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# FIND BOMB IN NEW LOMITA HOME

### A Penny for your Thoughts

A check do you think of the Madcap Midnight Sale to be held in Downtown Torrance next Saturday night and are you going to participate? This question was asked six people in the area. Their answers appear with the pictures below.

**Morris Hattam, Baker Furniture Store, Downtown Torrance.**  
"I'll be here—right in my store. I think this event will be a big stimulus for the Downtown Torrance merchants. It will also be good for the community and the shoppers will get some outstanding values."

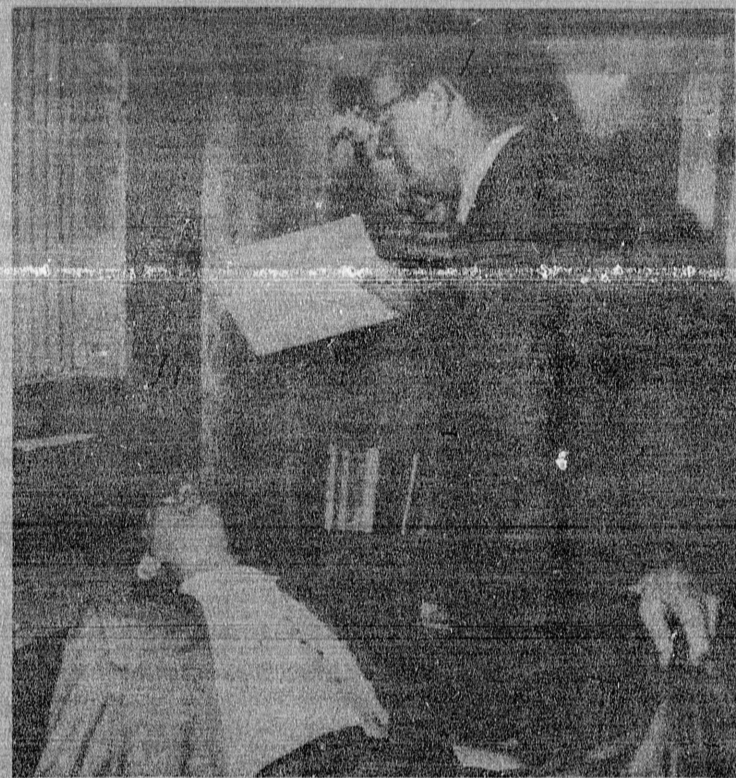
**Mrs. Corn Scheffer, 1911 Gramercy, Housewife.**  
"I like the idea of a midnight shopping spree. It is a novel idea and we plan to go down and see what is going on. We will take our purses with us, too."

**Mrs. Nettie Sandman, 2309 Carson, Torrance artist.**  
"I think the idea is good and I plan to be there Saturday night. We generally go to every civic event in Torrance. I like the idea of shopping at 12 midnight. I usually stay up at night and do my painting."

**Ray Gooch, 21506 Ellenwood Dr., retired.**  
"I am not sure I will be there for the midnight jamboozie, or not. I think it is a good thing though it will be good for the people shopping and will draw up business for the stores."

**Mrs. Ann Hight, 23015 Arlington, Adult Club hostess.**  
"Why not? I think a midnight shopping event will be nice and different. I like new things for Torrance, the All-American City."

**Angele Delana, 2427 Torrance Blvd., Torrance path employee.**  
"My wife and I will go to the midnight shopping deal Saturday night. We'll buy some things, too. I think it is a good idea. I like crowds and the carnival spirit."



**WAKE UP, MAN!** . . . School Superintendent J. H. Hull tries to revive James E. Cracker, director for new construction for Torrance schools, who just discovered that enrollment in the schools next fall will be up more than 2100—the equivalent of three new elementary schools. The district is holding a special bond election on Oct. 14 to provide the money for needed new schools so that double session problems can be eliminated.

## Favorable School Bond Vote Needed Badly, Officials Say

The stark has brought Torrance school officials a lot of small problems, but the trouble is that those small problems are constantly getting bigger. Tabulation of the latest enrollment figures shows that kindergartners class of 71 outnumber eighth graders (class of 68) by 2 to 1 and the present high school seniors (class of 59) by 4 to 1. What these figures mean to the school is more buildings, more teachers, more books, more supplies and in fact, more of almost everything.

## Sgt. Delivers Baby In Car

A San Francisco soldier, Sgt. Lester C. Walters, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Walters, of 71205 Anza Ave., delivered a 9-pound baby boy in the back seat of a neighbor's car last week.

Specialist Walters and his wife, Klaska, were en route to Lattinon Army Hospital when car trouble necessitated calling in to service the automobile of a neighbor. The birth of their third child took place in the latter vehicle. After receiving emergency treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital, San Francisco, Mrs. Walters and baby were transferred to Letterman Army Hospital.

