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Mission Viejo resident Troy Liposec, Lake Mission Viejo

From The Editor

Why does LOCAL matter?

By Dave Leckness, Editor



Local papers are not just about the weather and local events. Those are helpful things to know, but they are not the heart and soul of what a community is all about. The **Mission Viejo Reporter** provides the color of the area around you, things you might not notice otherwise, but which may be important to your daily life.

The purpose of the Mission Viejo Reporter is to see, know, care about, and understand Mission Viejo, and then share with you the residents what we find. The Mission Viejo Reporter is in a way like public libraries and local museums in that we preserve culture, educate, and engage in order to build an understanding of the history and make up of Mission Viejo.

We love it when you, the residents, send us ideas as well as criticism of our paper. Like our cover mission statement says: *The Mission Viejo Reporter promises fast, fair and accurate reporting. If for any reason we fail to live up to these promises... please don't tell anyone.*



YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

by Mayor, Wendy Bucknum



Meet an amazing Mission Viejo Leader, **Lucy Hendrix**. I was fortunate to attend Inaugural events with Lucy when we were both in Washington DC in January. Lucy is the 2016-2017 President of the Associated Student Government at Saddleback College. She also serves in the Student Senate of California Community Colleges as the Regional Affairs Director and chair of Region VIII which includes the community colleges of Orange and Los Angeles Counties. This is Lucy's final semester after three years attending Mission Viejo's Saddleback College and she is transferring the University of California, Los Angeles to continue her education in history and political science. She also hopes to one day attend law school.



Mayor Bucknum and Lucy Hendrix

In her free time, Lucy enjoys going to Disneyland with her friends and family and has been an annual pass holder for four years- something she is looking forward to continuing while at UCLA!

Lucy has enriched the community of Mission Viejo through her efforts at Saddleback. This year, she

hosted a series of events focusing on different topics in free speech that were also attended by the public. Lucy also helps plan "Movie Night"- a bimonthly event where students, as well as Mission Viejo residents, are invited to watch a movie and enjoy a snack in the Saddleback College quad. Thank you Lucy for making a difference for many students in Mission Viejo with her leadership.

THINK BIG, SHOP SMALL

MAKING BUSINESS HAPPEN IN MISSION VIEJO



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



Meet **Doug Zielasko**. He is the new Mission Viejo Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. Doug brings 30 years of sales experience to this position. Doug was chosen from a group of highly qualified individuals. The Mission Viejo Chamber has grown to 200 members since founded in 2011 by former Mission Viejo Mayor **Dave Leckness**.



Doug Zielasko

This year, the Chamber has quite a few activities planned to highlight people and businesses. The Chamber's goal is to support the business community and create a bridge between our businesses and our residents.

There is competition between each of our cities as to who gets the tax dollars for local sales. Each city wants people to buy from their respective cities. I've asked my colleagues to join me in supporting a few local ideas that will benefit our small businesses. For instance, waiving the fee this year the city charges for banner display, and implementing a BUY LOCAL theme that businesses and residents can get excited about. I look forward to working with Doug and making our Chamber of Commerce the best ever!



Ask Aunt Sandy

- WITH MISSION VIEJO'S SANDRA FERGUSON



In the tradition of great personal advice, Mission Viejo Reporters' 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.

Q Dear Aunt Sandy,

My next-door neighbor doesn't have much of a yard, so when it's time for his small schnauzer to relieve himself, he picks up his dog and sets him down on my green grass, next to my mailbox, to pee. I get along great with my neighbor and don't want to cause a scene. But now, I've noticed several small (4-inch diameter) areas of dead grass near my mailbox. What should I do?

- Steaming in Mission Viejo

A Dear Steaming in Mission Viejo,

Well, at least for now it's just potty rather than something "steaming" that this doggy is leaving behind! In any case, "urine" a tough position, and I can see why you're "pissed off." Ah, but Aunt Sandy is not here to amuse herself with wordplay but instead to offer sage advice to Steaming about the "streaming." There's a product on the market called ScareCrow Sprinkler (see eBay) with an infrared eye that when triggered makes streams of water shoot out. Try this remedy, and I'm sure your pesky neighbor will think twice before tromping on your lawn to let his little varmint do his business. However, you will now probably have to drive to the post office to pick up your mail because no postal carrier in his right mind will put up with this daily dousing of water.

