Clad in authentic costumes, David Nix (left) and Chris Lyone re-create the mood of the first Thanksgiving.
In and around Mission Viejo

**Beta Sigs gather**

The Saddleback Valley Council of Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority will hold its annual Orange County visitation dessert meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3 in the El Dorado Bank community room in Laguna Hills.

Well-known wardrobe and color consultant, Barbara Lee will be the speaker for the evening.

Further information can be obtained by calling Ann Matney at 770-1407 or Jill Cushman at 961-7301.

**Making music**

Chapters are now being formed in Mission Viejo to join the Southeast County Guild of the Orange County Music Center.

Residents interested in supporting the performing arts are urged to join a chapter in their area to help raise funds for the construction and maintenance of the Music Center.

Further information may be obtained by calling Cheryl Bartetzko at 770-5867, Mary Blum at 768-8861 or Shirley Lawrence at 770-0223.

**CHRISTMAS DELIGHTS—Mission Viejo Aidantes members (from left) Sallie Straub, Sharol Zambukos and Carol Harvey display a few of the hand-made items that will be sold at the Aidantes 10th annual Christmas bou-tique. The boutique, held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at La Paz Intermediate School, will offer such gifts as Christmas wreaths, hostess gifts, stocking stuffers, and home decorations.**
Casta del Sol resident ‘made’ Hollywood’s faces

Armand Delmar can thank World War II for his introduction to, and subsequent great success in a 28-year career as one of Hollywood’s most acclaimed makeup artists.

Because most makeup men in the world’s film capital were drafted to fight in the war, Delmar got his big break in 1944.

As a frustrated actor so the next best thing was to be around them (the actors and actresses) and help them in their characterizations,” said the Casta del Sol resident.

Delmar played countless roles in silent and the original “talkie” films along with stage acting for nearly 20 years but he had little experience in makeup. However, he found the transition to working behind the camera easy.

“I had done my own (makeup) work and knew how to do it. I was sort of a natural at it,” he recalls.

With instruction and guidance from renowned makeup men Ernie Westmore and Ben Nya, Delmar was launched into a career that eventually made him one of Hollywood’s best.

“I did the makeup on characters like Pruneface, which was a very difficult image to create.”

Among his “patients” have been Doris Day, Melynn Douglas, Paul Newman, Peggy Lee and Nat King Cole.

When television became a popular medium, the 75-year-old Delmar worked on many of TV’s first programs, including the Dick Tracy Show, one of his bigger challenges.

“I did the makeup work on characters like Pruneface, which was a very difficult image to create,” says Delmar, who shares his home with his wife, Luz, a native of Chile. “I enjoyed the glamour makeup but actually preferred character work.”

He also worked on Liberace’s TV series and finished up his illustrious career on the crews of “Bonanza” and “Hogan’s Heroes.”

Along with making up countless stars, Delmar also rubbed shoulders and established friendships with some of Hollywood’s bigger names—John Wayne, Ginger Rogers, John Barrymore and the legendary Rudolph Valentino.

He has a scrapbook and piles of photos of movie and TV stars with dozens of personal notes.

“There were two people that actually saved me, Valentino and Barrymore.”

Delmar relates one incident while filming in Mexico with Wayne. “The Duke” saved him from a great amount of discomfort by sending him some pills to get rid of “Montezuma’s Revenge.”

Delmar also reminisced about watching Valentino and Barrymore on the set.

“There were only two people that actually saved me,” he says. “They were Valentino and Barrymore. Every time Barrymore moved, it was a picture, just beautiful. He has this harmony of rhythm and grace all the time.”

And as for Valentino, Delmar states he was originally drawn to Hollywood because he was so impressed by the silent era film star and the fact that, like Valentino, he was of Latin extraction.

Delmar went as far as sporting a Valentino haircut and wardrobe in his early acting days.

At the tender age of 18, Delmar got his start in Hollywood, shortly after his graduation from high school in 1929.

His first role was in Harold Lloyd’s “The Freshman,” and he later appeared in stage productions at Los Angeles’ Mayan Theater.

Delmar played parts in several old classics such as Greta Garbo’s “The Terrent” and Mary Pickford’s “My Best Girl.”

