Newest Major Entry Into Mission Viejo

The newest main gateway into the Mission Viejo community, Oso Parkway, was dedicated during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, March 24, witnessed by approximately sixty members of the press, city and county officials.

The invocation prayer was given by Rev. Richard Bush, Presbyterian Church of the Master, Mission Viejo. Guest speakers included James G. Toepfer, senior vice president, Operations, Environmental Systems Division and vice president, Mission Viejo Company, who discussed the history and planning behind the parkway, and Haig Ayanian, District 7 Engineer, California State Division of Highways.

Following the speakers, Mission Viejo's own trained bear, alias golf pro Roger Belanger, equipped with golf clubs, teed off from Oso Parkway onto the Mission Viejo Golf Course to lead the guests to an invitational luncheon and round of golf at the Mission Viejo Country Club.

The Oso Parkway Interchange, providing full connections with the San Diego Freeway (Interstate 5), offers direct access to the southern sections of Mission Viejo. Its span extends across eight lanes of the freeway and the Southern Pacific tracks.

In an Orange County project, Oso Parkway has been constructed east of the interchange into Mission Viejo and will be extended west to La Paz Road in the near future.

The new interchange was built at a cost of over $7 million by Sukut Counsil and Ahlftlicht-Fulton Company, Santa Ana. The contract was awarded in January, 1971, with Robert Wheeler as project superintendent.

T. T. Dorsey and S. L. Dick were resident engineers for the State, with Dan Wilson as principal assistant, Paul Askhelson, Bridge Department representative, and E. K. Peterson, survey party chief. Project design engineer was San Yoko Yama.

“Patriotism On Parade Week”

Guests Government Dignitaries

A visit from Congressman John Schmitz was the highlight of the fourth annual Patriotism on Parade Week, March 20-24, at La Paz Intermediate School. Congressman Schmitz discussed government and patriotism at an informal gathering of seventh and eighth grade pupils outdoors on the campus. Students were encouraged to question the congressmen about various aspects of United States Government.

Later that day the La Paz student body was presented the “Johnny Horizon Award” by William M. Monroe, assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, Rogers C. B. Morton, for “maintaining litter free public land.” The award was the result of students' efforts in the “Pollution Our Problem” program held last year, which featured a visit from the Secretary of the Interior.

A special individual award, a Johnny Horizon watch, was presented to Mrs. Leila Maxson, General Chairman of P.O.P. Week for the past three years. Mark Soarescomb, student body president, also presented Mrs. Maxson with a floral arrangement on behalf of the students for her efforts in planning P.O.P. Week.

Following the speakers, the district winner will be an intermediate school in the San Joaquin School district competed in a “register to vote” contest during P.O.P. Week. Students urged eligible voters in the area to register to vote by April 13. The district winner will be announced at the District Music Convention, June 6, at the Anaheim Convention Center.

“Pleasant at Home”

New Barcelona Grand Opening This Month

Construction is underway on Mission Viejo’s ninth neighborhood, named New Barcelona, after one of Spain’s most colorful cities. The $15-million, 482-home neighborhood is located in the northwestern corner of the community, and offers a hilly setting overlooking the 26-acre Wilderness Glen regional park.

New Barcelona reflects the need within the community for moderate cost, single-family homes, according to Don Schulz, marketing and sales manager. Prices will range from $20,995 to $27,500.

Four one- and two-story models, with distinctive elevations, will be offered in two-, three- and four-bedroom designs. All designs will be patio-oriented, with deep rear yards designed for outdoor living.

Design and concept of New Barcelona was coordinated with the architectural firm of Kermit Dorius, Corona del Mar. Rustic wood and stucco will be utilized, retaining the architectural image of the Mission Viejo community. Schulz said, and many fireplaces will be available as an option.

Features of New Barcelona include high, vaulted living room ceilings in several models and spacious walk-in closets in some of the master suites. A separate U-shaped kitchen with breakfast nook is featured in the two-story Dorada model, which also has an optional den or master bedroom downstairs.

