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Dave Leckness  
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## MISSION VIEJO DUI's ARE DOWN IN 2018

I just received a briefing from **Lieutenant Quyen Vuong (aka Lt Q)**, Mission Viejo's Chief of Police, concerning citizens driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. He informed me that DUI arrests are down 37% this year over last year for our city. This is one of the lowest rate for all cities in Orange County. Word is out in Mission Viejo not to drink and drive.



by Greg Rath  
Mayor Pro-Tem, Mission Viejo

Our police have deployed two swing shift patrol cars during the hours of 3:30 pm to 4:00 am, 7 days a week, on special DUI saturation watches, specifically to stop and arrest drivers showing signs of alcohol or drug impairment. The officers are specially trained for DUI recognition to get impaired drivers off our streets.

Uber and Lyft are available throughout our community at a cost of about \$1 per mile. Taxi cabs are also available. These driving services are far cheaper than a DUI conviction that begins at around \$10,000 for legal services, safe driving classes, AA meeting, and more; not to mention the loss of one's driving privileges.

Let's ensure our friends get home safe by giving them a ride, or calling a driving service. If you see someone driving erratically don't hesitate to call 911.



## SMILES ARE UNIVERSAL LA PAZ INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS BRING THE FLAVOR

Did you know that "Everyone Smiles in the Same Language?" Last month, **La Paz Intermediate School students** transformed the campus into a colorful, vibrant display of over 30 countries! When I arrived, the sounds of music and the smells of yummy food coming from the courtyard greeted me, and I began my journey around the world! As the evening continued, hundreds of students, parents, grandparents, and community members gathered to visit the booths and enjoy the entertainment provided onstage by various groups.



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

**Dan Robbins** celebrated his 25th anniversary at La Paz by directing the talented students in his band, followed by performances of costumed Greek dancers, the La Paz drama students,

a Flamenco dancer, and more! It was impressive to see that the students had researched each nation and displayed information, photos, and memorabilia to give us a taste of each culture!



## ABOUT TIME Perfect Timing for Mission Viejo Country Club

To put a permanent face on its 50th anniversary celebration, **Mission Viejo Country Club** now proudly and prominently displays a customized clock near its clubhouse and first tee.

It was an easy decision to purchase it from a company that has been around since 1842, selecting The Verdin Company, a six-generation, Cincinnati, Ohio-based family business that has made tower and street clocks for the past 176 years.

"But \$27,000 is a big chunk of change, and I didn't feel comfortable committing the club to that with just a phone contact," said **Steve Vlahos**, MVCC General Manager.



Steve Vlahos

Verdin Clock Product Manager **Jeannie Caldwell**, who flew out to meet with Vlahos from her home base in Denver, understood the need for the club to want a face-to-face meeting.

MVCC selected a Howard Replica Model 4K with Arabic numerals, a custom dial with the club's logo, a custom header above the dial with the name of the club and the year it was established, and gold accent paints.





# DAVID VS GOLIATH

## MISSION VIEJO'S SHORT BATTLE WITH McDONALDS AND KFC



In the late 1960's as Mission Viejo was growing with beautiful homes and families, **McDonalds** and **Kentucky Fried Chicken** both wanted to be apart of our city. Mission Viejo's Chief Planner **Jim Toepfer** welcomed both with open arms... with one condition: **NO ARCHES** and **NO BUCKET**.

Up until then every McDonalds had the famous golden arches and every Kentucky Fried Chicken proudly displayed the skyscraper, rotating bucket on a pole, out in front of each of the restaurants.



Both restaurants argued that no city has ever challenged these iconic structures and that they are a major part of each restaurant's design and image, and without the arches for McDonalds and the bucket for Kentucky Fried Chicken, the businesses may very likely fail. Mission Viejo executives explained that if they wanted their restaurants in our city, they would have to comply with the strict commercial signage restrictions the new city of Mission Viejo required.

Happily, both restaurants complied and for years have enjoyed serving Mission Viejo residents great food. A few Mission Viejo executives loved Kentucky Fried Chicken so much they bought the Mission Viejo franchise.

### Did you know...

## MISSION VIEJO'S FRED HILL STARTED IT ALL THE ORIGIN OF THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

**Fred Hill** & his family have owned and operated two McDonald's franchises here in Mission Viejo for years. It all began in Philadelphia in 1974 when three-year-old **Kim Hill**, the daughter of Philadelphia Eagles football player **Fred Hill** and his wife **Fran**, was being treated for leukemia at St. Christopher's Hospital For Children.



