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ART GALLERIES—CHELSEA

## Magdalena Suarez Frimkess

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In her delightfully curious vessels and sculptures, the ceramicist, who was born in Venezuela, might incorporate images of cartoon characters, echo the styles of Mesoamerican artifacts, or do both. Hand-built and loosely painted from memory, her untitled works include such treasures as an intimately scaled Popeye. Slapdash and distorted (the chin is all wrong and his famously muscled arms hang stiffly, like bowling pins), he's still instantly recognizable, as is an uncharacteristically melancholic Minnie Mouse statuette. More recent works include lumpy teacups with uneven rims and other nonchalantly constructed, beautifully glazed designs. Some feature sketchlike scenes in Delft blue; on one, butter-colored pansies float on an icy background, with a coral handle and an olive interior completing the uncommon color scheme. It's our good fortune that Suarez Frimkess, who is now in her late eighties, shows no signs of slowing down.