

# Hey, Mr. Topsy! It's That Time Again

## HOPE FADES IN FIGHT TO WOO NAVY ANNEX

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## College Fight Hurt By Hint of Annex Refusal

### Outlook 'Dim', Committee Told

TORRANCE — Hope faded today in the city's battle to acquire the Torrance annex of the Long Beach Naval Supply Depot for part of the projected South Bay State College.

City officials had hoped the Navy would part with its area, thus making a large additional land portion available for college construction east of Crenshaw Blvd.

Announcement came last week in a letter from C. Thomas Bendorf, deputy director of the state Department of Finance.

Said Bendorf:

"The outlook of Torrance acquiring the annex looks dim. My information, obtained in an unofficial way, is that the Navy has no intention of relinquishing the annex."

Bendorf said a recent study made by the Department of Defense resulted in no recommendation for declaring the Torrance site as surplus.

"In fact," he said, "the Navy feels rather strongly about hanging on to the Torrance piece."

The General Services Administration, said Bendorf, acts upon surplus property only after it has been disposed of by the agency involved. "At the present time," he said, "no such notification has been received."

### Toucan Street Yule Displays Offered Again

TORRANCE — This city's gayest holiday street has sprung into reality again.

It's a one-block stretch on Toucan St. between Del Amo Blvd. and 190th, popularly known as "Candy Cane Lane."

Lined with four-foot candy canes, the street will feature displays with both traditional and religious themes, with many animated displays.

One-way traffic will accommodate visitors nightly. Displays will be on view starting today.

### Carrier Boys Wanted

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### Between the Lines

By THE STAFF

Hey, policemen! Here's your latest addition to "Crimestoppers Notebook," a contribution from Policewoman Maxine Hahn:

When looking for a missing car, stand in aisle 3 of Newberry's parking lot, face west, look between the W and the B in the Newberry sign and, lo and behold, there it will be.

Those were Maxine's radioed instructions last week to a "lost" policeman. Ah, sweet mystery of life — 1962 style.

From the "Famous Firsts" department:

They've finally lured Councilman Nick Drake into an airplane. It wasn't easy.

He'll take his first flight early in January to Chicago, to negotiate with Santa Fe Railroad for their backing for South Bay State College.

We're up in the air about it, too, Nick.

The long-awaited moment had arrived. Announcement of the coveted "Realtor of the Year" award was about to be made.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said the master of ceremonies, "The winner is — Bill McEwen. Stand up, Bill."

Silence. No Bill. "He's out buying another ham," a small voice said from the kitchen.

There are some days when nothing goes right.

A boy at Sears Del Amo swallowed a penny last week, and nobody knew what to do.

There's not much you can do, really. Besides, there's one good thing about it:

He'll never be completely broke.



**HIGH-LEVEL LOOK** at groundbreaking ceremonies for new Guenser Park gives this unidentified youngster a special treat. "Friend" is City Manager Wade Peebles, who was among estimated 75 city officials, dignitaries and area residents participating in ceremony. Project is being undertaken jointly by city and the Guenser Park Homeowners Ass'n. See additional photo on page A-3. —PRESS Photo

### Juvenile Officer Returns to Post

Juvenile Officer James H. Daniel returned to his post with the Torrance Police Department recently following a three-month leave to attend the University of Southern California's Delinquency Control Institute.

Daniel attended the institute on a scholarship from the Automobile Club of Southern California. The 12-week course was designed to give members of the class an intensive and in-depth study of juvenile problems and their control.

A member of the Torrance Police Department for the last seven years, Daniel is married and has two children. He was one of three men who attended the institute on Auto Club Scholarships.

## ANOTHER TORRANCE FIRST

TORRANCE — A new, \$175,000 recreation center — first in the projected cultural-recreational complex of Torrance Civic Center — will be dedicated in official ceremonies Tuesday.

Civic officials will join representatives from varying levels of government in heralding completion of the facility, built on property which eventually will include a main library, civic auditorium, gymnasium, senior citizens building and art gallery.

The 10,000-square-foot center, under construction since April, will be utilized widely by civic organizations and other public groups which meet now in makeshift headquarters throughout the city, officials say.

Its multi-purpose construction offers the advan-

tage of uniquely versatile use, according to Recreation Director Harry B. Van Bellem.

On hand for Tuesday's dedication, scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m., will be Mayor Albert Ison, city councilmen, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D-68th Dist.) and other dignitaries.

Presentation of a \$600 donation from Southwest Kiwanis Club for installation of stage lighting as well as presentation of a flag which has flown over the United States Capital will be among program high-lights.

Seating capacity in the main auditorium is 450 with one adjoining area capable of accommodating an additional 225 persons for a total of 675.



**HOLIDAY SAFETY** will be mission of these crack California Highway Patrol officers, who announced yesterday they'll conduct widespread traffic checks throughout Torrance area

during Christmas and New Year season. Officers are (l-r) Onis DeGray, Sgt. Howard Brutschy and Ralph Minion, all of CHP headquarters in Gardena. —PRESS Photo

## Traffic Checks Plotted For Holiday Motorists

TORRANCE — Topsy motorists will get a critical eye from California Highway Patrolmen this holiday season in a series of local traffic checks designed to curb highway death.

As in past years, CHP officers will halt motorists at undesignated traffic stops throughout the area, searching for intoxicated drivers and cars mechanically unfit for driving.

"We're hoping to keep our local accident rate at an all-time low," said Capt. Errett Greer, commander of CHP headquarters for the Southwest Los Angeles area.

December is among the most hazardous driving months, Greer said, because of fewer daylight hours, heavier holiday traffic and a higher incidence of intoxicated drivers.

"Remember to take the necessary countermeasures," he said. "Allow a little more time, in case delays occur. Don't try to make up time in traffic. Darkness means you'll have to drive a little slower, too."

Although CHP officers do not reveal exact locations of traffic checks, they do say cars will be stopped on major and secondary streets throughout Torrance and surrounding area.

Said Greer: "As far as we are concerned, the only happy holiday is an accident-free holiday."

### 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!



**FUTURISTIC ARCHWAY** of the new Civic Center recreation building silhouettes the Rev. Milton Sipple, chairman of city Park and Recreation Commission. New facility opens following dedication ceremony Tuesday. (Other photos on Page A-2.) —PRESS Photo

genbaugh (center), president of Torrance PTA Council, and Mrs. Rose Craig, Park and Recreation commissioner. New facility opens following dedication ceremony Tuesday. (Other photos on Page A-2.) —PRESS Photo