

'Intercom '69' Slated Saturday

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Dianas To Assist at Event

Entrance to the Creative Arts Center at Saturday's "Intercom '69" on the Rolling Hills High School grounds will be decorated with huge papier mache medallions made by the Redondo Beach Dianas, who will work in the clay project booth with the children. An all-day program has been planned and food will be available throughout the day. Taking a hand at decorating are Dianas, from left, Mmes. Leon Hallman, Dino Ruffoni, and Roscoe Davis. (Press-Herald Photo)

"Intercom '69," which provides information and encourages an exchange of ideas that affect attitudes toward urban and racial problems, will be held on Saturday, June 28, on the grounds of Rolling Hills School in Palos Verdes.

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Activities for the entire family are planned including displays and exhibits by about 50 groups from minority areas and the Peninsula, informed discussion by speakers and panelists, informal dialogue among people of differing cultural and economic backgrounds, drama and music performed by talented artists of the Los Angeles area.

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Other activities include Afro-American fashions, children's art activities under the chairmanship of Mrs. Penelope Greeven, instructor for the Palos Verdes Community Arts Association; evening program planned by and for the youth of the Peninsula and food and refreshments all day. "Intercom '69" is presented by the Peninsula Citizens Human Relations Council.

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Redondo Beach Dianas will participate in the creative arts activity center for the youngsters. Prior to the coming event, the Diana members have already constructed papier mache medallions to decorate the entrance of the activity center.

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On the day of "Intercom '69," the Dianas will work in the clay project booth, providing a steady supply of materials and stimulation for the children in their creating.

The Redondo Beach Dianas are affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Clubs, Marina District, Junior Membership.



New Y-Wives Officers

After a summer recess, these new officers of the Torrance Y-Wives will sound the gavel to begin a new year early in September. They are from left, Mmes. Fredrick Haney, first vice president; Ronald Hite, president; Alfred Gibbs, president; and Gary Lorenz, treasurer. Mrs. Allan Billings, past president, installed them at a luncheon Wednesday at the Lobster House. (Press-Herald Photo)

Organizations, Individuals Give Hope and Help

They Care -- Smiling Faces Ample Reward

Ten-year-old Jose Gonzales, cased in a heavy cast, returned bright eyed, smiling and en- to his home in Mexicali, after visiting in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick Smith of Rolling Hills. Suffering from osteomyelitis, a serious bone infection, Jose had spent previous months in bed, but was well on the way to full recovery following treatment at Orthopaedic Hospital, Los Angeles.

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He is among the 50 to 100 Mexican handicapped children seen by staff doctors and volunteers from Orthopaedic Hospital at the Valley Orthopaedic Clinic on the border of Calexico and Mexicali. There, victims of polio, paralysis, and ramifications of polio, twisted and club feet and birth deformities are given hope and help.

The Valley Orthopaedic Clinic was established through Dr. Charles Lowman, founder of Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital. Doctors, nurses, therapists, and even wives volunteer their weekend days off for the privilege of driving four hours, or even flying down to keep clinic hours.

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A social worker (the only paid volunteer) co-ordinates the patients; all others serving them are volunteers, including a group of 120 women from both sides of the border, organized as "Las Vecinas" (the Neighbors) who have raised money for contributions. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols, who also helped establish the clinic, Dr. and Mrs. Smith, along with many other staff members, donate their time and services. Often a child may need to be

flown to Orthopaedic Hospital for surgery or intensive care. Usually a foster home for the patient, who needs outpatient care, will be found in this area.

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"Some of these children," said one doctor, "have never even walked; some can be helped with only \$30 worth of plaster."

Mrs. Smith, with her own children, Laura, 9, Chuck, 7, and Michael, 4, said that they all enjoyed Jose, who accompanied them on a houseboat vacation on the Sacramento River.

"Even with all the blood work done at the hospital," said Mrs. Smith, "he was a brave little boy. He enjoyed reading English-Spanish books and for some reason, having me put zippers down the side

of his pants (to go over the cast) made quite a hit!"

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Mrs. Smith is sponsor of the Las Madrecitas, auxiliary of Crippled Children's Guild of Orthopaedic Hospital, which recently presented Dr. Lowman with a check completing its pledge for a six crib ward on the pediatrics floor.

Mrs. Edward Sokolski, past president and Mrs. Howard Langpap, president, also presented a further donation of \$1,000 for a new project, yet to be announced. The annual Evergreen Ball is one of the group's main fund-raising events. Las Madrecitas also sponsors Las Ninas, the daughters of members who volunteer at the hospital, and who are presented in their senior year to Dr. Lowman and members of the board.



Life Is Beautiful

The beaming smile on the face of Jose Gonzales, 10-year-old crippled boy from Mexicali who is reaping the benefits from the volunteer work done by doctors, nurses and volunteers at the Orthopaedic Hospital, is thoroughly enjoyed by two Las Ninas members, from left, Judy May and Cathy Varner. On the road to full recovery, Jose returned to Mexicali.



Their Work Goes On

Mrs. Edward Sokolski, past president of Las Madrecitas, Auxiliary to the Crippled Children's Guild of Orthopaedic Hospital, left, and Mrs. Howard Langpap, current president, give a check for \$1000 to Dr. Charles Lowman, founder of Orthopaedic Hospital. Las Madrecitas recently presented to Dr. Lowman, the final check on their \$30,000 pledge for a six-crib ward at the hospital. The latest donation begins another project for the local auxiliary.

Torrance Y-Wives Install

Officers for Coming Year

Mrs. Ronald Hite assumed the presidency of the Torrance Y-Wives at their Installation Luncheon on Wednesday, June 11 at the Lobster House.

Mrs. Hite, who with her husband and one daughter, lives in Redondo Beach, has held other offices with the Y-Wives. She is a member of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection and is on the YWCA Board of Directors.

Installed with her were Mmes. Fred Haney, first vice-president; Roger Londry, second vice-president; Alfred Gibbs, secretary, and Gary Lorenz, treasurer.

Cabinet members for the coming year include Mmes. James Mehrens, community service; Steve Myzel, ways and means; Kurt Kongbell, friendship; Michael McGregor,

decorations; Bud Heister, refreshments; Daniel Hutchison, devotions; Jim Reser, publicity; and David Thompson, nursery.

Mrs. Allan Billings, former president of the Y-Wives, officiated at the installation.

Mrs. Hite spoke on plans for the future and expressed the group's appreciation to Mrs. James Boldt, retiring president.

Torrance Y-Wives have adjourned for the summer. They will resume their weekly meetings in September which include an hour of exercise followed by a program including speakers, craft classes or community service projects. Child care is provided. The group meets at the Torrance YWCA, 2320 W. Carson St., Torrance.



Receive County Awards

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn presents Awards of Merit from the County of Los Angeles to outstanding volunteers at Harbor General Hospital. They are, from left, Mrs. Charles Groh, first lady of volunteers, who has donated the equivalent of 10½ years of full-time volunteer work; Tom Brewer, 18, 18423 St. Andrews Place, Torrance, winner of the annual Harbor Hospital Candy Striper Scholarship; Jesus Salazar, 17, 19222 Dunbrooke, Carson, named Harbor General's "Candy Striper of the Year"; and Michele Perrine, 17, 20705 Entradero, Torrance, also a scholarship winner.