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# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU FLUS

Last month, we visited the Santa Margarita Water Oso Creek Water Reclamation plant. This facility, quietly hidden in the center of Mission Viejo, is run by MIT graduate and all-around nice guy Ron Johnson. Ron showed us around this intriguing site, showing us the journey and ultimate destination of our toilet water.

FLUSH

FRESH

Our Facebook video from the plant

The Mission Viejo Reporter taped a fascinating,

three minute video tour and put it on our Facebook page (Mission Viejo



Ron Johnson

Reporter). The video has been watched over 5,000 times and gives us an inside look into what happens after you flush. Take a moment and watch this terrific testament to the commitment to our community by the Santa Margarita Water District.



by Dave Leckness

Mission Vieio Re

by Colonel Greg Raths USMC (RET)

When I was first elected to City Council in 2014, I made it a priority to ensure that our military veterans have available the necessary information for local veteran assistance services. I would like to thank the City staff for acting quickly to set up displays of literature at the Norman P. Murray Center and the Mission Viejo Library. This literature contains Veteran Benefits Services, Crisis Support Services, Veteran Legal Assistance, and Veteran Mental Health support and counseling. Pamphlets are also available containing State and County veteran assistance programs, as well as non-governmental resources. Orange County has a One-Stop Shop Center which includes a CA Employment Development Department. Contact information is 949-341-8000 and http://onestop.com.

The City of Mission Viejo has a Marine and Sailor Adoption Committee made up of volunteers to help our active duty military members and their families at Camp Pendleton. This citizen-run adoption committee partners with the Mission

Viejo Community Foundation and local businesses to provide year-round support to our adopted Marines and Sailors of the Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division. To find more information, contact them at 949-470-3061 or at www.cityofmissionviejo.org/marines. Thank you to everyone who supports our military veterans and active duty personnel.

# Mission Viejo's Hallmark



by Wendy Bucknum

Mission Viejo is celebrating 30 years of cityhood, and over 50 years of community. It's because of our residents... you, that we are so successful in creating a small town feel while

being the largest city in South Orange County. How do we do it? Here are a few of the

Community Pride - residents ownership and participate in community events and activities.

School partnerships - City and Local Non-profits partner

with our schools to make a difference for our students. Organizations such as Kiwanis, Rotary, Elks, Lions, YMCA, Mission Viejo Activities Committee, the City and our Faith Organizations take an interest and get involved.

Respect and Care for our Seniors - Our Senior Center and other community facilities are bursting with activity and we have a great partnership with South County Council on Aging who provides the Meals on Wheels Program.

Sports, Fitness and Arts for everyone – Mission Viejo is known for being a sports mecca with Nadadores Swimming and Diving as well as Soccer, Football, Baseball, Softball Championships abounding

Vibrant Business Community - Chamber of Commerce and other organizations ensure we buy local and support

Let's keep Mission Viejo vibrant, respecting our past with a vision for the future!



FROM OUR COVER STORY DEPT.

# MISSION VIEJO FIREFIGHTERS TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Mission Viejo firefighters work out of the 3 stations we have here in the City and do an incredible job of handling everything from small calls to major incidents in Orange County.

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 a 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 A, B & C shifts. Here's the breakdown:

