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ONWARD TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



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

I want to thank everyone who helped make my experience as your Mayor in 2019 so rewarding. It was a banner year for Mission Viejo. Crime was down 27%, and we ended the year with a \$6 million budget surplus. Small businesses are thriving, and unemployment is at a record low 2.1%. My next political challenge is a run for the United States House of Representatives to help fix the mess in Washington, D.C.

As a proud U.S. Marine Corps officer for 30 years, flying jet fighters in defense of freedom, I believe that we are at a watershed moment in our country's history, and we must turn the tide that has been thrust upon us by politicians and others. Tired of politics as usual and wishing to serve my country once again, I am asking for your support to serve as your Congressman for California's 45th Congressional District.

I only have one special interest group I wish to serve: the people of the 45th Congressional District. I will be your warrior going to Washington, D.C. to protect you and fix the mess that's been created by career politicians overly invested in maintaining their power rather than doing what they know is right based on principles that made our nation great. God bless you, and check me out at www.gregraths.com.

PERSEVERANCE



by Trish Kelley
Mayor Pro Tem
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Community of Character

Mission Viejo has just celebrated 16 years as a City of Character! All of our schools join the City in focusing on a different character quality each month. Our character word for January is perseverance--the quality of refusing to give up and continuing on in spite of difficulty or opposition. Hard work and perseverance lead to success in reaching our goals, whether it is studying to get a good grade in school, practicing a musical instrument or athletic skill, or pursuing a promotion at work. Perseverance also involves learning from failure. Often we "fail into success!" Failure offers a motivation to get better, an opportunity to learn and grow, and it may open a new door. Abraham Lincoln, Walt Disney, Thomas Edison, and Helen Keller all used perseverance and overcame great obstacles in order to reach their goals. As you begin 2020, make perseverance one of your New Year's Resolutions!

In the words of Winston Churchill, "Never, never, never give up!" To read our character documents in full, visit www.cityofmissionviejo.org/character.

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HUMANS OF MISSION VIEJO with John Rodriguez

Culinary Fairy Dust



by John Rodriguez
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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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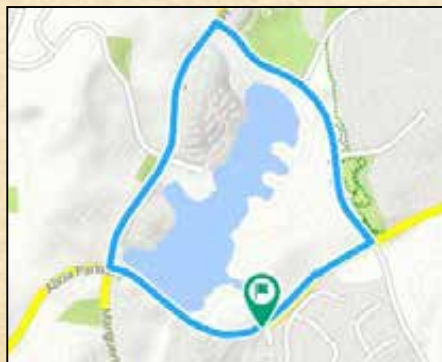
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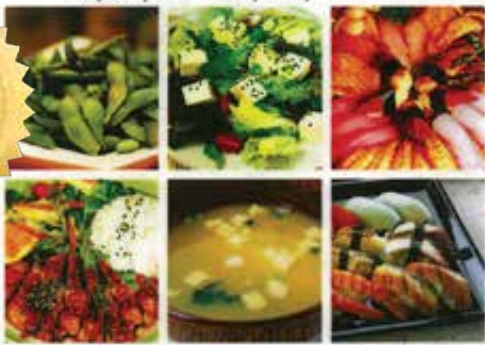


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Q: QUESTION FOR THE CHIEF :

Recently I've had my driver's license taken away (for reasons I'd rather not disclose) and was wondering if I could drive a golf cart in the bike lane on Mission Viejo streets to go, to and from work. - Tony B

A: ANSWER:

Hello Tony,

As defined in our California Vehicle code, a golf cart is a motor vehicle designed to carry no more than two persons, including the driver and golf equipment, weigh no more than 1300 lbs when empty and operate at a maximum speed of 15 mph. The California Vehicle Code that governs golf carts travelling on city streets in our state is VC 21716. It states that golf cart use is limited to speed zones of 25 mph or less. However, if you operate a golf cart on a road it must be equipped with the following:

A) At least one headlamp, tail lamp and stop lamp. B) A rear reflector. C) Front/rear turn signals. D) Front/side reflectors. E) Mirror. F) Horn. G) Fenders. H) Safety-glazed windshield. I) Windshield wipers.

You must also register your golf cart with the DMV (This requires a Vehicle Identification Number). You must also wear a seat belt. Lastly, if the road that the golf cart is being driven on (with a speed limit of 25 mph or less) has a bicycle lane, a golf cart may not be driven in the bicycle lane with the exception of making a right turn.

