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Dave Leckness  
Editor



## INTEGRITY IS THE CORNERSTONE HAVING A QUALITY LIFE CANNOT OVERLOOK THIS VITAL TRAIT



by Trish Kelley  
Councilmember, Mission Viejo

Mission Viejo established itself as a City of Character in 2003. Each month, the City promotes a different character quality. In March our focus is on **Integrity**, which really is the cornerstone of good character and encompasses all 12 of our character traits. It is the quality of being honest, trustworthy, fair, responsible, caring, and having the moral courage to do the right thing—even if there is a cost! Integrity is vital for all ages, but parents and grandparents have wonderful opportunities to train our children in this quality from an early age! Our Mission Viejo schools partner with us in promoting good character, and we provide our character materials to each of our schools every month. Research has proven character education to be a positive force in reducing disruptive behavior, alcohol and drug abuse, and teen pregnancy. It contributes to parental and community involvement, safe and orderly schools, reduced discipline problems, greater academic achievement, and higher student and staff morale. The Character Committee is always seeking new members. We welcome students in 8th grade and above as well as adults. Please contact me for more information and an application.

### Trish Kelley, City Council Member

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## THROWING HIS HAT IN THE RING GREG RATHS ENTERS RACE FOR THE NEW CA40TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



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

Last month after congressional redistricting was finalized, I announced that I was running for Congress for the newly drawn 40th Congressional District, which includes our city, Mission Viejo (largest city in the new district). Our incumbent Congresswoman Katie Porter has decided to run in the newly drawn coastal 47th district which now includes her hometown of Irvine. The other cities in the CA40th are Lake Forest, Aliso Viejo, Tustin, RSM, Laguna Woods, Laguna Hills, Villa Park, Yorba Linda, Chino Hills, plus portions of Anaheim and Orange. It's time for the people of these cities to have someone to represent them who has been a part of our community for decades, and cares about your needs and concerns.

I have dedicated my entire life to public service. Serving 30 years in the Marine Corps as a fighter pilot, I flew 75 combat missions in the F/A-18 Hornet in Kuwait, Iraq and Somalia. Eventually achieving the rank of Colonel, I had the honor of serving as the Assistant Chief of Staff for The White House Military Office, where I managed the presidential military support and logistics. After retiring from the Marine Corps, I flew as a commercial airline pilot, and later was president of a successful business in Orange County. Wanting to continue serving the public, in 2014 I ran for Mission Viejo City Council and won, re-elected in 2018, and served as Mayor in 2019. During

my time on council we've seen crime reduced, our budget balanced or with a surplus, and our roads and slopes beautifully maintained.

As a public official I have always been a fiscal hawk, a fervent advocate for a strong law enforcement presence in our communities to ensure public safety, securing our border, fighting against the social engineering in our children's schools, proactively seeking solutions to reduce homelessness, and a fierce supporter of veterans' rights.

The people of the new 40th district need a tough legislator to represent them in Washington, D.C. I've been a fighter my whole life and I will continue to battle for you as your next Congressman. Ballots will be mailed out in early May for the June 7th CA primary election day. To learn more about my campaign please go to [www.gregraths.com](http://www.gregraths.com). Thanks in advance for your encouragement and support.

Greg Rath  
Colonel USMC (RET)  
Councilman, City of Mission Viejo, CA

## WHAT'S IN A NAME? HOW DID MISSION VIEJO GET ITS NAME?



I-5 near La Paz Road 1960

Intrigue surrounds the very name "**Mission Viejo**". Does it imply that it was the original site – as in the "old" or "former" mission? In Spanish, the word is really spelled *misión* and has feminine gender. Thus, in order to agree with the noun, the adjective for *misión* should have a feminine ending – *vieja*.

We know that the modern city was named for the 1845 rancho land grant – which itself was referred to variously as "Mission Viejo", "Mission Vieja", "Misión Vieja", and as "La Paz".

*La Paz* translates as "the peace", so there is an undefinable, yet very romantic quality in each word of the now famous Mission Viejo name and of its first main street – La Paz Road.



