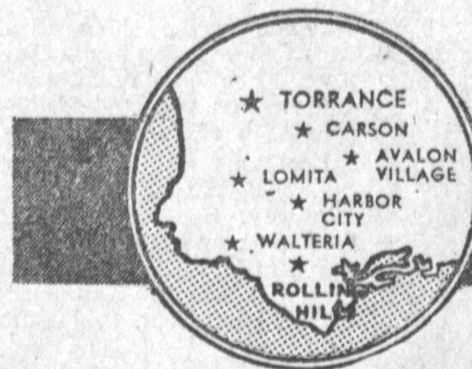


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**OLD CUSTOM** — Torrance residents were startled Friday night at the sight of a huge Nike missile being drawn through the city's streets with a bride and groom aboard. Officers at Ft. MacArthur's missile artillery unit, wishing to observe an old army artillery custom which stated that an officer and his

bride would be 'paraded on a caisson', substituted a missile carrier as a vehicle for Lt. Floyd B. Spencer, 24, and his bride, the former Linda Bennett, 19. Couple were married at First Baptist Church of Torrance, 2118 Carson St. 'Caisson's' were last seen in the U. S. Army about 40 years ago.

## Infant Dies as Truck Backs Down Drive

### Parents Hospitalized After Baby's Death

A one-year old infant toddled into the driveway of the family home Friday morning and was killed instantly when her father backed a pickup truck out of the garage.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital was Erin Kathleen McLaughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. McLaughlin, 21829 Barbara St.

Accident occurred early in the morning as McLaughlin, a general contrac-

tor was preparing to leave home for work.

#### OUT TO PLAY

The youngster had wandered out of the house to play in the front yard. As she wandered across the driveway McLaughlin backed the car toward the street and the right rear wheel passed over the child.

Both the mother and father of the youngster were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital in shock and placed under sedation.

Couple are the parents of

two other children, Michael, 5, and Sean, 2½.

Torrance police officials investigating the case said that they did not consider it a traffic accident as it happened on private property.

Pointing out that the city has had no traffic accident fatalities over a Labor Day weekend in more than ten years, they said that the child's death, however, is the sixth fatality caused by an automobile in Torrance this year.



**LONG VIGIL**—Princess, dog belonging to missing Karen Tompkins, 12, disconsolately awaits the return of her playmate. Youngster, missing for more than two weeks, is the object of a nation wide police search. Officers have systematically checked out every report that might lead to information regarding her whereabouts, but ruefully admit they are without further leads.

## Final Decision Tuesday On Marble Estate Issue

At least one city councilman Tuesday will seek to have the eventual disposition of the controversial Marble Estate tract placed before the voters, it was learned Friday.

Mayor Albert Isen said that he would move that the request of builder Don Wilson to rezone the 155 acre parcel from industrial to residential use be placed on a ballot.

If the motion is not passed by the council, Isen said, petitions requesting a referendum will be circulated.

Property, which is located between Sepulveda and Lomita on Crenshaw Blvd., is presently zoned M-2. Plans brought forth by Wilson include building some 600 sin-

### TORRANCE 5-YR. OLD BITTEN; SEEK DOG

A distraught Torrance mother this week asked Press editorial personnel to assist her in locating a dog that bit her 5-year old son early last week.

Youngster, William Baker, son of Mrs. Sharon Baker, was bitten on the hand near the intersection of Carson and Palos Verdes Blvd. when he attempted to pet the dog.

Dog is described as being medium sized, black and white, and wearing a collar.

Mrs. Baker emphasized that no harm would come to the dog.

Persons in the Southwood area who might recognize the dog are asked to call FR 1-1744 or FR 1-3365.

## Walteria Businessmen Extend Invitation To Visit 'Roundup Days' September 10

Members of the Walteria Businessmen's Club this week extended an invitation to residents to join in their celebration of "Roundup Day," September 10.

Highlights of the celebration will be a parade beginning at 12:30 p.m. Parade will wind its way from Newton and Pacific Coast Highway, along Hawthorne to 242nd St., and from there to Walteria Park.

Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to outstanding

groups in the parade. A variety of these groups will be represented, including equestrian, musical, majorettes, Indians and novelty acts.

#### QUEEN

Reigning over the entire festival will be the Walteria Queen and her entourage. Queen, as yet unnamed, will be selected as one of the highlights of the Roundup.

Entertainment is planned for the entire family at the park. Refreshments may be

purchased at the stands and there will also be game booths. Tickets will be given for each purchase made for a galaxy of outstanding free prizes.

Drawings for the prizes will be held every half hour all day. In addition to these free drawings a grand prize of a color TV, second prize of a complete Polaroid camera, and third prize of an all-transistor radio, will be awarded.

## Two Youngsters Dead; Hospitalized Mother Held On Murder Charges

A Redondo Beach mother of two children, who were found dead in the family home at 1508 Stanford St., is being held in South Bay General Hospital on suspicion of murder.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Jensen, 42, a registered nurse, was discovered lying on a bed in a semi-conscious state, and hospital physicians list her condition as critical.

