Newest Homebuilding Program Starts

Eldorado Homes Development to Open in Mission Viejo May 14

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Certain to attract nationwide attention in Eldorado Homes, newest home building program in this 11,000-acre community, is the first time in many years that architecturally designed homes embodying quality construction will be made available to homebuyers in a Southern California planned community at prices beginning below $18,000.

Model homes showing the four floor plans being offered in Eldorado Homes are under construction and are scheduled to be completed and open to the public on May 14. Already, however, word is spreading and although no advertising has appeared, 23 families have made reservations for homes in the first unit of 93 Eldorado Homes being built.

The new residential development will feature distinctive exteriors that will further enhance the Spanish architectural charm that will be universally observed in Mission Viejo when it is completed. A decade from now.

With a price range from $17,995 to $21,495, Eldorado Homes are certain to capture the buying fancy of families, especially when they observe the quality features, such as used brick or Mission Viejo block fireplaces, vaulted beam ceilings, range, oven and disposal built-ins, sliding glass doors and raised entries.

Extensive designs have such features as lowered window shutters, covered entry ports, cedar shingle roofs.

Construction by the builders of La Paz Homes, Eldorado Homes will constitute another step in making Mission Viejo one of the best balanced planned communities in the nation.

Inn Now Open Wed. & Thurs.

The Inn at the Mission Viejo Golf Club is now open to the public for dinner Wednesdays through Sundays. Previously, dinner was available to the public Fridays through Sundays.

The change in policy was made necessary due to the heavy demand in the area for a dinner facility for mid-week use. The Inn is open to the public and golfers seven days a week for breakfast and lunch.

Grand opening of La Paz Plaza, their own convenient neighborhood shopping center on Residents Day, March 31.

The official opening began with the "unlocking" requiring the combined strength of Orange County Supervisor Alton Allen, and Donald L. Bren and Philip J. Reilly, executive vice president of the Mission Viejo Company respectively.

Many Mission Viejo housewives braided dancing rain to be first in line for the opening of the United California Bank branch. They were greeted by a contingent of bank officials, showered with gifts including balloons for the kiddies, treated to music while they waited.

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Work Starts on O'Neil Elementary School

With two future students assisting Mrs. Margarette M. O'Neil, ground was broken April 10 for the first elementary school in Mission Viejo. Named in honor of Mrs. O'Neil, 88, oldest living member of the O'Neil family, which owns the historic 53,000-acre Rancho Mission Viejo upon which the planned community of Mission Viejo is built, the Marguerite M. O'Neil Elementary School will serve the first 700 families.

Helping Mrs. O'Neil break ground were the future students: Cami Fryling, 4½, resident of La Paz Homes; and Michelle Burton, 4½, resident of Deane Homes, two residential developments in Mission Viejo.

Also represented at the ceremony was a member of the seventh generation of the O'Neil family, Tony Mosio, Mrs. O'Neil's grandson and vice president of the Rancho Mission Viejo.

Joining them in the groundbreaking were Ralph A. Gates, superintendent of schools, San Joaquin Elementary District; and Donald L. Bren, president of Mission Viejo Company.

Flexible, rather than fixed, classroom size will be provided.

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Funseekers Play Easter Bunny to Small Fry

There was a lot of originality expressed when the 5th and 6th graders who call themselves the FUNSEEKERS decided to throw an Easter egg hunt for the pre-school, 3 to 6 year old group. Under the direction of four mothers, Mary Macho, Bobby Steam, Marie Haggard and Joyce Murphy, the group met the day before the hunt to give 7 dozen eggs their proper Easter dressing. Their artistry included bright eyes and collages done with tissue paper, foil and magic marker pencils.

McCordle Honored

Randy McCarville, sales executive with Deane Brothers, has received the Certified Master Brokers Award from Burt Smith, new California Real Estate Commissioner.

Recipients of this exceptional real estate award must complete comprehensive study of related subjects in law, psychology and finance. Only 124 plaques have been presented since the program's beginning.

Want More Reporters?

Extra copies of the Mission Viejo Reporter are available to residents of Mission Viejo, visitors and others desiring copies to read or send to friends. Just visit the La Paz Homes sales office, the Deane Homes sales office, Monterey Masterhomes office or write to the Mission Viejo Reporter, Box X, Mission Viejo, Calif., and ask for extra copies. They will be available for a limited time.

Ice Skating Party for “Pied Pipers”

The latest of many outings for the Mission Viejo “Pied Pipers” was a skating party at Glacier Falls Arena in Anaheim. Some 50 children and a dozen mothers attended the party. Novices aided by a few experienced skaters were making it all the way around.

NEW OFFICERS of the Mission Viejo Men’s Club: from left, Ted Witt, treasurer; Jim Rivenes, vice president; Harvey Steam, president; Bruce Roberts, secretary.
UNLOCKING the bank for the very first time are Donald L. Bren, president, Mission Viejo Co., (with key) and United California Bank officials (left to right) Charles Baillie, vice president and branch administrator; William T. Wells, Mission Viejo branch manager; and Norman Barker, senior vice president. La Paz Plaza was built by the Mission Viejo Company.

