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# TY SPEAK



by Trish Kelley

We just passed the one-year mark of the COVID-19 crisis and the extraordinary challenges and journey of navigating through a pandemic. Our entire way of life seemed to change in an instant. We have experienced shut-downs; working from home; zoom meetings; virtual school and subsequent "hybrid" school choices; standing in marked circles at the grocery store; toilet paper shortages; wearing masks—and so much more. We have seen beloved businesses close and friends and family members lose their jobs. We have seen too many people get sick – and sadly - pass away. My heart goes out to everyone who has endured such a loss.

Out of the darkness, however, we are starting to see the light. As you know, Orange County has moved into the less-restrictive "Red Tier," meaning more businesses can reopen and there is more capacity for indoor services. With strict safety protocols and following County, State and CDC guidelines, the City is also gearing up to reopen some of our facilities and expand the hours in those that have remained open.

It is inspiring to see the number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations decrease, and part of the reason appears to be because more than 430,000 Orange County residents have been vaccinated.

The County of Orange is vaccinating Phase 1A, Phase 1B, ages 65+ and people ages 16-64 with medical conditions in accordance with current State guidelines. Phase 1B, Tier 1 includes folks who work in education; food service; grocery and agriculture; childcare; and emergency services.

Registration is required for everyone who is eligible, and people who are not yet eligible should register now to be placed in a "virtual waiting room" where they will be notified when they can receive the vaccine. Registration is available at these websites: www.othena.com, www.myturn.ca.gov, www.cvs.com, www.riteaid.com, and some healthcare organizations. If you need help registering, please contact me and I will help you! Many of our Mission Viejo residents are receiving their vaccinations at the County of Orange's super POD (Point of Dispensing) sites at Soka University and Disneyland. Some pharmacies are also starting to receive vaccines. Our City has offered to work with the County of Orange to host a mobile POD as well.

I know this has and continues to be a trying time for all of us, and I want to thank you for your patience, perseverance and for doing your part to end this pandemic and return to a "normal" life.

### ISSION VIE **WORKING TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY AND**



by Colonel Greg Raths

I joined the Mission Viejo Rotary Club four years ago, and I have found it to be a wonderful organization. Our club meets every Wednesday morning for breakfast at 7:10 AM at the Mission Viejo Country Club. Rotary is a service orientated club with over a million members worldwide. We get together to exchange ideas, assist local charities, grow our businesses, and make new friends. We volunteer to support projects that aid the Saddleback Valley communities, as well as people in Mexico and India. Find out more about our organization at www.missionviejorotary.org. We invite you for breakfast and a short program with a local speaker. Our meeting concludes promptly at 8:30 AM.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY IN MISSION VIEJO

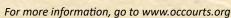
Benefiting Mission Viejo Residents and our neighbors is the new Superior Court Service Center. The Orange County Superior Court now accepts payments for criminal, traffic, and collection cases at its Mission Viejo facility. The Superior Court Service Center is located at 27573 Puerto Real in Mission Viejo (near Crown Valley Parkway).



In addition to payment services, the Service Center provides assistance to selfrepresented litigants in various case types. Self-

Help services include legal information and procedural assistance, workshops, public computer use, legal library use, and document

review of Judicial Council of California and Orange County Superior Court forms; however, staff does not provide legal advice.

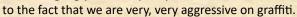


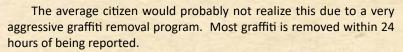
FROM OUR KEEPING THE WALLS CLEAN DEPT.

### ission Viejo's High Priority

To you and I it's gibberish, but to some it's messages. That's why over 1,000 times a year, a select team of Mission Viejo staff members are ready to go to work at a moment's notice.

The Orange County Sheriffs Department contributes the City's lack of a gang presence partly due





The single best deterrent for graffiti continues to be a fast removal



of the graffiti. All graffiti is photographed, plotted with GPS coordinates, logged into a computerized program, and monitored by our Orange County Sheriff Department.

Citizens can report graffiti 24 hours a day on the City of Mission Viejo Graffiti Hotline -949-460-2924



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Mission Viejo is installing truncated domes at the base of access ramps on city streets. These are detectable warnings which enable people with visual disabilities to determine the boundary between the sidewalk and street. Because truncated domes have a unique design, they can be detected underfoot and by sound on cane contact.

Color contrast is another beneficial aspect of the truncated dome, making the tile visually detectable from the surrounding surface.

FROM OUR ROADWAY HISTORY DEPT.

