Mission Viejo hosts swimmers and cyclists. See story on page 7.
Sweet Adelines use TLC for win regional sing-out

TLC. Some could assume this stands for Tender Loving Care. But to the members of the Mission Viejo chapter of the Sweet Adelines, the three letters take on a different meaning: Think Like Champions.

And champions they are. The 68-member chorus recently returned from Claremont, California, where they won the regional championship against 15 competing choruses.

“We had four to six minutes to perform our two songs: ‘Toy Soldiers Marching on Parade’ and ‘Little Boy Blue,’” says Sweet Adelines President Jo Ramirez. “We were competing against other choruses from Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Southern California.”

Not only did the entire chorus bring home a first-place medal, but a quartet of Sweet Adelines also won first place at the regional competition. “Leading Ladies” includes Eileen Lodyga, Mary Ellen Batterton, Linda Collins and Beverly Vansoak.

“Sweet Adelines is an international organization of women interested in singing, teaching and training its members to sing and perform in four-part barbershop harmony,” says Evie Olson, convention chairman.

“Our director, Stan Sharpe, has 31 years’ experience as a barbershop director. And when we won the regional championship, Stan was named Director of the Year,” adds Mrs. Ramirez.

Our chorus is under the direction of Stan Sharpe, who has made the adhesions membership drive to increase their chorus to 100 members. “The main requirement to become a Sweet Adeline is to be able to carry a tune and enjoy singing harmony,” says Barbara Micoch, publicity chairman. “We train women for the auditions, so they don’t walk in and sing ‘cold,’” she adds.

Performances are Tuesday evening at De Portola School.}

MV Skateway rolls out new summer hours

New summer hours will begin rolling at Mission Viejo Skateway on June 10, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, Saturday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and 3 to 5:30 p.m. A special morning skate will be held on Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Young adults (18 years and older) can enjoy skating on Monday and Thursday evenings from 8 to 11 p.m., while Tuesday evenings are reserved for pre-teen skaters. Wednesdays are discount night with sessions from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Skateway will be closed on Tuesdays to accommodate groups and private lessons.

“Children, ages three to six, can enjoy a pre-school class from 9 to 10 a.m. An adult skating session, with instruction by Skateway’s pro, Nancy Morris, will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is being taken now for all classes.

Weekend hours will remain the same as during the school year: Saturday—12 to 2:30 p.m., 2 to 4:30 p.m., 6 to 8:30 p.m., 8 to 10:30 p.m. and 10 to midnight.

Sunday—1 to 3:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

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The word spread. Mission Viejo’s first kindergarten students, now preparing for high school graduation, were getting together again. Original records were gone, so students, teachers and mothers had tried to remember the names of the 133 children who were classmates 13 years ago.

There were phone calls, messages, returned calls. And then they were there. Nineteen of an estimated 30 high school seniors graduating in the same community where they began their education at O’Neill School, the community’s first elementary school.

“Louise! You look just the same!”

“Larry, it doesn’t even look like you! Scott!”

Standing in their old playground, they pored over an album of their kindergarten photos with shrieks and groans. “That’s me! Let’s turn the page!”

“They don’t realize how much they’ve changed,” remarked Marge Vanderveer, media center coordinator at O’Neill School for the past 13 years. The students have grown up with Mission Viejo, which was just beginning when they were kindergarteners.

At first, students from the original neighborhoods, the Deane and La Paz homes, were bussed to Olivewood and Gates schools in El Toro. “They were on double session to accommodate the Mission Viejo kids,” said Mrs. Vander- veer. Then in December 1967, Marguerite M. O’Neill School opened its doors.

“There was such spirit,” recalled Mrs. Vanderveer. “Marguerite O’Neill and her family came to the dedication. We all felt like we were starting something special. And it stayed that way.”

Five of the school’s original staff members still work at the school, including the current principal, Chuck Prince.

That first Christmas, Mrs. Vanderveer was forced to drive to Tustin to find supplies for the children to make Christmas ornaments. The nearest stores were that far away.

