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BANDIT ROBS COUPLE IN HOME

\$1500 Worth Of Tools Go To Foot Pads

A bandit with a brown paper sack over his head invaded a Torrance home Tuesday night and fled with \$10 in cash after threatening a couple with a gun.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beckers told investigating officers they were watching television in the living room of their home at 5001 Via El Sereno, when the young bandit entered the house through a sliding glass door.

HE DISPLAYED a small-caliber revolver and forced the Beckers to surrender the cash from their wallets. He warned them to keep their eyes closed for five minutes just before he fled from the front door of the home, police were told.

In another case reported to police Wednesday morning, loot valued at about \$1500 was taken from garages in the Southwest Park area of the city during the night. Police said the thieves took portable power tools and other equipment from nearly a dozen garages.

IN THE meantime, sheriff's officers reported that an unemployed Torrance longshoreman had admitted taking part in the \$800 robbery of a San Pedro area market.

Gary W. Mann, 23, of 26109 Crest Road, was arrested Saturday on a tip received by Harbor Division detectives. He was jailed at the Lakewood Sheriff's station along with Robert Holbert, 28, of 212 E. 221st St.

THE PAIR was arrested at the Holbert home where police recovered \$600 wrapped in a plastic bag. Holbert denied taking part in the robbery. Two men were jailed in Gardena Sunday on suspicion of

looting a Torrance dentist's office and taking a number of barbiturate pills.

Jailed were William J. Anderson Jr., of Long Beach and Terry Morris, 23, of San Pedro. The pair was accused of looting the office of Dr. Harland Apfel at 2375 Torrance Blvd.

Local Demos Slate Ball Tomorrow

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of the 68th Assembly District will issue charters to the district's Democratic Clubs at an Inaugural Ball scheduled to open at 8 p.m. Friday evening at the Retail Clerks Union Hall, 25949 Belleporte Ave., Harbor City.

The affair is timed to coincide with the Washington, D.C., Inaugural Ball honoring President John F. Kennedy who will be installed as the nation's 35th president tomorrow.

Bill Byer and his orchestra will provide music for dancing at the Harbor City affair, and a buffet supper will be served at 10 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door, according to spokesmen for the 68th Assembly District Council, sponsors of the event.

Hearing Set In February On Location

A three-man committee of Superior Court judges will visit Torrance Saturday to look over a site offered by the city for the possible construction of Superior Court facilities to serve the area, it was learned yesterday.

City Manager George Stevens reported to members of the council that a committee composed of Superior Judges Lloyd Nix, William P. Haughton, and Ben Koenig would visit the Torrance civic center Saturday morning after looking over facilities which might be available in Inglewood.

Absentee Voting Outlined

Applications for absentee ballots for the Feb. 14 Torrance Schools election may be picked up or requested between Jan. 25 and Feb. 8, according to school officials.

By law, registered voters unable to cast ballots on election day because of absence from town, physical disability, or other reasons may get absentee ballots. Applications may be obtained by calling Torrance school's Dept. of Special Services, FA 8-8080, ext. 203, or the County Superintendent's office, MA 8-9211, ext. 3836.

Applications must be returned to the County Superintendent on Feb. 8. Absentee ballots then will be mailed, as requested. They must be post-marked on or before election day.

Local Man Aboard Record Jet Hop

John B. Feltes of 1820 Arlington Ave. was aboard American Airlines Flight No. 7 from New York City Sunday evening which cut eight minutes off the east to west transcontinental flight record by making the trip in 4 hours and 27 minutes. Feltes had been in Washington, D. C., to see Congressman Cecil R. King, and had gone to New York City before returning to Torrance. He is president emeritus of the Potters Local at the American-Standard plant here.

THE SCHEDULED visit here follows an announcement by Louis H. Burke, presiding judge of the Superior Court, that the three jurists had been named to the committee with Judge Nix as its chairman. A public meeting has been called for Feb. 15 in Los Angeles to discuss the area court.

In a letter to Mayor Albert Isen this week, Judge Burke said the hearing was being called to "consider all phases of the matter including any suggested changes in the boundaries of the Southwest District."

TORRANCE city officials were pleased that Judge Burke left the door open to discuss boundary changes at the meeting. Hopes of locating the court in Torrance depend largely on the request of Palos Verdes Peninsula cities, and Lomita to be included in the local district instead of the South District served by Long Beach courts.

At the same time, local groups led by Mayor Isen and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier for the city, and Atty. Boris Woolley for a citizens committee, began gathering information on possible realignment of the northern boundaries of the present Southwest District, which extend from a point near Venice to Huntington Park.

