



**TOP ARTISTS . . .** Frank Matranga of Redondo Beach (left) and Thomas Cramham of Palos Verdes (right) were among top artists in the area who received awards in the Los Angeles All-City Outdoor Art Festival held in Elysian Park. The artists are shown accepting their awards from John Ekblad, assistant vice president and manager of the Torrance office of Home Savings and Loan Association. Also sharing in awards were Sari Staggs of Manhattan Beach, purchase award of \$100; Henri Francois of Hermosa Beach, honorable mention; and Willie Suzuki of Torrance, honorable mention.

## 19.5 Million Now Live In State, Report Says

Capitol News Service  
SACRAMENTO — Population in Los Angeles County increased 16.5 per cent up to July 1, 1967, since the 1960 federal census. Population of the county now stands at 7,032,400, according to figures released by the State Department of Finance.

Total population of the state was fixed at 19,535,000, an increase of 24.3 per cent over the seven-year period.

Greatest numerical growth was in Los Angeles County, with 993,629 new residents since 1960, while the highest relative growth in a metropolitan county has taken place in Orange county, which is 80.3 per cent larger than in 1960, the department said.

California's eight southern counties are now estimated to contain 56.4 per cent of the state's population up slightly from the 56.2 per cent living there in 1960.

Eleven counties increased their population by more than 100,000 since 1960. Increases in these counties were:

Los Angeles, 993,629; Orange, 564,975; Santa Clara, 324,485; San Diego, 250,198;

San Bernardino, 164,109; Alameda, 157,291; Riverside, 137,809; Contra Costa, 136,070; Ventura, 131,662; Sacramento, 128,922 and San Mateo, 111,013.

Only the counties, Modoc and Trinity, lost in the seven-year period and their combined loss was only 914.

## State Pays \$468,222 in July Claims

Capitol News Service  
SACRAMENTO—The State paid unemployment insurance claims in the area served by the Torrance office \$468,223 during July, Peter Weinberger, director, announced today.

Total statewide payments, in all categories of insurance, amounted to \$32,505,644 during the month, he said, a decrease of \$4,114,630 from June.

The decrease, he said, reflected the increase in the state's work-load.

## Now Possible To Shrink Painful Hemorrhoids

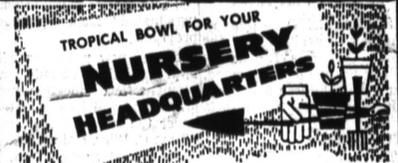
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## New Facilities Ready at Long Beach Vet Complex

Two newly constructed hospitals at VA's Long Beach Medical complex will be formally dedicated Sunday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m., it was announced today by Dr. James Giotfelty, hospital director.

A \$19.5 million 11-story general medical and surgical hospital and a 240-bed psychiatric hospital are the major structures in an extensive construction and modernization program that has been under way for more than two years.

### Retain Tax Rate

Directors of the Metropolitan Water District have voted to retain the district's present tax rate of 14 cents for \$100 assessed valuation for fiscal 1967-68. Increases in assessments and higher water rates will provide added revenues, it was noted.

"OF VITAL importance to veterans in the southwest will be an increased outpatient care capacity," commented Dr. Giotfelty. "We expect to be able to provide more than 125,000 treatment visits yearly in this critical medical area."

The Long Beach Veterans Hospital is a clinical, training and research center of national significance, housing some 100 major research programs. It is a teaching hospital closely affiliated with the medical schools at UCLA, USC, and the California College of Medicine.

With the new hospitals and other buildings already completed or being remodeled, the medical complex will provide nearly 1,700 beds and offer hospital care for nearly 15,000 disabled veterans yearly.

With the new hospital, the Long Beach VA Medical Com-

plex will employ nearly 2,300 people, including doctors, nurses, attendants, aides, technicians and specialists of all types.

THE DOLLAR contribution to the economy of the Long Beach and southwestern Los Angeles area will be in excess of \$20 million annually in salaries and supplies, according to Dr. Giotfelty.

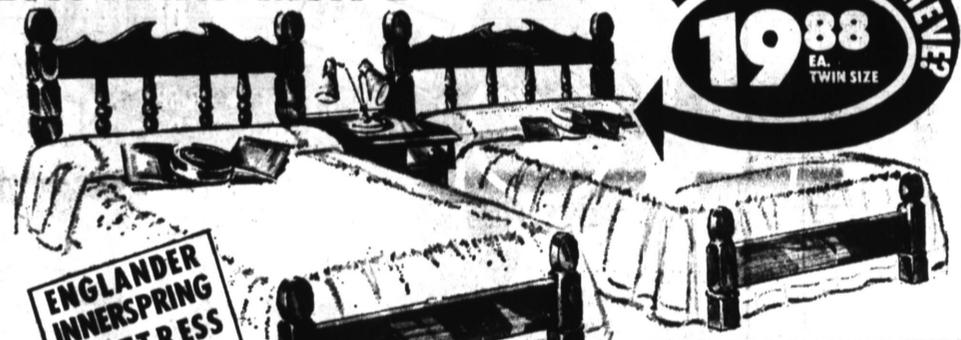
"The exploding western population, plus the demands of military action in Vietnam, is making imperative greater veterans hospital bed capacity in Southern California," Dr. Giotfelty said. "This new medical structure and the completion of the remodeling program at VA's Long Beach Complex will assist in this critical need."

Top figures from Washington, as well as state and community leaders, will be present for the dedication.

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