

# Urban Renewal Hearings Open on Jan. 23

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**CHECK PRESENTS . . .** Allison Jo Ready, 11 months, and her 6-year-old brother, Thomas, check presents under the family Christmas tree. Superior Court Judge A. A. Scott gave Thomas his new sister

Thursday when he cut through red tape and issued final adoption decrees to Mr. and Mrs. William L. Ready and 62 other couples. The Ready family lives at 23442 Evalyn Ave. (Press-Herald Photos)

## Site for 250-Bed Hospital Acquired

### File Bid For U.S. Finance

Purchase of a 10-acre site as a possible location for a new Torrance Memorial Hospital has been announced here by officers of the Torrance Hospital Association.

Mrs. Boris S. Woolley, president of the association, said the land was being purchased by the hospital as a gift to the community. The land is on Lomita Boulevard just east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

"The boards of directors of both Riviera and Torrance Memorial hospitals have for a long time recognized a pressing need for improved hospital facilities," Mrs. Woolley said.

A MERGER of the two hospitals for the purpose of joining in the construction of a new community hospital was begun earlier this year, and the two hospitals have joined in buying the 10-acre site.

Purchase of the site does not obligate the group to construct a hospital there. Administrator Leonard Ensminger of Torrance Memorial Hospital pointed out. He said that circumstances may bring about a better site and this site would then be placed on the market.

Cost of the land to the hospital group was said to be approximately \$300,000.

THIS additional act to solidify the merger of Torrance and Riviera hospitals is another move toward construction in the area of a large, modern hospital—probably a 250-bed facility with diagnostic and treatment facilities not now available to the community, it was indicated.

Gene Voorhees, president of the Riviera Hospital, said the proposed new medical facility "will provide many hospital services which are not now available in the South Bay area. This will be a community, nonprofit hospital owned and controlled by all the people," he added.

Projection calls for a hospital costing about \$10 million. A formal application has been submitted to the State Department of Public Health, Bureau of Hospitals, for approximately \$6 million. The remaining \$4 million would be raised by the hospital in the community.

TORRANCE currently has a No. 4 priority on hospital needs and should be able to qualify for federal funds if the hospital group can meet other requirements.

Ultimate plans, Ensminger said, are for a major medical complex including the hospital, medical office buildings and a data processing center.

### Meeting Slated

The Lomita Parks Commission will hold a regular meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. The commission will hear a report from its swimming pool committee.



**FOR NAVAJOS . . .** Kathy Maurer, president of the student council at Calle Mayor School, hands a tricycle to Melanie Coen, student council service director. The tricycle and some 40 boxes of toys, clothing, and food stuffs will be delivered to Navajo and Apache Indians in Arizona by the Torrance Family YMCA. A YMCA caravan will leave here Tuesday for the Indian reservation in Northern Arizona.

## Renewal Hearing Scheduled

The first of two public hearings on the city's proposed Meadow Park Redevelopment project will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 1967.

The hearing will be before the city's Redevelopment Agency—which is composed of the city council. A second hearing, which must be held by the council, will be scheduled later.

A plan to develop the 50-acre site, located at the west end of the city's airport, as an industrial park will be considered at the hearing.

Federal officials have approved the city's initial application for the project and allocated in excess of \$3 million to finance the project. Total costs, estimated at \$5 million, will be shared by the city and the federal government.

## South High Wins Title

A debate team from South High School has won first place in the annual Rolling Hills Debate Tournament.

Lee Pearce and Rick Schwartz won the title by defeating Grossmont of San Diego, 3-0, in the final round of the tournament.

South also won second place in the "B" division—four-man debate teams. Members of the team include Rob Parker, Tim Chang, Robert Saunders, and Mark Armbruster.



**COMING HOME . . .** Mr. and Mrs. William Ready of 23442 Evalyn Ave. arrive home with their son, Thomas, 6, and the newest member of the family, Allison Jo, 11 months. The Readys received a final adoption decree Thursday from Superior Court Judge A. A. Scott, who slashed red tape to give 63 families extra special Christmas presents.

