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# South High Student Injured In Tumble Down Canyon Wall

"Do you think the American government was right in giving the first-class grand tour of America during his visit last week?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquisitive photographer asked several persons shopping in downtown Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

Herb Albright, 27010 Daplegrey Lane, Rilling Hills, real estate broker:

"I do. Inasmuch as he is the second in command of such a powerful country, we cannot afford to treat him with anything but the respect his position commands. If we had treated him badly, it might have had serious repercussions."

George Post, 1322 Cranbrook Ave., banker:

"I think it was done properly. It couldn't do any harm and it will probably accomplish some good. I feel it was unfortunate that a certain segment of the public did not show him the courtesy we would expect our American dignitaries to receive on a similar tour abroad."

Thomas Kasterko, 2214 Torrance Blvd., aircraft machinist:

"As long as we invited him as our guest to see our way of life he was entitled to the same treatment as any other visiting delegate, even though we may not approve to some of the things he does."

Jean Masulatis, 1740 Gramercy, housewife:

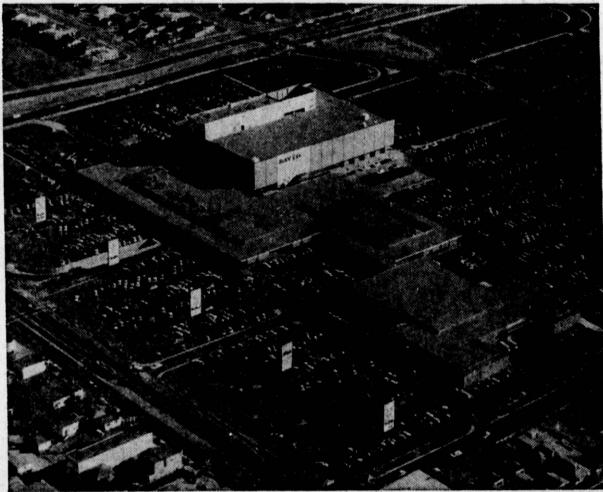
"I have mixed feelings. In one sense it's a good-neighbor policy, but on the other hand I do not trust the Russians. I was shocked when he said on TV that he did not believe in God."

Robert F. Burke, 18042 Wilkie Ave., machinist:

"I agree with our government. The State Dept. did a wonderful job. This was just the way it should be. Everybody has a right to his own opinions."

Maxine Hahn, 320 Via Linda Vista, policeman's wife:

"Yes, I certainly think we were right. We profess that we are a neutral country, and we should emphasize this when they come to see our conditions and our way of life. We would take advantage of this opportunity to sell it to them—especially when it is someone so important."



NEARING COMPLETION . . . Scheduled to open in the next few weeks, finishing touches are being made on the giant new May Co. in the South Bay Shopping Center, 174th and Hawthorne. Built at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000, the new store will be the seventh for the May Co. in the Southland, and contains 351,000 square feet, and has parking for 5800 cars.

## Preis to Manage New South Bay May Co. Store

A veteran of more than 25 years with the May Co. Department stores, John J. Preis, has been named general manager of the new May Co. South Bay unit due to open within the next few weeks. The announcement was made by Tom May,

executive vice president of the company.

The imposing, multi-million dollar store, is in the heart of the South Bay Shopping Center, Hawthorne Blvd. at 174th St., Redondo Beach.

Preis, who joined the May Co. in 1933, was the first general manager of the firm's Crenshaw unit, and also served as general manager of the May Co. Wilshire.

In addition to serving the Los Angeles retail and business fraternity, Preis has long been active in the civic and public service affairs of the community.

At the present time he is the Los Angeles County Fund Campaign chairman for Muscular Dystrophy; member of the board of governors, Los Angeles County Art Institute; charter treasurer, Otis Associates, Los Angeles County Art Associates; president of Lay Board, Daniel Freeman Hospital, Inglewood; and member-at-large, Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Preis resides with his wife, Jane, and their two sons at 4113 Punta Alta Dr. in Los Angeles.



JOHN J. PREIS

## Palos Verdes Woman Wins Trip to Hawaii

Mrs. David M. Barrie of 2516 Palos Verdes Drive West, Palos Verdes Estates, was named winner this week of a free trip to Hawaii for two given away by Harbor Savings and Loan Assn. in honor of its first anniversary.

