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FOUR-TIME OFFENDER: After biting an eight-year-old school child, this dog was taken to the South Bay Humane Society to be put under observation for rabies. This is the fourth time that the dog bit someone. Unless the dog is vaccinated against rabies he could pass on the infection to other dogs and humans if he should ever have rabies. Only painful Pasteur treatment is a safeguard against the fatal infection.

41 RESIDENTS GIVEN PASTEUR TREATMENT

Every time a child or adult is bitten by a dog there is the fear of rabies. That fear arose 379 times during 1953 in Torrance alone. Within a ten-year period, 1668 dog bites were recorded here. During these ten years, fifteen dogs were found to be rabid and 41 painful Pasteur treatments had to be administered, according to figures revealed by the Los Angeles County Health Department.

Torrance city councilmen and the mayor have indicated that they would give a compulsory anti-rabies vaccination law serious consideration soon. Such an ordinance is now being drawn up in Los Angeles through the unanimous consent of the Los Angeles City Council. It will come up for adoption shortly.

Fatal
Rabies are always fatal and victims of the infection, both dogs and humans, are doomed to one of the most excruciating deaths known, unless Pasteur treatment is undertaken. The treatment itself is quite painful.

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Racket From Rockets Ends

After numerous complaints from local residents, the General Electric jet testing station north of Lomita boulevard and west of Crenshaw was disbanded this week.

Stiff Fines Face Dumping Violators

Strict prosecution of residents violating dumping violations was asked by the City Council Tuesday night in a resolution spearheaded by Councilman Nickolas O. Drale.

TORRANCE TO GET 3 NEW STORM DRAINS

Urgent measures are being taken for the immediate correction of drainage problems throughout the city. It was reported this week.

As a result of the recent downpours, additional storm drains will be constructed. The City is entitled to these drains as a result of the flood control bond issue passed in the recent County election.

Three critical areas are to get storm drains. One project which was approved is the construction of a drain in the downtown section of Torrance to relieve the flood conditions along Arlington ave., the Five-points intersection at Cabrillo and Carson, and the flood conditions at Cabrillo, Border, and 213th st. Also affected will be low areas existing at the northwesterly corner of Arlington ave. and Dominguez and along the westerly side of Crenshaw Blvd. North of Dominguez.

This project would be a start on a drainage system throughout Torrance from 190th st. to Carson st. and from Cabrillo ave. to Madrona ave. by trying to hold the flowline of the drain at Dominguez and Crenshaw to such a depth that it will allow continuance to Maple ave. and then southerly to the southerly side of Carson st. This drain was approved for \$834,300.

Arlington
Another project concerns the construction of a drain along Arlington ave. from Redondo Beach Blvd. to the Dominguez Channel and a drain along Glenburn ave. and its northerly prolongation from just below 174th st. northerly to the Dominguez Channel. This drain was approved under the bond issue for the amount of \$362,600.

Lomita
The third project calls for a drain along Lomita Blvd. and various streets in Lomita, which drain terminates at Crenshaw Blvd. and the northerly side of the municipal airport.

A third drain is to be constructed from Madison ave. and 236th st. easterly to Crenshaw Blvd. to tie into a proposed L. A. county drainage project to be laid along Lomita Blvd. to terminate at Crenshaw Blvd. and the northerly side of the airport. The project was approved for the amount of \$338,700.

Preliminary plans have been completed on the first two projects. The third must still be designed by the city engineering department.

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PLANNING COMMISSION ASKED TO REZONE TORRANCE BLVD.

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BEAUTY ATTRACTS

By COUNCILMAN NICKOLAS O. DRALE, Guest Editor



There is beauty in Torrance. It can be seen when strolling in El Prado Park or in many of the proud residential areas of our city.

In contrast, however, the shoulders of many of our streets are not clean. It is disgraceful that certain streets in the undeveloped areas have become dumping grounds for all manner of debris. Thoughtless individuals are depreciating the realistic values of their neighborhoods. If there is any doubt in your minds, N. O. DRALE note with amazement the utter disregard of common decency with which the people have littered certain portions of Madrona, Crenshaw, Arlington, 182nd Street, Prairie, 171st Street, Monte de Oro, Newton and perhaps many, many other streets in our city.

The City of Torrance is required to keep a crew of men and equipment busy in a "KEEP THE SHOULDERS CLEAN" program. The City Administration cannot maintain your city in a satisfactory manner if it does not have the help of the citizens. We have two street sweepers in operation. Help these sweepers crews to keep YOUR street clean by not parking your automobiles on the shoulders of the thoroughfares.

Please help to "keep our shoulders clean." The city provides a regular schedule of gathering non-combustibles when placed in proper containers. When necessity creates a bulk of debris, proper disposal may be made at the City Disposal Area which is located at the north end of Madrona Avenue, just north of Torrance Boulevard. There is no charge for Torrance residents.

City Ordinance No. 471 states that it is unlawful and a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment to deposit, throw

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WHAT A LITTLE AD WILL DO

Animal, vegetable, or mineral. Whatever it is, you can find it, rent it, or sell it through the Torrance Press classified section.

