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JOANN HARLAN  
... Missing Girl

### Hunt Missing Harlan Girl, 15 Years Old

Have you seen the girl in the picture accompanying this story?

She is JoAnn Harlan, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan, 2121 Andreo Ave., and she's been missing from her home since Tuesday.

She was last seen at Torrance high school, getting into a red DeSoto convertible in the company of Margaret Epifanio, 1732 Cabrillo Ave. It is believed that JoAnn and Margaret were together. Reports indicate there were two boys in the car, either of them were Torrance high students, Harlan said.

Mrs. Harlan is ill, suffering from sleepless nights, Harlan said, adding he feared that if JoAnn did not come home soon, Mrs. Harlan would break down completely and require hospitalization.

Harlan advanced no reason for the girl's disappearance. "She has never been seen away from home," he said, "not even overnight. I hope she is homesick by now and wants to come back."

"There is no trouble, no family trouble, to make her disappear," he added. A nightly search has been carried on by friends and neighbors, as well as Torrance police and the family, but without results. She was spotted once in Lomita, but by the time her father arrived, she had gone. Harlan seeks to enlist the aid of the community in locating his daughter. If anyone recognizes her, he asks that person

### Harvey Planning \$35,000,000 Plant in Oregon

Construction of a \$35,000,000 aluminum reduction plant is being planned near The Dalles, Ore., by the Harvey Machine Co., it was learned yesterday.

Some of the material produced at the northwest plant would be brought to the company's facility at 190th St. and Western Ave. here for further processing.

When development of the project along the Columbia River begins depends on permission by the Defense Production Administration, a spokesman said. It would take about 18 months for completion.

The plant, which would receive power from the McNary Dam, would have an annual production of 54,000 tons of aluminum, it was stated. Bauxite would come from the Caribbean area. Initially, but possible deposits in the northwest are being explored.

Funds for the development, similar to one being built by Harvey and the Anaconda Copper Co. at Kalispell, Mont., would come from private investors, according to the announcement.

Harvey is planning construction of a 10-story high press on a site south of the Torrance plant under an agreement with the Defense Department.

Also planned is an expansion of the firm's facilities across the street on property recently acquired from the Dominguez Estates Co.

to call him, or his wife, at Torrance 3235.

JoAnn is five feet, three inches tall, weighs 103 pounds, has brown hair and eyes and habitually wears a single earring. She is described as slim and nervous. It is believed the girls may be acting as sisters.

Harlan has three other girls, Dorothy, 14; Frances, 9, and Evelyn, 5, all students at Nativity Catholic School. JoAnn graduated from that institution before enrolling at Torrance High.

### Torrance Joins Four Cities In CD Trials

Torrance will join with four other cities in Area G this morning in a Civil Defense program to test chiefs of various services, particularly information channels, in event of an emergency.

The CPX drill will be a "paper test" only, and is not a general alert.

The "problem" to be handled will be in a sealed envelope and will be opened at the control center at the time designated on the envelope.

Control center, to be set up in the City Hall under the direction of George Stevens, city manager and director of Civil Defense, and George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense, will receive the first alert, a yellow flash, at 6 a.m.

City alerting plan will then be put in operation, assuring mobilization at the control center of a complete staff of firemen, law enforcement personnel, evacuation and welfare leaders, medical aides, and other special service assistants, prior to 7:45 a.m.

At 7:45 a.m. the Defense Council will meet to decide what action must be taken, then send communications to services to be activated.

For example, Torrance receives a "planted message" that a large oil field fire has started within its jurisdiction. Officials will dispatch such equipment as they have available and notify Area G of such action taken and of the need for specific assistance. Area G will dispatch such assistance as is available within the area, notifying Region of action taken and requesting assistance if necessary.

The same procedure applies to all services. Principal purpose of the CPX is to acquaint all staff members with the mechanics of the operations of a control center, with particular reference to the operation of the message center within the control center.

Regional Control Center has conducted two exercises and in each of the two found deficiencies which have developed information to increase efficiency of operations. It is hoped, said E. S. Dixon, regional coordinator, that today's exercise will provide the same opportunity to area and local control centers.

### Battle Looms Over Estate of Late Ira Goss

A legal battle over the estate left by Ira W. Goss, prominent Methodist Church lay leader, was shaping up this week as attorneys for two members of his family prepared to take the matter to court Tuesday.

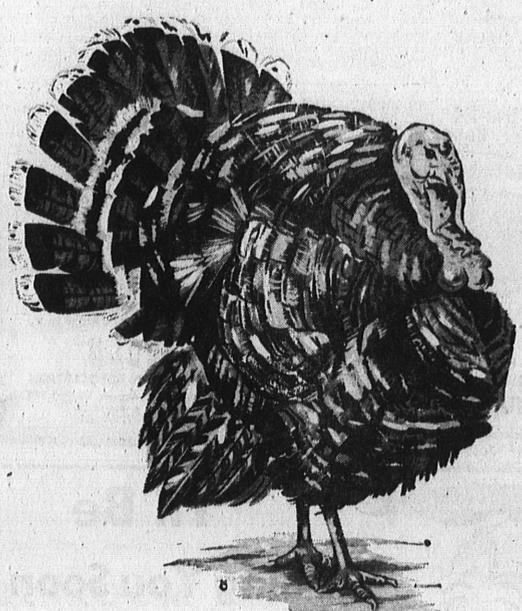
Returning from duty on Okinawa last week was Capt. Gerald T. Davis, of 1617 Amapola Ave., stepson of the late Mr. Goss who has filed a petition to probate a lost or destroyed will through Atty. Boris S. Woolley. Captain Davis claims that a will which he knew to be in existence was "either lost or has been destroyed by a person or persons other than Ira W. Goss."

