

# ...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

One of the finest college art galleries in Southern California is showing an exciting array of artworks that reflect what California artists are doing now. Cerritos College in Norwalk has mounted its third annual "Cerritos Open" show which will continue until Dec. 6.

A most pleasant surprise, after continually being confronted with "works of art" in the most ridiculous places, to see a top quality, honest-to-goodness art gallery filled with serious art and such a responding public. Cerritos College is new. The architecture is new. Its attitude is new and apparently the people of the community approve of what they have created.

This year the Cerritos Open Exhibition consists of 69 works that were selected by jurors after a day of intense looking and relooking at the 345 entries submitted. The works selected have a quality of strong innovation and show the necessary technical competence. As in most open exhibitions, the awards were made without regard to media or any other distinction of classification other than artistic merit.

THE QUALITY of any art exhibition always depends on the jurors. Selecting jurors in itself is a difficult undertaking. In this case, Cerritos selected three important Southern California people with varied art backgrounds.

The panel of jurors included Miss Josine Inco, Curator, Lytton Center of Visual Arts; Roger Armstrong, past president of the Laguna Beach Art Association and a faculty member at the Laguna Beach School of Art and Design; and Irving Blum, Irving Blum Gallery on La Cienega Boulevard.

Three \$200 awards were presented to the following artists: Robert Cottingham, Los Angeles, for his stark painting, "Ralph's;" Laurence Dreiband, Los Angeles, for his painting, "Choice Meats;" and Arnold Mesches, Beverly Hills, for his painting, "17 of a Series." The award winners were three distinctly different approaches to contemporary expression.

ONE OF the winners was also my favorite of the entire show, "Choice Meats" by Dreiband is a difficult combination of fine subtle rendering of a bull laced in the center of an unreal field of heavy yellow pigment. A flickering skull head and an undulating female torso flank the bull in a clever and sensuous play of color and composition.

Other favorites that appealed to me were: "Wishing for a Boy" by Antonio Toton of Los Angeles; "Almond Joy" by R. Roes of Los Angeles; "Enigma in Steel" by Shigeo Miyahara of Los Angeles; "Five Pomegranates" by Renee Groch of Woodland Hills; "Symposium" by Jay Maddox of Anaheim; and "Landscape with 5 Trees" by Carson Gladson of Santa Monica.

If you are used to seeing, and require very realistic works of art in order to enjoy them—this is not the show for you. However, if you get excited and are interested in new, honest expressions of what is happening today on the art scene, you should make every effort to see this show. The Cerritos College Art Gallery is located at 11110 E. Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, and is open from noon to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 12 to 4:30 p.m. Friday and Sunday.

## Hobbyists To Display Collections

The fourth annual Hobbyists and Collectors Show will be held at the Gardena Community Center, 1651 W. 162nd St., on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 25 and 26, 1969. Hours for the showing will be from 12 noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Entries for the show will be accepted throughout December and the first part of January, with space for displays being issued on a first come first serve basis. Collectors are asked to submit their entries as soon as possible.

Presented without admission charge for area residents, the show is co-sponsored by the Gardena Friends of the Library and the City of Gardena Recreation and Parks Department.

Last year's show included approximately 70 exhibits such as miniature doll-houses, handicrafts, heirlooms, coin and stamp collections, reptiles, antiques, carp fish, and a feature exhibit from the Los Angeles County Museum.



**PRIZE WINNER . . .** This painting by Laurence Dreiband of Los Angeles, won one of three \$200 awards in the third annual Cerritos Open Exhibition at Cerritos College in Norwalk. Titled "Choice Meats," the painting is a favorite of Press-Herald columnist Larry Macaray, who discusses the Cerritos show in today's "Let's Go" column.

## Dangers of Motorcycles Outlined By CHP Official

"Motorcycles provide economical and pleasurable transportation but there's nothing between the rider and the pavement if an accident occurs," Capt. P. J. Ford of the California Highway Patrol warns.

"Occasionally you see a young parent carrying a child on a motorcycle, even putting a tiny tot on the handlebars. The hazards are terrible to think about, and the practice is unlawful," Capt. Ford declared.

"It is illegal for a driver of a motorcycle to carry any passenger except on a seat

securely fastened to the machine behind the driver and provided with footrests, or in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle and designed to carry a passenger.

"It is also wise for passengers, as well as drivers, to wear protective gear. Boots, heavy-duty clothing and especially helmets can do much to protect the body, even in a minor accident."

## Boundaries Realigned for Superior Court Districts

Boundary changes in four superior court districts have been approved, paving the way for the reduction or elimination of heavy case backlogs, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The Board of Supervisors this week approved boundary changes for the Southwest (Torrance), South (Long Beach), Central (South Los Angeles), and West (Santa Monica) superior court districts.

The boundary changes were made on the recommendation of a committee of superior court judges, which studied the various districts.

"APPROVAL of the judges' recommendations means more efficiency in the operation of the districts and improved judicial process," Supervisor Chace said.

In the realignment, cases from the Palos Verdes area will be scheduled in the Southwest District, headquartered in Torrance-South Bay County Building. Formerly they were handled by the South District in the Long Beach County Building.

"THE QUESTION of a superior court district for the Compton area is still under consideration," Chace said. "We expect a report back within a week to guide the final decision."

Creation of a South Central District to serve Compton would alleviate the heavy case loads in several districts, particularly in Long Beach. The proposal was made by the judges' committee, and budget considerations are under study by the County Chief Administrative Officer.

"Placing the Palos Verdes area in the Southwest District is a natural move," Chace said. "The plan had the endorsement of the South Bay Bar Association."

"ALL OF the boundary changes were designed to place the various municipal court districts into the same superior court district so justice in these areas would not be fragmented," Chace said.

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## Cabinet Raid

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