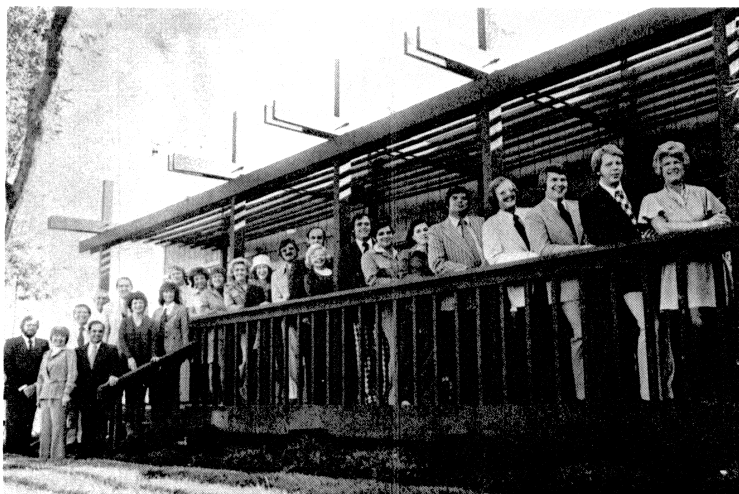




SMILING FACES—Twenty-four members of the Mission Viejo Realty staff pose on the front porch of the new Mission Viejo Realty office at 23482 Alicia Parkway, near Trabuco. According to Vern Lewis, manager, "With two offices in Mission Viejo and 11 new staff members, we've doubled the selling power of Mission Viejo Realty." The new Alicia office is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Boy Scouting 'big' in MV

Boy Scouts of America is well represented in Mission Viejo with a total of 12 packs and 10 troops in the Saddleback and Capistrano districts.

"The enthusiasm for scouting in Mission Viejo is outstanding," said Cal Gormick, associate district executive for the Saddleback district of the Orange County Council of Boy Scouts of America.

"At our recent Scout-O-Rama held at the Orange County Raceway Motocross, we had a turnout of more than 1,500 boy scouts and cub scouts. We're expecting a similar response for the January Pinewood

Derby, too."

According to Gormick, the Pinewood Derby has become so popular with fathers—as well as sons—that a second competition category for fathers has been created "... so that the sons can have a chance to build their own eight-inch models."

The location of the Jan. 11 contest is yet to be determined. The Pinewood Derby kits may be obtained at Scouting outlet stores or through national headquarters.

"Scouting is probably one of the best ways for parents to be able to help boys become men," says El Camino Real District

Executive Duane Jones. "We have many parents—mothers and fathers—in the Capistrano Unified School District who are serving as den mothers and troop leaders. We welcome the involvement of even more parents."

Jones invites interested parties to attend the Orange County Cub Scout Leaders Pow Wow scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at La Quinta High School, 10372 McFadden Avenue in Westminister.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and costs a dollar for a Pow Wow patch, materials, coffee break and refreshments. Participants should bring a sack lunch.

The event is designed as a training session for cub masters, den leaders, institutional representatives of churches and PTA groups that sponsor packs and troops.

Center hosts holiday Sale

A dazzling array of more than 3,000 unusual, hand-crafted gift items are on display at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center in Fullerton for the leisurely enjoyment of the holiday shopper.

The annual "Olde Country Holiday Faire," an exhibition and sale of arts and crafts created by more than 60 southland artists, is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., now through Dec. 22.

The Muckenthaler Cultural Center is located at 1201 W. Malvern, Fullerton.

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Basketball season opens

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man, Gil Normandie, and Bob Russo. Steve Park, who red-shirted last season, also returns at guard, and Pat Gallis, a forward who lettered in 1972, is also back.

Newcomers include center Dan Dodd, forward Dave Harris and guards Rick Rogers and Bob Ponce.

The biggest question facing the Gauchos is the replacement of Rick Bauer, an all-conference guard who made the team go during its hot streak in the second half of last season.

Bauer was a fast-breaking playmaker, holder of all Saddleback assist records and an accurate shooter. He was the equalizer against teams with superior height, which was just about everybody.

The Gauchos have about the same personnel up front, but with the addition of Dodd, Gallis and Harris Saddleback enjoys far more depth than in 1973-74.

So the question lies in the guards' ability to replace a player the caliber of Bauer.

