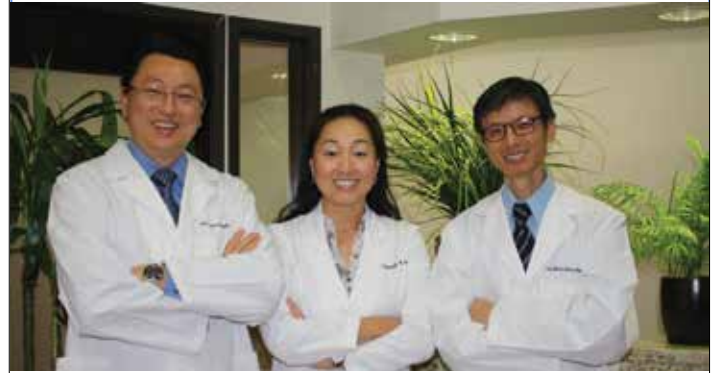
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Reilly Elementary Students Enjoy Thrills AND Learning with BMX Show

By Irene Palatics

Reilly Elementary School's PTA challenged its students and community to meet their one and only fundraising goal of \$26,000 during its annual Jog-A-Thon. If the fund raiser were a success, the students would enjoy a surprise, schoolwide event.

Reilly took on the challenge! Last month, the students enjoyed the high energy of **Robert Castillo's** BMX Freestyle team as a reward for exceeding the PTA's fundraising goal.

Students were awed by Castillo's amazing BMX tricks on the ground. Reilly student **London Meredith** participated in the action as his classmates cheered. He said, "It was so cool and inspiring! When pro-BMX rider **Alex Landeros** flew



through the air and jumped over me, I decided then I wanted to ride BMX."

The presenters encouraged the students to see their education and positive choices in life as a pathway to personal success. Castillo explained that Landeros' unbelievable stunts seem to be done effortlessly, but his skills are won through daily hard work and perseverance.

Reilly Principal **Jill Brennan** was thrilled with the show's inspiring message. "What I loved was the tie-in to our Pyramid of Success. Skill, hard work, and determination are all needed to reach your personal best," Brennan concluded. Reilly uses famed UCLA coach John Wooden's "Pyramid of Success" as the basis for its character education program.

Kid City MISSION VIEJO'S FIRST CHURCH at Mount of Olives

Mount of Olives recently celebrated the grand opening of a new building on campus. The new Kid City building is 12,383 sq ft and three floors and is designed specifically for children's programs. The large group rooms are themed, like the "Kid City" floor that looks like a city scene with a life-size truck delivering the Good News.

The "Theater District" floor is decorated with playbills telling Bible stories, a stage, and interactive activities on tablets. In addition, the floor themed "Pier 3:16" looks like San Francisco with a full-size trolley car that children can

sit in during small group breakout time.

Kid City children's ministry at Mount of Olives is designed just for kids with exciting weekday and weekend programs, music and art programs, summer camps and special events.

Learn more about Mount of Olives Church and its ministries online at moochurch.org.



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Meet the workforce from Goodwill

Met the hard workers from Goodwill: **Samantha Ferri**, **Arika Ibsen**, **Andrew** (secret last name) and **Lauren Voogd** when they come to **High Park Tap House Restaurant** in Mission Viejo five days a week. They clean up the inside and the patio, set out condiments and carefully wrap silverware. They get paid every other week and pick up their checks at the Goodwill on Via Fabricante.

The young adults are so proud of their ability to make their own money. They have a job coach, **Kaylee**, that's provided by Goodwill and oversees their work.

These workers live together in a group home in Laguna Beach. Each day, the job coach picks them up and brings them here to Mission Viejo. The job coach takes them to lunch and then takes them home after the day's work. The job

coach is a very special position, and these coaches are proud to help.

They were especially selected for this type of work because of their special abilities and understand how important their role is to our community. **Valorie Green**, owner of High Park Tap House says, "We are blessed to have them work with us."



Andrew, Arika, Lauren and Samantha



CRIME

Eagle Steals Fish in Broad Daylight

After one of the biggest restocking of fish in recent memory, a theft occurred. Last month, a Mission Viejo resident reported that an Osprey eagle sky dived into **Lake Mission Viejo** feet first and grabbed a large fish. The raptor then turned the fish around in mid-air so the fish was facing forward, then flew to the top of a tree on the Alicia Parkway median and ate his catch.



(File photo)

Also, regularly fishing on Lake Mission Viejo are American White Pelicans, Blue Herons, Great Egrets, and our beloved crows.

A LITTLE BIT OF MISSION VIEJO HISTORY

by Chuck Costello



Who Named Our Streets?