Grand opening of New Barcelona is scheduled for late this month.
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EVENTS IN MAY, 1967-1972

May, 1967
Eldorado Homes open

May, 1968
First annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

May, 1970
Seville model homes open

New Eldorado model homes open

Sierra Recreation Center construction begins

Mision Viejo Fire Station opens

May, 1971
Aliso Villas model homes open

Madrid Homes Unit 4 opens

Lake View Homes, model complex under construction

Lake Village Gardens Homes Unit 3 opens

May, 1972
New Barcelona models open

New Madrid Unit 12 opens

Aliso Villas Units 4 & 5 open

Construction begins on first unit of homes, Aurora, Colorado

Construction begins on Aurora, Colorado, recreation facility

Las Vegas Tennis Match

Adult members of the Mission Viejo Recreation Center are invited to participate in a weekend of tennis at the Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, May 6-13.

Matches between members of the rec center and the Frontier Hotel Tennis Club on Saturday, May 13, will highlight the trip. Two courts have been reserved Friday and Saturday for free play.

Please contact Cindee Walker, 837-4084, at the rec center for reservations and further details.

New Casa Sandia Model Introduced At New Madrid

One of Mission Viejo's most successful developments, New Madrid, introduces an all-new model featuring an expansive 27-foot family room with a fireplace.

The new Casa Sandia 640 plan is a 4-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with optional upstairs galleria-study. It also features an exquisite two-level, 27-foot master suite including a romantic fireplace.

Don Schluz, marketing and sales manager, said despite the overwhelming success of New Madrid, Mission Viejo is constantly upgrading and customizing each home according to buyer appeal. He noted that luminous kitchen ceilings are now standard in every New Madrid home, only one of a dozen improvements recently added.

New Madrid homes are offered in 3 to 5-bedroom, 2- and 3-bath plans. Prices range from $33,500 to $44,995. FHA, VA and conventional financing available.

Standard features include electric range with self-cleaning oven, dishwasher, waste disposal, ceramic tile kitchen countertops, stained hardwood cabinets in kitchen and baths, ceramic tile baths and showers, and a roomy linen lighting in all kitchens and master baths.

Many homes feature adult areas zoned for privacy, separate dining rooms, large walk-in closets, and individual laundry rooms.

The popular five-bedroom Casa Sarga is the largest in the New Madrid series. This spacious two and one-half bath home has 2,800 square feet of elegant living space. Features include a dramatic curving staircase, formal dining room, separate family room, and library with optional wet bar.

Casa Dorado, with four bedrooms and two baths, has a cathedral ceiling in both living and dining areas. The large master bedroom is separated from the other bedrooms for complete adult privacy.

New Madrid model homes are located adjacent to the Marguerite Recreation Center. The center features four tennis courts, three championship handball courts, volleyball courts, exercise rooms, jacuzzi, sauna rooms, and a huge free-form swimming pool—everything for a complete program of adult physical fitness.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

The Marguerite Recreation Center will be closed Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Medical Dental Leasing

The Mission Viejo Company is now leasing the remaining space in its 45,000 square foot La Paz Medical Dental Center in Mission Viejo.

Space is leased on a "build-to" basis with requirements of the particular medical specialty considered at time of leasing. Four medical/dental suites are presently under construction with scheduled completion by May.

Architecture and design and coordination is being provided by Matteo Nardini, A.I.A., Union Bank Square, Orange. Building construction and interior design under construction are Office Building Services Contractors of Orange, and Fel-Mar Construction Company, Santa Ana.

The Medical Center is the first of its kind in Mission Viejo, providing for the major medical specialties and services to the community and surrounding area. Further information may be obtained by calling 837-6050.

FREE BLOOD-TYPING AVAILABLE—Paul Slagis, chief of the Clinical Laboratory, will supervise free blood-typing tests at Mission Community Hospital Auxiliary Monday through Friday, May 1 through 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Area schools will participate in a National Health Week poster contest. Plaques will be awarded to the winning schools and a scroll will be given to each participant.

ADIOS, TONY! — Preparing for his journey to Mexico, Tony, the leopard Appaloosa, poses for a farewell photo with his friend, JoAnn Pope, and owner, Rocky Aguilar, at the Mission Viejo Equestrian Center.

Mission Viejo Community Hospital Celebrates Hospital Week

Mission Viejo residents are cordially invited to visit Mission Community Hospital during National Hospital Week, Sunday, May 7, through Saturday, May 13. Public tours of the local facility will be given everyday during the week from 1 to 4 p.m. Reservations are recommended.

