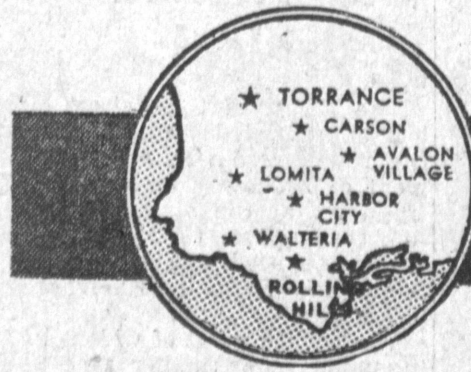


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Rezoning Testimony Heard by Council; Final Action July 25



"THE ROOF FELL IN"—Neighbors and ambulance attendants are shown here as they lift Rosalie Martinez, 13, into the waiting stretcher after she was pinned under a collapsed garage Monday afternoon. The youngster was playing under the newly-built structure in the rear of her home at 1659 W. 215th St. when the roof caved in. She was treated at Harbor General Hospital for numerous cuts and bruises and then released.

Chamber Guest Lauds Torrance Court Location

"The busiest superior court in the state," is a description given the Southwest District Superior Court, which is moving to Torrance, by Thomas Yager, its presiding judge, at a Torrance Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday morning.

Judge Yager said, during this meeting at the International House of Pancakes, by every statistical study, the three judges assigned to the court are doing the work of eight.

The new building is to be built on the Torrance Civic Center site. It will have offices for eight judges and will be able to accommodate 12 later, the judge said.

During the meeting, Fred Adams of the Long Beach architectural firm—Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright—described plans for the court and for other Civic Center buildings to be installed.

This firm has a contract to design the complex of county and municipal facilities.

MORE ROOM

He added the court buildings will have eight courtrooms and offices for a district attorney, a chief deputy, and 15 other deputies.

Costing approximately \$1.9 to \$2.2 million, it will be a two-story structure with 75,000 to 80,000 square feet.

Plans will allow the addition of two other courts, a tax assessor's office and other facilities as required, he said.

Hawthorne Blvd. Widening Project Okayed by State

Oswald Bros. Co. of Los Angeles was recently awarded a contract for the widening and improvement of Hawthorne Blvd. north from Pacific Coast Hwy. to Manhattan Beach Blvd.

Widening the street from a four-lane to a six-lane thoroughfare with 18 traffic signal installations and left-turn pockets will be included in the project. It will cost \$653,732.

Torrance will contribute \$9000 toward the project.

More Than 200 Local Residents at Hearing

Members of the Torrance City Council last night heard testimony pro-and-con, on the controversial proposal to rezone the Marble Estate tract from industrial to residential use, and then deferred a final decision until July 25.

More than a dozen residents of Torrance and nearby communities appeared to register approval or disapproval of the proposal, made by builder Don Wilson, to construct some 650 homes in the area, located just south of Sepulveda on Crenshaw Blvd.

Wilson conducted a lengthy address to the council and to the more than 200 residents who attended the meeting. He pointed out that although industry continually credited itself with carrying the brunt of tax loads, according to official county records industrial acreage in Torrance was assessed an average of \$3,450 an acre while developed residential land carried an average assessment of \$9300 per acre.

NO SALE

Murray Williamson, a representative of the Marble family, reported that

his principal had offered the land for sale for more than a year but had received no offers. He reported that member's of the city's planning commission had offered to do anything in their power to find a buyer so the land could be used industrially. Land was listed with prominent and reliable real estate brokers who specialized in industrial properties, but could not be sold. During the same period four separate offers from builders and developers who wanted to build homes in the area were received.

Other proponents of the measure pointed out that the huge Del Amo Shopping Center and the adjacent Getty property had been rezoned from industrial use by the same people who objected to the development of the Marble tract for residential use.

Appearing in opposition to the rezoning proposal were R. I. Plomert Jr., representing the Industries Tax Committee; Arthur Woodcock of the Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Committee; R. E. Thompson of Union Oil, and representatives from the

Santa Fe Railroad and the Hollywood Riviera Homeowner's Association.

SYNOPSIS

Woodcock effectively synthesized the opinion of the opposition to the plan by reporting that his committee felt that the city needed outside and professional help in making a decision. "Primary objective of the council is the best interests of the people of Torrance," he said. "It is the responsibility of the city to determine the best usage of the land."

Councilman Nicholas Dralle pointed out that the committee had been established for the single purpose of studying the proposal to rezone from the viewpoint of the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman George Bradford summed up his own opinion at the close of the hearing when he stated, "The Industries Tax Committee and the Chamber of Commerce . . . are representative of a special group of individuals and have lost track of the small man in the community. They need to become aware again of the trends of progress in the city."

