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FIREHOUSE ROCK

THE LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT OF MISSION VIEJO FIRE FIGHTERS

Last month, the **Mission Viejo Reporter** spent some time with the firefighters of **Station No. 9** near The Shops at Mission Viejo. Out of the 72 different Orange County Fire Authority fire stations in Orange County, Station No. 9 is one of four that is the home of the **Urban Search And Rescue** equipment. We got a first-hand look at all the emergency equipment that this station has to offer.

Station No. 9 always has 8 firefighters on duty everyday, 24/7, running AB & C shifts. Here's the breakdown:

ENGINE 9

4 person crew (2 trained & qualified paramedics)
Structure and wildland firefighters
500 gallons of water on board
Over 2000 feet of hose
Transport patients from 911 calls to area hospitals.

TRUCK 9

4 person crew
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Mission Viejo Station No.9 water craft



Mission Viejo Station No.9 USAR Support Vehicle

Highlights

Homeless for the Holidays

Baum's Auto

Mr. Postman

New YMCA Director

Mission Viejo U.S.M.C

Mission Viejo Thunder & Lightning

Mission Viejo Landmark Challenge

Hooker's Lips



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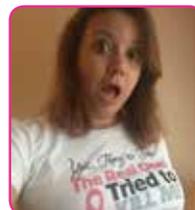
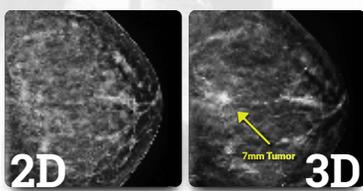
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3D mammography, also known as tomosynthesis, is a revolutionary technology that can make it easier for the radiologist to detect breast cancer. Instead of a single image, a 3D mammogram uses a series of images, taken at different angles, each one capturing a thin slice of breast tissue. These can be viewed on a computer monitor, allowing the radiologist to scroll through your entire breast and see it in more detail. This can enable your radiologist to find early cancers that traditional 2D mammograms might not show.

3D Mammography

CASE STUDY



Mission Viejo Resident Eileen Gonzalez

Patient History

- 52 year old asymptomatic female
- No family history of breast cancer
- Her regular 2D mammogram looked normal with no abnormality, but when her radiologist examined her 3D mammogram, she could see a tiny, subtle, 7mm tumor.

3D mammography is an easy way to save lives. It can show a breast cancer when it's very small and before it spreads to other parts of the body. Talk to your doctor and ask for a 3D mammogram at your next screening appointment. Because our patient asked for a 3D mammogram, she not only survived her cancer, but also thrived afterwards. 3D mammography can save your life too!



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

MISSION VIEJO

By Mayor Frank Ury

After 12 years, I must start out by thanking you, the Mission Viejo resident, who allowed me the privilege and honor to represent you on the City Council. I am amazed at how fast the years have flown by, and the relationships I have made will last me a lifetime. Mission Viejo is the greatest big, small town, in California, and we have come a long way since we started almost 30 years ago.



I also want to thank the wonderful, patient staff that I have had the pleasure of working with over the years. Obviously too many to mention, but be assured they always have the best interests in Mission Viejo at heart. From services to charity, roads to buildings, recreation to tournaments, traffic to roads, to public safety and financial strength, the wonderful people coming to work each day to make your lives better are a blessing to us all



And finally, I have to thank my family, my wife Rhonda and our kids Krista, Alex and Matthew. Being on the City Council does take time, and the patience and love my family has shown me over the years have been boundless. I am one incredibly lucky guy, because the only real way to enjoy public services is to have a wonderful family behind you, and my family is the best!



Good luck in the future Mission Viejo. You have a great council coming in, the future looks so bright!

HOMEless FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Rising From the Bottom

Being homeless is never any fun, especially during the holidays. Nobody knows it better than **Richard Morley**. Richard was homeless not too long ago, and since then he has taken it upon himself to help others in his situation. Here's Richard's story:



Richard Morley

Born in Canada in 1942, and raised by his grandparents, Richard's grandfather started the first Rotary Club in Canada, making Rotary International a household word. Richard became a very successful businessman and traveled the world as vice-president of a manufacturing company. Richard says: "I've had a fantastic life, I've seen the world."



In 2007, Richard moved his company to Laguna Niguel. His grandfather taught him to "Pay-it-forward", so Richard joined the Laguna Niguel Rotary Club.

In 2010, Richard had a massive stroke, and was in the hospital for about three months. During his rehab, Medicare came to him and said "there will be no more payments." Richard needed care and moved into a local Assisted Living facility in Mission Viejo. That cost him \$3600.00 a month. It wasn't long before Richard was out of money. To reduce his monthly expenditures, he rented a room, but that didn't work out.



