

... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

The El Segundo Women's Club called me some time ago and wanted to know if I would speak to their group on the subject of Children's Art. Never having been in El Segundo, and not at all certain that I had enough time to make the adequate preparations for a successful presentation, I reluctantly accepted the invitation. Had I known the warm reception that was to be given me, I would not have hesitated.

Most of the members of the audience were parents — in fact, several high school Hallmark contest winners were in the audience with their parents. Most parents are aware that teaching art to children is surely a richly rewarding endeavor, despite the narrow attitude that many educators feel pressured to maintain. This teaching of art to children must be done with understanding, purpose, planning, and most important of all, love.

Children the world over have much in common. Before they are influenced and molded by their particular environments and all of the "grown-up people" they encounter, they react alike to various stimuli. They laugh, they cry, they delight in seeing colorful objects, and they all respond to kind, sympathetic voices. The seeds of creative expression are present in all young children, but unfortunately not all of these seeds are permitted to grow and develop in today's society.

VERY YOUNG children in all countries seem to draw in much the same manner at similar age levels. They begin with scribbles, then they move on to simple symbols,

and then progress to naturalistic interpretation. This procedure that they go through is all done instinctively. It is a basic communication comparable to a matter-of-fact conversation that a child might carry on with other children or possibly a very animated conversation with himself.

The imagination of a child has no limits, as all parents will testify. Their compositional daring knows no bounds. It is no wonder then that their intuitive and naive expressions have entranced and influenced many great painters like Henri Matisse, Paul Klee, Pablo Picasso, Jean Dubuffet, and Joan Miro. To imitate children's art work is false and practically impossible. But to be influenced by and understand what a child is really expressing takes a very perceptive individual.

A very good example of a noted artist expressing himself in symbols that have been influenced by children's art is Pablo Picasso. The particular painting that I have in mind is the huge mural that hangs in the UNESCO building in Paris. It was painted on 4-by-8-foot panels and then hung in a lobby area. The guide that was showing us through the building seemed not at all interested in Picasso and so my understanding of it was not very comprehensive.

ONE OF THE most fascinating aspects of human growth is the development of a child's ability in art. Of course there must be a sensitive guiding of the child by the teacher or parent. Yes, parents can also do a good job of teaching a child, sometimes even better than certain professionals. Simpler learning terms have to be substituted for the younger children — but it soon becomes apparent that the child quite readily understands the ideas of using light and dark colors, of creating big and small shapes, and of making things go together to fill the space.

Peninsula Storm Drain Is Completed

Completion of all work on a \$80,237 Rolling Hills Estates storm drainage facility has been announced by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The structure was built by Herb Smetzer of Rolling Hills Estates, under terms of a contract awarded by County Supervisors last September.

Nearly a half-mile of reinforced concrete drainage conduit varying in diameter from 18 to 33 inches and spread over five lines was installed.

The project was financed as part of the \$275 million storm drain bond issue approved by county voters in 1964, Chace said.

Trial for Area Youth Scheduled

An 18-year-old television repairman faces a trial April 5 on charges of possession of dangerous drugs.

William Bezan, Jr., of 3721 W. 180th St., was arraigned on the charge Thursday in South Bay Municipal Court. A jury trial is scheduled in Division 3 of the Court April 5.

Bezan and two other persons were arrested by Torrance police Wednesday about 1 p.m. when they were spotted in a parked car at Font-hill and 180th Street.



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EASTER PREPARATIONS ... Cadets of Girl Scout Troop No. 4 are busy these days preparing Easter baskets for Long Beach Veterans Hospital under the direction of their leader, Mrs. William A. Henges, and Mrs. J. Russell Shea, president of South Bay Unit 184 of the American Legion Auxiliary. Here (from left) are Patti Henges, 13; Jeanie Landers, 12; Mrs. Shea; Carol Anne Strosnider, 12; and Mrs. Henges.

South Side

By Debbie McCullough

Funny things usually happen on the way to the forum but South's Boy's League Forum next Tuesday will be on a serious vein. High schools from South Bay area will each send four Boy's League members to discuss and compare ways of league management.

NOT MUCH business will be carried out on the golf course Tuesday when Sea-Aire Golf Course becomes the destination for girls' from golf physical education classes at South. After learning how to putt and drive and everything in between at South the girls will put their knowledge to an actual golf course.

FLAPPERS A GO GO is the theme for this year's spring fashion show to be put on for the female half of the student body by next Wednesday. The decorations, theme, and modeling are all done by students while a local dress shop provides outfits.

THE ESCAPADES of the chivalrous Don Quixote can

To Conference

Torrance schools will be represented at the California Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Conference in Los Angeles March 17 through 21 by Miland Annis of South High, Miss Carolyn Strong of West High, Robert Howard of North High, and Miss Vivian See of Torrance High.

Hamilton School To Get New Flag

A California state flag which has flown over the Capitol Building in Sacramento will be presented to Hamilton Elementary School. Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-Torrance) will present the flag to the school during ceremonies scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

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Pioneer 7, built by TRW, Inc., of Redondo Beach, has been in orbit for a little more than six months gathering data on the magnetic, radiation, and communications characteristics of the sun.

A second satellite, Pioneer 6, also is in orbit and a third in the series, to be known as Pioneer 8 once it is placed in orbit, is to be launched late this year. TRW has a contract with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to build five sun-orbiting spacecraft.

The Pioneer 7 spacecraft was built under a \$600,000 cost-plus-incentive contract and earned some \$180,000 in incentive fees for the firm since it was launched Aug. 17, 1966, from Cape Kennedy.

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