Best wishes for your merry Christmases and your happy New Years, your long lives and your true prosperities.
High school queens to reign over 1978 Rose Parade float

The typical one-night thrill of being named "homecoming queen" will continue into 1978 for three local high school seniors. Shortly after they were crowned at their respective homecoming games, the girls learned that they will send greetings from Mission Viejo to more than 125 million people who will watch the 89th Tournament of Roses Parade, Monday, Jan. 2, 1978.

Debbie Jacobson of Mission Viejo High School, Christy Long of El Toro High and Rhonda Shook of Capistrano Valley High will ride on the Mission Viejo float, representing the students of the planned community who attend the three high schools.

They were invited to participate by the Mission Viejo Activities Committee, float sponsor.

In keeping with the float theme, "Day of the Fiesta," the girls will be dressed in authentic Spanish gowns, according to Art Cook, activities committee spokesman.

They will be serenaded on the float by members of the Los Compadres de los Ranchos Mariachi Band.

Seventeen-year-old Miss Jacobson of Mission Viejo had to be told twice that she would ride on the float. "They made the announcement right after they announced that I was queen. I was just so excited I couldn't hear anything," she said.

"A few minutes later the activities director told me and I started crying all over again," Miss Long, 17-year-old Miss Long says she and her parents still can't believe she will be riding on the float. "The most exciting part is just being asked to be on the float," she said.

Like the other two girls, Rhonda Shook is eagerly awaiting the parade day. "But," she says, "the most fun will be planning for it.

Referring to pre-parade activities such as photography sessions, tours of the Tournament House in Pasadena, and dress fittings, Rhonda exclaimed, "I make my feel like a movie star!"

ROSES AND CROWNS — These local high school homecoming queens will be serenaded by a mariachi band as they ride on the Mission Viejo Rose Parade float entry Jan. 2. They are, from right, Christy Long, of El Toro High School, Debbie Jacobson of Mission Viejo High and Rhonda Shook of Capistrano Valley High.

NEW MANAGER — Robert H. Geske has been appointed manager of Mission Viejo Realty's new office in the Lake Forest Shopping Center.

MV Realty opens Lake Forest office

Robert H. Geske of Mission Viejo has been appointed manager of the Mission Viejo Realty office, which will open November 5 in the Lake Forest Shopping Center, at the corner of El Toro and Trabuco Roads.

In making the announcement, Don Hildreth, vice-president and general manager of the Mission Viejo-based realty firm, said, "Mission Viejo Realty has been assisting homeowners from El Toro, Lagona Hills, and Lake Forest with the sale of their homes for many years; the opening of a Lake Forest office will make it much more convenient for people in these communities to take advantage of our services.

Geske, who is hiring professional sales persons now, expects to have a staff of 20 sales counselors assembled by December.

"Bob will be responsible for managing the office and assisting his counselors," said Hildreth. "He will be doing no selling."

Geske has been a sales counselor at the Mission Viejo Realty Marguerite Parkway office since February.

Previously, he served in various management and real estate training capacities with two other major real estate firms in the Saddleback Valley.

He is a member of the National Marketing Institute, California Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors, and is a graduate of the University of Southern California. © 1977 Mission Viejo Company

LIGHT SHOW — The Mission Viejo Beautiful Committee again will sponsor their annual Christmas Lighting Contest this December. Last year's grand prize winner (pictured above) was the Jack Riddle residence. The Riddles won $150 cash. Cash awards for this season's competition will amount to $300 collectively.

MVBC announces lighting contest

Put your creativity in lights this Yuletide season for the Mission Viejo Beautiful Committee's annual Christmas Lighting Contest.

No special entry forms are necessary to enter the competition, according to project chairman Ed Parker. Every exteiorly decorated home in this planned community is automatically entered.

Points especially considered by the MVBC judges will be established theme, lights, special effects and sound, which is optional.

Cash prizes, donated by Mission Viejo Company, Keystone Savings and Union Federal Savings will be awarded to the first-through fifth-place winners and several "honorable mentions." Winners will also receive a framed color photograph of their decorated home.

Preliminary judging will take place between Dec. 15 and Dec. 19. Final judging will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 21 between 6 and 9 p.m.


