

...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

All of us, at some time or other, put things off until the need or desire to do them has passed. One of the things that I had been intending to do for years was to join the membership of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Somehow, it was easier to just visit the museum occasionally and take advantage of the free exhibitions, than to become a paying member of the museum.

So many people manage, after one visit, to criticize the architecture, the way the artworks are exhibited, the lack of an overwhelming amount of major artworks—the list can be endless and the real snobbery exhibited by these people is disappointing. Perhaps it does not conform to the old concept of what these people regard a museum to be.

I have visited almost all of the major museums throughout the world and most of them are tedious and rather boring to struggle through. Most of them just grew and grew—just large enough to house the acquired artworks of the reigning ruler. The Los Angeles County Art Museum was designed and built for the sole purpose of functioning as a late 20th Century museum, providing the people many special services that no other museum in the United States can match. Even the smallest museum in Europe charges an admission fee—ours does not.

THE AHMANSON Gallery is four levels of art that ranges from the ancient to the contemporary. Special galleries within the Ahmanson Gallery include those donated to the museum by such are lovers as William Randolph Hearst, James Irvine, Samuel Kress, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. David Bright, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pauley, and others. The entrance to the Ahmanson Gallery and the wonderful museum bookshop on the plaza level is free.

The special exhibition that the museum manages to schedule—some created by the museum, exhibited here, then sent out to other museums throughout the country, are really "special." These are all held in the Lytton Gallery and a fee of 55 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. Of course, museum members are free. I just saw the funny and exciting, "Dada, Surrealism and Their Heritage" show two weeks ago. It was wild. Last Spring I saw the Chain Soutine exhibit and I was impressed. Last year was the prize—a showing of all of Pablo Picassos graphics—from his early etchings to most recent wood block prints. It was a monumental exhibit—the crowds proved that.

The other building in the museum complex is the Leo S. Bing Center. The auditorium and restaurant are on the plaza level. On the first level you will find the Art Rental Gallery, the Library, the Children's Gallery and Workshop, the members' room and a number of offices.

MEMBERSHIPS in the museum can be purchased for as low as \$18 per year. There is a membership desk in the Ahmanson Gallery and you might be lucky enough to be signed up by a most gracious volunteer, a

Mrs. Helen Priester. The advantages of joining the museum are many.

Entrance to the special exhibitions is free, members receive a special discount on most purchases at the bookshop, the art research library is open to members only, the lounge in the Bing Center is available just for museum members, and there are other benefits. The most valuable benefit for the member is the fact that he is truly supporting the finest cultural institution on the West Coast.

One important benefit that I have left for the last is the travel program of the museum. It offers the members the opportunity to visit almost any part of the world at moderate cost. In addition to the regular art tours, there are several charter flights from Los Angeles to London and return (no tour involved.) You must be a member for at least six months to take advantage of the charter flight—so hurry and join.

Rally Day Scheduled At Church

Sunday School Rally Day will be observed today at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 706 Knob Hill, Redondo Beach. The observance calls for special participation from the Sunday School students in the 8 a.m. service. The staff members will also be consecrated for their work during this service.

Immanuel Lutheran Church conducts Sunday School classes for all age levels beginning with the two-year-olds each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. A junior, senior, and adult Bible Class are also a part of the Sunday School program.

Floyd Roethe heads the staff as Sunday School superintendent.

Mink Stole Disappears From Home

A mink stole worth \$741 was taken sometime Wednesday night from the home of Truman R. Adkins, 46, of 141 Via Los Miradores.

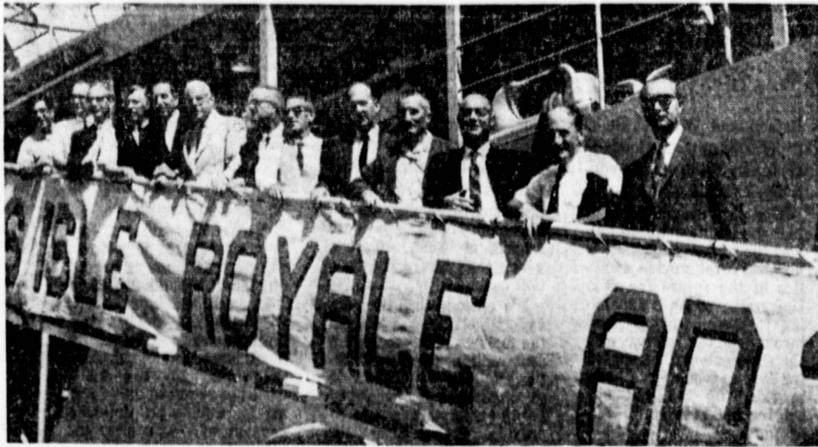
Also reported missing from the home were two cameras, two radios, a slide projector, a blue steel revolver, and bottles of liquor. Total value of the missing goods was estimated at \$1,716.

Police said a sliding glass door had been forced.

Teenage 'Czue' Is Closed For Redecoration

The Redondo Beach Recreation and Parks Department has announced the closing of the Teenage Czue from now until Oct. 19, when the center will be completely repainted and redecorated.

