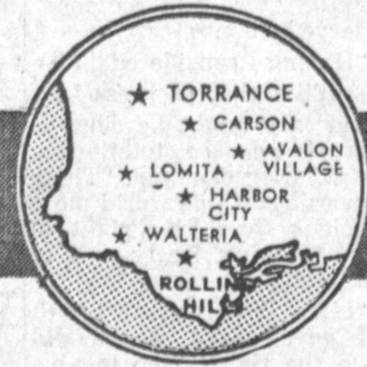


Private Collectors to Handle Rubbish

24-Hour
Want Ad Service
DA 5-1515



TORRANCE PRESS

3238 SEPULVEDA BLVD., TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

Inside the Press

Mike Callas 12A
Classified 9-13B
Churches 10A
Darlene Cope 12A
Entertainment 7B
Sports 12-13A
Theater Guide 7B
Women 1-3B

VOLUME XII, NUMBER 38

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1960

10c A COPY

CITY GETS \$3/4 MILLION GIFT

Del Amo Estate Gives Unique Present—Trees—to Beautify Torrance

Officials Bid Adieu to Noted Pakistan Guest

Torrance's city council joined members of the city hall administrative staff in bidding adieu today to a distinguished five-week visitor here, Mirza Abdul Khaliz Beg.

Sent by the Pakistan government, through the International Cooperation Administration, Beg has worked closely with various departments here studying local government administration.

Previously, he had studied state government at Salt Lake City. From Torrance, after a swing through the country, he will close his U.S. stay with study of federal government processes in Washington.

Born in India, before the partition creating his country, Beg, 37, has degrees from Alahabad University in Persian and English literature, as well as a degree in law. He has served as deputy secretary, ministry of defense, and assistant secretary for the Pakistan army.

Prior to his return to Pakistan, he will stop in Birmingham, England, where his brother, a University of Pittsburgh graduate, teaches physics.

Surprised by the mayor and council's presentation of the Torrance key, Beg lauded the efficiency of local civic departments, underscoring (Continued on Page A2)

Seven Injured as Cars Crash

Seven persons were injured in an automobile smash-up at the intersection of Western Ave. and Artesia Blvd. Monday at 3:40 p.m. as three vehicles collided.

Kathleen Cuttrel, 19, of Hermosa Beach, driving a 1960 Ford, struck the auto driven by Robert Davis, also 19, of Los Angeles, who hit a pick-up truck driven by Gladys Kahler, 37.

Those injured were Miss Cuttrel and her passenger, Merle Hartshorn, 19, 622 Loma Dr.

Others injured were Davis, and his passengers, Patricia Davis, 18; Richard Davis, three months; William Marshall, 20, sailor aboard the USS Kersage; and Carol Marshall, 19, of Harbor City. All were taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.



WELCOME TO TORRANCE—Chamber of Commerce members this week welcomed the city's newest bank. More than 100 watched as the Security First National Bank got the keys to the city. Participating here are (left

to right) Joe Doss, Food King Market owner, Gilbert Pando, new bank manager, James Weigel, manager, Torrance branch, and Fred Hanson, Hanson Insurance.

Council Decides on Rubbish Plan

Rubbish collection, which has caused the city of Torrance civic headaches mounting to more than \$100,000 a year, was on the road to one solution this week, as the city council agreed upon a plan for private pickup and collection.

New specifications will be drawn up and presented to the council in mid-September, with bids going out in October, according to Wade Peables, director of public works.

Councilmen, divided upon (Continued on Page A2)

City Relaxes as Rubbage Stays Put

Everybody but the police and firemen will be off Labor Day, even the rubbish man won't be around to take his toll. It was announced through the City Hall recently that rubbish pick-up will be moved up one day.

The rubbish due to be collected tomorrow, will be taken Saturday instead, and that due to go Monday, will not disappear from front yards until Tuesday, it was announced.

Local Field Deputies for Voting Announced

Field deputies in the area where persons may register for voting in the coming election were announced today by Benjamin Hite, the registrar of voters.

Most of these places are private residences, Hite explained. Persons wishing to register will be able to do so during reasonable hours throughout the week, as well as Saturdays and Sundays, Hite declared.

Classes of persons who should register or re-register for the coming elections are: those who have changed their addresses since they last registered; those who have changed their names since last registered; those who desire to change their political affiliation.

Those whose registrations were cancelled because they did not vote at either the primary or general election in 1958, and who have not registered since the cancellation; those who have become of age and have not registered; and new residents in Los Angeles County.

Qualifications for registration include: one year residence in California; ninety days residence in the county; twenty one years of age; a naturalized citizen must have been a citizen for at least ninety days prior to the date of the election and

must have his naturalizations papers; and all voters must be able to read the English language and sign their names.

