Brian Quaresma presents Katie Kelly, a first grade teacher at Cordillera Elementary School, with an apple to mark the first day of the 1981-82 school year, which begins this month.
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Brennan has a hand in many careers

Dan Brennan says he doesn't want to be a one-dimensional person. Using the first 26 years of his life as a gauge, he'll probably never have that problem.

Brennan, who turns 27 this month, can't seem to find enough hours in the day to accomplish his goals. And even though he is pursuing three (count 'em, three) full-time careers at the same time, the Mission Viejo resident somehow manages to handle them all with relative ease.

In December, Brennan will graduate from law school. He is already a few steps ahead of his fellow students by clerking 20 hours per week at a local attorney's office. The partners of that firm, Brennan says, have expressed a great interest in him joining their practice when he passes the bar examination.

Along with studying for his doctorate of jurisprudence degree and working as a law clerk, Brennan is also a licensed real estate broker, a second profession to which he devotes his full energies. He says his law and real estate backgrounds go hand in hand. "They will benefit each other. You can do anything with a law degree. The sky's the limit."

After working two jobs and studying his law books, Brennan is far from calling it a day. He's usually at Marguerite Recreation Center, training for his third career, one as a national caliber handball player.

Despite his inevitable success as a lawyer and existing success in real estate, Brennan wants to give handball the most attention. "What I'd like to do is spend one year only on handball and really go for it," Brennan said in a rare free moment.

"When I graduate and take the bar (in February), I want to play handball seriously again. My goal is a national open title in singles or doubles."

Because of law school, clerking and property management, Brennan hasn't been able to devote as much time to handball as he would like.

Until recently, he competed in and won several major tournaments, including the national collegiate singles title.

"Sports has helped me to be mentally tough so I can sit down and concentrate on law books," he said. "You can really take out your frustrations and get rid of extra energy."

But Brennan knew he couldn't play football, baseball or basketball forever.

"I can play handball for the rest of my life, though," he said. "The big key in handball or any sport is hard work," he says as advice to younger athletes. "Natural talent takes you only so far."

Judging by the amount of work he's put into everything he's tackled so far, it's a good bet Dan Brennan will soon get his national open handball championship.

More residents honored at County Fair

Several Mission Viejo residents earned high honors in creative arts, home arts, feeder best Floriculture and feeder lamb competition at the Orange County Fair in Costa Mesa.

Community resident winners in creative arts are: Lisa Anderson, first place china painting figures and animal figures; Barbara Davidson, third place dollies; Patricia Frank, first place china painting bowl or dish, plate/tray/serving tray, vase and other; second place china painting cup/saucer/mug, plate or tray, third place china painting tiles; Vicki Hamilton, second place beadwork; Valerie Lephart, honorable mention dolls; Virginia Sahdala, third place china painting plate/tray/serving tray, and vase, first place china painting beverage set; Annette Andreich, first place tree ornaments, ceramics and decoupage, second place batik and dried materials, and honorable mention plastercraft; Lisa Bolton, first place handcrafts, and second place Christmas decorations pre-teens; Lynn Martin, first place miniature set; Vicki Hamilton, first place china painting figures and animal figures; and vanessa Ward, second place bread dough, and second place collage.

In the home arts department, Mission Viejo winners are: Janet Cooper, first place pillow household item counted, fourth place openwork household item; Becht Devries, second place framed picture; Judith Esposito, third place children's clothes to two years; Dale Hedfeld, third place child's christening dress; Phyllis Osman, first place, non-chroecotted bedspread, second place fancy stitched afghan knitted, second place needlepoint chair or stool.

In the baked foods and confections division of creative arts, Mission Viejo winners are: Hans Hedfeld, second place rye bread and whole wheat bread; Audrey Henry, third place apricot jam; Bonnie Lippincott, second place chocolate layer cake and pumpkin pie; Tonl Smoke, second place anniversary or wedding cake.

Community winners in the 4-H and Future Farmers of America market and feeder lamb competition are: Donald Balm, Yvonne Balm, Rob Bullard, Susan Camarca, Michelle Cora, Lorisa Elmgquist, Erin Foley, Sheila Gaertner, Mark Hall, Susan Holmes, Rhonda Hopkins, Sondra Jacob, David Pichardo and Kirstie Tomlinson.