Shopping Center Opens

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ed to coffee and pastries, and serenaded by a Mariachi band.

Across the Plaza at Thriftmart, Morrison Pharmacy and Mission Florists similar festivities occurred. Beaming merchants and smiling Mission Viejo residents made up for the momentary lack of the usually brilliant sunshine.

Members of the Mission Viejo Youth Club did a grand job in acting as hosts and hostesses for the event.

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PHARMACIST Don Morrison, Morrison Pharmacy, proudly points out the complete stock of pharmaceuticals now available to Mission Viejo residents in the community’s first drug store. Agreeing is Robert N. Le Clerc of E. R. Squibb & Sons.

BRIGHT FLOWERS can bring smiles even on a rainy day, residents prove as they rush to be among the first customers of Mission Florists in La Paz Plaza Residents Day.

PHARMACIST Fred Stewart wields the giant scissors for the traditional ribbon cutting for Morrison Pharmacy helped out by Donald L. Bren, Mission Viejo Co. president (left), and Orange County Supervisor Alton Allen.

THE BEAUTY of La Paz Plaza is enhanced by the floral arrangements created by Mission Florists whose owner, Mrs. Earl W. Harper, is shown here cutting the ribbon for the opening, assisted by Donald L. Bren, Mission Viejo Co. president (left), and Orange County Supervisor Alton Allen.
Construction Starts on School

(Continued from Page 1) in the Marguerite M. O`Neill Elementary School. Inclusion of sliding partitions in the 20 classrooms within the four building school complex was planned because of the needs of the rapidly growing community. School officials said that flexibility permitted by the sliding partitions will enable them to adjust to increases in student body size.

The school, designed by Flewelling & Moody, A.I.A., Pasadena architects and engineers, will be built by Warde & Higgenbotham, general contractors, Orange. The contract price is $705,750.

The school, located on a 6.05-acre site, will serve the Montville-Niguel-Woodland Hills elementary school district.

The buildings, constructed of split face block and equipped with sliding partitions, will provide 40,000 square feet of floor space. In addition to the classrooms for grades 1 through 6, there will be two kindergarten rooms, a library, kitchen and dining facilities, and a multi-purpose administration building and auditorium with a stage that also serves as an outdoor amphitheater.

All buildings will be air conditioned and carpeted. When completed in November, the new educational facility will accommodate approximately 750 pupils.

Construction of a junior high school is projected to begin this fall.

RIVENES PROCLAIMS HIMSELF TO BE AN EXUBERANT BOOSTER

One of Mission Viejo's most enthusiastic boosters has to be James D. Rivenes who proudly proclaims himself to be one of the first residents, having moved here from Newport Beach in April, 1966. Sounds strange to claim to be an old-timer after only one year, doesn't it?

Rivenes, a stock broker with Goodbody & Company in its Laguna Beach office, not only speaks enthusiastically about Mission Viejo but he is doing things to assure its continual growth as one of the finest places to live in the nation.

Recently he was selected by the board of directors of the Moulton-Niguel Water District to fill one of two vacancies on the board. He was one of 14 applicants, all of whom were homeowners within the water district.

He declared himself to be "enthusiastic and enthusiastic," concerning his selection and emphasized that he wants to represent homeowners as effectively as he possibly can.

"I want to encourage Mission Viejo residents to call me at home or at my office at any time when they have problems or questions relating to the water district," he said.

Rivenes lives at 24841 Mosquero Lane. His home telephone number is 537-7645.

A 31-year-old captain in the Marine Corps Reserve has closed that his goal in connection with the water district is to try to get better communications between the water district board of commissioners and homeowners and the second is to reduce the tax rate. He is highly confident that both can be accomplished.

Rivenes was born in Oak Park, Illinois, and spent much of his youth in Montana and Washington. He was introduced to the water business by the U. S. Marine Corps in which he was commissioned in 1958 after graduating from the University of Washington in 1957.

He moved to Newport Beach in 1959 while still in the Corps and, following completion of three years of duty, joined Goodbody & Company in 1961. As a registered representative, he handles the sale of all types of stock but has been particularly active in municipal bonds.

This specialization in municipal financing has given him more than an average interest in the development of Mission Viejo. He believes that not only Mission Viejo but all of southern Orange County has a great future ahead of it.

"I think we residents of Mission Viejo can take pride in telling everyone we live here," he declared. "Furthermore, when our community has reached full development, we'll be able to say with all truthfulness that we live in the best place to live in Southern California."

Pre-School Summer Sessions to Begin

Registrations are being accepted for the six-week summer sessions at La Paz Pre-School for nursery and preschool-aged children. Classes will be held from June 11 through July 28.