Suzanne Charlton has lived an incredible life. As a girl, she studied abroad in Italy and surfed her way through high school in Long Beach before attending USC. Sue was married to Phil Charlton, an executive for the **Mission Viejo Company**. Sue, Phil, and their family moved to Europe, bought a Volkswagen camper, and traveled extensively before settling in Spain, where she fell in love with the Spanish language and culture. The family returned stateside for the birth of their third son, John. Sue taught Spanish at **Mission Viejo High** for fifteen years and founded the school's Model United Nations program

Sue named many of the streets in Mission Viejo before we became a city in 1988. Her love for Spanish culture shows in many of our city's street names.

O'Neill family names are present everywhere in Mission Viejo. Marguerite Parkway was named after Marguerite O'Neill, Alicia Parkway was named after Alice O'Neill Avery, Antonio Parkway was named after Tony Moiso, Jeronimo was named after Jerome O'Neill, and Olympiad was originally named O'Neill but changed its name after the Olympics in 1984.

SAY WHAT! DEPARTMENT

MISSION VIEJO, COLORADO

Mission Viejo is a subdivision of Aurora, Colorado.

The land on which **Mission Viejo, Colorado**, lies was once a homestead at the corner of Quincy Avenue and Chambers Road. The 640-acre plot was purchased around 1972 by the **Mission Viejo Company** of California with the purpose of creating a planned development in the style of Mission Viejo, California, with "Barcelona" entrance walls and "Mission Bell" street lights. Two parkways (Alicia and Marguerite) are also named in honor of Mission Viejo's matriarchs.

The subdivision contains parks, a public library branch, homes of various styles, and a Cherry Creek Elementary School. Notable features of the subdivision include the circular drive at its center formed by Mission Parkway, Alicia Parkway, and Mission Viejo Park.



Mission Viejo, Aurora, CO

Mission Viejo Resident Of The Month



Harvey Ohman has been a resident of Mission Viejo for over 43 years. He has been married for 51 years with two boys and seven grandchildren. He is a retired vice president of Smith Kline medical laboratory. Since he retired, he has participated in events around Mission Viejo.

He enjoys helping out the kids in Little League baseball and Pop Warner football. Currently, he is the announcer at the **Mission Viejo High School** football games. He has been announcing for 43 years and loves it. Harvey is also a member of the Mission Viejo Elks Lodge. He is the membership chairman and lounge manager. Harvey said, "The Elks Lodge is a wonderful community center where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow." Currently there are 1,050 members, and Harvey really enjoys how much he gets to participate within the community.

Family & Urgent Care Medicine

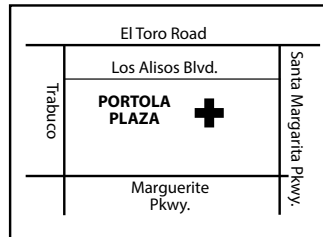
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Mission Viejo Bows With Model Homes



PROJECT DISCUSSION — Looking over Map of Mission Viejo are (from left) Donald L. Bren, President of the Mission Viejo Company, Harlan Lee and Byron Lasky, builders-developers, and James Deane of Deane Brothers, builders-developers. When completed, Mission Viejo will include a population in excess of 80,000 people.

Mission Viejo High School to Open in 1966

Three School Sites Purchased

Three school sites in Mission Viejo have been purchased by the San Joaquin Elementary School District.

The sites are for two elementary schools and one intermediate school.

The two elementary schools, kindergarten through sixth grade, will be located on approximately 10 acres. Each will

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The Mission Viejo High School, now under construction, will open its doors September, 1966, states Philip Reilly, executive vice president of Mission Viejo Company, developers.

The 2,000 student school, when completed, will consist of seven major buildings in a cluster complex situated on a 50-acre campus. It will be located east of the Santa Ana Freeway and south of La Paz Road.

Dominant structure in the complex will be the round administration building, which will house a student library, lecture room seating up to 1,300, food service and classrooms in addition to administrative offices. Movable walls will be incorporated to maximize flexibility of room use.

Reilly said three main buildings will include classes in fine arts, science, mathematics, languages and social studies. An agriculture building will be located at the lower end of the campus.

Outdoor educational-recreational facilities include a music building with an outdoor amphitheatre, two swimming pools, tennis courts and a football stadium.

The \$4 million Mission Viejo High School is in the Tustin Union High School District.

Thriftmart, Church to Open in Plaza

Thriftmart, major Southern California food market chain, will open a facility in the 14-acre Shopping Plaza, a step marking the immediate growth of Mission Viejo as a community designed to meet the total needs of its residents.

"The store will be a miniature supermarket," Lavery said. "It represents our first venture into the convenience food field. We are installing this convenience food market in Mission Viejo because we feel this new community offers an excellent and unusual opportunity."

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The nation's newest city, Mission Viejo, bowed to the public this month with the opening of ten model homes.

Golf Course Under Way

Construction of The Mission Viejo 18-hole golf course, designed by Robert Trent Jones, is well underway, with opening for play scheduled in Summer of 1966.

When completed the course will be capable of holding championship tournaments, including such majors as the U. S. Open and the PGA. The course is a par 72, 7180 yard facility for tournament play, 6485 yards for men and 5830 yards for women.