Winner in the 4-H and FFA market and feeder beef competition is: Amy Pichardo.

Community winners in the Floriculture competition are: Donna Balm, first place Christmas drawing pictures, trick or treat, second place miniature garden, third place Easter: Piper Balm, second place trick or treat and third place a trip to the beach; Rhonda Hopkins, second place a new book.

SEEKING TITLE — Dan Brennan, a law student and real estate broker, is striving to win the U.S. Open National handball championship. He has already won the national collegiate singles title.

Casta del Sol

Casta del Sol hosts lawn bowling tourney

Casta del Sol's Lawn Bowling Club will sponsor a mixed triples tournament Sept. 28-Oct. 2 at Casta del Sol.

Sixteen teams will compete in each of the first four days of the tournament, with the top 16 teams overall vying for the team championship on Friday, Oct. 2.

Deadline for entry is Tuesday, Sept. 15 and entry fee is 89 per team.

For more information, contact Dick Follins, 28036 Espinosa, Mission Viejo, 92692.
around the town

Rec center gymnastics program grows

Mission Viejo Recreation Centers will offer expanded gymnastics and tumbling classes and form a competitive gymnastics team this fall. Instruction for rec center members ages 18 months to three years in the ‘Tumbling Toddlers’ program begins Sept. 21 and runs through Nov. 11. A second session will run from Nov. 23-Jan. 27. Toddlers use specially designed gymnastics apparatus to help develop their motor skills.

Youths ages three and up can participate in tumbling and basic gymnastics instruction on the uneven parallel bars, balance beam, vaulting horse, floor exercise and ballet. Sessions run from Sept. 21-Nov. 11 and Nov. 23-Jan. 27.

Opportunities for gymnasts to compete on the advanced level are now available through a recently formed competitive gymnastics team. The team will compete in United States Gymnastics Federation compulsory routines and against local private and public clubs.

All classes and team competition are supervised by Cheryl Baker, ex-collegiate gymnast and well-known instructor.

For more information on the gymnastics program, call 951-6872, extension 694.

Volunteers needed for language center

South Coast Literacy Council, Inc. (SCLC) is looking for volunteers to teach English as a second language to the foreign born and native Americans who are functionally illiterate.

No specific qualifications are needed to participate in SCLC’s program. Women and men of all ages able to give three hours a week are being sought to reach an ever-increasing number of Orange County’s non-English speakers.

The fall 10-week, 30-hour tutorial classes will be given at two locations. Instruction will begin Tuesday, Sept. 15 at the Dana Miguel Library in Laguna Miguel and on Saturday, Sept. 19 at Columbus Savings and Loan in El Toro. Both classes meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and continue through Nov. 10 and 14, respectively.

SCLC’s teaching centers are located in seven southern Orange County cities, including Laguna Beach, San Juan Capistrano and Dana Point. Tutors may choose day or evening sessions depending on the schedule offered by the various centers.

Interested persons are encouraged to call 493-3800 or 497-1138 for more information.

Skateway plans ‘New Wave Weekend’

A ‘New Wave Weekend’ from 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 5 and 6 highlights this month’s activities at Mission Viejo Skateway.

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and the admission price will be reduced both nights.

New classes begin the week of Sept. 21. For more information, call 581-4646.

FASHIONABLE MEETING — (from left) Sherry Burgesson makes final adjustments to an outfit worn by model Jay Emile-Boyd in preparation for a fashion show and luncheon Saturday, Sept. 10 put on by the Mission Viejo branch of the American Association of University Women. Looking on is Susan Corbett. The luncheon/fashion show is the AAUW Company Department Store in Mission Viejo Mall. For more information, call 837-8935 or 495-3019.

Little League honors Mission Viejo Company

Mission Viejo Company has been honored by Little League Baseball for its support of the community’s Youth Athletic Park.