## Mrs. Santa Fills in For Hubby at School

If you thought you heard a swish of silk taffeta and a rustle of skirts descending your chimney last night, you weren't dreaming.

Santa has a new helper this season. Assisting the jolly gent in the red suit and his green-bedecked elves is a rosy-cheeked lady who wears a lace cap—Mrs. Santa Claus. Although she might have been heard but not seen last night, she was very much to be seen and heard by at

least one group of lap-sitters during the pre-holiday season.

When a full schedule prevented Santa from appearing at the Calle Mayor School kindergarten Christmas party, Mrs. Santa made her first public appearance, filling his black patent boots with feminine authority. Dressed in a long red dress that reached the floor, a white cobbler's apron, and

sporting a bright red bow on her frilly white cap, Mrs. Santa held the youngsters on her lap as she took orders for gifts and distributed sweets.

Undaunted by the appearance of Santa's helpmate in his stead, the youngsters asked her what means of transportation she had chosen.

"Got out of the sleigh at your shopping center, and hopped a bus to your front door."

Nobody knows for sure what mode of travel she chose last night; but if you happened to see a rosy-cheeked lady in a lacy white cap driving a sports car loaded with gifts down the freeway, that too just might not have been a dream!

## Harbor City Man Hurt As Car Strikes Signal

A 38-year-old Harbor City man escaped serious injuries Thursday evening when his car struck a traffic signal on Western Avenue at Carson Street.

Francisco B. Ortiz, 1085 W. 256th St., was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Ortiz, according to police, was driving south on Western Avenue when he ran a red signal at Carson Street and struck the traffic signal on a center divider strip. Police said the signal pole was sheered off at the base and knocked 110 feet by the impact.

"I don't know what happened," Ortiz reportedly told officers. He sustained a cut lower lip and a laceration on his forehead, officers said. Police said Ortiz was driving in violation of restrictions on his license.

## Druggist Named To State Board

John W. Berger, Los Angeles attorney and president of the American College of Pharmacists, has been named to the California State Board of Pharmacy. For five years Berger was a pharmacist in Palos Verdes drugstore and has been a partner in the law firm of Thatcher, Rouse, and Berger since 1965.

The appointment, made Wednesday by Governor Brown, is to the term ending January, 1970, held by Harold B. Garfield, who has resigned.

Berger resides in Hermosa Beach.

Company of Mary Hospital for treatment.

Two other youths were injured just before midnight Thursday in a two-car crash at Pacific Coast Highway and Prospect Street. Margaret J. O'Neill, 18, and her stepbrother, Michael D. Orzio, 16, of 5106 Bindewald Road, were taken to Little

## Perkovich Named to Bench

Appointment of George R. Perkovich of San Pedro as the fourth Judge of the South Bay Municipal Court has been announced by Governor Brown. The appointment was made to a vacancy created by the 1966 Legislature. Perkovich, a member of the California Bar since 1950, has served as judge pro tem in the Inglewood Judicial District and is a member of the Inglewood Bar Association. He is married to the former Florine L. Boltz. They have five children. Perkovich, a Democrat, resides at 2422 Calt Road, San Pedro. He will join Judges Donald Armstrong, Raymond Choate, and Otto B. Willett on the South Bay bench.

## City Crews Celebrate

Rubbish collections throughout the city will be one day late for the next two weeks, according to Walter M. Nollac, director of public works. The city's crews will not work on Monday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, Nollac said. The crews will work on Saturday, Dec. 31, and Jan. 7, to complete the weekly rubbish collections, he explained.

## Teen Forum Planned

High school students from throughout the city have been invited to meet next Jan. 18 with the city's Youth Welfare Commission to discuss the formation of an "open forum." C. K. Norman, chairman of the commission, said the open forum plan was first suggested by Mayor Albert Isen and would provide adults and teenagers a line of communication to air the problems which face youths in the city. Scope of the forum would range from such problems as truancy to narcotics, Norman said.