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## ABOVE MISSION VIEJO

EXPERIENCING UNMANNED FLIGHT ABOVE MISSION VIEJO



Eric Winter

Seeing Mission Viejo from above is a unique experience for all of us. Recent drone technology has allowed us to see from a very low perspective. One thing you will love is the amazing patterns you find in the landscape when viewed from above. Drones allow you to get into the area that most planes and helicopters are not allowed to – below 300 feet.



Paul Brown

We asked three of Mission Viejo's premier drone pilots – **Eric Winter, Bill Jaenicke** and **Paul Brown** - to share some of their fabulous photos with you. Inside this issue of the **Mission Viejo Reporter**, you'll find a selection of interesting shots and subjects. On purpose, we've left out the exact locations, so you'll have to put on your thinking-cap and figure it out.

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## I LIKE IKE!

MISSION VIEJO RESIDENT LIVES ON RAZOR'S EDGE

Recently the **Mission Viejo Reporter** discovered a man who sharpens knives, scissors, and hand garden tools out of his garage. Meet **Ike Bushkin**. This is Ike's fun retirement business. As much as he enjoys his craft, he also enjoys the interaction he has with his customers. Many homeowners and businesses take advantage of his old-world skill set of sharpening knives.

The **Mission Viejo Reporter** visited Ike's workshop and watched him in action. We gave him our favorite 8" Chinese cleaver and noticed his great attention to detail. First he inspects the knife, then he sharpens and cleans the product before you get it back. Call or go to the website for pricing.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



**Mayor Frank Ury**

Our City will begin providing animal services to more than 300,000 residents in five South County cities on January 1, 2017. Laguna Hills and Rancho Santa Margarita are the latest cities to break away from the county animal shelter and join the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center, which has been serving our community for more than two

decades.

Our shelter is a pro-humane facility served by a small staff and dedicated volunteers who provide exceptional care for homeless pets. In 1995, the City of Laguna Niguel joined our animal control program and Aliso Viejo followed suite in 2009. Today, this facility serves about 210,000 residents and handles more than 10,000 calls for animal control each year. With Laguna Hills and Rancho Margarita coming aboard, our facility will be the second largest animal shelter in Orange County.

We are fortunate to have the nonprofit Dedicated Welfare Group (DAWG) serving our facility. This wonderful volunteer group raises money for the animals' medical expenses. Since 1995, DAWG has raised over \$1.3 million in direct support and care for critical animal needs.

I am so proud of the work our staff, volunteers and the members of DAWG do each and every day. There are so many successful pet adoption stories and the positive impacts those unions have had on countless families and individuals. I am also proud of the cities of Laguna Niguel and Aliso Viejo for being great partners with us for many years and look forward to the expansion of our shelter and new partnerships with the cities of Laguna Hills and Rancho Santa Margarita.



**Frank Ury, Mayor City of Mission Viejo**

## Ask Me... I can help you

**Lieutenant Ken Binning**  
Chief of Police Services



### QUESTION FOR THE CHIEF :

**How many Sheriff deputies watch over Mission Viejo at any given time?**

### ANSWER:

*The City of Mission Viejo Police Services "fields" from between five and sixteen Deputies at any given time. It depends on the day of the week and the time of the day. The services also widely vary from patrolmen, to commercial vehicle enforcement, to motorcycle traffic enforcement to civilian traffic investigation / parking enforcement. Our City also fields civilian volunteers who are on the street performing vacation home checks, reporting graffiti and other issues that is concern for our citizens.*

**K.L. Binning**  
LIEUTENANT / OCS  
CHIEF OF POLICE SERVICES  
CITY OF MISSION VIEJO



# MESSAGE FROM SENATOR PAT BATES

**By State Senator Pat Bates, 36th District**



**E**lection Day is fast approaching on November 8, but with the growing popularity of absentee voting, election day has become more like election month.

No matter what your political ideology, I encourage you to vote your values. Who you vote for does have an impact on the laws and policies that come out of Washington, D.C., Sacramento and at

the local level. For more information about voting in Orange County, please visit the Orange County Registrar of Voters at [www.ocvote.com](http://www.ocvote.com).

