...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Day by day, good art is undoubtedly rising in value. This fact is obvious to anyone who follows the art market and begins to compare last year's price— prices 10 years ago — and today's prices. Good art has been appreciating in value at a faster rate than any other form of investment.

It should also be obvious that there are good and bad investments of all kinds. There are real estate deals that go sour and some that create "instant millionaires." There are stocks that grow and grow in value—there are those that are losers from the start. There are people who start a business on a "shoestring" and there are many who lose their life savings entering a business they do not know anything about.

The news that we read so often about "unknown" paintings being "found" in an attic and turn out to be worth thousands of dollars, are the ones that we remember. We do not hear about the thousands of people who think that they have found a masterpiece and spend months and years trying to find out how valuable it is. All of the major museums, not to mention most of the art galleries, are constantly plagued with people with "worthless" paintings.

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THE DREAM that somehow one can become extremely wealthy by some magical stroke of luck or fate seems to be a common one, whether we admit it or not. Maybe it is greed or just plain hope—but the thought that a valuable piece of art can be obtained for a fraction of what it is really worth must motivate many people to buy at art auctions.

Buying any work of art at auction is a shakey experience. Southeby's in London and Parke-Bernet in New York are extremely reliable firms, and can be relied upon to be selling authentic works of art. Any local auction operation, regardless of how large, can leave many a buyer holding the bag with worthless art.

An auction house generally will not guarantee the correctness of description, signature, marks, insignia, genuineness, or condition of any work of art sold. All items are usually sold without recourse. In other words, "Let the buyer beware." A valuable tip to remember is to know the market value of what you want to buy and inspect it thoroughly before bidding on it.

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EVEN REMBRANDTS can be faked and sold as authentic. The Bowers Museum in Santa Ana has been in the news this week because of a fake Rembrandt. Merton Hinshaw, the director of the museum, was in Washington D.C. doing research under a Federal Grant when the story began in Orange County the latter part of last year.

TV-movie producer Ralph Andrews wanted to "loan" his Rembrandt to a small museum and he chose the Bowers Museum. His thought was to culturally assist a small museum and its community. He chose the correct area— Orange County has been culturally deprived for decades— the only bright spot is the Bowers Museum.

Disneyland, baseball, convention centers, and related activities are geared to bring in money—not culture. Unfortunately, the State Attorney General's office found the Rembrandt a fake Maybe Andrews can regain his money that he paid for the painting — and just maybe, because of the publicity, someone with an authentic masterpiece (Norton Simon has a few!) will donate it to the Bowers Museum.

Warrior Trails

By Cathy Focarazzo

"Homecoming" comes our way in exactly two weeks.

Elections for Homecoming Queen began last Friday when the juniors and seniors cast their votes for the 15 finalists for the title.

The top 15 were then announced at the Hawthorne game Friday night. They are Lynne Ciotti, Anna Evangelatos, Alice Evans, Cathy Focarazzo, Darlene Frame, Susie Griffiths, Dorothy Harris, Laura Hennesey, Autumn Landers, Becky Miles, Cindy Sams, Linda Scheele, Linda Stonick, Kim Storz, and Gayle Veinot.

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NEXT FRIDAY the whole school votes for one girl that they would like for Queen out of the finalists, and the five girls with the most votes will be announced at the Redondo football game that night. They will make up the court consisting of four princesses and the girl with the most votes, the Queen. It will be an exciting week for the fifteen girls that are waiting in anticipation.

If anyone attended West's game with Hawthorne last Friday, I'm sure you were enthralled with the halftime show, that is, if you didn't get wet! Right smack in the middle of a play, the sprinklers began going on all over the field, shooting way up into the air and really making the field a slippery mess. It was alright, we still won but that game was really "Wet and wild."

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TODAY, West High's pep squad was invited to Inglewood High to perform at their pep rally as a welcome into the Bay League. The whole squad was really thrilled and couldn't get over such a nice gesture from one of their rival schools.

Saturday, the West High cheerleaders and song-queens go into competition at Arroyo High in El Monte. Staunch support could multiply their chances of placing greatly.

The freshman class held their elections for class officers last week and these were the results: Debbie Caine, president; Bill Valeska, vice president; Cindy Falcone, treasurer; and Donna Sellars, secretary. West is expecting good results from the spirited class of 572!

Prediction: Inglewood — Another victory for West High!

...Prop. 9

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cent or sales tax would go to 12 per cent."

Results of passage of Proposition 9, commented Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, would be "loss of local school district identity. We would wind up as one big megalopolis," he stated, "with the state telling the local board how to spend its money. Torrance citizens would no longer control Torrance schools."

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"IF PROPOSITION 9 were to pass," stated city librarian Russell West, "we'd have to close at least two branch libraries. Overdue fines on books would go up to 25 cents a day. Proposition 9 would have a serious impact on the city of Torrance's plans for a new central library."

In addition to the small home owner and renter, opposition to Proposition 9 also comes from industry, said Burton Belzer, school board member. "The industrial man would rather pay property taxes than to pay income taxes. Passage of Proposition 9 would drive many many industries out of the state of California," he remarked.

Urging the audience to support Proposition T and oppose Proposition 9, board member Bert Lynn pointed out that the Torrance Board of Education reduced taxes by almost five cents this year while neighboring school districts raised their taxes.

