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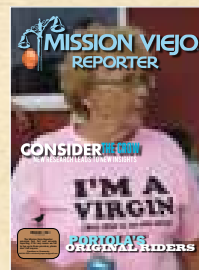
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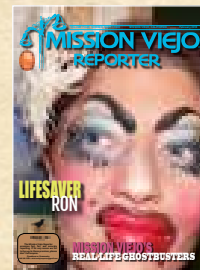
Dave Leckness
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Mission Viejo Reporter

Being the Editor/Publisher of the **Mission Viejo Reporter** isn't always so easy. Sure, the public appearances, limousine rides and helicopter flights can be fun, but it's not all champagne wishes and caviar dreams around here. Sometimes there are really hard choices to be made.

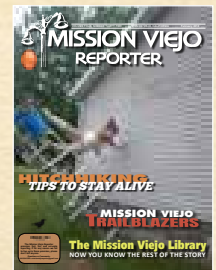
Choosing the right cover is always a difficult endeavor. Is the photo too dull or too controversial? Does it look right? What about the colors? With that in mind, we present covers that DID NOT meet our stringent publishing guidelines.



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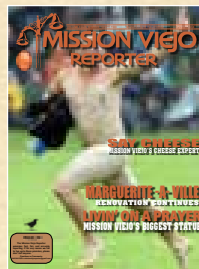
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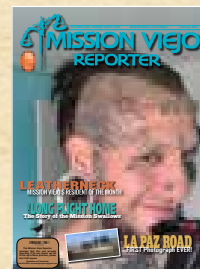
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RESPONSIBILITY

Grabbing Life By The Steering Wheel



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

In September, as kids have just returned to school, we promote the trait of **Responsibility**. This is the quality of being able to fulfill duties or tasks, and it involves knowing what is expected of you and doing it! Often, the tasks are specific requirements, such as requests from parents, employers, or teachers. However, responsibility also involves having an intuition or sense of what needs to be done and then taking the initiative to do it. It includes being trustworthy, dependable, reliable, proactive, and being able to plan ahead.

Responsibility is a life skill, which does not come naturally, but can be taught and instilled in children through training and practice! Although we cannot always control what happens to us in our lives, we absolutely can control our response to every circumstance. As Charles Swindoll states, "Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we respond." We can choose our attitudes and responses to situations, which puts us in control! Adults and children may shape and transform their lives by taking complete responsibility for their actions, successes and failures, as well as choosing how they will respond to circumstances.

Mission Viejo has character! As a Community of Character since 2003, the City focuses on 12 character qualities throughout the year. To read our character documents in full, visit www.cityofmissionviejo.org/character.

KEEPING THE STREETS CLEAN IN MISSION VIEJO

How Does Mission Viejo Keep Its Streets So Clean?



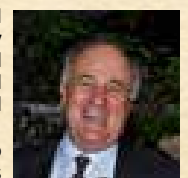
by Colonel Greg Rath
USMC (RET)
Mayor, Mission Viejo

Meet Mission Viejo resident **John Howhannesian**, owner and president of **Sunset Property Services** since 1970. He began his company with one ride-along street sweeper and a handful of employees, and now his company is thriving with over 150 dedicated and highly skilled crewmembers and 35 sweepers servicing 9 Orange County Cities and Disneyland.

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Sunset is a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE). They have been nominated as Supplier of the Year by The Walt Disney Company, to the Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council. Thank you, John, for all you do for Mission Viejo. A clean city is a happy city.

John continues to live by his philosophy on life, "Believe in yourself, accept reality, welcome life's changes and challenges, give more than you accept, cherish time with family, allow God to guide you in making decisions, and embrace the precious gift of life every day."



John Howhannesian

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FROM OUR SWIM WITH DA FISHES DEPT.

VOYAGE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA

MISSION VIEJO IS RICH IN SEA FOSSILS



Resident holding his bone



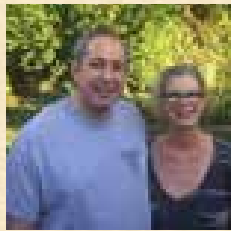
Hunting Fossils

During the initial build out of Mission Viejo, scientists said they made significant discoveries among the thousands of fossils dug up in this area, including previously unknown species of whales, many in the backyards of our residents.