# ENJOYING MISSION VIEJO'S SAFE & EASY BIKE TRAILS

## THE CITY OFFERS A WORLD-CLASS RIDE



Cycling is a great activity and Mission Viejo offers some of the widest variety of cycling opportunities for all age groups and skill levels in the world. How good you wonder? In 1984, the United States Olympic Committee chose to hold the Los Angeles Olympic Road Race here. So from children riding for the first time, to World-Class athletes the city has you covered. And there's riding for every type of bike as well, from simple City and BMX bikes, to dual-suspension, disc-brake wielding Mountain Bikes and carbon-fiber featherweight Road Bikes.

Whether you are into flat routes, hilly routes, uphill routes, downhill routes, quick rides, long tours, Mission Viejo offers it all and there is a ride to suit you. From a mild ride around Lake Mission Viejo, longer trips to the ocean or a more serious adventure into Santiago Canyon you can find a smorgasbord of rides to take. Bikemap.com is a great resource for locating routes, getting directions and meeting other riders.

The City of Mission Viejo itself, has been working hard to grow and improve its citywide interconnected trail system, the heart of which is the 5.5-mile multi-use Oso Creek Trail. Add to that all of the bike shops around town and you can see this truly is a great place for cycling. Just make sure to get a good quality bike helmet, maintain your equipment and follow the rules of the road, riding in groups is also helpful. However you do it, have fun & be careful.

# WHY ELECTRIC BIKES ARE MORE Dangerous Than Motorcycles

## THE HIDDEN DANGERS OF RIDING E-BIKES

We've all thought. "Ah, an electric bike, fresh air, the outdoors, I should really do that" but when we think of a motorcycle we think "Heck no! I'll never do that". But in reality, electric bikes are much more dangerous. Ask Mission Hospital, they'll tell you the ER room is loaded with electric bike patients much more than motorcycle patients.

### Reason #1 POOR GEAR

The motorcycle rider usually has steel toe boots, a Kevlar lined jacket which reflects with the light of a thousand suns and a full helmet. Whereas, the E-Bike rider is usually only wearing stretchy pants, half a helmet and happy thoughts.

### Reason #2 POOR VISIBILITY

Normally car drivers are looking for other cars when turning or maneuvering not bicycles. Selective attention allows drivers to look right though the tiny bicyclists on the road.

### Reason #3 POOR SOPHISTICATION

Motorcycles: Automatic Braking Systems, Traction control, DOT tires, taillight, headlight, high-beams, fog-light, turn signals, mirrors and most importantly a special license to drive a motorcycle.

E Bike: The problem with E-Bike is any geriatric or pre-pubescent can hop on and hit 30 MPH immediately. Braking and balance is based on your own leg strength.

The best way to insure you don't end up in the ER is to dress for safety, wear colors that make you more visible and avoid alcohol while riding.





FROM OUR RECREATION IS DANGEROUS DEPT.

# BOCCE is Italian for **WAR**

## MEN BATTLING WITH THEIR BALLS

Bocce is a game popular worldwide, that originated from games played back during the days of the Roman Empire. Like gladiators in days of old, the game is fun, but it quickly becomes extremely competitive. Teams are made up of men, women, and children. In Mission Viejo residents play bocce ball on courts that are made from authentic crushed oyster shells, which is the traditional Italian method of construction.



Paul van Olden, an avid bocce ball player and fierce enthusiast, recently purchased a pair of authentic Italian stainless-steel bocce balls. He said, "I can't wait to play with my balls at the Murray Center."

The sport is a favorite at family gatherings, parks, and barbecues. The courts are located at the Murray Center. They will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 949-470-3062.

FROM OUR LOCAL BUSINESS DEPT.

# PASSING GAS

## SINCE 1970

### LOCAL FAMILY POWERS MISSION VIEJO

Meet **Steve Cary**. Steve and his family have owned the **Mission Viejo Chevron Station** since the early 1970's. Steve has worked at the Chevron station since 1977. Steve and his crew have been providing Mission Viejo residents quality service, gasoline and the most convenient location possible located at Crown Valley Parkway and the five freeway.



