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# HALT ONE-MAN CRIME WAVE

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"How much weekly allowance do you think a high school student should get?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

**Mrs. Joe Zimmerman, 1437 El Prado:**  
"In our family if they make \$10 a month they don't get anything. If they don't make anything or less than \$10 they get \$3.50 a month from us. Of course, we buy their clothes."

**Mrs. Richard Jappe, Palos Verdes:**  
"I used to get \$5 a week and I bought some of my clothes. I suppose nowadays they need more money. I think it depends on what they have to buy out of their allowance."

**Mrs. Vincent Haldeman, 21214 S. Hobart Blvd.:**  
"Actually, I think it depends on the father's salary. It should be somewhere roughly between \$2.50 and \$5. It depends on whether it's a boy or girl and if the boy is dating."

**Mrs. Rex Harner, Redondo Beach:**  
"I think high school students should earn their own money. There are a lot of opportunities for them these days, such as baby sitting."

**Jimmy Suggs, Harbor City:**  
"Somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5. They should buy their own school supplies from this amount. They should definitely earn some of their own spending money."

## 1914 Parade Trophy Back In Torrance

"That's crazy; that's a piece of history," Mrs. Roger Miller of Arcadia and Hermosa Beach said last week when friends of hers who are antique dealers decided to have an old, neglected trophy they had acquired in an estate refurbished for resale—after erasing the inscription.

A fast telephone call to The Torrance HERALD, other telephone calls between The Torrance HERALD, the City Hall, and the offices of developer Don Wilson settled the problem.

A TROPHY presented to the Thomas D. Campbell Co., land agents for the original townsite of Torrance, for entering a float in the 1914 Tournament of Roses has been returned to the city after an absence of many years—nobody is quite sure how many. Engraved on the side of the sterling silver trophy, which stands nearly 10 inches high, is the inscription: "Tourn-

ment of Roses Association, Pasadena, January First 1914. Special Prize Civic Bodies. Presented to Thomas D. Campbell & Co. for Torrance, The Modern Industrial City."

THE LONG-forgotten trophy was acquired by the Parkview Antique Shop on Los Feliz and it was there that Mrs. Miller first saw the trophy. Sadie Lossky, owner of the antique shop, told Mrs. Miller that the trophy came from an estate in Palm Springs. "This is great," Mayor Albert Isen exclaimed when informed of the trophy.

Equally enthusiastic was City Manager Wade Peebles. Developer Don Wilson, learning of the find, immediately purchased the trophy from the antique dealer and will present it to the city.

THEY DON'T give out trophies like that any more," Wilson said when he examined the 49-year-old silver cup.

Except for a few dents and a patina of age, the trophy is in remarkably good condition. Isen said the city probably would have the trophy cleaned and repaired before putting it on permanent display.

"This is probably the city's first trophy, and it is really remarkable that it turned up after all of these years," Peebles said.

The trophy, which is now in The HERALD's possession, will be presented to the city by Wilson on Tuesday at the 5:30 p.m. Council meeting.



HOME AGAIN... A trophy presented to the Thomas D. Campbell Co. for its entry on behalf of the fledgling city of Torrance in the 1914 Tournament of Roses was returned to the city this week after it was retrieved from a collection purchased from an estate in Palm Springs. Here (from left) are Mayor Albert Isen, developer Don Wilson, and City Manager Wade Peebles admire silver cup. Wilson agreed to purchase trophy and return it to the city archives. (Herald Photo)

## 54 Burglary Cases Laid To Teenager

Some 54 burglaries are expected to be cleared up with the arrest of a 19-year-old Torrance area youth who may be implicated in forcefully raping some of his female victims.

Anthony P. Bilotti Jr. of 21517 S. Delores has been held to answer on charges of burglary. He is scheduled to be arraigned in Superior Court B at Inglewood on Feb. 4.

Detective James Foster said the arrest of Bilotti will clear up 54 cat burglaries that occurred in the Torrance, Redondo Beach, El Segundo, Los Angeles city and county area. Bilotti reportedly operated as a cat burglar and during some of these burglaries had forcefully raped some of his female victims, police said.

