

Tooth art: Crown bright, colorful way of smiling

Associated Press

FRESNO — In nail art, manicurists paint small decorations on fingernails.

00500701 Now there's tooth art, in which a Fresno dentist and his porcelain ceramist transfer designs to dental crowns.

The ceramic artwork ranges from the symbolic, a ram's head for a Basque shepherd; to the picturesque, a Yosemite Valley landscape; to the humorous, including cartoon character Foghorn Leghorn, and a jackass.

"A woman wanted to be able to show everyone her donkey, although she doesn't really call it that," said Dr. William Clark.

For patients in medical need of a crown, Clark offers to add the decoration for free. About half of them accept the offer, and he says hundreds have been supplied.

"It started about five years ago as sort of an experiment with putting colors and designs on porcelain," Clark said. "It started with one patient, and it went from there."

The first painted crown pictured eagle feathers embedded in a turquoise stone for an Indian woman nicknamed "Feather."

"She was just ecstatic about it," Clark said.

He said the public generally has a negative impression of dentistry and that he hopes the ceramic art can change some attitudes.

Crowns replace decayed, broken or missing teeth. Patients receive a man-made version of a tooth above the gum line, and the tooth art generally covers about one-fourth of a tooth face.

After patients are fitted for a crown and pick a design, "they usually can't wait to come back in for the next appointment," Clark said. "They can appreciate the crown by appreciating the art."

The decoration generally appears on the outer surface of a tooth behind the smile line.

"I don't want it to look like a piece of spinach when they smile," he said. "Usually, most of the designs are not visible when a patient is in a normal

function of chewing, eating, smiling or talking.

"They're very small. They're not always easily seen. Some go as far as carrying a little flashlight with them."

One man with a design on the back of a front tooth carries a mirror to show off his miniature art.

Recipients range from a 16-year-old girl with a butterfly on her crown to a 76-year-old man with a Masonic symbol.

The ceramist, Dave DeRoo, takes an extra work day to paint the design with a fine camel-hair brush on a finished crown, apply a glaze and fire the tooth at 1,800 degrees.

"There's nothing we can paint in the mouth," Clark explained. "It's something we do out of the mouth and in the lab."

Clark can remove the designs in about 90 seconds by scraping off the top glaze — a task he has performed only once for a former member of a racing car team who no longer was associated with the group.

Filly to help fund namesake school

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — When a dark filly named Tougaloos takes to the track in France this spring, Tougaloos College hopes to pick up a much needed extra payoff — the school has been promised 10 percent of her winnings.

"We're hoping she does well," said John Williams, director of development at the small, isolated, predominantly black school in north Jackson.

The horse's owner, Landon Knight of Akron, Ohio, said he became interested in Tougaloos College after finding out his father and grandfather had made donations to the private, liberal arts school.

Knight's family has been donating to the college for about 50 years, Williams said.

"They've been modest about it,"

Williams said, "and, in the past few years, creative."

The school is winding up a fund-raising campaign, Williams said, and its share of Tougaloos' earnings will help update facilities.

To help both Tougaloos' chances, the horse has been shipped to France for training. "It's where the best horses race," Knight said.

Horses usually begin racing late in their second year, but Tougaloos will probably begin a little early, Knight said.

Tougaloos will be raced in France through her third year, then brought back to the United States for races on grass courses.

"If she's a success in France, she could have a leg up on horses that have been running on dirt here," Knight said.

Vacant offices decline

Associated Press

HOUSTON — For just \$415,000 a business can get a three-year lease on a 12,500-square-foot office in central Houston — and a new Mercedes.

Bob Richie, a spokesman for United Ventures, said he's received several calls on the property since he advertised the car giveaway in a Houston newspaper.

"Lots of people are willing to lease an office, but not the whole thing as required by our offer," said Richie, whose firm is leasing the two-story building.

Realty experts say a crunch in the oil industry and a building boom in the last decade created the office space glut, but they also project the leasing market will recover.

"The Houston market is rebounding very well," said David Raspier, senior vice president of the Houston office of Julien J. Studley Inc., a New York-based realty firm.

Raspier said vacant office space declined in December 1984 by 5 million square feet. About 36 million square feet of office space was available in December of 1983, compared to 31 million square feet available at the end of last year, he said.

About 19.4 million square feet of newly built office space was vacant at the beginning of this year, a 22.4 percent decrease from 25 million square feet that was not occupied a year ago, he said.

Figures released by Coldwell Banker Commercial Brokerage Co. indicate Houston office construction increased from 13.9 million square feet in 1981 to 20.6 million square feet in 1982 and 21.6 million square feet in 1983.

Spidey

Comic-book superhero to help fight child abuse

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Spider-Man, the comic-book superhero, will discuss how he was sexually abused as a child in a special comic supplement to be distributed to millions of readers in major newspapers this Sunday.