The prize awarded by Joseph A. Wall, president of Harbor Savings, includes air transportation to Honolulu and six nights at a Walkiki Beach hotel.

## Firemen Rescue Student

A 15-year-old South High student was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when he slipped and fell an estimated 40 feet while hiking along a canyon at the dead end of Via Tortuga in Palos Verdes-Riviera section of Torrance.

Rushed to Pacific Medical Center in Redondo Beach after his rescue by fire and police officers was Donald E. Hickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hickman, 5502 Via Del Valle.

He was hiking with at least three companions when he tumbled, according to sketchy reports of the incident yesterday.

Firemen lowered ropes from both sides of the canyon and brought the Hickman lad up on a stretcher after about one half hour's work. He was reportedly unconscious when found.

One of his hiking companions clambered down the rough sides of the canyon to Hickman's side and two others ran to call for help after the accident.

The HERALD was unable to obtain a report of the boy's condition in time for today's edition. He had been transferred to Pacific View Hospital and was still in surgery at 4:30 p.m.

## Proposed Walk On Prairie Ave. Studied by City

A proposal by the Torrance Traffic Commission regarding installation of 30-foot sidewalks along Prairie Ave. across the Edison right-of-way on the west side of the street is currently under consideration by City Council.

The request was made by the traffic commission following numerous complaints by the Perry School, the PTA, and the Torrance Unified School district. At the present time during inclement weather pupils at the Perry School are forced to walk in the mud or in the traffic-congested street.

City Manager George Stevens will make recommendations on this matter at the next meeting of Council.



RESCUE NEAR . . . Firemen bring stretcher carrying 15-year-old Donald E. Hickman near the top of a canyon into which he tumbled yesterday afternoon. Hickman fell while hiking with companions near his Palos Verdes-Riviera home. (Herald Photo by Bob Wilton)

## Dope Holdup Quartet Due Back Feb. 9

Four youths who stole drugs from Kaiser Foundation Hospital will be sentenced Feb. 9 on first degree robbery charges.

The quartet — Gary Raymond Bell, 19, of 2614 Brian Ave., Torrance; Heber Charles Themm Jr., 21, of 2125 W. 256th St., Lomita; David Darst, 20, of 25006 Andro Ave., Lomita, and Terry Roger Fuelle, 19, of 2321 W. 249th St., Lomita — applied to Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling for probation Wednesday, after having pleaded guilty in Municipal Court.

THE FOUR admitted taking morphine, demerol and dolophine at gunpoint from three employees of the Harbor City institution, Jan. 6. They were arrested in Barstow the same night.

Roy S. Jennings, 34, of 1135 1/2 Louise St., Lynwood, charged with sharing in the loot pleaded guilty to narcotics possession and will be sentenced the same day.

Robbery and possession charges against Barbara Dwyer, 20, of 1904 Camino de la Costa, Torrance, have been dismissed. She was arrested with Jennings in a Torrance hotel.

In another case, the police are still seeking bandits who obtained a large amount of dope and \$100 cash in a gunpoint holdup of a drug store at 16908 Prairie Ave., Wednesday night. The pair threatened Pharmacist Robert Crowe, Clerk Carmen Ayala, and a customer, Thomas Foster, 16, before fleeing with the loot.

## Some Clerks To Get Aid

Members of Retail Clerks Local 905, which includes Torrance and the Harbor Area clerks, were ruled eligible for state unemployment benefits by the State Department of Employment Friday.

The clerks in these unions were ruled to be eligible for the \$40 a week compensation when only members of Local 770 of Los Angeles were determined to be on strike by the state agency.

The market strike-lockout, which went into its 17th day yesterday, has closed 1000 Southland markets.



BROUGHT OUT . . . South High Student Donald E. Hickman is brought to the top of a canyon into which he tumbled and is here being checked by ambulance attendants who rushed him to a medical center. (Herald Photo by Bob Wilton)

## New Move For Poker City Made

Petitions for incorporation of the Victoria Park area into a city have been filed with the county an dare due before the board of supervisors at their Tuesday meeting. Poker promoter Joseph Asaro, who stirred up a storm in the community last year with talk of incorporation to permit establishment of poker parlors, filed the petitions.

