

Area Band Gets Top Prize In San Jose Music Show

Five Torrance youngsters were among members of the South Bay Music School's award winning band which journeyed to San Jose last week. The local group's Music Masters Accordion Band won first prize in the qualified band competition and second place in the open band competition.

Torrance residents who were in the band were Lesley Smith, Jean Gilmartin, Connie Luongo, Linda Justice, and Jean Shipley. Other band mem-

bers are Lorraine Smith, Charlene Branch, Jimmy Sage, and Greg and Gill Owen, all of Redondo Beach; Janice Riddle, Hermosa Beach; Patty Kingsley and Jerry Sharp, Lawndale; Jennie Quevedo, Inglewood; and Dolores and Jeanette Sapiga, Los Angeles.

Other winners were: Ann Quay, Redondo, second prize for senior open solo; Vicky Justice, Torrance, second prize for qualified solo; Jeanette Sapiga, Los Angeles, second prize for qualified solo; Jennie Quevedo, Inglewood, third prize for qualified solo.

Students participating in the competition were taught by Mrs. Peggy Parke, Torrance and Mrs. Ann Quay, Redondo, both teachers at South Bay Music School, Redondo.

The California State Accordion Festival is sponsored by the Northern California Accordion Assn. This year there were 1150 contestants from all over California and this is the first time children from the South Bay area have won in so many categories.

Bike Rodeo Slated at Park Soon

A Bike Rodeo is scheduled at Alondra Regional Park, 3850 Manhattan Beach Blvd., on Wednesday, July 26.

The Bike Rodeo will begin at 1 p.m. It will feature races, relays, skills and awards. A special award will be made for the best decorated bicycle in both the boys and girls divisions.

This is open to all boys and girls 7-14 years old. There will be two divisions in each group. The divisions are boys 7-10; girls 7-10; boys 11-14; girls 11-14. Refreshments will be served.

This activity is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

Gerald Hickman on Dean's Honor List

Gerald C. Hickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hickman, 5502 Via Del Valle, and a sophomore at the University of California at Santa Barbara has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll. The economics major, a 1959 graduate of North High, maintained a 3.6 grade point average at USSB.



GETTING PINS . . . Members of Brownie Troop 626 and World Friendship Scout Troop 614 are shown here receiving World Friendship pins during a recent meeting at the Meadow Park school. Families and friends of the girls witnessed the ceremonies.

Deny Bid To Rezone

Proposed commercial zoning at the southeast corner of Western Ave. and 223rd St. has been turned down by the Los Angeles City Planning Commission. This action was taken on the recommendation of Director of Planning John Roberts and Hearing Examiner, James A. Moss who conducted a public hearing in Wilmington on June 26.

The request to change the present R1 single-family zone to the C2 commercial zone had been filed by Lewis and Sons, owners of the property. At the

public hearing Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Rhine of 1960 West 187th Pl. said they wish to buy the property and operate a beauty shop in the existing dwelling.

The Planning Commission action is final unless an appeal is filed with the City Council before Aug. 3.

The Los Angeles County Branch of the American Cancer Society provides surgical dressings for cancer patients.

Del Mar Trip Fares, Times Set by Buses

Special excursion fare, round-trip bus service from Torrance direct to Del Mar Race Track will be inaugurated with the opening of the Del Mar horse racing season on Tuesday, it was announced today by Charles F. Gots, Greyhound Lines representative here. The special service will operate on all racing days — Monday through Saturday — throughout the Del Mar season, ending Sept. 12.

Greyhound's special excursion fare of \$6.25 will include round-trip transportation — in reclining seat coaches with seats assured for all passengers in both directions — admission to the track, federal transportation and admission taxes, and City of Del Mar admission tax.

Daily departure of the Del Mar special bus from Torrance will be at 10:10 a.m., with arrival at the track well in advance of post time for the first race. The return bus will leave after the running of the last race.

Only excursion fare tickets will be honored on the Del Mar special buses.

One million Americans alive today have been cured of cancer according to the American Cancer Society.

Armed Forces

A joint Independence Day celebration and ancient naval initiation rite were observed by the dock landing ship USS Tortuga, July 4, en route to join the powerful U.S. Seventh Fleet guarding the Far East.

Taking part in the two-way festivities was Gerald A. Pettit, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Pettit of 17026 Haas Ave.

Traditionally, when a Navy ship crosses the International Date line—the 180th meridian — crewmen who have never before crossed the line are initiated into the "Ancient Order of the Golden Deep" in colorful and somewhat strenuous ceremonies.

There were some 190 such neophytes aboard the Tortuga when His August Majesty and Imperial Potentate, the Golden Dragon, and his Royal Court "boarded" the ship. The dragon and the members of his court were portrayed by previously initiated crewmembers.

His Majesty rules the waters of the Far East as far west as the 180th meridian, and the purpose of the ceremony is to initiate the neophytes into the "silent mysteries" of his domain. It is similar in form to the Equator-crossing ceremonies.

The initiation involves suffering a "physical examination" at the hands of the Royal Doctor, kissing the Royal Baby, admiring the Golden Dragon's lovely and gracious Queen, and other "sports."

In the Tortuga's case, the crossing occurred on July 4, making possible a combined initiation ceremony and celebration of the Independence Day of the United States and the Republic of the Philippines.

After the morning initiation rites, with all hand now full-fledged Golden Dragons and thus "fit to enter and disport themselves in the Far East," the ship's well deck was flooded for a swimming party and charcoal grills were set up for a Fourth of July barbecue — more than 2,000 miles from shore.

Army Acting Sergeant Kenneth E. Wattenbarger, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wattenbarger, Caddo Gap, Ark., recently was awarded the Army Commendation Medal while serving with Headquarters Detachment of the 57th Artillery, a Nike-Hercules missile unit at Fort MacArthur.

Wattenbarger received the award for his outstanding performance of duties as a wrecker operator and as a consolidated motor pool section leader in the detachment.

His wife, Mary, lives at 25528 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita.

The American Cancer Society is supporting almost one million dollars worth of cancer research in Los Angeles County.

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