Richard Morley and his Trike

Richard began living in his car trying to find work, but that proved to be very difficult because of his age and health. One night while sleeping in his car he saw a guy on a recliner bicycle, and thought that was a great idea.

Richard now lives bare-bones. He has a roommate who he splits rent with. Richard says he lives on about \$1.74 a day in food. A total of 900 calories a day is all Richard says he needs. He thanks, **Age Well Senior Services** for the free meals they provide at the **Murray Center**, which Richard rides his bike to every Tuesday and Thursday.

Richard volunteers at several centers helping homeless and sharing stories and advise. His recliner trike serves as a way for him to get the message out to respect and care for the homeless.

FIRE SAFETY

FIRE-SAFE HOLIDAY TIPS



John Abel, Mission Viejo Fire Chief
Orange County Fire Authority

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Did you know nearly half of all holiday fires are started by candles? Please keep lit candles away from decorations and other combustible material. Also, keep children and pets away from lit candles.

Before heading out or to bed, blow out lit candles and turn off all lights and electrical decorations.

Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop. Remember to "Stand by your Pan."

When picking a tree, choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Place the tree at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, candles, or heat vents. Add water to the tree daily to keep it from drying out and never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.



Let's have a Happy and Fire-Safe Holiday Season in Mission Viejo!

THUNDER & LIGHTNING



The **City of Mission Viejo** has just completed adding battery back-up systems to seven more traffic signals on Muirlands Blvd and Jeronimo Road.

Last month, the lightning storm which hit Mission Viejo in the early morning triggered the battery back-up systems in about twenty signals including five of the new ones.

Without the battery back-ups, these signals would have gone into **Red Flash** mode causing traffic delays during the morning rush hour.

We now have battery back-up systems in the signals on all major arterials.

Tiny Lights of Mission Viejo

Beginning October 1 and finishing on Thanksgiving, The City installs all of its beautiful holiday lights.

Here are some fun facts:

- 10,000 strands of lights
- 70 lights per strand = 700,000 LED lights
- Begin installing lights October 1 of each year; and finish by Thanksgiving. All are taken down and stored by the end of January.
- It takes 3 different contracting firms along with a City staff to coordinate and install all of the decorations.
- The star on the Community Tree at La Paz and Chrisanta is 4 feet across.
- It takes 2 large shipping containers to store all of the lights.
- Over 700 extension cords are needed.
- Over 23,750 feet of electrical tape are used. That's 4.5 miles of tape.

People come from all over Orange County to look at the 700,000 tiny lights!



MISSION VIEJO HOLIDAY HOME TOUR WINNERS

Each year the **Mission Viejo Activities Committee** presents awards to several homes that go above and beyond with their holiday decorations. The deadline to enter is Dec. 2nd. The entry form is available at mvactivities.com



Here are a few from last year:



73 Cantata



26302 Verdura



21732 Santa Polo



26166 Buscador



4 Amato

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MISSION VIEJO RECRUITING STATION