### **ENGINE 9**

4 person crew (2 trained & qualified paramedics)
Structure and wildland firefighters
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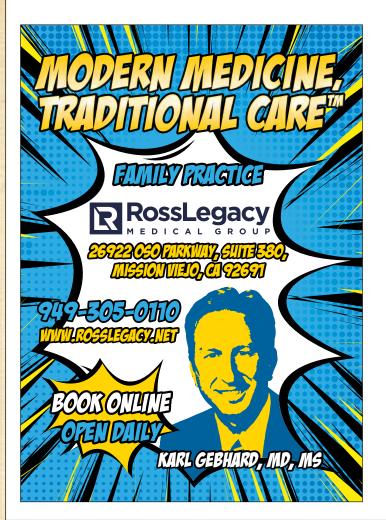
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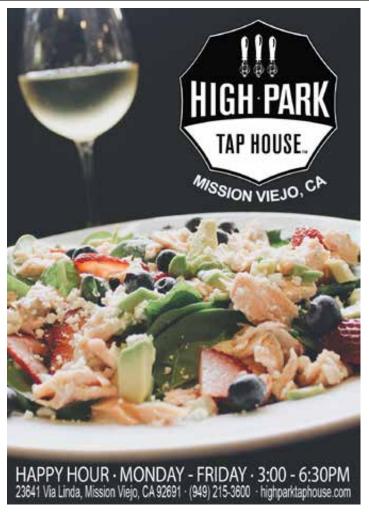
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Structural Collapse Rescue
Swiftwater/Boat Rescue
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# DRIVICENTHUSIAST

# MISSION VIEJO'S BLAST FROM THE PAST... KINDA



"Brilliant, streamlined, incorporating every feature of race-tested engineering, Porsche produces the Speedster for the driving enthusiast." Meet Mission Viejo resident

Luke Sensebe. His 1956 Porsche Speedster replica, built by Vintage Speedsters, is the most fun car he's ever owned – and Luke's owned a lot. It has a 1915cc engine with dual carbs and is air cooled. These custom hand-built versions take about 60 days, and there are tons of options you can include. This example is toned down like the original outlaw versions with less chrome and guards, no luggage rack, and a vented engine boot but includes many mechanical upgrades the original Porsche does not, which makes for a better driving experience than



the real thing. These include: suspension upgrades, disc brakes and a higher output engine and tuned exhaust.



This car is a real head turner. Each time Luke takes it out for a spin, he gets the thumbs up, honks and waves.

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of the Mission Viejo business community.

CALL, LOG ON OR STOP IN!

# MISSION VIEJO REPORTER Mission Viejo Plant was HUGE! In 1969, the Burroughs Corporation built a new plant Burroughs Corp. To Build \$16 Million Plant in M.V. at the corner of Jeronimo and Obrero in the soon to be incorporated municipality of Mission Viejo. Burroughs' executives said Mission Viejo has three qualities we A. It has a wide price range of housing for a new community, the kind of place where engineers and other professional people might like to live. B. Mission Viejo and the surrounding area offer a variety of recreational opportunities that will appeal to many types of people. C. The community has a decent climate, which attracts the high-caliber people Burroughs seeks. Today, Unisys Corporation, the successor to Burroughs, still maintains a facility in Mission Viejo, while the former facility is now home to the largest RV & Boat and self-storage facility in California with over 500,000 square feet of net rentable space. Owner John Saunders in conjunction with RV Storage Depot, have created a facility where Mission Viejo residents

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# MISSION DEMOCRAPHICS



### **POPULATION**

Mission Viejo, CA has a population of 102, 314 and is the 68th largest city in the state of California.

- 79% of the population is Caucasian
- 11.0% of the population is Hispanic or Latino
- 8.5% of the population is Asian
- 1% of the population is African American
- 0.5% of the population is Other

### **EMPLOYMENT & INCOME**

The median household income is \$104,886, which is 64% higher than the California average and 90% higher than than the national average.

### HOUSING

The median home price in Mission Viejo is 229% higher than the national average. The median rent asked in Mission Viejo is 110% higher than the national average.

### **EDUCATION & SCHOOLS**

Mission Viejo public schools have average test scores of 53% which is 39% higher than than the California average and 8% higher than than the national average.

- 93.0% of people in Mission Viejo have completed 8th grade.
- 92.8% of people in Mission Viejo have completed High School.
- 47.2% of people in Mission Viejo have gotten a Bachelors degree.

### **CRIME**

Mission Viejo is safer than 80% of the cities in the United States. The overall crime rate in Mission Viejo is 62% lower than the national average.

### **COST OF LIVING**

The cost of living in Mission Viejo is 20% higher than the California average. The cost of living in Mission Viejo is 66% higher than the national average. The cost of housing in Mission Viejo is 194% higher than the national average.