"The rolling contour and topography of the site, located immediately east of the Santa Ana Freeway, provided a design challenge that afforded the possibility of creating a truly exciting course," said Jones, who has designed nationally famous courses such as Broad-

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Located on the historic 53,000 acre O'Neill Ranch, second largest land holding in Orange County, Mission Viejo is a city which is completely master planned with homes under construction by two of the West Coast's outstanding residential builders, The Harlan Lee-Byron Lasky Company of Sherman Oaks and Deane Brothers of Huntington Beach.

Deane Brothers are building Deane Homes of Mission Viejo, which consist of 729 homes north of La Paz Road. The development includes two schools and parks with initial construction surrounding one school and park.

The Harlan Lee-Byron Lasky Company is building Monterey Master Homes, a 500-home development south of La Paz Road. Initial construction borders the Mission Viejo High School.

"We are gratified to have these two building firms who have demonstrated outstanding ability to produce quality homes," stated Donald L.

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READY TO TEE OFF — A bit early for play, but ready to tee off on groundbreaking ceremonies for Mission Viejo Golf Course are Robert Trent Jones (from left) and Frank Fehse, Mission Viejo Company director of engineering.



GROUND BREAKING — Examining rendering of the Mission Viejo High School at groundbreaking ceremonies are (from left) James E. Jentges, director of educational programming, Tustin Union High School District, architect Wm. Glenn Balch, Robert Dahlberg, Tustin Union High School District Superintendent, and Mission Viejo Co. executive vice president Philip Reilly.

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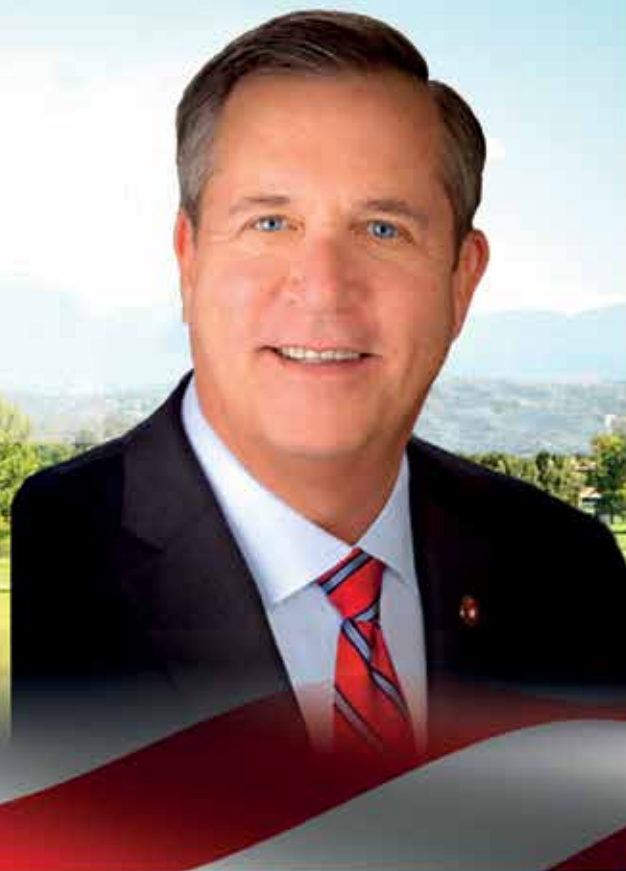
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HACIENDA OF THE MONTH

Our **Hacienda of the Month** winners for May are **Dan and Victoria Avery**. The Averys house is in the "New La Paz Homes" area of Mission Viejo, and they have lived in their house for over twenty-five years.

Recently, they have installed both new front and backyard grass, top-of-the-line Marathon sod, the kind that feels good between the toes.

Along with planting drought tolerant plants, they built a patio cover and installed new patio furniture. Victoria Avery grew up in Mission Viejo and attended Mission Viejo High School and is an Allstate Insurance agent. Dan Avery is retired from teaching at UC Irvine and Saddleback College.

Investing in Mission Viejo is the Averys theme. They love the city and believe investing in their property is good for the Averys and good for the neighborhood.



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From the Eww Dept.

The Beatles' Diary

by Pat Matthews

Here at **Beatlesarama.com** headquarters in Mission Viejo, we thought you'd like to know what the **Beatles** were up to in 1966.



Before



After

1966

The Beatles headed to a studio to be photographed by Roy Whitaker for the cover of their new Capitol Records lp, **Yesterday and Today**. By this point in time, the group had grown bored with these mandatory sessions and decided to dress like butchers and pose with raw meat, wearing blood-stained smocks, along with decapitated dolls. Capitol execs were not amused, and although several thousand copies had made their way to record stores, the album was withdrawn and a very boring cover was pasted over the original and reshipped. The result was a bonanza to everyone who got one of the original albums. Copies in great shape can fetch up to \$10,000!

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