The Mission Viejo High School Diablos are suited up and ready to score this fall during South Coast League competition.
around the town

Alicia Park development under way in Mission Viejo

Development of Alicia Park, Mission Viejo's best equipped park to be constructed to date, is currently under way along the north side of Alicia Parkway at Coronel Drive.

The first park in Mission Viejo to be finished with courts, state and private funds, the park will serve a broad spectrum of the community, catering to most age and activity groups, County of Orange officials noted.

Alicia Park will offer the community a wide array of recreational opportunities:

- Sheltered picnic areas with barbecues.
- Two tot lots, one designed in an adventure playground motif for children age six through 12; the other devoted primarily to children under six.
- Two lighted multi-use athletic fields located at the north and south ends of the park to accommodate softball, soccer and football.
- Two sand volleyball courts located near the east end of the park.
- Rest-room facilities.
- Ampie areas of landscaped grounds will enhance the park's aesthetic appeal.

Alicia Park is expected to be ready for play by the spring of 1978.

Mission Viejo Company provided the land for the facility, rough grading, drainage, street improvements and utilities. In addition, the company is donating the costs of turf and irrigation systems for the project.

County and state financial participation amounts to about one-half the estimated cost of the park. Nearly $1 million will be spent on the project.

Alicia Park is the first of six community parks currently in the planning and development stages.

Plans for MV Cotillion told

Area youths with an urge to move to the best can learn to do so with style this fall when the Mission Viejo Cotillion makes its debut in October.

An information hour, wherein details of the program will be explained, is scheduled at Montanoso Recreation Center, 25800 Montanoso Drive, at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17.

Youngsters in fourth through ninth grades are eligible to enroll in the preteen and junior groups of the Mission Viejo Cotillion.

While etiquette and social poise are the purposes of Cotillion,” noted Mrs. Robert H. Smith, Cotillion director, “the keynote is fun . . . All the popular dances, from fox trot and rock to hustle and disco, will be taught.

Applications, available at the information session, will be numbered as received to ensure a proper balance of boys and girls. Registrations to attend the information hour may be made by calling Montanoso, 837-4981.

Saddleback Community Theatre announces 1977-1978 season

The Saddleback Community Theatre hopes to recapture the sounds of supportive community applause with the opening of their 1977-78 season, which will feature four productions.

The season will open Oct. 7 with the West Coast premier of a tender comedy by Texas playwright Ralph Mead, followed in early December by Woody Allen's farce, "Don't Drink the Water." Early March will see a revival of noted American dramatist George Kelly's last play, "The Fatal Weakness," and the season finale will be a murder mystery entitled "Busybodies" by Jack Poppelwell in May.

Season subscriptions are now available at a savings, announced Ben Jutzi, theatre spokesman.

"In addition to regular subscriptions, which are $9 for the season," said Jutzi, "a new First Nighter's group is being formed. For $30 subscribers to the group will receive a ticket to opening night of each production and champagne receptions following, as well as program recognition.

Subscription forms and further information are available by calling 837-9680 or 566-8342.

MVC celebrates Montiel opening, community's first patio homes

Mission Viejo Company celebrated the grand opening this August of its newest product offered in the planned community — Montiel Patio Homes.

According to Donald B. Schulz, vice president of product development for the home-building firm, more than 800 Montiel homes, valued at over $60 million, are planned to be built during the next three years.

Built with a "zero lot line" concept which allows maximum usage of the lot, Montiel Patio Homes include one- and two-story models from which to select.

In keeping with Mission Viejo Company's commitment to build energy conserving homes, staff architects incorporated a number of energy-saving features into the new series.

Montiel Patio Homes include a foam-filled steel entry door, the same type that was successfully tested in Mission Viejo's Minimum Energy Dwelling (MED) project sponsored by the federal Energy Research and Development Administration (EDDA), Southern California Gas Company and Mission Viejo Company.

(MED houses are adapted from the "El Faro" plan in the Cordova series.)

Other energy-conserving additions are full ceiling and exterior wall insulation, water-saving toilet tanks, flow-restricting shower heads, and dampers on the range hood and fireplaces.