BILOTTI WAS arrested Jan. 10 in the central business district by Patrolman Robert Such, assigned to parking enforcement. Acting on information supplied by a "want" bulletin that gave the description of the vehicle being driven by Bilotti, Such made the arrest after the vehicle was observed by an unnamed witness in the area where a burglary had been committed.

Forceful rape charges will be filed against Bilotti as the result of investigation by Torrance detectives, police said. Torrance police have charged Bilotti with three burglaries and one robbery and other South Bay and Southwest police departments are continuing their investigation of him. Torrance police recovered some of the stolen money after Bilotti's arrest.

## Driverless Auto Jumps Four Lanes

A driverless, out of control sedan knocked down a highway direction sign and continued across a four lane divided street Monday morning where it collided with another car.

Mrs. Mary Katherine Asaro, 28, told police she jumped from her car when the brakes failed as she was eastbound on Torrance Boulevard and approached Hawthorne Avenue.

HER CAR collided with one driven by Mrs. Francine Caldwell Caril, 26, of 23514 Susana Ave., who was northbound on Hawthorne Avenue. Mrs. Asaro, of 20611 Tomlee, suffered major injuries and was taken to Little Company of Mary hospital.

Mrs. Asaro said she decided to jump from her car because of an earlier accident in which a friend was killed when she was thrown through the windshield and suffered a broken neck.

A BICYCLIST and a youth on a skateboard were injured Tuesday when struck by cars.

Samuel Roy Huston, 9, of 3614 W. 180th Pl., was taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital after his bicycle and a car driven by Helen Eileen King, 35, of 17011 Kornblum Ave., collided on Yukon Avenue just south of the Yukon Elementary School where the boy is a student. The boy suffered major injuries, police said.

TEN-YEAR-OLD Paul Heckathorne of 18404 Ashley Ave. suffered minor injuries and was taken to a private physician about 5:23 p.m. Tuesday after his skateboard and a car driven by Robert James Calop, 34, of 4924 Macafee Rd., collided on Ashley Avenue just south of 182nd Street.

Heavy fog was apparently among factors contributing to accidents yesterday morning at Western Avenue and Carson Street, Prairie Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard, in the 2500 block on 190th Street and other locations.

A woman driver was arrested for felony drunk driving Sunday after her sedan collided with a sports car in which the driver and passenger was injured.

BOOKED WAS Aileen Catherine Brandt, 41, Redondo Beach. She is scheduled to appear at 9 a.m. today in court number three of the South Bay Municipal Court.

Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital was driver of the sport car, Henry James Wilcox Jr., 31, who suffered major injuries and his passenger, Sylvia Wilcox, 25, who suffered minor injuries. (Continued on Page 2)

## Trio Nabbed After High Speed Pursuit

Two young men from Lawndale and one from Redondo Beach were arrested by Torrance detectives Saturday night after they led police on a high speed chase through North Torrance.

Booked on suspicion of burglary was driver of the car, Frank B. Trujillo, 20, and passengers, Carl J. Acosta, 20, both of Lawndale, and John DeLeon, 22, of Redondo Beach.

The chase came to a halt at Ardath and 180th Place when the suspects car was rammed by a police car in order to bring the suspects' vehicle to a halt. At one point during the chase Detective Robert Hammond, fearing someone would

be hurt because of erratic driving, took a shot at the fleeing car.

Detectives Frank Solis and Hammond were on routine patrol in North Torrance because of numerous recent residential burglaries in the area. About 9 p.m. they noticed two male subjects walking westward on 182nd Street toward Pruche. Each man had a paper sack in his hands.

As the two subjects approached Pruche a car drove up to the curb beside the two men and picked them up. When police started to stop the car the suspects fled with the police car, using red lights and siren, in pursuit.

On Ardath Avenue the fleeing car slowed down long enough for the police car to ram it in the rear bumper with enough force to make it "fishtail." The suspect's car then turned westbound onto 180th Place, a deadend street, enabling Detective Solis to swerve the police unit and lock the two cars together at the intersection.

