



**PUBLISHER CITED** . . . Reid L. Bundy (left), editor and co-publisher of the Torrance Press-Herald and the Press-Journal and Harbor Mail, receives notice of appointment as "Ambassador of Hope" from Lawrence S. Bragg, regional representative of the City of Hope. Bundy's citation came in recognition of "his support and identification with the ideals and Pilot Medical Center objectives of the City of Hope." (Press-Herald Photo)

## Hula Hoop Contest Planned

Youngsters at Torrance parks and playgrounds are preparing for the second annual National Hula Hoop Championships beginning Saturday, May 17.

Boys and girls from 5 to 15 years of age are eligible to participate. Winners picked from each of the participating parks and playgrounds will compete later for the Torrance city championship.

At stake is the National Hula Hoop Championship, won last year by Torrance's Marilou Ulom Jones, an 11-year-old student at Grace Wright Elementary School. Her victory was worth \$1,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds, plus an all-expenses paid trip to New York where she participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

**AN ESTIMATED** 165,000 youngsters from 320 parks across the country participated in the contest. More than 500 youngsters competed in Torrance alone.

Performing to the beat of rock-and-roll music, and adding their own accompaniment with the "shoop shoop" sound of their hula hoops, youngsters are judged on their ability to perform such maneuvers as "hip 'n flip," "the stork," "kill the buzzard," and "wrap the mummy."

**AN OPPORTUNITY** to pile up additional points is provided in the "free exercise" routine in which the youngsters come up with their own individual hula hoop gyrations.

This year's national event will again be held at Universal City Studios in Hollywood Aug. 31.

Each entrant will be provided with a hula hoop to utilize at the local areas along with instructions on the various hula hoop exercises and stunts.

## Claim Forms Offered for Senior Citizens' Relief

Senior citizen residents of the 46th Assembly District who are eligible for partial refunds of their 1969 property tax may obtain claim forms and information from the district office of Assemblyman Robert G. Beverly.

Beverly said the filing period for Senior Citizens Property Tax Assistance claims for 1969 begins May 15 and continues through Oct. 15.

The lawmaker's district office is located at 1611 S. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach, telephone: 378-8522. Claim forms may also be obtained at the State Franchise Tax Board office and the Los Angeles County Assessor's office.

Beverly said his office also has summaries of the law providing tax refunds for senior citizens in the Spanish language to accommodate Spanish-speaking residents.

Homeowners who are 65 years of age and over may be allowed a partial refund on their property tax. The claim forms, however, must be filed to determine the applicant's eligibility for the refund.

Wesley G. Grapp, special agent in charge of the Los Angeles Division of the FBI, will be the guest speaker for the Masonic Press Club of Los Angeles May 22 at the Greater Los Angeles Press Club, 600 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles.

## Press Club Will Hear FBI Agent

The "Close Harmony Four," an outstanding singing group from the Al Malaikah Temple Shrine Chanters, also will entertain during the evening.

Walter A. Bailey and Raphael G. Wolff's oil paintings will be on exhibit during the evening.

All masons and their friends are welcome to attend this meeting.

## New Credit Check Plan Is Faster

A new credit authorization system which is 20 times faster than existing models and increases capacity tenfold has been announced by the Creditier Corp., according to Sheldon D. Kaplan of Torrance, manager of marketing.

The new system, entitled "System 69," will be featured at the National Retail Management Association's conference for credit managers, now underway at the Belview-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia.

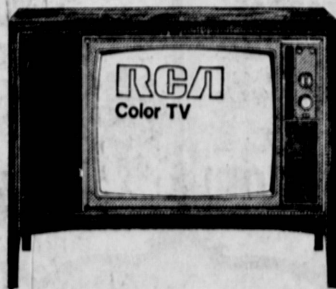
## Freeway Lanes May Be Closed

Motorists were advised by the State Division of Highways today that they may expect some traffic delays during the next month on the San Diego Freeway in West Los Angeles.

Pavement repairs will necessitate the intermittent closing of lanes between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on weekdays from Mulholland Drive south for about two miles.

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