The supplement, produced by the Marvel Comics Group in cooperation with the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, lists agencies abused children can call and is aimed at helping youngsters realize they are not to blame for such abuse.

In the supplement, The Amazing Spider-Man opens up to Tony, a boy who has been abused by his baby sitter.

Anne Cohn, executive director of the committee, said probably more than 500,000 children are sexually abused each year in the United States.

"In Spider-Man's case, he reveals that he himself was molested... and he turned out OK," she said. "So, there's a very special message there for children who may have been sexually abused, telling them it can turn out OK for you."

The supplement will reach about 6.6 million households, Cohn said.

Antique-toy collector traces society's history with hobby

Associated Press

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Lehigh County Executive David Bausch believes it's necessary to have a knowledge of history to understand the present.

For Bausch, the past comes alive in the form of antique toys he's been collecting for 35 years.

He bought many of the toys in his collection at auctions that he began attending as a child.

While his mother and late father went to public sales primarily to buy farm implements, Bausch looked for purchases he could make for a quarter, which, at that time, bought far more than it does today.

Bausch seldom purchases an item without knowing about its history.

He reads many books and magazines on the subject of collecting and serves as president of the Antique Toy Collectors of America.

Although wheeled vehicles form the bulk of his collection, Bausch also is interested in banks, political toys, and dioramas.

Some items in his collection were made locally; others were manufactured in various parts of the country and in Europe.

A number of the toys were made to commemorate specific historic

events. One Model T Ford is a reproduction of a car used in playing polo, Bausch says.

There's a story, too, behind the long horse-drawn farm wagon whose wooden top opens up to form the wings of an airplane.

An aviation pioneer in France was thought to be a sorcerer because of his experiments and was forced to smuggle the parts for his airplane out of town in such a vehicle so he could assemble them in the country. Bausch has a photograph of the original wagon.

One unusual toy in his collection is a double-decker bus with a body, exterior stairs and top deck made from wood fretwork.

Another toy features a tap dancer who goes into action when a person speaks into the accompanying microphone.

A coin placed in the slot of a mechanical bank sets a dog, which jumps through a hoop, into motion.

Bausch also has a miniature reproduction of a Model T assembly line.

Bausch has restored some his collectables himself, but has avoided a lot of that by being selective in his purchases. However, he says today

toys are more difficult to find, you cannot be too selective because

Will toys being sold today grow in value like those from the past?

While many of the items relate to the past, a few are of more recent origin.

Bausch believes they will.

Noting that the things youngsters identify with today will form the basis for their collections one day, he points out that toys can help recall events associated with the past. Bausch says that anything made to commemorate a specific event will increase in value. He says it is difficult, though, to predict what will become a collector's item.

Bausch lectures frequently to civic groups on antique toys and sometimes takes reproductions with him to demonstrate to the audience how to distinguish the real thing from a facsimile.

Toys, Bausch says, "tell the story of the development of society."

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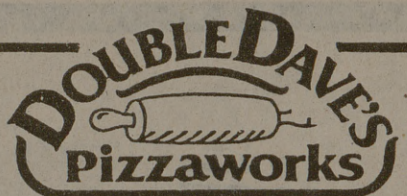
RESUME TIPS

by Rosangela King



"First impressions are lasting impressions." We've been talking about resumes and the role they play in helping you get a job. A resume is often your first contact with a prospective employer so, if you are seeking a professional or managerial position, take care to make your resume an effective presentation of your abilities. There are several different formats you can use and in most cases it's a very personal matter. A chronological resume, by no means the only form for a resume, is the one most college students use. A chronological resume has information organized from most recent to least recent (within each category). It is also important to remember that the categories of your resume should be in order of most important to least important in relation to your career objective (the organizing principle of any resume). If you have more than one area of career interest, you may have more than one resume. Watch for our next column, as we'll continue talking about resume formats.

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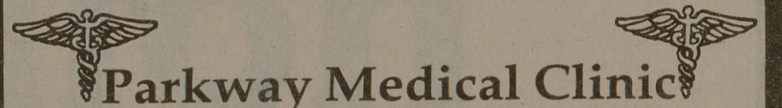
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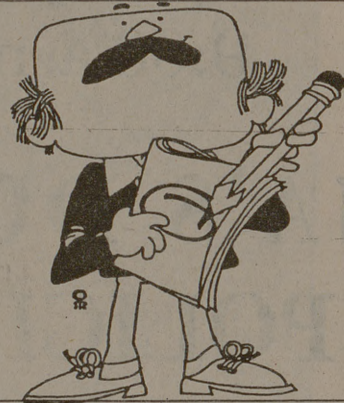
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