An electric shaver, liquor, two wrist watches, flashlights and \$61.46 was found in the car.

## Growth Survey On Agenda for Chamber Session

Detailed analysis of a report issued recently covering a growth and economic survey of the southern portion of Los Angeles County has been scheduled for the First Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting of the year. The meeting will open at 7:20 a.m. next Tuesday at the International House of Pancakes on the Del Amo Center.

Arch D. Hardyment, assistant vice president and manager of the research department of Security First National Bank, will present the report which has been compiled by his firm.

Copies of the 64-page report will be available at the meeting.

Reservations for the Tuesday meeting are being taken now at the Chamber of Commerce.

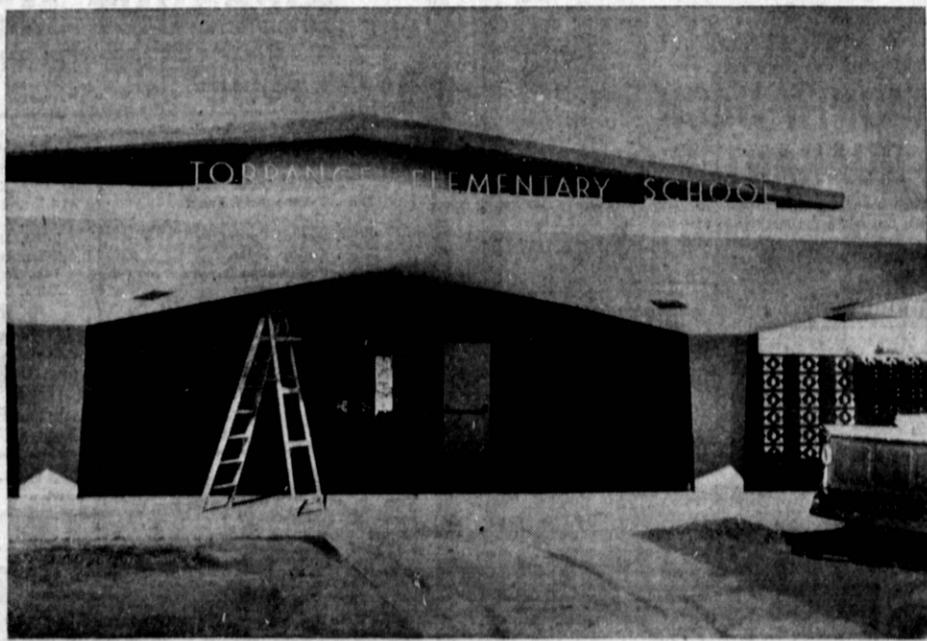
## Variance Decision Postponed

A controversial variance request which was headed for a showdown before the City Council Tuesday evening was sidetracked quietly when the developer asked for time to go over his plans again and come up with plans acceptable to the city.

Attorney Harold Thomasian, whose proposal to build a 39,000 square foot professional building at 3559 Torrance Blvd. had met with opposition from members of the City Council because it lacked required off-street parking facilities, appeared before the group for the third time this week when he asked for the delay.

The matter was sent back to the Planning Commission for consideration of any new plans the developer might submit and return to the City Council at a later date.

DISCUSSION of the case last week strayed at one point to the Planning Commission (Continued on Page 2)



OPENS MONDAY... The new Torrance Elementary School, erected on property acquired from the U. S. Navy recently, will open doors to its first students on Monday morning, it was announced yesterday. The students will

complete classes tomorrow at the old site adjacent to Torrance High School and will move to their new school Monday. Under construction nearby is new athletic facilities for Torrance High School. (Herald Photo)

## Volunteer Leader Workshop Slated

Puppets will be the topic at the Workshop for volunteer Leaders on Monday, Jan. 28, given by the Torrance Recreation Department at the Arts and Crafts Center, 22730 Lupine Drive. The afternoon group will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. and the evening group 7:30 to 9:30.

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