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TASTE OF VICTORY

MISSION VIEJO MAN STRIKES GOLD... AGAIN

Last year, 2015 local resident and homebrewer Miles McLennan earned the coveted Gold Medal for IPA (India Pale Ale) at the OC Fair Homebrew Competition. As an extremely popular west-coast beer style, the IPA category is by far the most competitive of the contest. This year, 2016, he struck Gold again in IPAs, but this time took Gold and Silver. Gold for his Double IPA (American Strong Ale) and Silver for his new low-alcohol "Session" IPA.

Miles has been an avid homebrewer in Mission Viejo for many years and dreams of the day when he can open his own small local brewery. Miles invited **The Mission Viejo Reporter** for a guided tour of his beer-infused laboratory, that doubles as a garage, and is loaded with trophies and ribbons from previous beer competitions.

Miles explained that it all starts with using the best, freshest ingredients. He even grows his own hops and uses them right off the vine in special brews.



We explored his extensive laboratory filled with stainless steel drums, measuring tools, electronics and secret ingredients for a recipe known only to Miles. He comments, "IPAs are amazing, and I love brewing them. Local craft beer should reflect community taste preferences, and it would be a blast to explore that professionally with Mission Viejo residents."



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After three days of hearing unusual noises coming from the living room fireplace, Mission Viejo resident Stella Guinta finally realized she had a dying bird stuck in her chimney. She called **Mission Viejo Animal Services** at about 6 A.M. Half an hour later, Animal Services Officer J.R. Rodriguez called back to inform her that he would arrive at 9 A.M. Officer Rodriguez arrived and assessed the situation. He used a long metal device to reach up the chimney and dislodge the bird that was trapped on an inner ledge. The bird fell into the loving arms of Rodriguez. He took the black pigeon outside, whispered something nice into the pigeon's ear, and then threw it into the air, and away it flew. Its whereabouts are currently unknown.

From The Editor

The Value of Small Business

By Dave Leckness



I don't know anything about publishing a monthly magazine, but I've always enjoyed trying things that could possibly fail. One year ago we brought the **Mission Viejo Reporter** back from the dead. We printed 3500 copies of our first issue last summer. Thanks to the overwhelming support of our advertisers, we now print over 11,000 issues each month. We have received countless emails about how much people enjoy the Mission Viejo Reporter, and how it makes them proud of our city. Each month we bring you stories about Mission Viejo people and small businesses that you may or may not have heard of.

Fifty years ago, our city was built with the intent to support many small businesses: the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker. That's what Mission Viejo is all about. Someone once said, "Why don't we have a Costco?" Well, the reason is that **...We don't want a Costco!**

Mission Viejo prides itself on being the place where you can open a business and employ your kids or the kids of your neighbor. So, next time you need some flowers, a pizza or a bottle of wine, visit one of the small businesses here in town. You don't need a twelve-pound Nestle Crunch Bar from Costco.



MEET THE CHIEF

MISSION VIEJO'S NEW CHIEF OF POLICE SERVICES



By Lieutenant Ken Binning

As the Chief of Police Services, I promise that we will continue to work in partnership with the community to keep the crime rate low.

The Mission Viejo City Council has had a tradition of making public safety a top priority, and we at Mission Viejo Police Services are dedicated to providing a safe environment and a high quality of life. We will do this by providing top-notch crime prevention programs, aggressively fighting crime, and being responsive to the needs of the citizens.

It is a privilege to serve the community of Mission Viejo, and I look forward to continuing the great tradition of superior law enforcement service.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

MISSION VIEJO

By Mayor Frank Ury



We are fortunate to live in a city that provides top-notch events and programs that are designed to build community. A perfect example is our recent Symphony in the Cities concert at Oso Viejo Community Park. Every year, this spectacular event attracts about 4,000 people for a great evening of fun and music under the stars. This free community event includes the Pacific Symphony concert led by Maestro Carl St.Clair along with the Prelude in the Park catering to all ages. Armed with picnic baskets, blankets and chairs, people gather with friends, family and neighbors to enjoy fun activities, a musical playground and songs from great musical icons like Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Sousa and many others.

This is an event that my family and I look forward to every year, and it's one I have been proud to support as a Council Member for many years. Events like the Symphony in the Cities, Arts Alive, Writers Present and the many other events, classes and programs our city hosts each and every day truly build community.