During Kim's three years of treatment, the Hills often camped out on hospital chairs and benches and ate makeshift meals out of vending machines, while they watched other parents doing the same thing. They learned that many of the families traveled great distances to bring their children to the medical facility but couldn't afford hotel rooms.

The Hills knew that there had to be a solution. Fred rallied the support of his Eagles teammates and eventually developed a comfortable temporary residence for families of

children being treated at hospitals, **The Ronald McDonald House**.

Today there are 366 Ronald McDonald Houses in 42 countries and regions. Those Houses provide over 7,200 bedrooms to families around the world each night, helping make things easier for children and their families globally, all of which took root from a man with a dream.

-some info sourced from Wikipedia

## TACO & A SMILE

### THESE LADIES MAKE BREAKFAST A TREAT



Christina Fazio at the drive-thru

Day in and day out, it is consistently the efforts of **Christina Fazio** and **Adriana Lugo** that make Del Taco in Mission Viejo such a great destination in the morning.

Christina is the face in the window and the voice coming through the speaker to confirm your order. She always seems to have pep in her step and she genuinely cares about the people who come to her window. Adriana is the one making the food They go the extra mile to make sure your breakfast is good for your soul!



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## Ask Aunt Sandy

- WITH MISSION VIEJO'S SANDRA FERGUSON



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

## ON THE EDGE OF A VOLCANO LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

Dear Aunt Sandy,

Last year, my husband and I purchased our first home across from a Mission Viejo school, and we love it. We have a view, great neighbors and a large front yard. Here's my problem: Every school day we have a massive amount of traffic going up and down the street and kids parking in front of our house. Some kids don't leave until late in the afternoon. I've even seen kids go out to their car and change clothes and then return to school. Some kids sit on our front wall and talk, laugh, eat and sometimes smoke. If I would have known about this rude behavior I would never have bought this house.

- Bummed on Chrisanta

Dear Bummed,

Well, it sounds like you goofed. It seems you didn't do your homework. What you should've done was drive to the school and park across the street for about 20 minutes before and after school. Observing the traffic flow and noise would've been the best way to determine if living in close proximity to the school would be a problem for you.

Your problem reminds me of people who choose to live near active volcanos, and many do. Ultimately, these people are found buried up to their necks in hot ash and wonder, "Why did this happen to me?"

The good news is, there's only about 160 days of school a year. That means you have about 200 days to enjoy your view. In the meantime, you could invest in bear traps, but that could get messy, so instead try a motion activated 'stadium-style' sprinkler system. Next time, investigate and check it out beforehand!

- Aunt Sandy

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FROM OUR WORDS MATTER DEPT.

# THE ART OF CONVERSATION *That Matters*

Recently, the *Mission Viejo Reporter* spoke with the woman that trains the princesses in Pasadena, as they vie to become the Queen of the Rose Parade. Learn the ways to sound and act like you know what you're doing. Here are a few of her pointers.

## *How to Talk to People in a New Setting*

### THE ART OF CONVERSATION FROM THE PASADENA ROSE QUEEN TRAINER

1. Names are very important.
2. Wear name badge on right side, not on belt buckle.
3. Stand up right away to shake hands.
4. The Handshake – Don't do's!  
Bonecrusher – Finger tips –  
Fishy – Double Handshake.
5. If someone says, "Great speech" to you, say "Thank you"
6. If you need to exit a conversation say, "Excuse me I have to say hi to someone."
7. If you forget someone's name, bring a third person into the mix and say "Have you two met?"
8. Put the glory on them not on you.
9. Use their name in conversation – pay a genuine compliment – "Nice tie, Dan."



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## MEMORIES FROM MARGUERITE TENNIS CENTER'S EARLY DAYS



Marguerite Tennis Center from the air - 1970's

In 1970, because of the lack of tournaments and prize money for women, **Billie Jean King** and eight other players defied the tennis establishment to form their own pro circuit. They called it the **Virginia Slims Championship**.

Many experts doubted they could attract crowds to generate prize money, but the circuit was a huge success. Women's tennis was improving financially, and the United States Tennis Association saw the success they were having and started their own tour. It eventually merged with the Virginia Slims Circuit and developed into the **Women's Tennis Association (WTA)**.



