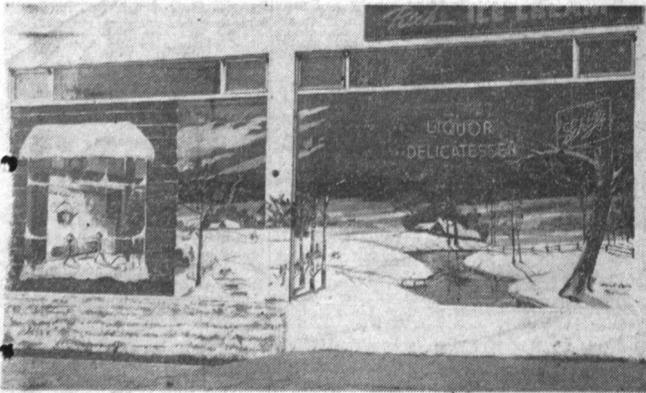
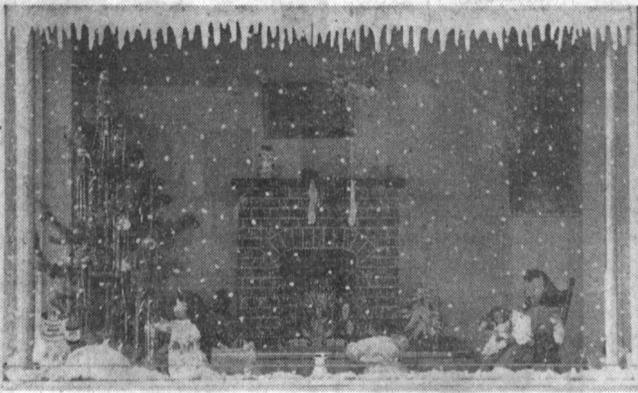


# VETS OPPOSE P.V. MINE

First Place Winner: Class 'A' Grand Sweepstakes Winner and First Place Winner: Class 'B' First Place Winner: Class 'C'



Lilly McLanigan's Liquor and Delicatessen  
1954 W. CARSON STREET



John's Paint and Window Shades  
1413 CRAVENS AVENUE



Flamingo Florists  
1344 EL PRADO AVENUE

## TROPHY, PLAQUES GIVEN

John's Paint and Window Shades store at 1413 Cravens ave., walked away with the grand sweepstakes this week in the Christmas window decorating contest, sponsored by Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

John's Paint store, which was entered in Class "B" was chosen above the Class "A" and "C" first place winners for the perpetual trophy which the store will keep for one year. The Torrance Flower Shop (corner Post and Cravens) was last year's winner.

**First Place Winners**  
Lilly McLanigan Liquor and Delicatessen store, 1954 West Carson street was the winner  
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## Kiwanians Not Affected By Dispute

While the National Kids Day Foundation, Inc. was under attack before a joint legislative investigation committee in New York last week for alleged charity swindles, the Torrance Kiwanis Club, which sponsors an annual Kids Day program, was quick to emphasize that in no manner is there any local connection with the present Eastern controversy.

In view of the publicity released in connection with the National Kids Day Foundation, the Torrance Kiwanis Club reports the following facts re-

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## NEVER SWEAR AT AN OFFICER'S MOTHER . . .

Four youths found out this week that profanity, like crime, doesn't pay, especially when the profanity is directed at a police officer's mother. The luxury of uttering a few choice words cost each of the youths \$50 or ten days in jail.

While other drivers confined themselves to berating the dense fog for their driving troubles last Friday night, Donald Chase Lancaster, 19, 627 Harbor Hills, Lomita, Clyde Eugene Justice, 19, 1318 Engracia, Jimmie Donald Bruce, 19, 2117 Torrance boulevard, and Frank "E" Davis, 19, 15139 Duty street, Lawndale, took some lusty verbal swings at two carloads of timid ladies who were trying to outguess each other's actions at Cabrillo near Border during the blanket thick fog.