Steve Cary - Mission Viejo Chevron

Steve has seen the city grow from a viewpoint like no other. He remembers when it was just the Chevron station and Old MacDonalds Farm across the street.



Aerial Shot of Crown Valley Pkwy. and I-5 from the early 1970's

Steve owns the property and says he'll be here for a long time. So, next time you fill-up, stop and say hi to Steve.

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FROM OUR FLYING HIGH DEPT.

# THE LOST AIRPORT

## The REAL HISTORY of the San Juan Capistrano Airport

Most people have not been in the area long enough to remember, but there used to be an airport in South Orange County that was lost forever due to tragedy. Originally built in the 1931 in a nearby location, it was relocated and rebuilt again in the 1960's. The airstrip was located at the end of what



Any trace of the airport is gone today

is now called Camino Del Avion, near where the **Coach House** is located. It had a 1,400-foot dirt runway and a few small buildings. In the end, 85 planes would call the tiny airport home.

There were a number of squabbles and conflicts politically and otherwise. After clearing all of those hurdles, other problems began to surface.

Eventually, tragedy struck on Memorial Day weekend in May, 1977. A pilot who did not have a commercial flying license lied to the owner of a company which flew large advertising banners behind planes up and down the coastline. The plane he was flying was towing a large banner and crashed shortly after takeoff. A young 5 year-old girl was riding a bicycle along a path bordering San Juan Creek and was struck by the plane's propellor and died.

A month after the accident, the airfield was ordered to be shut down as details of the crash emerged. The airport was closed in 1978. Now, all that remains is the road leading to the airport, Avenida Aeropuerto, and the street where the runway once laid, Calle Aviador.



THE COACH HOUSE IN 1977



## Did you know... THINGS THAT ARE NO LONGER THERE

Did you know in the shopping center where **Trader Joe's** stands today on Marguerite Parkway there was a roller skating rink? It was called **Skateway** and was very popular year round in the 70's and 80's.

Did you know Mission Viejo had three locations of horse stables? The first one was at the end of the cul-de-sac on Trabuco Circle where the tennis center parking lot is now located. The second, and largest, was located near Marguerite and La Paz where the **Ralph's Center** is located. President Ford's son kept his horse there and when he would ride, he was followed around by the Secret Service. The third stable was located near Saddleback College where the animal facility is now located.



FROM OUR BRAVE NEW WORLD DEPT.

## THE FUTURE HAS BURGERS IN IT

### RUBY'S DINER MISSION VIEJO GOES GREEN WITH SHINY NEW ADDITION

Ruby's Diner Mission Viejo may be known for its decor that is reminiscent of times gone by, but a shiny new addition outside is turning heads. The classic diner, known for its delicious breakfast, burgers, fries, and shakes, has acquired an all-new, fully electric "SOLO" by Electra Meccanica. Of course, in the best color, Ruby Red!



"We're having a lot of fun with it," said George Alexander, owner of Ruby's Diner Mission Viejo, "It's innovative and it provides an environmentally-conscious way to deliver our flavorful food right to our customers' doors."

While the futuristic-looking vehicle won't eliminate Ruby's delivery carbon footprint, the restaurant sees the purchase as an essential step in their larger efforts to be more sustainable.

"While our classic diner pays tribute to the past, we realize the need to be forward-thinking in our daily operations," Alexander said. "We are happy to lead the way at Ruby's Diner Mission Viejo."

Keep an eye out for Rosario, Ruby's Diner Mission Viejo's general manager, as he zips through the streets of Mission Viejo, making deliveries and attending community events in this all-new fully electric "SOLO"!