While I am not on the ballot this year, I will continue to work hard on the issues important to Mission Viejo, including repairing our transportation infrastructure, championing fiscal responsibility and keeping our neighborhoods safe. To learn more about my work in the State Senate, please visit my website at [www.senate.ca.gov/bates](http://www.senate.ca.gov/bates).

If I can be of assistance on state issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Senator.Bates@senate.ca.gov](mailto:Senator.Bates@senate.ca.gov) or at 949.598.5850.

## Election Day, Tuesday, November 8

# MISSION VIEJO ELECTION

Five candidates are vying for two open Mission Viejo City Council seats. On November 8, voters will consider the following candidates:

- Patricia "Trish" Kelley**.....businesswoman/instructor  
**Cathy Schlicht**.....Mission Viejo councilmember/businesswoman  
**Alex A. Naghibi**.....educator/businessman  
**Brian Goodell**.....Mission Viejo commissioner/businessowner  
**Shelly Blair**.....businesswoman



*Patricia "Trish" Kelley*



*Cathy Schlicht*



*Alex A. Naghibi*



*Brian Goodell*



*Shelly Blair*





FROM OUR **NOT QUITE MISSION VIEJO** DEPT.

## **&ABOUT** with Kathy Kuiper **PIZZERIA EXTRAORDINAIRE**

Another Friday night, another pizza joint. This time we headed over to Terra Mia Pizza which specializes in New York Style pizzas and is tucked away behind the Wendy's Hamburgers on Alicia Parkway just past the 5 frwy. I originally found it by scanning their awesome Yelp reviews.

The owners, Rudy and Cloe, are almost always on the premises and usually offer some fabulous selections from their menu. This time, they recommended we start with the Caprese salad, flavor a generous portion with lots of fresh basil. Next, we ordered a large pizza that was half "house pie" with spinach, pepperoni, garlic and feta, and half chicken buffalo. There's no extra charge to do half of two different specialty pizzas. Our kids were excited about the manicotti and stuffed shells, but they were over the moon about the 100 Flavor Soda Stream machine and enjoyed sampling the different flavors and combinations. The owner was so kind to the seven kids we had with us, and he even let them watch his staff make pizzas. When we go out with our good friends, Darwin and Carmen and their three kids, we have quite a crowd!

My husband and I especially loved that we had discovered another BYOB restaurant, because there aren't many around. It's easy to search them out by putting in the keywords "BYOB restaurants" on Yelp. Not only does it save a little money, but it's sometimes fun to bring a special bottle of wine that you may not find on a restaurant menu.



FROM OUR **JIMMY BUFFETT** DEPT.

## **OVER THE RAINBOW**

### **MISSION VIEJO UKULELE CLASS PLAYS THE HITS**

Mission Viejo has many groups that meet at the **Murray Center** regularly. One particular group is the **Aloha Strummers**, a group of approximately 100 members who along with some hula dancers play ukuleles together. They meet every Thursday morning from 10:00 AM to noon. They welcome New members of all ages and playing abilities are welcome to join them.



David Kruebbe, Anna Dalia, Joe Reseter, Gina Connoy, Nick Sinovic

The Mission Viejo Reporter suggests you stop in and visit this group and listen to the magical sound of the ukulele.



Aloha Strummers at Norman P. Murray Center

FROM OUR **GREAT BLOCK MOMENTS** DEPT.

## **BLOCK HISTORY MONTH**

### **MISSION VIEJO 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 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 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.



FROM OUR **BELIEVE IT OR NOT** DEPT.

## **MOVE YOUR BALLS!**

### **BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE**

It's been confirmed last month's 20 acre brush fire near the Arroyo open space was caused by a titanium club at **Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course**. Evidently a rock got between the club and the golf ball. This summer fires broke out at two Orange County golf courses — one, at the Shady Canyon Golf Club in



View from Ladera neighborhood



Irvine, and the other at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course. "Each golfer had used titanium-plated three irons at the course before the fire," said **Orange County Fire Authority Captain Steve Concialdi**."

Concialdi said the fire department is asking golfers using titanium-coated clubs to move their balls away from rocks and dry vegetation and onto the irrigated fairways. "Talk about a hazard," said Concialdi. "We are looking at a severe fire season because of the drought, and no one should take chances with titanium clubs on dry ground."