The first fossilized bone found in Mission Viejo (not the biggest), was found on **Via Viento**. As the first homes were being built, a roofer, who was also a part-time archeologist, noticed artifacts in the soil. Paleontologists were called, and all building was

terminated indefinitely. An Orange County ordinance and state law require that developers hire qualified archeologists and paleontologists to monitor construction likely to unearth fossils. When building homes and roads resumed, many homeowners found and kept fossils and bones that were in the streets or their yards.

The **Mission Viejo Reporter** visited the site of the first fossil find and shared the historic information with the lucky homeowners **Gene and Rebecca Rodriguez**. Gene and Rebecca have lived in their Via Viento home for over twenty years. When building a patio years ago, the Rodriguezes remember finding many bones, but thought they were from animals that more recently died.



Gene and Rebecca Rodriguez at Ground Zero

The biggest fossil found was the whale skeleton discovered during the building of the Felipe Tennis center. A segment of that fossil is now on display in Mission Viejo at Chrisanta and La Paz Roads. The remainder of the complete fossil was transferred to the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum.



Los Angeles Natural History Museum

In the early seventies, Jacques Cousteau visited Mission Viejo to examine the rare finds.



Ziggy Wilczynski and whale bone at Site



Jacques Cousteau in Mission Viejo



Whale Bone Exhibit in Mission Viejo



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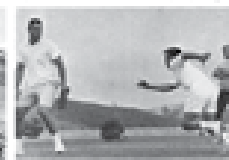
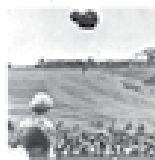
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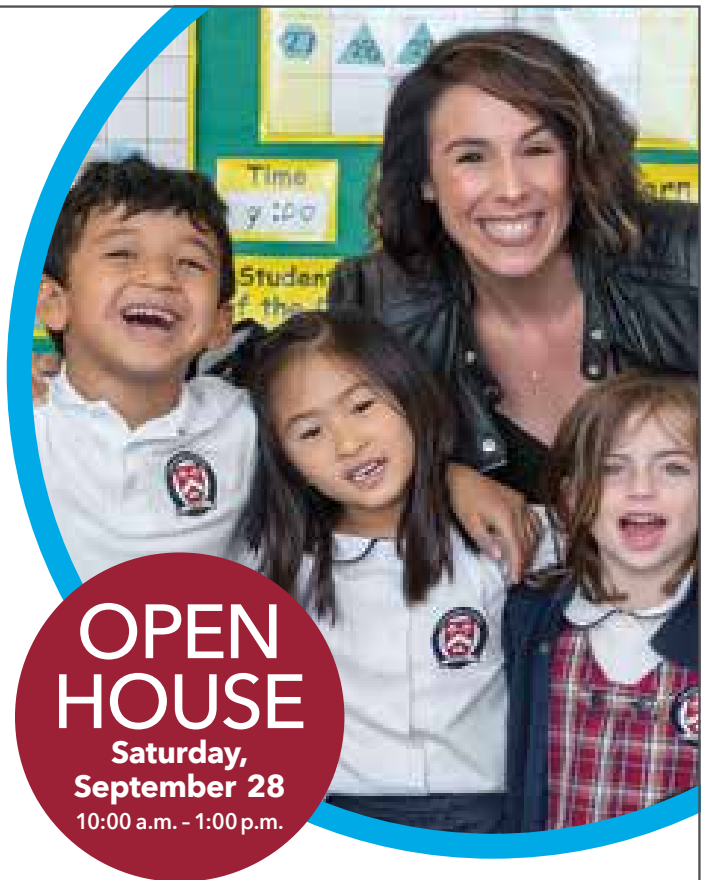


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ENTREPRENEUR SPIRIT Mission Viejo Realtor New To The Chamber



by John Rodriguez
M.V. Chamber of
Commerce Boardmember
and Ambassador

At the tender age of 15, **Max Nejad's** world changed forever. Migrating with his mother from Iran, Max realized immediately the gift he had been given by coming to this great country. His eyes were opened, and his perspective on life would never be the same.