Staff Sergeant Sandoval Octavio & Major Taylor Adam

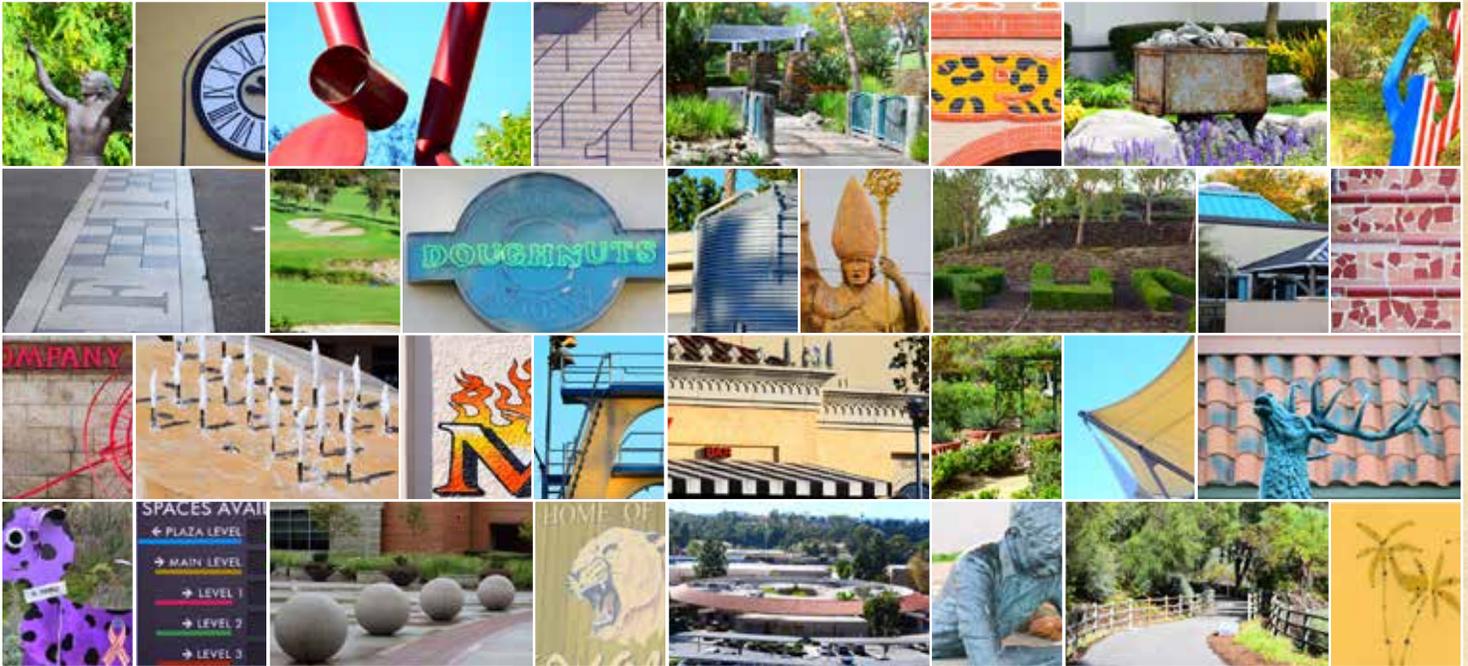
Located on Marguerite Parkway is the **United States Marine Corps Recruiting Station**. You'll find **Major Taylor Adam, Commanding Officer** and **Staff Sergeant Sandoval Octavio**. Their mission is to encourage, motivate and inspire the highest quality men and women in Mission Viejo and surrounding areas. By enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, you will forever be known by the title you earn.

Though Major Adam and Sgt. Octavio can tell if your eligible to be a Marine, only 12 demanding weeks of Recruit Training can determine if you're capable of becoming one.

For information or questions contact **Major Adam** or **Sgt. Octavio** at 949 734-9308 28231 Marguerite Parkway – Mission Viejo

PHOTO CHALLENGE

CAN YOU IDENTIFY 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

Mission Viejo COUNTRY CLUB

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FROM OUR **GIVING IS BETTER THAN RECEIVING** DEPT.

CHRISTMAS

MISSION VIEJO KIDS CONTEMPLATE GIVING



Sarth Shah, "I'd like to get my Dad a cologne set. For my Mom, I'd love to get her a beautiful necklace."



Melanie Coffman, "I will get my Mom copius amounts of ice cream. My Dad would love some Hot Wheels and Play-Doh."



Tara Daily, "For my mom, I will purchase a red Snuggie and for my Dad, I'll buy a friendship bracelet, because we are such good friends."



Tyler Rende, "For my mother I will purchase a mug, for my father I will purchase another mug."



Sammy Sahyouni, "I will purchase a fern for my mother. For my father I will get him a larger fern."



Ali Hoopes, "I would get my parents Life Alert and a photo album and tell them how much I love them."



Shawn Trumbly, "I'm going to give my parents the gift of a brand new graduated HS Senior in June 2017"



Natalia Cieply, "For my Mom a brand-new knife set, so she doesn't struggle w/the sharpening noise she hates. For my Dad, golf clubs and a pass for a golf game with me."

Whether you're celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, or something else, perhaps even a different God, the lesson still applies to you, the lesson is about the spirit of giving and receiving.

We asked several Seniors at **Mission Viejo High School**, not what they wanted for Christmas, but what they might give their mom's and dad's for Christmas.

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SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Kevin Brown Football
– Capistrano Valley High School



Kevin Brown, starting senior QB at Capistrano Valley High School, led the Cougars to a 9-1 regular season record and Capo's first Sea View League championship since 1989.

At the helm of Capo's highest scoring offense in their 40 year history, Brown is currently ranked among Orange County's top 5 QBs in passing yards and has received collegiate interest from Arizona State, Cornell, Princeton and Wyoming.



With a 4.2 GPA, Kevin is interested in studying either pre-med or pre-law in college. Off the football field, he enjoys skiing, hunting, fishing and off-roading.



Ask an Agent



I live near Lake Mission Viejo, do I need to add flood and earthquake coverage?



