

# Third 'Miracle' Operation Scheduled

## Baby OK After Second Phase

TORRANCE — The third in a series of four "miracle" operations on thalidomide baby William Webb Jr. will be undertaken Thursday, doctors say.

Physicians at Harbor General Hospital, where surgery is being performed, completed the second operation last Thursday, making possible new corrective steps.

The 10-week-old Webb baby, son of a Gardena couple, was born June 15 with deformities of the arms and hands. His mother, Mrs. William Webb, is claimed to have taken the drug thalidomide in Germany during

early stages of her pregnancy.

### SUCCESS HOPED

Surgery next Thursday is hoped to result in successful grafting of leg bones to bones in the wrist. The youngster will be immobile approximately two weeks in a cast, according to doctors.

After completion of that phase of surgery, the fibula will be released from the leg and inserted into the forearm.

### MEDICAL BULLETIN

Upon completion of Thursday's operation, physicians released this official medical bulletin:

"The baby was under surgery approximately three hours. The operation was performed to free one end of the right fibula preparatory to grafting that bone to the forearm. The surgery was successful, and the baby's condition is good."

## Fund Set For New Research

TORRANCE — A unique new fund was created this week at Harbor General Hospital.

It was to provide the financial backbone for extensive medical research into bone grafting, new theories on which are being accumulated daily in treatment of thalidomide baby William Webb Jr.

Although hospital officials say research in bone grafting has long been a specialty at Harbor General, operations on the Webb baby have raised new questions requiring additional study.

### FIRST BABY

The Webb youngster was the first thalidomide baby to undergo corrective surgery.

According to Dr. Dana Street, chief of the hospital's orthopedic staff, the federal government allots research grants for medical research, but not enough to finance thorough study.

### Said: Street

**SPECIAL FUND**  
"A separate fund to continue research in this specific field is needed, as there have been few cases of this kind on record. Contributions to such a fund would be welcomed in hopes they may help other similarly-afflicted babies in the future."

Persons wishing to aid in the financial phase of research have been asked to make checks payable to Harbor General Hospital Research Committee. Mailing address is 1124 W. Carson St., Torrance.

## Site Search For College Nears End

TORRANCE—The search for a site for South Bay State College has been narrowed down to this city and Palos Verdes.

Convening Friday in San Francisco, the state Board of Education ruled that the school — expected to have 20,000 students by 1980 — will be built either on Crenshaw Blvd. north of Sepulveda Blvd or between Hawthorne Blvd. and Crest Rd. in Palos Verdes.

The decision climaxed months of campaigning by several South Bay communities for location of the college in their city.

Told of the action, Mayor Albert Isen said he is "delighted."

"The college would be a significant addition to our city's cultural and economic atmosphere," said Isen. He and other City Council members have strongly advocated Torrance as a site since last year.

No date was set for a final decision.

## CLASS TOPIC: DISASTER AID

REDONDO BEACH — Medical emergencies arising from nuclear attack and other disaster situations will be discussed consecutive Monday nights at South Bay Hospital.

Torrance residents are among persons invited to participate in the free class series, offered as part of the South Bay Adult School evening program.

F. A. Applegate, principal, says registration is being taken at Adult School offices, 222 N. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach.

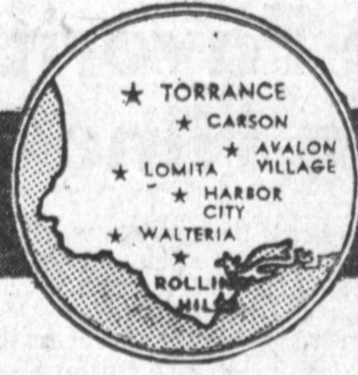
The course will be offered each Monday from 7 to 9:30 at the hospital lecture hall.

Subjects will include radioactive fallout and shelter, hygiene, shock, bleeding, artificial respiration, fractures, transportation of the injured, emergency childbirth, civilian and defense and other pertinent topics.



"HARDHEADED" GENDARMES pose for first official photograph taken with newly-acquired crash helmets. The hard hats, formerly worn only by motorcycle officers, now will go to every policeman as part of growing nationwide safety trend. In addition to lessening injury in auto crashes, helmets provide protection in case of fights or riot.

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# Freight Charges Stunting Growth

## Industry Hurt, Leaders Claim

TORRANCE — Premium truck rates to Torrance and other communities south of Artesia Blvd. are hamstringing the city's industrial and manufacturing future.

The charge will be leveled late this month before a special meeting of the Pacific Inland Tariff Bureau, a committee which has promised to review suspected excessive detrimental rates.

Martin M. Denn, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, says present freight rates here "frighten off" potential businessmen who rely on trucking for distribution of manufactured goods.