Montiel homebuyers will automatically become members of the Lake Mission Viejo Association, with full privileges at Lake Mission Viejo when it is completed. The initial Lake Association dues, which will not be payable until the lake is completed and available for use by members, will be $7 per month, payable each six months.

"CASA EREINDA" is one of five homes offered at Montiel Patio Homes. Models, decorated by Mel Grau Design Corporation of Newport Beach, are located at the intersection of La Barca and Marguerite Parkway. To reach the models, travel north on Marguerite Parkway past Lake Mission Viejo to La Barca.

MVC Information: 547-7559.

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MVHS students win at Fair

The Mission Viejo High School Agricultural Center is more than just a learning center for Future Farmers of America. It’s a place of hard work, combined with an immeasurable amount of love and caring.

These characteristics are demonstrated by its students, who spend countless hours preparing their annual livestock projects for the Orange County Fair. For these nature-oriented kids, it all begins as early as November, when live stock is purchased.

“We pay for our livestock ourselves. If we need to, we can take out an FFA (Future Farmers of America) or 4-H loan from a bank,” explained Tony Guarnacci, one of many students who competed in the fair’s livestock competition.

“Since students must start with a good quality animal,” explained Arnold Troftgruben, Agricultural Department chairman, “their initial costs are substantial. They are feeding on a small scale, which makes their costs much higher than commercial offended.”

In order to recover their investments, students count on selling their livestock at the Fair auction for about 90 cents per pound, according to Troftgruben.

This summer, having fed, trained and loved their animals for nearly a year, MVHS Agricultural students entered 25 steers and 20 lambs in Orange County Fair Competition, and came home with admirable recognition for their efforts.

In the heavyweight Hereford division, Mission Viejo Future Farmers stole the show. All seven Gold Award top steers in the class were owned by MVHS students.

In the market lamb division all students received blue ribbons, three were Silver Award winners and nine won Bronze Awards. Many of the students auctioned, with no lamb selling for less than $5.10 per pound.

It’s hard work for the kids, and they all become closely attached to their animals as they are raised. But when the time for butchering arrives, the students must exhibit fortitude as they bid farewell to their stock.

Grace Bidart, who had had “Gulliver” — her 150-pound steer — butchered, expressed her feelings: “I wasn’t down here when he got killed, and it doesn’t bother me once it’s dead. But I wouldn’t eat him!”

MV baking trio scores at county fair

What does a 10-year-old junior pastry chef do with his trial batch? “Eat ’em,” said Joseph Sutter, winner of two second place ribbons at the Orange County Fair in the junior baking division.

He spent the summer in training for his first cookie cook-off. “I made tons of cookies,” he said. “And ate them.”

His was a non-automated approach to cookie making: His mother wouldn’t let him use an electric mixer, so he had to rely on his hands.

Joseph was a “little nervous” when he took his Chinese Almond Cookies (recipe follows), and his Chocolate Chip Cookies to the fairgrounds to be judged; but his practice paid off and he was awarded two red ribbons.

Asked about the cookies that took first place, he said, obviously developing a strategy for next year, “The big chocolate chips took first.” One could tell that he will enter giant chocolate chip cookies next year.

Joseph learned the rudiments of baking from watching his mom. He had a good teacher. Mom has been the sweepstakes winner in the baked foods division.

at the Orange County Fair for the past three years.

Esther Sutter of Portofino Drive took 11 blue ribbons. Two red ribbons and a white ribbon for an array of breads, pies, and quick breads entered in this year’s competition.

And the Sutter success doesn’t stop there. Sister Lori captured two first place ribbons and a third for her specialties.

Mrs. Sutter, who bakes as a hobby, is being encouraged by her family to turn it into a business. “They tell me I should open a bakery. But I think I would end up like the Little Red Hen . . . the storybook character who had no helpers until it was time to eat her freshly baked bread,” she said jokingly.

Esther first tried her hand at yeast baking while she was a teenager. “I set the dough to rise in a place that was too warm. It virtually exploded,” she said, reminiscing with the candidor only a real pro has.

She didn’t try yeast baking again until she was married. “Then, every time I tried baking, things came out a little better,” she said, trying to reassure this reporter and her daughter Lori, both of whom are yeast shy.