SHOULD VETERANS STAY OUT OF POLITICS?

By Colonel Greg Rathus USMC (RET)(Mission Viejo City Councilman)



You may not remember the 1964 contest for president. The political battle centered on the conflict in Vietnam. Democrats argued that Army Air Corps/Air Force veteran Barry Goldwater was going to get us into a war. It was thought that Navy veteran President Lyndon Johnson was more reasonably inclined to avoid it. Johnson was elected and proceeded to escalate the conflict in Vietnam into a full blown war involving a half million U.S. troops at one time. Johnson would not seek reelection in 1968 after his military strategy in Vietnam proved to be a failure.

As a combat veteran, I hate war. Does that surprise you? It shouldn't. It is the last thing combat veterans want, but I feel having a combat tour under one's belt can be a plus as an elected official, especially at the national level. Politicians with combat experience will think twice before casting a vote to send our sons and daughters to the battlefield.

Some may point to veterans who have not served well in elected offices. I can point to many non-veterans who have failed in the duties of their office. Yes, I admit there's a lot more to consider than just military service as a political candidate, but combat veterans are needed in the political arena. Veteran candidates beware! In war, there are rules of engagement, in politics, there are no rules. I saw that firsthand in my most recent Congressional race.

FROM OUR **ONE IS NEVER ENOUGH** DEPT.

A PEAK BEHIND THE GATES

THE GATED COMMUNITIES IN MISSION VIEJO

Among the many diverse neighborhoods of Mission Viejo are several gated communities with guard stations or automated gates that will limit access to the community. Scattered throughout Mission Viejo, there are single family houses, condos and townhomes that have the added, bit of privacy with gates.



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Reasons to live in gated community

Security is the number one reason people prefer to live in gated communities. The added privacy and difficulty of entry give people a level of comfort not afforded by typical neighborhoods. It will be more difficult for the criminal element and solicitors to get through the gates. Lately, there have been break-ins in Mission Viejo neighborhoods by bad guys posing as door-to-door solicitors. They find out who's not home during the day, and then break in. So this extra layer of security may give you added peace of mind.

Take a look at the gated communities around Mission Viejo:

Single Family Houses

At Lake Mission Viejo is **Tres Vistas** with water front homes ranging from \$1.3M-\$2.8M.

At Olympiad and Alicia are the communities of **Stone Ridge** and **Canyon Crest**.

Stone Ridge homes range from\$870,000-\$1.35M

Canyon Crest houses are valued from\$795,000-\$1.350M

Located at Oso and Felipe is **Quail Run**. Prices range from \$860,000-\$1.2M

Condos and Townhomes

The **Mallorca** condos on the northwest shore of the lake range from.....\$479,000-\$700,000

Finesterra On the Lake at the southeast shore are priced from.....\$385,000-\$660,000

Cypress Point tcondos across Alicia Parkway from the lake range from..... \$439,000-\$800,000

Finesterra On the Green, adjoining Casta Del Sol golf course, are at\$410,000-\$485,000

Melrose townhomes off Oso Parkway and Felipe have prices from\$619,000-\$700,000

Mirasol townhomes in the adjoining area range from\$400,000-\$620,000

Baja Finesterra along the fairways of Mission Viejo Country Club from..... \$378,000-\$475,000

Senior Communities:

Palmia contains a mix of townhomes and single family houses from \$429,000-\$779,000

Casta Del Sol is a community of all single family homes from \$415,000-\$639,000

FROM OUR **CAN YOU FIGURE IT OUT** DEPT.

... Meanwhile in San Juan Capistrano



This is an actual city sign on the corner of Camino Capistrano and Yorba.

TEAM KICKS TAIL IN FLORIDA

Mission Viejo Karate School Leads Medals

Japan Karate-Do Federation's National Team from Mission Viejo sent 13 athletes to the Amateur Athletic Union National Championships in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida this summer. The Team won 26 medals, more medals per capita than any other Dojo in the United States.



