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The following pages include some of the most important people in Mission Viejo, people that make our city great.

We must, therefore, apologize to the many illustrious and deserving men and women who were not given or refused the opportunity to jump.

In no way does it mean they were not worthy of joining this exclusive roster of jumpers. It only means that by some bad fortune, they've missed the chance.

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Mission Viejo Army Recruiting Center

Mission Viejo's Favorite Bartenders

BE THE ONE WHO ORGANIZES HAPPY HOUR

After exhaustive research, the Mission Viejo Reporter has discovered that our town has some great restaurants, and with great restaurants come great bartenders. This issue pictures just a few of Mission Viejo's finest bartenders.

Everyone knows that relationships are the key to lifelong happiness, noting that the happiest people in Mission Viejo socialize about seven hours a day. Also, we'll mention here that you're two times more likely to be happy if you are married and three times more happy if you drink while you're married. Also, with each new friend added, you'll boost your happiness by 10 percent.

Developing good relationships in the workplace is the biggest determinant of whether or not you'll like your job. So, be proactive. The best way is to be the person who organizes Happy Hour. Invite a few friends out to one of Mission Viejo's many Happy Hours available, and say hi to the bartender. Bartenders need love too.



Drew - Dublin 4 Gastropub

STEP IT UP

CHARACTERISTICS OF A SERVANT LEADER



By Mayor, Wendy Bucknum

I have often referred to servant leadership when I speak at my city council meetings. It is my hope and desire that, as city councilmembers, we are all focused on the servant leadership style of leading our community.

According to the author Robert Greenleaf, "In order to be a servant leader, one needs the following qualities: listening, empathy, healing, awareness, persuasion, conceptualization, foresight, stewardship, growth and building community. Acquiring these qualities tend to give a person authority versus power."



Characteristics of a servant leader:

- Humility
- No personal agenda
- Thoughtful in approach to community issues
- Respectful of others' ideas
- Does what is best for the entire community
- Reasonable expectations
- Willing to give of their time with no expectation
- Understands the power of authority
- Leads by example



Servant leaders develop people by showing respect, collaboration, engaging and building community, and publically recognizing volunteers and staff.

Our job as a city council is to "build community" by reaching out to collaborate with others. An excellent example of this is the city's recent engagement: a community vision project focused on the civic core area along Marguerite between La Paz and Oso Parkway. The various committees, commissions, and nonprofit volunteer groups are also avenues for citizens to engage and build community.

A Servant Leader knows that power and authority do not arise from title or position, but is the organic result of following the characteristics noted above.

THE BEARS ARE WATCHING

OSO PARKWAY - TICKET CENTRAL



By Colonel Greg Rath USMC (RET)
(Mission Viejo City Councilman)

Did you know the word bear translates to Oso in Spanish? On Mission Viejo's main drag of Oso Parkway between Felipe Road and the I-5 Freeway is where many of our motor officers keep a watchful eye on our speed.

In other words, the bears are watching along Oso Parkway like no other roadway in our city. The speed limit in that section of road is 45 mph. Most citations given out in Mission Viejo are along this stretch of roadway.



I plan to meet with our city planners about a flashing speed signal along the road to warn motorists of their speed. This is especially critical heading west, down the hill, to the I-5. This signal will flash to warn our motorist or those of neighboring cities



to slow down and stay within the speed limit. This will increase safety, but also save us money in fines.

So be alert, watch your speed and we will all be better off in our great city.

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SPRING IS JUMPING

MISSION VIEJO BUSINESSES JUMP FOR JOY

Here the thoughtful reader will ask himself, "All this jumping is good and well, but what for? and how come?"

Our entire Mission Viejo upbringing, starting with the earliest childhood education, teaches us to control our emotions. We put on a mask. In a jump, the subject, in a sudden burst of energy, overcomes gravity. He cannot simultaneously control his facial expressions and his limb muscles. The mask then falls. The real self becomes visible.



