

Bogus Checks Drain Off \$5 Million Here

More than \$5,000,000 a year is lost on worthless checks by Los Angeles County businessmen, according to District Attorney E. Ernest Roff. The passing of forged or worthless checks accounts for more than 1 per cent of all felonies committed in the city and county, and as the population increases the "hot check" racket mounts.

"Last year," District Attorney Roff said, "there were 11,790 check and forgery cases in Los Angeles County reported to law enforcement authorities, according to figures compiled by the office of the Attorney General. More than 8000 of these cases were in the City of Los Angeles, police statistics reveal."

It is easy for anyone to get a check cashed and this area has been a lucrative field for professionals in the past. Recently a ring of paper pushers, working around Los Angeles, netted more than \$200,000 in a few weeks. Due to alert police work the leader and several of his aides were captured and the ring broken up.

Specialists working in the police department and in the Sheriff's office, and the chief agents of several of the largest banks in California have drawn up a list of safeguards that can be helpful in guarding against receiving bad checks:

- 1. Every check presented for cashing should be closely examined to see that it is properly filled out and endorsed. Checks may have been altered, the amount changed, or the name of the bank changed, or it might have been made out on a non-existent bank.
2. If the check is properly made out and on a bank which is known to exist, the next question should be the identity of the payee. Drivers' licenses, social security cards and so forth are of some value and the numbers of these cards should be written on the back of the checks. An automobile license is also a good item of identification, but none of these should be considered conclusive because these cards can be easily secured for a small fee.
3. Make a mental note of the general description of the individual cashing the check so you will be able to identify him, as this is important. You should know definitely where he might be located in case the check should be returned.
4. Rubber stamp endorsements on any rubber stamp signature should not be accepted.
5. Be cautious about cashing checks for more than the amount of the sale. If a person presents a \$50 check on a \$5 purchase and gets \$45 in cash and merchandise, and the check bounce, you are out of both merchandise and \$45.
6. It should be kept in mind that although bank pass books are as a rule good identification, there is nothing to keep a forger from entering a fictitious deposit so as to show a large balance in the bank.
7. Care should be exercised about any OK on a check so that the person paying out the actual cash will definitely know that the OK is genuine and not a forgery. It also is a common practice to get an OK on a check for a small amount and then raise it to \$100 or more.
8. If checks are drawn on local banks for any sizable amount, always telephone the bank. Frequently, if the check is bad, the passer will disappear before you can complete the cash.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a small illustration of a bear and a person.

Public Notices

TORRANCE HERALD NOTICE OF CONTRACTORS' SCHEDULE PROPOSALS will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Torrance, California, until 5:00 p.m. on November 24, 1953. All bids will be publicly opened and read, for performing work as follows:

Installation of Electric Traffic Signals at the Intersections of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, and Redondo Beach Boulevard and Cranston Boulevard. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 of the Labor Code, the City Council has ascertained the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done to be as follows:

Classification Rate per Hour
Concrete Mixer Operator \$2.75
Carpenter 2.70
Cement Finisher 2.70
Concrete Curer (Impervious Membrane) 2.24
Concrete Mixer 2.50
Electric Tool Operator 2.26
Tender 2.26
Cable Splicer 3.40
Electrical Journeyman 3.10
Plumber 3.05
Watchman 2.07
Laborer 2.07
Painter (Sign) 2.85
Painter (Sign) 2.85
Plasterer 2.85
Pneumatic Tool Operator or Trencher 2.26
Power Tool Operator or 2.26

FOREMAN: All foremen not hereinafter separately classified shall be paid no less than 175 cents per hour more than the hourly rate of the highest classification worker which he has supervision.
COVERTURE: One and one-half (1 1/2) times the above rates, Sundays and holidays; One and one-half (1 1/2) times the above rates, Contractor to perform all work as and when directed by the City Engineer.

Bids must be made on special form furnished by the City Engineer and must be accompanied by cash or certified check for the highest bid, payable to City of Torrance in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid.
All bids to be compared on basis of the City Engineer's estimate. All bids must be sealed and marked "Bids for Installation of Electric Traffic Signals at the Intersections of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, and Redondo Beach Boulevard and Cranston Boulevard."
Bids may be obtained at the Office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Torrance, California, upon payment of \$2.00.
The right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any provision of these rules, is reserved.
Closing time for acceptance of Classified Ads is Friday and Tuesday at 5 p.m. Ads received later will be held over to the following issue. Not responsible for more than one insertion. Errors will be corrected by re-publication only.