An eventful week is planned for the general public including free blood-typing, under the supervision of Mr. Paul Slagis, chief of the Clinical Laboratory. Tests will be given Monday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Free one-hour presentations for the public are scheduled Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m.

* Monday, Dr. Sheila Roberts, chief of the Emergency Department, will feature FIRST AID

* Tuesday, Mrs. Loretta Thurman, chief dietitian, will conduct a DIETER'S WORKSHOP

* Wednesday, Mrs. Joyce Miller, supervisor of Pediatrics, will speak on CHILD CARE

* Thursday, Mr. Sam Kossack, chief of the Physical Therapy Department, will lecture on PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

Limited facilities and seating require that reservations for the free blood-typing and presentations be made in advance. Please contact the Mission Community Hospital Auxiliary Monday through Friday, May 1 through 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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JoAnn Pope and her new ward, Rana

Tony Heads South Of The Border!

The pride of the Mission Viejo Equestrian Center, a leopard Appaloosa named Tony, heads south this month to retirement on a ranch in Sonora, Mexico.

Tony is described as "an extremely gentle, well-mannered, people-loving horse" by JoAnn Pope who has ridden him almost exclusively during his stay at Mission Viejo. JoAnn has taught many lessons on this smooth-riding yet spirited stallion.

The 3 1/2-year-old horse, who measures approximately 16 hands high, is owned by the Equestrian Center. Recenty, Rocky's uncles from Sonora were traveling through the United States in search of horses to improve the bloodlines of their ranch horses.

One of their stops was Mission Viejo to look at Tony. The Appaloosa's strength captured the eyes of the ranchers who immediately perceived his value as a breeding stallion. Also noted by these men was the great attachment between JoAnn and Tony—a painful parting was inevitable. To JoAnn's astonishment, Rocky's uncles gave her an eight-month-old quarter horse named Rana (frog) to break and train as long as she remains at the Equestrian Center.

Tony will soon embark on his journey to Mexico where he will be turned loose on a ranch with brood mares—never to be ridden again. Meanwhile, he is now acting as "big brother" to Rana, riding and romping with him at Mission Viejo!
Successful Season For Golf Club

Mission Viejo High School Golf Club is enjoying one of its most successful seasons to date. Coach Minier, who trains the 18 team members, leads the group in practice at least two to four times a week for three hours periods at the Mission Viejo Golf Club.

The team is comprised of eight varsity and ten junior varsity players. Varsity players include: Brad Basty, senior; John Schock, sophomore; Bob Hunt, senior; Tommy Martin, sophomore; Dave Schultz, junior; Mark O'Meara, freshman; Teddy Cummings, freshman and Greg Schiarrotta, senior.

The team enjoys a "3 and 0" record in competition this year. Mission Viejo High School campus, it was an tremendous accomplishment for a high school student.

Coach Minier, who has been at the high school since it opened six years ago, also teaches Philosophy, Creative Writing and Humanities.

Students To Construct Horticulture Unit

An Ornamental Horticulture unit will be constructed in the Agronomy area of the Mission Viejo High School campus, it was announced at a meeting held recently by the Agriculture Advisory Committee.

The facility will include expansion of the present greenhouse, a shade area, and a potting shed. Storage bins will also be added. The plan is a culmination of the study made by visits to school facilities throughout the State of California and consultation with the California State Department of Agriculture.

Mission Viejo Youth Basketball Teams Win Invitational

Mission Viejo’s third and fourth grade youth basketball team won first place in the “small city division” in the recent Riverside Invitational Tournament. The cagers won their first game against Claremont by forfeit, but went on to beat Delano 27-21 and the Rancho team, 28-17, in the championship. Team members, coached by Bob Mohr, background, were, front row, left to right: Kevin Coats, Scott Krowning, Lou Ochoa, Ned Frederick and Gary Bos, back row from left: Randy Huffman, Tom McDonald, Mike Scollman, Bobby Thorton and Todd Mohr.

For the fifth show of the season, the Laguna Moulton Playhouse is producing the Ryerson and Clemens comedy, “Strange Bedfellows.” Managing director Hap Graham has imported Bertram Tanswell as guest director. The play is currently running and will continue, Tuesday through Saturday until May 6th. For reservations call 494-0743 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Former movie star Frances Rafferty makes her debut as a director for “Dear Ernest,” a musical based on the famous Oscar Wilde comedy, “The Importance of Being Ernest.” This final play of the Laguna season will open May 23 and run for seven weeks, until the opening of the Festival of Arts. Reservations may be made by calling 494-0743, Tuesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Orange Coast College Art Gallery is exhibiting paintings and drawings of O.C.C. alumni John Comer through May 12. College Art Center hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A Smithsonian exhibit, Contemporary Indonesian Art, will be on display in the Orange Coast College Library reference alcove. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday; and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday.