This is a partial breakdown:

Ryan Gonzales: Adult Male Advanced Fighting: GOLD

Kaitlyn Gonzales: Teen Team Forms: GOLD

Kenji Gonzales: 10 year old Male Advanced Fighting: GOLD

Jim Farhadi: Senior Male: GOLD, Short Weapons: SILVER

Klaus Graefensteiner: Senior Male, Forms, Weapons (Long & Short), Fighting: BRONZE

Tobi Graefensteiner: Teen Team Forms: GOLD

Kerry Miles: Adult Female Weapons: SILVER

Jersey Shaver: 10 year old Female Advanced, Weapons: SILVER

Colton Shaver: 12 year old Intermediate Weapons: GOLD

Jason Wagner: 10 year old Novice, Weapons: GOLD

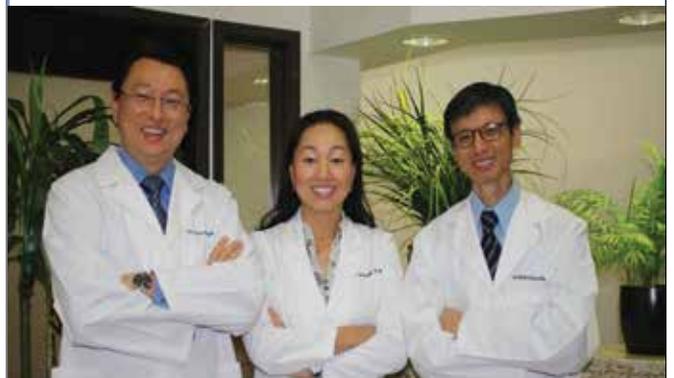
Joel Wagner: 10 year old Novice Forms, Weapons: GOLD & BRONZE

Jacob Verde: 12 year old Novice, Weapons.

Lucas Verde: 14 year old Novice, Forms, Weapons, Fighting and Team Forms: GOLD

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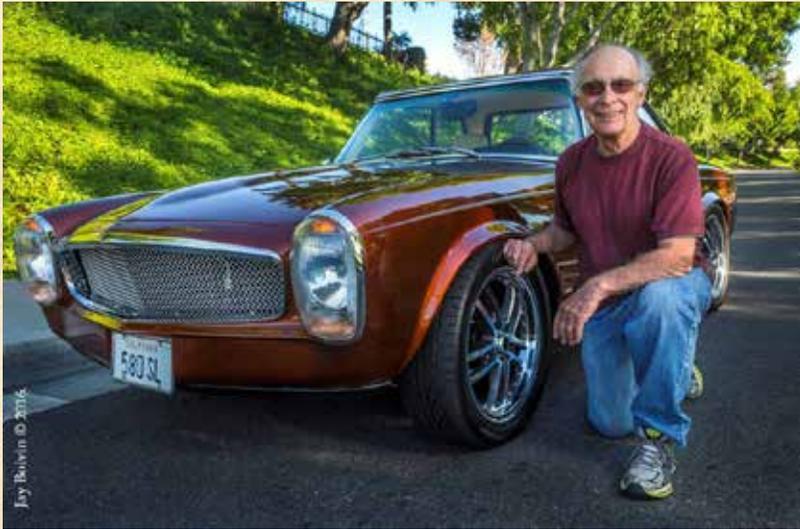
FULL FRONTAL

MISSION VIEJO RESIDENT GETS IT ONE PIECE AT A TIME



The distinctive front end of this custom beauty catches your attention from a mile away. She fairly shouts, "LOOK AT ME!" Glen Zerby, a Mission Viejo resident since 1975, purchased this 1970 Mercedes 280SL 'Pagoda' in 1988. Glen knew from the start that he wanted to freshen up the car's appearance and give her the kind of power he remembered from the 1966 Corvette he owned as a (much) younger man.

Now she's prettied up inside and out, with a candy root beer gloss that accentuates her classic body. She has taken a lot of Glen's attention; his wife nicknamed her "The Other Woman", but Glen has no plans to get rid of her (the car or the wife!).



Glen started the transformation of the Mercedes in 1988, but put his project on hold while taking care of the usual family and career responsibilities and getting kids through college. He restarted the project once again twenty-one years later in 2009. Those intervening years gave him the opportunity to plan the modifications and customizing touches that would make her look and act the way he wanted.

The final result includes the 'built' Chevy 350 engine and 700-R4 trans, Mustang II front suspension, 1967 Camaro taillights, Jaguar power side mirrors, Maserati patterned leather on Honda seat shells, and Harley Davidson turn signal indicators on the custom wood dash. Built for comfort as well as speed, she also has power windows, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning and heated seats.