"[S]praying" for greener grass on your side,
- Aunt Sandy

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NIGHTSTALKER RAMPAGE ENDS IN MISSION VIEJO

The summer of 1985 was hot and terrifying for Southern California. On August 25, 1985, **Richard Ramirez** pulled his orange Toyota station wagon onto Via Zaragosa in Mission Viejo looking for someone to kill. At home, in the garage working on his mini-bike was 13 year old **James Romero**. James heard footsteps on the side of his house and then saw through the little screened vent a few inches off the garage floor, a pair of feet walk by.



Richard Ramirez awaiting court appearance

Petrified, James ran to his dad yelling they had a prowler in the yard. They both went to the front window and saw a man run across their front yard and get into the orange Toyota. James and his dad went outside and as the Toyota drove slowly by, James wrote down the license plate number and called police.



The mini-bike that helped stop a killer

An hour later, Richard Ramirez drove down Chrisanta Drive in Mission Viejo and saw a house with the garage door slightly open. He crawled inside the house, found and shot Bill Carns in the head and raped his girlfriend.

It would be the last attack from the Night Stalker. Orange County Sheriff Deputies used the license plate number provided from James and his dad and had the name and fingerprint of Richard Ramirez. He was arrested not long after that terrible night when he made the decision to come to Mission Viejo.

Thirteen year old Mission Viejo resident James Romero was a hero. He received reward money, Rams tickets, an ATV from Mission Yamaha, and he testified in an LA courtroom for two days. Today, James is 45 years old, married and with 4 kids.



*James and L.A. Rams owner Georgia Frontiere:
The plaque said "To a Real American Hero"*

The **Mission Viejo Reporter** asked James what the strangest moment during his whole experience was James said, that during his time on the witness stand, Richard Ramirez would stare at him, and one time, Ramirez locked eyes with him and winked.



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TOURETTE SYNDROME ISN'T A @!#&%\$ JOKE!

by Mission Viejo resident Sarah Bardowell,
Mother of two children with Tourette Syndrome

We were all probably first introduced to Tourette Syndrome with the film "What About Bob". Funny, ha ha. But did you know it's a real disorder?

Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month is May 15th – June 15th. That's right folks, not even an individual calendar month. Tourette Syndrome is a tic disorder-which involves repetitive movements and vocalizations, and is usually child onset at about eight years old. Coprolalia (aka bad words) amounts for less than 10% of TS cases. Most children with TS have quirky head and eye movements; it gets especially noticeable when they are excited or nervous. Sometimes, there is no rhyme or reason....oftentimes, the movement tics hurt. It's painful and exhausting.

The next time you hear a joke about Tourette Syndrome please give it a second thought before sharing....would you mock a child with Down Syndrome?



FROM OUR COLLEGE NOTES DEPT.

TROMBONE MAN Joey Sellers Teaches and Plays Jazz

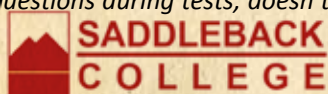
Joey Sellers is a highly regarded composer, arranger, trombonist and educator, and best of all, he lives right here in Mission Viejo. Sellers, Director of Jazz Studies at Saddleback College for the last 14 years, teaches improvisation, jazz ensembles, composition, and jazz history.

Sellers has written for Doc Severinsen, the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, symphony orchestras in Tulsa, Long Beach, and San Antonio, and several works commissioned by the St. Louis Brass. Recently, Joey played in Paris, France, at the Chez Papa, and at the Kunst School for Music in Graz, Austria.



Text from a Saddleback student:

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A NIGHT WITH THE BOLD GIRLZ

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A few weeks ago, our family heard about a "Super Hero" Etiquette class that was to be held at **Bold Girlz** at the Kaleidoscope. I was excited to have a date night with my husband since it was a "drop off" class so we headed over to one of our favorite places, Riptide Rockin' Sushi and Teppan for dinner and drinks. Our four girls weren't sure what to make of the "Etiquette class" we signed them up for when we first dropped them off so I peeked in on them a couple of times and was pleasantly surprised to see them laughing and having a great time. They'd had a birthday party at Bold Girlz before so they recognized the staff members, **Lauren** and **Kendall**, both of whom were extremely kind. Afterwards, Savannah, Sienna, McKenna and Ashtyn excitedly shared all the tips they had learned on manners and introductions. Best of all, they not only learned a lot but put it to use in their daily life right away. It was fantastic that they seemed to value the tips even more since they didn't come from me. They had fun with the Bold Girlz teen staff who are great role models for young girls, and my girls really liked the Super Hero theme that made learning etiquette fun.



