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NEW HOSPITAL OPENING SET

A Penny for your Thoughts

What are your plans for Christmas Day? The Pennies photographer asked this of five young persons at random in Torrance this week.

Jess Amato, 2744 W. Artesia: "I will probably be home this year with my family. We will have Christmas dinner with some of our friends and relatives. I think it better to stay at home rather than try to go several places on that one day."

Tom Mead, Redondo Beach: "I will be spending Christmas at my sister's house in Compton. We will have a family reunion, and it will be about the only time the family will be able to get together. We do this nearly every year."

Betty Bell, Gardena: "I will spend Christmas this year at home with my family unless some friends of mine have a party. Usually my whole family comes together at this time of the year. We will have Christmas dinner with my two sisters."

Dick Davis, Hermosa Beach: "I will go to Arizona to pick up my car that I left there last summer. I was on my way to Connecticut when the car burned. I will stop at Las Vegas on the way."

Nancy Bobe, Redondo Beach: "I'll be spending Christmas with my boy friend's family in Compton because I was so graciously invited by his family. Usually I spend Christmas with my family. This will be the first Christmas I haven't spent with my family."

Most See 'Joy' in Dark Sky

The spectacular display of brilliant colors which lighted up the darkened skies over the Southland at the supper hour Monday may have been made by a satellite hurtling toward an orbital path around the earth, but to many observers, it spelled out an omen of "Joy" for the Christmas season.

While the display was unintentional, according to Air Force spokesmen, thousands of Torrance and other Southern California residents watched in awe as the looping contrail—tinged with hues of orange, green, and shades between—wrote its way across the sky.

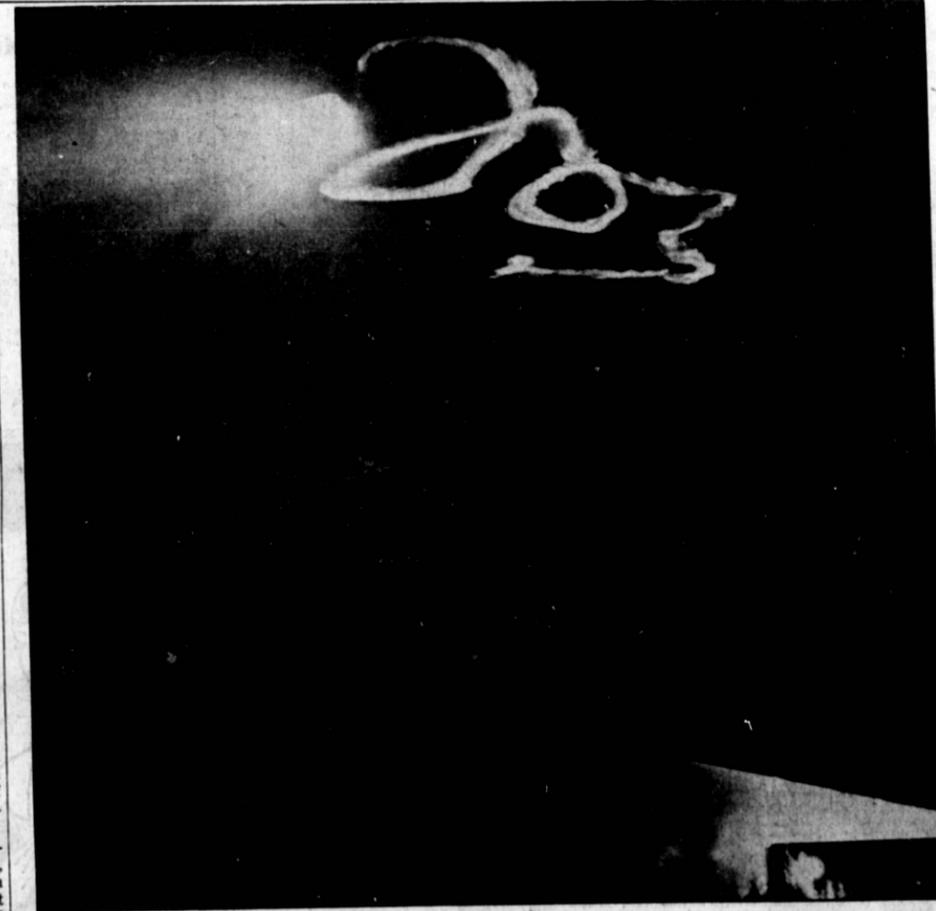
WHILE MANY observers reported they read the word "Joy" in the sky as the rocket slammed into outer space from Pt. Arguello, the interpretation was by no means unanimous. To one Walteria resident who watched from his rooftop—giving him a slightly closer view—the steaming contrail definitely spelled out "2 oz." a seeming reference to him of the proper measure of Christmas cheer.