“When we first moved here, we had to go to Santa Ana to buy our groceries,” said Jim Browne, a Capistrano Valley High senior. Adds Kelly Flanagan: “There was only one little post office in El Toro. There was hardly anybody here.”

Of the O’Neill kindergarten group remaining in the area, most continued their schooling at La Paz Intermediate School, then Mission Viejo High School.

Seniors there who started at O’Neill include: Jennifer McBride, Larry Burns, Deana Hicks, Kelly Flanagan, Scott Hudson, Louise Messinger, Florinda Peralta, Cary Kazmierowicz, Randy Huffman, Cathleen Turner, Sean Reilly, Bill Palme, Jackie Droesch, Rob Chavers, Karen Danliquist, Vicki Koren, Robert Rozunko, Ron Schraeder, Lisa Bunnel and Jeff McDowell.

Jim Browne’s family moved from the Deane homes and now he attends Capistrano Valley High School. But he and Larry Burns, his best friend since Little League days, still go to the beach together. Their families share Christmas dinner.

Reilly also attends Capistrano Valley High School. He will be attending Santa Ana College, majoring in fire science. Very active in the Saddleback Valley Explorer Program, Sean plans to be a paramedic.

Kindergarten ‘enemies’ Cindi Hebets and Florinda Peralta now are best friends. When did their friendship bloom? “It was the third grade,” recalled Florinda. “Maybe for you,” laughed Cindi, “but I think it was the fourth.”

Like many in the group, they are not anxious to leave the area and plan to attend Saddleback College.

During school, the pioneer students have chalked up many accomplishments. Jenny McBride served on the student council, Jim Browne was named the best looking boy in his class, Deana Hicks was the most athletic girl.

For many, the O’Neill reunion sparked forgotten childhood memories, the reflections of passing time. They go back rarely. But Deana Hicks returns to O’Neill regularly—as an educational aide. “I always had a desire to be an elementary teacher since kindergarten,” said Deana, who will study child development at Cal State Fullerton. “The teacher I help now (Nancy Stephenson) was here when I was in the third grade. I’ve always admired her.”

Jim Browne hopes to become an airline pilot, like his father. But wherever he travels, he’ll carry the pride in his hometown. “I feel lucky to be one of the first to graduate through all 13 grades,” he said. “I’ve found friends here I’ll always remember.”

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Pre-teens saluted for gracefulness

Four members of the youngest social set received traditional Miss Elegance awards at Mission Viejo Cotillion's final party of the season.

Receiving awards in the Pre-teen group were Delanitah Lorefell of De Ponta School, escorted by Allen Denison, and Jodi Olson of La Tierra School, escorted by Danny Walczewski. Both boys attend Castle School.

Miss Elegance winners in the junior group were Kelly Knudson of La Paz Junior High School, escorted by Jim Hunsaker of St. Catherine's School, and Robin Schmidt of Abiding Savior Lutheran School, escorted by John Griffin of Capistrano Valley High School.

"Miss Elegance trophies are presented to young ladies who have special qualities of charm and grace, and who have consistently shown consideration for others in social situations," said Mrs. Robert H. Smith, Cotillion director.

Nadadores divers nab top trophies at world meet

Mission Viejo Nadadores divers MQ Neyola and Greg Louganis brought home high-point trophies from the recent 11th Annual U.S.A. International Diving Meet held recently in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Louganis, an Olympic Silver Medalist, placed first in the three-meter springboard and second on the platform. He also placed first in the one- and three-meter springboard events and second on the platform in the AAA Indoor International Diving Championships, held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Seventeen-year-old MQ also made a spectacular showing, placing third in the three-meter springboard and second in the platform event. This is the first time in her six years of diving that she has brought home the women's high-point trophy.

"This is the most rapidly improving female diver in the country today," says her coach, Ron O'Brien. "One year ago, the highest place she placed was 10th in the one-meter. Now she's rated fifth on the one-meter, third on the three-meter and fifth on platform in the country."