Suzanne Charlton has lived an incredible life. As a girl, she studied abroad in Italy and surfed her way through high school in Long Beach before attending USC. Sue was married to Phil Charlton, an executive for the Mission Viejo Company. Sue, Phil, and their family moved to Europe, bought a Volkswagen camper, and traveled extensively before settling in Spain, where she fell in love with the Spanish language and culture. The family returned stateside for the birth of their third son, John. Sue taught Spanish at Mission Viejo High for fifteen years and founded the school's Model United Nations program

Sue named many of the streets in Mission Viejo before we became a city in 1988. Her love for Spanish culture shows in many of our city's street names.

Other streets were named after members of the O'Neill family. Their names are present everywhere in Mission Viejo. Marguerite

Parkway was named after Marguerite O'Neill, Alicia Parkway was named after Alice O'Neill Avery, Antonio Parkway was named after Tony Moiso, Jeronimo was named after Jerome O'Neill, and Olympiad was originally named O'Neill but changed its name after the Olympics .in 1984.



































# THE HIGHEST POINT IN MISSION VIEJO High Above Mission Viejo - A Special Hidden Trail

Take a one-mile hike along Mission Viejo's highest point. A hidden trail located at the top of Vista Del Lago leads to the Canaveras Ridge Walk Trail which takes you a notch higher overlooking most of Mission



Viejo, neighboring Lake Forest, Irvine and a clear view out to the Pacific Ocean.

Access the trail at Casaveras and Vista del Lago. Look for a dirt path next to a streetlight. Follow the trail loop, and enjoy incredible views on both sides.

As recently as 18 months ago, a mountain lion was seen on the trail

so be careful. If you do see one, stay calm - do not approach or run away. You can back away very slowly from them, but keep facing forward, don't turn your back towards them, and do not crouch or bend down. Give them room, and they are likely to leave you alone.



Trailhead at Vista Del Lago

FROM OUR **GREAT MOMENTS IN BLOCK HISTORY** DEPT.

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### MISSION VIEJO'S FAMOUS SLUMP STONE BLOCK

Last month, the Mission Viejo Reporter wanted to get the whole story on our famous Slump Stone block. We called Rick Muth of Orco Block in Stanton. Three generations of Muths have built the

company, block by block. In doing so, they also helped build Mission Viejo - one 35 pound block at a time.

Homes were needed. And homes needed block walls, so the family invested The Mission Slump Block in expensive block-making equipment. This caught the attention of Tony Moiso and the Mission Viejo Company. They wanted a company



that could produce a block that was different, from all the rest - The Slump Block, but, as Rick Muth told us, "This type of block was difficult and messy to produce," but the Muth's said, "It's something new;

let's go for it!" The color was difficult.

the style was difficult, but it became the signature stone of Mission Viejo. All the Barcelona Walls (entrances to Mission Viejo), all of our recreation centers, and numerous schools all used the Slump block. Rick told us that it became so popular that the block is now called - Mission Slump Block.



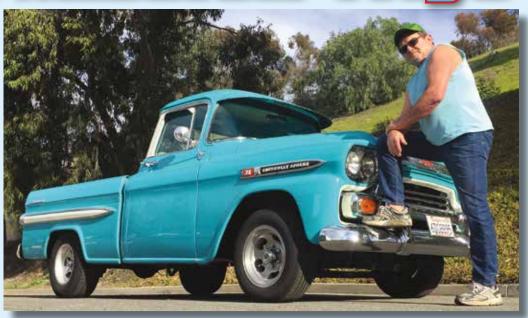




Mission Viejo resident, **Bob Meredith**, probably has the coolest truck in Mission Viejo. It's a 1959 Chevrolet Fleetside Pickup.

Bob purchased it from a parts store in Mission Viejo off Avery Parkway around 1997. It was just a cab and a frame, so it had to be towed to Lake Elsinore where he had an auto repair shop at the time. It had always been a dream of Bob's to restore this classic 1959 model of Chevy pickup, so in nine months, he did a complete off-frame restoration to its original condition by visiting a lot of salvage yards and the Chevy Truck Stop store. He also chose the exterior color and did the paint job himself.





After the massive restoration, Bob only drove the truck to shows, and often had it trailered to events and places. Then one day he said to himself, "This is a truck that needs to be driven." So, Bob did away with the careful and delicate attitude toward his classic Chevy. Today, you'll find Bob driving his truck daily, and in the bed of the truck don't be surprised if you find auto parts, tools, and pieces of lumber. It's a real everyday truck, and Bob loves it. He drives it everywhere and always receives many thumbs up from people along the way.

