

# Just Plane Trouble At City Airport



**WING AND A PRAYER** prevented possible serious accident when two private planes collided on runway at Torrance Airport Thursday. Pilot Bob Marks, whose plane was hit, examines

damage to badly crumpled wing of his plane. He is holding tip of other craft which is still embedded in his plane. Marks was sitting in cabin of his craft when collision occurred. PRESS photo

## 2 Aircraft Collide -- Pilots Fly on Ground

The ordinary hazards of air travel are bad enough, but two private pilots found a new kind of collision that grounded them in Torrance this week.

The planes collided in wing-to-wing traffic on a runway at Torrance Airport Thursday morning with major damage to both planes and ruffled feelings of two pilots who are now inclined to wonder whether the freeways or the airways are safer.

### How It Happened

Here's the way the incident was pieced together by John Hudson, Torrance Airport control tower man, and

Torrance police: A Piper Comanche piloted by Jerry Blwen, 29, of Beverly Hills, accompanied by Robert Hall, 31, of Los Angeles, was attempting to take off going west on the north runway.

The plane had been cleared for takeoff and was taxiing down the runway at about 75 mph when the pilot apparently lost control, and veered off the runway onto an apron for waiting aircraft.

Waiting there was a plane piloted by Bob Marks of Marks Aviation, located at the airport. The Blwen craft headed straight for the cabin of Marks' plane, but Marks

pulled forward about 30 feet, trying to avoid the other plane.

### Controls Hung Up

The Piper clipped marks' plane's wing, and the tip of the Piper is still imbedded in the Marks plane's Aeronca.

Police traffic officers said they have often spotted cars which were "really flying," but this was the first time they had heard of planes being injured in the highway casualty toll.

And pilots Marks and Blwen were both considering adopting a new theme song:

"You take the high road and I'll take the low."

## Student's Car Hits Unlit Road Barrier

A 29-year-old college student drove his car into an unlighted street barricade on West 190th Street in Torrance last night, and was struck in the head by a chunk of asphalt paving jarred loose by the impact and hurled through the window of the student's tiny foreign sports car.

Daniel Sydney Otto, of Cerritos College, was driving west on 190th some 84 feet west of Cerise, a few blocks west of Crenshaw, when he struck barricades around a new asphalt section of road. One barricade had a small yellow blinking light, and there were no other lights or marking, according to Torrance police.

Apparently a small piece of asphalt, probably atop the barricade to hold it down,

went through the windshield of Otto's car and hit him. He received severe wounds on the right side of his head, and cuts and bruises, including an injury to his right index finger.

Otto's car skidded for 50 feet after it hit the barricade, police said, and sustained moderate damage.

Otto was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment.

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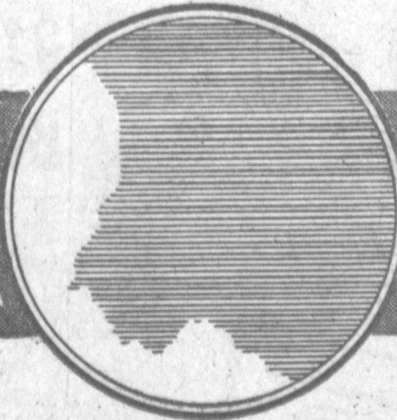


**SCATTERED BOOKS** and other school paraphernalia are mute testimony to havoc wrought Tuesday morning when blowout forced car driven by Torrance teacher Mary G. Rutter, 47, to swerve on Southbound freeway at Redondo Beach Boulevard, and slide sideways over edge of freeway to offramp ap-

proximately 40 feet below, landing upside down. Mrs. Ritter received cuts and bruises. Her son, William, 17, was severely injured, including a deep cut at base of head, and cuts and bruises all over body.

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# Torrance College Hopes: Up, Down

## 5 Rescued—Yacht Sinks

### Local Man Aboard Safe After Shock

A 44-year-old Torrance man was one of five persons rescued late yesterday afternoon from the wreckage of a luxury yacht that smashed into the Redondo Beach breakwater during a heavy windstorm and sank into the sea.

Kenneth Gordon, of 22625 Ellinwood Ave., was treated for shock by lifeguards after the \$55,000 60-foot yacht — the floating home of Frank and Carol Winn of Manhattan Beach, ran into engine and storm trouble at the same time, and eventually foundered.

The Winns and their two children were also treated for shock together with Gordon, a family friend.

The Winns' personal belongings all went down as the floating "dream home" they had only owned three months became a total loss.

The Emerald, Winn's boat, tried to enter the harbor before a 22-knot wind on its auxiliary engine. "The engine began coughing and spitting and missed fire," Winn said.

"We didn't have any steerage. We lost headway. I don't know what happened but we couldn't get the main sheet up in time. I'd say the whole thing took no more than five minutes."

Heavy seas tossed the yacht's stern on the rocks at the breakwater. Lifeguard scanner Bob Moore, radioed Redondo lifeguard headquarters, and a patrol boat was pushed to the rescue.