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Believe it or not, there are some people who are afraid to jump, or just refuse. The Mission Viejo Reporter believes the refusal to jump is a symptom of an exaggerated fear of losing one's dignity. It reveals a hidden, deep-seated insecurity.

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"NEXT STOP MISSION VIEJO"

Galivan Whistle Stop at Oso Parkway

Santa Fe Railroad Galivan Whistle Stop - 1880

When railroad tracks were laid over El Camino Real in the 1880's, a whistlestop railroad siding between Avery & Oso Parkway called **Galivan** became a daily Santa Fe stop.

The old **Galivan Overhead Whistle Stop** served traffic on US 101 for 32 years between 1927 and 1959. It was removed in 1959, due to the San Diego Freeway (I-5) construction. It was located just south of Oso Parkway, and has now been covered by Cabot Road. The highest point of elevation on the entire Los Angeles to San Diego line is in Mission Viejo at milepost 189 near Alicia Parkway.



The **Galivan Whistle Stop** at Oso after its removal. On the left is the Santa Fe train tracks, to the right is Camino Capistrano (US101). Far right, is the newly built I-5 (photo from 1959).



The highest point of elevation on the entire San Diego line is in Mission Viejo, at milepost 189 near Alicia Parkway.



1930

Camino Capistrano near In-N-Out Burger (US101)



2017

Camino Capistrano near In-N-Out Burger

"THE OLD 101"



El Camino Real Highway



Signs of the Old Highway 101 remain, this bridge built in 1938 is near Mugs Away Saloon.

Old US 101 is perhaps the most historic highway in California. It follows the route that Spanish explorer **Juan Gaspar de Portola** followed in 1769, and later became El Camino Real, (also known as the King's Highway). The old trail linked the 21 Spanish missions. This historic road served as the main north/south road in California until 1959, when the Interstate 5 was completed.

Here locally, US Highway 101 was built north of San Juan Capistrano, near Mission Viejo, as a narrow "single slab" concrete road. In the 1930s it was widened to a "twin slab" concrete road. Portions of this road with the visible overlay can still be seen on Camino Capistrano just past In-N-Out Burger.



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Andrea loves rowing because it requires physical strength, mental strength, and concentration. She also loves being on the water and getting to work together with her team. Perhaps her favorite part, however, is the opportunity the sport gives her to travel to different lakes, bays, and reservoirs, something that greatly compliments her adventurous and lively personality.

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For more information about the drive, visit our Kiwanis Club of Mission Viejo Facebook page or email **Pat Griggs, Kiwanis Youth Services**, at pagriggs@att.net

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Continuing our reporting of cool things along the **Marguerite-a-ville** corridor is a great little surprise. Located on the corner of Marguerite Parkway and Highland is a beautiful little park/garden. This park is not maintained by the city, but rather by the Highland Park Apartment Association.

It has a few trails with benches and plants and flowers galore. Many of the apartment residents nearby take advantage of the serenity and easy access of the park.

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After the La Paz bridge was built over the railroad tracks in 1967, one of the first construction projects was **Mt of Olives Lutheran Church**.

Pastor John Steward is the senior pastor at Mount of Olives and has been since 1993. Mount of Olives Church's preschool - Robert H. Lange Preschool (named after the first pastor of the church) - was the first preschool in the City and opened that same year 1967. Also, they now have a contemporary praise worship service that really rocks the house.

Every year in December, Mt. of Olives produces a drive-thru Christmas Nativity story where hundred's of volunteers come together to bring the story to life with live animals, beautiful costumes and a narrative that can be heard via your car radio as you weave through their parking lot.

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BACKDRAFT

HOME GROWN MISSION VIEJO FIREMAN

Meet Mission Viejo firefighter **Robert Bosanko**. Robby is an EMT at Station 24 on Marguerite Parkway between Oso and La Paz Road. For the last 4 years Robby has been serving the City of Mission Viejo residents. Recently, he was nominated as **OCFA Firefighter of the Year**.