TALKING POLITICS — State Assemblyman Ronald Cordova (D), Saddleback Valley, made a special appearance at Capistrano Valley High School to speak to 150 social science students last month. He spoke to the junior and senior students on "American Political Behavior."
Father Caughlin’s boys make beautiful music

Snips and snails and puppy dog’s tails may be what most little boys are made of, but the Rev. Richard Caughlin’s All American Boys’ Chorus of Orange County has an extra added ingredient. Beautiful voices.

Their music has caused appreciative audiences throughout the world to literally stand up and cheer.

Mission Viejo residents will be able to enjoy their euphony Dec. 11 when the boys appear in concert during the community’s famed Five Nights of Christmas. The chorus will perform at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Village Shopping Center in front of Winsen’s department store.

Establishing a boys’ choir has been Father Caughlin’s life’s dream since he heard the Vienna Boys’ Choir as a seminary student.

“I was overwhelmed with what they could do with boys’ voices,” the Catholic priest marveled.

But it wasn’t until he was 45 years old that Father Caughlin began to realize his dream.

He started out with ten boys nearly eight years ago.

Since then the chorus has evolved into a semi-professional touring group, commanding from $100 to $500 per concert. The ranks have grown over the years and now the choir boasts 75 voices, 45 of whom are concert members.

The organization is open free of charge to all Orange County boys age 8 to 14, no matter what their faith or race.

THEIR PERFORMANCE record is impressive. They have performed in such entertainment centers as the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Disneyland, Sea World, the Palladium, and in countless halls, shopping centers and senior citizens’ centers across the U.S.

International appearances include two European tours, a performance before the Pope at Vatican City and most recently, a 31-day Canadian tour, during which 53 of the boys sang at fairs, exhibitions and resorts.

“We performed for five nights with Pat Boone from the center off a race track in Red Deer, Alberta,” Caughlin said.

MANAGING A TOURING concert group of 53 young men is no small task for the priest, but he handles the myriad responsibilities admirably and with a degree of enthusiastic energy that surpasses the combined energy of all his proteges.

“We have a used ‘56 Greyhound bus in which we travel,’” explained Father Caughlin. “It may be old, but we’re very proud of it.”

When on tour the band of youngsters and their director usually arrange to bed down in sleeping bags in halls and gymnasiums. “They’re much better than hotels,” observed Caughlin, “because you can see all the kids. They’re very good boys, but they ARE boys, and it’s much better to keep them all together.”

The gym also provide a great place for the youngsters to exercise and “let off steam,” he explained.

Another momentous task for the choir director and his staff is feeding the troupe. They “make extensive use of McDonalds,” and have been known to “sing for their supper” in more than a few hotels and other dining establishments.

Often Caughlin packs in a supply of picnic goods and he and his staff serve breakfast to the boys themselves while on road.

“We go into a supermarket and literally clean them out,” he laughed.

The shopping list for a picnic breakfast for 53 hungry, growing choir boys includes: 14 giant-size boxes of dry cereal, 101’s gallons of milk, 8-10 large cans of fruit juice and 10-12 packages of oatmeal cookies.

OPERATING EXPENSES for the troupe now run about $1,500 a month. In addition to concert fees the chorus relies on contributions from its booster club, made up of approximately 500 senior citizens and parents, for financial support.

“We pay our staff members as well as we can,” noted Caughlin, “but they really deserve much more for what they contribute.”

Caughlin, who spends his mornings teaching at St. Michael’s Preparatory High School of the Norbertine fathers, receives no monetary remuneration for his work with the choir.

Continually faced with the chorus’ increasing expenses, he has begun to form an Advisory Board of Directors to help fund the organization. So far it includes three leading Orange County businessmen, including Supervisor Thomas Riley.

THE BOYS REHEARSE at the Orange County Fair Grounds every Saturday morning. Additionally the rehearsal holds rehearsals four times a week at different locations throughout the county. Each boy must attend at least one of these in addition to the Saturday practice.

Local boys who would like to join the All American Boys’ Chorus will have that opportunity in early January. Auditions will take place at the home of Mrs. Phyllis Martinez in Mission Viejo. Further information is available by calling 533-7600.

“My boys get more experience than just learning to sing in a choir,” Caughlin says. “They learn to concentrate and to cooperate and to work as a team, and they gain an enormous poise.”

HAVING REALIZED his dream to establish a boys’ choir, the Rev. Caughlin has set his sights yet a step further. He hopes some day to establish a boys’ choir school for youths of all faiths in grades five through eight.