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GREEN HILLS MEMORIAL PARK

An Endowment Care Cemetery Serving the Harbor District
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LOST AND FOUND

LOST TO Boston terrier, female, black and white markings. Very limited answers to "Pawdy". Last seen Republica at Cabrillo, Nov. 11th. DA. 6-1788
MALE Dachshund lost in the vicinity of 174th and Prairie. Light brown, identification tag reads Kennel "Wynnie". Notice at Cabrillo, Nov. 11th. DA. 6-0914
REWARD for return of orange man can, 6 mos. old, named NOV. 12, 1953. Torrance Gardens area. Nov. 12th. FA. 8-2176

SPECIAL NOTICES

RENT YOUR BABY Furniture & Equipment FROM THE PIXIE BABY SHOPPE 1817 CARRILLO AVE. DA. 8-7369 NOV. 15, 1953. CLOSED MONDAYS

PERSONALS
WEDDINGS, dances, parties, or -ball for rent. American Legion. Call Harry Green. FAIRFAX 8-9726
I WILL NOT be responsible for any debts, but my own after NOV. 15, 1953. John D. Dierke.
SERVICES, Miscellaneous
RUGS
Cleaned and sized \$5.00 Pick-up & Delivery \$3.50 Cash & Carry 20% Discount-Cash & Carry

BURCHFIELD'S CARPET WORKS 1971 Torrance Blvd. FAIRFAX 8-2672
Torrance Van & Storage Co. LOCAL & LONG DISTANCE MOVING
Agent for Aero-Mayflower Transit Co. FAIRFAX 8-7021 1916 BORDER AVE.

ALTERATIONS and remodeling by Lois Mathews, 904 Portland, Torrance. FAIRFAX 8-2525
BUILDING, Remodeling
ROOFING-repairs, new work. Small 1952. 3440 N. Nece Ave., Torrance. FAIRFAX 8-6112
PLASTERING by Chas. FAIRFAX 8-3150. Patching and repairing of old ceilings, showings, babbles, mounding and repairing of exterior.
CARPENTER and repair work. Small 1952. 3440 N. Nece Ave., Torrance. FAIRFAX 8-6112
CROCKERY and china. Small 1952. 3440 N. Nece Ave., Torrance. FAIRFAX 8-6112
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CEMETERIES

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PACIFIC CREST

1824 St. & Inglewood Ave. Redondo Beach, Calif. Frontier 2-1017

FILL DIRT AND TOP SOIL

LATER LOTS Phone Menlo 9-2852
CLEAN UP WORK. Lawns cut, trimmed, power equipment. Very limited answers to "Pawdy". Last seen Republica at Cabrillo, Nov. 11th. DA. 6-1788

LANDSCAPING

Renovating - Seeding 3c Sq. Foot. Specializing in Dichondra lawns, Repair sprinkler systems, old and new. Tree Surgery. Fertilizer, steer-top soil. For Free ESTIMATES Call Collect TORREY 6-3513 Co. 10146 E. Center Bellflower, Calif.

HEALTH AIDS

LOMITA HEALTH FOODS Everything for Special Diets Vitamins & Fruit Juices HUNZA-HEALTH BREAD Open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. 24250 Narbonne, DA. 6-2381 Auto Driving Experience 28 EXPERT Driving Instruction Call-For-You-Anytime Patient Matiffon's School of Driving Newmark 2-2248

INSTRUCTION, Music, Dancing, Etc.

GUITAR LESSONS Music, Ukulele, Banjo Bobo Bobo Music SLIM EDWARDS FA-8-1616
STANO, GOLF BALSAS 617 W. 24th St. Phone FAIRFAX 8-7082, 8-5412

CHILD CARE

WILL care for 3 children 1 yr. or older in my home, fenced yard, hot lunches, in No. Torrance, 1930 Ashley Ave. FA-4-6205
EXCELLENT day care, licensed home, good meals, fenced yard, near school, close supervision. FAIRFAX 8-9572
LICENSED Home, Day care, children 4-6 years, good meals, fenced yard. 28125 Narbonne, DA. 6-2381

WOMAN with special training will sit with children evening and day. 29408 So. Harvard, Torrance.

WILL care for children in my home days. 29408 So. Harvard, Torrance.

SITUATIONS Wanted, Women

IRONING done in my home. Very good work. \$3.00 per hour. Call FAIRFAX 8-3587 Marinette, Torrance.
EMPLOYMENT Offered, Men
LOCAL establish. seeks Store desires salesman with retail hardware experience. Residence in Torrance area preferred. Apply Box D, Torrance Herald.
BOYS 10 to 14. Now in the time to let your application in for the next Torrance Herald contest in your neighborhood. Phone FA 8-4004
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BUILDING, Remodeling

Painting & Paperhanging Patch plastering, screens repaired, wallpaper & samples shown. Call for free estimates. Terminal 4-1328 E. L. McVey, manager.