# ROLLING ALONG

**METROLINK IS STILL THE BEST VALUE IN TOWN**

by Lindsey Jauregui

Almost 30 years ago, the City of Mission Viejo initiated an effort to construct a train station in Mission Viejo. The original site considered for the station back in 1990 would have taken out the MV Library (now the Rock Youth Center) and surrounding buildings. Although it had many positive features, due to concerns about the residential nature of the site (noise and lack of potential for surrounding commercial development) as well as traffic congestion, ultimately it was not selected. Several sites within Mission Viejo were given serious consideration, but each hit roadblocks. In the end, only the joint site with Laguna Niguel could be brought to fruition.



Although sharing a station with Laguna Niguel wasn't the City's first choice, it has worked out well and Mission Viejo pays only 50% instead of 100% of the annual maintenance costs.

Today, residents can ride the train all weekend for as little as \$10. Next time you'd like to beat the traffic down to San Diego, just stop by the Mission Viejo/Laguna Niguel Station and ride the train.



FROM OUR HANG 'EM HIGH DEPT.

## HANGMAN'S TREE

Every tree in Mission Viejo has been planted by man...except one

Around 1971, the Mission Viejo Company's engineering department discovered while building Los Alisos Blvd that a very old oak tree would be destroyed. This old oak was so magnificent looking and had been rumored to be a legendary hanging tree from back in the days of the explorer **Gaspar de Portola**.

After several meetings with the County's Board of Supervisors, the new design that moved Los Alisos Blvd around the old oak was approved and resulted in saving the Old Oak Tree.

You can visit this tree today as it sits as a sentinel just as it has for hundreds of years in front of **Oaktree Village** at 23166 Los Alisos Blvd.



The tree as it stands today on Los Alisos and as it once looked

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**Location:** On school campuses

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**Camps begin:** June 2022

**Location:** YMCA Fitness Centers

**Ages:** 4 and up

**Cost:** Varies based on your selected camp and schedule

### OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Pack your bags for a week of excitement at YMCA Overnight Camps while making friends, exploring nature, experiencing adventures and engaging in activities (i.e., hiking, archery, canoeing, campfires). Two locations are available this year:

#### Camp E.L.K.

**Location:** Wrightwood, CA

**Ages:** 8-17 (Entering 3rd-12th grades)

**Session #1:** June 26-July 1, 2022

**Session #2:** July 10-15, 2022

**Session #3:** July 24-29, 2022

**Cost:** \$695. Includes 6 days/5 nights, 3 meals/day, transportation, camp t-shirt, photo yearbook & all activities

#### Camp Oakes

**Location:** Big Bear, CA

**Ages:** 8-17 (Entering 3rd-12th grades)

**Session:** July 16-23, 2022

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- Opportunities and strategies to "LEVEL UP" to advance to the Club Team

**Camps begin:** Run year-round

**Location:** Laguna Niguel YMCA Esports Facility

**Ages:** 8-14

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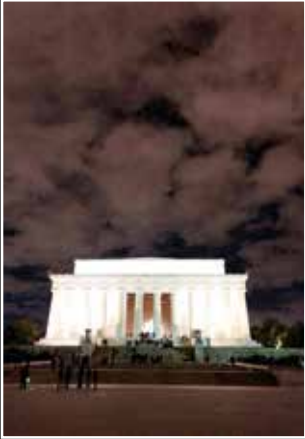
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Jim And Steph Dante- Juneau, Alaska

# MISSION VIEJO REPORTER THE TRAVEL ISSUE MISSION VIEJO RESIDENTS AROUND THE GLOBE



Linda Williams - Morocco



Marla Lackey - Austin, Texas



Chris & Shawna Want - Aspen, CO



Jon McLaughlin - Central Park, NY



Jordan McClanahan - Hong Kong



Jskj Negrete - Pisa, Italy



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# CIGARETTES & TENNIS

## 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 - 1977

**"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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## M.V. MEXICAN STANDOFF

**MEETING OF THE MINDS DURING THE BATTLE  
FOR CALIFORNIA OCCURED IN M.V.'S BACKYARD**

A memorial plaque has been installed in Mission Viejo's Sycamore Park to honor Juan Avila and Jose Serrano, who built an adobe house there almost 170 years ago.