### **Cereset Your Stress**

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The impact of stress causes so much pain in our lives. From emotional debilitation, brain fog and memory problems and just not being able to perform our best, we all suffer from its effect during our lifetime. Prolonged stress and traumatic experiences manifest a range of misery including anxiety, lack of deep, quality sleep, moodiness, and many other challenges.

No matter what the level of impact is, we all want to be rid of it as soon as possible and get back to our normal, happy selves. But how do you do that without taking medications? We do what we have been conditioned to do and that is to get relief as quickly as possible through a colored pill or two or three. Be empowered again. Trust your brain's ability to balance itself without drugs!

There is a valid reason why we get these uncomfortable side effects from stress. Our brains were designed for moments of stress occasionally. In the caveman days when we were hunters and gatherers, we would come across a dangerous situation and our brain would switch from its normal state of "Rest and Digest" into "Fight or Flight." Borrowing energy and resources from other body functions and elevating stress hormones such as cortisol and adrenaline, it would give us the instant ability to run faster, jump higher and even outsmart the enemy.

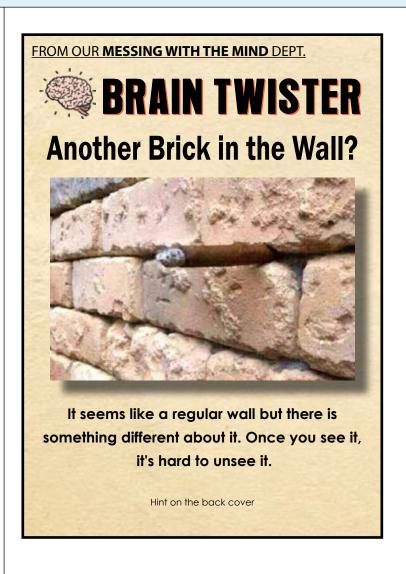
After the threat was over our brain would return to its homeostatic state and we would have normal digestion and hormone levels once again. The animal kingdom is still able to do this but we humans aren't. With this chronic stress, our brains are getting stuck in the "Fight or Flight" or "Freeze" states and the symptoms can be unbearable over time.

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### **Dress Code For Mission Viejo Schools**

Clothing that disrupts the orderly operation of the campus or which could be construed as immodest, unsafe, or extreme is not permitted. Clothing that is too revealing or low cut, including but not limited to, strapless off the shoulder tops, halter tops, tube tops, clothing exposing a bare midriff, shorts or skirts of inappropriate length, is not permitted. No skin in the midriff area may be exposed at any time.

Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times. Clothing which displays gang insignia or which could reasonably be construed as gang-related are prohibited

### UNACCEPTABLE SLEEVELESS TOPS



UNACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS



UNACCEPTABLE TOPS/JACKETS



UNACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS/ACCESSORIES



### Places Wed Like TO REMEMBER



Oso Parkway & 5 Freeway
Ziggurat building (at top) construction in progress.

FROM OUR AY, CHIHUAHUA! DEPT.

# HEAD IN A JAR

### THE ROBIN HOOD OF MEXICO HIDES IN MISSION VIEJO

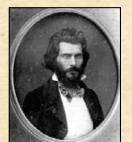


Historical Site Sign at Los Alisos and Trabuco

Depending on whom you asked Joaquin Murrieta was considered either an infamous bandit or a Mexican patriot during the Gold Rush era. Along with his nephew Procopio Murietta, he was responsible for inspiring the popular fictional character of "Zorro".

The Wilderness Glen that

runs along Los Alisos was once the private ranch road that ran



Joaquin Murrieta

Joaquin Murrieta, on his way up to the San Francisco area, used the Sycamore tree near the road for a hiding place.

towards the canyons. According to legend,

A lot of stories and legends surround him. He was a larger then life figure in papers, and cheap novels from the time. However you viewed him though, it was well known that

Joaquin robbed a lot of people. So much so, that the State of California promised a \$1,000 Governor's Reward for the capture of him.

On July 25, 1853, a group of Rangers encountered Murrieta near Arroyo de Cantua near the Coast Range

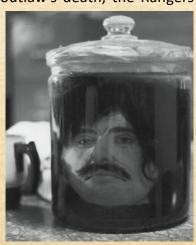


Poster Advertising the Public Display

Mountains of Coalinga, and, in the confrontation, Joaquin was killed. As proof of the outlaw's death, the Rangers

cut off Murrieta's head and preserved it in a jar of alcohol to bring it to the authorities for their reward.

