Nine-year-old Jill Sadey anxiously awaits the first day of school.
The Mission Viejo Cultural Resources Center celebrates grand opening

Two events are on tap for the Casta del Sol Art League during October and November. On Oct. 16, the group will bus to the Fine Arts Museum at Balboa Park in San Diego. On Nov. 14-15 an art show and sale will be held in the Vista Room at Casta del Sol.

Cotillion party
Fourth through ninth graders and their parents are invited to attend an introductory party-lesson to Mission Viejo Cotillion at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21 at Montanoso Recreation Center.

Volunteers needed for docent training
Volunteers are needed to conduct tours at the Mission Viejo Cultural Resources Center, according to Janet Price, director of the docent program. After training, the volunteers will conduct two one-hour tours per month for student and adult groups.

CPR instruction
Mission Viejo Recreation Centers will sponsor classes in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation Sept. 16 and 17 at Montanoso.

Music Center fund raisers
Local opera and concert fans are elated over recently announced plans to build an Orange County Music Center in the South Coast Plaza Town Center, on five acres of land donated by the Segerstrom family. The center is expected to have a 3,200-seat concert hall, 1,500-seat multi-use studio, recording studios and exhibit facilities.

MUSIC CENTER SUPPORTERS—Officers of the Beverly Sills Chapter of the South West County Guild are Mission Viejo residents (from left) Barbara Ludwig, secretary; Doreen Thomas, second vice president; Carolyn Dugan, president and Cathelyn Schwartz, treasurer.

Okterber Fest MV style
A "Munich-style"Okterber Fest complete with the 'oompa' band will be scheduled for Oct. 3-4 on the roof of Bullock's at Mission Viejo Mall. This first-time event, sponsored by the Mission Viejo Rotary Club, will be in an enclosed tent and feature such authentically German food as knockwurst, sauerkraut, hot potato salad, native beer, wine and soft drinks.

Admission is free and the class is open to Mission Viejo Recreation Center members and their guests.
Diamonds are a girl’s best friend (and a boy’s, too)

Giving All She’s Got—One bobby sock all-star participant grits her teeth in determination as she tries to beat the throw to first.

One-Hander—Mission Viejo bobby sock all-star makes a one-handed grab for a low line-drive.

Catcher’s Conference—Lisa Moncur (left) discusses team strategy with team mate Cindy Ewart.

Battling tips—Coach Ray Callahan lends some batting hints.

Base Stealer—Taking a lead off third base, a Tiger all-star is preparing to head for home.

Coach’s Corner—Red Sox Little League coach gives instructions.

Congratulations—A Red Sox all-star receives a handshake and pat-on-the-back for a job well done.

Globo Sport—Lisa Moncur (left) discusses team strategy with team mate Cindy Ewart.

Strike One—The ball whizzes past a Saddleback Valley Red Sox during a recent Little League Championship game.

What an Arm—A Saddleback Valley Red Sox pitcher is set to let one loose in a game against the Mission Viejo Tigers.

Coaches’ Corner—Red Sox Little League coach gives instructions.
Silverado HS making great strides

When school reconvenes this month for the 1980-81 academic year in the Saddleback Valley Unified district, Silverado High School will be difficult to distinguish from the district’s other senior high schools, despite its unique role in the community.

Like its three counterparts—El Toro, Mission Viejo and Laguna Hills—Silverado has most of the usual departments and courses of study.

But the only things missing from the modern 2.9-acre campus at Diseno Road and Muirlands are an athletic program and a marching band, notes Principal Bailey Daugherty.

In its five full years of operation, Silverado has made great strides and, according to Daugherty, ranks among the best continuation high schools in California.

“When we opened in September 1975,” recalled Daugherty, “we had 69 students attending classes in three portable trailers. Within one month, we had more than 100 students and we graduated 63 that first year.”

Two years later, in September 1977, the existing facility opened.

This past school year, Silverado had 649 students, 10 percent of the district’s high school age population, and 160 graduates.

“This is far and away the best designed facility for continuing education in the state,” proclaimed Daugherty. “I also believe we have the best continuation school in the state.”

“Of the 649 students who attended here last year, there are 649 reasons why they came.”

In addition to new facilities, higher enrollment and more graduates, Silverado has made major advancements in its image.

Once looked upon as merely a school for students who couldn’t adjust, Silverado now boasts a strong graduation rate and a diverse curriculum, including math, science, English and computer programming.

Most students enroll at Silverado as a result of prior attendance problems. Some come from parents who transfer jobs or move frequently, causing a student to fall behind in classwork, or work schedules that conflict with required classroom attendance time at the district’s other senior high schools.

“More than 50 percent of our students ask to come here,” Daugherty noted. “But of the 649 students who attended here last year, there are 649 reasons why they came.”

Silverado’s more flexible requirements allow students to mold his other class schedule around a job (more than half of the students work either part- or full-time).

But the most important function of the school is that it provides an alternative for those students who might otherwise drop out.

“We have arranged a system here that removes all of the cop-outs,” said Daugherty. “If a student should leave here without a diploma, they cannot place the blame on us.”

If a student attends class, he cannot get an “F.” But Daugherty dispelled one of the myths students with Silverado get credits and grades for merely showing up.

“We have graduated a lot of kids here who were not headed toward graduation at another high school.”