The following recipe is from the Sutter’s award-winning repertoire:

Joseph’s Chinese Almond Cookies (Shortbread type)

1 C. sifted flour
1/3 C. shortening (half butter or margarine)
1/2 t. salt
1/2 C. plus 2 T. sugar
1/2 t. almond extract or vanilla
1 egg yolk
1 T. water
1/4 C. blanched almonds, lightly toasted
Place flour in bowl. Cut in shortening finely. Use hands to work in salt, sugar and flavoring. Shape into long, 1” in diameter, and wrap in waxed paper. Chill about 1 hour, or longer. Heat oven to 400°. Cut roll into 1/4” slices. Place 1” apart on lightly greased baking sheet. Brush each slice with mixture of egg yolk and water. Press 1/2 almond, blanched, into top of each. Bake until light golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Makes about 12 dozen cookies.

TASTE TEST — Lori Sutter, center, offers her brother Joseph a sample of one of their mother’s entries in the Orange County Fair. Esther, left, Lori and Joseph won a total of 19 ribbons in the baked foods division.
If one picture is worth more than ten thousand words, amateur photographers in Mission Viejo are speaking eloquently—and winning awards for their efforts.

Much of this photographic enthusiasm is generated in Russ Williams' photography classes at Mission Viejo High School, where many young locals make their darkroom debuts.

According to Williams, there is an increasing number of photographers in this community who are "making it" in their field.

Greg McMillin, one of Williams' protégés, recently won the grand prize in the Los Angeles Times' Home Magazine Photography Contest. The MVHS grad was one of four Mission Viejo residents to receive honors in the competition.

"The Home Magazine contest is one of the biggest guideposts in California (supporting the rising eminence of photographers in Mission Viejo)," notes Williams. "Of more than 9,000 entries statewide, there were four winners from Mission Viejo. I don't think any other community in California even comes close to that, except Los Angeles."

Besides McMillin, who is continuing his education at the Brooks Institute of Photography this fall, Williams can list numerous students who hope to—or already have—broken into the professional world of photography.

"I've had kids who have graduated from Mission and gone straight to work in professional photo labs," Williams said.

So why is there a rising number of eminent photographers in Mission Viejo, above other California communities?

"In order to be a really good photographer you have to have a little bit of aggressiveness, quite a bit of intelligence, and a lot of stick-to-itiveness," explained the instructor. "And it seems like the people in Mission Viejo as a whole—from what I've seen since I moved here (three years ago)—are basically that kind of people. They see something they want and they go for it."

Williams recognizes this quality in many of his students, but also claims that the challenge inherent in the visual art generates a special type of enthusiasm.

"The kids in this area who are really into photography are enthusiastic about it because it's a challenging, fast form of expression. "You can do anything with photography that you can do with paints... you can make it as abstract as you want. And every photographer develops his own personal style and technique."

But at least one reason Williams' pupils excel at the art is the insight they acquire through his instruction.

"What I tell (my students) in the very beginning is that if they don't learn anything else from me, I hope they learn how to see... how to look at something and see more than just a leaf on a tree... to see the beauty of it. I tell them everything they look at has something to offer, and it's up to the creative person to find it."

MISSION PERFECT—Mission Viejo High School grad Greg McMillin won third prize at the Orange County Fair this summer for the monochrome photo of Avalon Harbor shown on opposite page.

Above: During a trip to Mexico MVHS student Brian Egan caught two children at play.

Right: Brian Egan photo of his younger brother.

Left: Lithoprint by Greg McMillin illustrates just one of many darkroom techniques which create special effects.
Coping
A clinical social worker will discuss coping with anger at the Montanoso Recreation Center, 25800 Montanoso Drive, Sept. 29 at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited. There is no charge. Helen Mills will concentrate on self-help guidelines for coping with anger in child-parent relationships and in marriage. The possibility of organizing continuing groups will also be discussed. For information, call 837-4981.

To the king’s English
The South Coast Literacy Council will observe World Literacy Day, Sept. 8, with displays in libraries, and classes to train volunteer tutors during September. The Council, a non-profit organization, is seeking volunteers to aid in combating illiteracy by teaching adults to speak, read and write English, or improve their English language skills. Evening and morning tutor training classes are available in San Juan Capistrano. Teaching experience or knowledge of a foreign language is not required. Call 493-6279 for further information.

