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Ruth Swaps 'Pill' For Bowling Ball

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FREAK SHOT WOUNDS TORRANCE MAN, 26

Bullet Rips Ceiling, Strikes Tom Webb

Tom Webb, 26, of Apartment No. 8, 1221 El Prado St., Torrance, Monday afternoon was relaxing at home without a hint that danger lurked above.

In the apartment above, five or six young men were handling what police believe was a .45 caliber pistol. Suddenly, it fired.

The bullet ripped into the floor of the apartment, hurtled through the ceiling of No. 8 like a bolt out of the blue, and struck Tom Webb in the shoulder.

The young men in the apartment above scattered. By the time Torrance police arrived, the apartment

above was empty and police found Tom Webb writhing in pain, not knowing how or why it happened.

The police searched the neighborhood, but apparently found no one who knew for sure what had happened.

Yesterday, someone called the police and said that he was one of the persons in the apartment above Webb's when the shot was fired. He said he would come in to the Police Department today.

The shooting, police believe, was accidental.

Like one policeman said, it was a thousand to one shot that hit Tom Webb. He is recovering in old Harbor General Hospital.

WATCH TORRANCE GROW

Week Ago 114,690
Today 114,781

The Press Grows, Too

Growing with Torrance, The Torrance Press today announces a major expansion move which will provide a new wing to the present building at 3238 Sepulveda Blvd. to house a modern, high-speed press which will print 64-page newspapers in full color.

The press has all the features of the latest type presses which are used in the publishing of metropolitan daily newspapers.

Carrier Boys Wanted

DA 5-1515

An Editorial:

Why We're the All-American City

A city is no better than its leaders. Leaders such as Councilman Nickolas O. Drale, Mayor Albert Isen, Councilman J. A. Beasley, Rev. David O. Beadles, Mrs. K. E. Watts, and City Attorney Stanley E. Remelmeyer are working valiantly, almost night and day, to bring the new South Coast College to Torrance.

The Torrance City Council has prepared a study under the capable direction of City Attorney Remelmeyer to show the advantages of our site.

That study is an exhaustive work, and positively sums up the case for Torrance.

So that our readers can see for themselves the advantages Torrance offers and the caliber of leadership in the all-out drive to put this college in Torrance—where it should be—The Press prints as an editorial the following nine dramatic points made by the City Council in its study.

1. The oil operations will not interfere with the

Do You Know?

1. One President lost two Vice Presidents by death. Who?
2. The 8th President also was the 8th Vice President. Who?
3. Six Presidents were Secretaries of State. Who?
4. Two states once were "counties" of Virginia. Which?
5. For what is California named?

(Answers, Page A-5)

Torrance Offers To Help Ryan

Mayor Isen last night at the Council meeting, expressed regret at the loss of Ryan Electronics which is leaving Torrance in a move to San Diego.

"Ryan is one of our best citizens," said the mayor. He told Don Reining, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, who advised Council of the move, to call on the City Council for any help needed to keep Ryan here.

Reining said that he had talked to William Wagner, a vice president of Ryan, who said nothing could be done. Ryan employment dropped from 1,100 in 1960 to 450 in 1962, Reining said.

Meet a Unique Man: Torrance of Torrance

Douglas Torrance, of 2122 W. 183rd St., Torrance, is a unique man. According to the Southern Section of the telephone directory, he heads the only family by the name of Torrance to live in Torrance.

There are lots of listings under Torrance in the phone book, 109 to be exact, but 102 of those are business and civic organizations. Just seven are individuals named Torrance.

One of those seven Torrances lives in Torrance, — the above mentioned Douglas who, it seems, enjoys the sole right to being known as Mr. Torrance of Torrance.

By a coincidence, he also happens to represent seven Torrances. The seven are himself; his wife, Jean; and their five children: Donna; Debra; twins Daron and Darol; and Douglas II.

Is Douglas related to Jared Sidney Torrance, the man for whom Torrance is named?

"I don't know," he laughed. "I haven't checked the family tree to find out."