### **POLITICS**

There are 56,286 Registered Voters in Mission Viejo. Of those voters 55% are Rebulicans, 25% are Democrats and 20% Other.

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FROM OUR MEET YOUR MERCHANT DEPT.

# WOMEN GO CRAZY FOR A Sharp DRESSED MAN

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 and Proms, and was chosen by the Ritz Carlton Hotel to be the formal wear provider for their Black Tie Conferences and events. With the collapse of the economy, wedding parties wore suits instead of tuxedos, and schools told the boys they could wear a "collared shirt and tie" for prom, which led to Jim's



Jim knows his suits

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 perfectly. 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.

Stop in and see Jim. "You'll be glad you did".

FROM OUR HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS DEPT.

# PASS THE LIVER, PLEASE

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Every year thousands of people get a second chance at life because they are able to receive organ, eye, and tissue transplants. However, the need for organs is much greater than the supply with a waiting list of over 115,000 life saving organs needed.



Jessica Sommers and her daughter

In 2016, Mission Viejo residents Jessica and Scott Sommers wanted to bring the local community a little closer together. They started a Facebook group called Mission Viejo Connection that has since grown to over 8,700 members. In spite of being very ill, Jessica fought to make it through last Christmas to spend time with her husband and their 6 year old daughter. Shortly after Christmas, time ran out for her. A liver transplant could have prevented the buildup of toxins in her brain that eventually lead to 3 strokes ending her life prematurely at 38.

Local Mission Viejo business owner **Rudy Padrol** operates **Rudy's Christmas Trees**. Every year, part of the proceeds from sales goes to different types of charities including ones for cancer, bully prevention, and military people and their families, just to name a few. This summer, Rudy & Scott have put together a Christmas Tree fundraiser in Jessica's memory with proceeds going to **Donate Life America**. Donate Life America is a non-profit organization that educates and advocates for organ, eye, and tissue donations.

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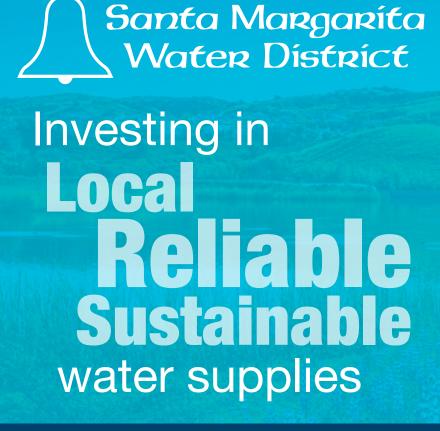






Marie Baba Hisaka









Expanding recycled water infrastructure near Newhart Middle School



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We've had a streetlight burned out on our street for months, how do I get it fixed?

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FROM OUR VECTOR CONTROL DEPT.

# THE FAST, SAFE AND FUN WAY

**Orange County Mosquito** and Vector Control tests dead birds for the presence of West Nile virus. West Nile virus is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes acquire WNV when they feed on infected birds, and then pass the virus along when they bite humans.



Birds testing positive for

West Nile virus are good indicators that the disease is present in the neighborhood. Residents are encouraged to report dead birds to Vector Control for testing.

The bird must be dead for less than 24 hours. If you are not sure if the bird you have found dead less than 24 hours before, look for the following clues:

- 1. The bird should not be stiff.
- 2. There should be no ants or flies covering the bird.
- 3. The bird should not have a foul odor.
- In addition, the bird should be intact.
  - a. No missing body parts.
  - b. No physical injuries.
  - c. Eyeballs must be intact (disease testing requires bird eye fluid).

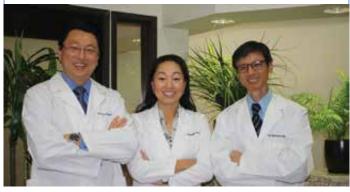
## Use caution if you must handle a dead bird:

- Do not touch dead birds with your bare hands.
- Wear gloves or use a stick to pick the bird up.
- Do not eat while handling the bird.
- Double bag the dead bird by placing it into one plastic bag and then placing that bag into another plastic bag.
- Wash your hands with soap and warm water IMMEDIATELY after handling the bird.

