

# Hobby Show Closes Tonight

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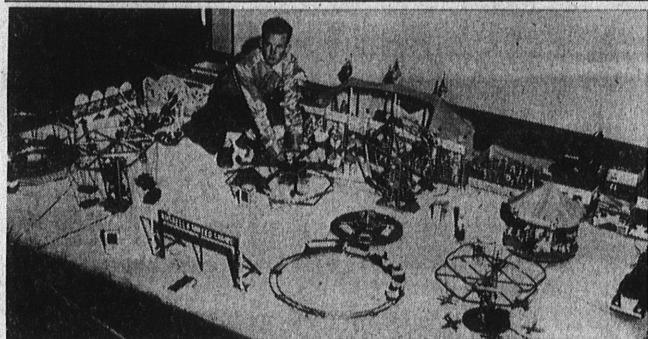
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# ONE NEAR DEATH, THREE HURT IN HIGHWAY CRASH



**HIGHWAY TRAGEDY . . .** One sailor lies near death today in the Harbor General Hospital three days after this crash on Pacific Coast Highway in which three other persons, all of Waleria, were injured. Car at left about to be righted by R. C. Williams (white coat) was driven by Lawrence Rahgo, a sailor, who was listed as "very critical" by hospital attendants late yesterday.



**THESE BIG ATTRACTIONS!** . . . One of the most popular displays of the Art, Flower, and Hobby Show is this miniature carnival built by a 17-year-old San Pedro youth, Ed Russell. The carnival was eight years in the building. It has five moving "rides," lights and even neon tubing. The entire show folds up and can be stored in 22 small trucks and trailers like a real carnival. The exhibit won a first-place ribbon in the juvenile hobby division. Show closes at 9 p.m. this evening. Admission is free.

## 1000 Visit Hobby Show First 2 Days

As the 1953 Annual Art, Flower, and Hobby Show moves into its final hours at the Civic Auditorium today, the sponsors of the show said they had tallied more than 1000 visitors to the free show yesterday afternoon.

The exhibit closes tonight at 9 o'clock. One of the displays attracting considerable attention, especially among the small fry, is a miniature working carnival built after eight years of labor by Eddie Russell, a 17-year-old San Pedro High School boy.

Sweepstakes winner of the Hobby and Art section is a display of carved abalone shells made by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fournier.

This year's show is sponsored jointly by the Torrance JayCettes and the Torrance Terrace Garden Club.

Two activities will be taking place at various times during the show today. The Barber Shoppers chorus of 20 voices will sing at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Quartets will sing at 7 and 8:30 p.m.

In between, the group of teenage radio hams will contact other hams throughout the world over a 150-watt transmitter set up as part of their hobby display.

The SPEBSQSA is giving away a free radio to some visitor to their display. Herb Allen, president, urges show visitors to register for the free gift at the Barber Shop display at the stage.

Ribbon winners in the Hobby section, according to Mrs. Lou Karlow, president of the JayCettes were:

**CERAMICS:**  
Mrs. Ramona Kesson, porcelain dolls, first; Mrs. Kissel, molded and painted, second; Mrs. Evelyn Hyder, third.

**MODELS:**  
Charles Stewart, railroad, first; Adley Champion, ship, second.

**CRAFTS:**  
James Scott, wood-carving, first; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fournier, abalone art, second; Mrs. Raymond, leather work, third.

**FANCY WORK:**  
Mrs. Showalter, quilt, first; Mrs. Segura, petit point, second; Mrs. Showalter, afghan, third.

**COLLECTIONS:**  
Howard Fairchild, railroad pictures, first; R. J. Deurloo, photography, second; Mrs. Alonzo, crocheted dolls, third.

**THIS AND THAT:**  
SPEBSQSA, barber shop display, first; Harbor Aquarium, aquarium, second.

**CAKES:**  
Mrs. Opal Simon, first; Mrs. (Continued on Page 3)

## Trumpeter Mendez 'Returns' Korean Veteran, Three Others Hurt in Crash

Rafael Mendez, hailed as the "Heifetz of the Trumpet," who was scheduled to appear with the Torrance Area Youth Band last Tuesday will make a "return" engagement Monday, according to W. E. Bowen, president of the youth group.