She's pretty and she's hot and she makes Glen smile every time he looks at that front end, but she's not a show car, and Glen drives her almost every day. It's very likely you'll see him wiz by on Marguerite, and Glen says, "She's definitely not for sale!"

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FROM OUR **CLEAN UP CREW DEPT.**

TALK DIRTY TO ME

THE DIRTY BUSINESS OF TRASH COLLECTION

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The **Mission Viejo Reporter** always likes to share cool information you might not know. One of its best-kept secrets is the fact that Waste Management will send a giant trash truck and driver to your children's birthday parties for a demonstration **FREE** of charge. Allow your child to be the envy of the neighborhood. It doesn't get much better for a boy or girl to watch a 20 ton, 2000 horsepower, truck picking up a trash can and dumping it. Waste Management cares about our city and its residents. For birthday party information call 1-800-772-8653.



Intersections We Remember



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

FROM OUR **ON THE ROAD AGAIN DEPT.**

EASY RIDER

RECEPTIONIST RIDES TO WORK

Meet **Sara Vandenbroek**. If you ever drive down Marguerite Parkway around 6:45 AM, you'll probably see Sara riding her 1997 Kawaski 650 to work. She rides her motorcycle to work 5 days a week and is a receptionist at **Land Rover/ Jaguar of Mission Viejo**. Her smile is the first thing you notice when you walk inside the big beautiful showroom filled with Jaguars and Land Rover vehicles.



While most folks enjoy the comfort of a quiet car, Sara prefers the road and wide open spaces a motorcycle offers. She grew up on dirt bikes, her family has encouraged riding trails since Sara was 10.



Before leaving her house from Rancho Santa Margarita, Sara performs a safety checklist. She checks her steel toed riding boots, her leather Kevlar reinforced jacket, protected gloves, and of course her DOT approved motorcycle helmet. Once Sara is on the bike, she does another set of safety checks, mirrors, gas, clutch and brake cable, chain and even tires.

Sara feels safe driving all the way through Mission Viejo. She waves at our motorcycle cops she sees along the way, knowing they are part of the reason why it's just a little bit safer on the roads here in Mission Viejo, but her mom still hates it when Sara rides the streets.

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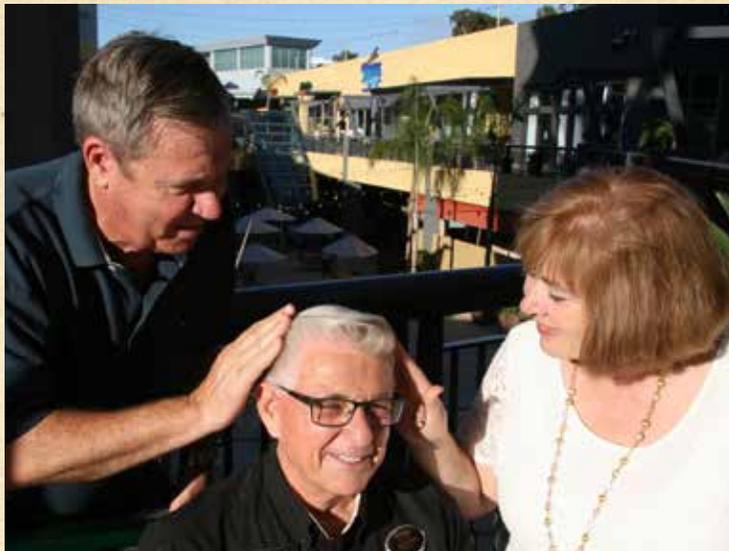
POLL NAMES JIM FLYNN AS MISSION VIEJO'S BEST HEAD OF HAIR



After exhaustive research by one of the country's top research firms, Mission Viejo resident **Jim Flynn** was named **Best Head of Hair** in Mission Viejo. Jim is a real estate agent for Century 21 in Mission Viejo. Jim and his wife Charlene have lived here in Mission Viejo for over 35 years.

The **Mission Viejo Reporter** wanted to know the secrets about Jim's magnificent head of hair, which looks like spun silver to the naked eye. It hasn't always been silver. It was jet black until Jim turned 57 years old, and then the silver took over its relentless pursuit of Mr. Flynn's head.