Dr. Mattox concluded by pointing out that revenue and taxation will be the project of the California State Constitutional Revision Committee during the next two years. "This would be the place to tackle tax reform problems," he stated, "in a non-political atmosphere."

...Transit

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substantially greater coverage than originally anticipated in the district's final report," McMillan said.

"And these services can be accomplished without increasing the number of buses required and at only a nominal increase in costs, keeping within the District's original financial program," he continued.

McMillan explained that the broader range of coverage — from the original feeder lines — was developed as a result of detiled investigation of present and proposed street and freeway systems, along with present and anticipated residential and commercial development in the service area.

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MORE THAN 40 cities and communities will be served by the 29 express feeder bus lines, while the 135 local feeder routes will serve the numerous communities and municipalities along and near the rail lines.

In the Airport-Southwest Corridor expresses will serve Gardena, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance.

Local service in the corridor will include 24 routes serving stations at Rosecrans, El Segundo, Manchester, Inglewood, Crenshaw-54th, Western, an South Los Angeles.

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where there is less need for a guard.

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THE EXTENSION of Lomita Boulevard, he added, is being delayed because of the need to fill a sump which straddles the right-of-way. Horkay said the city's engineering department wants to wait until free fill dirt is available, rather than buy fill for the sump.

He described the extension of the street as part of a coordinated program to solve traffic problems throughout the area—which includes the extension of Anza Avenue to Pacific Coast Highway. Horkay feels the project should have a priority rating.

Band Day Set

Musicians from the Torrance High School band will join with 3,000 other instrumentalists from 27 high schools for USC's 24th annual high school band day Saturday.

Lecture on China Slated At Bullock's

"China, the Communist World, and the West," will be the topic of a lecture by Dr. Richard Baum, assistant professor of political science, UCLA, on Tuesday at 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Bullock's Del Amo Tearoom.

One in the current UCLA Extension lecture series on "Tension Areas: The World Today," the program is open to the public, and single tickets may oe purchased at the door for $2.7.

Obituaries

Wilbur Swinden

Funeral services for Wilbur Edward Swinden, of 1341 W. Carson St., will be conducted Monday at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Father Hugh Percy, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, will officiate.

Born March 20, 1916, in Walden, N.Y., Mr. Swinden had lived in the area for about a year. He was a veteran of World War II. He died Wednesday.

Survivors include his father, Edward H. Swinden of Torrance and a sister, Mrs. Hector Terwillinger of Torrance.

Burial will be in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Grace Kennedy

Private services for Grace Gleeson Kennedy, who died Wednesday, will be conducted at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with private inurnment in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mrs. Kennedy, a Torrance resident for 40 years, was born Dec. 30, 1889, in Ellsworth Kansas. She was a Christian Science practitioner.

...Rescue

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The waitress, Mrs. Carrie Zimmerlin, of 1324 W. 227th St., was leaving for work when she heard the youngster's mother scream. Mrs. Zimmerlin stopped her car and ran to the pool area, where she found Mike and Bobby attempting to revive young Sean.

Mrs. Zimmerlin, who took Red Cross first aid training in West Virginia, helped the two teenagers revive Sean. The youngster was then taken to Harbor General Hospital by a fire department unit which arrived seconds later.

Sean was reported in good condition at the hospital.

Accountants Will Meet

Philip Thomas, senior consultant of executive research for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., will be the featured speaker Tuesday at a meeting of the Palos Verdes-Torrance chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

At Convention

Leo Salisbury and his wife Nan have returned to Torrance from Cleveland, Ohio, where they attended the 48th annual Convension and Trade Show of the National Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association. Salisbury is the owner of Leo Salisbury Tire Co. of Torrance.

Freshmen Name New Officers

Heading the list of freshman class officers this fall at El Camino College is Dick Dixon, a 23-year-old pre-dentistry major and graduate of Hawthorne High Shool.

Serving with Dixon is Janet Steinberg, vice-president and a graduate of South High; Sue Dwyer, treasurer and a graduate of Lutheran High; and Sheri Retyke, secretary, who comes to ECC from North High.

Passenger Injured In Crash

A 17-year-old Torrance youth was arrested for driving under the influence of an intoxicant Wednesday, after his car slammed into a block wall fence on Rolling Hills Road at the end of Dalemead Avenue.

His 15-year-old passenger, Rickie Hubbard, 3445 Senefield Ave., was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital for an injured left ankle.

Officers have called for a further investigation into possible charges of speeding, bolting a stop sign, and driving with no license in possession.

Police said the suspect was incoherent and glassy-eyed when he was arrested at 6:30 p.m. His car was demolished.

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Harvey Stock Purchased By Aerospace Company

Purchase of more than 2.6 million shares of the B common stock of Harvey Aluminum, Inc., by Martin-Marietta Corp has been announced.

Martin - Marietta Co., an aerospace and diversified industry, announced in New York Wednesday it has purchased the stock—2,666,668 shares — at $40 per share.

The stock represents about 41 per cent of the outstanding capital stock of the Torrance-based firm.

George M. Bunker, president of Martin-Marietta Corp.., and Lawrence A. Harvey, president of Harvey Aluminum, Inc., said the current Harvey managements is being retained and added the company's expansion plans "will be pursued actively."

In addition to its headquarters plant here, Harvey Aluminum has plants in the Virgin Islands, Kentucky, Michigan, and Oregon.