

DOUBLE TERROR STRIKES MAILMAN

William Jensen, 22, was viciously attacked Saturday by two boxers while delivering mail on his Hollywood Riviera route.—Press Photo.

Mailman Mauled By Two Boxers

Two Brindell boxers attacked and viciously mauled and maimed a Torrance mailman as he was making his rounds in Hollywood Riviera early Saturday afternoon. The two boxers, owned by Mrs. Betty O'Halloran, 5009 Via El Sereno, rushed out of the house and flung themselves at the letter carrier as he was going on to the next residence.

IN MEMORY OF MIDNIGHT

By MARJI HENNINGS

Editor's Note: The following letter to the editor was submitted by Marji Hennings, 16, of 243 Calle de Madrid. She felt compelled to write this letter upon seeing a cat which was killed on Pacific Coast highway. We would like to share with our readers this sensitive little story.

There was, last week, a cat, a beautiful black cat, with soft glossy fur. She was not all black. She had white on her feet and on the tip of her tail. Her name was Midnight.

Midnight had five little kittens, with their eyes just barely open. Midnight was owned by a little girl named Nancy. Nancy loved her very much.

One night Midnight started to walk across highway 101. Suddenly she was surrounded by a bright light. She looked to the source of the light and beheld a roaring monster, bearing down on her. She was paralyzed by fear. Then she heard all around her the sharp squeal of brakes, applied too late. Then it hit her, and all was still as the roar of the monster faded into the distance.

In the morning a little girl named Nancy could be found, crying bitterly, as she was told of the accident, and five small kittens mewed for their mother, the mother who can never come.

So Midnight's kittens live on, but how long will it be until they begin to wander around at night? How long will it be until they are left to the mercy of the driver of a car?

That depends on you! And on every person who drives a motor vehicle.

How many HUMAN children are left motherless or killed each year? How many lives can YOU save by driving carefully?

William Jensen, 22, of 1116 E. 219th st., Torrance, was bitten severely around both arms and hands, requiring 13 stitches in his left arm and numerous stitches in his right arm.

It took two men to tear the dogs off Jensen, who lost a great deal of blood. The letter carrier does not remember the two men coming to his aid, believing that he passed out in an attempt to fight off the dogs and get away from them.

As the dogs jumped him, Jensen tried to ward them off with his arms and hands. He tried to run into a neighboring house at 5013 Via El Sereno but stumbled on the stairs or was pulled down by the dogs.

The next thing he remembered vaguely was being taken to a physician in an automobile.

Elmer Tunturi of 4918 Via El (Turn to Page 3)

\$100,000 Remodeling

Over \$100,000 will be spent to remodel the Safeway corner at El Prado and Sartori starting in August, according to George Binder, property owner.

Safeway is moving into a new store on Carson near Western.

Father of Three Drowns On Family Camping Trip

A two-week camping and fishing trip in the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National park ended in tragedy for a Torrance family when the father of three children was found drowned in a creek by park rangers.

The body of Larry Weddle, 29, of 18405 Fayesmith ave., was positively identified by his wife, Darlene.

The two of them and their three children, Daniel, 6, Gloria Jean, 3, and David, 1½, were on a two-week camping and fishing trip.

It is not known how the drowning occurred because there were no witnesses present when the accident happened, according to a neighbor of the Weddle family.

Weddle reportedly started out with his older son and a fel-

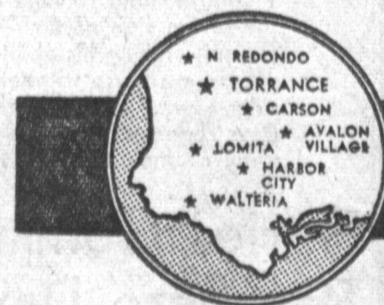
low camper to do some fishing last Thursday. Becoming tired, the son returned to the family car while the unidentified fellow camper continued upstream from Weddle.

Rangers found Weddle's body in a stream a few hours later.

According to reports, Weddle's wallet, watch and fishing pole were missing and the victim had a large bruise on his forehead when rangers found him. King's Canyon police authorities do not suspect foul play.

The victim and his wife came from Portland, Ore., and have lived in Torrance for the past five years at the present address.

Weddle was employed at the Torrance plant of Douglas Aircraft co.



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A CHILD IN PAIN

An unidentified man tries to comfort Leslie Hoyer, 9, after she was run over by a car. The child and her brother suffered multiple fractures of the right leg and possible internal injuries.

LACK OF SIGNALS SCORED

LATE BULLETIN: The City Council asked the City Manager to explore possibilities of a four-way signal at Anza and Torrance blvd. Residents, indignant over the recent accident, were informed that a "Chinese-lantern" type suspended signal was already on order for the intersection. Until that comes, stop signs, warning signs, and crosswalks will be placed at and near the intersection.

Two children, going grocery shopping, were struck down Sunday and hurt critically when a car barreled into them in front of 4414 Torrance blvd.

Simultaneously, Anza ave. neighbors reactivated their demands for traffic signals at the corner of Anza and Torrance blvd., described as a death trap where cars come shooting over the brow of an incline as if "fired from a gun."

Driver Cited

Driver of the car which struck the children, Glen Dale Page, 28, of Compton, received a citation for speeding and failure to yield the right of way to pedestrians.