How does his hair stand up in the front like the hood ornament from a Rolls Royce? Jim said his routine is quite simple. First, he washes the hair with whatever shampoo is in the shower. He then carefully blow dries the hair, one hand holding the blow dryer, the other holding a specially designed brush, all while a towel is tightly wrapped around his still manageable waist. Slowly and deliberately Jim applies a leave-in conditioner and finishes the masterpiece with a quick shot of hair spray.



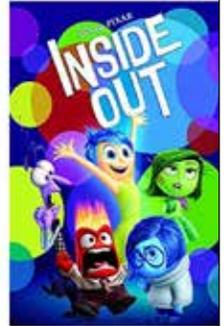
Current Mission Viejo Council Member Greg Rath and former Mission Viejo Mayor Rhonda Reardon examining the prize-winning head of hair.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Mission Viejo's First City Council 1988



Where Are They Now?

- **Victoria Jaffe** is the Director of career development for Concordia University in Irvine
- **Robert Curtis** is an attorney and his whereabouts are unknown
- **Norman P. Murray** died of melanoma in 2007
- **Christian Kenna** is a retired attorney and lives in Irvine
- **William Craycraft** died of a heart attack in 2014

Candidates in that first election (in ballot order) with the number of votes they received were as follows:

Barry Gilmore --3,024	Gary Michael Tucker --1,626
Christian W. Keena --5,524	William S. Craycraft --6,286
Victoria C. Jaffe --5,468	Robert A. Curtis --6,174
Werner R. Raes --3,259	Norman P. Murray --5,264
Reid D. Steinbauer --1,849	Robert David Breton --4,540
Bob Silverman --2, 716	Wanda Driskill --4,284

At the time of that first election, Mission Viejo had 32,307 registered voters who cast 12,684 precinct ballots and 779 absentee ballots for a total of 13,463, which represented a turnout of 41 percent.

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SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Noah Holmes

Capistrano High School Wrestling Team

Noah Holmes is 16 years old, and has been a resident of Mission Viejo for two years. He recently became the Capo High School wrestling team division champ after winning consecutive matches against his opponents. He earned a varsity patch and a continued love for wrestling.

In his free time, Noah loves to surf at Trestles, his favorite spot in San Clemente. He spends as much time as he can at Etnies Skate Park in Lake Forest perfecting his jump. His favorite subject in school is history, as he finds learning about the past "very enlightening." Noah is an avid follower of the gaming industry and ultimately wants to become video game developer.



MAGIC WAND

MISSION VIEJO KIDS CHOOSE A WISH



David, 11 "I would make myself teleport so I could go around the world."



Laila, 9 "I would get as many pets as I want!"



Ethan, 11 "I would give myself unlimited wishes."



Ruth, 5 "I would make a horse appear out of thin air. I would name her Horsey and she could stay in my backyard."



Luke, 7 "I would have a pet dinosaur!"



Madeleine, 9 "I would make a pool appear inside my house along with a pile of tacos!"



Maxwell, 7 "I would make all the candy in the world appear in my bedroom and I would eat it all by myself!"



Sariah, 6 "I would put some Yogurtland machines in my house and have it for breakfast, lunch and dinner."

By Sara Van Boerum

As summer ends and back to school begins with the harsh Mission Viejo winter just around the corner, we asked a few Mission Viejo kids a question:

If you had a magic wand, and could wish for anything in the world, even if it might be impossible, what would you wish for?

Judge for yourself, but some showed real flights of fancy.

TOUR DE FORCE IN MISSION VIEJO

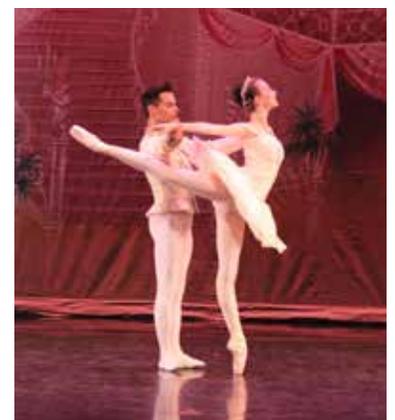
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Coaching is Joan's passion and 17 year old Alexandra Carey is shown here rehearsing for Sleeping Beauty and Swan Lake. Alex has danced with Shery Gilbert for the past 13 years and chosen to pursue a career with the San Francisco Ballet. After attending their 2016 Summer Intensive she was asked to join their year round program in the highest level. Alexandra begins her next step to becoming a ballerina in September.