Homeowners insurance excludes losses that are caused by earthquake or flood. To protect yourself against these losses, you need to purchase a specialty flood and earthquake insurance policy. Specialized coverage is often recommended by the most seasoned property insurance agents.

Victoria Avery has been an Allstate insurance agent for over 30 years. Victoria lives in Mission Viejo. Is past president of the Mission Viejo Rotary Club and graduated from Mission Viejo High School, and Saddleback College.

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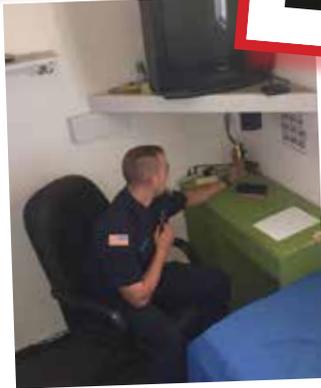
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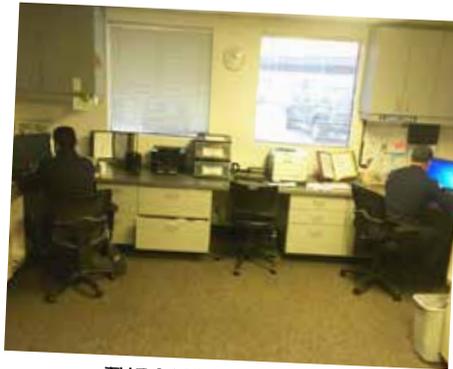
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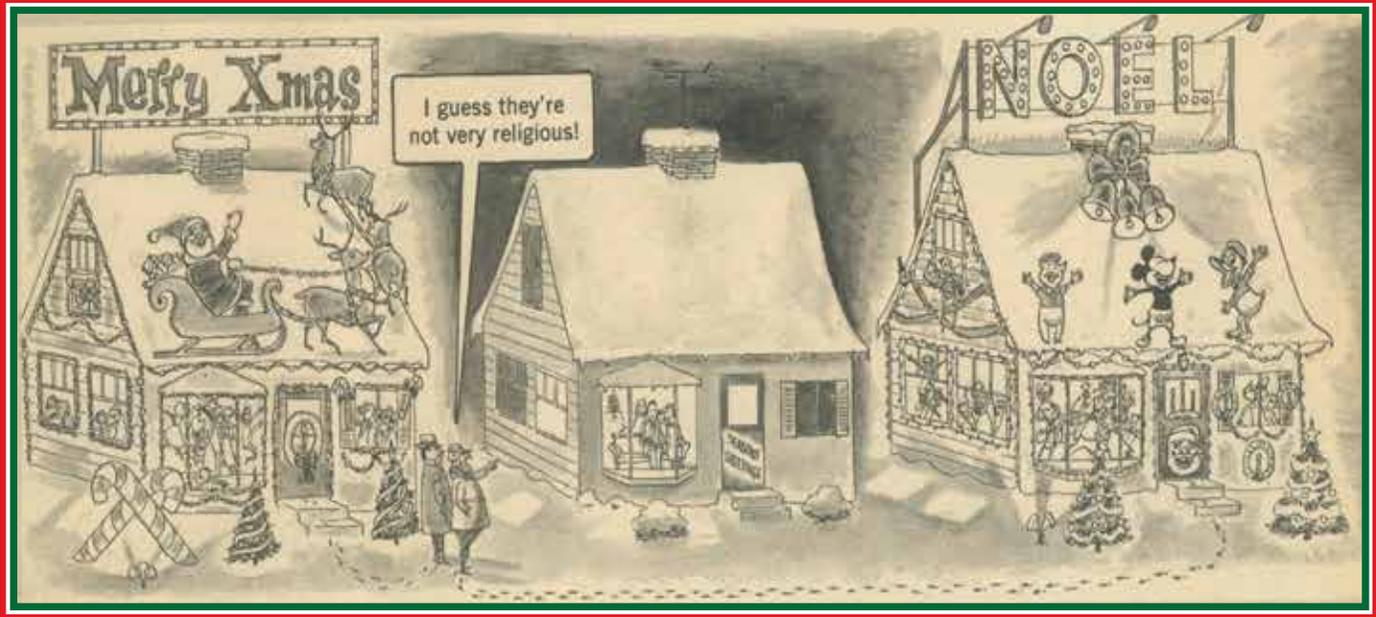
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FROM OUR RESIDENT OF THE MONTH DEPT.

CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN

MISSION VIEJO RESIDENT HAS STYLE

Meet Jim Del Crognale. Jim has lived in Mission Viejo since 1979, and for 24 years owned and operated Alicia Tuxedo Shop on Alicia Parkway in the Denny's center. Having been the first tuxedo shop in Saddleback Valley, Jim rented tuxedos for Weddings, Proms, and was chosen by the Ritz Carlton Hotel to be the formal wear provider for their Black Tie Conferences and events. The auto industry, financial institutions, and large real estate companies would hold their conventions at the hotel, and the final night would be a Black Tie party! With the collapse



of the economy, wedding parties wore suits instead of tuxedos, schools told the boys they could wear a "collared shirt and tie" for prom, and all of the parties at the Ritz Carlton came to an end which led to Jim's decision to go in a different direction.



Today, you can find Jim at **Jos. A. Bank Clothiers** on Marguerite Parkway. He's easy to find. He's the guy with the tanned skin, perfectly trimmed moustache and clothes that fit absolutely perfect. Every day, you can see Jim walking on Marguerite Parkway as he takes public transportation to work. He walks with a fast, purposeful gait, while holding his briefcase. He looks as if he's walking down Madison Avenue in New York heading to a meeting at Trump Tower.

If you want your suits, shirts, and shoes to fit perfectly, stop in and see Jim; it'll be worth it!

FROM OUR TAKING A STROLL DEPT.

TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

OSO CREEK TRAIL OFFERS A PEACEFUL RETREAT

by Jackie Gibbins

You don't have to wait for a sunny day to enjoy a walk in the park in Mission Viejo. Sometimes a cool morning or overcast afternoon is the ideal time to walk up and down the **Oso Creek Trail** within the **Jeronimo Open Space**.

This particular day was cool and damp as I enjoyed the sights and sounds along the trail. The cloud cover skimmed the tops of the trees and seemed to envelop the trail and open space in solitude and peace. It invigorated me as I walked along, and the birds and small wildlife were encouraged to venture out in the last hours of the day in the cool stillness. Something in the air made colors seem richer and deeper and sounds clearer. Not sure if it is like this every overcast day, but very thankful that it was this particular day.



I think next time we get some rain, I will grab my jacket and hit the Jeronimo Open Space to experience what it is like with a little more weather. I am sure it will be well worth it.

Jackie Gibbins is a long-time Mission Viejo resident and local Realtor. You can see more of her Mission Viejo photos and commentary at www.MyMissionViejoHome.com.

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MARGUERITE PARKWAY OPENING CEREMONY—Official dedication of the completion of Marguerite Parkway was marked by the driving of a green spike at the start of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Mission Viejo. Dick Whittinghill of KMPC Radio, grand marshal of the parade, takes a swing while Al Koch, far left, Orange County Road Commissioner, stands ready with Jerome Moiso, Mrs. Margaret O'Neill (for whom the street was named), Mrs. Alice O'Neill Avery and Tony Moiso.

Mission Viejo's Third Recreation Center Opens; Offers Handball, Physical Fitness

Grand opening festivities were held on March 27, as Marguerite Recreation Center became the third such facility to be made available to residents of the community.

One of the most complete adult community physical fitness facilities in Orange County, Marguerite Center in New Madrid, joins Montanoso in the La Paz neighborhood and Sierra Center in the Granada Homes neighborhood.

"Our three recreation centers represent an investment of more than \$2 million, and we believe Mission Viejo is second to none in providing a balanced recreational and physical fitness program for its residents," Jerry Curran, director of recreation, Mission Viejo Company, said.

Located on a 3½-acre site at the intersection of Marguerite Parkway and Trabuco Road, Marguerite Center features a 4500-square-foot free-form swimming pool.

Three championship indoor handball courts are provided, and a charter handball association is being organized within the community. Sauna baths, jacuzzi pool and a completely equipped physical fitness room are available.

The Center has nearly 8,000 square feet under roof, including a wing which is temporarily being used as a sales office for New Madrid Homes.

Outdoor recreational facilities include four regulation lighted tennis courts and two lighted sand volleyball courts.

A unique children's tot fort and play area as well as a croquet area are covered with special artificial Ozite turf.

"We are especially pleased with the turf in the children's play area because it will have a cushioning effect and will definitely reduce the possibility of injuries," Curran said.

Snack bar, barbecue and picnic facilities are adjacent to the multi-level building, which features a spacious adult lounge with deep carpeting and extensive window areas overlooking picturesque Trabuco Canyon and the San Joaquin mountains.

Grand opening festivities will continue through April 10.