Farrah Fawcett, Mission Viejo-

**"I was really upset when they set up a rival tour. I wanted them to join us, not go against us."**

-Billie Jean King in 2013, reflecting on the Virginia Slims Circuit

In 1974, the Marguerite Tennis Center was one of the tournament venues. Tennis greats like **King** and **Chris Evert** battled it out on our main court. In 1977, the Marguerite Tennis Center hosted the TV show "Challenge of the Sexes" where **Farrah Fawcett** beat comedian and future convicted sexual offender **Bill Cosby** in a 9 point tiebreaker.



Farrah Fawcett interviewing Bill Cosby on "Challenge of the Sexes"



Billie Jean King and Chris Evert competing in the 1974 Virginia Slims of Mission Viejo



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The crashes give a front row seat to high school students about the repercussions of poor decision making. While the student body

looks on, student actors play the roles of teenagers who are injured

and/or killed in a car crash. The actors have moulage so their injuries look authentic, and their phenomenal acting makes the sounds of the horrifying crashes look, sound, and feel real. The crash scene is played out for the audience to see what truly happens from

the beginning to the end of one of these incidents; from the sheriff's and fire department response, to the firefighter/paramedics triaging and treating patients, to the nurses who coordinate treatment with the paramedics and doctors, to family responding to the scene, and the coroner and mortician coming to take care of deceased people. The simulated crash scene captures the tragic raw emotion that people feel during these events and sends a powerful message to students to think twice about their actions.

These events could not take place without the support and coordination of: OCFA, FADD, Mission Hospital, CHP, OCSD, CARE Ambulance, O'Connor Mortuary, Trauma Intervention Program (TIP),



Firefighters, Paramedics, Chaplains and volunteers all strive to bring realism to the events



## HAVE YOU TRIED CIRCUS TRIX YET?

A few months ago, my kids were invited to a birthday party at **Circus Trix** and came home all excited about their "new favorite place". They told me that there were lots of trampolines, a rock climbing wall, foam jumping pits, and ribbons for them to climb on, along with a balance beam where they can "battle it out".



Before I knew it, my triplets birthday was almost upon us, and like most Moms, I knew I didn't want to have it at my house. I went over to Circus Trix and was lucky enough to schedule the party with **Brittney**, who owns Circus Trix along with her husband, **Casey**. She told me the party room would be all ready for guests, and we scheduled a date. I chose the party package for 25 kids. She also offered a suggestion of where to order my pizzas at a discount and gave me a few passes for my family to try out Circus Trix before the big day.

I went with my kids one afternoon and since they begged me to jump with them, I reluctantly agreed. It's been awhile since I had jumped on a trampoline for an hour but I found myself having fun playing tag with them, jumping into the foam pits and we even played a few games of basketball and climbed on the rock climbing wall. The hour went much more quickly than I anticipated and I felt like I got a great workout while enjoying some fun with my kids. My legs were even a bit sore the next day! If you don't want to jump with the kids, there is also a room upstairs where you can sit and get some work done or curl up with a good book. Moreover, they have conveniently located red couches throughout the jumping area so you can keep an eye on your little ones.

Their birthday party was a few weeks later and was definitely a hit with both the attendees and the parents, whom I offered the choice to drop off or stay and watch. Many of the kids we invited had been to Circus Trix before so we only had a few kids who needed to have their parents sign the waiver ahead of time. We ordered our Wonder Woman cake from Albertson's, and it was delicious. We forgot a few items and it was great that the Circus Trix staff had a cake cutter on hand and also some vending machines so we could purchase the drinks we forgot to bring.



The kids who came to the party were also given a pass to come back and enjoy Circus Trix another day. The price of the party was \$550, which I thought was a great price. Best of all, I had no clean up to do and my triplets said it was their best birthday party so far.

Circus Trix usually costs \$17 per hour of jumping or \$22 for 1.5 hours on weekdays and \$25 on weekends.