14-COUNTRY SERIES . . .

Exclusive Series of European Interviews Will Be Carried by 'Press' This Summer

A Torrance teacher who specializes in international affairs this summer will shepherd a flock of fellow-instructors through the scenes of these same entanglements. Story of his travels will be carried exclusively in the pages of the Torrance Press.

Ross A. Sciarrotta, 54, who teaches world history and international affairs at Long Beach City College, this week announced that he, and his contingent of fellow teachers, will leave Monday on an extended 60-day tour of Europe. Tour was arranged and will be conducted by Sciarrotta.

The Torrance man, who lives at 21017 Madrona Ave., has conducted tours for teachers for the past 15 years throughout the United States. He was also a member of the Long Beach State College faculty for a six year period.

EUROPEAN TOUR

This year's tour, which will visit Europe for the first time, is a credit course open only to teachers. It has been signed up in full since the tour was first announced.

Contingent will spend July 4 and 5 in New York City and will fly to England, via TWA, on July 6. Sciarrotta said that he plans to interview people of all social strata during his 14-country tour to determine their attitudes toward



ROSS A. SCIARROTTA
... Press Columnist

the United States, and will submit weekly columns to the Torrance Press for publication.

Columns will be carried exclusively in this newspaper throughout the summer.

Itinerary of the tour includes England, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, and Spain.

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Harbor City Boy Dead in Nevada Beach Accident

A Harbor City youngster was killed Sunday while on a vacation trip to Las Vegas when a beach umbrella was upended by a gust of wind and struck him on the head.

Charles Groover, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Groover, 2660 Athena Ave., died Sunday night of injuries incurred while on a beach outing on Boulder Island in Lake Mead.

Emergency treatment was given the youngster at Boulder City Hospital and he was then transferred to Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital in Las Vegas, where he died.

Family had intended to remain at the Nevada resort until July 4. The boy's father is part owner of a grocery store in Harbor City.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by the A. M. Gamby Mortuary. Survivors include the boy's brother, Gary, 14.

Degree Awarded

John Edward Cooper, 617 W. 215th St., Torrance, was one of eight Los Angeles area students at Arizona State University who received bachelor's degrees during commencement exercises last week.

Rolling Hills Mayor Resigns From Council

Mayor William Horn announced his resignation from the post on the Rolling Hills Council Monday night. Councilman Theodore Roach was immediately selected to follow the outgoing mayor.

Mayor Horn announced his resignation was due to a "busy schedule" and because of the policy whereby mayors were selected for an undetermined length of time.

The new mayor is an executive of the Metropolitan Stevedore Co. in Wilmington. He was elected in 1958.

Southwood Stores Launch Sweepstakes 'Give-Away' Event

Twelve merchants in the Southwood Shopping Center, corner of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd., will open their first annual Sweepstakes "Give-Away" event today.

Magnificent prizes, values from \$10 to \$25, will be given away to lucky visitors to the sumptuous center stores during the four day event.

In today's issue of the Torrance Press, page 9A, Press readers will find a full page of coupons to be filled out and deposited in convenient boxes at Southwood Center shops.

DRAWING SATURDAY

Drawing for the prizes will be held at Southwood Center Saturday evening, 6 p.m. Winners need not be present to win.

Coupons should be carefully filled out and dropped into the box in the store listed. Contestants may deposit the coupons at any time today, tomorrow, Friday or Saturday. No purchases are necessary.

Winners of the free prizes will be notified on Monday of the following week if they have not already claimed their prizes.

Polio Clinics Set During Week

A series of polio clinics will be held in Torrance during the next week and residents of the community are advised to get their preliminary series or booster shots before the beginning of the summer polio season.

Tomorrow, between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m., Torrance Memorial Hospital will

throw open its doors for the inoculations. This will be the second in a series of polio clinics sponsored by the Southwest district of the Los Angeles County Medical Association in conjunction with the local community hospitals.

On Friday a second polio clinic will be held at the Van Deene Avenue School, sponsored by the school's P-T-A.

Hours for the inoculations are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fee for the shots is \$1.

Torrance Emergency Medical Clinic, 2093 Torrance Blvd., also reported that they will administer the shots every Wednesday, 2 to 3 and 7 to 8 p.m. Shots are \$1 and program is sponsored by the March of Dimes polio clinic.



NEW DOORWAY—Torrance homeowner P. J. Chateler of 3403 W. 190th St. found himself the possessor of a new doorway into his front room early Monday morning when a car driven by Jay R. Roysdon, 21, of Redondo Beach went out of control and crashed

through the wall. Roysdon allegedly backed his car out of Chateler's front room and attempted to escape. Chateler and a hastily summoned neighbor, dressed in pajamas, chased after the fleeing auto and detained the fugitive until police arrived.