Furthermore, it must have a license plate and insurance also. It may not cross any road that is posted higher than 25 MPH. They can also be driven anywhere on private property unless prohibited by the HOA. However, they may not drive on any trail, running path, etc.. Although legal, the safety features on a golf cart is not designed to provide adequate protection from a collision with a car.

So it can be done and is permissible, but with the above restrictions and efforts required to register a golf cart for travel on city streets, I have never seen it done.

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Who was **Saint Kilian**? Many people think St. Kilian is the patron saint of imported beers or red ales... He isn't. Saint Kilian was an Irish missionary bishop and the Apostle of Franconia (which is nowadays the northern part of Bavaria), where he began his labours towards the end of the 7th century.

Of equal confusion is the statue in honor of him at **St. Kilian's Catholic Church** high above Mission Viejo. We know that the statue was erected by **Father Hughes**, the first pastor, on what he used to call Kilian's Mountain.

However, the **Mission Viejo Reporter** asks the question: "What exactly is it made of?" We asked around and didn't get a solid answer. What we did get were some interesting theories.

Popular theories are that it is made of geopolymer concrete. Some say that it's hand-carved from Italian granite, while others think that it's made of solid gold.

All we are sure of is that it is a beautiful statue whatever it's origin or materials, and that St. Kilian's Catholic Church is a valuable part of our community and a source of inspiration for many of our residents.

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Ask Aunt Sandy



- WITH MISSION VIEJO'S 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,

My mom suggested I write to you about my problem at school. I am in the 7th grade at Newhart in Mission Viejo. We have an end of year dance at school, and when I dance I enjoy "twerking", but our school principal says it's not allowed and not appropriate. I don't see the big deal about shaking your butt to the music. Help me convince the school to allow a little twerking.

-Shaken at Newhart

Dear Shaken at Newhart,

I can guess why your mom had you contact me. From the sounds of it, your wayward adolescent self refused to listen when she explained twerking in two words: Dirty Dancing! If you plan to twerk at a school dance, you may as well grab a Sharpie and scrawl, "I am a BAD, BAD GIRL" across your face! Girls who twerk give boys the wrong idea, and boys are, by nature, already filled with way too many wrong ideas. Your principal is right to put the kibosh on the twerk. Mind you, Aunt Sandy is no prude: back in the day, I could do the twist, the pretzel, and even the mashed potato with the best of them. Enjoy yourself doing such PG-13-rated dances and avoid being voted as the girl most likely to end up pole dancing at a "gentleman's club" on the wrong side of town.

- Aunt Sandy

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I served in the United States Army with the 82nd Airborne Division and as a Drill Instructor. I've been a licensed marriage and family therapist for over 30 years. I retired with Saddleback Church and opened a private practice. I hold dearly to many of the principles of my faith and those I learned in the Army. I work with individuals, couples and families in the areas of marriage, communication, substance and alcohol abuse, anger, depression, anxiety, adult forms of ADD and ADHD and PTSD. I work with an incredible team of therapists. We meet weekly to collaborate together to give our clients the very best care. If you're ready to make life changes that will give you the best in life...go online or give us a call.

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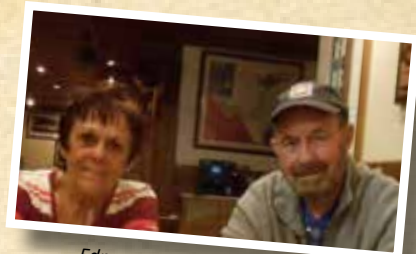
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FROM OUR ARCHIVES DEPT.

MISSION VIEJO'S SOAP BOX CHAMP

"Too bad we don't still do this; I guess the city got too big"-Ollie Vaughan



Edna and Ollie Vaughan today



It was a much more innocent time, and Mission Viejo was a brand new place. The **Seville Homes Grand Prix** was our version of the Indy 500. Some plywood, wheels, a seat, a steering wheel and a crash helmet were all that was needed, that, and a reckless need for speed.

Mission Viejo 40 year resident Ollie Vaughan had that and more. For a span of history, he stood as the City's premier Soap Box Derby King. He won a number of City championships, and was known as the man to beat going into any race he entered.

Ollie still lives in Mission Viejo with his wife **Edna**, in the home he bought here 40 years ago. He still has very fond fun-filled memories of his times tearing through the streets of our City and competing to keep his crown.



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SCAM ALERT

MISSION VIEJO'S HOMELESS: "ARE THEY REALLY HUNGRY?"

Next time you see a homeless person digging in the trash, watch and see if he's looking for food or looking for receipts. Mission Viejo local businesses are dealing with trash diggers who get discarded receipts out of the trash, and then use them to return stolen merchandise.



