



RIBBON CUTTERS—Participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the grand opening of Mission Viejo's Thriftmart are from left Marty Russo, community services manager for Mission Viejo Company; Shirley Watson, president of the Saddleback Valley Chambermaids; Calvin Neve, president of the Saddleback Valley Youth Recreation Council; James W. Decker, president, Saddleback Valley Chamber of Commerce; Dave Keller, general manager of Thriftmart; Robert Badham, state assemblyman, 71st district; Bill Wells, manager of Mission Viejo United California Bank; Julie Noriega, Miss Saddleback Valley; Robert Lavery, Thriftmart executive vice president; Keith Hunnel, market supervisor, Mission Viejo Thriftmart; George Dunham, owner, General Appliance Company; Bart Spendlove, planning commissioner, 5th supervisorial district; Robert Nelson, administrative assistant in 5th supervisorial district; and Daisy Rigdon, manager of the Saddleback Valley Chamber of Commerce.



LONG LIVE THE KING — Prince Frasier, son of Lion Country Safari's King Frasier the Sensuous Lion, was crowned king of the jungle at the Thriftmart grand opening celebration during July. Participating in the coronation are from left Emily McLaughlin, who portrays nurse Jessie Brewer on the day-time serial General Hospital; King Frasier, Al Hubbard of radio station KAPX, who made the crown; and Heinz Philips, director of advertising, Thriftmart.

Thriftmart opens

A circus atmosphere pervaded the opening of the new Thriftmart supermarket, the first retail store to open in Mission Viejo's Village Center, located near the intersection of La Paz Road and Marguerite Parkway.

A camera day, an appearance by actress Emily McLaughlin of General Hospital, the crowning of Prince Frasier of Lion Country Safari, and appearances by Frankenstein's monster, and Alice and the White Rabbit from Wonderland highlighted the grand opening celebration.

The Thriftmart supermarket, designed to fit the early California motif of Mission Viejo, is the first of a number of stores to be

built in the 30-acre shopping center.

Adjacent to the supermarket and Saddleback Lanes will be a major drug store, a junior department store, Crocker Bank, and Carl's Jr.

The designers of the new Thriftmart have incorporated several outstanding features in the 14,600-item store, including the Hussman Multi-Deck Meat Merchandisers.

Other features are a complete liquor department, a florist department, a Van de Kamp Hot Bakery Department, a complete delicatessen department, and an energy-saving ice cream section.

COLORADO COUNTRY

More than 130 cyclists raced at the Miller High Life Bicycle Classic at Mission Viejo, Colorado, July 21, vying for more than \$1,600 in merchandise prizes.

Highlighting the day was a two-block celebrity classic among Byron Beck, basketball star of the Denver Rockets; Ron Lyle, heavy-weight boxer; Hank Kashiwa, professional skier; and Ken Highberger, Denver television personality.

The winner, Kashiwa, attributed his success to having incorporated cycling in his fall training schedule.

The race, over a 1.4-mile

course within the Mission Viejo community, was fourth in Miller's five-stop national series of amateur bicycle races. The tour culminates in Mission Viejo, California, on Sept. 8.

Winner of the Senior race — the main racing event of the day — was Paul Murray, a member of the U.S. Army team, competed at the 1972 Olympics in Munich. Although his specialty is track racing, he proved to be an ace road racer as well.

During the 25-mile Senior Men's event he beat out all competition by averaging 35 miles per hour.

Landscaping course at Saddleback College

For those who take pride in their landscaping, there's a lot of ground to be covered at Saddleback College, according to Barrett Reeve, instructor of horticulture.

Saddleback College offers an "Introduction to Horticulture" class this fall which caters to the novice home landscaper as well as the individual who wants to embellish his yard with more than just a green lawn.

The class will present a basic overview of plants and plant types, as well as general landscaping. With the opening of the college's 63,000 square foot Science/Mathematics complex this fall, the new facility will

feature a modern greenhouse with perfect conditions for plant germination and growth to enhance the horticulture education program.

The five-unit course will meet on Mondays in S/M 202 from 6 - 10 p.m. beginning Sept. 16, with a lab section scheduled on Wednesdays from 6 - 9 p.m.

Fall quarter registration by appointment only begins on Sept. 10.

Late registration will be held in the Saddleback College Admissions and Records office on Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, and in the evening between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

New superintendent Robert Lombardi sets goals for Saddleback College

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi assumes his duties as superintendent of the Saddleback Community College District Sept. 1. He succeeds Fred H. Bremer, who will continue in the capacity of college president for the remainder of his contract.

Lombardi, who has been president of Moorpark College in Ventura County for the past four years, said he is "intrigued" with the opportunities his new post presents.

"Saddleback is a growing college. I look forward to growing with it," he said at a press conference subsequent to his appointment.

Dr. Lombardi said his ultimate goal as superintendent is to make Saddleback College the best in the state.

"I'm very competitive and I've never been satisfied with second or third place," said the new superintendent.

On his list of top priorities are efforts to bolster the college's sagging image.

"One way to boost the effectiveness of the college," he said, "is to set up satellite campuses in surrounding communities."

A satellite campus program at Moorpark College, where Lombardi has been professor, dean and president, has created considerable community support in Ventura County.

Lombardi said, for example, that a low-cost "storefront" campus might be set up in Tustin, allowing students there to take some of their classes locally and

some at the main Mission Viejo campus.

Moorpark College has branch campuses in the neighboring communities of Camarillo, Simi, Fillmore and Thousand Oaks.

"Our off-campus program was so well received that this past summer we had more students taking classes off-campus than on-campus," Lombardi said.

He said he will discuss the satellite campus idea with the board in light of present budgetary restrictions.

The new superintendent said

another of his goals is to get out into the community "and sell Saddleback College."

"I want to get the college moving; see that the permanent buildings are built; and get the community enthused. I think the board is ready to move in those directions," he added.

Lombardi, 41, will be paid \$37,000 per year, plus salary increases, during his four-year contract. He will be evaluated annually, according to the contract, which was passed by a 4-2 vote of the board.

Warranty Dept. changes hours

To improve service and response time, the Mission Viejo New Home Warranty Department, formerly Customer Service, has announced a change in hours, effective Sept. 1.

The department, located at 26971 Estanciero Dr., will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

For weekend emergencies, new homeowners are requested to contact their sales office.

The change in the department's title is an effort to more clearly define the function of the department. "Our job is to correct defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year," explained Don Hess, manager, multi-family dwellings, New Home Warranty Department.

"Nonetheless we will continue to function as an information center, helping homeowners lo-

cate manufacturers and qualified maintenance personnel," he added.

Meditation lecture set

A free public lecture on the benefits of Transcendental Meditation will be given Tuesday evening, Sept. 10, at Mission Viejo High School, 25025 Chisanta, beginning at 8 p.m.

Lorin Roche, who has been teaching Transcendental Meditation in South Orange County for several years, will discuss the unique state of "restful alertness" which is achieved during the practice.

"Whereas the body settles into a state twice as deep as sleep," he said, "the mind remains maximally alert and aware."



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