

# Gunmen Hit Four Local Firms

A liquor store, finance company and two bars were held up in Torrance this week within a two-day period. The liquor store and finance company were held up Thursday afternoon within several hours of each other while the two bars were held up Wednesday night about 40 minutes apart. A lone bandit was involved in each of the robberies.

Thursday afternoon customers came and went at the Pat Way Liquor Store in the Better Foods Market at 5302 Torrance Blvd. unaware the liquor store was being held up. About \$432 was taken from clerk Larry L. McKown who said the bandit walked up to the cash register counter, opened his coat and showed a revolver in a holster fastened to his belt.

"Take the money out and put it in a bag. If any customers come, wait on them and act normal," the

bandit told McKown. Several customers came in, were waited on and left and three juveniles bought candy and also left while the bandit waited for the money. After the last customer left, McKown finished putting the money in a sack and handed it to the bandit who ordered the clerk to come from behind the counter and walk into the grocery department.

As McKown walked into the grocery department the suspect left through the drug store and out to the sidewalk where several persons who were questioned later said they believed they saw him walking east past a doughnut shop at the edge of the shopping center.

More than \$300 was taken about 2 p.m. Thursday from the Beneficial Finance Co., 1441 Marcelina, in downtown Torrance. "This is not a joke. Give me all the paper money," the suspect told an employee, Beverly

Metzner as he handed her a paper bag to put the money in.

Unaware a robbery was taking place Assistant Manager Don Carlson walked up to the counter and asked if he could help the suspect who then pulled a revolver from his pocket and pointed it at Carlson.

Beverly Metzner took the money from a drawer at the service counter, put it in the sack and handed it to the suspect who warned his victims not to look out the door after he left. The suspect left and was last seen walking towards Sartori on Marcelina.

About \$73 was taken from a customer and the cash register about 10 p.m. Wednesday at the Off Beat Bar, 2316 Redondo Blvd. The suspect also displayed a revolver in that incident.

Some 40 minutes later a gun-wielding bandit held

up a bar at 3703 W. 190th St. The bandit took about \$60 from the cash register and customers.

The suspect became angry on two occasions, once when William Riutzel could not find a sack to put the money in from the cash register and again when a customer said he didn't have a wallet. The suspect ordered Riutzel to wrap the money in a newspaper.

When the customer, George Hussein, told the bandit he didn't have a wallet the bandit pointed the revolver at the customer's head and said "I'll kill you if you don't give me your wallet." The customer then placed some change on the bar.

The bandit declined to take it but removed about \$1.50 from another customer's wallet. Before leaving and walking east on 190th Street, the bandit pulled the receiver from a pay telephone on the wall of the bar.

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# CAR FLIPS OVER, PINS DRIVER

**A Penny for your Thoughts**



"How do you feel about families eating their evening meal while the television set is on?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

**Mrs. Thomas Tucker, 26025 Matfield:**  
"I think supper time is a time when everyone should be together. I think the television set should be off at that time."

**Mrs. Joseph Blaikie, 5523 Halison:**  
"We have eaten while the television set is on, on occasion, but the children eat better if it is off. Sometimes on Sunday when we are having a casual dinner we have it on but usually it's off."

**Mrs. Charles Burton, 26017 Oak Bay Rd.:**  
"Almost always the television set is off at dinner time. I think it should be off and everyone eat together. The children are told to shut the television off when it's time to eat. Sometimes my husband will watch a special program such as a sports event."

**Mrs. Leonard H. Radford, 1116 Kornblum:**  
"I don't think it's a good idea where there are children. Television has its place. The evening meal is a time for togetherness and family discussions. We make it a practice in our family to turn TV off."

**Mrs. Al Godschal, 3108 El Dorado:**  
"Definitely not. The children know when it's time to eat they must turn the television set off. There is no argument. It's been a rule in our family and something the children accept."

## Board Defers College Site Choice Again

Decision on location of a four-year college for the Southwest area has been delayed again for 30 days by the board of trustees for state colleges. Meeting Thursday and Friday in San Jose, the board's site selection committee, formally known as the campus planning, building, and grounds committee, indicated that it wanted the extra time to "study information which has been submitted since the last meeting."

MEMBERS OF a Torrance delegation inferred from the decision to delay the determination of a permanent site for the new college that a report submitted by Torrance may have raised new questions about a proposed site in Palos Verdes which had apparently been preferred by the officials.

One of the things the local delegation learned at the San Jose session Thursday and Friday, it was reported here yesterday, is that Torrance has 30 days to make a firm offer to the state on land.

"We have to give them a concrete answer on the land, on

## TEAC Meeting Set Tomorrow

Don Credell, principal of Edison Elementary School, and Robert Gilmore, of North High School's physical education department, will discuss "The Physical Fitness Program in Torrance Schools" at the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee luncheon meeting tomorrow at the Torrance Masonic Hall.

Moderated by Harold Umbarger, the program will include introduction of new TEAC guests, construction report and the "Steel Rockets," a dance band from Carl Steele Elementary School, under the direction of Jerry Andrews, instrumental music teacher.



**GET SABIN . . .** Hospital patients, like others throughout Los Angeles County, will receive Type III Sabin oral polio vaccine today. These patients in the polio ward at Los Angeles County General Hospital prepare to take vaccine with help of Dr. Valerie Budnick. Public clinics will be open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the final offering of Type III Sabin vaccine.