The Orange Coast Evening College Lecture Series will feature “Profits through Personnel,” a hotel-motel seminar, at the Grand Hotel, Anaheim, Tuesday, May 9, 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. Kenneth Scripina is coordinator.

Madeleine Pichard, sponsored by the Mission Viejo Association of Artists and Craftsmen, will conduct a one day workshop in oil painting and landscape painting, on location. It will be held sometime during the first week in May. A $3.00 entrance fee is charged. For further information or reservations, please call Mary Lou McLlin, 837-6127.

A Home Savings and Loan collection of contemporary art is on exhibit at the Muckenhdlter Cultural Art Center, Fullerton, through May 26. The collection includes nationally noted artists John Altoon, Anthony Berlant, Hans Burkhardt, Mary Cortia, Edwin Ewing, Max Finkenstein, Tom Fricano, John Paul Jones, John McLaughlin, Ben Sakaguchi, Vic Smith and Jack Zajac. Viewing hours are Thursday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Excitement is the key word for youth of the area as the Saddleback Valley YMCA announces its annual summer programs. Activities for all ages range from day camps to bicycle trips to rubber boat trips through the Grand Canyon. Registrations are being taken at the YMCA office, 23331 El Toro Road, Suite #217. For further information, call the “74” at 830-YMCA.

The well-known wild flower paintings of Kathleen Shay Crawford are on special exhibit at Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, through May 14. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

A Young People’s Art Exhibit from America and Japan will be presented at Buxa Fine Arts Gallery, 1500 South Anaheim Boulevard, Anaheim, through May 12. This unique exhibit, under the direction of Margaret Schilling from Bowers Museum — Torana House in Santa Ana, and Takashi Senda from Sono no Atore in Japan, will feature paintings as well as two- and three-dimensional art works created with wood, leaves, paper, clay, ink, yare, papier mache and resin. Gallery hours are weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The paintings and drawings of Asmar are on exhibit in Mary Livingstone’s Gallery 2, 1211 North Broadway, Santa Ana, through May 9. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays by appointment.
No one can deny March 18 and 19 was a busy weekend at The Lakes in Tempe, Arizona. The action began Friday evening with a high school dance on Lookout Point. The sounds of Oedipus, an eight-piece rock band, warmed the cool evening. The two-day boat show by Sails West began Saturday morning with sailboats, eight to twenty-four feet, displayed in and out of the water.

Saturday's activities began with a golf tournament at Evergreen. Trophies were presented to Trent Elliott, winner of the first flight and the longest drive. Lloyd Snook captured the second flight, and Mike Smith received a trophy for the highest score.

Imagination among the nineteen entrants was evident in the kids' contest. Twenty-six winners included a Noah's Ark bike, a crepe paper and balloon creation, and a desert schooner.

A delicious repast of red snapper, cole slaw, baked beans, beer, soft drinks and cupcakes was served to more than 300 Lakes residents and their guests.

Weekend participants competed in nine bicycle races, arranged according to age, and nine sack races with sixty-four entrants.

The kite flying contest trophies were taken home by J. G. Koehnemann, Kirk Perry and Sandy MacFarland. Saturday afternoon was highlighted by exhibitions of model airplane flying, remote controlled sailboats and fly casting. More active sports included basketball, softball and volleyball games.

The hard working food committee served delicious fried red snapper, cole slaw, baked beans, beer, soft drinks and cupcakes to more than three hundred hungry residents and their guests on Lookout Point. Everyone ate and drank to the sounds of the Desert City Six Dixieland beat.

The nineteen entrants participated in the four-hour Regatta of Sunfish, Koralle Jr.'s and schooner. The Freedom Shrine is exclusively an Exchange Club project, and an important part of the overall American Citizenship program of Exchange.