Swimmers and cyclists compete in sports ‘double-header’ in June

An outstanding sports double-header—featuring 750 competitors in cycling and swimming—is on tap for Mission Viejo this month.

On June 7, 150 top international cyclists from Austria, Switzerland, Canada, Poland and Columbia will compete against America’s finest cyclists in the final and deciding leg of a seven-stage Lowenbrau Series cycling championships.

This final race takes place at Lake Mission Viejo, where cyclists will race in a grueling 48-mile race around the lake.

Olympic Gold Medalist Eric Heiden will be competing in the Mission Viejo swim race. The speedskater, who won five golds in the 1980 Winter Olympics, is touring with the Lowenbrau team.

For the third consecutive year, Mission Viejo’s International Swim Complex will be the site of SEVENTEEN'S Swim Meet of Champions. With the cancellation of the 1980 Olympic Trials, this SEVENTEEN swim meet will be considered the top U.S. national event of the year, with the nation’s champion swimmers competing. More than 24 events for men and females feature approximately 600 swimmers from coast to coast, including world-class swimmers, national, sectional and local swimmers.

Both events are free to the public.

MV gymsnasiums score high

Four members of Mission Viejo Gymnastics and Dance Center recently brought home awards from the 1980 California State Class II Gymnastics Championships.

The gymnasts, all residents of Mission Viejo, are Holly Hutchinson, who placed third in the floor exercise, children’s division; Jill Nelson, placing sixth on the balance beam, junior division; Linda Jezek, Mary Meagher, Jesse Vasallo, Brian Goodell, Rowdy Gaines and Yvonne Jozefowicz, placing fifth in vaulting.

Skateway hosts speed skaters

Mission Viejo Skateway will play host to nearly 450 skaters June 15-18 for the Southwest Pacific Regional Speed Meet.

The event, sponsored by the Roller Skating Risk Operators Association, will draw speed skaters from California, Arizona and Nevada in such events as the 200-, 1,000-, 1,500-, 3,000- and 5,000-meter races. The top three winners in each age division will go to the nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Skateway will be closed for public skating from Sunday, June 15 through Tuesday, June 17 and will re-open at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18.

THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT — Members of the Saddleback Valley Entertainers show party of the season. Marc "Ziggy" Wilczynski (center) is surrounded by (clockwise from top) Sue Chaska, director, Lois Berger, Jennifer Capasso, Maril Solmis, Doreen Thomas, Sue Cable, JoAnn Orth, Marcie Peterson and Jan Nelson.

MEXICO, HERE WE COME—Jennifer McBride and Glenn Souksean of Mission Viejo High School get into the Mexican mood as they prepare for their tour of Mexico, June 16 through 28. The high school seniors are members of the MVHS Chamber Singers, and will spend their time in Mexico giving concerts, sightseeing, and enjoying the flavor of Mexican entertainment.

VF rec centers offer volleyball leagues

Volleyball anyone? Marguerite Recreation Center is offering a little volleyball competition for the entire family beginning in June.

The teen volleyball league begins June 17 with action every Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Sign-ups begin June 7 at the Marguerite fitness desk. Cost is $2.50 per person, including a T-shirt and medals. Ages 12 through 18 are welcome.

An adult mixed volleyball league (two men and two women) will begin Wednesday, June 18 at the Marguerite sand volleyball courts. Cost begins at $1 at the fitness desk. Cost is $2.50 per person, including a T-shirt and awards. The league is held 8 weeks, from 7 to 10 p.m. every Wednesday.

Beginning Thursday, June 19, from 7 to 10 p.m., an adult mixed league (three men and three women) will begin volleyball action.

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Swim Coupon

This coupon is a free pass to all three days of Seventeen's Swim Meet of Champions at Marguerite Recreation Center.

The meet, June 20-22, is considered the top U.S. invitational of the year where the nation's champion swimmers will compete.

Preliminaries begin each morning at 10 a.m. with finals beginning at 6 p.m.

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