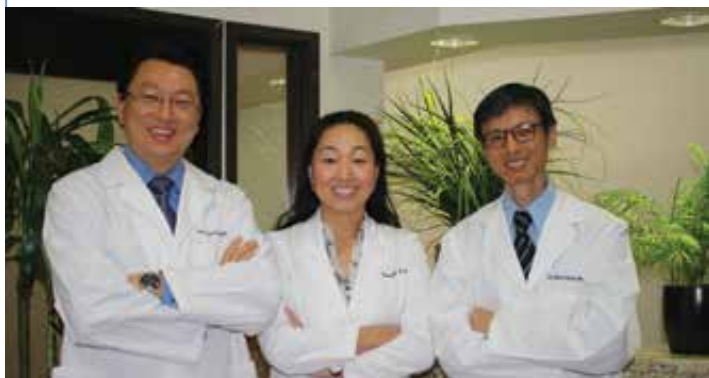


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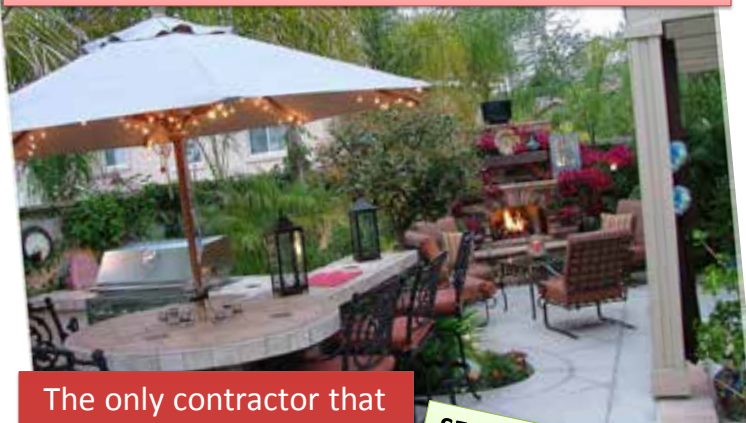
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# The MASTER PLANNING of MISSION VIEJO

Mission Viejo is considered one of the first Master Planned communities built in the country and was proposed in 1964. Many unique features of the plan set it apart.

## UNIQUE MV DESIGN FEATURES

- ✓ **Major arterials were placed at lower elevations than homes**
  - Which reduced traffic noises
- ✓ **Commercial signage strictly controlled**
  - Giving the community a more peaceful, visually soothing look
- ✓ **All utilities underground**
  - Sewer, water, power, gas, TV and telephone were all out of sight
- ✓ **Recreation center for each cluster of neighborhoods**
  - Swimming pools, neighborhood parks, walking trails and viewpoints
- ✓ **Custom street lighting**
  - Spanish style street light for lighting throughout the city
- ✓ **Flavor of Old Spanish Mission**
  - Architecture & street names gave the city a one of a kind look
- ✓ **Encouragement of community participation**
  - Input from residents and associations was and still is welcomed

Donald Bren, a small Orange County builder and developer, convinced **Tony Moiso** to build a true Planned Community. The first residents began purchasing homes in 1966.

Donald was the initial president of the **Mission Viejo Company**, and later on became and still is president of the Irvine Company, where the earlier lessons he learned in building Mission Viejo were incorporated.

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FROM OUR COVER DEPT.

# MV's MICHELANGELO

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If you have ever attended our Arts Alive event, you are sure to recognize Mission Viejo's native **Shaina Joel**. Her introduction to chalk art began when her school, **Bathgate Elementary**, asked her to draw a butterfly in a small square in the children section of the fair. Her enthusiasm blossomed from there, and Shaina has participated in our annual event ever since for the past 14 years.



Artist Extraordinaire Shaina Joel

In addition to becoming a local favorite, Shaina has been invited to participate over the years in many Chalk Festivals throughout California. She has been recognized with many awards and honorable mentions, including recent #1 Best in Show at the prestigious Pasadena Art Festival, an event that has been recognized in the Guinness World Record Book as the Largest Street Painting Festival, 2010.



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FROM OUR FAMILY HERITAGE DEPT.

# GRASSBALLS

## A DAUGHTER'S LOVE

by Grace Mead

I am the proud daughter of **Cyrus Rhee, aka 'Cy'**. What makes me most proud of my father is his incredible devotion to the community and his intense love for his family!