Handball stars Stuffy Singer and Dr. Steven August will appear in exhibition matches on April 10, at 1 p.m. Singer was world four-wall handball singles champion from 1967 through 1969, and Dr. August is 1970 National Invitational four-wall singles champion.

"The other recreation centers at Mission Viejo—Sierra and Montanoso—are designed for specific activities," Curran said.

Sierra Center is "a neighborhood center and home base for our Nadadores swim team which has made quite a name for itself in meets during the past year," he said.

Montanoso is the social-cultural center and has many indoor activities such as art, bridge, dancing and teen recreation.

The recreational facilities at the three centers include eight tennis courts, three Olympic-sized swimming pools, numerous meeting rooms, snack bars, playgrounds, volleyball courts, croquet areas, sauna baths, jacuzzi pools, wading pools, basketball courts, adult and teen lounges. A full-time professional staff plans programs encompassing all facets of recreation.

"The facilities of all three centers are available to members," Curran said. A 32-passenger "family fun bus" is used for special events throughout the year, and as a shuttle service for youthful members during the summer months.

(See special photo insert)

Second St. Pat's Parade Surpasses First in MV

The second annual Mission Viejo St. Patrick's Day Parade was even a more spectacular smash success than the first. More than 10,000 persons were estimated to have thronged the streets, hillsides and backyards either as participants or spectators in this community event.

Entrants from clubs and organizations, schools and youth groups, neighboring communities and recreational attractions began assembling in the early afternoon for the parade.

Participants walked, drove, rode mules or horses, cycled and skipped the parade route that started at the intersection of Marguerite Parkway and Jeronimo Road and ended at Mission Viejo Inn.

Dick Whittinghill, of KMPC Radio, Los Angeles, arrived by helicopter to be grand marshal for this year's event.

Dedication of the new Mar-

guerite Parkway was marked by a green railroad spike being driven into the recently-completed roadway. Mrs. Margaret O'Neill, her daughter, Mrs. Alice O'Neill Avery, and son Jerome Moiso, for whom Marguerite Parkway, Avery Parkway and Jeronimo Road were named, handled the spike-driving with the assistance of Al Koch, Orange County Road Commissioner; Tony Moiso, executive vice president of Mission Viejo Company; Jim West, chairman of the board of directors of Mission Viejo Company, and Whittinghill.

Grand marshal Whittinghill then led off the parade in a horse-drawn surrey, and the parade was underway.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies of the cellar game room (La Bodega) of Mission Viejo Inn were also held during the evening.

Whittinghill handled the ribbon cutting with Tommy Mitchell, host of Mission Viejo Inn and coordinator of the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Awards then were presented to the following groups by Mitchell.

Band participation awards to San Clemente High School, Saddleback College and the United States Marine Corps Marching bands.

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MV Reporter Takes Top Honors

The Mission Viejo Reporter was recently awarded first prize in the Orange County Advertising Club's annual ADawards presentations.

It was judged in the "company publication" category.

Published by the Mission Viejo Company, the Reporter is delivered to all homeowners in the community and mailed throughout the County to business firms and individual subscribers. It is also available at all sales offices and facilities of Mission Viejo.

The Reporter is now in its sixth year of publication.



SAINT PATRICK—Stanley Schwartz of Laguna Beach shows Noeline McNally of Irish International Airlines how he earned the title of patron saint of Mission Erin Viejo, by soothing the savage pseudo-snake.

Swaddled Babies
(*AnguloaUniflora*)



Happy Alien
(*Calceolaria Uniflora*)



Ballerina Orchid
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MISSION VIEJO WRITER HITS THE BIG TIME. . . AGAIN

Mission Viejo resident Jean Haynie Stewart has been a California resident for forty-four years with her husband and twin daughters, she has just had her eighteenth story published in the new "Chicken Soup for the Soul: the Joy of Christmas"

The joy of giving and sharing runs throughout the 101 true, personal stories in "Chicken Soup for the Soul: the Joy of Christmas". You'll read about communities like Mission Viejo coming together to make Christmas special for families going through a hard time, the kindness of strangers and some pay-it-forward stories that will make you tear up. You will be awed by stories of unexplainable Christmas miracles. And you'll laugh too, when you read about holiday hijinks and the funny things that kids say.



Jean Stewart's story is called "Luminaria" and deals with the traditional lighting of candles that goes on at Christmas time in many households throughout the world. A feel good story for sure.

As for the book itself, the Mission Viejo Reporter says, "Put it on your Christmas List!"

FROM OUR ON A LEASH DEPT.

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?!