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## HACIENDA OF THE MONTH

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Our Hacienda of the Month winners for October are **Jim and Melina Fedele**. Melina is the mastermind behind all the flowers in her front yard. It is said that bees, birds and butterflies travel from far and wide to suck upon Melina's flowers. Several varieties are seen in this very inviting front yard. As you walk up the path and near their front door, there is a very nice sitting area where friends and family gather.

Melina and Jim bought their house fifteen years ago on Ibeza, next door to her younger brother Rick Del Prato. Melina owns **Images by Melina** and she stages homes that are for sale. Since 1970, Melina has been living in Mission Viejo and can't imagine living anywhere else. Jim and Melina have a daughter Jessica who just started driving and goes to Capistrano Valley High School.



## Intersections We Remember



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FROM OUR DONUT HOLE DEPT.

# ROYAL

## DONUTS & BURGERS

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MERCHANT



Originally built as a Pup-n-Taco over 40 years ago. The building now has a true icon, **Royal Donuts and Burgers**, where they have been serving high quality donuts and hamburgers for over thirty years. **Sing Chau** bought Royal Donuts over 22 years ago, and his entire family works there now.

A typical day begins at 1:00 AM, when the doughnuts get prepared. About 5:00 AM, Royal's opens, and the drive-thru begins to fill up. 10 AM is when the smell of those freshly made hamburgers start to fill the air around the corner of Jeronimo and Marguerite. Next time you want the best hamburger in Mission Viejo, stop by Royal Donuts and Burgers.

FROM OUR STOGY DEPT.

# HAVE A CIGAR!

## Bahama Mamas Come to Mission Viejo

Meet Mission Viejo resident **John Geoghegan**, the **Bahama Mamas Cigars** marketing director. John says, "The first thing to consider when smoking a cigar is what type of bodied cigar you are looking for. From mild or medium to full, the overall strength should be tasty while not overwhelming on your palate."

Cigars are no longer just for the seasoned smoker. Whether it's a satisfying smoke after dinner, or during a round of golf, or out at the bar for drinks, cigars are the perfect complement to your Mission Viejo lifestyle because that is exactly what defines cigar smoking —lifestyle.



Relaunching a unique brand of cigars takes communication, quality product and attractive packaging. John's passion for cigars and hard work led to Bahama Mama's.

Contact **John Geoghegan**  
(310) 809-7988.



FROM OUR RESIDENT OF THE MONTH DEPT.

# GOIN' POSTAL

## MISSION VIEJO RESIDENT TREE HUGGER

Our Resident of the Month is **Bob Knoke**. Bob has lived in Mission Viejo since 1973. For 25 years he was a postman in the city of Laguna Hills. He lives with his Chihuahua, **Sunny**, near Marguerite and Estancerio. First thing you'll notice about Bob is his sun-tanned skin and his wirey, snow-white hair.



Bob is known as an outdoorsman or a naturalist. He rarely wears shoes, but when he does, they're sandals. Bob takes advantage of all the outdoor activities the city offers. You'll find Bob at the Montanoso pool, the Murray Center Bocce courts, or walking along the Oso Creek Trail. If the activity is outside you'll find Bob.



Bob said he once had a notion about moving to Northern California, but then wondered, "How could I ever leave all of this?"

# WHAT'S ALL THE HOOPLA?

By Kathleen Cunningham

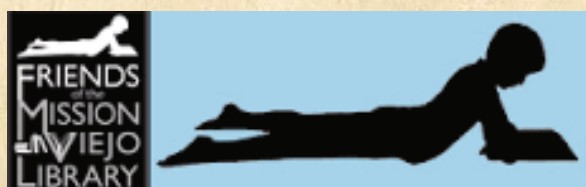
Friends of the Library Board Member

Summer is almost over, and the **Mission Viejo Library** is bustling with people of all ages. I have an opportunity to see what's going on and want to share it with the **Mission Viejo Reporter**.

Our library is so modern that it now has a service that lets you check out ebooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, music and comics from the comfort of your own home, any time of day, even in your pajamas! I'm not kidding, the service is called **HOOPLA**.

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## SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING **ATHLETE OF THE MONTH**

**Anthony Andrioli**

**La Paz Intermediate School**

**Anthony Andrioli** is 12 years old, has always lived in Mission Viejo, and has played soccer since he was three years old. Anthony just started at La Paz Intermediate School and is very excited to play for United FC Soccer Club U-14 Gold Team.