## Funeral Rites Monday For Air Crash Victim

Funeral services for Charles William (Bud) Bartholomew, one of five Americans killed when two planes collided over Ankara, Turkey, last week, will be held at the First Christian Church of Torrance tomorrow at 11 a.m. with the Rev. H. Milton Sippel, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Odell Myers officiating.

Mr. Bartholomew, who lived at 2759 Onrado, was a field engineer for The National Supply Division of Armo Steel Co., and had been on a field assignment in the Middle East.

MR. BARTHOLOMEW began his career with The National Supply Co. here in 1943 as a draftsman in the engineering department and had been elevated to the position of engineer with the company. In recent years, he had made many trips to various parts of the world where his company's equipment was being used in oil field exploration and development.

He had been sent to the Middle East early this year at the request of a contractor to supervise the overhaul and alignment of a drilling rig in Iran. He had apparently completed his assignment and was enroute home at the time of the air crash.

**SURVIVING HIM** are his widow, Mary, of Torrance; a son, William, 14; a daughter, Karen, 16; his father, William F. Bartholomew, now of Durango, Colo.; and a sister, Margaret Bird, of Compton.

Interment in Green Hills Memorial Park will follow tomorrow's funeral services. The A. M. Gamby Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

MR. BARTHOLOMEW was an active supporter of the American Field Service exchange student program, and his family had been hosts to a student from Europe who attended Torrance High School last year.

Members of the family have suggested that contributions in his name be made to the scholarship fund of the American Field Service. Donations to that fund may be forwarded to the First Christian Church of Torrance, with checks made payable to the church. (Continued on Page 2)

## Car Crashes Into Vacant Store Window

The driver of a small sports car was hospitalized here Friday night after the car flipped over, pinning his legs under the dashboard on Hawthorne Avenue south of 190th Street. Police officers racing to the scene said nearly 20 passersby were holding the car up off the driver pending arrival of rescue equipment.

Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital with injuries was Peter Blue Brandt, 31, of Palos Verdes Estates. Police officers, a commercial wrecking crew, and members of the Torrance Fire Department responded to the call shortly after 7:30 Friday. The gas tank of the small car was ruptured in the tumble, and poured gasoline over the area, but did not ignite, investigating officers said.

**POLICE BEGAN** a search for another vehicle believed to have been a hit and run collision with the sports car, but decided later that no other car was involved.

In an earlier accident, a car driven by Rodolfo Mendoza, 57, of Gardena jumped the curb and crashed into a store window at 1307 Post Ave. shortly before noon Friday.

Mendoza was apparently attempting to park the car when the mishap occurred.

A 4-YEAR-OLD boy was taken to a private physician for a checkup after he was bumped by a city vehicle Friday.

John Henry McKown, 1810 1/2 Cabrillo Ave., apparently was bumped by a water department vehicle being driven by Alvin Thompson, 30, Thompson was in an alley between Portola Avenue and Sartori Avenue when the accident occurred.

A pickup truck turned over and a sedan collided with a train in traffic accidents Thursday.

Driver of the pickup, James Snyder, 20, and his passenger, Colin C. Piccone, 20, both sailors stationed at the Long Beach Naval Station, were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital after the pickup truck turned over about 2:15 a.m. on Crenshaw Boulevard 800 feet north of 190th Street.

Patricia Ann Stirratt, 20, of 1644 W. 205th St., refused medical aid after her sedan collided with a train about 12:27 a.m.

## Jaycees Seek Outstanding Young Man

Presentation of a Distinguished Service Award to an outstanding Torrance man under 35 years of age has been scheduled for Thursday night, March 7, according to the sponsoring Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Nominations for the award have now been opened to the general public, according to Joseph Bonanno, project chairman. Nomination blanks may be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce office, 2204 Torrance Blvd.

The DSA award is an annual project of the Jaycees and is given to the young man living or working in Torrance who is judged to be the most outstanding.

Nominations are being sought from industries in the city, from service clubs, members of the City Council, police and fire departments, and from the Board of Education.

A plaque with the winner's name will be presented at a dinner meeting at the Palms in downtown Torrance on March 7. The winner also will receive a key with an inscription indicating the honor received.

Seven judges chosen from various professions, businesses, churches and the city will review the nominations which have been submitted to the Jaycees and select the winner and runnersup.

Runnersup will be presented a key indicating the award, and will be guests at the dinner meeting along with the winner and seven judges.

"The quality of judges is the finest available," Bonanno said. "They are all leading residents of Torrance and the Southwest and all have the opportunity to observe the nominees in action. They will be able to come to a fair decision on the winners."

Information on the DSA program sponsored by the Jaycees or about other Jaycee programs is available from James Askroyd, 21617 Linda Drive, a member of the DSA committee.

## Instructors Take Leaves

Two of Harbor College's most popular instructors are on sabbatical leaves.

Don Rogan, social science professor, is making a tour of the world. Mr. and Mrs. Rogan plan to stop at the Hawaiian Islands, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaya, Bangkok and Burma.

Their longest stay will be two weeks in India. Seventy-five days in Europe will include some traveling through Russia. Rogan will be back at Harbor for the fall semester.

Mrs. Jeanne Nichols, Harbor English instructor, will be going to Spain and England with her husband and two children. Her husband, a professor of Latin American history at Long Beach State College, will be doing research in the Royal Archives in Seville, Spain.

## It Takes Snow

Newman Club members at Harbor College took a snow trip to Big Pines during the semester break. They encountered tough sledding with no snow.

## Democrats Meet

The recently organized South 46th Democratic Club held its first Pot Luck Supper meeting Saturday in Redondo Beach.

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