By comparing notes, it was found that if he and Jared Sidney are related, it is indirectly. The father of Douglas came from Scotland, while the ancestor through whom Jared Sidney is descended left Scotland in 1663.

Douglas and Jean Torrance came to Torrance 11 years ago from Rochester, N.Y., the same state from which Jared Sidney Torrance, whose home was in Gowanda, came in 1887.

Did they choose to live in Torrance because the name was the same?

"No," and Douglas and Jean Torrance looked at each other, and smiled. "It happened that the place that we bought on Kristin was



SEVEN TORRANCES of Torrance are shown. From left they are Darol; Debra; Jean; Douglas; Donna; and Daron; with Douglas II standing in front of his dad—Mr. Torrance of Torrance. —PRESS photo

one that we could afford and that we liked."

Then he added, "But, we kind of like the idea of living in Torrance. It's unusual living in a city with the same name as yours."

Douglas told of the visit of his father to Torrance last year. The elder Torrance went to the various places with "Torrance" in the name, and had his picture taken in front of the sign.

"Then," chuckled Douglas, "he went home and showed his friends 'his' business

which he 'had' in California."

How do they like Torrance? "Oh," said Douglas, western regional manager for Copymation, covering nine states, "I like it fine. Believe it or not, the climate is better, even than in many places in Southern California."

"I travel a lot and I find that some areas are hotter or more uncomfortable. It's always a pleasure to come home," he said. "Then, too," he added

"there's a nice airport for me to keep my plane. It's real handy living in Torrance."

Glad to have you, Mr. Torrance of Torrance.

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ACTIVE IN SCOUTING for 17 years, John Preis, manager of May Co. in South Bay Center, heads ticket sales for the Scouting Exposition which runs from Feb. 15 through Feb. 24. Preis holds the Order of Merit and is a Cubmaster of Pack 57C and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 627. Tickets will be issued to unit leaders at a kickoff meeting Jan. 22. Local ticket chairman is Robert E. Frahm, 20631 Entradero, Torrance. For more about scouting see page A-8. —PRESS photo

placement and operation of the college on the Torrance site. Operations under both the primary and any potential secondary oil recovery program will not interfere with any phase of the college.

2. It is less expensive to build the college in Torrance because: (a) the purchase price is far less at the Torrance site; (b) the cost of relocating the oil facilities is moderate—much less than the cost of the development of the Palos Verdes Peninsula site, including grading and foundations.

3. It costs less to develop the college in Torrance because: (a) the cost of site grading and foundations at the Palos Verdes site would be double such costs at the Torrance site; (b) the entire Palos Verdes site is landslide prone. This condition makes the placing of the college on that site of doubtful wisdom; (c) nearly \$2.5 million would have to be spent on street widening to serve the Palos Verdes site.

4. All necessary public works and utilities are

available at the Torrance site to serve the college at moderate cost; the utility operating costs would be much higher in Palos Verdes.

5. The Torrance site is more centrally located and is more generally accessible than the Palos Verdes site. It would better serve the needs of the entire south coast region of the county.

6. The Torrance site would have a good physical environment for the college. Although not as beautiful as the Palos Verdes site, it would have an aesthetically pleasing environment. Lovely landscaping could be created here at moderate cost. Good weather conditions prevail—there is no smog and relatively little fog.

7. The Torrance site has a wealth of housing facilities, shopping facilities and employment opportunities. It is easily accessible to the cultural and recreational facilities of the Los Angeles-Long Beach area.

8. Socio-economic factors favor the Torrance site.

The land is not necessary for industrial purposes. The City of Torrance, which has a large tax base, can withstand the loss of property taxes better than the city of Rolling Hills Estates. Whereas placement of the college in the Palos Verdes area would economically benefit few people, selection of the Torrance site would distribute the economic benefits widely throughout the area.

9. We who live in Torrance want the college. We will enthusiastically support it as part of our community.

These are nine good reasons why the college should be in our city.

Our leaders have donated hundreds of hours of their time to bring it here.

A city is no better than its leaders. Our fine leaders are why Torrance is the All-American City.

Downtown Torrance Dividend Days

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