Max possesses an energizing and contagious zest for life. His positive demeanor is reflected both personally and professionally. A lover of the outdoors, Max keeps fit and promotes health as an important key to success. Married to his beautiful and now expecting wife, together they provide unwavering support to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital,

PIH Health Foundation, as well as contributing to various animal shelters.

Max is known for his innovative and entrepreneurial spirit. Real Estate was a natural destination for him. Having purchased his first home at 19, Max saw an industry that was exciting but open to massive improvement. Once again, Max committed to providing solutions that would underpin positive change and improve lives.



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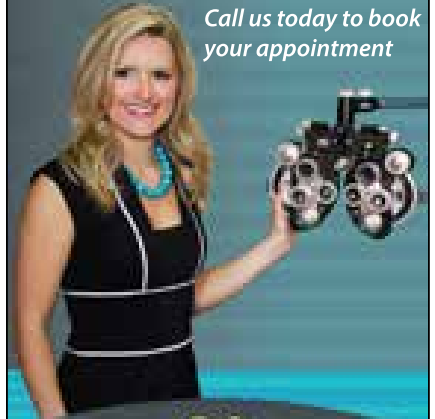
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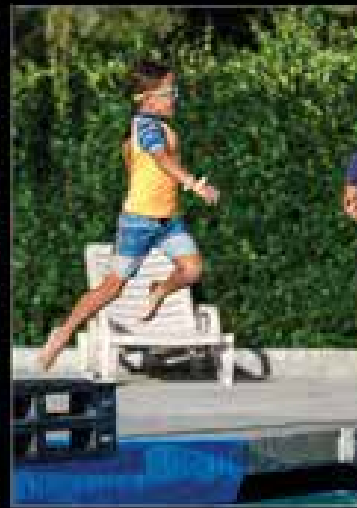
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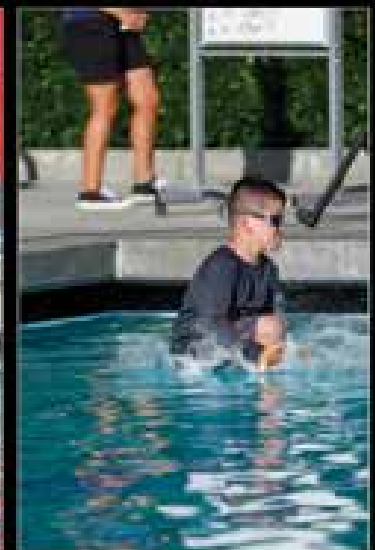
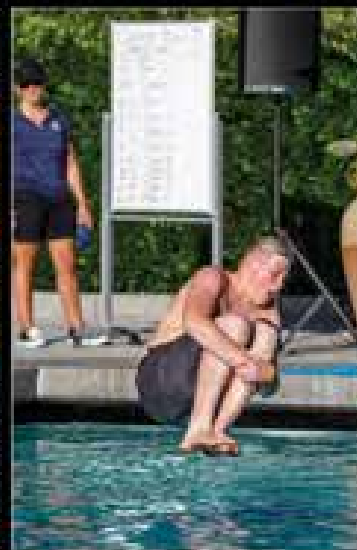
  