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FROM OUR **TO CATCH A PREDATOR** DEPT.

KEEPING MISSION VIEJO KIDS SAFE

TOP 5 WAYS TO KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE

By Al Mikolajczyk, Director of Marketing, Cox Communications

The Mission Viejo Reporter wants to share this important subject, thanks to Cox Communication.

According to a recent study, the average 8 to 10 year old spends nearly eight hours a day with a variety of different media, teenagers spend more than 11 hours per day.

Now is the perfect time to do a safety check to ensure your kids are being safe online.

- 1. Talk with your kids about Internet safety.** Talk to your kids regularly about what they should (and should not) do online. Research shows that kids whose parents talk to them about internet safety are less likely to engage in risky behavior while online.
- 2. Know which devices in your home have internet access.** If you aren't aware a device has internet access, you can't restrict or monitor it.
- 3. Tell your kids not to respond to people they've never met.** "Don't talk to strangers" is an important rule that also applies online. According to a survey from Cox and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, 42 percent of tweens (10- to 13-year olds) have received messages from people they've never met.

4. Make sure your kids visit age-appropriate sites. When you hear your kids talk about a new website or social network, check it out. If you approve the site, then sit with them as they visit the site to see what they do or learn.

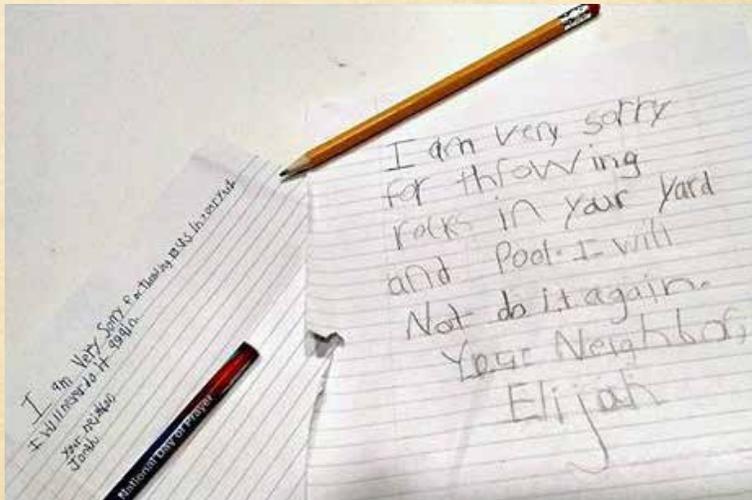


5. Use password protection. Enable strong passwords on all internet-enabled devices. If your child has to come to you enter the password, you'll always be aware of when they are using the device.

FROM OUR **GOOD PARENTING** DEPT.

APOLOGY FROM MISSION VIEJO KIDS

Recently two Mission Viejo kids were caught red-handed throwing rocks, so their mother had them do the right thing:



FROM OUR **DON'T TRUST A SKINNY ICE CREAM MAN** DEPT.

THE ICE CREAM MAN COMETH

You can probably hear it in your head: a jingling, old-time ditty echoing down the street of your neighborhood. It was your cue as a kid to start sprinting down the sidewalks, coins clutched in your fist, ready to buy that frozen treat.



The Mission Viejo Reporter first heard the music, the ding-ding, then saw the ice cream truck coming down the street. We flagged down Franky Ice Cream, and the first thing Franky did was show us his valid selling permit issued by the city. We told him that's not why we flagged him down, "we want ice cream!"

Meet Francisco "Franky" Buitron. Francisco has been delivering ice cream to the residents of Mission Viejo for over thirty years. He drives his modified 1975 Chevy Step Van from his home in Santa Ana to Mission Viejo six days a week. Franky has over 500,000 miles on his ice cream truck. He says he doesn't mind the drive; it's worth it.

Franky's has all the latest and greatest ice cream choices, most of them we've never heard of. Franky also has all the classics: Bomb Pops, Frozen Bananas, Snow Cones and even



Push-Ups. We asked Franky if he sells anything other than ice cream and candy. He said, "Just a few things like chips, pig skin and, a Mission Viejo kid favorite..., Fart Bombs".

Even though Franky doesn't live here in the city, Mission Viejo is home to Franky. Next time you hear that nostalgic sound whiffing through the air, run out to the sidewalk Franky Ice Cream is coming.

