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# TORRANCE POLICE CRY 'FOUL'

### A Penny for your Thoughts

High school football is just around the corner, so the Penies photographer asked five young men practicing on the local gridiron: "What is the value of high school athletics?"

**Doug Kintz, 1017 Felbar Ave.:**

"It is controversial because there are two sides. Many boys are kept study-minded because they want to go on to play ball in college and they have to keep their grades up. The bad side is that some boys also have grades fall. It depends largely on the individual."

**Bill Everett, 915 Cota Ave.:**

"The main thing, I think, is that athletics teach responsibility and good sportsmanship. It also shows endurance and anyone who plays in any sport has to keep in shape. Teamwork is part of it, and it builds character, also."

**Mike Brunch, 23403 Walnut St.:**

"High school sports give you the opportunity to meet a lot of guys. You also seem to be on a little better standing with the guys in school if you go out for high school sports. It teaches sportsmanship and teamwork, too."

**Jim Oliver, 20502 Eastwood St.:**

"High school athletics help to build strong character. They show the spirit toward school. You also have the chance to meet a lot of people, and to learn a lot about the people whom you work with on the team."

**Jim Selpie, 2348 229th Pl.:**

"Sports teach the value of teamwork and help to develop character in the guys. You have to be in top physical shape, so it helps to keep you from getting lazy. I'd say a good part of it is also learning to work with people."

## First Victim Taken Twice In Ten Days

A pair of bandits—or it might have been the same one—held up two Torrance liquor stores Friday night within the space of half an hour, netting nearly \$500 in the two robberies. It was the second time in a 10-day period that one of the stores had been hit by an armed robber.

Patricia Campisi, who was robbed of \$60 on the night of Aug. 27, was the first victim Friday evening. She told Officer C. A. van Wankum of the Torrance Police Department that a tall, dirty blond man wearing a greyish colored dark stocking over his head came into the store about 11:15 p.m., displaying the gun.

"ALL RIGHT, this is a stick-up. Give me the silver . . . get

a paper bag and put it in there," he ordered Mrs. Campisi.

After she indicated a cigar box with the silver in it, the bandit told her to "forget about the silver." Instead, the victim was told to "get all the paper money and make it fast."

The gunman ordered Mrs. Campisi down behind the counter before fleeing the store.

"I'LL BLOW your head off," he warned.

Harry Campisi, husband of the victim, was in the rear of the store as he had been last week when the gunman robbed Mrs. Campisi, officers were told. He followed the bandit out of the store but was unable to find him in the darkness, he said.

Shortly after 11:30 p.m., a gunman, similarly garbed and described as a tall, blondish man wearing a stocking over his head, entered Ed's Liquor at 4110 Sepulveda where Max Chodes, 26, of Inglewood was behind the counter in his father's liquor store.

THE GUNMAN waved Chodes to the register, saying "come over here, get the money."

As Max went to the register, the gunman saw the victim's younger brother, Norman, at the rear of the store and ordered him to come out to the counter.

After grabbing \$445 from the store's cash register, the gunman fled from the store, officers were told.

The victims were ordered to get down on the floor until the bandit had left, they reported.



ACCIDENT SCENE . . . Police and passersby check victim of collision Thursday afternoon near Crenshaw Boulevard at 236th Street. Vehicles driven by Donald Phillip Capes, 16, of San Pedro, and Billy Short, 31, of 2356 W. 246th St., collided. A third car involved was driven by Mildred Louise Mansfield, 34, of Gardena. Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital was William Farrell, 16, of San Pedro, Capes, and Michael J. Ellison, also of San Pedro. Farrell was the most seriously injured, reports indicated. (Herald Photo)

## City Forces Bypassed by Vice Raiders

Deliberate bypassing of local officers in massed raids on a number of bars and restaurants in Torrance and in surrounding areas plus the implications—later denied—that high ranking members of the Torrance police might be involved in a vice coverup scheme had local police in a rage at week's end.

The raids were conducted early Friday by a flying squad of 35 officers representing Los Angeles Police Department, Sheriff's Department, and the District Attorney's office, and came as a result of an investigation lasting several weeks.

Assistant Chief M. H. Porter, acting for vacationing Chief Percy Bennett, told THE HERALD after the raids were disclosed in Los Angeles that he would have no immediate comment, but he was obviously chagrined that the Torrance department had been bypassed in the raids.

ARRESTED IN the Friday raids were 10 persons, including the owners of the Retreat and Rendezvous cafes, three bartenders, a waitress, and two alleged bookmakers and their employes.

Announcing the arrests was Chief Dist. Atty. Manley Bowler, who said the raids grew out of the arrest of three Torrance officers in July, two for a Los Angeles robbery, and one for a Torrance burglary.

Bowler said the evidence gathered during the investigation and Friday's raids "will support probable charges ranging from felony bookmaking and conspiracy to sell dangerous drugs to lesser charges of liquor violations, prostitution, and gambling."

REPORTS early Friday that local police officers might be involved were denied in a press conference Friday afternoon called by Bowler.

