Happy New Year!

My New Year's Resolutions:
- Start diet on Monday
- Exercise daily
- Balance the checkbook
- Finish "War and Peace"
- Let the kids win at Monopoly
- Don't complain about Monday's late test bill
- Pray this year far worse I will
Mission Viejo Company has established a Homeowner Advisement Program to assist residents in planning landscaping and other outdoor improvements to their property. Company officials said the program has been established so help homeowners prevent drainage and other problems associated with outside surface and subsurface improvements. Project Engineer Clay Bell has been assigned to supervise the new program. Bell has more than 25 years experience in the construction industry. He has been involved with grading, drainage and general construction of numerous housing developments.

Bell joined Mission Viejo Company in 1973 and was assigned to the company’s Aurora, Colo., community development as a construction manager. For the past two years he has been responsible for supervising various areas of construction at the company’s Mission Viejo, Calif., development.

In addition to being available to receive questions from homeowners, Bell will be visiting primarily new neighborhoods throughout Mission Viejo in an effort to alert homeowners to potential problems associated with the installation of fencing, walkways, patios and general landscaping improvements.

“Experience has shown that the number one problem which results from landscape improvements is improper drainage of the homeowner’s lot after fencing, walkways, patios and other landscaping has been installed,” Bell said.

He explained that before residents move into their new homes the lots are graded, outlined roadways are established and fencing is erected on the lots to the streets, where it flows into the community’s storm drain system and is carried away.

“As a result of last year’s record rainfall, a large number of landscape related drainage problems showed up. We received a lot of calls from homeowners who wanted to know how they could…”

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**New program established for MVC residents**

Mission Viejo Recreation Center, will be kicking off the new year with a packed January calendar. Some of the featured items open to members and their guests include a trip to the “Picnic at 8 p.m. Jan. 20. AC and drum and bugle, drum corps marching/walking units, youth drill team and military drill teams.

Sweepstakes categories include: best parade entry, best elementary school entry, best youth group entry, most humorous entry, best St. Pat’s theme, best high school band, best high school drill team. Request for entry blanks should be directed to the Mission Viejo Activities Committee, Box 2292, Mission Viejo.

**‘Viejo Swingers’ tee-off into second year**

“Viejo Swingers” will be teeing-off into its second year when the golf group celebrates its anniversary on Jan. 12. The women’s golf group was started by Lee Lovell of the Mission Viejo Recreation Centers with a membership of 17.

The purpose of the club has always been to provide women golfers the opportunity to play regularly in an environment which provides camaraderie, sportsmanship and friendly competition. The group welcomes all levels of women players. They tee-off every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Casta del Sol, their home course. The second Tuesday is friendly tournament day and the monthly business luncheon is held on the first Wednesday of the month. Trips to other courses in the area are scheduled on the last Wednesday of the month.

Since the group consists mainly of “Olfers,” it proudly boasts that two members, Cole Carrigan and Jan Norris, each made a hole-in-one.

New officers have been elected with Jan Norton and Joan Pickavance serving as co-chairpersons, Barbara Gilreath as secretary and Beverly Weber as treasurer and membership chairman.

Husbands are also included in many social activities and social chairman Dolly Bowers has arranged such events as barbecues, overnight golfing trips, Halloween party, Christmas luncheon and a New Year’s celebration.

Women who are members of the Mission Viejo Recreation Centers may call Montanoso for further information.

**AAUW branch forms**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has approved the organization of a Mission Viejo branch.

Membership is open to any woman who has earned her bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. Temporary officers are Mission Viejo residents Kay Osborne, chairman, Lyn Kagey, membership chairman, Raimonda Kontrimas, secretary, and Laguna Hills resident Mary Rupertus, treasurer.

The Mission Viejo branch is open to graduates living in Mission Viejo, El Toro, Laguna Hills and surrounding areas.

**CdS women to meet**

An oriental luncheon will be featured at the monthly meeting of Las Damas del Sol (Casta del Sol) women’s club.

Members will gather on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the Vista Room to hear the guest speaker Irene Pendergrass discuss floral arrangements and the care of house plants.

Elionne Schuey, Erika Kehle and Kay Powell are in charge of the luncheon arrangements.

**Adelies to host Regional confab**

The Mission Viejo chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., will be hosting the upcoming Regional meeting and show scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Jan. 20 at Cooks Auditorium in Anaheim.

The show will feature the top regional choruses and quartets plus a performance by the Hallmarks, the 1978 International Metalists.

The Mission Viejo chapter is in Region 21 which includes Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and parts of Texas. Evie Olson, a 13-year resident of Mission Viejo, is chief administrator for 24 chapters in Region 21. As Regent, she plans and organizes the regional meetings, chairs the executive meeting and council and acts as liaison between the Region and International Board.

As a member of Sweet Adelines for nine years, she has served as president for two years, board member for eight years and has been chairman of costume, membership, shows and music. The local chapter has added a new director Stan Sharpe, a 30-year veteran in his field. Sharpe, who has directed many award winning choruses, has a record of four gold medals and is considered un-approachable, according to a spokesperson.

Sweet Adelines, Inc., is a non-profit international organization of women who sing four-part harmony, barbershop style. Membership is open to all interested women. Rehearsals are at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Lomarena Elementary School, Laguna Hills.

For further information call 581-3064.

**Dance program**

The Mission Viejo High School dance workshop will present a program, “Dance Variations,” on Jan. 25, 26 and 27. The performance will be held at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the High School.