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MISSION VIEJO RESIDENTS ARE TAKING ACTION



Mission Viejo Neighborhood Watch presentation in progress

One of the reasons Mission Viejo is safe is that we have an abundance of residents participating in the **Neighborhood Watch Program**. If you want to participate, the first step is to call **Mission Viejo City Hall at 470-8433** and ask to set up a presentation. Our Police Services Department will do the rest. They will print the invites, bring visual aids and even bring an on-duty deputy sheriff to help with the demonstration.

Leading the Mission Viejo Neighborhood Watch Program is **Paula Monical** and **Khatra Molina**. They have done dozens of presentations across Mission Viejo. Once the program is over, an official Neighborhood Watch Program sign will be installed on your street.

The 5 top suggestions to keep your neighborhood safe:

1. Low lights at night around house
2. Outdoor motion detectors
3. Clean front yard
4. Signs and stickers noting security system
5. Locked garage doors

Applying these five simple suggestions, may deter the bad guys enough to choose an easier target.

The Mission Viejo Neighborhood Watch Program does not advocate watch members taking any action when observing suspicious activity in their neighborhood. Community members only serve as the extra "eyes and ears" and should report their observations of suspicious activities to 770-6011. Orange County Sheriff's Deputies should be the only ones ever to take action; residents should never try to take action on those observations.



MEET YOUR MERCHANT PAVILIONS



Mission Viejo **Pavilions** at Oso and Marguerite has a Wine & Spirits dept that is top-of-the-line. We spoke to Pavilion's Wine Steward **Shoneen Bosio**, she showed us all the different selections of wine, champagne, liquor and beer.

Shoneen travels to Italy for a month every year, studying and sampling wine and food. She brings that knowledge back to Mission Viejo and shares it with Pavilions customers.

Shoneen explained the reason her prices are so low is that they received a special allowance from headquarters to sell more varieties and at lower prices than traditional Vons or Pavilions because they are within three miles of a Costco. So, next time you're having a get-together stop in and see Shoneen. You won't be disappointed.



Shoneen Bosio

&ABOUT FINDING THE PERFECT MEAL

with *Kathy Kuiper*

The Empanada Maker is one of the rated restaurants in Mission Viejo on Yelp for good reason. I first spotted one of The Empanada Maker's cars on my street, and I followed to get a card, thinking I may use them to cater an upcoming party I'm planning. I'm sure glad I chased after him. Because soon, owner Cameron Davis was delivering a dozen different empanadas to my house along with five dessert empanadas.



It's hard to say that I have a favorite because they're all so scrumptious! My family and I sampled every single one on the menu, and there isn't one I wouldn't order again. The #9 Chicken Cordon Bleu, and the #11 Beef Pot Roast are particularly interesting. My kids loved the #3 Ham and Cheese and of course, the Coconut Cream Pie dessert empanada. Each empanada has the item number baked right into the pastry so it's easy to tell which you're enjoying. They're baked, not fried so it's a very light dough and better for you than fried.

Cameron, was a Missionary in Argentina for two years. There he dreamt of opening his own restaurant and had the chance to sample lots of empanadas, which is a favorite meal in Argentina. Two and a half years ago, he began perfecting his recipe and opened his store located on the corner of La Paz and Chrisanta. You can pick them up by the dozen, and they're an easy crowd pleaser. Be sure to mention the **Mission Viejo Reporter** to get a free dipping sauce.



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In Class at The Braille Institute in Anaheim

This Mission Viejo class will be modeled on the course previously held at The Braille Institute, taught by volunteers **former Mayor Trish Kelley, Meg Shockley, Alexandra Shockley, Corey Suiter, and Director Anne Sanregret.**

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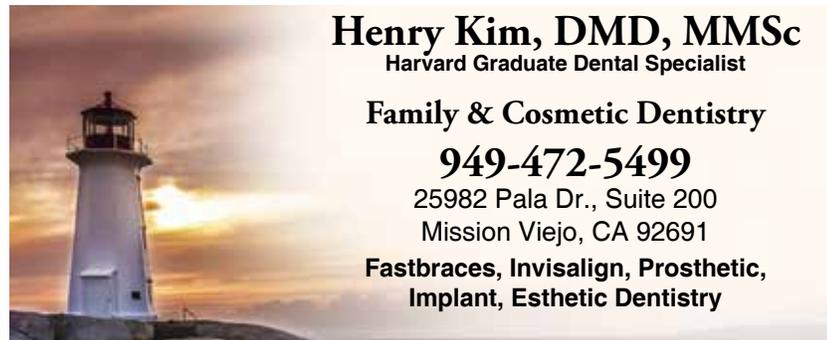
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FROM OUR COMFORTABLE DRINKING DEPT.