“I worked all around, wherever you could get a job in those days,” he said. “We went from studio to studio looking for roles to be cast in.”

But despite a fairly constant flow of acting jobs, Delmar realized acting would not remain his bread and butter forever.

“I wasn’t prepared for a career in acting because I didn’t have any real drama training,” he said. “In makeup, I kept improving and every day I learned something new.”

Delmar would study an actor or actress intently to determine how to make them up and unlike acting, had nc director or producer telling him what to do.

In the 1960s, Delmar found television a more secure and financially rewarding area to direct his talents because the TV season ran 33 weeks as opposed to a few weeks with a movie crew.

“Makeup work was also more lucrative. I made a good living as a makeup man instead of starving as an actor,” he noted.

And he found the stars accepted him more off the screen. “When I went behind the camera, everything changed. They (the actors) treated you differently, socially and in your work.”

Delmar speaks most favorably about his work with “Hogan’s Heroes,” a series portraying American and English soldiers in a German prison camp during World War II. He holds fond memories of the show’s talented cast, which included Bob Crane, Richard Dawson (now the host of “Family Feud”), Ivan Dixon (now a television producer), Werner Klemper, John Banner and Robert Clary.

Even after the series was discontinued, Delmar remained good friends with the cast, especially Crane, until the actor’s death in 1979.

“It was like a big family,” said Delmar, who left the makeup profession in 1972 “because it was no longer an art due to the constant rush state of television.”

Delmar considered himself a perfectionist and of today’s makeup people, says “They overdo things. It’s called gilding the lily. Makeup is highly exploited today.”
Seniors plan monthly events

The Beltingers from the Geneva Presbyterian Church of Laguna Hills will entertain members of the Saddleback Valley Seniors Club at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14 at Montanos Recreation Center.

The Big Yellow House Restaurant will be the scene of the seniors’ dinne-r at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19. The restaurant is located on Marguerite Parkway near Avery Parkway, Mission Viejo.

The Friday-fourth evening social Nov. 28, will feature a pilgrim’s party at Montanos Recreation Center.

Las Vegas is the destination for Nov. 16, 17 and 18 seniors trip.

Homes on parade

Six Mission Viejo homes will be opened to the public for the eighth an-nual Fiesta de la Hacienda Holiday Home swim, from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7.

Sponsored by the Mission Viejo Beautiful Committee, tickets are priced at $6, and go on sale Nov. 14 at Montanos Recreation Center. Children 12 and under will not be allowed on the tour.

One of the homes on the tour will be opened as a “holiday house” where refreshments will be served and per-sons can register for a chance to win a door prize.

SALUTE MV OLYMPIANS during aquatics show

A salute to Mission Viejo’s Olympic swimmers and divers will be capped by an aquatic show scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 at the Marguerite Rec-reation Center.

Comedy dives, a 100 foot torch dive and a swimming exhibition are a few of the events planned.

Olympic divers include Megan Neyer, Greg Louganis and Dave Burgering and national champions Wendy Wyland, Jean Meyer and Doug Shaffer. Nadadores head coach Ron O’Brien, who was named 1980 Olympic Diving Coach will also be at the show.

Besides springboard, platform and synchronized diving, Sam Hernandez, world champion diver, will execute a hands-and-torch dive from 100 feet above the water.

There will also be a special segment featuring the “aquamaniacs” who will perform their well known comedy routines.

PLAY FOR TURKEYS — Carol Bickett (left) and Donna Gambale warm up for Marguerite Recreation Center’s turkey shoot, from 8 to 10 a.m., Nov. 28-29. Tally-ups begin Nov. 1 and cost is 90 per person. The turkey shoot is open to recreation center members only.

NEW NADADORES — Cynthia “Sippy” Woodhead has recently joined the Mis-sion Viejo Nadadores swim team. Woodhead, formerly of Riverside Aquatics, is one of the best female swimmers and probably the finest freestyler in the world.

SULLIVAN NOMINATION — Mission Viejo Nadadores diver Greg Louganis has been nominated for the Sullivan Award by the United States Diving Inc., the national governing body for the sport of diving. The Sullivan Award re-cipient will be named at a dinner held for all the nominees this February in Indianapolis.