Bill Kohler, California District Four Chairman of the Freedom Shrine Committee and vice president of the local Saddleback Exchange Club Donates Freedom Shrines

The Mission Viejo Nadadores scored big at the North Las Vegas Tenth Annual Spring Invitational, March 25 through 27. The Nadadores placed seventh in the 100 meter free style, and fourth in the 200 meter IM.

Steve Ronco took third place in the 1500 meter free style. He later placed fifth in the 100 meter back, and third in the 100 meter free and 200 meter IM. John Coni, aged 7, placed second in the 50 meter fly, sixth in the 50 meter back, and third in the 100 meter free and 100 meter IM.

Cathy O'Reilly, winner of the first flight, captured the second flight, and fifth in the 200 meter IM.

Capturing first place with a new meet record was the eight and under boys 100 meter medley relay with a time of 1:19.62. Members of the winning team were Tim Hugar, Jeff Alfrich, Steve Ronco and John Coni. The boys also led the 100 meter free relay with a 1:09.61. 13-year-old Cathy Howes was first place in the girls open 500 meter free. She later placed fifth in the 200 meter free and fourth in the 200 meter IM. John Coni, aged 7, placed second in the 50 meter fly, sixth in the 50 meter back, and third in the 100 meter free and 100 meter IM.

Jeff Lodder, director of Environmental Systems Division, operations, Mission Viejo, Colorado, recently announced that overhead power lines are scheduled to be removed this month — at the expense of Mission Viejo Company.

Grading has been completed for the first zone, sewer and water lines installed. Construction will begin May 1. The recreation facility, designed by Mission Viejo Company, will begin construction sometime in May.

A fire station is in the design stage and construction will commence before the end of the year.

Wayne Smith, project manager, Building Systems Division, Mission Viejo Company, Arizona, has announced the appointment of Larry Kerbs of Scottsdale as general superintendent of Mission Viejo projects at The Lakes, Tempe. The past five years, Kerbs has been a superintendent for the Mission Viejo Company in California.
Special Events, Programs Set Pace at Rec Centers

Summer's just around the corner with Mission Viejo Recreation Centers' sports-oriented programs and festive events. Activities for the month of May are:

Mon., May 1
- Evening Tennis — Montepono & Marguerito
- Beginning and advanced beginning classes offered. Instruction by Roll Bublitz, West Germany, is sponsored by Youth for Understanding. He was among the two hundred German students, from approximately one thousand applicants, selected to represent West Germany in the United States. The students representing both international organizations are chosen as the result of outstanding academic achievement, references from teachers and associates, and their performance during interviews.

Tues., May 2
- 7/11 Riding Club — Montepono
- "Film 1-4 Horse, 3/4 Dynamite." Cost: 25c. Calleres Meeting — Montepono
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Wed., May 3
- 8 p.m. Las Margaritas Board Meeting — Montepono

Thurs., May 4
- 7/11 Girls Club Special Craft Day — Montepono
- Spring flowers will be in the making. All girls are invited to join in on the fun. Cost: 25c.

Mon., May 8
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. — Geri Zell instructs four week course; $6. $12, non-members.

Tues., May 9
- 9 a.m. — Morning Tennis — Sierra
- Beginners and advanced beginning classes offered Tuesday and Friday. Beginners at 9 a.m. Advanced beginners at 11 a.m. Beginners $7.50; members $15; non-members. Advanced beginners $8; members $16, non-members.

Thurs., May 11
- 7:30 p.m. — Duplicate Bridge — Montepono
- Try your wits and members $15, non-members. Refreshments served.

Fri., May 12
- 6:30 p.m. — Annual New York Party — Montepono
- Free refreshments to sit on at a future games if you join us tonight. Bus leaves Montepono at 6:30 p.m. Cost: $4. Game starts 8 p.m.

Sat., May 13
- 9:30 a.m. — Fishing Trip Planned

Mon., May 15
- 4 to 5 p.m. — Evening Men's Handball Tournament. Handicap double league.

Wed., May 17
- 7/11 Club Swim Party — Montepono
- We've got some fun water activities planned. Just wear your swim suit and bring a towel!

Thurs., May 18
- 5 & 6-Year-Old Trip to Wilderness Glen
- Hey kids! It's time for the annual picnic to Wilderness Glen. Have mom pack a small snack sack and meet us at Montepono. Drinks and games supplied and for five to six year olds, games, and stories. 25c.