## Combined Classes Explained

School officials answered critics of the combined classrooms in many of the schools this year by pointing out that the program effected a savings of \$200,000 in teaching salaries in the current budget. A total of 130 combined classes of two and three grades has been set up this year out of a total of 662 elementary level classrooms. The "Lula Red School" house" program in operation for the past three years at Walteria Elementary School,

## Brothers Try Draw, One Shot

A 15-year-old lad was wounded seriously here Friday when he and an older brother were practicing a "quick draw" with a loaded .22 revolver. Rushed to Harbor General Hospital was Randy E. Heibel, of 605 W. Ocean Ave. He was reported in serious condition. Randy was shot in the right chest in the family's trailer court home, deputies reported. His brother, Lynn, 17, told Sheriff's officers that he and Randy had been practicing their draw with the gun which belonged to their parents. Lynn said the gun was empty while he and Randy were practicing their draw, but that they decided to load it before putting it away. He quoted his younger brother then as saying, "Draw just once more." Forgetting that he had just loaded the gun, Lynn spun around and pulled the trigger, hitting Randy, who slumped to the floor.

## Man Given Jail Term For Attack

Superior Judge Ralph K. Pierson ordered a six-month County Jail term for Jack Lyttle, 19, of 15332 Chamerz Ave., Gardena, who was convicted of attempted forcible rape. Lyttle was also put on five year probation for the assault on a 16-year-old married Torrance woman. The victim testified Lyttle beat her so both eyes were blackened, her nose and ears bruised and her lips swollen, in Patis Venetis hills June 30.

## Crash Victim Dies

Ronald D. Gibb, 23, of Compton, who was injured in a traffic collision near Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne Ave. Sept. 7, died Friday to become the city's fifth traffic fatality of 1958.

## Cultural Exchange With City In Turkey Under Discussion

Plans to exchange greetings and information with officials of Konya, Turkey, were under discussion this week after Torrance members of a citizens' committee picked the middle East city as a "sister city" for a cultural exchange program. The city, located in south central Turkey at an elevation of approximately 2300 feet, was chosen because it is about the same size as Torrance. Konya craftsmen are noted throughout Turkey for their hand-painted wooden spoons of the city are a tradition in Turkey and a favorite souvenir of the American tourist. The move to exchange ideas and culture with a foreign city is part of a program sponsored by the U. S. Information Agency and is designed to aid in the fight against communism.

## Police Ponder Motive



**SUDDEN DEATH** . . . Joseph Wisniewski, Echo Electric Co. foreman, examines wire that was hooked to a time bomb he discovered last week in one of the new homes being built in the Starlite tract in Lomita. Mystery bomb was hidden in wall and attached to inter-communication system. (Herald Photo)

## Rattler Found In Schoolyard

Rattlesnakes are becoming an increasing menace in Torrance officials of the South Bay Humane Society and Torrance police reported here yesterday. Humane officers and police became doubly alarmed at the menace Friday evening when a 100-long Pacific rattler was found entering the kindergarten area of the Howard Wood Elementary School on 235th St. Evidence that other snakes are probably in the area was found at the school also, the HERALD was told. IN THE EVENT someone is bitten by one of the snakes, it should be kept quiet and a doctor called immediately, officers say. Cardinal rule to remember is: "Don't let the victim get away."

## YMCA Sets Breakfast For Oct. 18

Five thousand tickets went on sale this week for the annual YMCA "Good Neighbor" breakfast to be held in the Civic Auditorium Saturday morning, Oct. 18. More than 4000 attended last year's breakfast and at least another thousand is expected this year, Stanley Remelmeier, city attorney and ticket sales chairman, reported yesterday. Nominations for 1958's "Good Neighbor" are being accepted at the Torrance YMCA. "We're available day or night," South Bay workers warned residents yesterday. PERSONS FINDING any kind of a snake are being advised to call the South Bay Humane office immediately. The Pacific rattlers found here during the past few days resemble the harmless gopher snake.

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Discovery of a professionally made time bomb in one of the houses under construction in the Starlite Home Tract, at 235th and Anza Aves., Lomita, three construction workers into near panic this week. The bomb was found by one of the workers on the project. Joseph Wisniewski, foreman for the Echo Electric Co., of Gardena, found the bomb while wiring a front door communication speaker located in the kitchen of the house Wednesday afternoon.

The ingenious bomb was made of a plumber's pipe nipple capped on both ends. Holes were drilled in the pipe, connecting the wires to a detonation cap. The lead wires were hooked to the communication system. The six-inch pipe was loaded with cotton soaked with an explosive chemical. Police said the bomb was capable of demolishing the house and killing any occupants after the current was turned on and the front door bottom pushed.

Wisniewski, who told the HERALD it was his custom to test these units after they were installed, added that when he pulled the wires out of the speaker recess the attached pipe was seen. It had been resting between the walls about waist high. Demolition squad officers said no apparent motive for the bomb being in the structure had been found by investigating deputy sheriffs.

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**MADCAP UNIFORMS** . . . Merchants Bernie Lee (left) and Paul Diamond center with television star Tom Duggan about the Mad Midnight Sale to be held here beginning at midnight next Saturday. The three-hour sale, claimed to be the zaniest ever to hit the city, is expected to draw a record crowd of shoppers to the downtown Torrance area with unbelievable prices.