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Extra Curricular

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"Endings: An exhibit about Death and Loss" at the Children's Museum through June '85 explores the often-taboo subject with honesty and gentleness. It focuses on learning about, experiencing and dealing with death through a variety of audio and visual exhibits and presentations.

Children explore some of the predictable developmental stages of learning about death. For example, a peek-a-boo game helps children to know the difference between "out of sight" and "gone forever." A videotape of how make-believe death on televison is achieved technically. It is juxtaposed to a newsreel of "real death" so children learn that all death is not make-believe. Natural life cycles are presented as well as the beliefs and practices of other cultures. A resource area offers books, pamphlets and video presentations pertaining to death. Children's Museum, third floor, hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p. m; Friday until 9 p. m. Admission: \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 2-15 and senior citizens. Friday 6-9 p.m. free.