Fri., May 19
- 4 to 6 p.m. — Mission Viejo Dodge League — Marguerito Six man teams. Sign-up now at Marguerito.

Sat., May 20
- 7:30 a.m. — All Boys Ride — Mission Viejo Stables
- Put on your cowboy duds and tilt the old trail. Enjoy fresh horses; hay, water pots. Donuts and juice served. $2.50; members $3.25, non-members. Riders limited. Please sign-up at Montepono by May 18th.

Tues., May 23
- 7:30 p.m. — Duplicate Bridge — Montepono
- Deal yourself! Refreshments served. $1, members. $1.50, non-members.

Wed., May 24
- 7:30 a.m. — Las Margaritas General Meeting, Elections and Great Program — Montepono
- Meet and elect your officers for the coming year. Refreshments served.

Thurs., May 25
- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. — Crafts for Five to Six Years — Montepono Crafts especially designed for children to learn and have fun together. 25c.

Fri., May 26
- 4:30 to 6 p.m. — 7/11 Excursion to Wilderness Glen & Barbeque
- All 7/11 Club members are invited to enjoy the fun games, relays and barbeque. The bus will leave from Montepono. Sign-up please $1.

Sat., May 27
- 10 to 11 a.m. — Cartoon Capers — Montepono
- A morning of laughs for five to nine year-olds. 25c.

EXPERIENCING AMERICA — Currently attending Mission Viejo High School are foreign exchange students Rolf Bublitz, left, of West Germany, and Ezro Gorfu of Ethiopia.

Two students, one from Ethiopia and one from West Germany, were searching for a new experience and a method of fulfilling a dream to visit America. Both young men have realized their hopes as foreign exchange students currently studying at Mission Viejo High School.

Ezro Gorfu, 19, from Ethiopia, Africa, was one of two students chosen by the American Field Service from the private school he attended to represent Ethiopia in a foreign exchange student program.

Rolf Bublitz, 17, from Hamburg, West Germany, is sponsored by Youth for Understanding. He was among the two hundred German students, from approximately one thousand applicants, selected to represent West Germany in the United States. Students representing both international organizations are chosen as the result of outstanding academic achievement, references from teachers and associates, and their performance during interviews.

Ezro arrived in the United States in July, 1971, for a year's visit, residing with Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Lawton and family, Mission Viejo. Ezro comes from a large family with strong family ties among all the relatives, including grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins. The family unit is the center of activity. Not so in the United States, he observes. Here, family members generally go their separate ways with interests directed outside the home and family.

Rolf Bublitz, who arrived here last August, is living for a year with the Richard S. Crawford family of Mission Viejo. Rolf has found less of a generation gap here than in Germany. Parents and children enjoy common interests, although perhaps not together, and are more tolerant of one another's preferences. He, like Ezro, noted that here family members are more involved in projects outside the family than are German family members.

Life as a student in Southern California has also presented some new experiences for the exchange students. School in their native countries is strictly a place to study and learn. At Mission Viejo High School they were surprised to see students looking forward to returning to school in late afternoons and evenings for athletic events, club meetings and social activities. Athletics, in general, they observed, play a more prominent role in U.S. schools.

Ezro also pointed out that in Ethiopia the Minister of Education controls curriculum and teaching methodology to all public schools throughout the country.

The exchange students both agree that life in Southern California moves at a much faster pace than in their home countries. And they marvelled at the many activities there are to do and places to see here year around.

When Ezro and Rolf arrived in the United States, they experienced some difficulty with the English language. But that's history for them now. Roll's parents recently arrived in Mission Viejo for a visit from Hamburg. To converse with them, Roll first thought his words in English and translated them to German! Just the reverse of what he did less than one year ago. He hopes to return to Germany with an American accent.

Perhaps the most pressing problem the students have faced during their stay in Mission Viejo has been the lack of an automobile. Both young men agree, though, their American families have both more than generous in chauffeuring them to and from activities and events, as well as to points of interest in the Southern California area.

Naturally, they have visited Disneyland. Ezro has also toured places of interest in San Francisco, San Diego and Palm Springs. Rolf's journeys were highlighted by a trip to Mt. Palomar and Tijuana, Mexico. And just like a native Californian, he enjoys Mexican food.