The Mission Viejo Reporter met with Robby and noticed he's got to be the happiest fireman in Orange County, and here's why: Robby grew up right here in Mission Viejo. He attended La Paz Jr High and graduated from Mission Viejo High School. He now lives just over the hill in Rancho Santa Margarita. Both Robby's mom and dad were teachers at Mission Viejo schools, his mom, at La Paz Intermediate and his dad at Mission Viejo High School and they still live in the Pacific Hills neighborhood.



A typical Shift for Robby is 48 hours on and 96 off. As an EMT, Robby is a first responder in the event of a medical emergency. The Station 24 crew responds to many calls every week aside from fire emergencies. They respond to accidents, traumas and all types of medical emergencies.

Next time you see Station 24's red fire engine rolling out onto Marguerite on the way to save somebody's life, wave at Robby. He's the guy in the backseat with the big smile.



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MISSION VIEJO St. Patrick's Day Parade

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1994 marked the end of the road for the only St. Patrick's Day Parade in Orange County. It grew too large and costly for the small Mission Viejo Activities Committee volunteer group to stage. Many businesses participated like **Bare-Le There Gymnastics**. As you can see from the pictures, horses, bands and even **Mickey Mouse** showed up!

The parade route was along Marguerite Pkwy from what is now Olympiad to a left turn on Alicia and around the lake loop.



Photos compliments of Susan Stanley

**Ask
Aunt Sandy**



- with
Sandra Ferguson

In the tradition of great personal advice, Mission Viejo Reporter's own Aunt Sandy is a straight shooter who relates to all ages. She researches topics of interest to her readers, and then answers their most personal questions with empathy and gentle humor.

Dear Aunt Sandy,

I am a twenty-three year old liberated Mission Viejo woman who has been on the pill for two years. It's getting expensive, and I think my boyfriend should share half the cost, but I don't know him well enough to discuss money with him.

-Going All the Way

Dear Going All the Way,

Liberated, you say? Back in my day, that meant girls who burned their brassieres. (I needed mine then, and with Father Time elongating my assets, boy, do I ever need mine now.) However, if you are canoodling with a hooligan you don't know very well, then "liberated" must mean girls who have burned their morals. Ah, but I'm not here to preach, only to roll my eyeballs and shriek, "Are you kidding me?" If you two can discuss doing the nasty, then surely you two can discuss splitting the bill for the pill. Good luck to you.

- Aunt Sandy

P.S. Another tip from "back in my day": Just. Say. No.

P.P.S. A tip from today, paraphrased from Beyoncé: If he want it, then he shoulda putta ring on it!

If you have a question or comment for Aunt Sandy please email:
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Bartenders of Mission Viejo



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ABOUT FACETIME with Kathy Kuiper **SMOOTH AS A BABY'S BUTT**

My 53rd birthday is coming up this month, so I decided to treat myself to a skin treatment. I attribute most of my fine lines to raising four toddlers at once, "vacationing" (if you can call it that) with all six of us in one hotel room. and quizzically scrunching my face when I have to repeat myself about 50 times a day. I had read that Jennifer Lopez and other celebrities maintain a youthful glow and flawless looking skin by doing Laser treatments. So, as usual, I first consulted Yelp and since I like to stay close to home, I was pleasantly surprised to find California Cosmetic Medical Institute (located at 27725 Santa Margarita Parkway, Ste 141), in my favorite city, Mission Viejo. I went in and explained that I was looking for that elusive glow, and they suggested that I get the Sciton Microlaser Peel Treatment. I asked about the downtime, and they said that I could achieve nice results with this treatment and be presentable in 5-7 days. I despise hiding out, but I thought that if I could throw on some makeup and go out to dinner on Day 5, I could certainly handle it.