The first injury of the season is a broken nose suffered by Hoffman during drills last week. The sophomore guard has been impressive in early practices, reporting in excellent condition and with a determination to earn one of the starting guard berths.

Normandie, like Hoffman, saw considerable playing time last season, and is a scoring threat. Rogers also reported in good condition and could be the guard Stevens will call upon to ignite the offense.

Maze and Halley alternated at center last season, but with the addition of Dodd, both will be seeing more time at forward this year. Maze was among the

county's scoring leaders for most of last season and has looked good in drills thus far.

Halley has the reputation of being the hardest working Gauchito, and with added confidence in his shooting ability, he should give a big lift to the offense.

Nau is mobile, agile, an accurate shooter and also a hard worker. Like Halley, he is active at both ends of the court and should be one of the team's most important players.

At 6-6, Dodd doesn't bring the complete answer to the team's lack of height, but the freshman from San Clemente is a strong board player and a good shooter. He has displayed talent at blocking out on the boards and could be the team's top rebounder.

Gallis and Harris should give Stevens the opportunity to go to his bench for front court relief, something the Gauchos lacked last season. Gallis is a mobile player who moves well without the ball, and Harris should provide additional board strength.

Balance appears to be the team's strongest asset, with several players capable of cracking the starting lineup. Battles will be waged over the forward and guard positions, perhaps throughout the first half of the season, as Stevens will have several combinations to choose from.

The Gauchos open the season the weekend of November 29, with back-to-back games with San Diego Mesa and Mira Costa, the same two teams who started Saddleback on its lengthy dry spell at the beginning of last season.

This time the Gauchos are confident they can start playing winning ball from the outset.

Master Chorale presents annual Christmas program

The Irvine Master Chorale opens its seventh season of choral performances at 8:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14, with the 115 voices and 40-piece orchestra presenting "Christmas with the Master Chorale."

Sponsored by the Orange County Choral Association, featured works will be Bach's "Magnificat" and "The Many Moods of Christmas" by Shaw-Bennett. John Alexander will assume the baton for his third season as conductor of the Chorale.

The concert will be performed at the First Baptist Church of Santa Ana, located at 1010 West 17th Street, near North Flower.

Jan Unvert, business manager, said, "We, like many other cultural organizations in Orange

County are constantly in desperate need of an adequate place in which to perform. We have found a small, but acoustically sound place for our concerts this year at the First Baptist Church.

"We want to give our audience a choice of either Friday or Saturday evening to hear this great holiday musical treat. Every member of the family, young and old, will hear the traditional Christmas carols known to all, along with a magnificent orchestral accompaniment."

Tickets are now on sale. Concert prices are \$5 for preferred section seating and \$3.50 for general admission. Student admission is \$1.50.

Tickets are available by calling 833-2277.

Local MV couple wins 14-day Princess Cruise

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Amodeo of Mission Viejo have just returned from a 14-day Princess Cruise of the Mexican Riviera, which they won in a drawing sponsored by Radio Station KLAC.

Their daughter, Linda Litton of Santa Ana, submitted their name in the vacation drawing because she thought it was about time for her parents to take a vacation. Later, she was astonished to hear her parents announced winners on the Jay Lawrence program.

Although Linda is a country music fan and a regular listener of KLAC, her parents were not. "I never used to listen to KLAC," said Mrs. Amodeo. "But I sure do now!"

The Amodeos sailed from Wilmington on the cruise which visited Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Acapulco, and three other ports-of-call.

One of the highlights of the trip was dinner with Tennessee Ernie Ford, who directed the selection of the winning entry during the drawing.

COLORADO COUNTRY

Mission Viejo, Colorado celebrates with "Five Nights of Christmas"

The annual "Five Nights of Christmas" will be enjoyed by residents of Mission Viejo, Colorado, again this year. The celebration will feature special Christmas activities on five separate nights, beginning with the lighting of the community Christmas tree and the arrival of Santa Claus on Dec. 8.

On Dec. 15 Santa's Workshop will be opened and a canned-food drive for charity will be held concurrently.

The annual Snow Ball on Dec.

20, will highlight the third night of Christmas. This is an evening of dining and dancing for all the adults in the community.

The fourth night of Christmas, Dec. 22, begins with a candlelight parade through the community to the recreation center and climaxes with a Christmas pinata party for the children.

The Five Nights of Christmas will conclude on Christmas Eve with the annual Luminarias—the lighting of the sand candles.