A highlight of their stay in the U.S. has been their participation in International Days on several near by high school campuses. Here a foreign exchange student organization on a campus invites other foreign exchange students from neighboring campuses to visit that high school for a day, attending classes and speaking to the student body. At the end of the day, the invited guests have dinner together and amuse one another with entertainment from their respective countries.

Although Ezro and Rolf will go to their home countries this summer, both young men plan to return to the United States. Ezro hopes to obtain his masters degree here.

Both agree that meeting so many people during their stay here has probably been their most enlightening experience. As Roll states, "people from various parts of the world aren't really very different. Interests and differences are in their governments."

"MISST MORN" IS HER NAME — Sandy House, for right, owner of "Brownie," the more bored at the Mission Viejo Rec Center who go their separate ways in the "filly contest." Jenny (aged 9) and Chuck (aged 10) Petrie, children of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Petrie of Mission Viejo, fondly admire the filly they named "Wisty Morn." The Petries whose entry was chosen from over one hundred submitted, received a passbook good for ten one-hour rides at the equestrian center.

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Kite Flying Contest Winners

Thanks to a breezy day, the kites, many homemade, easily soared upward. The following winners were judged by Steve Wood of Montanoso Rec Center:

Highest Flying Kite: first place, Kim Brench, age 10; Todd Playtor, age 7, tied for second place.

Most Decorative Kite: Todd Jensen, 9, first place; Jody Brench, 9, second place; Kelvin Rom.

New Seville Closing Out

With the closeout in its final stages at New Seville Homes in Mission Viejo, only 16 homes remain to be sold. New Seville has accounted for sales of more than 420 homes since opening in the summer of 1970. With prices ranging from $26,995 to $34,895, New Seville, located in the rolling hills of northern Mission Viejo, stresses privacy. Indoor-outdoor living with a strong emphasis on individual privacy. Located nearly 600 feet above sea level, New Seville offers magnificent views of Saddleback Mountain and the surrounding hills and valleys.

Community Recreational Vehicle Storage Area

All Mission Viejo residents are invited to make use of the "Recreational Vehicle Storage Area." There are established rules and regulations to ensure the proper storage of such vehicles (truck, trailer, boat, camper) on street, driveway or unclosed side yard. The Vehicle Storage Area is conveniently located within the community and includes washing facilities, electrical power and security protection. For further information and details, please call 837-6050.

Kiwanis Club Donation

The Mission Viejo Kiwanis Club has donated $100 to La Paz Intermediate School to be used for the school's educationally handicapped classes. Accepting the check on behalf of the school were Virginia Page, teacher; Nancy Briner, assistant teacher; and Donald Hickman, principal.

Bacopulos Leads La Paz Field Trips

Eighth grade students at La Paz Intermediate School will embark on this year's final oceanography field trips to Dana Point Harbor on May 5 and 31. The trips serve as practical application of classroom studies designed to give the students an awareness of the universe and their position in it. In the harbor aboard the Fury II, the students learn the safe operation of equipment while measuring the temperature of water, plankton study, navigation study and specimen study. "The trip is a worthwhile project and students come away with a renewed interest and a better understanding of the ocean," stated Mr. Brian Spafford, chair-

New Appointments

Mission Viejo Company, Environmental Systems Division, announces the addition of two new staff members. James Ko of Mission Viejo has been named project engineer, according to Tom Blum, director of planning and engineering. Ko was previously employed by Toups Engineering, Santa Ana, as staff engineer. Prior to this he was project engineer for Peterson Development in Phoenix, Arizona.

Ray E. Jones of Tarzana has been appointed manager of engineering construction. Jones was announced by Doug Oxsman, director of operations. Jones was formerly general superintendent for J. A. Thompson & Son, Inc., Los Angeles, an earth-moving and general engineering firm.

Bacopulos Loans Mission Viejo Company's "Salesman of the Month" for March was George Bacopulos. New Madrid Homes. Bacopulos' sales totaled 22 homes with over $900,000 in dollar volume. Bacopulos, who has been with the New Madrid sales office since last June, recently purchased his own New Madrid home.

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SALESMAN LAUDED—Eldorado Project Sales Manager Chuck Corner was honored recently as "February Salesman of the Month" during a sales breakfast at Mission Viejo Country Club. Corner, right, was presented a cranberry plaque by Ken Samsparte, Mission Viejo General Sales Manager, for netting 42 sales with a total dollar volume of $1,208,560.

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