"Evidence now available to us is not sufficient to charge any police officer of the city of Torrance with any of the charges now pending," he said.

Bowler said his office had received information on vice activities in "certain bars in city of Torrance consisting of prostitution, sale of dangerous drugs, gambling, bookmaking, and after-hours sale of alcoholic beverages."

DURING the probe, Bowler said, his investigators were told that certain bars were "off limits" for vice-squad officers. The official said one Torrance officer said that he had been told by a supervisor to stay away from two cafes, and to make no arrests in a third.

Investigators also were reportedly told by unnamed city officials and a state liquor-control officer that a high-ranking Torrance officer frequented these bars as well as others. The state officer reported to investigators that the officer received free liquor at one of the bars.

REPORTS OF THE District Attorney's office on the arrests also alleged that one officer was assigned desk duty after threatening to arrest proprietors of one bar for serving after the 2 a.m. closing hour.

Attorney General Stanley Mosk pledged the support of (Continued on Page 2)

## City Opens Schools on Wednesday

An estimated 31,000 students will return to classes in Torrance public schools Wednesday morning as the fall semester gets under way. In addition to the public schools, the city's private schools and El Camino College are also scheduled to begin classes within the week.

The increased enrollment is up about seven per cent over last year, report district officials. No new schools will be opened, but new facilities at Torrance High School will be available soon, and portable classrooms will be in use at some schools.

New additions to the high school courses include the opening of the district's first auto shop at South High School, and the division of an economics course into a two-semester class.

Students who will attend schools in the Los Angeles City School System will go back to classes a week from Monday. Carson and Narbonne High Schools, as well as several of the elementary schools, have also reported significant increases in enrollment.

Torrance adult education classes will begin during the week of Sept. 16. In addition to the regular evening division classes, several classes will be offered during the day at Torrance parks.

Record enrollments are also anticipated at El Camino College when classes begin there next week.

Torrance high school students who are new to the district and have not registered should do so before classes begin. Information on attendance boundaries and high school counseling may be obtained from the district offices, FA 8-8080.

## Measles, Mumps Back on List

One case each of measles and mumps were reported in the city for the week ending Aug. 31, reports the County Health Department.

Also on the list for the week were one case each of syphilis and pulmonary tuberculosis.

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## ACS Lunch Honors Area Volunteers

Plans for the American Cancer Society's Appreciation Luncheon are now nearing completion, according to Mrs. P. B. Marsh, district chairman for the Centinela Valley-South Bay chapter.

The luncheon, to be held at the Polynesian Restaurant, will honor local residents and industries who have donated time and talents to the American Cancer Society.

Reservations for the luncheon, which is slated for Monday, Sept. 16, at noon, may be made before Sept. 11, by calling the American Cancer Society.

## Professional Zone Plan Before Council

The Torrance City Council will be asked to approve an ordinance establishing a new residential-professional zone classification at Tuesday evening's meeting. The new zone would be used where apartments and professional offices are desirable, and where heavy commercial development is undesirable.

The new zoning classification was developed in connection with the Master Plan of the city for South Torrance Oilfields. It would permit apartments and professional offices, but would not permit construction of commercial developments or single-family residences.

TO BE KNOWN as R-P Zone, it is planned to use the zoning along major streets where R-1 zones are impractical and C-2 and C-3 zones are undesirable. No single-family or duplex construction would be permitted.

The councilmen will also hold a public protest hearing on the Botanical Gardens No. 1 annexation. The hearing has been held over from last December because property in the area was in litigation.

THE BOTANICAL Gardens area is located between Crenshaw Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road. After the hearing, the Council is expected to adopt the ordinance annexing the territory on its first reading.

In other matters, the Council will consider a request from Chapel Theatre to remain in its present location and consider a resolution appropriating funds to proceed with the purchase of land for the airport clear zone.

Councilmen also will be asked to approve the preliminary plans for the city's emergency operating center. The center provides for communications equipment.

The Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

## Syrian Visits City's Library

Exchange visitor Mounzer Ajlani of Syria was a recent visitor to Torrance under a special library organization and administration trainee program conducted by the Torrance Public Library.

Upon the completion of his training in the United States, Ajlani will return to Syria to organize and be head librarian of a highly-specialized economic library for the Central Bank of Syria.

A graduate of the University of Damascus and the Sorbonne, Ajlani speaks six languages and reads English fluently.

## Afghanistan Rulers To Visit Marineland

Marineland of the Pacific will be host to the King and Queen of Afghanistan and their official party Sunday, Sept. 15. The party is expected to arrive at the sea arena at 11 a.m.

The King and Queen are on a state visit to the United States. The small Asian nation is located between Pakistan, Iran, Red China, Russia, and India. King Mohammed Zaher and Queen Homaira will be welcomed to the Oceanarium by William F. Monahan, vice president and general manager. The group's official party will include Ali Mohammed, court minister and chief of the royal secretariat; Abdullah Malkiyar, first deputy prime minister and minister of finance; Dr. Abdul Majid, ambassador to the United States; and Nour Ahmed Etemadi, secretary general of foreign affairs.



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