Anthony loves all sports. He has played basketball for three years, loves swimming, and is a junior lifeguard at Lake Mission Viejo. Anthony also became part of West Coast Kicking Academy and is consistently kicking 40 yard field goals.

He is also an avid reader, and loves to ride and learn new tricks on his Hover board.



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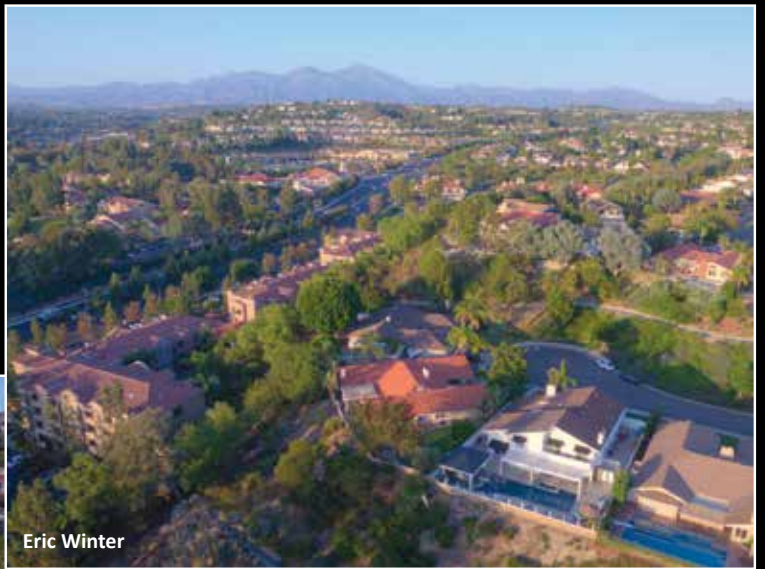


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FROM OUR **OVER ACHIEVER'S** DEPT.

# THE WONDER BOY

LOCAL KID WINS SERVICE AWARD

Mission Viejo resident, 14 year old **Zane Wilson**, is a proud member of Lion's Heart - a nation-wide community service organization for teens.

Last summer, he became Founder and President of one of the local chapters. He has been very active in Mission Viejo and more recently in Namibia, Africa.

For all his volunteering efforts, Zane recently received the Lion's Heart President's Volunteer Service Award Gold level and Torchbearer Award for going above and beyond the required responsibilities.



Zane works just as hard in school. He has earned the Academic Distinction GPA Award (4.0 GPA throughout middle school), the President's Award Program for Outstanding Academic Excellence and the Panther Pride Award for tutoring math.



FROM OUR **SCARED SHIRTLESS** DEPT.

# GOLFERS SHAKEN

GOLFERS EXPERIENCE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MOMENT



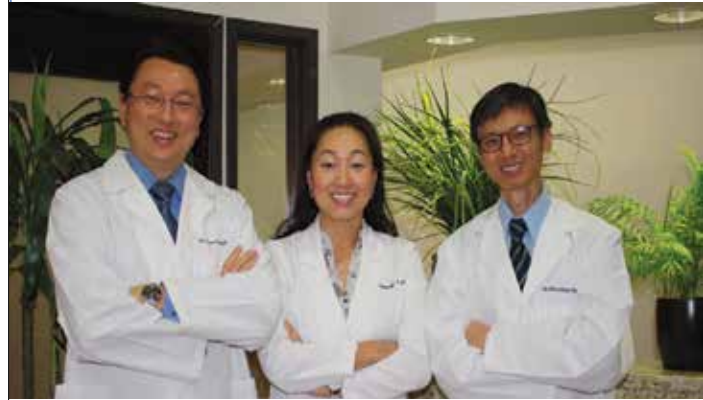
Last month a few golfers got a scare when they spotted a medium sized mountain lion at the 13th hole on the Tijeras Creek Golf Course. At the same hole, a few small mule deer were seen grazing, oblivious to the fact that they could possibly become a meal.

This area is just a few hundred yards away from Gilleran and Curtis Park. Next time you and a friend are hiking in the arroyo near the 13th hole, be sure and bring running shoes. You don't have to out-run the mountain lion, but just out-run your friend.