Bodies of the two youngsters Clark Robert, 5, and Raymond Roy, 3, were found on a davenport in the front room.

Discovery of the victims was made by baby sitter Maible Alice Lane, 49, of Redondo Beach, and relatives of the family.

Investigating officers said

the woman, who was employed at Harbor General Hospital, was married and that her husband, Robert Lawrence Jensen, has been ill and confined to a hospital.

They said that the two youngsters had apparently been smothered although puncture marks, indicating the use of a hypodermic needle, had been found on the buttocks of both.

## Officers Expect Rash Of Weekend Speeders

In a nation beset by Labor Day Weekend accidents and fatalities the city of Torrance stands out.

This community has not had one traffic fatality over this inordinately fatal weekend in the past ten years.

But this is a record made to be broken, and no one knows it better than local traffic law enforcement officers.

A full contingent of officers will be patrolling Torrance streets on the lookout for violators of speed and safety regulations. They know that the only way to maintain this city as an oasis of safety is the rigid enforcement of all regulations.

#### GROWING LISTS

From areas outside this city newspaper, radio and television reports of traffic casualties are once again starting to grow.

Torrance police officials this week released a list of ten "Traffic Commandments" which, if observed, will be bound to save lives.

Listed in order, they are:  
DON'T SPEED, observe all speed limit signs; CONCENTRATE, be ready for the unexpected; DON'T CROWD, rear-end collisions are the number one cause of auto accidents in the U.S.; KEEP AN EYE ON THE CAR BEHIND YOU, he may be crowding too close behind you; DRIVE DEFENSIVELY, be prepared for a mistake on the other driver's part; DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE, no explanation is necessary; USE SEAT BELTS, majority of traffic accident injuries could be prevented with their use; PARK OFF THE ROAD, get as far off the right of way as possible; KEEP YOUR DOORS LOCKED, locked doors do not readily spring open during a collision throwing occupants of the vehicle into the street; and BE COURTEOUS, make motoring a pleasure to others as well as yourself.

## Torrance Youth Dead In NY Crash

A 19-year old graduate of South High School was reported killed in an auto accident last week near Geneva, New York.

Army Pvt. Roderick Antrim, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roderick E. Antrim, 229 Camino de las Colinas, was killed when the vehicle in which he was riding crashed into the back of a stalled truck. Another soldier, Pfc. Gerald Brady, 20, of Pennsylvania, was also killed in the crash.

Body of the youth was returned here Friday and funeral services will be held next week.

## Allocate Funds For Catalina St. Improvements

Allocation of \$9,650 for the improvement of Catalina St. from 204th to 208th Streets, Torrance, was announced last week by County authorities. "Work will be scheduled by the Los Angeles County Road Department pending completion of other portions of the current work load. The project will consist of reconstructing the existing pavement and extending the pavement to join the recently constructed curb and gutter by the County Road Department in conjunction with property owners," Supervisor Burton W. Chace said. "It will improve area drainage, decrease present maintenance costs, and provide smoother roadway riding quality."

## Torrance Man Wins Own 'Business'

Selected From 3,000 Contestants Entered In Nationwide Competition

One lucky Torrance man unexpectedly became the owner of his own business this week after his name was selected from among several thousand competitors.

Bill Steimer, Jr., of 20921 Tomlee St., became the winner of a pre-fabricated miniature golf course in a country-wide competition.

John Lafata, owner and manager of the Putt-Putt course, 20535 Hawthorne, announced the name of winner.

Steimer will be able to make his choice between the pre-fabricated course, which will be erected in any unfranchised area, or \$4,000 cash.

Steimer was the survivor of some 3,000 eligible contestants. Each of the 300 courses in the country selected, by lot, ten entrants. On August 12, twelve names were drawn from among the 3,000, and last Sunday Steimer was picked from among the 12.

Lafata reported that this is the first time that the nationwide Putt-Putt courses have given away one of the miniature links, and that the response was overwhelming.

He also announced that the firm sponsors a tournament every Sunday on television, featuring some of the nation's top golfers exhibiting their putting prowess.

County officials reported this week that the Board of Supervisors has allocated \$91,000 in Aid to Cities road funds to the City of Torrance to be used for the improvement of 190th Street within the City.

The allocation was made for the widening of 190th street between Hawthorne and Crenshaw boulevards, and will make it possible for the roadway to be widened to four lanes the entire distance.

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**IN BUSINESS** — Bill Steimer, Jr., left, of 20921 Tomlee St., Torrance, was the grand winner in a nationwide contest sponsored by Putt-Putt golf courses. Steimer will receive a complete miniature golf course in any unfranchised area of his choice. The Torrance

man was notified that he had won the prize by John Lafata, owner and manager of the local Putt-Putt links, 20535 Hawthorne. Steimer was selected by lot from among more than 3,000 finalists in the competition.