On January 5, 1847, during the war with Mexico, a meeting was arranged with the famous U.S. Army General Stephen Watts Kearny, Navy Commodore Robert Field Stockton and celebrated scout Kit Carson, who assisted the Americans through this unfamiliar area.



Memorial plaque in Sycamore Park

The important meeting was hosted by Juan Avila, owner of neighboring Rancho Niguel, in his adobe on the west side of present day Interstate 5 freeway, near Aliso Creek, and at the edge of today's Mission Viejo.

The renowned Mormon Battalion also camped on a portion of this land the same year, on its way from San Diego to recapture Los Angeles during the war with Mexico.



Commodore Robert Stockton, General Stephen Kearny, famed scout Kit Carson



# SOME GAVE ALL

## REMEMBERING THE MISSION VIEJO HELICOPTER CRASH FROM 1967

Memorial Day is on May 28th this year, it also has been known as Decoration Day. It is a National holiday for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

In 1967, there were over 11,000 deaths in the U.S. Military in Vietnam that year. 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.

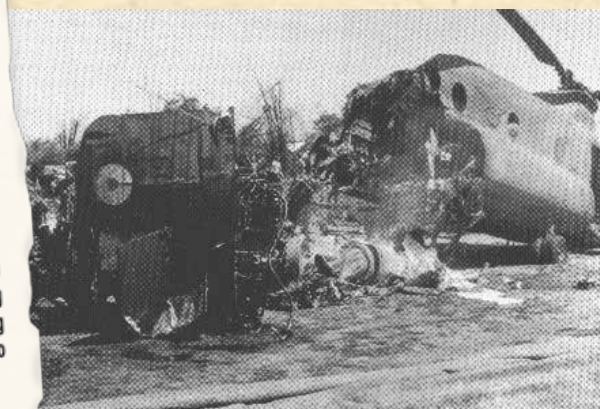
The Marines Corp said the craft was on a routine training mission at the time of the crash. The copter was attached to the Marine Medium Helicopter Training Squadron 302 based at the time in Santa Ana. It was the type of chopper being used extensively at the time in Vietnam. The cause of the accident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

What some don't realize is serving in the armed forces is a hazardous duty for all our military personnel whether they be in open conflict or doing ordinary tasks away from battle. Training, learning new skills, drilling, all involve young people fresh out of high school. With not a lot of life experience, using extremely powerful and dangerous equipment, they push themselves and their limits to fit the mold of United States Servicemen and Servicewomen and serve our nation honorably.

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 Wilcox, 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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FROM OUR GYNECOLOGY DEPT.

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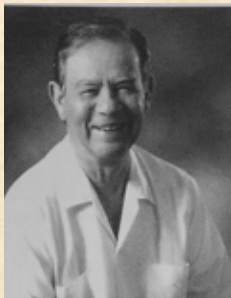
## DOCTOR LEAVES A LEGACY BEHIND IN HIS WAKE

Among the many professional people who opened businesses and practices and bought homes in the early days of Mission Viejo, none had a better reason to locate on historic rancho land than **Dr. Roger Guevara**.

**Dr. Guevara** moved with his family to this newly developing community in 1968, becoming the second physician and first obstetrician-gynecologist to open his office here – across from Mission Viejo High School.

During the 30-year career that followed, **Dr. Guevara** delivered more than 10,000 babies, including the Whistler triplets in 1972 – the first triple birth that occurred in South Orange County.

Among **Dr. Guevara's** ancestors was **Jose Ortega**, the scout who passed through this area with **Gaspar de Portola** during the first Spanish exploration of California. After his death in 1998, the City of Mission Viejo honored him by changing the name of the one-block extension of Medical Center Road to **Dr. Guevara Way** which leads to the hospital where he had practiced.



## Ask Aunt Sandy

- WITH MISSION VIEJO'S SANDRA FERGUSON



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

## A TRIPLE DOSE OF AUNT SANDY

Dear Aunt Sandy,

I've had three marriages that have failed. Would I be dishonest if I didn't tell my new girlfriend about these ex-wives?