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Nadadores sparkle at MVI meet

After competing in the Olympic Games in Montreal last summer, one would think there would be little excitement for Mission Viejo's Brian Goodell until something other than swimming competition. But Goodell hasn't lost his enthusiasm, and he proved it this August at the Mission Viejo Invitational (MVI) Swimming Championships.

The Olympic medal winner in the 400- and 1,500-meter freestyle events broke MVI meet records in three events and became the meet's high point men's trophy winner.

"Each race is different and offers its own excitement," said Goodell, reflecting on the MVI competition. "It was really fun to be with my teammates and the fans were really into it." Goodell followed this victory with triumphant finishes in the 200- and 1,500-meter freestyle races, setting meet records of 1:54.83 and 15.49.54.

Schubert called Goodell's performance at the MVI "the best non-national meet he ever had."

Besides Goodell's three individual first places, Nadadores competitors picked up championships from Jesse Vassallo in the 200- and 400-meter individual medley events, from Alice Browne in the 200-meter butterfly, and from Australia's Tracey Wickham, swimming unattached for the Nadadores, in the 1,500-meter freestyle.

The Nadadores women also won the 400-meter medley relay and the 800-meter freestyle relay.

Nation's top divers compete at Mission Viejo

Twenty-five of the nation's top divers and an appreciative crowd of 1,500 inaugurated the new Olympic-quality diving facility at the Mission Viejo International Swim Complex this summer. The Invitational American Cup Diving Meet, instituted last year to give America's top divers the opportunity to compete among themselves, was the first diving competition held at the new facility.

Kent Vosler, diving for the Ron O'Brien Diving School, was clearly the meet standout, winning both the three-meter springboard and the 10-meter platform. He also executed the best dive of the meet—a front 3⅓/2 pike. (He received one score of 10, with a balance of 9's and 9⅓'s.)

In a post-meet interview, Vosler called the performance "the most consistent I've ever had."

"I was really comfortable," he said. "With good weather, a supportive audience and beautiful facilities, I really came up for the meet. It was the highest I've ever scored."

Denise Christensen of Tucson, Ariz., won the three-meter springboard competition in an impressive comeback performance. She was outstanding in both the back 2½ and the reverse 2½ in the finals.

Christine Loock of Ft. Worth, Texas, made a strong showing in the three-meter springboard and captured second place. Jennifer Chandler finished third.

Barbara Weinstein, defending national champion in the 10-meter platform, captured that event, after trailing McCorristick Divers' Kit Salnes during most of the competition.

"I was back 40 points, when Ron O'Brien (her coach) reminded me 'It's not over yet,' " Weinstein explained. "After that I kept the pressure on. I went after each dive as well as I could— I didn't hold back."

Salnes had an impressive performance, placing first in the prelims in the 10-meter platform. A short back 2½ tuck in the finals knocked her into second place. Indicted under FINA rules, the American Cup, an Olympic development meet, included three-meter springboard and 10-meter platform diving—the two events included in the Olympics.

A flying front 1½ somersault by Dr. Sammy Lee executes a front 1½ somersaults at the dedication ceremony of the new Olympic-quality diving facility at Mission Viejo's International Swim Complex where about 1,500 turned out to watch the American Cup Diving Meet.

The Christening—Amidst a cloud of brightly colored balloons, Dr. Sammy Lee executes a flying front 1½ somersault at the dedication ceremony of the new Olympic-quality diving facility at Mission Viejo's International Swim Complex.

Ron O'Brien, whose divers took three of the four events, will be joining the Mission Viejo Nadadores aquatics program next summer. After licking over the Mission Viejo facilities, Kent Vosler and Barbara Weinstein reminded that they're planning to dive with the Nadadores under O'Brien. Olympic gold medalist Jennifer Chandler may be joining the team as well.

With Olympian Greg Louganis already on the team, the Mission Viejo Nadadores Diving Team will unquestionably be a rising powerhouse.
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Send details on your October activities to The Reporter at the above address. They will be published on a first-come, first-served basis.

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