## High Schools Slate Rites For Seniors

Four Torrance high schools — Torrance, North, South and West, hold baccalaureate services today with senior class graduations slated for Wednesday evening.

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**COTTON BALL PRINCESSES** at South High surround queen Lanie Vint with happy smiles. From left, are Kathy Kimes, freshman class princess;

Jacque Byerly, senior class princess; Queen Lanie, Pamela Arndt, sophomore class princess, and, in inset, Sandra Cook, junior class princess.

## City Recreation Summer Signups Begin

Torrance Recreation Dept. will hold "recreation registration" for summer activities all day today at the Recreation Center building, 3341 Torrance Blvd. Registrations will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A "Learn to Swim Campaign" for children 7 to 12 years old will begin June 17 with instructions offered in six, two-week sessions: June 17-28, July 1-12, July 15-26, July 29-August 9, August 12-23, and August 26-September 6. Classes will meet daily Monday through Friday at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Instruction includes beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate, and swimmer classifications. A pool use fee of \$2 is charged for the 10 lessons.

Other swim classes are held in the early evenings 5 to 7 p.m., including youth swim classes for ages 13 to 18, adult swim classes, junior life saving, senior life

saving, synchronized swimming, and junior program. A competitive swim class is held during the noon hour. A pool use fee is charged for each session depending on the number of class meetings.

Other activities for which registrations will be accepted at the "recreation registration" are the following:

Modern dance classes at

Victor School Playground,

El Retiro Park, McMaster

Park, and Hickory School

Playgrounds; folk dance

class at El Retiro Park;

tumbling and gymnastics at

Walteria, South High, and

North High; Fun Through

Music at McMaster Park,

Walteria Park, El Retiro

Park and Torrance Recreation

Center; tennis classes

offered at El Retiro Park,

North High School, South

High School, and West High

School; youth golf lessons at

the parks and Sea-Aire Golf

Course; Adult golf lessons at

Sea-Aire golf course.

**Space Age Jr. Cooks**

Registrations will also be

accepted for the Arts and

Crafts Center classes including

crafts, puppets, and

stage-craft. Space Age Junior

Cooks, Housewives Bowling

league, dog obedience

class for children, youth

drama summer stock and

Chippewa Pow Wow Camp

and Camp Clatawa in the

mountains.

## Top Realtor To Address Local Board

"The Professional Approach to Selling" will be the subject by Herbert P. Hawkins, past regional president of the California Real Estate Assn., at a luncheon meeting of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors Wednesday at the board headquarters.

Hawkins is on the board of directors of the Temple City Chamber of Commerce and is a past president of the Alhambra District Board of Realtors. The Herbert Hawkins company has five offices. During 1962 its sales totaled \$21 million, representing over 950 properties

States.

At New York's LaGuardia Airport she will board a jet for Denmark. During her stay there Gina will visit the home town of Hans Christian Anderson.

Her next stop will be Germany, where she will see the Volkswagen factory and the Berlin Wall. A visit to Munich is also

scheduled. From there

Gina will go to Milan,

then to Rome.

Monday will find her on the French Riviera. In a few days she will light up Paris with her brilliant sunburn. After leaving France, Gina will go to Switzerland to visit Geneva and see the Matterhorn.

Her final stop will be a visit to England.

opened their first office in 1947, and the firm has grown to a staff of 80 people, including a special investment department to handle multiple units and commercial property, the Herbert Hawkins Escrow Company and an insurance company.

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## State Begins Probe Into PV Site

Torrance's bid for the state college for this area appeared to have both gained ground and met a temporary technical setback this week.

Trustees of the state college system, meeting yesterday in San Diego, voted to accept the site selection committee's recommendation of the controversial Palos Verdes Peninsula site — but based on four conditions which would have to be met — conditions which Torrance and other South Bay partisans feel can not possibly be met.

The trustees called on state land acquisition, finance and public works officials to make a thorough investigation of the proposed Peninsula site and to report back to the board at its July meeting, scheduled for the State Building in Los Angeles.

The conditions, first proposed Wednesday by Dr. Glen Dumke, chancellor of the state college system, are as follows:

1—There must be adequate land available for the money available.

2—There must be a satisfactory resolution of commitments from city and county officials on zoning, access and services.

3—There must be satisfactory relations with the community.

4—There must exist satisfactory soil conditions.

Finally, the site and qualifications must be satisfactory to Dumke.

Dumke made a big pitch Wednesday at the site committee's meeting in Westchester for the Palos Verdes site after a public hearing in which virtually all South Bay and Torrance area leaders expressed support for the Torrance site.

It was pointed out that the county board of supervisors unanimously endorsed Torrance, and that the cities of Torrance, Gardena, Rolling Hills, Redondo Beach, Hawthorne, and the owners of the vast majority of the property earmarked for the Peninsula site were in favor of Torrance.

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It was also pointed out that police and fire services, and official city help in landscaping are available in Torrance, and that the community wholeheartedly favors the college here.

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