Officer Lists Safest Toys For Children

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Toys and children seem to go together. And in this Christmas season thoughts of parents and children alike commonly turn to toys. Toys, it goes without saying, occupy a large niche in the lives of children.

Every phase of the process of growing up is helped through playing with children's toys. They afford children opportunities to develop physically, emotionally, and mentally.

Parents describe children under six as "live wires." These youngsters are fired with energy and curiosity and they need to be. From crib to kindergarten they have a big job to do, because they are getting ready for school and the first real experience of being on their own away from the family.

SCHOOL PREPARATION

To get ready for school, each child needs opportunities to experiment with things, with people, and, most important, with himself. These opportunities to experiment come in the wonderful world of toys. Indeed, in the preschool years, toys fill the place that books, paper and pencils will ocupy later in school. For this reason it is difficult to draw the line between the use of toys for play and for learning.

Every parent wants to choose toys that are safe, yet entertaining and educational. The trick to buying toys is knowing which toy is adapted to a particular age group. For example, a toy which is perfectly safe for an eight-year-old may become deadly for a four-year-old.

The National Safety Council has compiled a list of toys which may be hazardous as gifts for children. In gtneral, younger children should not be given small toys which may be swallowed or those with small, removable parts. Rather they should be too large to put in the mouth and made of non-brittle material.

SPLINTER, BREAK

The council also warns against giving youger children toys that may splinter and break or hove rough, sharp or cutting edges. It also advises not to give children under eight years of oge target or shooting toys which may endanger eyes. Tricycles and wagons warrant parental consideration too. They may be too big for the child and, being unable to balance, he may fall off easily.

For children over eight years, the council recommends that air rifles, chemistry sets, dart games, bows and arrows, electrical toys and dangerous tools be given only if they are to be used under supervision of parents. It advises against motor scooters for anyone under driving age. All electrical toys should be safe and the council advises looking for the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) label on the cord and the toy itself.

AVOID LEAD

Toys made with lead or colored with lead - based paints should be avoided since poisonous amounts can easily be ingested and cause illness. Flammable plastic toys and those operated by kerosene, alcohol or gasoline should be kept away from children.

Once having selected and purchased the toy, it's up to the parents to instruct their children in its proper use. The parents should regularly inspect the toy for ps ly inspect the toy for possible broken edges which may scratch, and assist the child in acquiring the necessary skill before leaving him alone with toys that require special handling.

Understanding, planning and sharing your child's play are important tasks for parents. And they are fun to. Helping your child to learn to use a new toy correctly and safely brings with it for you and your youngsters the good feeling of "doing together" and learning to know each other a little better.

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Radio Station Broadcasts Rose Bowl Parade

For the benefit of Southern California's blind population, Radio Station KHJ will broadcast the Rose Bowl Parade which starts at 8:15 a.m., Jan. 1 it was announced today by John M. Holmes, executive director of the Braille Institute.

The broadcast will be handled by Robert Q. Lewis, radio-TV personality, and Bill Brundige, sports director of KHJ. Mrs. Jon Arnett, who was a princess in the 1958 Tournament of Roses, and a representative from the Braille Institute, also will be on hand.

Lewis and Brundige will kick off the annual event at 6:30 a.m. by interviewing a few of the all-night campers who have assured themselves an excellent vantage point from which to view the spectacular procession.

Pastor Selects New Year Topic For Sunday Talk

"Rind Out the Old; Ring in the New" will be the sermon topic presented by the Rev. Dr. R. Murray Jones of the First Presbyterian Church of Gardena, 1957 Redondo Beach Blvd., at worship services 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday.

Church school will be held from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Taking the position as director of Christian education will be Ruth Bernice Mead, who will assume that position with the Sunday school staff after the first of the year.

There will be no mid-week Bible studies this week, according to the reverend.

The old and new executive boards of the Mariners will meet Friday at the home of Tardaguilas, spokesman from the church announced.

Issue Suggests Grapefruit Tang

The eye-opening tang that makes grapefruit a breakfast favorite is also a refreshing addition to a variety of dishes from meats to sweets. Four recipes in the January issue of Sunset make good use of the plentiful winter supply. Citrus Chicken is baked in fruit sauce and seasoned with onion, honey, ginger, salt and pepper. The thickened sauce is good on steamed rice. Grapefruit cheesecake is a fine company dessert because it can be made ahead.

In every bite the taste of fresh grapefruit effectively balances the richness of other ingredients. Grapefruit upside down cake gives an attractive new face and flavor to an old favorite. Golden Thread Marmalade has a delicate bittersweet quality.

SHRUBS AND TREES

Many deciduous shrubs and trees need pruning at planting time. Ask your nurseryman.

North High Debaters Win Trophy

North High School won third place sweepstakes trophy in individual events at the recent speech tournament at the school.

Senior Claudia Wilkins won two medals for dramatic interpretation and original oratory.

Six others receiving medals were: Jerome Lemberger, impromptu; Elias Baumgarten and Peter Gregora, "A" debate; Judith Morgan, extemporaneous; Maureen Bereskin, original oratory; Bronwen Crowell, oratorical interpretation.

Three seniors and one junior were awarded superior ratings. Dale Basinger, Peter Gregora and Sandra Rayes received awards in extemporaneous, and Carol Robinson in impromptu.

Others receiving excellence awards were: Sharon Cross, Carol Robinson, Dale Basinger, Karen Jackson, Sandra Rayes, Marilyn Harris, Pat Hull, Clark Smith, Elias Baumgarten, Peter Gregora, Maureen Bereskin, Yvonne Colletti, Janice Shinkle, Judith Morgan, Sue Oldt, and Richard Ashley.

Vegas Licenses To Torrancites

Las Vegas, Nev., — Marriage licenses issued here include:

Dudley-Bryslan — Dec. 15, Paul L. Dudley, 46, and Rita Bryslan, 40, both of Torrance.

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Stratton-Arnold — Dec. 16, Harold L. Stratton, Jr., 32, of Los Angeles, and Anne Renee Arnold, 23, of Torrance.

Jenison-Parks — Dec. 16, Dennis W. Jenison, 23, of Hawthorne, and Bonnetta J. Parks, 21, of Torrance.

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George-Wilson — Dec. 16, Jerry R. George, 21, of Wilmington, and Elizabeth Louise Wilson, 18, of Lakewood.

Reed-Trujillo — Dec. 16, John R. Reed, 23, of Torrance, and Genieva L. Trujillo, 24, of Huntington Park.

Fulton-Lutz — Dec. 16, William S. Fulton, 20, of Lawndale, and Diane L. Lutz, 17, of Torrance.

Ferruccio - Grondorf — Dec. 16, Charles F. Ferruccio, 31, of Los Angeles, and Albertha Grondorf, 38, of Torrance.

Owens-LeFort — Dec. 17, William D. Owens, 21, of Torrance, and Carol Lynn LeFort, 20. of Compton.

Shamlin-Sommers — Dec. 18, Ernest A. Shamlin, 49, of Torrance, and Louise Sommers, 37, of Fresno.

WORK RULES DISPUTES

Largely because of fear that automation will destroy jobs, disputes over work rules involved 1,320,000 workers last year, and work rules replaced wages as the primary cause of industrial strife, the January Reader's Digest reports.

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