Mendez was unable to appear Tuesday night when a blister broke out on his lip due to a case of hives which he contracted shortly before the concert.

The musician will play the "Mexican Hat Dance," "Macarena" and "Tico Tico," as well as one of his own compositions, "Mendez Czardas."

Two numbers arranged by Dr. Lucien Calliet, eminent conductor and arranger, will be presented by the Youth Band. These include the popular "Lady of Spain" and "Italian in Algiers."

Clarence Sawhill, director of bands for the University of California at Los Angeles, will conduct the local band in "His Honor March," "Hansel and Gretel" overture, "March of the Toys" and Ravel's famous "Bolero."

The concert is under the direction of James Van Dyck, conductor.

Tickets for the concert may be obtained at the Civic Auditorium box office. The concert starts at 8:15 p.m.

**Weather**

The Weather Bureau predicts that it will be partly cloudy this morning, and rather windy. This afternoon should be mostly sunny, with a high temperature of around 68. Scattered showers are expected over the mountains.

**Funeral Services Pending For Mrs. Florence Volder**

Funeral arrangements were pending today in the death of Mrs. Florence Volder, 65, mother of Russell Frantz of 4222 W. 177th St.

Mrs. Volder, who had been under a doctor's care, died in her sleep, and was discovered by her son yesterday morning. A resident of San Jacinto, Mrs. Volder had been visiting here with her son.



**CHECKS CAMP DATE . . .** Scout Dennis Coil, 1651 W. 218th St., checks off June 24 on his calendar, the date he will leave for Philmont Ranch in New Mexico for a 36-day leadership training camp. With him are Scoutmaster C. B. Comer, and Institutional Representative Len Swanson, who represents the Moose Lodge, sponsor of the troop.

## Earl Street 'Islanders' Get Rescued

It appeared this week there would be some relief for a score of residents along undedicated Earl street who were threatened with being cut off by the construction of new subdivisions leaving them with no means of getting to or from their homes.

A settlement was reached this week between the property owners and Henry Griswold, a subdivider. An injunction against Griswold sought by Attorney Don Armstrong representing the threatened residents was dropped as the issue was brought to trial in Superior Court.

## Dennis Coil Gets Scout Camp Honors

One of the two Scouts selected from the Harbor Area to attend the annual Philmont Ranch junior leadership training course is 17-year-old Dennis Coil, of 1651 W. 218th St., a Star Scout and junior assistant scoutmaster of Troop 315.

The Narbonne High School senior has been in Scouting eight years — three years as a cub and five years as a Scout.

A graduate of basic and advanced Scoutmaster training, Coil has received the Order of Merit and the Order of the Arrow for his Scouting.

Scouts attending the 36-day outing in New Mexico are selected by Scout executives for their willingness in Scout activities, and service to the troop and community.

## Air Hose Bandit Grabs \$100 From Gas Station Till

A young man who said he wanted air, got quite a bit more than that from the service station at 3101 Redondo Beach Blvd. Wednesday night, attendant Pat O'Neill reported to police.

O'Neill said the suspect, who was dressed in a white service station attendant's uniform, drove into the station and said he just wanted air, then, while O'Neill was waiting on another customer, tapped the cash boxes for \$100 in silver and currency.

Since the cash boxes showed no sign of forcible entry, police believed the tapper might have had a key. O'Neill said that the white-clad bandit parked his car so that it obstructed the attendant's view of one cash box, then, saying the air hose was out of order, moved the car to block off the other till.

O'Neill discovered the loss when he went to make change for the other customer. In the meantime, however, the till-tapper had escaped.

## Police Seek Bogus Checks Passed Here

Merchants holding checks issued by John Hobron Callard, drawn on the Hotel Mark Twain in Hollywood, were asked this week to get in touch with Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett at the Torrance Police Dept.

Callard was arrested near here last week and placed in the county jail on suspicion of writing bogus checks throughout the area. Sergeant Bennett said several such checks had been turned up in this vicinity.

Callard was allegedly a member of a four-man team of check artists which floated a quantity of the "paper" throughout the Los Angeles area.

