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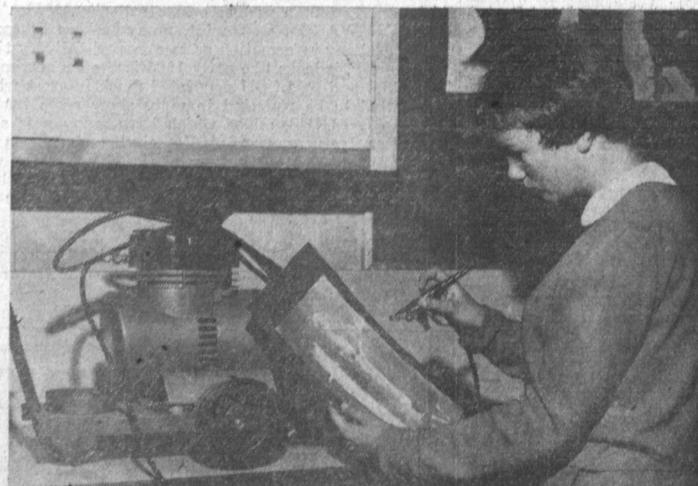
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LAST OF QUEENS—Paige Baillie, South High's Homecoming Queen, prepares for kickoff. With her are princesses Marion Daniels, Susan Branigan, Lindy Roettger and Ginger Phillips. Paige and aides will reign at El Segundo game Friday at North High.



WORKS OF ART—Paige Baillie, South High Homecoming Queen, is accomplished artist. Two of her creations are shown hanging at upper right.

## PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS CLOSE THANKSGIVING

Play areas of the Torrance Recreation Department will be closed Thanksgiving Day and open Friday and Saturday.

Open from 10 a.m. until dusk Nov. 27 and 28 will be the El Nido, El Retiro, Sea-Aire Parks and the Anza, Flavian, Hamilton, Hillside, Wood, Parkway, Riviera, and Seaside playgrounds.

Torrance, McMaster, and Walteria parks will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

## Study Asked on Carson Jog

A letter will be sent to the city of Torrance asking study of possible realignment of Carson St. in front of Torrance High School, according to Board of Education action Tuesday night.

Carson St. detours around a block-square park now. The board cited an increase in traffic, number of accidents, heavier parking in the area, and inadequate space for parking as reasons that study of the situation should be made.

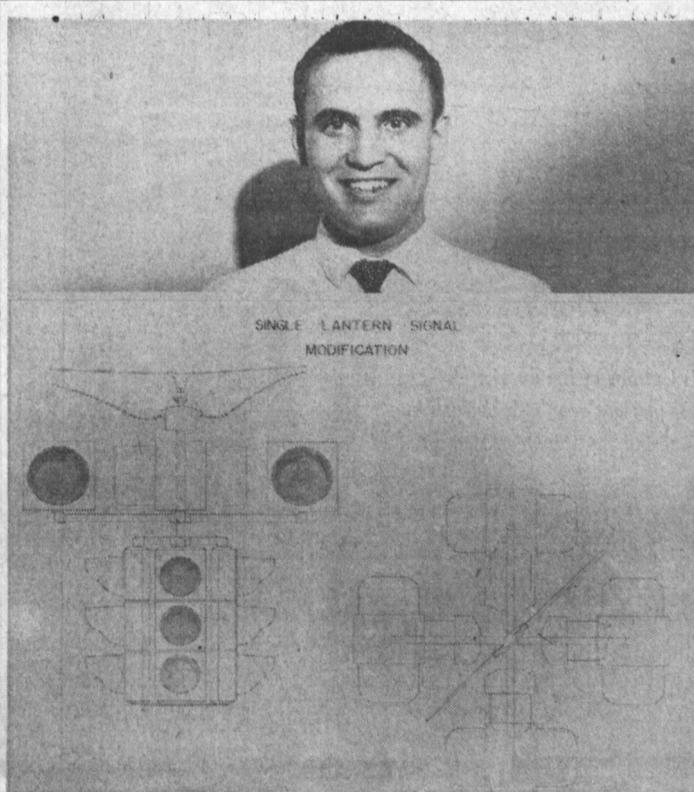
## Marine Reserves Start Annual Drive for Toys

The Fifth Communication Company, Harbor - South Bay marine reserve unit, announced this week that their Christmas Toys for Tots campaign beginning here Dec. 1 will be the biggest yet.

In this 11th annual drive, local marine reserves are inviting participation by any and all interested individuals and organizations in the area. In the past, only a few major companies have assisted the leathernecks during the campaign.

All toys collected during the drive will be distributed to children of the poor at Christmas.

They are picked up at fire stations and other collection points and delivered to the nearest Marine Corps Reserve training center, where they are sorted according to age groups and serviceability. The toys then are delivered to charity agencies for distribution.



SPUTNIK—Red-light and pawn-shop motifs are incorporated into tasteful carise lights to supplement dangling appendages regulating Torrance's traffic. Ben Prewitt of the city's engineering department confessed to having executed the order.

## Barker Takes Torrance Area Directorship

### End of Underground Water Woes Foreseen

The Central and West Water Basin Replenishment District carried Tuesday by a vote of 81,629 to 20,847, semi-official returns from the county registrar's office indicated yesterday.

Charles D. Barker, an El Segundo engineer, appeared to be winner of the District 2 directorship, which includes Torrance.

He defeated Mayor Jack T. Belasco of Hermosa Beach, 8522 to 7114.

The election was held throughout the southern basin area, a region comprising 2,500,000 persons with an assessed valuation of more than \$3,000,000,000.

The land has been sinking and underground water supplies threatened with pollution from the ocean. Proponents of the replenishment district has promised water will be pumped underground from the Colorado river supply at a cost to an average taxpayer of about 25 cents a year.