RELAXED RANCH SETTING

DINING WITH A VIEW - MISSION VIEJO O'NEILL BAR & GRILL



By Cynthia Ryder

Mission Viejo has captured the Southern California Style in this restaurant which will be on your favorites list after one visit. Let's face it, we are Southern Californians and we want the best ingredients to flavor our dining adventures. It was more than a pleasant scrumptious surprise to find this 'go to' restaurant that offers what we are looking for and it is right here in our backyard! O'Neill's Bar & Grill at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club in Mission Viejo is located on rolling hills and canyons which exude a peaceful, relaxed ranch setting either in the dining room or on the patio.

Executive Chef Jeff Platt and Sous-Chef Morgan Lightcamp are seasoned to perfection in balancing a menu that is right for everyone on your list, not hard to believe when trained at Le Cordon Bleu and the Culinary Institute of American.

A full spectrum of white wines are offered as well as cocktails. I had a signature cucumber jalapeño margarita which had a kick in all the right places. Sophisticated tastes are easily pleased with the well-spiced chile-garlic shared plate in white wine tomato broth or house-made Italian sausage with a cherry mostarda that merges well on a grilled baguette.

The entrees were titillating from exotic to the familiar in comfort foods. The filet mignon cooked to a rare perfection laced with cream corn in a blueberry demi glace exceeded expectations. The signature half pound burgers and french fries are the best in town I have heard from many. Such a very pleasant surprise to find a menu to satisfy every palate.

Exceeding expectations is the name of this dining experience... and to top it off, they offer entertainment Friday and Saturday evenings from 6-9pm. The Brunch on Sundays flows with the chocolate fountain and live music from 10am-2pm. I was so happy to experience this Diner's Choice winner that adds so much flavor to our Mission Viejo Community.



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FROM OUR LIVING THE DREAM DEPT.

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MISSION VIEJO MAN IS NOT AFRAID TO ROCK THE BOAT

Scott Arnott is a real estate broker and the only guy in Mission Viejo, or maybe even Orange County, who takes a boat to work each day. Scott pushes the real estate market to extremes. He makes deals and sells at prices that leaves others scratching their heads.



Scott lives in one of the "Fabulous Five" condos on Lake Mission Viejo, in the Finisterra on the Lake community. The "Fab Five" are five specially built waterfront condos that were originally designed for the forward thinking, top five executives of the Mission Viejo Company, Paul Stevens, Donald Schulz, James Gilleran, John Biggs and James Huesman, that built Lake Mission Viejo and many of the communities across the city. These condos are the largest condos on the lake at around 2500 sq ft, each with all kinds of special and luxurious features. Scott sold one of these condos in June for a historical price of over one million dollars.

Scott Arnott works at Coldwell Banker on Lake Mission Viejo. Each day, Scott walks out his back door to his boat (named Live Beautifully) and drives it across the lake to the dock at his Coldwell Banker office. Scott is the Lake's biggest fan. He says the current LMV management who run the lake are the best in the business and really care about the lake. Scott explained to the Mission Viejo Reporter that there are only 7 planned lake communities in all of Orange County (Lake Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Lake Forest 1 & 2, Woodbridge Irvine

1 & 2 and Eastlake in Yorba Linda), but he emphasizes that Lake Mission Viejo is the only one of the seven with an unparalleled utility including body contact with the water such as swimming & various water related activities. Scott has lived in the city for over 20 years and grew up from early teenage years working in the Arnott Real Estate family business, a well respected 50 year real estate family here in south Orange County. Scott is a very experienced real estate broker with over 30 years in the business, in addition to being a State Certified Appraiser for 24 years.

Here are some fun facts from Scott Arnott's list of Mission Viejo accomplishments:

- Sold home on San Lucas for the highest sale in this city's history at \$3,650,000.
- Sold condo on Trocadero this June for \$1,010,000. First condo to sell for over 1M in history of the city.
- Has highest tract home (non-custom) sale in the city's history currently in escrow. list price \$1,599,900
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