

## Herald Weekender

Containing Stories from Sunday's Herald

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### Tragic Collision Kills 3 Children

Four dead — four seriously injured. This was the grim count following a searing, grinding accident Wednesday night which claimed the lives of three children and one teen-ager.

Parents of two youngsters who were killed, were horrified as they witnessed the tragedy from their car—only a few feet behind the auto involved in the collision.

The dead were identified as Corrine Smith, 17, of 1353 W. 112th St.; Pamela, 10, and Vicki Rackham, 8, of 22659 Nicolle St.; and Jeanette Smith, 9, of 22709 Nicolle St.

**Fair Condition**  
Reported in fair condition at Harbor General Hospital were Howard Smith, 42, of 22709 Nicolle St., father of Jeanette Smith and driver of the car in which the three small children were riding; Arthur Jeter, 21, of 1643 E. 118th St., driver of the car in which Corrine Smith was riding; his brother Claude, 19, and Corrine Smith's sister, Zinna, 13.

### L.A. Woman Dies

A former president of the Los Angeles Women's Traffic Club was killed when she evidently fell asleep at the wheel and her car hit a utility pole.

Mrs. Adrienne E. Copper-Smith, 55, owner of the A. E. Coopersmith custom brokerage house in Los Angeles, died at Harbor General Hospital Thursday morning.

### Safety Group Here

United States Steel Corp.'s 12-man safety advisory committee rounded out its first visit to the West Coast Friday by inspecting safety conditions and procedures at the Torrance Works of Columbia-Geneva Steel Division.

### Crash Injures One

One person was injured in a two-car crash Thursday at Carson St. and Cabrillo Ave.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital was Vera H. Tuttle, 49, of 1566 W. 216th St., a passenger in a car driven by Clarence James Tuttle, 50, of the same address.

### Famed Plane Here

"Lucky Lady II", the famed B-50 Superfort which made the first non-stop flight around the world, will be on public display as a highlight of Torrance's "Ranchero Days" July 24-28.

### Boy Escapes Death

A 12-year-old Lomita boy was miraculously reported in good condition yesterday at Long Beach Osteopathic Hospital after he touched a 16,500 volt wire while climbing on an Edison Co. substation. Apparently he was saved when the fuse blew.

Donald Reed, 529 Harbor Hills, Lomita, reportedly was climbing a 12-inch chain link surrounding the Edison Co. station which serves the Palos Verdes Water Co. substation at 2801 Western Ave. According to one witness, the boy apparently touched a hot wire at the top of the fence and fell inside the fence.

### Officer Files Suit

A Torrance police officer has filed a \$120,000 suit for damages in Compton's Superior Court.

As a result of an accident Aug. 3, 1956, Albert W. Winkler, of 2008 Kathy Way, has asked the court to rule on the matter, according to his attorney, Boris S. Woolley of Torrance.

### Aircraft Layoffs

What effect the Air Force cancellation of its contract for development of the SM-64 Navaho strategic guided missile will have on the 2757 Torrance employees of North American Aviation, Inc., cannot yet be determined, according to company officials.

The Air Force Thursday canceled its contract for fur-

ther work on the missile because of "budgetary considerations."

### Chief Exams Requested

City councilmen have been requested to order an examination for chief of police.

The city civil service board also recommended a change in the qualifications for the vacant post of assistant police chief.

Both positions are now open, with Percy Bennett serving as acting police chief. W. H. Haslam retired April 1 as chief and Bennett, assistant chief, took over acting duties.

### Businessmen Honored

Members of the Walteria Business Men's Club will receive an award from the National Recreation Assn. Aug 8 at a dinner dance.

### Spilos Elected

Peter T. Spilos, general manager, South Bay Bowling Center, was elected president of the South Bay Center Merchants' Assn. at the first annual meeting held recently. The Center simultaneously announced Aug. 22 for the grand opening date.

### Commander Changed

Capt. Robert Karney, commander of Lennox Sheriff's Station, for the past three years, has been transferred and will be replaced by Capt. Robert K. Weddle, acting commander at Firestone Station.

### New Hospital Ready

Dedication of the new 93-bed Riviera Hospital at 226th and Kent Ave. will be held next Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., according to Jack Saylin, hospital administrator.

### Pilot Fined \$800

Flying without a pilot certificate will cost Ernest J. Peters of Torrance more than \$800.

The judgement against Peters was awarded to the United States by Federal Judge Ben Harrison in Los Angeles July 8.

### Bomb Squads Called

Police and fire department bomb squads were called out when a finance company manager reported a threat had been made to blow the building to "smithereens."

Wayne E. Tarvin, manager of the Seaboard Finance Co. in Torrance, told police the clean-up man found a note on the floor of the building 324 Ave. I, which read:

"Warning, at 10:30 Wednesday morning your gyp joint will be blown to smithereens." It was signed "Sincerely, J. ALH."

Police and firemen cleared out the tenants and made a thorough search but failed to turn up an evidence.