### LENGTHY DRIVE

The tariff bureau, comprising shippers from principal cities throughout the West, agreed to study the case following a lengthy campaign by officials of local industries and the Chamber of Commerce.

Leaders of the lower-tariff campaign say rates charged south of Artesia Blvd. were established long prior to population and industrial growth of Torrance and other neighboring communities. Truckers felt Southwest Los Angeles County was an "out-of-area" delivery location, and thus charged premium rates.

### HURT CHANCES

The rates today prevent Torrance industries from competing on an even basis with firms north of Artesia Blvd.

"We are hoping for a favorable decision from the bureau," said Denn. "In winning this case, our industrial development program should be accelerated because we will have reduced transportation costs for our manufacturers."

### VAST DIFFERENCE

In some cases, Denn said, local industries are charged 20 per cent more than those in northern portions of the county.

"This could well change the entire growth pattern for existing future industries, and encourage local interested manufacturers in expansion of present facilities," he said.

### Late Trash Pickup

Trash pickup will be provided a day later in Torrance next week due to the Labor Day holiday.

## City Council Gets Request For Census

TORRANCE—A new city nosecount, expected to bring municipal coffers \$28,000 in additional revenue this year, will be proposed Tuesday night to City Council.

City Manager Wade Peebles, who will propose the special census, says an increased population figure would bring \$18,000 extra in motor vehicle in-lieu revenues and \$10,000 in additional tax money.

The State Department of Finance, which charges approximately \$400 for each survey, permits one population estimate study in each city's calendar year.

Previously, estimates were conducted only if a change in population equaled five per cent or more.

Councilmen meet at 5:30 p.m.

Other agenda items include public hearings into zone change requests by the Argosy Corp. and Elizabeth Sennese. Donald Cortum, chairman of the city's Committee for Decent Literature, ask that all or part of his expenses be paid by the city for attending a national executive committee meeting in Chicago.

Ray Vane, owner of an automobile dealership in Inglewood, will request permission to locate a Chrysler agency on airport property.

## Branch Library Near Completion

TORRANCE — Finishing touches were added this week to the Walteria branch library, being built at an estimated cost of \$45,000.

The 1-story structure will house 4000 square feet of floor space and was designed by the architectural firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright.

### IF BONDS FAIL

## Official Predicts Construction Halt

TORRANCE — School construction will come to a "sudden, grinding halt" here if a Sept. 18 bond issue fails, one school official predicts.

S. E. Waldrip, assistant district superintendent, told a Parent-Teacher audience that current school construction affected would include Torrance Elementary School, Victor Elementary and rehabilitation of Torrance High School.

"This construction must continue," he said, "if we are to handle the 6000 new

students we know will be here in three years."

Waldrip predicted double classroom sessions if the bond proposal fails. He said fund authorized if the issue passes will allow construction of additional rooms at Torrance, South, North and West High Schools.

### CAN'T WAIT

"We simply cannot wait until our children begin knocking at the doors to begin construction," Waldrip told PTA members. "It takes a minimum 18 months from the time voters authorize the bonds until facilities are ready for occupancy."

J. H. Hull, district superintendent, said money authorized in a 1958 bond issue will be gone by January.

### PAID OFF

"Much of the borrowed money has been paid off in yearly payments, including interest and principal," he said.

The new bond authorization would allow the district to borrow money as it pays back the money used to build facilities now occupied.

State law permits school districts to borrow money for construction up to 10 per cent of the city's total property value. This would bring approximately \$25 million for local projects.

District officials have assured residents there will be no tax increase if the bond issue is authorized.

Said Hull: "We are running out of building money. Our school population is increasing at a rate of 1500 students a year, and our present buildings are providing for a capacity enrollment. If we are to provide space for these students and stay off double sessions, we must be allowed to plan now."

## Big Year Predicted

TORRANCE—1962 promises to be this city's biggest year in home building since 1955, a bank research team said Friday.

In their monthly survey of Southern California business activity, officials of Security First National Bank said building and construction in a 14-county area, including Torrance, is well ahead for the first seven months.

Residential construction continues to be the principal element of strength in the overall construction picture, with July called the second highest homebuilding month so far this year.

## Water Rate Hike OK'd

TORRANCE — Customers served by the California Water Service Co. in Torrance and adjacent unincorporated territory will pay approximately nine cents a month more for water beginning today.

The firm was authorized last month to increase its rates to offset a higher pumping tax and an increase in the cost of purchased water.

Approximately 21,000 customers are served by the company.

The additional tax will add about \$10,600 a year to the company's operating expenses.