O’BRIEN LAUDED — Mission Viejo Nadadores head diving coach Dr. Ron O’Brien was named “Coach of the Year” for 1980 by the United States Diving Inc., the national governing body for the sport of diving. The award is two years old, and O’Brien has received it both years. O’Brien came to Mission Viejo three years ago.

ARTISTRY AT ITS BEST — Members of the Casta del Sol art league (from left) Viole King, Olga Steam, president, and Victor Sauer price just a few of the works to be displayed at the league’s art fair.

CdS artists to sell works

Members of the Casta del Sol art league will be displaying their crafts at an art fair, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15 in the Vista Room at Casta del Sol.

Ceramics, oils paintings and water colors, china painting, sculpture, photographs and needlepoint will be available for sale. There will also be a demonstration of china painting on Fri-day, beginning at 1 p.m., and a ceramic demonstration on Saturday at 1 p.m.

College symphony to perform

The Saddleback College Symphony will perform Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Main Campus in Mission Viejo.

The symphony will present works by Bach, Beethoven and the Devorak Fourth Symphony under the direction of Kay Andrews.

The Fall Jazz Ensemble will perform Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. Bill Kirk will conduct the ensemble as they present an array of jazz numbers with appearances by professional guest artists.

Tickets are $4 or $3.50 for students and Gold Card (senior citizens) hold-ers. For tickets, reservations or infor-mation call the Saddleback College theatre box office at 831-4656 Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SVCT plans series of plays

The Saddleback Valley Community Theatre is continuing its play series with “Paisley Convertible” beginning Nov. 21 at Mission Viejo High School.

Saddleback Valley Community The-atre is offering a four play package, where subscribers may choose four plays at a subscription price of $14 per person or $24 per person which in-cludes champagne and hors d’oeuvres following the opening night play.

Remaining plays of the season in-clude “The Runner Stumbles,” “Catch Me If You Can,” “A View from the Bridge,” and “The Best Man.”

Further information can be obtained by calling 770-0831 or 830-9255.

TRES OSOS AUCTION

Art masters such as Calder, Dali, Rockwell and Kelly will be featured during an art show and auction spon-sored by Tres Osos Guild of Children’s Hospital.

Art may be previewed from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with bidding beginning at 8 p.m. at the Monarch Bay Beach Club on Saturday, Nov. 15. Donation at the door is $5.50 per person.

Reading in the home stressed in local schools

Capistrano Unified School District has launched a program designed to improve reading in the home.

Since the reading environment of young people consists of both the home and school, there will be increased em-phasis on cooperation between both to enhance this environment.

Efforts by both individuals in the district to improve reading at home will include contests and suggesting appropriate books to the parents to read to their children, Kelly Cleveland of CUSD reported.

“We want to start with children as young as kindergarten age, all the way through eighth grade. Parents are asked to provide good reading models for their children,” Cleveland said.

Within the school, the emphasis will be placed on reading for enjoyment and enrichment.

The help of parent organizations will be enlisted to set up special reading centers in the schools, sponsor book clubs and other activities designed to get books and readers together.

Invitations will be issued to com-munity members who would like to spend time in the schools reading to child-ren.

Further information can be obtained by calling your local school or Cleve-land at CUSD at 496-1215.
For your convenience

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Orange County Fire Dept. . . 538-3501
Orange County Sheriff's Dept. 834-3000
Mission Viejo Municipal Advisory Council 581-7610
Pacific Telephone . . . . . 642-1161
San Diego Gas & Electric . 498-7043
Moulton Niguel Water District 831-2500
Santa Margarita Water District 586-1973
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Southern California Gas Co. . 634-0251
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OCTD Dial-A-Ride . . . . . 540-6215
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Felipe Recreation Center .51-MVRC
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Madrid del Lago Homes . . . 830-8320
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Mission Viejo Home Decorator Center .837-6050
Mission Viejo Realty 581-1000
Marguerite Office . . . . . 837-9500
Lake Forest Office . . . . . 770-2111
Montiel Homes . . . . . . . . 586-5210

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