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# FIDO, CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Dear Aunt Sandy,

Recently, I attended our monthly girls' Book Club meeting here in Mission Viejo. Near the end of the evening, I looked for my cell phone that I had placed next to my purse on the floor, and it was gone. Everyone began to look for it, but it seemed to have simply disappeared. Later, I found the phone chewed to bits by the host's Cocker Spaniel. Should I ask the host to replace the phone or ask that their homeowners policy take care of it?

- Without a phone

Dear No Phone,

Everybody has heard the old "dog ate my homework" joke, but, these days there's a chance that your pooch may be more interested in your smartphone more than your science project.

Unfortunately, some dogs eat almost anything. Some dogs just have the urge to chew on and swallow anything, even if it can kill them. It's no surprise that dogs are attracted to tech products. They vibrate and make noise just like a lot of squeak and other toys that they play with, so a lot of animals confuse them with things that they're supposed to play with.

This is a tough one because I could argue each side, so I must pick... You are responsible. It's your responsibility to take care of your own things. It's not like you're a child. As soon as you learn that there's an animal in the house, you need to take precautions. You could try placing doggy treats smothered in peanut butter around your purse and Fido will totally ignore your phone. Hey, don't knock it - it worked with one of my former husbands!

- Aunt Sandy



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# HIDINGOUSE

# **The Tunnels of San Juan Capistrano**

In 1991, during a clearing out of the basement of an 1880s-era home once owned in San Juan Capistrano by the colorful Judge Richard Egan, workers uncovered the remnants of a long-sealed tunnel.



Dr. Egan's house today, across from El Adobe Adobe restaurant across the street.

When workers began clearing out the dark basement in the old home, they found two brick archways inlaid into the foundation on the sides of the house and a crawl space that leads off to the front of the home towards Camino Capistrano. Within one of the archways, a tunnel leads towards the present day El

Historians know that the old home, called 'Harmony Hall' by Egan, who was nicknamed "the King of Capistrano," was a centerpiece of the downtown back in the late 1800s. Directly across the street, at what is now the El Adobe, there was a stagecoach depot and Egan's courthouse, complete with a downstairs jail (now the restaurant's wine cellar).

Historians say there was a maze of tunnels in old San Juan, most of them irrigation and drainage ditches, known in Spanish as *zanjas*, connected to the 240-year-old Mission San Juan Capistrano. Many were probably used at times for hiding and escape during San Juan Capistrano's

rough years. Although their whereabouts have never been precise, one of the tunnels ran along side the east side of El Camino Real behind what is now a Sizzler restaurant and the crossed what is today



'Harmony Hall' as it appeared in the early 1900's

Ortega Highway and cut into the mission near the Serra Chapel. Another was found on the west wing of the mission, on the north side, and headed toward Trabuco Creek. A third was located near Trabuco Creek, heading the opposite way towards the mission. What stories they might tell.

# Places Wed Like TO REMEMBER



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# BOOD WITH GOOD HEALTH

In 2011, Jan Eisenbeisz suffered a severe concussion and disk injury and was unable to work. She pursued conventional medicine for relief and was given

the treatment options of various drugs and prescribed rest. This treatment left her still suffering with a list of post-concussion

symptoms. She began to ask, "I must get well and how am I going to do it?"



That began her quest to feel alive again and live a healthier lifestyle.

Today, Jan is a Board Certified Naturopath (B.C.N.) with Coastal Naturopathic Wellness. Her passion is to empower and teach clients wellness wisdom as they care for the health of their body and how to experience a higher level



Jan Eisenbeisz

of well-being at any age. Jan is also a very active member of the Mission Viejo Chamber of Commerce (even serving as past President of the weekly Chamber's Daybreaker's Breakfast Networking Meetings) and thoroughly enjoys giving back to her community through volunteerism and education on all levels. In her leisure time, Jan also enjoys mountain biking, hiking, rock climbing, and spending time with family and friends.

