

Jaycees to Judge Christmas Decor

POLICEMAN WINNING BATTLE WITH DEATH



APPLE FOR TEACHER gets quick polish job from Dietra Bermudez, 13, and Ruben Torrijos, also 13, both students at Stephen M. White Junior High School in Carson area. Teacher is Mrs. Watkins, student activities coordinat-

or. She and other faculty members will be honored Tuesday when student council declared third annual "Apple for the Teacher Day."
—PRESS photo by William Schell Jr.

Explosion Rocks Service Station

TORRANCE — Explosion rocked a service station at Hawthorne and Pacific Coast Highway, late Wednesday when a canode was blown from the floor in the rest room.

Police called to investigate stated unknown persons possibly juveniles used sodium to make a crude bomb. When the bomb was dropped in the water the blast resulted.

Water and bits of porcelain were scattered everywhere and investigating officers stated they found traces of sodium on the walls and ceiling.

Station attendant on duty at the time stated he did not see anyone around the station before the blast.

Armed Bandits Rob Market

TORRANCE — Armed bandits struck for the second time in three weeks at Hahn's Market, 635 Sartori escaping as before with all the money from the cash register.

According to police two men entered the store Wednesday, one carried a gun the other demanded the money, when the owner hesitated the impatient bandits picked up the cash register and fled.

Cash amounting to approximately \$150 and an undetermined amount of checks was lost according to police.

FIND YOUR NAME AND WIN

It's "Find Your Name Time" again with today's issue of the Torrance Press.

And you may be the lucky winner.

Readers whose names appear anywhere throughout the paper in contest form will win a free classified ad, good any time up to 30 days.

Simply clip the name and bring it with your ad to the Torrance Press, 3238W. Sepulveda Blvd. Good hunting!

ENTRY BLANK
Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce
OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS DISPLAY CONTEST

Address..... Phone.....

Name.....

Division: (circle one) Religious Novelty

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: Christmas Display Contest, Junior Chamber of Commerce, 2204 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

All Entries Must Be Received By Dec. 16



FUNDS FOR FLOWERS go to Bobbet King, Miss Torrance, as prelude to fund campaign for Torrance entry in Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade Jan. 1. Presenting first check is Bob

Vroman, chairman of local float committee. Torrance residents are being invited to participate in city's float through contributions to special fund.
—PRESS photo



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LAST CHANCE TO WIPE OUT POLIO

Today is your final chance to take Type II Sabin oral polio vaccine.

Clinics are at the same locations as Type I vaccine. A token 25 cents donation is requested but not mandatory.

All ages should take Type II vaccine—even if you missed Type I (which you can take later from your physician) or if you've already had Salk shots (Sabin gives extra protection and keeps you from being a "carrier" of polio, which Salk does not).

Sabin vaccine is easy, quick, painless. Just swallow a sugar lump and be safe. Clinics will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The program is conducted by Los Angeles County Medical Association with the assistance of other community organizations and 50,000 volunteers.

Jaycees Judge Yuletide Decor

TORRANCE — Outstanding outdoor decorations will be judged at homes throughout Torrance again this year in the fourth annual Christmas Display Contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Judging will be for homes displaying decorations with either a religious or novelty theme, according to Harold Lindborg, contest chairman.

Judging will be conducted Dec. 19 and 20 by Junior Chamber of Commerce members, with announcement of awards set Dec. 21.

All Torrance residents are eligible.

An entry form is printed with today's Torrance Press. All entries must be received by Dec. 16 at Chamber of Commerce offices, 2204 Torrance Blvd.

Twelve Streets To Be Annexed In Dominguez

Twelve streets in a Dominguez area tract development recently were approved for annexation to a County Lighting District by the Board of Supervisors.

The tract area receiving new street lighting facilities is bounded by 190th St., Turmont St., Central Ave. and Annalee Ave.

Sixty-four new overhead lights have been installed by the tract developer along the following streets:

Bankers Drive, Millmont St., Elsmere Dr., Wramer Dr., Colbeck Ave., Coslin Ace, Weiser Ave. and Huggins Dr., all within Tract 25515.



SANTA AND SAFETY go hand in hand as these youngsters get a special holiday wish from Policeman Bruce Bishop and his bearded friend. Youngsters—Dean Blevens, 3½, and Bruce Cantrell, 3—are among thousands of boys and girls whose lives will be en-

dangered by traffic accidents during Christmas holidays. Santa and Officer Bishop combine forces to warn youngsters—and parents—to exercise special caution while driving holiday season.

—PRESS photo

Hurt Officer Winning Battle Against Death

TORRANCE — Officer Ronald Nicolai, hurt critically Sunday when his police motorcycle collided

with a car, continued to fight for his life here today.

Hospitalized with multiple leg fractures, Nicolai suffered a serious setback Thursday when blood clots developed in his lungs, physicians said.

Emergency surgery was performed at 2 a.m. Friday,

and doctors listed the 32-year-old officer's condition as critical.

Today, however, spokesmen at Little Company of Mary Hospital said the injured policeman is rallying and appears to be winning the fight against death.

California Highway Patrol investigators, meanwhile, continued to lay the groundwork for felony drunk driving trial facing Kenneth E.

Gabehart, 37, driver of the car which collided with Nicolai's motorcycle.

Officer K. V. Price of CHP headquarters in Gardena said Gabehart is free on \$2100 bond pending arraignment Tuesday in South Bay Municipal Court.

Nicolai, whose motorcycle crashed with Gabehart's car at Anza Ave. and Torrance Blvd., suffered three fractures in his right leg.

Float Donations Urged

With \$2,400 needed to be raised to pay costs of the Torrance entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade, local residents and businessmen this week were urged to make their contributions as early as possible so that the city will be assured representation in the famed event.

The Torrance Tournament of Roses Association has set a goal of \$4,000 to cover the cost of the Torrance "Apollo to the Moon" float.

First week contributions from Torrance citizens and business houses amount to \$1,642, it was announced by Robert H. Vroman, association chairman.

"If we are to reach our goal we need the help of everyone in the city," Vroman said. "With millions of

Americans and additional millions of people throughout the world watching the parade on television, we have a wonderful opportunity to "sell" our community. I can think of no better way for us to show our pride in our city than by sending a float to the parade," he added.

"Well over \$1,000 in usual float costs will be saved through the use of volunteer workers who will decorate the "Apollo To the Moon" parade entry," Vroman said.

As in past years, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce have volunteered to raise the necessary funds from the community to enter the Torrance float in the Tournament of Roses.

Torrance residents, organizations, and businesses making contributions to date include: Torrance Firefighters, Hollywood Riviera Moose Lodge, Torrance Jayettes, Club of Torrance, Royal Neighbors of America, North Torrance Lions Club, Torrance Lions Club, Torrance Mounted Police Association, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Torrance Welcome Wagon, Lomita Wagon Wheels, Torrance Civitan Club, Cub Pack 706-C of the Boy Scouts of America, Torrance Junior Women's Club, Torrance Youth Band Association, Selgi Yamada, Al Ortale Nursery, Inc., Dr. Howard A. Wood, Dr. Frederick A. Stange, Rose Craig Realtor, MacDonald & Burns, Nick Drale,

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