Bold Girlz also incorporates their Etiquette instruction during their popular Summer Camp program called Fashionista FUN Camp, which is for girls 6-11. All of my girls were eager to sign up for a week long camp in July after their "introduction". Each day at camp, the girls will engage in different activities including jewelry making, t-shirt decorating, runway modeling and they'll rehearse for a fun fashion show to be held at the end of the week. I plan to try a few of the new restaurants at Kaleidoscope while they're at camp. Camps are held weekly starting June 19th through Sept. 1st from 9:30a-1:30pm. Afternoon camps for girls ages 4-6 are also available. Early Bird special pricing is available through July 1st when you use the code "MVReporter". You can call 949-348-1300 or register on-line at BoldGirlz.com. There you will also see the upcoming dates and times of available classes.



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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Ryan Horio

Soccer - JSerra High School

Incoming Freshman, **Ryan Horio** from Mission Viejo, could be the next Bill Gates or David Beckham! He is an exceptional scholar-athlete with an uncanny competitive spirit and work ethic. Ryan's penchant for winning, both on the soccer field and in the classroom has earned him an impressive array of awards.



He has been a West Coast FC Soccer Club player since he was 8 years old, and now is team captain for the club's tier one soccer team. Last year, he led his team to win the 2016 Albion OC Showcase Championship and to get accepted to the 2017 international and prestigious Dr. Pepper Dallas Cup.

His passion for the sport has earned him an Athletic Scholarship at JSerra HS. Ryan is also a dedicated student with a 4.0 GPA, three years in a row. He was awarded the Superintendent Academic Award.

Lastly, Ryan has been recognized by his school for his acts of kindness and for giving back to the community. He is a Life Scout, inducted to Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts' National Honor Society and has received the Lion's Heart President's Volunteer Service Award for volunteering over 100 hours.

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Lake Mission Viejo, 1975



Lake Mission Viejo, 2017

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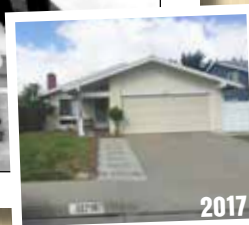
Be Well!

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

IN 1975 BUYING A HOME COULD GET YOU A COW



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Thomas and **Nicki Perry** were the proud owners of a 1,000 pound steer for purchasing the 1,000th Barcelona Homes house! Next to them is **Grant Sullivan**, who was the general sales manager of the Mission Viejo Company at the time and **Bob Freeman** on his right, who was the project manager. The girl walking the cow is unknown and no one knows exactly what happened to the cow....

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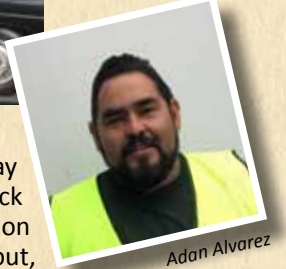
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CATCHING PEOPLE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT



Adan Alvarez, Vandergeest Landscaping, Inc.

Last month on
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Reporter** caught
Adan Alvarez
doing something
right. Adan was



Adan Alvarez

traveling down Marguerite parkway
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his emergency flashers, quickly got out,
dashed to the median and picked up a piece of trash. This is an
employee of Vandergeest who really cares about the look of our
city. Thank you Adan.

If you have a picture of someone in the act of doing a good deed send it to us,
with a description of what is happening to missionviejoreporter@gmail.com

A NEW BLUE

MISSION VIEJO YMCA POOL REFURBISHMENT



by Jennifer Heinen,
Executive Director MV YMCA

This winter the **Mission Viejo Family YMCA** went through
a pool refurbishment including a full plastering, new lights,
and tile work. The YMCA has a beautiful resort style pool for
Mission Viejo residents to take advantage of year-round. The
pool is back up and running with programs restarting.

The YMCA offers year round open swim, youth group
lessons, adult group lessons, private lessons, parent-child
programs, youth swim club,
aqua fitness, and more. New
Executive Director, **Jennifer
Heinen**, and the Aquatics
Director, **Carol Kolarov**
invite you to take a tour
of the facility and see the
renovations this month. In
addition, the YMCA wants
all children to be water
safe and ready for the hot
summer months.