After the Rangers collected the reward, they took Joaquin Murrieta's head for display throughout California, where spectators could pay \$1 to see the soggy head. A morbid end for a legendary bandit and another interesting chapter in Mission Viejo's history.



Photograph of Joaquin's Head



Aunt Sandy is out of town this month. Uncle Earl is filling in. If you have a question for Uncle Earl email to missionviejoreporter@gmail.com. We'll make sure he gets it.

Dear Uncle Earl,

I hope you can help me. The other day I set off for work, leaving my husband in the house watching TV. My car stalled, and then it broke down about a mile down the road, and I had to walk back to get my husband's help. When I got home, I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbor's daughter!

I am 32, my husband is 34, and the neighbor's daughter is 19. We have been married for 10 years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted they had been having an affair for the past six months. He won't go to counseling, and I'm afraid. I am a wreck and need advice urgently. Can you please help?

Sincerely, Sheila

Dear Sheila,

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check out all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors.

I hope this helps, Uncle Earl FROM OUR ALICE'S WONDERLAND DEPT.

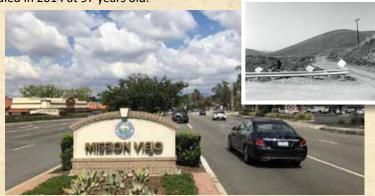
### ALICIA PARKWAY

### **Mission Viejo's Proud First Daughter**

Alice Marguerite O'Neill Avery was born Jan. 28, 1917, to Richard O'Neill Jr. and Marguerite "Daisy" Moore. Her paternal grandfather, Irish immigrant Richard O'Neill Sr., purchased 'Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores' in 1882, when the property extended from Mission Viejo to Oceanside.

"She was very proud of her California heritage," said her son **Anthony R. Moiso** who runs Rancho Mission Viejo, the family's remaining 23,000-acre property. "She loved the ranch; she loved the blessing it was."

Alice, for whom Alicia Parkway is named (Alice in Spanish is "Alicia") died in 2014 at 97 years old.



Alicia Parkway as it is today and as it was in 1968.

FROM OUR MEMORIAL DAY DEPT.

# SOME GARDANIE

### REMEMBERING THE MISSION VIEJO HELICOPTER CRASH FROM 1967

In 1967 in our freshly developing community, tragedy struck on May 5th, of that year, as a Marine CH-46 Sea Knight crashed just off the San Diego Freeway near the corner of La Paz Road and Chrisanta Drive, here in Mission Viejo.

Four Marines - Capt. Vince Tesulov, 29, of Costa Mesa, 1st Lt. Loyd E. Knulson, 23, of Manhattan Beach, Cpl. Larry G. Norman, 20, of Santa Ana and Lance Cpl. Michael F. Hansen, 19, of Garland, Texas, all died in the crash. The helicopter they were

riding in threw a rotor blade, lost control and plunged to the ground and was destroyed in the impact.

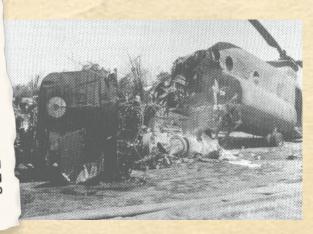
The Marines Corp said the craft was on a routine training mission at the time of the crash. The copter was attached to the Marine Medium Helicopter Training Squadron 302 based at the time in Santa Ana. It was the type of chopper being used extensively at the time in Vietnam. The cause of the accident was unknown.

The **Mission Viejo Reporter** wants to salute all the men and women who serve or have served our country and protect our great nation and it's citizens.

# Four Killed in Crash of Marine Helicopter

EL TORO (UPI) - A Marine CH-40 Sea Knight helicopter crashed near a new housing development named Mission Viejo Wednesday night, killing all four men aboard. Witnesses said the twin rotor helicopter lost one of its rotor blades and plummeted to the ground. Richard Wikox, manager of the Mission Viejo Swim Club, said he saw the transport chopper throw it's blade, stagger out of control and then crash in a ditch not far from a new housing project. The chopper was on a routine training mission about four miles from the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station.