Goss died in Indiana Oct. 6 after going back a short time previously to visit relatives there. The property involved includes bonds and real estate in Torrance, Woolley said.

At the same time, the law firm of Willett and Hitchcock filed a petition on behalf of a niece, Ruth Winneguth, of Huntington Park, for letters of administration for the estate on the grounds that no will exists. Atty. Donald Hitchcock said yesterday that there appears to be some question as to whether one or two wills had been drawn. None has been found.

Goss, who lived with the Davis family on Amapola prior to his death had no children of his own, but raised Davis from a small boy, according to the Captain's attorney. Mrs. Goss was killed in an auto accident here about five years ago.

Captain Davis, whose emergency leave expires tomorrow, claims that at the time of his stepfather's death, there was in existence a will leaving the entire property of Goss to Davis as the sole heir. The case will be heard Tuesday in the Los Angeles Superior Court.



### Volunteers Are Sought for Skywatching

Gardena civil defense officials recharged with the job of maintaining an aircraft ground observation post (Operation Skywatch) for seven cities, including Torrance, besides their own community — yesterday called on volunteers to help man the station.

Recruits were sought from Compton, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Palos Verdes, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and El Segundo, to help man the observation point which operates on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week. It is located on the roof of the Teen Age Community Center building, 1651 Market St.

Any Torrance resident who can spare the time (about two hours weekly) is requested to call Mrs. Vernon E. Groves, ENlo 4-1131, or PLessant 6-2070.



YOUNGSTER SHAKEN . . . Allen F. Smith, 14-year-old who enjoys taking an evening ride, will be careful after this when he does so. Thursday afternoon Smith, who resides at 1624 W. 222nd St., was aboard his horse when the animal bolted. The beast careened full tilt into the middle of Western Ave. and, likewise, into the middle of an automobile being driven south on the avenue by William F. Selber, 32, 1707 Shilling Ct., an employee of Columbia Steel who was enroute home. Young Smith was taken to Harbor General Hospital where it was found he was shaken up, but uninjured.

### Student Leaders Hold Discussion

Five student body leaders of El Camino College exchanged information and discussed problems with 254 officers from 51 junior colleges at this week's end California Junior College Student Government Conference, held at the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel.

Among delegates were Donald L. Mitchell and Joan King of Torrance. Others were Judy Lawrence, Hawthorne; Bob Morgensen, Los Angeles; and Willie Suzuki, Gardena.

Faculty advisors also attending were Macy C. Hancock, assistant director of student personnel for women and Hamilton Maddaford, assistant director of student personnel for men.

"This was the 14th such semi-annual conference," said Merl F. Siban, director of student personnel.

In addition to the 254 student representatives, 62 faculty advisors also attended the meet. Hosts were the several Los Angeles city junior colleges. State president of the organization is Ray Norby, student body president of Los Angeles City College.



FIRE ON FRIDAY . . . Two Torrance firemen enter a storage shed at the Metalcad Insulating Co., 1739 Western Ave., Friday, to remove piles of fiberglass insulating material. The fiberglass itself did not burn, since it is able to withstand temperatures up to 1000 degrees, but the flimsy wrapping paper in which it was bound went up in smoke. Chief J. J. Benner said the blaze was caused by sparks from a welding torch, which was being used on a truss overhanging the shed. Manager Ray F. Kemper of Metalcad estimated damage at between \$1500 and \$2000.

### King to Return To Washington After Holiday

Congressman Cecil R. King, reasonably to speed up a \$20,000,000 government for a fair and reasonably prompt consideration of its claims without waiver in any respect of the interest of the government."

Snyder explained his interest in expediting a multimillion-dollar excess profits tax claim by Universal Pictures, Inc., in a letter to members of the House and means subcommittee headed by Congressman King.

In a letter to King, Snyder said: "My interest in the Universal Pictures Company, Inc., case was no different than I have displayed in many other cases where it seemed to me that the taxpayer was entitled to call on the awards."

### Chest Award

Sam Levy, Harbor chairman, was awarded the Morrill trophy for Chest work at an award meeting in the Ambassador Hotel last week. Mrs. Edward L. Schwartz, residential chairman, received an "Oscar." Mesdames Paul Roettger and Lyle O'Hara also received awards.



HEADS NEW CLUB . . . Walt Schaefer has been slated as the first president of the Noon Torrance Toastmasters Club which will meet each Monday noon at the Ding Doo Cafe. The first regular meeting of the new group will be held tomorrow noon.