The center is planning a grand opening on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 8 p.m., when four bands will be present to start off the fall program.



FULL SPEED AHEAD . . . Members of the Torrance Lions Club survey the harbor from the gangplank of the destroyer tender USS Isle Royale (AD-29) at the Long Beach Naval Station. Some 25

members of the club visited the ship to lunch with members of the crew and tour the ship's repair facilities.

Discussion Of Books Is Planned

"Great Books," a new class sponsored by the City of Torrance Recreation Department, will hold its next meeting Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Joslyn Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd.

Participants meet every other Wednesday with people of similar interests for a "round table" discussion of many of the classic books.

There is no fee for the session. Paperback editions of the classics which will be discussed are available at the Joslyn Center for \$9.60. Register now at the Joslyn Center.

Chace Hits Supervisors' Grape Vote

Supervisor Burton W. Chace has branded the Board of Supervisors' stand in support of the California grape boycott as unwise and a "meddling gesture."

Chace's vote in opposition to any action being taken by Supervisors was overruled, 3-2.

"This is an issue we shouldn't meddle in," Chace said. "Don't we have enough to worry about without getting into this."

"I don't believe the Board's endorsement of a boycott on California grapes is proper nor do I believe county participation in a boycott of grapes is called for."

Guitar, Dance

Recreation Department Reveals Class Schedule

Everything from ballet to creative stitching will be offered this fall in classes sponsored by the Redondo Beach Recreation and Parks Department.

Listed below are class subjects and times:

- Creative Stitchery, Lincoln Recreation Center, Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon, beginning Oct. 7.
- Christmas Crafts, Lincoln Recreation Center, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, beginning Oct. 8.
- Children's Ballet, Perry Park Recreation Center, beginning Oct. 7, beginners, 4 to 5 p.m.; intermediates, 5 to 6 p.m.
- Children's Ballet, Senior Citizen's Building, Thursdays, beginning Oct. 10, beginners, 4 to 5 p.m.; intermediates, 5 to 6 p.m.
- Children Ballet, Lincoln Recreation Center, Saturdays, beginning Oct. 12, beginning classes, 9 to 10 a.m. and 10 to 11 a.m.; intermediates, 11 a.m. to noon.
- Basic Ballroom Dance, Fridays, 7:30 to 9 p.m., beginning Oct. 11, Senior Citizen's Building.
- Latin Ballroom Dance, Senior Citizen's Building, Fridays, 9 to 10:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 11.
- Beginning guitar, Redondo Beach City Hall, Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 9.
- Beginning Cake Decoration, Lincoln Recreation Center, Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon, beginning Oct. 9.
- Intermediate Cake Decoration, Lincoln Recreation Center, Mondays, 1 to 3 p.m., beginning Oct. 9.
- Yoga Exercises, Lincoln Recreation Center, Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon, beginning Oct. 11.
- Tiny Tot Classes, 4- and 5-year-olds, Perry Recreation Center, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., beginning Oct. 8; and Wednesdays, Senior Citizen's Building, 10 a.m. to noon, beginning Oct. 9.
- Tiny Tot Classes, 3- to 4-year-olds, Lincoln Recreation Center, Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to noon, 1 to 2 p.m., and 2 to 3 p.m., beginning Oct. 10.

Boy Arrested For Injecting Restricted Drug

An 18-year-old youth has been arrested for injecting a dangerous drug into the arm of an underage girl.

Booked Wednesday at the Torrance Police Station was Kenneth W. Hudson of 2642 Dalemead St. He is accused of injecting sodium seconal into the bloodstream of a South High coed on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Taylor Is Chairman Of Special Gift Drive

Jean Landon Taylor of Palos Verdes Breakfast Club, and Neighborhood Church.

He is in charge of contacting individuals who are not included in employe contribution programs, such as business consultants, investors, or retired businessmen.

Working with Taylor are J. Robert Shelland of Wilmington; Mrs. Lloyd C. Cook of Palos Verdes Estates; Mrs. Robert W. Fisher, Mrs. Edward L. Pearson, Mrs. J. Carol Monfort, and Warren McDermid of Rolling Hills; and Dominick Comparsi and Charles Crawford of San Pedro.

The area in which they are working includes Torrance, Gardena, San Pedro, Wilmington, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes, Lomita, Harbor City, and Carson.

Taylor was a professional journalist and photographer for 22 years before he retired.

He is active in community organizations, being a member of Masons, Phi Kappa Delta, Compton Kiwanis.



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SOUTH BAY CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Nearly everyone is "crazy over horses," but it took the dedication and energy of Oral (Mrs. Lowell) Dryden to help turn the Portuguese Bend Horse Show into the major national institution it is today, as well as a fund-raising event of first importance on behalf of Children's Hospital. From modest beginnings under Mrs. Dryden's chairmanship in 1955, the Horse Show has become the Peninsula's best-known single public event, with 900 entries and over 10,000 spectators in 1967. Many chairmen have succeeded Mrs. Dryden and she has dedicated herself to many other charities as well, but it's the Horse Show first and last with this great South Bay lady.

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