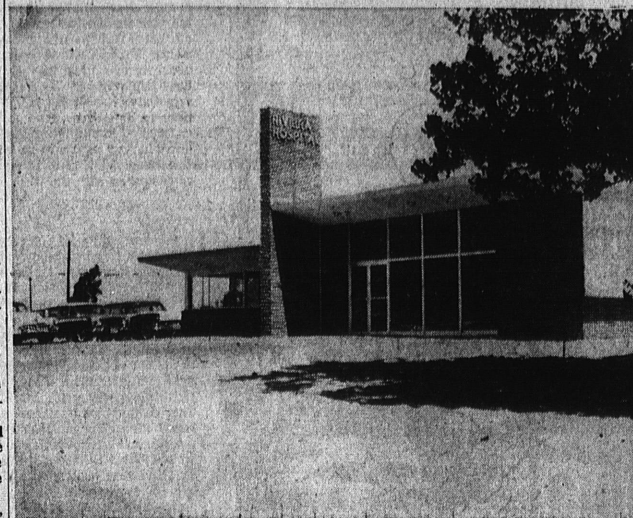
### Incorporation Bill Approved

A bill which would prevent new incorporation efforts for two years after an unsuccessful incorporation attempt was signed yesterday by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight.

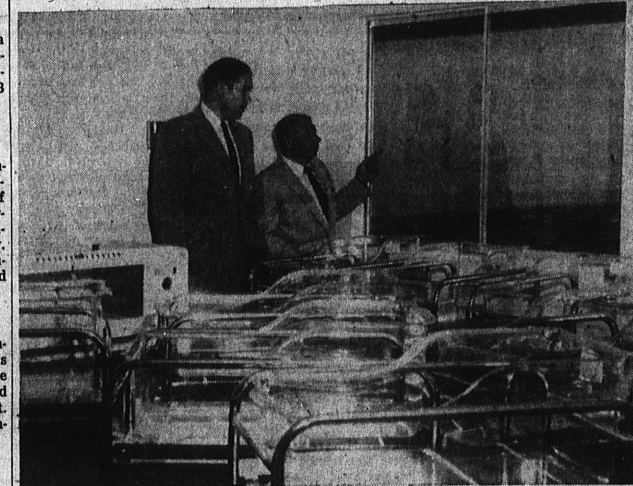
The bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and backed strongly by the Lomita Civic League, might have some effect in the current incorporation struggle in Lomita. It would be operative only if the current plants for an election this fall failed to materialize or if voters disapproved incorporation in the election.

It also provides for an 80-day protection period for signing of petitions after a notice to do so is filed.

# Dedication of New Riviera Hospital Scheduled for Next Sunday Afternoon



NEW HOSPITAL . . . The new Riviera Hospital, 226th and Kent Ave., will open next Monday. The 93-bed facility contains latest medical treatment features and is non-sectarian, with a staff of 210 doctors and 175 nurses and other personnel. It is the second major hospital in the city.



READY FOR BABY . . . Dr. Robert Nielsen, chief of staff, and Jack Saylin, administrator, look over the nursery at the Riviera Hospital which will open next Monday. Features of the nursery include an incubator (left), 18 plastic bassinets, and a window which allows little brother and sister to view the new arrival from outside the building.

## New 93-Bed Hospital Set For First Patient Monday

Dedication ceremonies and open house will be held Sunday for the new 93-bed Riviera Hospital, 226th and Kent Ave., from 2 to 5 p.m.

The public will be shown through the new structure, the second major hospital in the city, in guided tours. Participating in dedication ceremonies at 2 p.m. will be Mayor Albert Isen; Dick Fitzgerald, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Robert Nielsen, hospital chief of staff; Dr. Howard Wood, councilor of the L. A. County Medical Assn.; Merle D. Sharpe, president of the Riviera Hospital Corp.; and Jack Saylin, hospital administrator.

### Opens Monday

The hospital formally will open for patients on Monday afternoon, with a number of rooms already filled, according to Saylin.

The structure was built at a cost of \$1,200,000 and is operated by the Riviera Hospital Corp. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held last Oct. 19, and it was contracted and built by Walter and Lee Brown.

It contains 93 beds, three private rooms, 35 semi-private rooms, and five ward rooms of four beds each. Provided also are 77 medical surgical beds and 16 obstetrical beds, and 18 bassinets.

### 210 Doctors

At the present time, some 210 doctors are on the staff, with staff privileges limited to doctors of medicine licensed to practice in California and eligible for membership in the County Medical Assn.

About 175 employees will serve the patients, all with at least five years hospital experience, according to Saylin. The non-sectarian hospital is

designed to serve the entire South Bay area and will seek accreditation by the Joint Committee of Accreditation of Hospitals after a required one year of operation.

### Intercom System

In addition to standard equipment, rooms are equipped with direction intercommunicating systems between nurses and patients, electrically operated hi-low beds, television, piped-in music, piped-in oxygen, and picture windows.