## Plan to Link City to County Riding, Hiking Trails Studied

A move to link up Torrance to the extensive riding and hiking trail system in Los Angeles County was disclosed here Wednesday evening as two officials from the county asked for easements to install trails across North Torrance.

Speaking to the Commission was a Mr. Evans of the Los Angeles County Engineering Department and a Mr. Little of the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department.

Evans explained the county system of riding and hiking trails, and said the county now wanted to link up the trail which follows the Los Angeles River to El Nido where the county has a park which will be devoted to riding and hiking activities.

Evans told the Commissioners that the county would like to have the trail follow the Edison Co. power lines across North Torrance, and asked for assistance in acquiring 10-foot easements from subdividers in the area for the trail.

**System Outlined**

Little outlined the county's system of trails, pointing out that the system now runs from the Los Angeles River to the mountains, across Altadena over into Ventura County. He said the county now wanted to connect the trail to this area, and eventually to tie up with the approximately 50 miles of trails in the Palos Verdes area.

The Planning Commission will hold approval until further study of the proposal could be made.

In other matters to come before the planners, the petition of William H. Campbell for a variance and conditional permit for a retail commercial business

**Tract Studied**

A tract of 102 lots to be constructed on the southwest corner of Arlington Ave. and 174th St. was submitted by West Development Co. A committee was named to study the proposal.

Two tracts of 350 homes submitted by the Don-Ja-Ran Construction Co., to be built in the Hollywood Riviera area were held up by the planners until the subdividers present details plans on the type and sizes of homes to be built in the area.

## 8 Harbor Grads From Local Area

One hundred students, including four graduates of Torrance High School and four residents of Torrance, will receive their Associate in Arts degrees in spring semester graduation ceremonies to be held at Harbor Junior College on Thursday evening, June 18, according to Raymond J. Casey, Tech director.

THS graduates who have completed their studies at the Harbor school are Joseph F. Abramson, 1603 Post Ave.; Paul R. Conon, 1533 W. 25th St.; Gary A. Groves, 25451 Narbonne Ave.; Lomita, and Dorothy R. O'Brien, 101 So. Bandidi St., San Pedro.

Four students who live in Torrance but who did not graduate from the local high school are Mildred W. Googins, 22213 S. Meyler St.; Stanley L. Kasse, 1414 Hickory St.; Doris W. La Zalone, 22213 S. Meyler St.; and Nina R. Lavender, 1908 S. Western Ave.

## Death Claims THS Girl, Multiple Sclerosis Victim

Nina Sarukian, 15, a Torrance High School tenth grader, was claimed by death last Saturday night after a nine-month battle against multiple sclerosis, a progressive disease of the nervous system for which there is no known cure.

She was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sarukian, of 736 Sartori Ave.

Funeral services for the young girl were held Tuesday at the Holy Cross Armenian Church in Los Angeles, and interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Miss Sarukian had been receiving private tutoring in her home since the mysterious disease struck. Apparently feeling all right on Friday night, according to her mother, she suffered a relapse on Saturday, and was taken to White Memorial Hospital where she died. The cause of multiple sclerosis is not known.

The Sarukians have lived in Torrance for 17 years. Mr. Sarukian is employed by Columbia Steel.

## Boundary Switch Should Be Legal Within 60 Days

The cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach have reached an agreement on the relocation of the boundary line between the two cities, and all that remains now is to comply with the legal requirements of changing boundaries, which will probably take about 60 days, according to Francis Hopkins, acting city manager for the city of Redondo Beach.

The new boundary line, which will be an "either-or" rather than a "half and half" boundary, will follow Elena Ave., then zig-zag across several lots rather than slicing them in half as they now are, leaving them either in Torrance or in Redondo Beach.

The new boundary proposition was introduced at the Redondo Beach Council meeting Monday and later approved by the city boundary commission. In Torrance, a hearing on the boundary relocation will be held on Wednesday evening, June 3, at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

The new boundary will go into effect 30 days after legal requirements have been fulfilled, Hopkins said. These legal requirements include hearings, plus the posting and publishing of intention to annex, he explained.