“I want the choir to be a source of pride to the area . . . if the school is finally established, the choir will become a part of their (the boys’) very education, their lives. Then we’ll be there!”

Local students excel academically

Principal John Daywalt of Mission Viejo High School announced students Greg Jones and Jack Schoos as semi-finalists for the 1978 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Approximately 15,000 students throughout the U.S. have been named semi-finalists in the national program. These academically talented students will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for about 3,900 Merit Scholarshipships to be awarded in the spring of 1978.

Semi-finalists are named from over 1 million students enrolled in 17,500 high schools. These students represent the top half of one percent of the nation’s most academically talented young people.

More than 90 percent of the semi-finalists are expected to qualify as finalists and to receive Certificates of Merit next February. All winners of Merit Scholarships will be chosen from the highly able group of finalists.
The Mission Viejo Activities Committee has a prize-winning recipe for a joyous Christmas. The carefully measured ingredients include an assortment of community programs designed to enhance the enjoyment of the holiday season.

The Christmas Season makes its gala debut Sunday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. At that time the community Christmas tree at the intersection of La Paz Road and Chrisanta Drive will be illuminated by hundreds of twinkling lights, followed by bursts of fireworks to herald the arrival of Santa Claus.

Residents may want to arrive at the site at six o'clock to enjoy Christmas music and special radio communication with Santa as he makes his journey to Mission Viejo from the North Pole.

The “Second Night!” (Dec. 4) marks the grand opening of Santa’s Workshop at the corner of La Paz Road and Chrisanta Drive. Santa and his helpers will be on hand to visit with the kids from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This will be the first of several opportunities for children to reveal their Christmas wishes to the jolly old man, as the workshop also will be open from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 7, 14, 18, and 21, and Saturday, Dec. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.

A Christmas Concert featuring the All American Boys’ Chorus of Orange County (see related story on page 4) and the Capistrano Valley High School Orchestra will be presented Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Shopping Center in front of Wineman’s department store.

The “Fourth Night,” the Sunday before Christmas Day, a community pageant re-creating the Biblical story of the first Christmas will be staged at the mini-park adjacent to the intersection of Chrisanta Drive and La Paz Road. Three 15-minute presentations with 5-minute intervals will begin at 7 p.m. The Mission Viejo High School Choir will provide choral accompaniment.

A Gala New Year’s Eve Dance at Montano’s Recreation Center is the final ingredient for the MVAC’s recipe for a joyous holiday season.

Festivities, open to the public, will feature the 18-piece Mission Viejo High School “Ambassadors in Swing” with a musical repertoire reminiscent of the big band days. Ticket information and further details about the affair, which takes place from 9 p.m., Dec. 31, to 2 a.m., Jan. 1, are available by calling the Community Services Department at Mission Viejo Company, 837-6050.

The “Five Nights of Christmas” has evolved into a much loved and anticipated community tradition since its inception ten years ago. It is one of several seasonal programs organized each year for the purpose of building community involvement by the 40-some members of the Mission Viejo Activities Committee.

Santa Claus comes to town Nov. 27.
First play
Cheer the hero and boo the villain capistrano Valley High School's first theatrical production, "The Streets of New York." The play opens Dec. 1 at the new Mission Viejo campus. CHVS drama department spokesmen promise enthusiastic and talented performances by Paul Hughes, Larry Wilken, Tim Carmain, Steve Weiger, Mark Draham, Becky Stevens, Kevin Donaldson, Sage Osterfeld, Jeff Miller, Lisa Mendez, Christi glass, Laura Wenzel and Susan Soesbe. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2 and 3, with a 2:30 matinee on Sunday, Dec. 4.

Tickets to the production are now on sale at the school. They are reasonably priced at $1.50 for adults, $1 for students and 50 cents for children.

A Christmas Carol
The Irvine Master Chorale will sing out the joys of the holiday season Dec. 9 and 10 when it presents its annual Christmas concert.

Traditionally a favorite with Chorale audiences, the Christmas program will offer a group of selections as varied as the multiple joys of the season. Music drawn from the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries will include short works by Monteverdi, Bach, Berlioz, Bruckner, Tschesnokoff and Poulenc, well-known traditional carols will complete the program, guaranteed to uphold the popularity of "Christmas with the Irvine Master Chorale.

The concert will take place in the Santa Ana High School Auditorium, 520 West Walnut. All concerts begin at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for single performances are priced at $4 and $6, with a special price of $2 for students. Further information is available by calling the Chorale office, 542-1790.