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FROM OUR **NUMBER TWO DEPT.**

# SEWER SURFIN'

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Located in the heart of the city but also in a place where few know exactly where, is our sewer system. In charge is long time **Santa Margartia Water District** employee and MIT graduate **Ron Johnson**. Along with Ron are his crew members Nick Salb and Jeff Sprueill.

This elaborate system at the **Oso Creek Water Reclamation Plant**

brings all of the bathroom debris to a special location here in the city where it is cleaned, separated and converted into reclaimed water used for irrigation. This facility is absolutely spotless, and smells terrific! The **Mission Viejo Reporter** asked Mr. Johnson, "How is it that there is no terrible smell although all the water is a churning dark brown color?" He replied, "We keep massive amounts of air and movement injected into the water."

All of Mission Viejo medians, parks and slopes are irrigated by this sophisticated system. So, next time you flush, know it's going to a good cause.



FROM OUR **TECH GURU DEPT.**

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FROM OUR **PULLING THE PLUG DEPT.**

# SCAM ARTIST

**BEWARE OF UTILITY BILL SCAM TARGETING  
MISSION VIEJO CUSTOMERS**

Mission Viejo Police Services is warning residents and business owners to beware of a growing utility bill scam that continues to impact Mission Viejo.

These phone bandits call claiming to be from a local power company such as Southern California Edison (SCE). They paint a dire picture by saying your account is delinquent and unless you pay right away the service will be disconnected. The fraudster demands you purchase a prepaid cash card for a specific amount of money and provide them with the card number.



Although just two incidents have been reported in Mission Viejo this year, we know others have been "hit". The victims either don't realize it or are embarrassed and don't report it.

"If you receive a call like this, remember to hang up and follow up," said **Mission Viejo Crime Prevention Specialist Khatra Molina**. "Contact your utility company using a phone number listed on your statement, not the phone number provided by the caller."

Your power company will never call you and threaten immediate service disconnection. A lengthy process takes place before the plug is pulled. Typically, multiple written notices are sent to the customer when the account is delinquent. The company will also never send an employee to demand money in person.



For more information, contact the **Crime Prevention Specialist** at  
**949-470-8433.**

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**OPINION**

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by **The Insufferable Dan Avery**

I'm gonna go out on a limb here and say that water should be a much bigger issue in California to the average voter. If you don't agree with me, take out your water bills for the last few years and look at them more closely. Go ahead, I'll wait while you rummage through your desk drawers. Okay? See the increases? Huge, right? Oddly enough our consumption of water has decreased dramatically over the last couple of decades. Glance out the window at your lawn. What color is it? What color did it used to be? Now look at those bills again. How much are you paying for this new color scheme? A significant part of that increase in your bill is because the Municipal Water District Board gives it's part-time directors a 401k retirement program. I'm all for paying people a modest token for serving our community part-time, but we can all agree that giving them retirement benefits is beyond the pale.

Many of the directors on the board, including the incumbent who Frank Ury is running against in the 6th District, have been taking this money for years. It's added up to a significant amount, reflected on your bill, and the directors don't need to contribute a single dime. We are doing it for them. Mr. Ury, Mission Viejo's current Mayor, wants to end this insane practice and, instead, focus on real solutions to our water problem, as he had done during his time on Mission Viejo's City Council. During his tenure, he has received both local and national acclaim for our city's advancements in water quality, sustainability and affordability. Mr. Ury is running against incumbent Jeff Thomas who has spent the last seven years collecting the lavish benefit while being absent on key policy issues; in addition Thomas has remained silent on the benefit while many have called on him to return all the funds. Please do us all a favor and vote for Mr. Ury in the 6th district. He is passionate about your need for clean, affordable, and sustainable water.



FROM OUR **A LITTLE BIT OF MISSION VIEJO HISTORY** DEPT.

# HOW IT HAPPENED

## HOW THE YMCA ARRIVED IN MISSION VIEJO

By Chuck Costello

The recreation centers were built to have a place for Mission Viejo kids to be active. The Marguerite facility was very large, and in 1993, the City discovered that the recreation center was losing money. The Saddleback YMCA existed but had no facility. They just ran Indian Guides & Child Care programs out of a store front office building on La Paz Road.