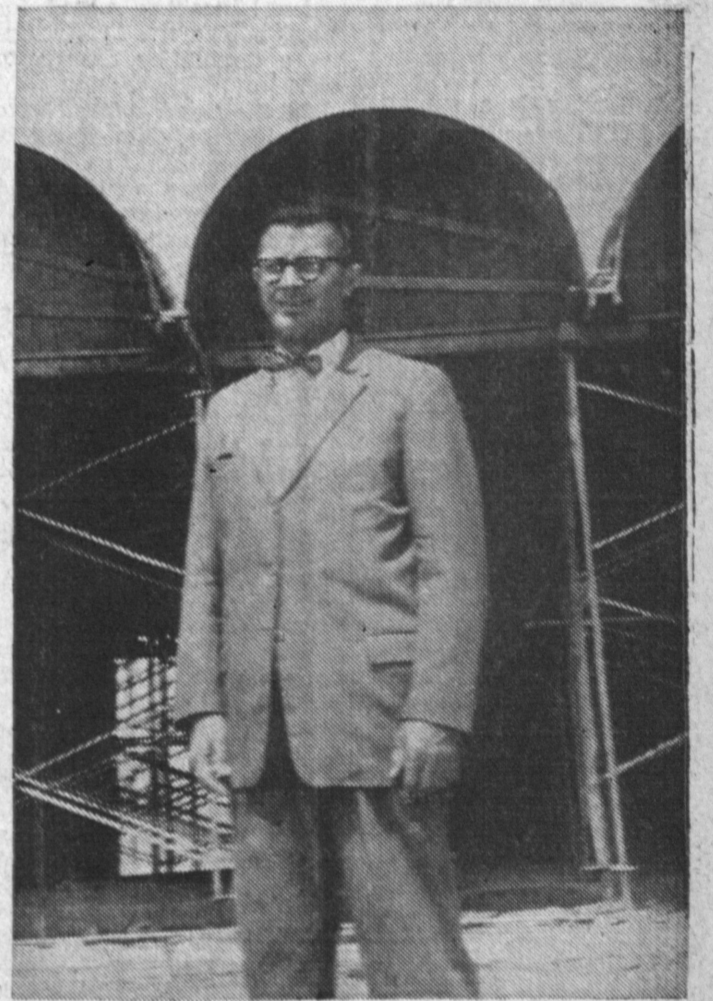
## Roadway Jobs Approved in Carson Area

The Board of Supervisors has allocated \$13,615 for roadway and traffic signal improvements in the Carson area.

Supervisor Burton Chace said projects prepared by the County Road Department include Bonita St., from 22th to 223rd Sts.; Perry St., northerly of 213th St.; 234th Pl. and 235th St., between Moneta and Mendon Aves.; 208th St., easterly of Vermont Ave.; and 214th St., from Vermont Ave. to Harbor Freeway.

Chace said the appropriation also provides for traffic signal modernization at Main and 223rd Sts.

## Pleased as Punch



MODERNISTIC DESIGN of new, \$162,000 recreation building silhouettes City Manager Wade Peebles, who will be on hand Sept. 28 for official dedication ceremonies. Also participating will be estimated 250 delegates from 25 Los Angeles City cities, who meet there the same day for second annual Independent Cities Seminar. Lt. Gov. Glenn Anderson and San Francisco mayor George Christopher will speak. (Press Photo by Pat Neese)

## Social Security Office to Open

TORRANCE—New district offices for the Social Security Administration open here Sept. 10, a government announcement says.

Opening of the new office, at 1408 Crenshaw Blvd., was necessitated by rapid growth in Torrance and surrounding area, according to Miles Davis, manager.

A staff of approximately 20 federal Civil Service employees will handle business transactions.

New offices will serve Torrance, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Harbor City, Gardena, Lomita, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Lawndale.

The Long Beach district office formerly served these areas, except for Hermosa Beach, Lawndale and Manhattan Beach, which were

served by the Inglewood office.

Claims filed at the Long Beach and Inglewood offices will be transferred to the Torrance office.

Also transferred will be records of persons now receiving benefits. Telephone numbers at the new office is 320-4020.

Davis formerly was manager of the Prescott, Ariz. district office. He has been with the Social Security Administration since 1937. He lives in Inglewood with his wife and daughter.



SUMMER WRAP-UP keeps Recreation Department workers busy on local playgrounds, as they collect estimated 400 balls, 40 ping pong tables, 30 scoop ball sets, 30 sets of rubber horseshoes, 25 equipment carts and

three sets of shuffleboard equipment. Men making rounds at 30 playground locations are Carl Wahl (left) and Jim McDonald. Stuff will be stored until start of Fall playground program. (Press Photo)