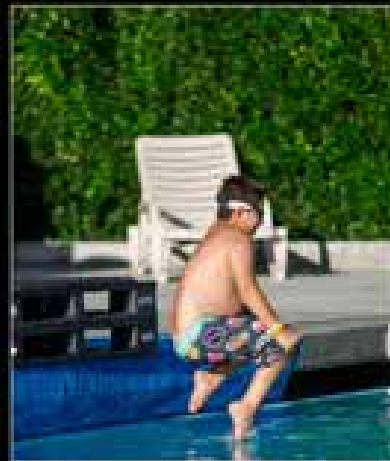
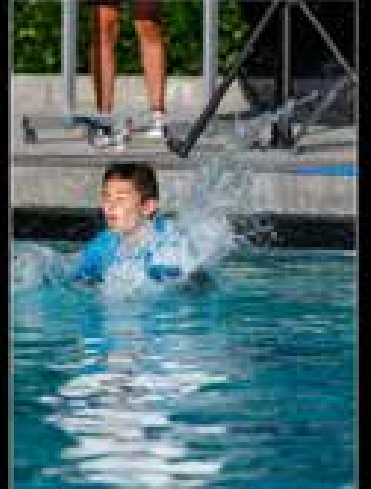
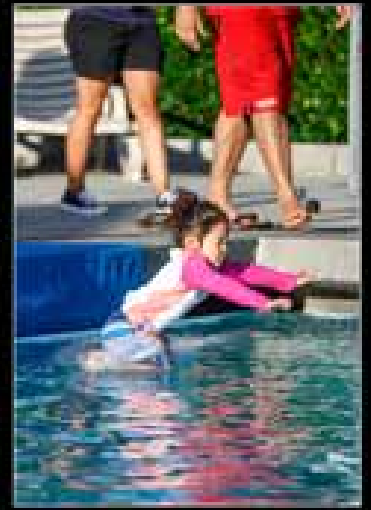
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MISSION VIEJO 2019 BELLY FLOP CONTEST

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FROM OUR HISTORICAL DEPT.

OLDEST TREE IN MISSION VIEJO

Located at the entrance of Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course is a California Sycamore Tree, the oldest tree in Mission Viejo.



Oldest Tree In Mission Viejo

Estimated by officials at over five-hundred years old and split by lightning almost fifty years ago stands one of three trees in the city that was not planted by man. All other trees throughout the city were planted by humans.

This tree has its own eco-system. While visiting this tree the **Mission Viejo Reporter** noted all the living things that make this tree their home, squirrels, birds, lizards, ants and even the dreaded termite.

General Manager **Matt Dovovan** said that once he saw his grounds crew working to clean up a fallen branch that looked broken and dead. He told them to leave it alone. Now years later, this branch from the same tree has taken root and is thriving.



Tree's Leaf

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Mission Viejo Enters Second Phase

South M.V. Neighborhood Is Announced

The Mission Viejo community is entering its second phase of development with the announcement of the South M.V. Neighborhood. This new area, located south of the existing community, will provide housing for approximately 10,000 people. The development is being planned by the Mission Viejo Community Development Department and will include a variety of housing options, from single-family homes to multi-family units. The South M.V. Neighborhood is expected to be completed by 1975.



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FROM OUR MEET YOUR MERCHANT DEPT.

A Choice Blend of Community and Coffee

You clearly have an overabundance of choices to grab a cup of coffee and a bite to eat as you start your morning commute, or join friends or colleagues for lunch, or cram for that midterm exam, or just decompress after a hard day's work. But many coffee houses just don't have the comfort and sense of community that Mission Viejo's **It's A Grind** has.

Perhaps that's because the baristas and the owner genuinely care about their customers and greet many regulars by their first names when they walk in the door. **It's A Grind** also constantly gives back to the community — whether donating coffee and food to Mission

Viejo schools, PTAs, veterans organizations, and other groups, or hosting events like singing recitals, or treating customers to live music giving local talent a chance to shine.

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other bigger coffee chains don't have, like their very popular, signature avocado toast. **It's A Grind** demonstrates that when community and coffee blend, good things happen.



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FROM OUR BE CAREFUL OUT THERE DEPT.

MISSION VIEJO COLLISION DATA

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The **Mission Viejo Reporter** asked our City traffic department to provide some raw traffic collision data. The intersection that has had the most reported traffic collisions during a recent time frame is Alicia Parkway and Jeronimo Road. Alicia is a major thoroughfare thru our City and is used by a large amount of citizens to commute to and from work.

Our lengthy spine street, Marguerite Parkway, has the most traffic collisions (followed by Alicia). The collisions on Marguerite Parkway are spread along its length and not concentrated at one intersection.



FROM OUR CULTURE IN THE STREETS DEPT.

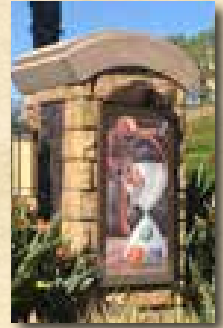
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Stimulating Creativity

The student poster art along our "Parkway Gallery" has been selected from more than 500 submissions by students in grades through 7-12. Running down both **Crown Valley Parkway** and **Marguerite Parkway**, you'll find some creative and unique art.



