

Modern X-ray Equipment Slated For Hospital Use

Awaiting completion of the new Radiology Building at South Bay Hospital is more than \$150,000 worth of new, highly sophisticated X-ray equipment which will cover 6,000 square feet of floor space.

Michael Starbuck, chief X-ray technician, said the equipment represents a "huge step forward, reflecting the technological advances of recent years in the field of radiology."

The equipment includes, among other systems, an Automatic Injector, which injects contrast material into the vascular system, and a film changer which processes six films per second for rapid arterial work.

"Both the General Electric and Siemens systems, which are included in the new equipment, are the most expensive in the world," Starbuck said. They feature a closed circuit television system which allows the radiologist and technician to view the patient on a TV screen both inside and outside of the radiographic room. The pictures can be tape recorded for review in depth at a later time.

"The contrast and detail of image with this new equipment is highly accurate and a tremendous aid in diagnosis," Starbuck stated.

In addition to the two rooms for the G.E. and German-made Siemens equipment, a special procedure room will be housed in the building. This room is for studies made under sterile surgical conditions and work is done by the surgeon with the help of the radiologist.

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Comedy Garden Checklist Opening Slated

The Long Beach Community Players, celebrating 40 years of continuous production, will open their new production of the Neil Simon comedy hit, "Come Blow Your Horn," Friday.

The comedy, directed by James Brittain, will be presented at Community Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m. for six weeks. Benefit performances are Thursdays at 7:45 p.m.

The cast includes: Andrew Hawkes, Michael Lorenz, Joe Carr, Darlene Chaffee, Connie Jo Sponheim, and Celeste Clinton.

The story deals with two brothers, one a swinging 33-year-old bachelor and the other a 21-year-old eager candidate for the suave, urbane bachelor role. Into their lives come their parents, complete with old-fashioned ideas and rules.

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A correspondent and wife, trailering through Mexico the last 56 days, write me it cost them \$11.50 per day, for everything, including some food brought from the U.S. and Mexican car insurance.

"Could you suggest things to buy on a tour of South America?"

I bought a tourmaline (like an emerald) ring in Rio de Janeiro — very good for Brazilian stones and jewelry. A pampas lion skin in Buenos Aires. (For a son's bedroom.) A very handsome wool poncho, also in B.A. (For a teenage daughter.)

In Lima I bought llama skin rugs. (For children's rooms.) Two beautiful, heavy engraved silver Zippo lighter cases. (For friends.) A nice present from Brazil is the figa — the little jewel charm of a hand with the thumb thrust between two fingers. It's African and keeps off bad luck. Get them in anything from carved wood to pure gold. The best come from Bahia, the black country in the north.

"We will be driving in Mexico and I am fearful of getting too hot food..."

You don't run into as much hot food in Mexico as you do in San Antonio, Tex., or other Mexican restaurants in the U.S. The word for hot with pepper is "picante." (Hot with heat is "caliente" — don't confuse them.) So if you ask the waiter "picante?" with a question inflection, he'll tell you. (Of course sometimes what doesn't seem hot to him will burn a hole through a boot. But this is the best way I know to avoid the hot stuff.)

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