Operated by the Mount of Olives Lutheran Church, the non-sectarian school will have half-day sessions for children aged 2½ and 3 years on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and half-day sessions for 4 and 5 year olds on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Classes will be held ten a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Tuition for the two-day-per-week course for the full six weeks is $25 and for the three-day-per-week course, $35. A $10 deposit is required with each registration which will be deducted from the balance of the cost.

Registration is limited to 34 children in each age group. Registrations may also be made at this time for the fall program.

The Pre-School is located at 24772 Chisanta Drive. For information about registrations, contact Mrs. Noble at 537-7467.

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Tournament Traffic Terrific at Golf Club

It hasn’t taken golfing groups long to “discover” that the new Mission Viejo Golf Club is ideally suited for club and association tournaments. During April, the second month the club was opened, 14 tournaments were played.

In May, nine tournaments already have been booked with dates still available for additional group tourneys.

The May tourneys include Title Insurance and Trust Co., 40 players, May 6; Mario Maru

La Paz Homes Set Record Sales Pace

La Paz Homes in Mission Viejo averaged nearly two homes sold per day in the first three months of 1967.

So popular are the homes, winners of three major national awards for design, construction and planning, that recent opening of sales of two new units of 81 homes witnessed families camping in the sales office parking lot for as much as eight days to be first in line when the sale started, he reported.

First quarter sales of La Paz Homes, priced from $21,950 to $27,500 totaled 90 units.

The development offers five floor plans incorporating three and four bedrooms. Numerous exterior designs range from Spanish to modern. Architectural design are keyed to the early California heritage of the land on which Mission Viejo is situated which is part of the historic Rancho Mission Viejo created by a land grant from the king of Spain.

First Baby Born In La Paz Homes

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ashby of 25622 Via Viento, proud parents of Richard Mason Ashby, born March 27, 1967 at 10:30 p.m. Young Master Ashby weighed in at 7 lb. 9½ oz. and was 21 inches in length at birth, a good prospect for athletic glory at Mission Viejo High School in a few years.

Our thanks to neighbor Mrs. Don Luck for letting us know about the first “new arrival” in La Paz Homes.

Fund Created to Save High School Athletics

Faced with a crisis because of budget cutbacks that threatened to severely restrict athletic competition in the Crestview League, booster clubs for Mission Viejo High, Foothill High and Tustin High banded together to raise $50,000.

Uniting under the name, Sports For Kids Program, the booster clubs secured $35,000 in contributions by various individuals and firms.

The sale of peanuts by youngsters and other projects will be used to raise the remaining $15,000.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund should contact the Mission Viejo Booster Club through the Mission Viejo High School office.

Contributors will feel an extra sense of satisfaction as they watch the high school teams in action during the coming year from the knowledge that they helped make it possible.
A Visit To... Charles W. Bowers Memorial Museum

Any resident of Mission Viejo with the slightest interest in the colorful heritage of the land where he now lives will thoroughly enjoy a visit to the Charles W. Bowers Memorial Museum in Santa Ana.

Not only does the museum offer a fascinating collection of artifacts dating as far back as centuries before the arrival of the first Spanish settlers in the area but it also presents contemporary exhibits on loan from museums, collectors and artists from interesting places throughout the world as well as Orange County and numerous musical events, lectures and other cultural activities.

This educational and cultural center of Orange County is open to the public without charge, daily except Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sundays, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The museum is a department of the City of Santa Ana.

The architectural setting of the museum immediately transports the visitor to a bygone era of California missions.

Passing through its romantic portals, the visitor is greeted by sights that bring alive bygone days, examples of the long-departed Indian women and other cultural activities.

Orange County's past, afforded insights into our amazing heritage you now share as a resident of Mission Viejo. Pause before a small shrine with its altar pieces or the imitating life-size statute of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, first white man to visit the coast of California. Imagine the grandeur of another era as you look at the largest collection of meorabillas of Madam Modjeska. There are so many fascinating things to see that you will want to return again and again.

The permanent exhibits at Bowers Museum cover the activities and extension programs planned by the youth group. The temporary exhibits afford an unending variety of fascinating insights into our amazing world.

The museum has a number of rooms specifically devoted to Orange County's early history. The first to be entered by the visitor is the Indian Room, a magnificent collection of more than 12,000 artifacts whose messages are more understandable by paintings of Indian life lining the walls. A collection of "cog wheels", unusually shaped stones thought to have been used in religious ceremonies that have been found in Indian burial grounds in Orange County is the largest to be seen anywhere.

The priceless collection of hearthstones on exhibit in the museum affords abundant evidence that the Spanish who first settled the Orange County area were even more colorful than they have been depicted in motion pictures. The examples of apparel of these Spanish pioneers is replete with rich brocade, brilliantly colored shawls and fans, lace mantillas, embroidered shoes, and other examples of exquisite adornment from the "Days of the Dons."

Throughout the museum are awe-inspiring glimpses of Orange County's past, afford-...