Worker Removes Pants, Wallet, Cash Stolen

Carl Gruenschlag, of Los Angeles, shoulda' kept his pants on Monday and he might still have his wallet.

He reported to local authorities that someone took his wallet, containing papers and $10, when he took his pants off and hung them on a door while working on the new fire station at Crenshaw and Carson.

THE WEEK ENDER

Narbonne Has Basement Full Of Water Again

For the second time in two weeks, firemen were called to Narbonne High school in Lomita to help bail out the basement, flooded with thousands of gallons of water from a broken pipe.

On Friday, an estimated 100,000 gallons of water poured into the basement, and firemen pumped nearly four hours to bring down the water from its high level of eight feet.

A HERALD photographer got a picture of fireman Bob Hanson standing nearly hip deep in the water pointing out the high mark on the wall.

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In another week end story in which firemen played a part, the vault at the Higgins Brick Co., 2217 W. 174th St., blazed up and destroyed many records and other papers. Both of these stories were carried in detail on the front page of the Monday issue of the Torrance HERALD.

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Examinations for new police officers for the Torrance Police Department were given here Saturday with 81 persons—55 men and 26 women—trying out for one of the 10 openings on the force. A HERALD photographer got a picture of four of the candidates doing push-ups on El Prado parkway as part of their agility tests, while Chief Willard Haslam, Assistant Chief Percy Bennett, and others looked on. This photograph was published in the HERALD Monday morning.

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The rabies outbreak continued to be serious in the area and the County Health Department slapped a 120-day quarantine on dogs in the area around 169th St. and Hawthorne when a cocker spaniel died of rabies after coming in contact with at least 10 persons and a number of other neighborhood dogs.

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Another story reported Monday by the HERALD was the approval of the 750-home tract proposal of Milton Kauffman, when it came before the Planning Commission last Wednesday evening. This tract would be before the Council Tuesday, another story said, along with tracts for nearly 900 homes. Also to come before the Council, according to Monday's report in the HERALD, were the land use and oil ordinances, traffic signals for Post and Cravens, and an ordinance regulating type and care of trees on city property.

A complete list of building permits issued between Aug. 1 and Aug. 8 was published in the HERALD Monday and will be a regular Monday feature. Permits issued by the city's building department included everything from masonry walls to industrial craneways, the listing showed.

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Deaths of four Torrance persons were reported in Monday's obituary columns. Notices of death were published for Roy Walker Riley, of 25403 S. Western Ave.; William S. Robinson, of 23828 Pennsylvania Ave., who died of a heart attack while in downtown Torrance; Carl Werner Liman, of 1711 Schilling Drive; and Infant Den Ouden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Den Ouden, 16814 Glenburn Ave.

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Sports Editor Jim Crumpacker, who attended all the regional play-off games in Glendale and Santa Monica, gave a play by play report on Torrance's All-Star team's participation in the tournament. He received an assist from Ed Thorne, active Little League supervisor, who also attended the games. Also sportswise HERALD readers were given a feature on Dave Dana, new baseball mentor at Torrance High school, a story on the slo-pitch playoffs which began at Torrance Park Monday, and the outcome of the final game in the Bluestreak League which saw the National Blues beating Local 1135 in a 27-5 rout. Photowise, the sports pages in Monday's HERALD had a picture of Dana, a game shot at the Little League tournament, and a team picture of the National Minor Little League Cubs, who won the pennant in their league. Also reported was the fact that Bobby Bragan, manager of the Hollywood Stars would speak in Torrance next Tuesday.

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Add all of this to the HERALD'S unequaled coverage of the area's social world, the neighborhood columns from two North Torrance correspondents, an Ellinwood news column, editorials and editorial columns, and three pages of classified advertising and you have a healthy list of reasons why you should be reading the Monday HERALD regularly.

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VOLUNTEER GROUP SET FOR CHILDREN'S WARD

A drive to recruit volunteers to visit the children's wards at Harbor General Hospital on a regular basis was announced here this week by Mrs. John Stoddard and Mrs. Walter West, who have undertaken the task of starting such an organization.

Inspired by an article in the July 30, 1955, Saturday Evening Post, about a similar unit in New York City, the ladies contacted officials and therapists at the hospital, who gave immediate approval for the plan.