The verbal battery consisted of such time-honored phrases as "Get that G-d-(-) out of here!" "!!\*!&() car out of here!"

The strong language pierced

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## Anti-Mine Position Unanimous

Leaders of all major veterans organizations in Los Angeles county have joined together to protect the interests of South Bay veterans whose health, welfare and property would be endangered by the proposed new open-pit diatomite mine on Palos Verdes peninsula. This announcement was made here today by S. Tex Rose, past state commander, Department of California, Disabled American Veterans and chairman of the newly organized "Veterans Anti-Mine Committee of Los Angeles County."

**Organizations Involved**  
Other members of the committee present at the first meeting of the group in the Statler

hotel were: Leo Andrews, commander, Los Angeles County Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Paul Whitehill, commander, Los Angeles County Council, Disabled American Veterans; Joseph M. Noda, commander, Los Angeles County Council, AMVETS; Joseph A. Muldoon, president, Veterans Organizations Coordinating Council of Los Angeles County, representing 10 veterans organizations; Gordon F. Arnold, commander, Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion, Torrance, California; and Irving Farr, commander, Adams-Wilshire Post 189, Jewish War Veterans; Charles W. Schwanz, coordinator, Los Angeles County

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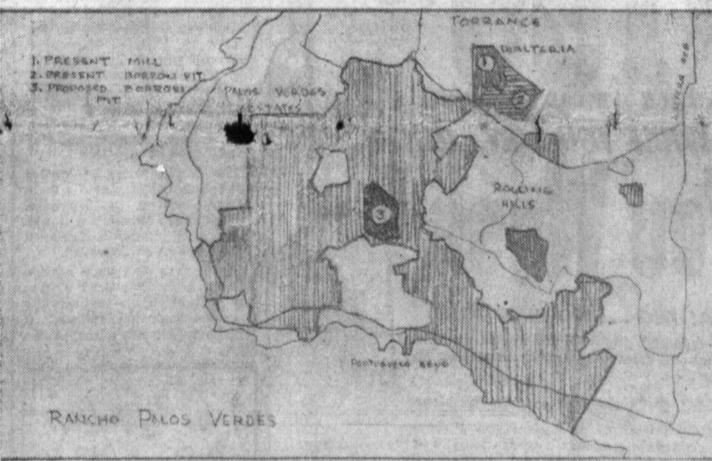
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# SHOTS DROP THIEF; CONDITION CRITICAL



WHAT THE FIGHT IS ALL ABOUT . . . This is the map of the Palos Verdes area. Residents of the area maintain that a mine does not belong in the center of a residential section, and that the diatomaceous earth mine would be a health hazard. Great Lakes maintains that the mine would not create such a hazard, and that

the corporation is willing to develop the whole peninsula residentially. The County Board of Supervisors will take its final vote on the matter December 29. The map shows 1) the present mill; 2) the present borrow pit; and 3) the proposed borrow pit.

## Babies Grow But Baby Cribs Don't

Babies become kids and kids become grown-ups but baby cribs just remain baby cribs all their life.

If baby cribs grew into beds, Mrs. Davis of 1772 Marinette would never have had a problem. Since baby cribs just won't grow, though, Mrs. Davis had to sell hers. She had most remarkable results overnight by placing a 75c ad in the Torrance Press classified section. The ad read:

FOR SALE—Baby crib, mattress, and car seat. All for \$7. In good condition.  
1772 Marinette FA 8-6872

**MORAL OF THIS STORY:** If you're looking for stupendous results, advertise in the Torrance Press classified section.

## OFFICER PURSUES IN FOG

One youth lies critically injured by four bullet wounds and two are under arrest as a result of a grim drama which unfolded under the protective cover of a thick fog during the early Sunday morning hours.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital in critical condition as a result of police bullets fired when he attempted to dash from a burglary at Allen Jewellers, 1321 Sartori a.m., is Rudy Quintana, 24, of Ft. McArthur, according to Detective Captain Ernie Ashton.