Tommy Boyle, western regional director of Little League Baseball for the United States, presented a plaque thanking Mission Viejo Company for its provision of land, grading and irrigation to Gerry Ogibene, the firm’s vice president of community service operations, on Aug. 13.

Signed by Peter J. McGovern, national chairman of Little League Baseball, the plaque lauds Mission Viejo Company “For having afforded thousands of children the opportunity to participate in Little League Baseball and thus helping them to bridge the gap between the ages of innocence and maturity.”

Also attending the presentation were Bill Beebe, director of Little League District 55; Dick Austin, president of the North Mission Viejo Little League; and Nick Wain, president of the South Mission Viejo Little League.

The Youth Athletic Park, which opened in May 1979, serves as home for 80 North and South Mission Viejo Little League teams and 100 soccer teams in AYSO’s Division B4.

Mission Viejo Company spent $1.3 million on grading and irrigation and the leagues raised funds for all field landscaping and backstop construction.

Since the 18-acre park opened, the Little Leagues and Mission Viejo Company have shared in the cost of ongoing maintenance.

Along with year round local baseball and soccer play, the park is also used for specialty events, such as the annual Mission Viejo Fourth of July family picnic and the annual Mission Viejo Invitational Soccer Tournament.

The park was the site of the district, sectional and division II Little League playoffs, which encompass teams from Santa Barbara to San Diego.

“It’s the finest private park for youth athletics I’ve ever seen,” said Nick Wain.

“We knew we needed the community’s and company’s involvement to help defray the enormous costs of the park’s construction and maintenance. That combined effort has really worked. I don’t know if that’s done anywhere else but in Mission Viejo,” Wain said.

Planning for the park began in 1973 when the need arose for additional athletic fields. Wain and Marty Russo, Mission Viejo Company’s director of community services, were the major forces behind the park’s creation.

The park is part of a 42-acre retention basin. A portion had been earmarked as a bird sanctuary but was redesign in response to the need for youth sports fields.
Nadadores rule swim, diving roosts

Any doubts as to the Mission Viejo Nadadores swimming and diving teams’ claims as the nation’s top aquatics clubs were laid to rest in August.

Both teams convincingly swept the team titles at their respective national championships, capturing the men’s, women’s and combined team honors. ‘Nadadores’ swimmers became the first team ever to accomplish the feat at both the short course and long course nationals while the divers turned the trick for an unprecedented second consecutive year.

The Nadadores’ dominance of the swimming nationals in Milwaukee was a typical team effort, paced by freestyler Marybeth Linzmeier, a recent graduate of Mission Viejo High School bound for Stanford. Linzmeier took firsts in the 200-, 800- and 1,500-meter freestyle events, defeating world record holder Kim Linehan in the latter two events. She narrowly missed a fourth win in the 400-meter freestyle, where Mission Viejo’s teenage sensation Tiffany Cohen won the championship.

Linzmeier also swam a leg on the women’s 800-meter freestyle relay team which set an American record of 8:07.44. Linzmeier teamed up with Susan Habernigg, Sippy Woodhead and Cohen.

The women’s 400-meter freestyle relay team of Habernigg, Woodhead, Barb Major and Julie Williams broke the American club record with a 3:35.68 clocking.

Robin Leamy set an American record of 22.54 in winning the men’s 50-meter freestyle.

The Nadadores’ combined point total was 2,146.3, the second highest three teams combined. Mission Viejo’s men had 215 points and the women 174. The second through third place teams combined.

As expected, Greg Louganis led his team with wins in the men’s one- and three-meter events and a second place finish in the platform competition.

Louganis’ championships were his 17th and 18th, the most ever by a male diver.

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Twelve Nadadores were named to the 24-member 1981 U.S. national team which set an American record of 22.54 in winning the men’s 50-meter freestyle.

Richard Saeiger, Kutzavitch and Karen Barnicoat were named to a U.S. junior national team that swam against the Soviet national team in Milwaukee.

Mission Viejo’s women tallied 694 1/2 points, the most ever, while the men racked up 659 1/2. The combined point total for the annals was more than the second through fourth place teams combined.

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- Orange County Transit District Dial-A-Ride ........ 830-6500
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