Officials described the satellite as a Navy navigational aid, the Transit 5A which had been launched from Pt. Arguello at 5:56 p.m. Tuesday. What local observers saw was the igniting of the satellite's third section of a four-stage booster which fired at about 330,000 feet over the ocean beyond the coast.

It was sighted simultaneously as far away as San Francisco and at Edwards Air Force base on the desert.

Speed Limit Set

A 45-mile-per-hour speed limit has been set for Crenshaw Boulevard between the Torrance and Rolling Hills Estates city limits north of Palos Verdes Drive North. "No stopping" regulations have also been established on the two segments of Crenshaw Boulevard on the Peninsula.



WHAT'S IT SAY? . . . Observers were split widely over the word spelled out by erratic contrails of a Transit satellite hurtling toward a polar orbit here at the supper hour Tuesday. Some said it spelled out a pre-Christmas wish, "Joy," one man saw in it a measure of Christmas spirit(s), namely "2 oz." while still others were frankly undecided. All agreed, however, that the sight, which lasted nearly 15 minutes in the darkened sky, was spectacular in all the meanings of the word. The Lon E. Curtis home at 3216 Newton St. is shown in the foreground.

City Dedicates New \$150,000 Youth Recreation Building

If today's neighborhood is merely a subdivision of land with houses, the recreation center may supply what has been lost, namely, an agency to which one can belong and have allegiance.

George Hjelte, Los Angeles general manager of the department of recreation and parks, made the statement Tuesday afternoon at dedication ceremonies of the new \$150,000 recreation center behind the

municipal swimming pool at Torrance Boulevard and Madonna Avenue.

THE 10,000 square foot center features a large auditorium hall which seats 450 people, a smaller meeting hall seating 225 people and a professional style restaurant catering kitchen. Several rooms of the building include facilities for custodians, recreation staff and storage.

Hjelte said the recreation center is a symbol of quality in recreation, security, leadership and freedom. Recreation buildings and equipment, fields and courts, budgets and statistics, programs and schedules are material things but a recreation center is symbolic of the American way as manifested in our play and recreation, he added.

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January 14 Opening Set For Harbor

The new eight-story Acute Unit and Outpatient Clinic of the Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital will be dedicated Jan. 14, in ceremonies beginning at 10:30 a.m., Burton W. Chace, supervisor, announced Monday. The clinic is located at Vermont Avenue and Carson Street.

Chace, whose fourth district is served in the main by the hospital will be master of ceremonies. Principal speaker will be William Barr, superintendent of the county's Department of Charities.

SUPERVISOR Kenneth Hahn, whose second district is partly served by the hospital and who actively supported the bond drive for the new unit, will be one of the speakers, at Chace's invitation.

Approximately 600 civic and community leaders will be invited and the mayors of the cities served by the hospital will be honored guests. The hospital area is bounded on the north by Imperial Boulevard, on the east by the Orange County line, and the Pacific Ocean on the west and south.

A. L. THOMAS, hospital administrator, said that the move from the present World War II, 75-acre, 101-building, Army barracks-type units will be accomplished Jan. 25, 26, and 27.

"The general public is invited to the dedication," Thomas said. "And there will be a public open house to be announced at a later date."

The new unit contract cost is \$11,584,950. However, equipment and construction of a laundry and a central heating and refrigerator plant in a separate building brought the total to more than \$15,000,000.