Here's how the scam works: While Johnny Outdoorsman is rummaging through a trash can outside CVS, he finds a receipt for an item that's been

paid for with cash. Mr. Outdoorsman then goes into CVS, picks up the item, goes to the register, and asks the clerk for a refund.

Lesson: Keep all receipts and destroy of them properly.

The late **Jim Rohn**, a former Mission Viejo resident is the man many considered to be America's foremost business philosopher. Jim Rohn spent a career helping and encouraging others - we share with you here his classic "Ant Philosophy".



The Ant Philosophy



By Jim Rohn

I think everybody should study ants. They have an amazing four-part philosophy. Here is the first part: **Ants never quit.** That's a good philosophy. If they're headed somewhere, and you try to stop them, they'll look for another way. They'll climb over; they'll climb under; they'll climb around. They keep looking for another way. What a good philosophy, to never quit looking for a way to get where you're supposed to go.

Second, **Ants think winter all summer.** That's an important perspective. You can't be so naive as to think summer will last forever, so ants are gathering their winter food in the middle of summer.

The third part of the ant philosophy is that **Ants think summer all winter.** That is so important. During the winter, ants remind themselves, "This won't last long; we'll soon be out of here." And the first warm day, the ants are out. If it turns cold again, they'll dive back down, but then they come out the first warm day. They can't wait to get out.

And here's the last part of the ant philosophy. How much will an ant gather during the summer to prepare for the winter? **All he possibly can.** What an incredible philosophy, the "all-you-possibly-can" philosophy.



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'57 CHEVY

MISSION VIEJO MAN CAPTURES A CLASSIC



Scott Young has lived in Mission Viejo for thirty-three years. Scott retired at fifty-five as a local school principal. Since he was 12 years-old, he has wanted a '57 Chevy Bel Air, when he was 57 he realized that dream

Recently, Scott was out walking in his neighborhood and noticed a car under a tarp. It was ignored, neglected and in bad shape. He



talked with the owner off and on for about six months about it. Eventually, the owner finally decided to part with the Chevy. When Scott asked who to make out the check to, the name he gave was the same as Scott's mother's maiden name. Then another coincidence, when he brought the car home and

started cleaning, underneath the mat in the trunk he found an old envelope from Montgomery Wards for tires and plugs. the receipt had been written out to a person with the last name YOUNG.

The Chevy has a 383 stroker engine, power steering, power brakes and a custom interior. When he's driving around he get's stopped quite often by people reminiscing about the old days. As for it's future, it will stay in his family as he has two daughters **Amanda** and **Ashley** who have already made claim to it.

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KEEPING EYES ON THE ROAD

A stretch of freeway in Irvine near Culver Drive is named after Mission Viejo resident **Mitch Waller**.

In 2013, Mitch Waller, who served as Westminster Police Chief and as Westminster City Manager, was riding in the bike lane when struck and killed by a 25 year old distracted driver.

Mission Viejo neighbors remember Mitch as the man who knew how to fix anything and would volunteer to share his handyman expertise with those on his street. An avid cyclist, Waller was traveling along one of his favorite routes — the 133 freeway — with friend and Westminster employee Kevin Beach when his life ended.

Sally Waller committed to a personal mission: spread the word about the dangers of distracted driving. "That's where my heart and desire is now," she said. "If I can save just one life, or keep someone from going through what we went through, it is worth it."



The Waller Family: Kiana, Mitch, Chase & Sally



Sally Waller said she believes her husband's memorial sign is a great way to remind the thousands of motorists who will pass it every day to put down their phones and concentrate on the road. Family and friends want the sign to be a reminder of the dangers of distracted driving.

The woman who hit Waller was sentenced to a one-year license suspension and 500 hours of community service. Due to this light sentencing, Sally is working with legislative representatives to make penalties much stronger.



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HOW TO TURN OFF YOUR ELECTRICITY, GAS, AND WATER

Part of emergency preparedness is simply learning what to do in case of an emergency.

Suppose your home was flooding . . . would you know how to turn off the water? What about the gas? The electricity?

1 Emergency Water Shut Off Instructions



If it's an isolated problem, turn off the valve closest to the problem. Look for a stop valve—connected to the water supply pipes, usually chrome-plated or plastic—which should be directly underneath the toilet, faucet, or fixture. Under a sink, you will have one for hot water and one for cold.