So, a little over a week ago, I went in to CCMI to get my treatment. First, Melissa numbed me up really well so that I wouldn't feel any pain, and then Sarah came in to do the laser treatment. Afterwards, I looked very red and swollen. I had to keep my face and neck moist with Aquaphor and rinse my face twice daily, but other than that, I didn't feel a difference in the way my skin felt while I was recovering. Of course, I avoided the sun and mirrors for a few days, but the hardest part was being homebound. By day three, I started peeling, and surprisingly, by day five, the redness had started to fade. On day six, I was thrilled to see that almost all of the redness and swelling had subsided. I told my husband that I wanted to get out of the house, so I put on a little makeup and we went out to dinner.

A few days later, I read that "O" magazine was looking for women with great skin to be featured in an upcoming Lancome Ad. Shortly thereafter, I found out that I'd been chosen for the Ad, which will be featured on their website. I was ecstatic! Apparently, I now had that glow I was hoping for. In the end, it was well worth the 6 days I spent hiding out.

Laser treatments start at \$300 and up, depending on the depth and type of the laser they use. If you mention the MV Reporter, they'll offer 10% off in the month of April.

FROM OUR BOY BUILDING DEPT.

MISSION VIEJO CUB SCOUT **PINWOOD DERBY 1ST PLACE WINNER**

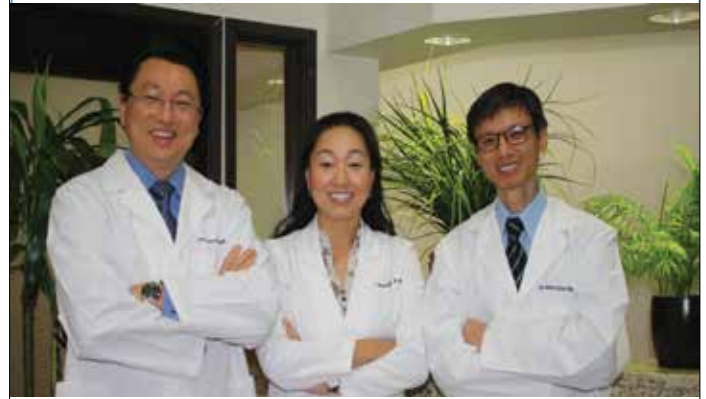
Meet **Anthony**, a typical ten year old Mission Viejo kid, except Anthony loves to build things more than most, from advanced Lego sets to 1000 piece puzzles, to imaginary realms in Minecraft. As he once defensively told a kindergarten classmate as she criticized his outside the lines coloring, "I'm an archaeologist and an engineer!"

His latest build is a pinewood derby car constructed in his usual perfectionist style, polishing and graphiting each wheel and axle to an almost frictionless level to earn him the First Place trophy in his Mission Viejo Cub Scout pack. Way-to-go Anthony!!



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Overheard Mission Viejo

From Last Month's Mailbag:

I think it is highly irresponsible to post a photo of pitbull-type dogs in the photo next to the aggressive dog column. It is breed discrimination and you are perpetuating a myth that aggressive dogs must be pitbulls. - *Breanne B.*

I just wanted to let you know that the article that you ran entitled, "ALMOST DEAD - Mission Viejo Student Has Close Call" had an extremely tacky heading. "ALMOST DEAD"...REALLY? - *Julia K.*

I read the recent article in the MV Reporter by Sharon Cody. I just wanted to say that I am in full agreement with Sharon on establishing new rules and regulations for the dog park. - *Barbara L.*

Your cover story about the 700 stoves beneath the lake was interesting. - *Joe T.*

The trees identified as olive trees on La Paz Road is incorrect. The trees were originally Olive trees many years ago, but were replaced by Jacaranda. - *Richard C.*

You may want to correct your article. I have lived in Mission Viejo since August of 1970. We have many olive trees throughout the community, however, La Paz Road is lined with Jacaranda trees ever since I have lived here. - *Larry B.*

My dog was attacked by a human at the dog park. Should we give all humans a temperment test before allowing them to be in the park? - *Sarah B.*

I don't think 'Afternoon Delight' is an appropriate way to advertise a hotel opening, but then again it might really bring in the clientele. - *Phillipe T.*