- Secret Keeper

Dear Keeper,

If you tell your girlfriend that you've have three ex wives, if she's the right kind of woman, she'll give that some thought and probably kick you to the curb. Now, let me tell you something, if you've had three you're going to have four.

- Aunt Sandy

Dear Aunt Sandy,

Is it okay to taste grapes at the grocery store?

- Grape Lover

Dear Grape,

You know darn well what a grape tastes like. Either you buy them or you don't buy them. You don't go in there and eat them. However, sneaking a bite here and there is fine, I like to taste the Ben & Jerry Chunky Monkey once in a while myself.

- Aunt Sandy

Dear Aunt Sandy,

How do I get my husband to stop adjusting himself in public?

- Embarrassed in Mission Viejo

Dear Embarrassed,

I know that is true. I know men do that. They grab that thing and shift it around, moving their legs - it's absolutely disgusting. I don't know why they do it, but it looks terrible and is very obnoxious. My suggestion is to give your husband a roll of duct tape and tell him to tape that puppy in place.

- Aunt Sandy

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# 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 commerical 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

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 in our city about 44 years ago. The Hills family continues to operate two McDonald's franchises in M.V..

-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.

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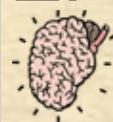


Christina and Adriana

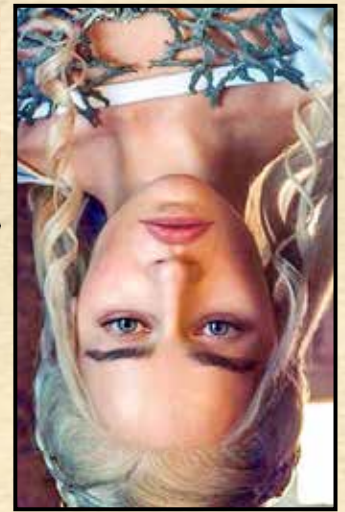


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### WHAT MISTAKE DO THESE PHOTOS HAVE IN COMMON?



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FROM OUR GENTLY USED DEPT.

# PURSEpalooza

## HANDBAGS TO HELP THE LIBRARY

Back by popular demand-Save the date for Saturday, April 30 from 10 am – 3 pm when the popular Purse Palooza returns to the Mission Viejo Library Storytime Room.



This annual fundraiser gives you the chance to buy fabulous new or gently used purses to benefit the library's resources. All proceeds benefit the Mission Viejo Library. Last year's event raised over \$4000 to support the

fantastic programs at the library.

Evening clutches, designer handbags, Italian leather shoulder bags, wallets, suitcases and old reliable 'Mom' purses are needed and gladly accepted through Friday, April 22. You can drop them off at the Mission Viejo Library bookstore, Costa del Sol's Clubhouse or the Norman P. Murray Center.



FROM OUR DAY DRINKING DEPT.

# Pouring DRINKS

## OFF THE PLANE AND MAKING A LIVING

Lizzy Crombie came to America from Holland in 1983. She started looking for work immediately. On May 5th, 1983, she stopped in **Shooters Bar** on Marguerite Parkway and asked if they were hiring. It was Cinco de Mayo, and Shooters was busy, so the owner said "Yes, we're hiring." So Lizzy jumped behind the bar and started making Margaritas, and she thought "I'll try this bartender thing out for a month."



Lizzy serving up one of her liquid magic potions

Now, it's been over three decades of pouring drinks for loyal customers, like Joe Ferrino, who first walked into **Shooters Bar** over thirty years ago. The day **Mission Viejo Reporter** visited **Shooters**, there were other customers who said, "Lizzy is someone you want to come visit with," and "She makes a great Bloody Mary and pours a mean beer."

Before we snapped a picture of Lizzy for this article, we remembered the advice Joe gave us - "Lizzy is great, just don't piss her off."



Mission Viejo's longest serving Barmaid

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