"Each one of these pieces is worthy of recognition, and the overall quality of work submitted this year was quite impressive which made the judges' decisions very difficult," explained **Patricia Wayne**, Former Director of Programs and Education for Arts Orange County. "We saw many more digital art pieces submitted this year which shows how technology and the arts work together to stimulate creativity."



In a recent survey by the Orange County Business Council, 98% of Orange County residents indicated that the arts are important for a child's development and education. So, our "Parkway Gallery" is just one of the many ways Mission Viejo promotes the arts.



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Dear Aunt Sandy,

Two men who claim to be father and adopted son recently bought an older house across the street from us and fixed it up. We notice a very suspicious mixture of company coming and going at all hours - Blacks, Whites, Orientals, Mexicans, women who look like men and men who look like women. We even saw a priest go inside.

People come by in everything from motorcycles to Cadillacs. We can't hear the music, but I know they are laughing and dancing in their living room, because I can see them if I stand on a chair and look out my window through the curtains.

This has always been considered one of the finest sections of Mission Viejo, and these people are giving it a bad name. How can I improve the neighborhood?

- Sincerely,
Menaced Off of Marguerite

Dear Menaced

You sound too uptight. You should be more worried about craning your neck, and falling off the chair. I think the best way to improve your neighborhood is for you to move.

-Aunt Sandy

If you have a question or comment for Aunt Sandy please email:
missionviejoreporter@gmail.com

FROM OUR HOT ROD FORD DEPT.

1951 FORD DELUXE MV RESIDENT ENJOYS FORD'S AUTOMATIC DRIVE

Meet **Lynn Houchin**. Lynn, a retired plumber, and his wife **Jackie** moved to Mission Viejo 5 years ago to be closer to their grand kids after living in Sun Valley on their horse ranch for 36 years. Feeding horses twice a day finally got the better of them.



Lynn Houchin and his 1951 Ford Deluxe

Lynn did kick it up a notch with a 392 cu in. 4-speed automatic 1957 Chrysler engine.

Lynn says every part of this car has been redone. The **Mission Viejo Reporter** asked, "How much do you have into this car?" Lynn says he knows exactly. He has kept a ledger listing every single expense he's paid to get this car in this condition. He says he keeps the ledger hidden in a safe place and never wants his wife to see it.



One of the classic cars Lynn has is a pristine 1951 Ford Deluxe. In 1951, this was Ford's super fast three speed column shift. Lynn sandblasted this vehicle down to the metal and had **South County Auto Body & Paint** put a dual color on her. The paint and leather is like new.

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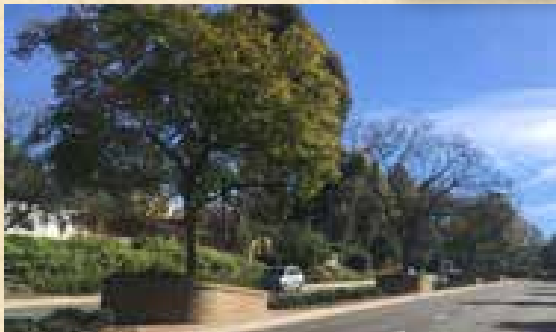
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PRECIOSA ENTRADA

MISSION VIEJO'S BEAUTIFUL ENTRANCE

The original length of **La Paz Road**, the initial entrance to Mission Viejo, was lined with olive trees in slump-stone block planters. They were installed to honor the importance of the olive to the Mediterranean region, olive oil being one of the three core ingredients in Mediterranean cuisine.

Today, although many of these trees have been changed to jacarandas, the ones that do remain are still symbols of our Spanish culture and Mediterranean architecture. At Christmastime, all of these trees are magnificently decorated with thousands of lights.



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Lieutenant Quyen Vuong
M.V. Chief of Police Services



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A: ANSWER:

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Response times vary based upon priority, time of day, day of week, and each call is taken on a case-by-case basis. Deputies must always drive with due regard to public safety regardless of the nature of the call.

Our deputies' response time to priority calls is under five minutes. The clock starts as soon as the Dispatchers receive the call and does not stop until the deputy arrives on scene.