William David Walters, 21, and William Robinson, Jr., 21, soldiers stationed at Ft. McArthur, were also booked on grand theft as was Quintana. The charge against Robinson was dropped when it was found that he was not an accomplice to the crime. The soldiers all wore civilian clothes at the time.

Too Quiet  
Sgt. Hank Porter and Officer  
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## ONE MORE TUESDAY EDITION

The next issue of the Torrance Press will be published Tuesday, December 29, a week from today, instead of the usual Thursday edition.

Deadline for press releases is Saturday morning's mail, December 26.

## Kid-Reporter Cracks Fabulous 'Case'

by RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

He was only a kid but within 24 hours I knew that he had the makings of an ace reporter.

He had been sent out on a fantastic high school journalism assignment which was part of a journalism contest. Frankly, I'd rather try solving the Black Dahlia murder case.

Ray Webber, a junior at Torrance High School, looked blankly at his clues when he dropped by the Torrance Press office last week in search for his answer. All he had to go by were the following points: 1—the individual worked on a metropolitan daily in Southern California; 2—the initials are L. H.; 3—great emancipator; 4—roses; 5—he did something unusual recently involving Myron Roberts, the high school journalism teacher.

**Crazy Problem**  
Webber's theory was that when you have a crazy problem you've got to use crazy methods to solve it, or more accurately, the all's fair in Love, War, or Journalism.

"Let me know if you win the contest," I said as he left the office. I really did not think I'd hear from him again.

This was Thursday. Friday morning Webber strolled in again.

"Oh, I thought you might want to know. The fellow's name is Lincoln Halmes," he said nonchalantly.

"You mean . . . ?" I asked amazed.

"Yep," he replied indifferently.

"How'd you do it?" I asked.

Eureka!

"Well, it's a metropolitan paper, see. So I just figured Los Angeles or thereabouts. Initials were L. H. The third clue was 'great emancipator' who was Lincoln. That gave me the guy's first name. The fourth clue, 'roses,' made me think of the rose parade which made me

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"AND THAT'S WHERE BABIES COME FROM" Miss Elsa Hammerstrom, superintendent of Torrance Memorial Hospital, explains to members of the Lions Club. Club members know all about these things, however, since they are the ones who presented the Hospital and future citizens of Torrance with three new incubators for Christmas instead of the annual Christmas party for kids. Previously the Club presented the Hospital with two incubators and helped pay for the very first. Members making the presentation are (front, l-r): Dr. Don C. Moshos, past president; Roy Peterson, president; Mott Farrell, third vice-president; Paul Diamond, past president; Superintendent Hammerstrom; (back, l-r) Warren Hamilton, second vice-president; Ruel McAlton, tail twister; J. A. DeJaifre, hon. taffer; and Fred Boren, secretary.

## 'KILROY' WAS HERE

William Darnell of 1313 Cordary is positive that there was a stranger in the kitchen last Wednesday afternoon and that the stranger kicked him. Investigating Officers Al Winkler and Hyman "Mickey" Fischer, checking the evidence thoroughly, concluded that the elusive stranger involved must have

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## Hospital Kids to Get Gifts

There'll be lots of happy faces at the Harbor General Hospital children's wards Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. when Santa Claus and the Torrance Press will take the huge collection of Christmas toys donated by local residents to the kids.

Toys may still be brought to the Torrance Press at 1406 Cravens till Santa spirits them away Wednesday afternoon.

Residents might be happy to

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SCOOP! . . . The clues may have been meager, and the assignment itself may have seemed fantastic, but through the use of equally fantastic methods and a fertile imagination, Ray Webber, a junior at Torrance High School, alone solved the "Great Emancipator Mystery" in a recent THS journalism contest.

# A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

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