

COMMUNITY CAPERS...COLORADO

Model Home Decorating Contest Winners Named

Five hundred dollars in cash awards were made Wednesday night to home economic departments from three Denver Public School District high schools for their Christmas-time decorating efforts of model homes at Mission Viejo in Aurora.

In all, seven high schools from the Denver, Aurora and Cherry Creek districts participated, decorating seven of the model homes.

First place honors, which included a check for \$300, went to East High for work on the Granada Plan "B" model.

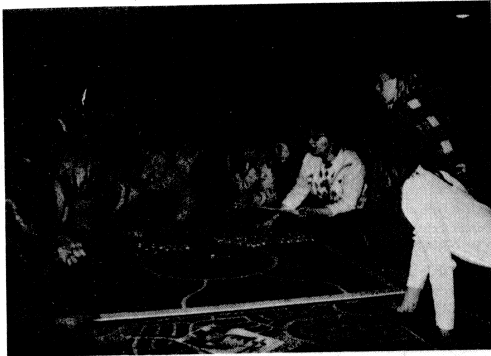
A second place check for \$125 was presented to West High students for their efforts in the La Paz Plan "L" model; and a third place check went to South High students for their decorating in the Granada "E" plan.

Presentation of the checks took place during an open house held at the Mission Viejo recreation center. The open house was

staged for participating students and their parents.

Representatives of all three schools have announced their winnings will be applied to Future Homemakers of America-Home Economics Related Occupations (FHA-HERO) programs.

Tony Natali, director of operations at Mission Viejo, said current plans call for the decorating competition to become an annual event. He invited Denver area residents to tour the students' efforts with an eye to finding energy-conserving decorative hints for their own seasonal displays.



TEENS AT MISSION VIEJO—Colorado, are pictured here with one of the coordinators of the Los Posados program shortly before the event. The group met to check over the plot plan of the community so they could determine exactly where the sand candles would be placed. All reports stated that the celebration was a success and an enjoyable yuletide experience for all community members.



SANTA'S WORKSHOP—made a big hit at Mission Viejo, Colorado this year. Santa's workshop (above) was the site where many youngsters, such as Robbie Fagally (below) gathered to share their most confidential Christmas wishes.

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WINNERS—of the recent contest where several high schools from Aurora, Denver and Cherry Creek School Districts put forth their best efforts to decorate each model home in the sales complex. Winners from each school received cash prizes.



DR. JACK PLATT—principal, Mission Viejo Elementary School, addressed nearly 500 people who attended the recent dedication ceremonies commemorating the official opening of the new elementary school.



A. KEESON AND SON—environmental landscapers, donated a large tree to Mission Viejo, Colorado, which was planted permanently in front of the recreation center. The 15 foot wide, 15 foot high tree was decorated during the holidays for all residents to enjoy. A plaque will be placed adjacent to the site in recognition of A. Keeson and Son's donation to the community.

MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

FIRST SWIM MEET HELD AT MISSION VIEJO

Members of Mission Viejo Colorado's swim team enjoyed their first meet Thursday, December 6, against the swim club from Loretta Heights.

Mission Viejo's swim team, which was organized last summer, includes approximately 60 youngsters ranging in ages from six to 17 years of age.

More than 250 spectators viewed the meet at the recreation center where Rex Abeliene, Loretta Heights, brought his team to victory with a total of 199 points. Mission Viejo scored 116.

"We were extremely pleased with the interest and enthusiasm from members of the team and their parents during our first meet," said Dave Baron, head swim coach. "Although we didn't win, our results showed that our team has great potential for becoming a successful swim team in the future."

Baron, who was a member of the swim team at the University of Kentucky and, who competed in the Olympic trials in the summer of 1972, noted that the team's practice schedule will be expanded from three nights a week to five starting this month. Assisting Baron at the junior Olympic indoor pool at the recreation center is John Sterns, a swim coach at Gateway High School, Aurora.

Prior to the meet at Mission Viejo, two members of the team were entered at a Thanksgiving Invitational. The two youngsters included Deanna and Debbie Norcross. Deanna placed fifth in the breaststroke while Debbie who did not place, bettered her time in various events.

MISSION VIEJO ELEMENTARY DEDICATION

Members of the Cherry Creek School District, executives from Mission Viejo Company and parents attended the formal opening and dedication ceremonies of Mission Viejo Elementary School Friday evening, November 14.

Welcoming the guests, which numbered close to 500, was Dr. Richard P. Koepp, superintendent of the district. Dedication and acceptance of Mission Viejo Elementary was presented in speeches given by Robert G. Wilson, president, Cherry Creek Board of Education, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Pasternak, parents of children attending the elementary school.

On hand to accept gifts donated to the school was Dr. Jack Platt, principal, Mission Viejo Elementary and presenting gifts was Anthony J. Natali, director of operations, Mission Viejo Company.

Gifts to the new school included a check for \$11,000 from Mission Viejo Company, to be used for school equipment. School district officials noted that \$3,000 would be used for teachers' instructional aid materials, \$5,000 was allocated for visual aid equipment and the remaining \$3,000 would be spent on library materials. Mission Viejo Company also donated 38 pine trees which will be planted on the grounds of the new school.

At the close of the services, elementary school children offered their parents a tour of the recently completed facility.

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