

## New Year's Baby Contest Entries

One of the first entries in the annual Torrance Press baby contest is a 6 pound bundle born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Miller shortly after 2 a.m. on Jan. 1.

Christine Elaine, daughter of the happy pair, has a good chance of winning the many prizes to be awarded to the first baby of the year born to Torrance parents.

The early new year arrival placed at exactly 2:06 a.m. in Daniel Freeman Hospital in Inglewood.

Her parents live at 16838 Glenburn Ave. in Torrance, where

they have resided since September, 1959. Father Roy works as a machinist at the D-Velco plant in Torrance.

This annual baby contest sponsored by the Torrance Press is open to any new parents who reside in the Torrance area.

It's easy enough to enter. Just obtain your entry blanks from the Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens Ave., and return to the editor.

The only requirements are that the parents live in the Torrance area and that the birth records be easily verifiable. It does not matter where the baby is born.

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## Land Plan Slated at Marina Harbor

A land use plan for the Marina Del Rey Small Craft Harbor was authorized today by the County Board of Supervisors.

Acting upon the recommendation of Supervisor Burton W. Chace, the board voted to employ Victor Gruen Associates to work out a precise development and land use plan for the harbor.

On a motion by Chace, the board appointed Gruen Associates to prepare plans and specifications for administrative headquarters and a fire station at Marina.

"Due to urgent demands for a Coast Guard base on our west shore and since the county is to provide certain of the administrative facilities to permit establishment of this Coast Guard Base, it is imperative that the preparation of plans and specifications for the Marina Del Rey Administrative Headquarters be initiated immediately to avoid any delay in the Coast Guard operations," Chace said.

In recommending that Gruen Associates be employed to draw up the land use plan, Chace added that the organization has not only had considerable experience in Marina development planning but is also recognized in the field of community planning.

## Struggle for Birth: Israel

As in so many intellectual disciplines, the Greeks were also the first to delve into history. Hecataeus of Miletus wrote in his "Genealogies" that "what I write here is what I consider to be true..." For, while history is technically "the investigation into alleged facts in order to determine what the true facts are," every historian must in fact use his own logic and his own bias to make a selection among the many facts; one cannot write down everything. Herodotus some years after, was the first to present a philosophy of history; not just unrelated facts, but a search for the causes of things and the inner meaning of human events.

In EXODUS, Leon Uris goes a step further. Using the popular "historical fiction" method, he presents a fictional history of the fantastic story of a dream come true. Uris sets out to tell to the world the background of a religious people's hope for a homeland, fulfilled against common sense, despite well-known theories of national conduct. Here in EXODUS, in a huge, epic, and almost unbelievable, is the story of Jews who single-handedly, despite the odds of empires and nations, fought for and won their traditional home.

It is a gripping novel of man's capacity to combat evil and turn it into the good, to effect a miracle when there should have been defeat. It is a novel of social cause, a book to uplift the reader. It speaks of a period of modern history left untold by others. Who has heard the story of the uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto, holding off Nazi armies longer than did Poland itself? Who would have known of the duplicity of the British and the cruelty of the Arabs, were it not for this volume?

(By the way, because of the page of history it presents, this book is banned throughout the British Empire.)

Without this book, who of us would ever fully realize and appreciate the fantastic scope of human history and human experience which was such an incredible part of the lives and destinies of that whole unbelievable East European Jewish epoch? The story of how the modern state of Israel came to be is unfolded before our eyes in the hundreds of pages of EXODUS. It is the story of one family and their associates and enemies who brought that little nation into existence. It is the history of twentieth-century Jews told in gripping words, because that story is filled with fascination, intrigue, power, and above all, with human drama. It is with the lives of human beings that we are concerned and that reaches out to us for understanding and compassion.

This is a novel of human passions on a grand scale; the pas-

sions themselves are "flat." They have little real flesh on their bones; they are stereotyped. It is not a book of great literary note, such as many by Thomas Mann or James Joyce. But it is a history, romantically told, in

a highly sensual, emotionally-exciting and heart-shaking manner. We are enlightened and entertained by it, and that is why it is still among the top ten best sellers in this country.

EXODUS by Leon Uris; Doubleday & Co., N.Y., 1958; 626 pages, \$4.50.

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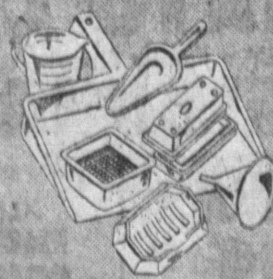
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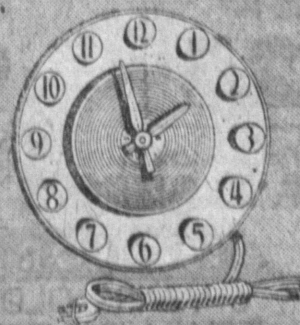
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## Bicycle Rules Necessary for Highway Safety

Supervisor Burton W. Chace warned today that parents should make it a point to teach children with bicycles traffic rules and safety regulations.

Taking cognizance of the many bicycles given as Christmas presents, Chace said that novice operators should be taught and carefully watched until they understand the dangers of the streets.

"Take the same care as if they were just learning to drive an automobile because they will be riding on the same streets with cars," he declared.

Pointing out that during 1959, three school-age bicyclists were killed and 301 injured in accidents with vehicles on county highways, Chace added, "Be sure, the bicycle you gave for Christmas is a present of joy and not of sorrow."

A study of those injured or killed in bicycle mishaps showed that school-age cyclists were the principal traffic violators in 80 per cent of the accidents.

Camel and ostrich racing, two exclusive rib tickling events, will be held daily at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival at Indio, California, Feb. 12th through 22nd.

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