Area field deputies include: Mmes. D. Sherlock, 18510 Ermanita Ave., DA 3-8806; J. N. Tackett, 2521 W. 168th St., DA 9-5907; L. M. Coppedge, 21617 Vicky Ave., FR 6-0253; E. K. Forbes, 21629 Palos Verdes Blvd., FR 6-1011; A. D. Sharpe, 16812 A Yukon Ave., DA 3-1493.

Mmes. B. E. Creekmore, 1901 W. 187th Pl., DA 3-7408; R. P. Goodson, 23001 Carlow Rd., FR 8-1603; N. A. Spear, 5228 Vanderhill Rd., FR 5-4640; K. M. Heaton, 1816 Calamar St.; Mr. G. W. Peterson, 1872 Plaza Del Amo, FA 8-0147.

Mrs. D. E. German, 2214 W. 181st St., DA 9-3717; Mr. M. M. Moon, 2002 W. 177th St., DA 9-3789; Mrs. N. A. Goodrich, 24913 Ocean Ave., FR 9-3787; Mr. J. G. Felker, 18800 Prairie Ave., FR 2-2506; Mr. J. K. Skelley, 16822 Ainsworth Ave., DA 9-6098; Mr. F. E. Kelly, 1521 W. 227th St., FA 0-0936. (Continued on Page A2)

The names Dominguez, Carson, Watson, and Del Amo may mean little to an Easterner, but in the storied Southern California scene, rich with Spanish lore, they spell vast landholdings, oil, wealth.

This week, the progeny of the eighteenth century Spanish soldier of fortune, Juan Dominguez, whose offspring have given their names to wide boulevards and busy streets, turned over yet another valuable gift.

The Del Amo family, direct descendants of the one-time soldier in the Company of Catalan Volunteer Light Infantry, who obtained 46,000 acres as a land grant, presented the City of Torrance with three quarter million dollars worth of trees.

The gift was made by Peter De Francisci, planning director of the Del Amo Estates Co., to Victor Benstead, city councilman, for the city of Torrance.

Today's gift refocuses attention on the entire Dominguez story, a fascinating slice of California history.

Getting his 10 1/2 Spanish square leagues, the old soldier, Juan Jose Dominguez, in 1784, constructed an adobe house, on what is today known as Dominguez Hill. The huge chunk of land known as Rancho San Pedro, was marked at its northeast corner by "an old sycamore tree."

Still alive, and more than 200 years old, the tree stands today near Long Beach Blvd., north of Rosecrans Ave.

Inheriting the land from his aged uncle Juan, who never married, Christoval Dominguez died in San Diego in 1825, leaving six children. The eldest, Manuel, inherited his share of the land, and purchased the remainder from others.



Maria Dominguez de Watson

who married George Carson; Susana, wife of Dr. Gregorio Del Amo, the Del Amo Estate Co., and Maria Dolores, wife of James Watson, Watson Land Co.

Through the years, John Downey, Benjamin Wilson, General Henry Ainsworth, and Jared S. Torrance, for whom Torrance is named, bought hundreds of acres from the Dominguez holdings, each contributing to the growth of new cities.

Only two of the Dominguez daughters left direct descendants. These were Victoria Dominguez Carson, of whose 15 children, five are still living, and Dolores Dominguez Watson, of whose four children none are living.

Separate corporations came into being, through Victoria,

The sole survivor today is Jaime Del Amo, who lives in Spain in a "grandee" manner, but returns to visit Torrance and Southern California periodically.

Expressing great thanks to the Del Amo Estates company and its representative members of the city council and the mayor declared "this is the most unusual gift ever presented our city."

The trees and shrubs, now in the Del Amo nurseries, will be made available to Torrance during the next two years. They will be used throughout the city to beautify streets and parkways.

In the letter of presentation to the city, De Francisci declared: "It is with great pleasure that the Del Amo Estate Co. has authorized me to offer the City of Torrance plant material at our nursery."