YOUR Neighborhood Painter. Free estimates. Inner State Paint Co. 37 E. Shafter FA 8-7822 phone evenings

EXTERIOR, interior painting & papering. Wood graining, color matching. Free estimates. FR. 9-4184

REPAIR SERVICES

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Keys Made

LOCKS REPAIRED SERVICE & INSTALLATION TORRANCE CYCLE AND SPORTS SHOP 1421 Marcella-FA. 8-6912

BEAUTY SERVICES

OPENING Special Permanent. \$5.00. Open evenings by appointment. Louisa Beauty Shop, 2206 Torrance Blvd. FA 8-1248

GARDENING, Landscaping

Renovating - Seeding 3c Sq. Foot. Specializing in Dichondra lawns, Repair sprinkler systems, old and new. Tree Surgery. Fertilizer, steer-top soil. For Free ESTIMATES Call Collect TORREY 6-3513 Co. 10146 E. Center Bellflower, Calif.

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PERSONAL AGENCY This is a Partial Listing General Office, Steno ... \$200 Payroll, good Steno ... \$260

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WE PURCHASE 2ND TRUST DEEDS

Bob L. Haggard 1409 Marcella

FOR REAL ESTATE LOANS

SEE ACCURATE REALTY SERVICE 1700 HERBIA AVE. HERMONA BEACH FRONTIER HOME \$5,000. HOWARD PERCY, CY, 2224 Torrance Blvd.
ALSO MANY OTHER FINE HOMES FROM \$18,500 UP.

\$299 Gives You Immediate Possession

2-BEDROOMS AND DEN NEAR SCHOOL. PHONE AGENT ... DA. 6-5007 OR DA. 6-3858 ...
FOR SALE by owner, 3-bedroom home, \$5,000. Corner 227th and Denker Strip.
HOUSE for sale, 3 bedroom, \$2500 down. 24240 So. FA 8-2380

EMPLOYMENT Offered, Men

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NEED 30 MEN FOR Mechanical Jobs ALSO OPENINGS FOR SKILLED WORKERS IN Tooling Sheet Metal Fabrication AND Machine Shop APPLY 192nd and DENKER TORRANCE, CALIF. Hours: 7:30 to 6:00 Mon-Fri. Saturday to 4:30

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\$6,000-1 bedroom frame. \$6,800-2 bedroom stucco. \$8,800-Duplex 3-1 bedroom Apts. \$10,000-3 bedroom & w-r carpeting. \$10,800-new 3 bedroom.

\$19,000-A READY-TO-MOVE-Beautiful 1-bedroom home & income on main floor. MUST BE A MONEY MAKER. INCOME. We have several duplexes and other property at various prices. LOTS. As low as \$850. Ph. FA 8-2419 1313 Cabrillo, Torrance

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OPEN HOUSE

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LUXURIOUS LIVING

Can be yours in this spacious 2-bedroom and paneled-in den home. Built brick fireplace, convenient dining area, plus you'll receive Hudson and nylon porch, finished in soft, pastel colors to your own liking. Roomy garage to your own liking. \$5,000 Down. H. J. OSBORN, Realtor 1538 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. DAVERNPORT 6-6388

FOR SALE: 2-bedroom home off Waterway. Double garage. \$750 Down. Payments like rent. PA 8-5889

LARGE 7 ROOM home. Close in to shopping district. 3 large bedrooms. Nice yard. Low price. \$11,900. \$1400. Low down. \$250. HOWARD PERCY, 2224 Torrance Blvd.

\$1000 DOWN 6500 HARDY ST. SEE A 3-BEDROOM STUCCO HOME 1700 HAMILTON BLVD. PHONE AGENT FA. 8-7502 FOR SHOWING

\$7900 SMALL, down payment, 2-bedroom home. Chain link fence. 21109 Sherman Ave., Torrance. Terminal 4-8520

BY OWNER, 3-bedroom stucco, this old. The screens, veneer, tile, brick, terms. 5010 West 1st St., Torrance. Terminal 4-8520

6 ROOM home, double garage, excellent location. \$16,000, 1523 W. 24th St. & 24th St. Valued at \$20,000. See appointment.

JIM DECKER, Broker 1700 HAMILTON BLVD., LOMITA DA. 6-6481

TORRANCE GARDENS, 1023 Cranston Blvd., Torrance. Immediate possession. Liberal terms. See it now.

FOR SALE, 3-bedroom, \$2500 down. 24240 So. FA 8-2380

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