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# Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway

### LA PAZ ROAD BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN MISSION VIEJO



Story and photo by Tom Gildersleeve

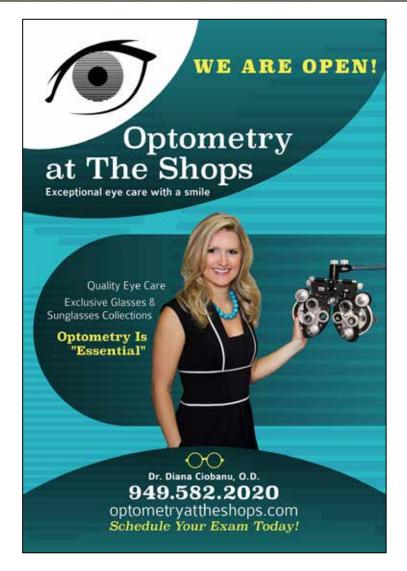
In 1964, my friends Hank Mills and Gordon Glattenberg and I began to put an extensive amount of time into photographing the San Diego Surf Line of the Santa Fe Railroad. It turned out to be a very good decision, because things were on the cusp of change. During the early summer, Hank noticed that trees were being cut down in that area, and construction activity was getting under way.

I later learned that I was witnessing the commencement of construction for the new city of Mission Viejo. It was

the beginning of the end for the old Orange County I had known as a boy. The photo was taken of a southbound San Diegan on July 2, 1964. The location was approximately where present day La Paz Road crosses over the the former Santa Fe tracks, now owned by Metrolink.

Today the city of Mission Viejo, with a population of around 95,000, occupies this entire area. It's name is interesting, because Viejo means "old" in Spanish, and the town is neither old nor does it contain a mission. For me, this area seemed like paradise, with its pastoral landscape. I am sure, however, that those who live in Mission Viejo today see what has been constructed there as their version of paradise in its own right, with beautiful homes in a nice setting with a great climate. Most of them probably have little or no knowledge of what the place used to be.





VER CLASS IN MISSION VIEJO

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 FROM OUR GOING DOWNHILL DEPT.



and died.

The steepest street in Mission Viejo is San Gonzalo. This beautiful and peaceful street used to be the site for numerous skateboard races and some unfortunate accidents. At the bottom end of San Gonzalo it intersects with Puerta Real and Granada Park.

While skateboard champions were made on San Gonzalo, it also has had it's share of disasters, such as the time a young boy on a

bicycle could not stop on the steep and

treacherous street and crashed head-on into a car

More than a few times, brakes have failed on vehicles and sent them

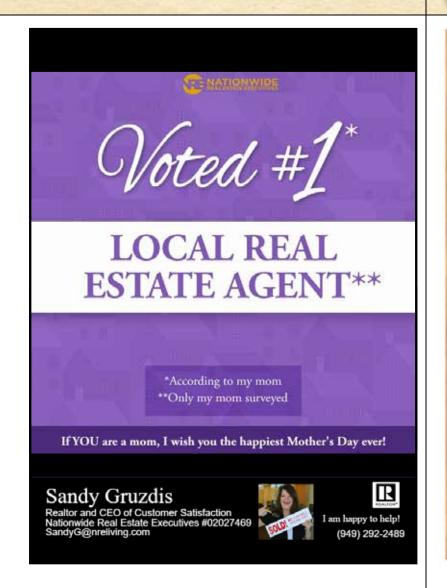
flying into trees in El Dorado park and left one lady paralyzed for life.



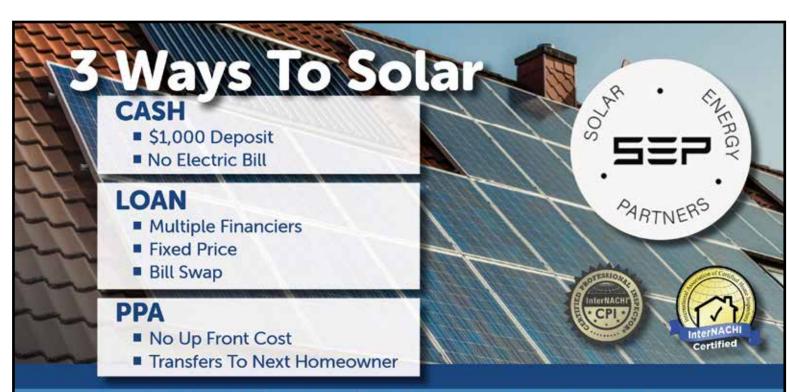


San Gonzalo also has the honor of being the home for Mission Viejo's one verified California Coastal Redwood, reaching up high over the neighborhood homes.

Next time you take a sightseeing tour of Mission Viejo and are near San Gonzalo, make sure you get your brakes tested first.







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