One of the YMCA board members, **Rick Murray**, was having lunch with **Bill Craycraft**, the mayor at the time, and Bill was mentioning the cost of operating the recreation centers. Rick said he had the solution: The YMCA would take over the Marguerite Center on a 15 year lease for \$1 per year and save the City hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. In December of 1994, the YMCA signed an agreement with the City, and soon Saddleback YMCA moved into half of the Marguerite Recreation Center.

The YMCA was very successful, and membership grew, and new programs for children and adults were created.

In 2004, **Chuck Costello & Rick Donahue** negotiated a 30 year lease extension, and the YMCA changed its name to the Mission Viejo YMCA and will be part of the City's history forever.



FROM OUR **SIZE MATTERS** DEPT.

# Mission Viejo's Skyscraper The Clock Tower



This masterpiece of a monument was built and designed by **Connell Design Group** in 2003 as a cell phone tower, but now has become so much more. Standing at over 60 feet and made of stone, wood and sweat-equity, it might be the most beautiful structure in Mission Viejo.

Folks come from all around to be photographed with this piece of history. It's rumored to be fashioned after the famous clock tower in the *Back to the Future* movies. Some say it's identical, and others say it looks nothing like it. Other rumors say the arches were designed from building plans unearthed in San Juan Capistrano over a century ago. We may never know, but we all agree that it is a special piece of Mission Viejo architecture.

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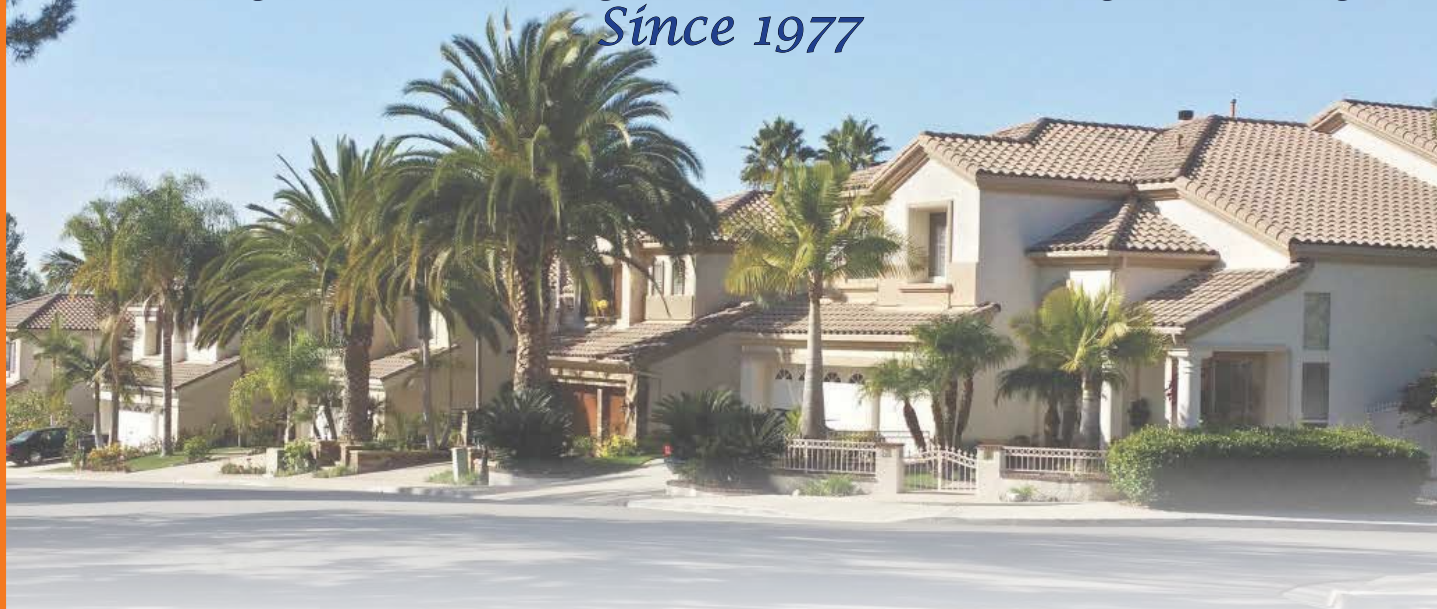
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