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TAKING THE PLUNGE

Nadadores Complex From Above

Behind the 10 foot hedge along Marguerite Parkway some serious construction is going on.

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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, current City Commissioner and graduated from Mission Viejo High School, and Saddleback College.

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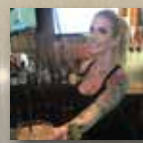


ALL NIGHT LONG!

PLACES TO GO AFTER MIDNIGHT

by Sarah Bardowell

Just when you thought there was nothing to do in Mission Viejo after midnight, we have found some cool places to go. While this city isn't quite the city that never sleeps, there are a few nighttime options.



Costello's Tavern Bartender

Pub Thirty-Two — Located in Gateway Center, Pub Thirty-Two is open until 2am. This hipster pub specializes in farm-to-table plates and cocktails.

Saddleback Lanes — Next door to Trader Joe's, and open until 1am on weekends. Challenge your friends to a game of Cosmic Bowling. Make the game more challenging with a few drinks from the bar.

Costello's — Hidden in the strip mall behind the Kaleidoscope, and open until 2am on weekends. Enjoy live music and dancing in a relaxed atmosphere.

Howie's Game Shack — Atop the Kaleidoscope, Howie's is open until 2am on weekends. Be socially antisocial while gaming with your friends. Howie's has Xbox, PC and Virtual Reality gaming.

Shooters — A great place to play pool at 1AM. Near Marguerite & Avery Parkways.

Buffalo Wild Wings — Another late night spot in the Kaleidoscope open until 2am. Watch a game, eat some wings and enjoy some tasty beer and/or beers.

Patsy's Irish Pub — In the strip mall on Los Alisos and Jeronimo, Bust out your inner Adele and sing your lungs off at karaoke until 2am. A chill, dive bar, with cheap drinks and pub snacks.

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ORAL PLEASURES

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Father's Day is around the corner and, while everyone loves Moms, Dads are usually the ones who hand down the punishments and hand out the cash - so kids tend to keep certain things to themselves. With this in mind, we asked Mission Viejo residents: **"WHAT'S ONE THING YOU'VE DONE, YOU'VE NEVER TOLD YOUR FATHER?"**

1. *I got a tattoo about a year ago on my nip.* - Denise D.
2. *We had a party and put holes in the walls* - Scott B.
3. *When we had a dog, I fed him 5 popsicles a day.* - Megan T.
4. *I dropped his toothbrush in the toilet.* - Paul C.
5. *We had a sleep over when he was in the hospital* - Nancy S.
6. *I took money from his pants one time.* - Travis R.
7. *First girl I kissed was my sister.* - Jason R.
8. *That I smoke weed.* - Thomas N.

HAPPY
Father's Day

STONER ALERT MISSION VIEJO WONDER WOMAN

Meet **Melisa Stoner**, a Mission Viejo resident and fitness instructor at **Montanoso and Sierra Recreation Center**. Melisa uses battle ropes, agility ladders, partner drills and more for variety and that element of fun.

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Upcoming Events

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

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The juniors receive valuable support from the yacht club, the Lake Association as well as Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation. Boys and girls who are members of LMVA are invited to contact **Rod Simenz, LMVYC Junior Program Director** for more information at **949-462-0838**



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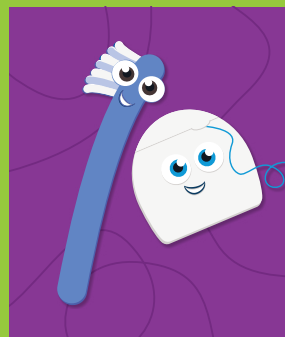
reunited the players and coaches
at this year's Opening Ceremonies. Most of
the team members were able to attend. Many
brought memorabilia and souvenirs from their
championship journey.

The coaches from the 1997 team spoke to
the crowd of current players and talked about
the importance of teamwork and believing that
everything is possible.



Back row from left to right: Team Asst Andy Potter / Coach Al Elconin / Taylor Bennett / Andrew Nieves / Ryan O'Donovan / Ashton White / Gavin Fabian / Greg Oats / Gary Gattis / Adam Sorgi / Coach Ed Sorgi
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