Heartfelt wishes
Local residents are invited to spread the holiday season and fight heart disease at the same time by making their holiday card selection through the American Heart Association.

The Orange County Chapter has a selection of eight different designs from which to choose.

One-half of the proceeds from the sale will be tax-deductible donation to the AHA, with all additional gifts being 100 percent tax-deductible.

Coping with Holiday Fever
If the joy of your Yule season is threatened by the "holiday blues," you may want to attend Montanoso-Recreation Center's special lecture entitled "Coping with Holiday Fever" Dec. 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Helen M. Mills, a licensed clinical social worker who practices locally and is affiliated with a number of professional organizations in the health field, is the featured speaker. Her presentation will focus on how to make the Christmas season and enjoy it in good humor.

A donation of $2 per person will be charged.

All I want....
Children who belong to Mission Viejo Recreation Centers will be able to reveal their Christmas wishes to Santa during the recreation center's annual Children's Christmas Party Dec. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The occasion is open to all good little boys and girls ages 11 and younger.

In addition to Jolly Old St. Nick's visit cartoon features will be shown. Also, games, prizes and refreshments are all in store for all comers.

Price of admission is a wrapped gift ($10 limit) for someone your own age and marked for a boy or a girl. Children under five must be accompanied by an adult.

All parents are welcome to attend.
Additional sports facilities now available at Marguerite

More than 300 sports enthusiasts turned out to enjoy the grand opening October 19th celebration of Marguerite Recreation Center's new sports complex. The full use of the Marguerite sports center is now available to members of the community recreation centers at no additional monthly fee. Residents of the Marguerite complex can use the Marguerite sports center at 27341 Trabuco Road.

Future baseball stars will have an opportunity to train with the pros in Mission Viejo this December. Former California Angels Manager Norm Sherry has announced the debut of the Norm Sherry-Del Crandall Baseball School, a week-long clinic or 'boutique' of baseball instruction.

RACQUET ACTION — Karin Walton, rear, keeps her mind on her game during a racquetball demonstration at Marguerite Recreation Center's sports complex grand opening.

Residents needed to host athletes

Residents wishing to share in the heroism and heartache of Mission Viejo's Nadadores because of the team's championship caliber, but homes must be found to assure them a berth. The housing shortage is particularly acute during the summer months when swimmers, who compete elsewhere during the school year, come to Mission Viejo to train and swim with the Nadadores.

For more information on the Norm Sherry-Del Crandall Baseball School or the Little League Coaches Clinic, phone Tom Sommers, 837-8467, or pick up brochures at any Mission Viejo Recreation Center.

Enrollment will be limited to 30 children per session to allow for more individualized instruction. "There will be about 7 or 8 kids per instructor," Sherry said. Each child will be coached according to his or her own individual skills and abilities.

Sherry also announced that a free Little League Coaches Clinic will be held Dec. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Mission Viejo High School multipurpose room. For more information on the Norm Sherry-Del Crandall Baseball School or the Little League Coaches Clinic, phone Tom Sommers, 837-8467, or pick up brochures at any Mission Viejo Recreation Center.

With flags flying, Celebrity Challenge of the Sexes returned to Mission Viejo for the second time this year.

Lola Falana finishes first.

"Host" Flip Wilson signs autographs for young fans.

Celebrities (from left) Ervur Burton, Flip Wilson, Lola Falana and Valerie Perrine discuss track and field events.

Information on all of Mission Viejo's recreation centers is available by calling 837-8048.
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| 12   | Yoga (M)  |
| 13   | SANTA'S WORKSHOP 6:30-8 p.m.  
      | Walkers, Filers, Swimmers, Crawlers Contest (M)  |
| 14   | Yoga (M)  
      | SV Srs. Mtg. (M)  
      | Slim 'N Trim (M)  
      | "Antigone" MVHS 8 p.m.  |
| 15   | December Holiday Ball  
      | SV Srs. Dine-Out (M)  
      | Hoogeley Handball Tourney (MR)  |
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      | Ramblin' Recs  
      | Children's Christmas Party (S)  
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| 17   | SANTA'S WORKSHOP 2-4 p.m.  
      | MV Assoc. of Artists & craftsmen Home Tour, 2-5 p.m.  
      | Call 586-5761  |
| 18   | LIVE MANGER SCENE 7 p.m.  
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