In critical condition from Sunday evening until midnight Monday when they were taken off the critical list at Harbor General hospital are Leslie Hoyer,

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THAT HELPLESS FEELING

A man bends over Scott Hoyer, 5, who was struck down on Torrance blvd. and Anza while returning from the grocery store Sunday. One car stopped but the other one didn't as he and his sister started to cross the street.

EDITORIAL

THE COUNCIL'S DILEMMA

The tragic accident at Torrance blvd. and Anza ave. where two children were run over Sunday and injured critically is a classic example of what the city is facing this coming year. It's the dilemma between holding the line on taxes and community demands for additional services.

Ideally, the corner should have had four-corner signals long ago. The council finally ordered a "Chinese-lantern" type signal. Councilmen agreed that this is not the best type of signal and that they wished that four-corner signals could be erected.

The big stumbling block of course is money. "Chinese-lanterns" cost about \$1500. Four-corner signals cost about \$6000.

Because the council did not want to raise taxes, councilmen worked out an "austerity budget" for this coming year.

This means, however, that the city cannot afford any additional expenses, such as four-corner signals which become high-cost items.

The austerity budget only permits the city to "hold the line" on services and taxes. The majority of the council obviously feel that this is what the people want. If you were a councilman, what would you do?

Parking District Under Way

Off-street parking assessment district for downtown Torrance started on a round of legal procedures again after the City Council and representatives of the Retail Merchants met to discuss the newly revised district.

Altogether it will take at least one year until the whole legal procedure is completed, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier told the group.

Circulating petitions among property owners for the approval of the district will take about two months, it was pointed out.

Ralph Dorsey, traffic expert, reviewed the original parking

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STRIKE THREATENS SOUTH HIGH OPENING

For every month the plumbers, hod carriers, and sheet metal workers will remain out on strike, completion of South High school will be delayed two months.

So stated Sam Waldrup, assistant superintendent, business,

for the Torrance School district.

Plans for emergency measures have already been announced. If South High is unable to open as scheduled this September, high school classes will meet on the second floor of Torrance Elementary school and Torrance High school will be on a staggered schedule. Some 900 students would be affected.

So stated Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. Torrance Elementary school would go on double session again temporarily.

Two separate schools and two separate schedules — Torrance High and South High — would be maintained, although facilities would be used jointly.

"We are still hoping that South High will open on schedule," Hull said.

The strike will not affect North High school unless it should extend beyond 30 days. The same holds true of the educational materials building and maintenance facilities for the district.

The new Narbonne High school, Los Angeles school officials indicated, is not affected by the strike.

The Five W's Of Results!

WHO: Mrs. John Prestwich, 2807 182nd st.

WHAT: House for rent. She placed an ad, as follows:

OWNERS: spacious 6-room house. Wall-to-wall carpeting throughout, custom drapes, mirrored fireplace, forced air heat, built in adjustable book shelves, etc. Extra large enclosed back yard. Colored bath fixtures and stall shower. Refrigerator and stove. DA 4-0864

WHERE: In the Torrance Press.

WHEN: Last week.

WHY AND HOW: Because Torrance Press classified results are the greatest. Mrs. Prestwich stopped counting after she had 36 calls. For quick results, call FA. 8-2345 and place your ad. Fifteen words cost only \$1.30 with a 30 cent discount if paid at time the ad is placed.

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If there are any questions about the ad, a classified girl will call you back in the morning.

Should you desire help in wording your ad, just leave your name, address and telephone number and a classified girl will call you back at any time you designate.

Cost of a classified ad is \$1.30 for 15 words.

Woman Wages Successful Rapid Fire Campaign for 'Shoestring Strip' Streets

Improvement of all streets south of 205th st. to Torrance blvd. between Western ave. and Denker st. is sought in petitions filed this past week with the Los Angeles City Council, it was announced today by Council President John S. Gibson.

Mrs. George W. Mercer, of 1558 W. 206th st., resident of the community only since last October, requested the peti-

tions after talking to many of her neighbors. The need for street improvements, side-

walks, curbs, and gutters has been paramount for some time but no one would accept the responsibility of circulating the petitions until Mrs. Mercer came along.

Assisted by Mrs. George Cobrea, Mrs. Henry Flannery and Mrs. Donald Dittman, Mrs. Mercer made the rounds to obtain the required majority of signatures and then filed the petitions.

Tabbed for improvement as a result of this work are 206th st., 207th st., 209th st., Harvard ave. and Denker st. Sidewalks are included for all except Denker st.

In accepting the petitions from Mrs. Mercer, Councilman Gibson paid high tribute to the women saying that it was easily the outstanding exhibit of community service that he has witnessed in six years in his office.

Improvement of 208th st. between Harvard ave. and Denker st. has been complete and work now is under way on the paving of the north half of that street from Harvard to Western, including sidewalks on both sides of the street for a complete improvement.

A previous petition has been approved for paving of the north side of Torrance blvd., providing a clean sweep of all unimproved areas in the district.



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Mrs. George Mercer, of 1558 W. 206th st., is shown handing the last of seven street improvement petitions to Council President John S. Gibson. The petitions provide for the paving of all streets between 205th st. and Torrance blvd. from Western ave. to Denker st. Mrs. Mercer aided by other residents obtained majority of signatures on each of the petitions. Plans will be prepared immediately but work is not expected until late next year, Councilman Gibson said.