Aunt Sandy's response to the guy with the gay cat was priceless. Is Aunt Sandy real? - *Tony R.*

Every issue is better than the next. Your pictures always look fantastic - *Luke B.*

Mr. Leckness, with your experience holding office as a Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member of the City of Mission Viejo, you know better! The editing process often begins with the author's idea for the work itself, continuing as a collaboration between the author and the editor as the work is created. You FAILED AT YOUR JOB as Editor of the Mission Viejo Reporter! - *Rosalie D.*

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BLOOD ON THE TRACKS A JOURNEY IN THE ABYSS

BY BRIAN JONES

CREATIVE WRITING SATIRE

by The Insufferable Dan Avery



My journey started by wondering where The Insufferable Dan Avery had been. He is the head of The National Affairs Desk at the Mission Viejo Reporter, and national affairs, lately, have been an unmitigated, chaotic mess.

So I went to the Reporter's offices and was told the last anyone knew Avery had taken off for an appointment on O'Farrell near the Tenderloin. That, in an odd way, figured. Once on O'Farrell, I noticed a group of homeless people camped in an alley, so I approached waving a few five dollar bills so the group didn't scatter. I told them who I was looking for and described Avery the best I could. One of the men held out his iPhone; on it was a photo he had taken, while lying in the gutter, of Avery crossing O'Farrell. "That's him!" I was shocked and amazed. "He was here for about a week hanging out with Keith," the man said. I figured Keith was another one of the homeless and knew my trail had gone cold. However, the man sitting on an old piece of cardboard, was a fountain of information.

Avery and Keith had left for Switzerland, and so I cabbied it back to SFO and caught the next flight out to Switzerland; in my first class seat I wondered why a homeless man would drag Avery halfway around the world.



The Insufferable Dan Avery on the streets of San Francisco

The clinic where I finally found Keith and Avery was a clean, well-lighted place. It was small, almost homey, and the duo was camped out in a private room with several blond nurses. Bags of blood, dozens of them, hung from steel poles and unnerved me. The blood flowed through clear tubes and into both men's arms. It took me several minutes to realize that Keith wasn't a homeless man, although he looked it, but the lead guitarist for The Rolling Stones. "Hey, man," Avery said, "pull up a bed and get your blood replaced. It's fantastic!" I stared at the scene in horrific disbelief. "I'm buying," Avery added, and then Keith laughed, coughed several times, and lit up a smoke. Stunned, shaken, I collapsed into a chair and Keith said, "Hook the man up." Staring at Avery, at the myriad bags of blood, I asked, "Is this going to help you get back on track and focus on national affairs?" Avery bummed a "square" from Keith, lit up, and blew out a huge cloud of smoke that hovered above the nurses. "National affairs is high noon...hopeless...holocaustic...but the way Keith described this blood replacement deal...well...it sounded like a stone-cold groove."

Dan Avery graduated from UCI's prestigious MFA Fiction Writing program. For 18 years he taught college English in the area and was thrice included in Who's Who Among America's Teachers.



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In a jump – the subject, in a sudden burst of energy, overcomes gravity. He cannot simultaneously control his facial expressions and his limb muscles. The mask then falls. The real self becomes visible.



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FROM OUR **MAN ON THE STREET** DEPT.

EASTER

SADDLEBACK COLLEGE STUDENTS COMMENT ON EASTER

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Colin H.,
"To entertain the kids long enough to give their parents some alone time."



Mike M.,
"Parents want to teach their kids to work for their candy."



Brian M.,
"Who doesn't like the idea of a creepy bunny breaking into your home to hide some candy?"



Alayna M.,
"You hide them to find them two months later."

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Although we did notice a few minor nicks and flaws throughout his scalp, he maintains that he keeps meticulous care of his head, even though only shaving once a week with an electric razor.

After our examination, we've asked Patrick to enter next month's "Longest Ear Competition".

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