The board is expected to refer the petition to the county assessor's office for checking. Signatures must represent 25 per cent of the property owners and must also represent 25 per cent of the area's assessed valuation.

Asaro spoke last year of building a swimming pool and youth center for the area if it is incorporated. His plan was opposed by the Victoria Park Civic Council which has called a meeting for Tuesday evening at the Town Ave. School.

His attempts to introduce gambling into Hermosa Beach last year failed.

The Victoria Park area is west of Avalon Blvd. and south of Victoria St. east of Torrance.

## Police Officers Cited by Council For Bravery

Two Torrance police officers were cited for bravery above and beyond the call of duty in a resolution passed this week by City Council.

Officers Thomas Woodridge and Gerald Snyder of the Traffic Division were cited by the council for preventing the loss of two lives Dec. 31 following a fire and explosion which involved the patrol car and two other vehicles.

Passengers of both vehicles were rescued by the pair of officers from their flaming cars after the parked police car, hit from the rear, crashed into the vehicle of a woman driver whom they had just halted at Highway 101 at Hillworth Ave. to issue a traffic citation.

## Drink Firm Robbed

Three gunmen robbed a soft drink firm of \$5000 Friday night at 641 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. Manager Sanford Field said the robbers were armed with chrome-plated revolvers and emptied the cash drawer and took \$100 from an employe before fleeing in a station wagon.

## YMCA Week Begins Today

Ben Smith, chairman of the Torrance YMCA, announced today that Jan. 18-25 has been designated YMCA Week throughout the nation. During this time the purpose and program of the YMCA will be interpreted to the community and special activities held at the Y. Torrance churches will make special note of the Y at services to be held today.

Feature program at the local Y will be the campers' reunion to be held Wednesday. Over 400 invitations have been sent out to former campers. A typical campfire-type program with skits, songs, and stories will be highlight of the evening. In addition, slides and movies of past camp seasons will be shown.

The Teen Canteen, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, will hold its second dance from 8 to 12 p.m.

## Scout Week Proclaimed By Mayor

Boy Scout Week will be observed locally during the week of Feb. 7 to 13 according to a proclamation issued this week by Mayor Albert Isen.

Chartered by Congress on Feb. 8, 1910, the Boy Scout organization is comprised of 4,780,000 youngsters at the present time, 8000 of whom are active in troops in the Torrance area.

During the 49 years in which the nationwide group has been in existence, more than 29 million persons have been enrolled in its ranks. In his proclamation, Mayor Isen urged the citizens of this city to support the patriotic service rendered to the community by the volunteer leaders.

## Hahn Seeks to Expedite Work On San Diego Freeway in Area

County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn met this week in Sacramento with Robert B. Bradford, State Director of Public Works, and urged that construction of the San Diego Freeway be expedited through the Inglewood-Torrance areas to relieve serious traffic congestion near the International airport and the beach cities.

The San Diego Freeway is currently under construction between Venice and Jefferson Bldvs.

"However, the most critical area from the standpoint of traffic needs is the section between Jefferson and the connection with the Harbor Freeway near 190th and Figueroa sts.," Hahn advised Bradford.

This section would serve Culver City, the Baldwin Hills, Westchester, Lennox, Inglewood, the International Airport, El Segundo, the South Bay, Hawthorne, Lawndale,

Torrance, and Gardena, he pointed out.

In addition to the International Airport, many important aircraft an defense manufacturing plants are in this area and it is imperative that the freeway be built as soon as

possible to provide relief from the traffic congestion which threatens to strangle the area," Hahn declared.

He urged Bradford to review the problem and allocate funds to expedite this link of the freeway.

## Thanks for the Plug

Nationally distributed magazines now appearing on newsstands and going to subscribers from coast to coast contain a new series of advertisements by the All Year Club of Southern California sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The advertisements state that it is sponsored on behalf of Glendale, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Pomona, Santa Monica, Torrance and 182 other Southern California cities.

To which we say "Thanks" from the city of Torrance.