Quyen Vuong
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FROM OUR GOLF DEPT.

CONVERSATION *With* MICHAEL BLOCK Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club's Head Golf Professional Q&A

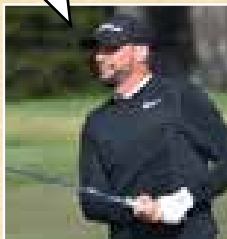
1. When did you first start playing golf?

When I was 3 in Iowa, on an Island in the Middle of the Mississippi River, called the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club.

2. What made you decide to make a career in the golf business?

I've known it my entire life, one way or the other, my life would be centered around the game.

FORE!!!



3. How long have you worked at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club?

I started at Arroyo Trabuco 2 weeks after it opened in July of 2004, so just over 15 years.

4. What was the most influential tournament that you have won?

The 2014 PGA Professional National Championship at The Dunes Club in South Carolina.

5. What is your lowest score on a round of golf?

A couple of months ago, I shot 59 at Arroyo Trabuco! It happened to be on my birthday, and I played with my 2 sons and my best friend.

6. Who is in your ideal foursome?

My family!

7. Have you played with anyone that has gone on to win a PGA Tour event?

YES!....pretty much every tour player that I've been paired with ends up winning a tour event a short time later.

8. If you had one course to play for the rest of your life, which one would it be?

Pebble Beach

9. What is your most reliable club in your bag?

Driver

10. What are some of the accomplishments that you have achieved in the Southern California PGA Section?

- 5-time Southern California PGA player of the year and currently leading for the sixth
- Won the 2001 California State Open
- Won 29 PGA Section tournaments in last 6 years
- Won the SCPGA Metro Chapter (LA and OC) Player of the Year 5 of past 6 years
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Michael Block

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FROM OUR SISTER SISTER DEPT.

UNIFORMS for HOPE Maloof Sisters Team Up

Maureen Maloof and Dr. Catherine Maloof have worked together for over 25 years with **Maloof Chiropractic**, and their mission has been to "Heal the Planet". Now, they are going worldwide to help children get an education.

Maureen founded "Uniforms for Hope" a charity whose vision is to empower children overseas and provide them with uniforms so they will be able to attend school. This problem is huge because uniforms are mandatory in schools overseas, and there are over 200 million children not attending school simply because they can't afford a uniform.

Our plan is to raise funds by going into schools and youth groups, making presentations so children in the U.S. can realize how fortunate they are and create "Uniforms for Hope" clubs in their schools to create awareness and fundraising. We are also gladly welcoming corporate sponsors.



Maureen's idea was created when she and Catherine began traveling to over 40 countries and visited orphanages and schools around the world. They always came back wanting to help these kids, and now they are doing something about it.

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SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING ATHLETE OF THE MONTH James Allen, Triathlete

MV residents may remember **James Allen** as the running back from San Clemente who ran back a 95-yard record breaking touchdown in the 1999 season against the MV Diablos to claim the CIF win that year. Fast forward 20 years, he is now well known as a local resident of Pacific Hills, a father of three, and the owner of Allen Chiropractic located on Lake Mission Viejo at Plaza Del Lago. His chiropractic clinic has been a staple of the lake community over the past 7 years, and he looks forward to continuing to serve Mission Viejo by providing high quality chiropractic care, massage and laser therapy. Call 949-544-0333 to book an appointment.

Dr. James Allen recently competed two triathlons in one month, the OC triathlon Olympic course on Lake Mission Viejo held on June 2, 2019, and the Hermosa Beach triathlon on June 23rd just one day before his birthday. He took 5th place in his highly competitive age group in both races! "I set a goal to do at least 2-3 triathlons per year to help keep me in top cardiovascular shape". With a 5, 3, and 1 year old at home and a business to run, finding time to train and be competitive was a challenge. "I just want to be an inspiration for other dads out there that we have the ability to show our kids how to be healthy." His training involved 12 weeks of running with a double stroller alongside Kairo his dog and even biking with a trailer holding two of his children. So, if you see someone running with a dog and a double stroller, honk twice to help him get to the finish line at his next race!



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