"WE HAVE been told that some of the officials in that northeast area do not use the Inglewood court now because of the discretionary practice of filing in a convenient court," (Continued on Page 8)



WEATHER REPORT . . . In case wearing shorts and bolero top isn't proof enough that this week's summer temperature was in the high 80's, pretty Lynn Carpenter checks a thermometer. WM recorded 84 degrees Sunday, 87 degrees Monday and 83 degrees Tuesday. (Herald Photo)

Friday the 13th Proves Too Much for Black Cat

By BOB WILTON
Herald Staff Writer

He was a neighborhood cat and belonged to all of the children in the 21100 block on Hobart Blvd. His name was Angel, but this did not change his love for nocturnal prowling and so he met his fate—a black cat crossing the street early on the morning of Friday the 13th into the path of an on-coming automobile.

Later in the morning Tim and Linda Clark saw Angel lying in the street, and knew he would scamper and play

with them no more.

THE WORD went around and all of the children on the block had looked at Angel with bowed heads and gathered to sit in silence on the Clark's front porch. Finally Deborah Brannon spoke, "We have just got to do something for Angel. He was our friend." "I've got it," said Melinda Thompson, "let's give him a real nice funeral."

"THAT'S A good idea," Jim Hearron added, "my dad will let us put the grave in our backyard and we can use some of the cement blocks he is building a fence out of."

By mid-afternoon all of the arrangements had been made. The lid was placed on the cardboard box that acted as Angel's coffin and pallbearers Karen Peuto, Jeff, Tim and Linda Clark, Jim and Joe Hearron led the procession to the grave.

AFTER ANGEL'S remains were lowered into his grave, Evelyn Wilson conducted the service and Howard Brannon placed a cross at the head with this epitaph neatly printed on a sheet of paper.

"Killed January 13, 1961. We named him Angel. We want him to go to heaven. His nine lives were up. — Amen"

E. B. Hearron, in whose back-

yard at 21119 Hobart, Angel will rest in peace, said, "I haven't the heart to take those blocks from that wall around the grave—my fence can wait."

School Employees To Install Kendall

Annual installation banquet of Torrance school employees Local 1101 will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Wayfarer's Inn on Pacific Coast Hwy. in Lomita. A Richard Kendall will be installed as president for his second term. Others include Garver Long, vice president; Thurlow Whitcomb, secretary; and John Doolittle, treasurer.



TO BE INSTALLED . . . John F. Nursall, M.D. (seated) will be installed Saturday night as chief of staff at Torrance Memorial Hospital to succeed George O. Peck, M.D. Other officers to be installed Saturday at the Palos Verdes Country Club include Carlo A. Tabellario, M.D. (left), assistant chief of staff, and William A. Davies, M.D., assistant secretary-treasurer. (Herald Photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Before you came to California, would you have believed the weather could be like this in January?" With the thermometer hitting in the eighties this week, the above question was asked.

Mrs. David C. Burchette, 22614 Linda Drive, housewife:

"It's nicer here than I ever could have believed. We have been here before but were away ten years and just got back. Lots of changes have been made. My husband is from West Virginia and I'm from Arkansas."

Walter E. Wheeler, 22503 Gaycrest Ave., Shell Chemical foreman:

"Absolutely not! This is tropics weather. I was stationed in Panama for one and a half years in the Navy, and the weather was like this. I'm originally from Iowa. My wife and I think this warm spell is wonderful."

Mrs. Alice Wilner, 22520 Gaycrest Ave., registered nurse:

"I had heard about it but it was hard to believe before I actually came here. I'm from Minnesota, and I shoveled snow from walks many times when I was a child. I came out here by plane during a blizzard and upon arriving here . . . well, I just couldn't get over it!"

Mrs. Eleanor Vrana, 5115 Milne Drive, housewife:

"No, I don't think so. It's hard to believe that it is January. I'd never care to leave here and move anywhere else. I came here from New York. Although I like this weather, I feel we really could use a little rain."

Mrs. Jim Norris, 4703 Moresby Dr., housewife:

"There are parts of the country that have temperate weather all winter, Phoenix, Ariz., being one of them. My husband and I are from Arizona originally. I think the heat here, at the present time, is delightful and I'm enjoying it very much."



REST IN PEACE . . . When "Angel," neighborhood cat, was killed by an automobile last week children of the 21100 block on Hobart Blvd. held a funeral and buried the community pet in the backyard of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hearron, 21119 Hobart. Pictured at grave-side from left are: Jim and Linda Clark, Deborah Brannon, Evelyn Wilson, Howard Brannon, Jim Hearron, Jeff Clark and Joe Hearron. (Herald Photo)