## Council Ready to Tear Up Airport Lease

The City Council came close to tearing up a lease for development of 8.4 acres of airport property into a shopping center.

George Graziadio, member of the syndicate planning to build Airport Plaza, was back again with more requests for changes in the lease. The contract now calls for construction of a million-dollar project.

Graziadio said the area might be used up before hitting that figure and asked that the lease be changed to permit construction of 60,000 to 70,000 square feet as an alternative.

He met virtually solid opposition. Mayor Isen made it plain the lease—which Graziadio said is signed and ready to deliver—is dangerously close to oblivion. He noted that every time the negotiations appear complete, the entrepreneurs come back asking for more. "They're still trying to chisel," he said.

Councilman J. A. Beasley suggested a competing firm, which had offered more money than Graziadio's, be contacted with a view to changing stewardship.

Councilman Willys Blount raked Graziadio over the coals once again in a blistering indictment. He told the petitioner to get his proposals on paper and take them through proper channels for consideration. He said the council had squandered untold hours on a subject that was considered closed months ago.

If the company does not get off the dime this week, it was indicated the lease will be cancelled and renegotiated with a competing firm.

## HOBO DAY SLATED AT EL RETIRO

Young knights of the road will make El Retiro Park their headquarters Saturday when the play area conducts a hobo-day event.

Play director Sharon Stewart said all youngsters in the area are being asked to dress as tramps and bring ingredients for mulligan stew.

Starting at 12:30 p.m., there will be a costume parade, luncheon, and games.

## Inside the Press

Offices of The Press are being flooded with nominations for the first All-American City football team. Candidates are being voted in from North, South, and Torrance high schools by sports fans who take The Press for the leading information in this field.

All nominations must be in the hands of the sports editor by Friday, Nov. 27. Announcement of the team and the date of a banquet and presentations will be made in The Press Dec. 8. To date, 33 team nominations have been received.

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TOYS FOR TOTS—Cpl. Jarrell Wood, 22809 Ocean Ave., Torrance (right), helps Pfc. Clarence E. Knoll of Long Beach prepare for

11th annual Toys for Tots drive. Harbor-South Bay's Fifth Communication Co. will join in providing toys for poor children.

## Meet Sputnik—Something for the Red Chinese

Sputnik was introduced to the City Council Tuesday night—a creation inferior to Russia's satellite success but superior to Torrance's Chinese-lantern traffic-signal failure.

The Chinese-lantern designation long ago was supplied by Councilman Robert B. Jahn. Sputnik is this week's offering by the Department of Public Works. Necessity appears to have been the mother; the father was not introduced.

The concept appears to be that if a driver can't see one red light, he can't see three, but better.

The idea has merit in that it will cost but about \$713, in contradistinction to the four-poster, left-turn, pause, hesitate, go, stop, right-turn-only signal that costs about \$18,000 per intersection.

The vision encompasses addition of two red lights to the present rubies, pointing in four directions. The philosophy is that it is important to stop but not to go.

Wade Peebles, director of public works, contended the driver can see three red lights better than one, even if they are high above the line of vision.

Jahn was all for bigger lights, not more of them. Peebles told him the new Chinese lanterns, now on order, have red lenses 12 inches in diameter. The present appendages cannot be converted, he said. Lenses on the present signals are eight inches in diameter.

Mayor Isen offered most support for the proposal. One red light might fail, and two would be left.

Councilman Willys Blount wearily moved to send the plan to the Traffic Commission for recommendation. It was so ordered.

## Employment at Peak, Factory Jobs Decline

Employment in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area edged up to a record high of 2,639,900 in October from 2,637,300 in September. Seasonal hiring accounted for the gain.

Factory employment declined because of sharp cutbacks in the aircraft industry and mounting layoffs because of steel shortages.

## Torrance on Special TV Program Next Wednesday

The story of Torrance's development will be told to the Southland next Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. through a TV program on Channel 13.

The program, "Guideposts to Government," is viewed by all high schools in five Southern California counties. It is sponsored by the Orange and Los Angeles county school districts.

Co-featured with Torrance will be the city of Garden Grove, for a study in contrast. The two cities were picked to tell their stories by the League of California Cities.

Torrance will be featured as the city with many of its problems solved through being a heterogeneous community, with

widespread industry to pick up a big part of the tax tab and permit the area to keep up with its growth.

Garden Grove, on the other hand, still is hunting answers. It is virtually entirely residential, with a correspondingly higher tax burden on the private resident.

Mayor Albert Isen and City Manager George Stevens will appear as elected and appointed officials from this city. They will be joined on the panel by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

All phases of the city will be featured.

## 25 Classrooms OK'd for Five Schools Here

Preliminary plans for 25 classrooms at five Torrance elementary schools were approved Tuesday night by the Board of Education. Additions are slated at Crenshaw, Carr, Flavian, Magruder, and Meadow Park Elementary Schools.

School officials hope the buildings can be constructed in a year. Eight classrooms and a music room are planned at Meadow Park; three classrooms and music room at Magruder; six classrooms at Crenshaw; four classrooms and music room at Carr; and four classrooms at Flavian.

At Crenshaw, Carr, and Meadow Park, wooden bungalows will be replaced.



AUDITIONS—Torrance children dance for Ruth St. Denis, veteran ballerina, for roles in "The Blue Madonna of St. Marks." From left, Diane Ellis, 413 Via la Soledad; Leslie

Callahan, 225 Shadycroft Ave.; Susan Ellis; and Ricarda O'Connor, 301 Via Anita. Production, with Civic Symphony Orchestra, will be West Coast premiere, Dec. 29, 30.