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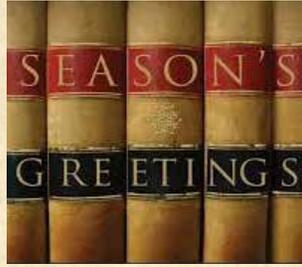
FROM OUR BEST DEAL DEPT.

BOOKS for a BUCK

Best Deal in Mission Viejo

by The Insufferable Dan Avery

Which says more to your brother: a \$500 sweater from Nordstrom's or a \$1 book from the Friends of the Mission Viejo Library's bookstore that reflects his deepest interests, his outlook on life, his moral compass? Every year, after buying a couple of things online for Victoria, I head to the Friends' bookstore to buy her some meaningful gifts. Ones she will cherish and that will provide countless hours of enjoyment. More recently published books might cost me \$4 or \$5, but most of them are \$1 or even 50c. I am a liberal, but why spend hundreds and hundreds of dollars on meaningless stuff?



The Friends' bookstore is often overlooked at this time of year, except by their loyal customers. I certainly overlooked it for years and years. But then I volunteered to work there and found out what a true treasure it was; nowhere near as crowded or as stressful as the mall.

Our customers read, many of them a lot, and it's made them interesting people to talk with as they browse the shelves. The two hour shifts fly past and I leave uplifted having had a few great conversations with fellow residents while helping the Friends raise money for the Mission Viejo Library – that huge diamond in the city's crown.



And speaking of gifts...what better gift to give a community as beautiful as ours than a couple hours of your time every week ensuring that our children and ourselves continue to have such a stellar library? The Friends are always in search of volunteers. Please stop into the library to find out what opportunities await your particular talents, and energy. Then fill out the form and start having fun.

FROM OUR STILL AROUND DEPT.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

BAUM'S AUTO SUPPLY MOVES

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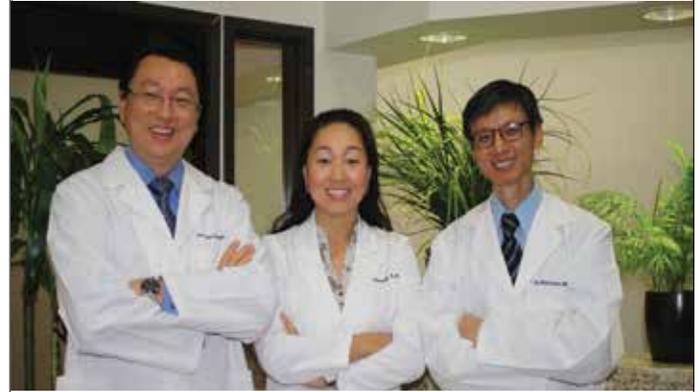
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FROM OUR IT TAKES A VILLAGE DEPT.

FUN TO PLAY AT THE YMCA

YMCA WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Last month, the Mission Viejo YMCA welcomed a new Executive Director **Jennifer Heinen**. Jennifer has worked for the YMCA for over 15 years in Northern California, Laguna Niguel and Camp E.L.K. just outside Wrightwood.

While the YMCA offers a range of services that build a strong community, Jennifer is most passionate about youth programming. Jennifer believes strongly in the value of Camp and its ability to let kids unplug and explore nature. She is also very connected with Afterschool Childcare. As a mother herself, she understands the importance of this program to both children's development and the security of working parents.



Here are some other fun-facts about Jennifer.

- Lives in San Clemente with firefighter husband and 4 year old son
- Attended UC Davis and UC Santa Barbara
- Grew up in the Central Valley of California
- Active member in Rotary



Overheard Mission Viejo

Having been a devoted follower for over a year, I have finally arrived at the conclusion: your headlines have nothing to do with the stories.

— Brain K.

I love the headlines, don't think the humor goes unnoticed.

— Bobby B.

Every time I pick up a new copy of your magazine, I find some of your headlines very sexual (Talk Dirty To Me and Full Frontal) and I find it offensive. I know you're doing that to create a stir but please stop or I'll call the police.

— Mildred J.

My mother thinks your story "Block History Month" was misleading. She was expecting something much different than the history of the Mission Viejo slump block stone. I thought the title was freaking funny.

— Lashiqua R.

I've been reading the Mission Viejo Reporter for over a year and feel it's the best thing Mission Viejo has seen in a long while. We moved into the Deane Homes back in 1968 and remember the original. Keep it up.

— Bob and Carol G.

Every so often I break out my back copies of the Mission Viejo Reporter and enjoy it all over again. I make it a point to use your advertisers and haven't been disappointed yet. In fact, I just had my knives sharpened by Ike. What a great deal.

— Mervin P.