Workshop members will perform a variety of dances including modern jazz, baton, character and disco. The finale, “The Last Dance,” will be performed by the entire group. Tickets are $2 or $1.50 with A.S.B. cards.

For further information call 837-3019.
Happenings: A glance at 1978

VIEJO EVENTS — At right, Ted Keene (Municipal Advisory Council chairman), Supervisor Ralph Diedrich and Phil Reilly, (from left), gather with a girls softball team following the Alicia Park dedication held on Sept. 8. Throughout the week, Mission Viejo Company sponsored the Fall games, which featured all-stars from each of the three little leagues competing for first place while the three girls softball leagues battled for first place in minor and major league competition. At bottom left is Jimmy Seals and Dash Crofts, (from left), congratulating the winner, Mark Wiebe, (center), of the Seals and Crofts National Amateur Invitational golf tournament. Approximately 72 top ranked amateur golfers competed in the competition held Oct. 18-22 at the Mission Viejo Country Club.

ATHLETES IN ACTION — At left is 12-year-old Andrea Jeager, who competed in the 21 and under division of the Seventeen Tennis Tournament of Champions held in June in Mission Viejo. Jeager was defeated by Maria Rothschild in a heart-stopping, three set finale that brought the crowd to its feet. At right is Olympic Gold Medalist Jennifer Chandler who won the women's high point trophy at the 1978 A.A.U. National Outdoor Diving Championships held in Mission Viejo. Chandler also took first in the women's 3-meter springboard.

1978 HIGHLIGHTS — Above, Frank Wolfe, editor of Seventeen Magazine, congratulates Tracy Caulkins who swept to victory in six events during Seventeen's Swim Meet of Champions held June 23-25 at the Mission Viejo International Swim Complex. Above right is the nativity scene, sponsored by the Mission Viejo Activities Committee, as part of the annual Five Nights of Christmas. To the far right is St. Patrick, better known as Jim Moore, who has been impersonating famous people for years! Moore reigned over the annual St. Patrick's Day parade sponsored by the activities committee held March 11. At direct right is just one of the 715 joggers who ran in the marathon held Sept. 23.

THE LAKE OPENS — On June 3, nearly 4,000 Lake Mission Viejo Association members and their guests turned out to enjoy the opening day celebration at the lake.

AWARD WINNING FLOAT — "The Day of the Fiesta" was the 1978 entry of the Mission Viejo Activities Committee. The float took the sweepstakes award in the non-commercial division of the Tournament of Roses Parade.
In a rare display of international sportsmanship, Soviet and American swimmers trained together for the 1980 Olympics, a three-week workout in Mission Viejo.

The training program, involving members of the Mission Viejo Nadadores Swim Team and six of the U.S.S.R. ’s top swimmers, took place Dec. 8-29 and concentrated on long-distance freestyle training.

Included in the Soviet delegation were Vladimir Salnikov, defending world champion in the 400 and 1,500-meter freestyle; Sergei Fedosov, 400-meter freestyle champion; Alex Tchaev, ranked 15th in the world in the 1,500-meter freestyle, and Victor Kuznetsov, ranked fourth in the world in the 100-meter backstroke.

Key swimmers representing the U.S.A. were Brian Goodell, Olympic gold medalist in the 400 and 1,500-meter freestyle and Jesse Vassallo, the 400-meter individual medley and 200-meter backstroke world champion, who were convinced the Americans were as aggressive an exhibition racer.

Soviet and American swimmers worked our mornings and evenings for a total of six hours of training per day. They were supervised by Nadadores Head Coach Mark E. Schubert and Igor Koskind, one of the Soviet Union’s top freestyle mentors and head coach of the Swim Club Ekrano in Leningrad.

Both said gained much from the training program. “I’m so happy with the progress,” Schubert said. They described the Americans as having a lot of experience with the training program. They expected to be able to train with the Soviet visitors. “Basi-

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All are listed in the spring schedule under Communication Arts — Photography. Instruction begins Jan. 22 for the spring season. New and retuning students may register between Jan. 8 and Feb. 2. A permit to register will be issued only after an application is filed in the Admissions Office.

For more information on any of the more than 2,000 courses offered by Saddleback during the spring semester, call the Admissions Office at 831-2940 or 495-1000.

Schubert added that exposure to the Russians helped his swimmers gain person confidence by measuring their strengths and skills against the same athletes with whom they will be competing in 1980.

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(Continued from Page 2) effectively correct these problems,” he said.

Because of the number of calls, Mission Viejo Company decided to create the Homeowner Advisement Program which could help residents plan their new landscaping projects or identify and correct poor conditions so that drainage related problems would be minimized.

“The results of drainage problems may not show up immediately. They can appear months or even years later and result in weakened fencing, or damage to patios, walkways or even house foundations,” Bell added.

The Homeowner Advisement Program is primarily designed for newer homes where landscaping improvements have not yet been installed. But the program is also available to homeowners who are experiencing problems or who may have questions about the drainage of their property.

Bell will be available to look at and discuss surface and sub-surface improvements with homeowners. “In many cases, minor corrective measures taken now can save hundreds of dollars in repairs later on,” he said.

The Homeowner Advisement Program will be coordinated with the Architectural Review Committee which previews homeowners’ plans for landscaping improvements.

(A set of guidelines, “Suggestions for Irrigation and Landscape Improvements,” has been inserted in this month’s Reporter.)

For more information on landscape and drainage improvements call Clay Bell at 837-6050.

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CALENDAR ITEMS WANTED
Send details on your March activities to The Reporter at the address below. They will be published on a first-come, first-served basis.