



BEAUTY SPOT — Little Greg helps Jim Ayers, standing, position the Mission Viejo Beautiful Landscape Award in the Skeen yard. Sitting with their children Greg and Traci are Gary and Letty Skeen, one of three recipients of the July landscape award. Others are Ron and Bonnie Worden and Ambrose and Estelle Carrillo. The award winners are selected each month by the Mission Viejo Beautiful Committee of the MV Homeowners Association. Committee members are Jeanne Gagnebin, Jim Ayers and Kris Maas. Monthly winners receive a certificate, a \$10 gift certificate to Roger's Gardens and a "Beautiful Mission Viejo" license plate.



INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNICERS — More than 10,000 people participated in the Mission Viejo 4th of July picnic at the Mission Viejo Country Club golf course. The festivities were sponsored by the Mission Viejo Activities Committee. An estimated 14,000 people watched the fireworks display funded by Mission Viejo Company.

SC tennis coach named

Bill Otta, an original member of the Saddleback College faculty, has been named coach of the college's intercollegiate tennis team, which will debut next winter.

Otta, who has served as trainer to all Saddleback athletics for the past seven years, was selected by the Saddleback Board of Trustees to head the new program.

Otta is a graduate of Cal State Los Angeles, where he attended on a tennis scholarship and played on two conference championship teams. His coach was

Scotty Deeds, now assistant commissioner for World Team Tennis.

Saddleback is currently in the planning stages for eight tennis courts on campus and expects to have the courts ready by January.

The college has been approved for admission into Mission Conference competition for the 1974-75 year.

"I'm already contacting players and I urge anyone interested in the program to call the college," said Otta. The college phone number is 831-9700.

Seville Grand Prix attracts 2,000 spectators at race

More than 2,000 spectators crowded into the Seville neighborhood to watch the third annual Seville Grand Prix and root for their favorite soap box racers, July 7.

Ollie Vaughan of the Seville neighborhood, winner of the inaugural Grand Prix won the double elimination quarter-mile race in car number 5 with a winning time of 33.5 seconds.

His average speed in the down hill run was almost 32 miles per hour.

He was followed by second place car number 26 driven by Harold McCurdy, who won the same slot last year.

Third place winner Chuck Jones of Lake Forest in car number 14 was also awarded a special citation from Road and Track magazine for best car design.

Fourth place went to Chris Reed of Huntington Beach and fifth place was awarded to Jan Warren of El Toro.

Bear BeBolla in his Bearmobile was given the hard luck award and Don Eachus won the most spectacular crash award.

Chuck Qulener of Road and Track magazine awarded car

number 68.5 driven by Don Robinson the best style and engineering award.

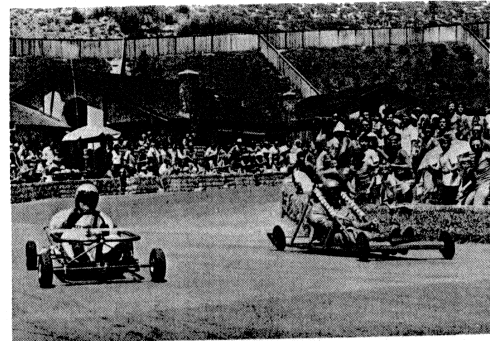
Trophies, donated by Mission Viejo Company, were presented to winners by Larry LeGate, race chairman, and John Noble, president of the Seville Homeowners' Association.

A special trophy was presented to the Glen Yermo Elementary School Drill Team, which led the

parade of 26 entries along the race course.

Also featured at the day's event was an arts and crafts show, sponsored by the Seville Homeowners.

All communications for the Seville Grand Prix were handled by Saddleback Valley Emergency Communications, a volunteer organization of citizen band radio operators.



SEETHING COMPETITION — Two soap box racers veer around a sharp curve during the third annual Seville Grand Prix.

Montrose cyclist wins 110-mile bicycling championship at MV

Rich Hammen of the Montrose Bicycle Club outlasted and outdistanced a field of 108 starters in the 110-mile Senior Men's event of the annual Southern California State Road Bicycling Championships at Mission Viejo.

The race, which began shortly after noon, ended five hours, 21 minutes and 10 seconds later, after 22 laps of the five-plus mile closed course.

A close second in the chase for the championship was Gary

Ludlow of the La Grange-Westwood club, trailing Hammen by no more than three seconds at the finish line after the two had staged a sprint finish over the last two laps.

About 40 seconds behind the two leaders was Ron Skarin, 1972 Olympian and the man favored by many to take the honors Sunday.

The first 10 finishers in the Senior Men's event gained credentials to participate in the na-

tional road finals held in Detroit July 27 and 28.

Winner in the day's second longest race, for junior boys (ages 15 to 18) was Chris Farrell of Newport Beach in a close race to the wire with Bob Keane, also of Newport Beach, after eight laps, or 40-plus miles. Both riders are members of the Ciclistas Capistrano club in San Juan Capistrano.

Hannah North of the San Diego Bicycle Club successfully defended her 1973 Southern California crown in the 35-mile Senior Women's event, edging second place Linda Stein of the Paramount Cycling Club and Jane Brolin of the Gitanes South Bay Wheelmen.

The Veteran Men's 35-mile race (40 and over) was won by Costa Mesa's Jim Meyers, a member of the Paramount Cycling Club.

National qualifiers in the Intermediate Boys (12 to 15) 20-mile event were, respectively, John Jorgensen, La Grange-Westwood; Jim Samuelson, Paramount Cycling Club; Mark Ryland, Shimano, San Diego and Chris Spensley, North Hollywood Wheelmen.



CYCLING CHAMP — Rich Hammen (front) rides to a three-second victory over Gary Ludlow during the Southern California State Road Bicycling Championships at Mission Viejo, June 30. Rich beat a field of 108 starters during the Senior Men's race.

COLORADO COUNTRY

Volunteers ready field

Community interest and involvement was demonstrated May 18—Sod Day—when about 40 community members and Mission Viejo Company volunteers worked 11 hot, tiring hours moving and laying sod for the new activity field.

The volunteers showed up at 7 a.m. to begin the laborious job of rolling the sod, cutting it and then laying it out on the temporary activity field. Angell & Sons

of Aurora helped the Mission Viejo crew with the organization and moving equipment.

By 6 p.m. the volunteer crew had covered half the field. Mission Viejo Company then completed the job.

The new activity field gives Mission Viejo residents a beautiful grass-covered area for games, field activities, and outdoor events. The field was ready for the 4th of July fireworks display.

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