My parents have lived in Mission Viejo for over 40 years. In those 40 years, they have raised 4 children and owned a business in Mission Viejo. My father has always passionately loved the game of soccer, and because he wanted to ensure that his children and others in the community were given the opportunity to play, In 1977 he and 4 others spent hundreds of hours in developing and creating AYSO's (American Youth Soccer Organization) AREA 11-L. Today, AREA 11-L is AYSO's single largest AREA by number of players; and my father was the first Commissioner for Region 85.



Cyrus Rhee, aka 'Cy' and a few of his students



family passion.

My father loves the city of Mission Viejo and he has given the city not only his unconditional love, but he has provided us with an amazing soccer organization for our children...this is his legacy.

My father's eldest grandson and my nephew, **Alec Sundly** was drafted by the MLS New England Revolution this year! Alec started his soccer career in Mission Viejo, having playing for AREA 11-L and Trabuco Hills High School. We are now blessed to watch him play professionally in Germany, as he continues on with the

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FROM OUR **BON VOYAGE** DEPT.

# JEFF LODDER

## RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

**Jeff Lodder**, originally from the Netherlands, and his British wife **Gwyneth**, moved to the United States in June 1965, in response to a job offer. In 1967, they bought a house in Mission Viejo and become very early buyers in La Paz Unit 2. Then in late 1968, the **Mission Viejo Company** offered Jeff the position of Manager of Engineering. For Jeff, that was the beginning of an exciting, nearly 18 year career.

He eventually rose to the position of Senior Vice President with them. During his time with the company, he was part of the team that created Lake Mission Viejo and was in charge of the actual construction of the Lake and the Lake Mission Viejo dam. During 1981, Jeff became a "Golden Ring" Award recipient as presented to him by the Phillip Morris Company, which at that time, was the owner of the Mission Viejo Company..



After his career with the Mission Viejo Company, he became the Executive Vice President and C.O.O. for **Hovchild Inc.** overseeing many exciting and challenging project developments within the US and elsewhere. In 2005, he retired from his career and now, he is a very active sailor.

He was a participant in the 1999 Transpacific Race to Honolulu, completed several Newport Beach to Ensenada Races and also has sailed in Indonesia and other parts of the world. As recently as 2016, while onboard his yacht 'Nuage', sailing to the Marquesas Islands. Jeff found himself in a very perilous position, when he encountered a very serious radar problem on the 4300 mile journey and had to turn around and return home. A trip he still would like to undertake.





Jeff and his daughter **Shannon** and grandkids **Jordan** and **Landon** still call beautiful Mission Viejo their "home port".

# FATHER'S ADVICE

## LESSONS FOR SONS

1. Never sit before a lady sits.
2. Thank a veteran.
3. Ask your dad to play. He won't let you win.
4. Act like you've been there before.
5. Always protect your siblings.
6. Write down your dreams & goals.
7. When entrusted with a secret, keep it.
8. Eat lunch with the new kid at school.
9. Experience the serenity of traveling alone.
10. Never shake a man's hand while sitting down.
11. You marry the girl, you marry her whole family.
12. Return a borrowed car with a full tank of gas.
13. When shaking hands, grip firmly and look them in the eye.
14. Be like a duck. Remain calm on the surface and paddle like crazy underneath.
15. There are plenty of ways to enter a pool. The stairs ain't one.
16. Never be afraid to ask out the best looking girl in the room.
17. After writing an angry email, read it carefully. Then delete it.
18. Never turn down additional responsibility. The world is full of followers; leaders are in high demand.
19. When you pick up your date, park the car and go inside and greet her parents. NEVER blow your horn. Even if her parents aren't home, go get her and open the door for her.





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Jas is an exceptional athlete. Like most top performing athletes, she has incredible drive and work ethic that keep her focused on her goals. 13 years of rigorous training on the fields have helped her grow into a strong and talented athlete. Her athleticism is easy to spot, but the Athletic Scholarship offered three years ago by the University of Oregon, speaks more about her character. Beyond the skills and traits that coaches expect of their players, Jas has integrity and adaptability. She places top priority on teamwork, making sure that her skills complement the team's strengths.

Jas has also impressed the coaches with her ability to balance sports, school and an active social life. From playing on the school team, Travel Ball California Cruisers 18u and volleyball the first two years of high school, to earning Scholar-Athlete Awards every year and having a 4.2 GPA, Jas still remains a down-to-earth teenager. She enjoys spending time with her friends, going shopping and visiting the Happiest Place on Earth.



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