I highly recommend making a wellness appointment with Jan today. Please call 949-565-5802 to schedule an appointment.

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**Humans of Mission Viejo** is a monthly column written by John Rodriguez. John works as a Senior Mortgage Banker for iFinance Mortgage, helping people find the best mortgages for their needs. Give him a call at **949-456-7056.** 

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FROM OUR COLD CASE DEPT.

# CADAVER CLASS IN MISSION VIEJO HIGH SCHOOL

In 1986, an insurance company's refusal to provide coverage for Mission Viejo High School's use of a cadaver may have eliminated a teacher's plans using the body as an instructional aide. Hoping to enhance learning, students were given "handson"experience, by using realhuman dead bodies. In the early 1980's, this elective class was offered to juniors and seniors. They were given the chance to perform minor "procedures" on the cadavers.



Students worked with the latest cadavers

The program's demise came when some insurance companies refused to provide coverage for the cadaver, calling it "an unacceptable exposure."

Officials declined to elaborate on why insurance companies considered a cadaver an unacceptable risk, preferring to "leave that to the imagination." Some suggested that the insurance companies feared the cadavers could make the school district vulnerable to "trauma suits." The reasoning is that a student could be traumatized by the cadaver experience and then sue the district.

It was said at the time, "Many juniors and seniors in this class were eager to study the cadaver, and that, "It would be an emotional letdown for them if they don't get to do it. Tomorrow, we're doing a ratdissection, but that's just not the same thing." – Mission Viejo High School teacher, 1987



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While it mirrors our City in style, it is on a much, much smaller scale. There are only about 7,000 residents as opposed to our 100,000 plus, and because of the climate there are plenty of pine trees, but not a palm tree in sight, If you're ever in Denver, skip Mile High Stadium and head over to Mission Viejo.... Colorado!



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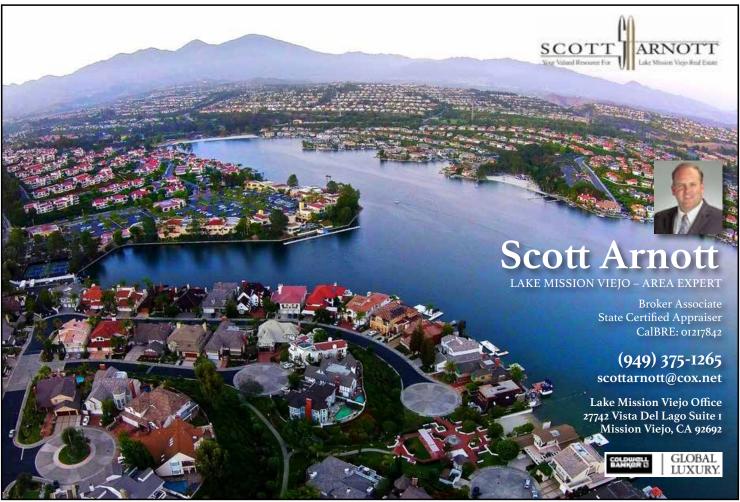
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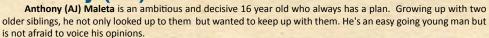
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# ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



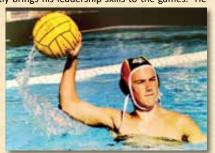


AJ is a talented athlete - a real team player who consistently brings his leadership skills to the games. He

has played soccer, baseball, football, fencing and lacrosse for a few years but kept being drawn to swimming. He feels more comfortable around the water - whether he volunteers for beach clean-ups or works as a lifeguard during the summer.

Last year he swiftly made the decision to try out for the water polo team at CVHS, played as a goalie and received the MVP Award. He also earned his Varsity Letter in his first ever swim season.

AJ is known for his wit and sense of humor, but there is a serious side to him too. He's a teen with a mission who wants to follow in his father's footsteps and become a local hero - protecting & saving lives as a firefighter.





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