Volunteers are sought who will agree to spend a couple of hours a week at the children's wards in the hospital reading to them, helping to feed them, and "just pick them up and love them, that's what they need most," according to Mrs. West.

No name for the unit has ben selected, but that will be left to those volunteering to serve with the group.

Any woman interested in this worthwhile activity may call Mrs. West at DA 6-2827 or Mrs. Stoddard at FA 8-6988.

Vandalism Decreasing in Los Angeles City Schools

Increased community interest stiffer security measures and faster apprehensions have decreased vandalism in the Los Angeles City schools by more than 50 per cent during the past year, the Board of Education was informed last week.

At a special meeting of the board to discuss school depredations and receive the annual report of the school district security section, Associate Superintendent Guy M. Hoyt and Security Agent R. O. Graham, pointed out that the cost of all acts of vandalism against the city schools dropped from a total of $113,965 in 1953-54 to $51,185 in 1954-55.

Similarly with the announcement that the amount of damage to school property decreased, Hoyt also noted that the total number of cases dropped from 1541 to 1229. Hoyt, as associate superintendent of auxiliary services for the school district, is administrative head of the security section.

Culprits Caught

Graham, under whose direction 22 members of the security section operate, called attention to the fact that apprehensions of culprits were up by nearly 100 over the previous school year and that 17 per cent more cases were solved and cleared.

Singled out for a word of praise was the Board of Education committee on juvenile delinquency headed by Board Member Edith K. Stafford. Alarmed by the increasing amount of vandalism against the far-flung Los Angeles City School districts, Mrs. Stafford's committee sought to arouse interest and furthered cooperative action on the part of all agencies concerned.

Press, radio, television, the PTA, and school principals urged citizens to keep an eye on unauthorized persons around schools and to report incidents to school authorities and the police and sheriff departments.

Policing Hard

Superintendent of Schools Claude L. Reeves commented, "Unless we were to spend millions of dollars each year for around-the-clock guards, it is difficult for school people alone to guard our more than 500 school plants and other buildings spread over more than 800 square miles."

In presenting his statistical report, Graham pointed out that burglary accounted for $33,192 with $6485 of this recovered. Theft of school property amounted to $11,588 with $2004 recovered. Other acts of vandalism included arson, $7847; flooding, $352; malicious mischief, $6684, and miscellaneous, $10.

Depredations were greatest in May, with 142 cases. Lowest month was July with 52. Ages of culprits ranged from five to 69 years, with the largest majority of offenders—103—in the 12-year-old bracket.

Fourth Dance Scheduled by Rec Department

The Recreation Department announced yesterday that the "Vacation Daze" teen dance, the fourth in a series of dances sponsored by the department, will be held at the Civic Auditorium Saturday night.

A special feature for the remaining dances this summer will be the free dance instructions provided by the Bettie Thomas Studio dance teachers. The instructional period will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. with dancing to Sal Frisina's orchestra from 8:30 to 11:30. Only dance beginners are asked to be at the Civic Auditorium by 7:30. No spectators will be admitted at this time. Anyone interested in learning ballroom dancing is urged to be on hand at 7:30 p.m.

The dance promises fun for all. In addition, free passes to the Torrance Drive-In Theater are awarded as door prizes.

Four Traffic Violations Lead Dangers

Four types of traffic violations cause 62 per cent of all traffic accidents says the California Highway Patrol.

"Last year there were 165,541 traffic violations noted in all traffic accidents in California," declared Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell. "Of these, 105,437 were violations of the rules covering speed, right-of-way, improper turns and drunk driving.

During the first seven months of this year 1777 persons lost their lives in California traffic accidents," Caldwell continued. "This is an increase of 8.5 per cent compared to the some period in 1954 and is indicative of the continued disregard of the consequences of violating traffic rules.

Traffic laws are safety rules designed to protect life and property," he said. "Far too many drivers develop a habit of cheating on the traffic laws. This cheating will sooner or later lead to an accident and, frequently, injury or death.

In the interest of personal safety it would be well for every driver to check his traffic habits using the vehicle code as a measuring stick with special attention given to the four types of violations mentioned."