The surgical suite is all stainless steel, consists of two major surgery, one minor surgery, cystoscopy, and cast rooms. There is a large recovery room for post-operative patients.

A large delivery room, emergency delivery room, labor rooms, and two nurseries make up the obstetrical suite. Stainless steel and plastic bassinets are inside the hospital. Babies can be viewed either from large windows inside the hospital or from an outside window for brothers and sisters under 16, who are not allowed inside the hospital.

### Lab Facilities

Complete clinical laboratory and X-ray facilities also are maintained, with facilities for out-patients. Dr. John H. Woodruff is the radiologist, while Dr. David B. Dickey is pathologist.

There is a pharmacy and full-time pharmacist. A central supply suite includes two large sterilizers and water distilling apparatus. There also are two high speed sterilizers in the surgical and obstetrical suites for emergency sterilization.

Other facilities include doctors' lounge, cafeteria, medical library, stainless steel kitchen,

and acoustical treatment for noise control.

### 10 Years Here

The chief of staff, Dr. Nielsen, has spent 10 years in practice in this area. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California and of the Los Angeles County General Hospital. He lives at 280 W. Linda Vista with his wife and three children.

Saylin, the hospital administrator, has been in hospital work for the past 14 years. Married and the father of two children, he lives in Palos Verdes Estates.

## New 81-Home Tract Gets City's Okay

Approval of an 81-home tract in Palos Verdes Riviera was voted by the council this week with a list of stipulations asked for by nearby residents who were fearful of potential flood hazards.

The approval was given after John Russell, new director of public works for the city, assured the council that an engineering plan could be designed to preclude any flood hazard.

The council's approval included the engineering requirements as a condition.

### Iowa Picnic Slated

The 52nd annual Iowa summer picnic, featuring visits of Iowa Governor Herschel C. Loveless and California Governor Goodwin J. Knight among other officials of the two states, will be held Saturday, Aug. 17, at Recreation Park in Long Beach.

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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1957

Twenty-three



AMERICAN HISTORY DOLLS . . . Mrs. Joseph Kuska displays a 13-star American flag in honor of her collection of dolls from American history. On display at her museum are reproductions of Andrew Jackson, Pocahontas, George Washington, Uncle Sam, Abraham Lincoln, Scarlet O'Hara, Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, Betsy Ross, Daniel Boone, and others. Recognize them?



FRENCH ANTIQUES . . . Among the Kuska collection of antiques now on display are these French period pieces. In the foreground is an 18th Century Vermeil Martin French rocker, while Mrs. Joseph Kuska is seated at a Louis XIV writing table. The small table and Sevres candlesticks are from the same period, and at right is a bust of the famed French queen, Marie Antoinette. In the background is a 15-foot-long piece of French needlepoint.

## Paradise for Collectors Of Antiques to Open Here

Antique lovers in the area should have a field day with the opening of the largest private museum in the country at 24201 Walnut St., Lomita.

Proprietors of the museum are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kuska, who are still unpacking some of the 17 tons of antiques, ranging from coins and buttons to huge antique beds and highboys. They recently moved here from Colby, Kans., where they spent 40 years collecting more than 20,000 separate items.

The collection includes more than 600 dolls, vases, clocks, lamps, candleholders, silver, gems, pottery, bottles, hand-painted china, jewel boxes, coins, stamps, buttons, shawls, fans, dresses, political buttons, eyeglasses, tapestries, stained glass windows, furniture of all descriptions, and miscellaneous items too numerous to mention.

### Here From Kansas

The Kuskas moved here from Kansas to be near their

children. He was formerly an agronomist on the state experimental farm from 1914 until his recent retirement. He is a former district governor for the Rotary Club, while his wife was named Kansas "Mother of the Year" in 1952. They enjoyed comparing notes with antique collectors all over the country including a noted fellow Kansan, Alfred M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee in 1936.

### My Three Sons Used to Call My Collection 'Junk'

"My three sons used to call my collection 'junk', and used to tease me by threatening to throw some of the dishes out of the window, but they don't do that any more," Mrs. Kuska noted. "What I have is genuine antiques, not junk."

### One-of-a-Kind

To back up her claim, she pointed out pieces in her collection which are one-of-a-kind items — a complete collection of "Mr. Pickwick" Royal Doltan plates, a hand-painted set of French toy dishes of painted

enamel, 16th century Persian brooches of hand-painted enamel, portraits of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI, 17th century furniture, original photographs of Lincoln and his staff, and many other unusual items.

She has a coin collection dating back to the pre-Christian era, a collection of political pins back to McKinley's time, a collection of old shawls, fans, and hatpins and buttons, dating back several hundred years.

### 600 Dolls

Her collection of 600 dolls has been displayed at many fairs and includes an assortment of figures from American history as well as the first doll she received as a girl of seven.

In the collection of dishes, are many fine, rare pieces of English, French, and Bohemian glassware as well as treasures from other parts of the world.

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