THE NEW 605 bed unit will have the latest in hospital equipment. Approximately 100 beds will be retained for charity patients in the west end building of the present facility.

The county acquired the hospital from the Army in 1947. It was built as an emer-

gency Port of Embarkation Hospital for care of Pacific war area wounded, who were in transit to permanent rest billets.



CHARLES F. CATTERLIN

Prosecutor Named Head Of Law Group

Charles F. "Monte" Catterlin, Torrance city prosecutor and local attorney, has been named president of the South Bay Bar Assn.

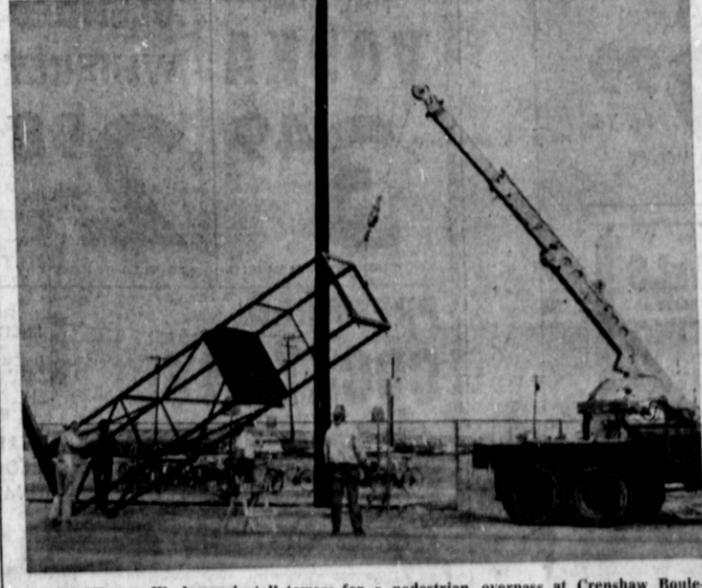
A graduate of the Hastings College of Law and the University of Southern California, he has practiced law in Torrance since 1958. Catterlin was appointed city prosecutor in 1959.

HE WAS prominent in the city's successful effort to re-

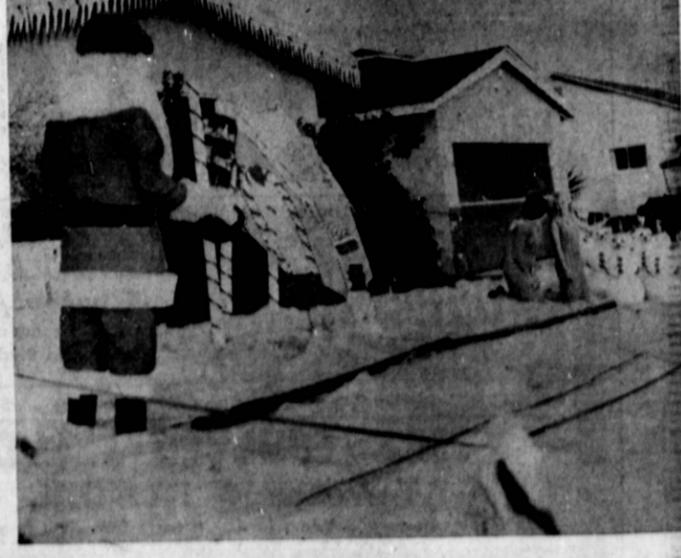
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GOING UP . . . Workmen install towers for a pedestrian overpass at Crenshaw Boulevard and 187th Street. The structure crossing over Crenshaw Boulevard is expected to be completed when children go back to school from Christmas vacation. It will aid some 800 children crossing the busy boulevard to the Crenshaw School. The George A. Bradford Co. is erecting the overpass. (Herald Photo)



SANTA'S BOWL . . . Nadine Mayer, 14, left, of 4919 Laurette, and a neighbor girl, Barbara St. John, 14, of 4809 Laurette, work on the Mayer's front yard Christmas display which is entered in the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce decorating contest. The display features Santa Claus bowling with the bowling pins being snowmen. (Herald Photo)