"The plant material consists of a number of specimen trees and shrubs of the (Continued on Page A2)

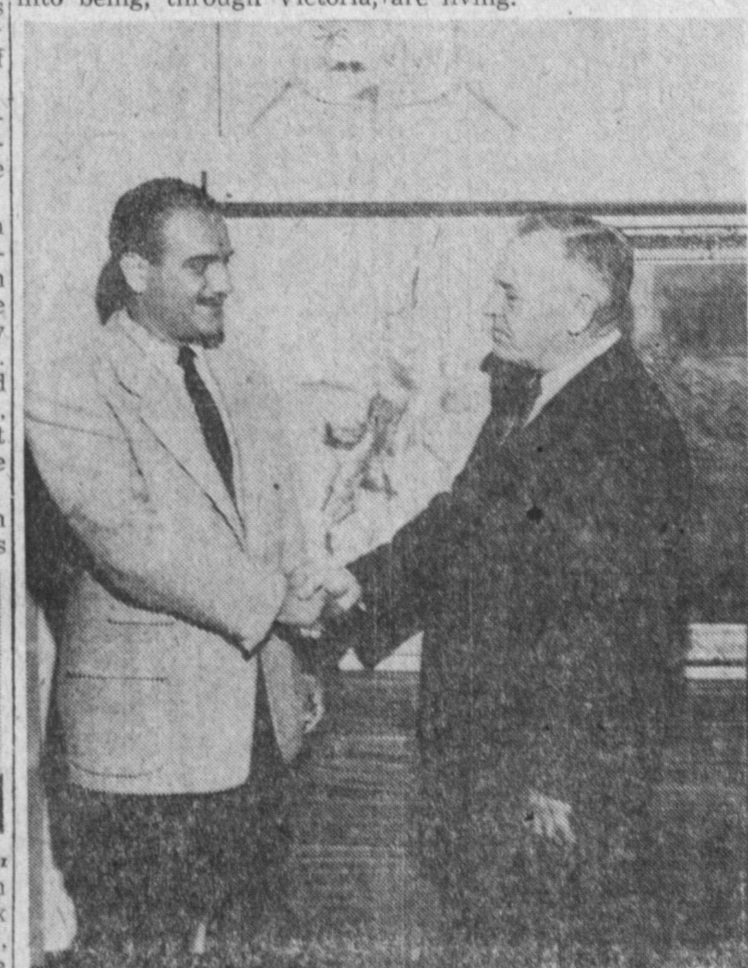
Torrance Parks Add Futuristic Play Facilities

Free trips to the moon, or something like that, will soon be available at Torrance's Los Arboles and Paradise Parks, as the installation of the \$10,000 worth of space-age play equipment is nearing completion.

Harry Van Bellehem, recreational director, announced the futuristic play apparatus already is in use at Los Arboles and is expected to be ready at Paradise next week.

Make-believe rocket ships, aircraft and submarines are included in the 24 pieces being added to the two parks. Swings, slides and merry-go-rounds of the latest design are among the installations.

In addition to the play equipment, there are benches at both parks and picnicking facilities at Paradise.



ONLY GOD CAN MAKE A TREE—But man can make a present of them. Del Amo Estate Company did that this week—more than three quarter million dollars worth of trees given to the City of Torrance. Here Peter De Francisci, Del Amo Planning Director, turns over the unique gift to City Councilman Victor Benstead.



SCHOOL HOUSE TOPPLES — The front steps are all that remains of the old administration building of the Perry Elementary School 184th St. and Prairie Ave. Constructed in 1924, the old building has been replaced by classrooms at the Madison Elementary School. Remainder of Perry campus has been built up in last few years.



TRIPLE EXPOSURE—The first triplets born in Torrance make a return visit, as three-year olds Suzie, Pamela, and Carol Henke look forward (?) to tonsillectomies at Torrance Memorial Hospital Sept. 30. The little charms are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henke, engineer at North American. Dr. George C. Andersen, who delivered the trio, will perform the surgery.

Editorial

Only God can make a tree. Man can chop it down, destroy it with a carelessly tossed cigarette, or grow it with love and care. He can also plant a tree—as the Bible admonishes each man to do before he dies—and he can give a tree to a friend as one of the finest gifts possible.

This week, we are sure, the spirits of the original Dominguez family and their Del Amo ancestors, who once roamed the hills of Rancho San Pedro, must be smiling with great happiness.

Through the kind offices of the Del Amo Estate Company, a magnificent gift of almost three quarters of a million dollars worth of trees and shrubs, to beautify Torrance, was presented to the city.

Trees can't speak. But they can flower in the summer, and waft their perfume to young and old. They can stand stark in the winter, creating patterns of exquisite beauty. They can hold a tree-house for the young, or a swing, and they can bring shade to the tired and weary.

Cared for, they are man's eternal gift, from one generation to another. Standing as sentinels, they welcome a newcomer to town. Stripped of trees, a community is as wanting as a barren woman—and as bitter.

The Del Amo people and Torrance's own Victor Benstead, city councilman, are to be highly commended for this magnificent present to the city.

On behalf of more than 100,000 fine people who live in Torrance, may we of the Torrance Press extend deepest gratitude to the Del Amo Estate. Your gift is in the highest tradition of giving.