Mr. and Mrs. William Allard of 1203 Felbar avenue will be the first to tell you so. They had approximately 25 calls in answer to the following ad asking for a housekeeper:

WANTED—Working couple with two children wish reliable housekeeping. Light cooking. Private room. Salary \$425. 1203 Felbar FA. 8-0132

Why do it the hard way? Make a trip to the telephone and call the Torrance Press at FA 8-2345 and place your ad. You'll be swamped with calls.

Population Gain Qualifies Torrance For Courthouse

The fastest way of getting a court house for Torrance would be to ask the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to create a municipal court district embracing this area, it was suggested by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas this week.

Thomas said he believes the board could create a court district by a majority vote, obviating the necessity for special action by the State Legislature as has been suggested.

This method might be used to bring one judge from the South Bay Municipal Court here for a day or two each week to handle cases from this area.

Area Involved
The district could be formed to embrace all of Torrance, Lomita, part of the Palos Verdes peninsula and Gardena, the salon suggested. This is roughly the eastern section of the

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Commercial Zone Asked

Torrance's commercial development became the issue at the last meeting of the City Planning Commission. Stating that Torrance boulevard "is rapidly becoming a commercial street," Attorney Donald Armstrong, speaking on behalf of 22 property owners whose property adjoins Torrance boulevard, asked that the two and one-half blocks between Madrona and Crenshaw be rezoned commercially for the entire 2 1/2 Bl. section with one motion.

At present commercial rezoning is granted only through variances based on individual requests. The area is now zoned multiple residential. Commercial rezoning is by individual variances only.

Changed Conditions
"The purpose of sound zoning is to provide for elasticity and where changed conditions occur which require change of zone, the change should be made so people's property won't be in a straight-jacket," Armstrong said.

Declaring that Torrance boulevard is bound to become commercial, Armstrong pointed out

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Tot Killed Running In Front of Car

A Twenty-three months old girl was killed Saturday afternoon when she dashed in front of an oncoming car from behind an automobile parked in front of her home, according to Torrance police.

Nancy Lynn Rockenmacher, of 2513 Sierra street, was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General hospital.

Paul C. Dewey, 61, driver of the car, stated that he never had a chance to see the little girl, according to police reports. Dewey lives on the Midway Oil Company lease.

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—Press Photo
TUNING UP . . . Five Torrance High School Band members were honored this week when they were selected to play in the All-Southern California Band. Caught running up and down the musical ladder during an informal rehearsal are (top to bottom): Jack Johnston, clarinet; Leonard Kissel, clarinet; Jim Thompson, trombone; Dan Buckley, saxophone; and Barbara Hester, saxophone. "Much of the credit for their achievement goes to James Van Dyke, director of the Torrance Youth Band," Marty Baum (right), director of the THS Band stated.

EMPLOYMENT City To Have AT DOUGLAS 60 Precincts INCREASES

Torrance's extraordinary growth is making itself felt in everything, including the forthcoming elections. While the city had 43 election precincts at the last city election two years ago, it will have 60 precincts this year, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Eleven years ago the city only had 17 precincts. There will be four precinct workers in every precinct. There are about 300 residents to a precinct.

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Investigation Ordered By City Council

More bitter protests about building violations in the city of Torrance were received by the City Council Tuesday night when over 100 residents from three different areas jammed the council chamber to capacity to make their grievances heard.

In every instance the Council called for an investigation of the complaints by the city as well as the Contractor's State License Board.

Leakage
One hundred residents living between Crenshaw and Ermanita bordered by 182nd street and 185th street, signed a petition listing their grievances and submitted it to the Council. Rector Jones of 18410 Delia, spokesman for the group, registered the complaints against Laramore and Siemon, contractors, with the Council. Serious leakage causing water to seep into the houses through the floors as a result of faulty drainage was reported. Homeowners also complained of dangerously sagging roofs and cracking walls. They maintained that representatives of the firm never came to look at their homes, only sending laborers "to patch them up."

Complaints Taken Care Of
When contacted at his office, Louis Laramore said that drain-

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Miss Universe To Judge '54 Contest Here

The Torrance Area Youth Bands, sponsors of the annual "Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant" announced this week that they will again have this year's "Miss Universe of 1954" here to help crown the new "Miss Torrance" when she is chosen during the local contest to be held in the Civic Auditorium sometime during the latter part of July.

Christiane Martel, Miss Universe of 1953, had been obtained by the Youth Band for last year's Miss Torrance coronation.

Election Round-up: BLOUNT IN, Di MAYLE OUT

Four candidates were officially in the running this week for the two City Council seats to be contested in the local election set for April 13.

Councilman Willys Blount declared officially that he will be a candidate for re-election. Filing their petitions this week and qualifying for the race were Al Hill and Mrs. Herma Tillm. Attorney Al Isen had his petition returned last week being the first to qualify officially.

In the meantime rumors that Tony Di Mayle would be in the race for the City Council were conclusively spiced by DiMayle himself who said that he would



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ACTION TAKEN TO EXPEDITE NEW COURTHOUSE