“We don’t give them credits for just being here. They have to work,” he said.

Silverado operates on the two-semester system, but a student can graduate at any time during the year (including during the summer session).”

“When one of our students earns his 210th credit, he graduates,” said Daugherty. “It doesn’t matter what time of the year it is. The semester means nothing to us here.”

More than 60 percent of more Silverado graduates, Daugherty observed, are moving on to Saddleback or other community colleges to further their educations.

Silverado also serves as an option for those who suffer from emotional problems and leave school because of troubles at home or in the classroom.

Likely to 65 percent of our students have problems in some way, such as a personality conflict with their parents or teachers,” Daugherty said.

“The first thing we do when a student comes here is get his or her emotional life in order. If it isn’t, they are not going to be learning English or history,” explained Daugherty, who describes Silverado as “a lot like a small community college.”

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Daugherty said that Silverado students come from every neighborhood in the district. “No area has more students than any other one.”

Daugherty, who came to Silverado from a continuation high school in the Fullerton Unified District, said he, his faculty and students are not worried about maintaining or working to build up an image. That, he noted, is taking care of itself.

“We had our first prom this year,” Daugherty said proudly. “And last January, our homecoming queen, Lori Flippen, rode with the other schools’ queens on Mission Viejo’s float in the Rose Parade.”

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Fireman lauded—Mission Viejo resident Jeff Miklaus recently was awarded as Fireman of the Month by the Newport-Irvine Rotary Club. Miklaus, a captain in the Orange County Fire Department, works in the training division at headquarters in Orange. He has been a fireman nine years.

A lot of people think the military is completely war-minded, but those in airlift operations see the trauma of wounded coming home as well as the desolate lives of the Vietnam veterans,” said Nash.

One small mission that Nash says stands out is the airlift of supplies to Israel during the October 1973 Middle East War.

“It was the largest military jet operation in history,” recalled Nash, who was the mission’s prime director for planning and execution. “I had the freedom to make a lot of decisions. We had the resources and people and it was all cut in the open,” he said.

The airlift effort played a vital role in Israel’s victory. In recognition for his contribution, President Ford, at a May 1975 White House reception, presented Nash with the Harmon International Aviator’s Trophy, given annually to the world’s most outstanding airman.

Nash, who retired from military service in May 1975, moved to Mission Viejo in December 1979 with his wife, Ruth. He is presently writing a book on his experiences in airlift operations, a novel he says several film executives have told him has the makings of a full-length movie or weekly television series.

If the fiction-based autobiographical book, “A Moment of Truth,” does become either a screenplay or television series, viewers might think the incidents portrayed were the product of Hollywood script writers.

But Nash’s accounts are very real, chronicling missions that save the lives of countless individuals and aided world-wide military efforts.

He has directed missions during World War II, the Indo China War and several skirmishes in Africa. In one airlift operation during the Vietnam war, a fleet of C-5 transports loaded with 30 tanks dropped the armored vehicles near Da Nang. Less than 24 hours later, those tanks played a key role in a major battle with Viet Cong forces.

However, he points out that airlift operations, unlike other military endeavors, are not all aimed at bolstering U.S. war efforts.
MV residents fare well at OC Fair

Mission Viejo residents made an outstanding showing at this year's Orange County Fair, bringing home awards in various categories from the annual event.

Outstanding winners in the creative arts department were Lisa Marie Andersick, second place, batik and kit; and third place, needlepoint and animal figure; Christina Castro, third place, batik; Patricia Frank, first and second place, china painting; and third place, tiles and outside decorated egg; Amy MacKenzie, first place, weaving; Annette Andersick, first place, kit, macrame wall hanging and plaster craft; and second place, holiday decorations; Jennifer MacKenzie, first place, non-loom weaving.

Winning entries in the market sheep competition were Yvonne Balm, Susan Camarca, Chrystal Coffinberry, Michelle Cora, Ninette Dimock, John Gibbs, Greg Hughes, Nanci Klim, Annette Paulson, David Pachardo Jr., Kim Poese, Steve Roy, Sue Roy, Steve Senorensen and Cathleen Turner.

Bringing home awards in the market beef competition were Cyndi Brockett, Jo Mey Chow, Kinder Coley, Greg Hughes, Jennifer Kolbe, Amy Nichols and Bobby Taber.

Brian Ledermann placed fourth for his senior boar in the junior cavy show.

In the FFA feeder hog competition, Erin Foley and Donald Balm collected blue ribbons.

Joy Krull won first place, watercolor in the two-dimensional sculpture professional division.

Outstanding winners in the rabbit and poultry competition were Sondra Jacobi, second place, heavyweight senior buck, and Cathleen Turner, first place, araucana hen.

Top award winners in the black and white photography competition were Harvey Stearn, honorable mention, portraits; Julie Eden, second, junior, portrait; Steve Roy, third, junior, portrait, and Veronica Muniguia, honorable mention, junior, plants and animals.

In self-processed color, Richard Cruse took first and third for portraits; Curt Schneider, honorable mention, general color; Harvey Stearn, first, color, plants and animals. In commercially processed category, Brian Egan placed first in portraits; Harvey Stearn, third, general color.

Junior division winners were Laura Stearn, first in plants and animals, and third, landscapes; David Stearn, second in plants and animals, and honorable mention in general color. Kory Moore placed first in color portraits.

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