I thought you'd like to know that a few of your articles don't list the phone numbers to the businesses you talk about.

— Jay V.

Your pictures in the October issue from above Mission Viejo were the best ever! Doug Brown is so talented.

— Shelby G.

I get my knives sharpened by Ike — he is so quick and does a great job.

— Rita T.

That was a gross picture of Joaquin Murrieta's head in a jar, I was eating lunch and it turned my stomach! I Don't think it was an appropriate picture for a city newspaper.

— Madonna R.

I just wanted to thank you guys for using my pic in this months MVR!!! When I opened my issue, I was surprised to see the article on the park, and even MORE surprised to see my pic and photo credit.

That's very cool of you guys to do!!! What a great surprise! Thanks again.

— Jim D.

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& ABOUT FUN WITH ART

with Kathy Kuiper

This month, we wanted to try out a few local Art classes. My kids love Art and they're homeschooling this year so I wanted them to take some Art classes to round out our curriculum. Our first class was at **ARTime Studio** located at 27001 La Paz in Mission Viejo. **Gabriela**, the owner, and her knowledgeable assistant worked with the girls to create a one of a kind ceramic piece. They learned how to shape, coil, trim and throw clay, which are all great ways to improve their motor skills and increase strength and precision in their touch. At the end of the class, each of them brought home a clay coaster and a bowl which they proudly display in their room. **ArtTime Studio** is a vendor with many Home School charters so we could have used our home school funds to pay for classes which are \$25 each. Of course, cash is accepted, too! ARTime offers classes in Sketching, Drawing, Acrylics, Chalk, Pastels, Oils, Watercolors and Cartooning, so if you take a weekly class, you will learn varied forms of art in the studio.



We also dropped by **Art 4 Kids and Teens** (Art4KidsAndTeens.com), which is located at 27302 Via Avila, in Mission Viejo. Owner **Natalie** is amazing with kids and since we went during the day, it was fun to meet other kids who home school. Savannah, Sienna and Ashtyn took a one hour class and during that time, they created an amazing chalk pastel animal. I was very impressed at how Natalie worked with each of them on some of the fine detail but let their personality shine through in each piece. Natalie, who has a **Masters in Art**, teaches group classes in Classical Fine Art, Water Colors, Acrylics, Oil Painting and Sketching. Best of all, the girls are now acquiring an Art collection that they love to show off to family and friends.

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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 it's 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."

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Mission Viejo Mayor Frank Ury

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- 2) Weathering the economic downturn in 2008, while keeping our AAA bond rating and no reduction in city services
- 3) Eliminating the lifetime medical program for city employees (put in place in 2000)
- 4) Spearheading the advanced water purification project at Lake Mission Viejo, just completed.
- 5) Keeping Mission Viejo schools safe by adding sheriffs deputies at each high school and Jr high.

Frank Ury has done the hard work all local politicians should by putting in the countless hours it takes to truly understand the issues, and then develop strategies to address them. He has worked tirelessly to make our beautiful community stronger, safer, sounder, and a true jewel in Orange County.



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CUBS WIN!!

Mission Viejo Rotary President-Elect Shares Personal Story

by Jim Colitz



As many of you know, I am a lifelong **Chicago Cubs** Fan. However, I usually don't write about it, but as Joe Maddon, the Cubs manager, said during the victory parade, every Cubs fan has a story, so here's mine:

Growing up, the closest person in my life was my grandfather, who I called Boppa...I guess I couldn't say Poppa! He was my role model, my mentor, and my confidante. We used to speak for 20-30 minutes daily, even as I was going through high school. One of the things we shared, was our love of the Cubs! We probably went to over 100 games together through the years! We even attended the All-star game together in the '60's at Wrigley Field.

Some of my greatest memories included on two occasions we were admitted, due to a connection he had, to the Cubs clubhouse! I got to meet many Cubs players at that time, including Mr. Cub, Ernie Banks. Ernie even gave me an autographed ball, which I still have. One of the players, Hal Jeffcoat, gave me his bat. I had that under my pillow for weeks! On one of the occasions I was even allowed to enter the Cubs dugout with the players! My grandfather obtained several autographed baseballs for me from various All-star games, including ones with Ted Williams, Willie Mays, and other signatures. The most important signature on that ball, was my grandfather, who thought he was being funny.

So today, as we fly the "W", this one's for you Boppa, and one day when I visit Chicago, I will visit Memorial Park and bring it to you!!



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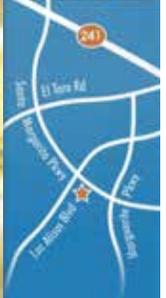
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