



CITY OF
TORRANCE

America the Beautiful

The City of Torrance's 50th entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade was titled "America the Beautiful" and featured a tribute to the Statue of Liberty. "Music, Music, Music" was the theme of the 115th New Year's Day extravaganza. According to Mary Hoffman, serving her eighth term as President of the Torrance Rose Float Association, Fiesta Parade Floats built the City's float, which was designed by Raul Rodriguez. The float was decorated by volunteers from the South Bay. Riding on the City's float were: Mayor Dan Walker, Mr.. Daniel Rodriguez, the singing policeman from New York City, and 6 POW's from Torrance. Mr.. Rodriguez, who gained national and international prominence following the 9/11 tragedy, sang "America the Beautiful" while the float made its way down Colorado Blvd. Four of the POW's were from World War II: Dave Cochran, Dick Peterson, Dick Trimmingham, and Louis Zamperini. Representing the Korean War was Daniel Arellano and from the Vietnam War was Ted Hill.