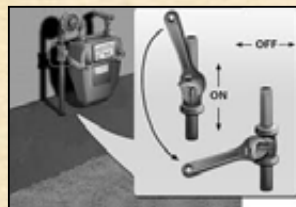
If this does not solve the problem, turn off the water to your home. The shut off valve is usually located at the entrance of the cold water pipe to your home. It's usually located outside near the street. You may spot a red handle on the valve. Turn it clockwise to shut off the water supply in an emergency.



2 Emergency Electricity Shut Off Instructions



Find the circuit breaker box. You might need to open a metal door to see inside the breaker box. You will see a circuit breaker marked "MAIN" with on and off positions marked. Move to the 'off' position



3 Emergency Gas Shut Off Instructions

In the event that you smell gas, turn off the gas meter. Usually it is at the front or side of your home. Remember that once it is shut off, you need to call the Gas Company to come and turn it back on. Give the valve a turn one quarter of

the way in either direction using a long-handled wrench. The lever should now be sitting crosswise to the pipe.

To ensure emergency preparedness, teach every member of your family how to shut off the electricity, gas, and water. Learn the location of your electric, gas, and water sources and include this information in your Family Communication Plan.

FROM OUR PEEPING TOM DEPT.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH Keeping an Eye Out for Bad Guys

By Jim McGlinn

If you have been reading the news in Mission Viejo, there are reports about strangers (individuals out of place) driving or walking on neighborhood streets.

Individuals knocking on doors asking for donations, sometimes at night. Anyone asking for a cash donation is required to have a City permit on person, not "in the car" or "back in the office" or "my boss has it". Sometime these individuals provide the explanation "we have a letter from the Police Chief", this is never true.



The **OCSA Crime Prevention Unit** recommends:

- Lock your vehicles and never leave anything valuable inside the vehicle.
- Take your mail in everyday.
- Do not leave your garage door open for an extended time.
- Always lock the door between your home and your garage.
- If you see anything suspicious please call the police, then phone a neighbor.

The Police Services numbers are **911** for an emergency or **949-770-6011**, use the menu commands 1,9,1 to get to a dispatcher.



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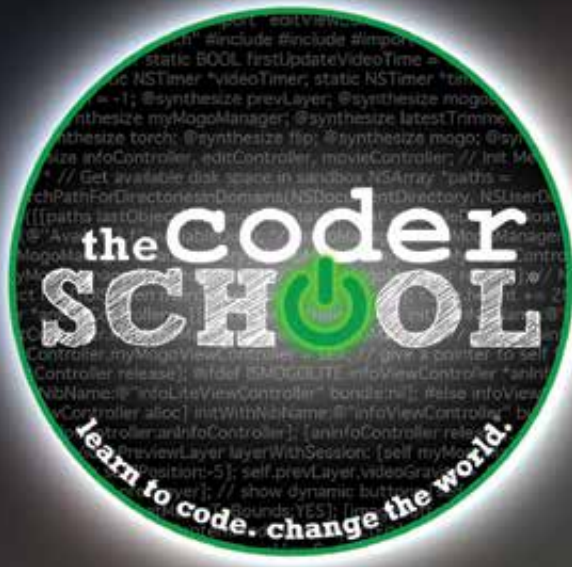
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SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Mission Viejo Boys Varsity Water Polo Team 
WINS CIF DIV 5 CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE 1ST TIME IN 39 YEARS

Back in 1980, the Mission Viejo High School Boys Water Polo team won the CIF Championships. Sophomore **Kadin Kendall's** father, **Kevin**, was on the team then, and now his son helped the team win again. The team drove all over Southern California to end up competing against their hometown rivals, Trabuco Hills High School. The first two rounds were local, but moving onto quarter-finals, the team went to Camarillo. The win there sent them to Indio for the semi-finals, which sent up the Championship match against Trabuco. On Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 **MVHS** battled **THHS** for the CIF Championship title and won!

Because of that win, the team moved onto CIF SoCal Regional State Championships. The boys were determined to take it all the way by this point, and so they won three more games over Nov. 23th & 24th to take the title of CIF SoCal State Champions. SoCal & NoCal do not compete against each other, so that was the end of their Championship Season. Each and every boy on the team played an important part in the success of this season, so, if you see any of these guys around town, give them a hearty congratulations: **Joe Carlucci, John Stout, Matthew Rodriquez, Matthew Strouse, Victor Plesco, Quinn Volmer, Ryan Talone, Cooper Call, Kadin Kendall, Gavin Waldvogel, Tennyson Smith, Tanner Hauck, Jude Gallagher, David Plesco & Peter Riserbato.**



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