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**FALL BACK . . .** Darcy Jo Barcroft, Miss Torrance, takes time out from a cooling swim to remind everyone that fall is here and it's time to turn the clock back come Saturday night. Officially, daylight savings time comes to an end at 2 a.m. Sunday, but it's advisable to recover that hour before going to bed Saturday. Under new legislation, all areas of the nation will make the switch back to standard time at the same time this year. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Five Men Indicted as Members of Theft Ring

### Ring Accused Of Taking Cars From Airport

Five men allegedly involved in a \$500,000 auto theft ring were indicted yesterday by the Grand Jury on charges of conspiracy to commit grand theft and receiving stolen property.

Four of the men, previously arrested on grand theft-auto charges, are free on bail. A fifth man has not been taken into custody.

A Torrance fireman, a former Torrance police officer, and a Gardena police officer are among those charged by the Grand Jury.

of stealing late model cars from Los Angeles and San Francisco airport parking lots, then switching identification numbers with junked cars and reselling the stolen vehicles.

THEY WERE arrested in early September following a year-long investigation conducted by the National Auto Theft Bureau, the California Highway Patrol, and the Torrance, Gardena, and Los Angeles police departments.

Investigators said they launched their lengthy investigation after an informant reported that Halicki's Gardena firm was buying an unusually large number of junk cars.

The stolen cars were registered as "revived junk" cars after the switch in numbers was completed, then sold to a wholesale used car firm, police said.

About 50 of the more than 100 cars believed stolen have been located, officers said.

Thursday's indictments were returned before Superior Court Judge George M. Dell in Los Angeles.

THE FIVE men indicated include:

• Louis L. Purcell, 33, of 1033 W. 187th St., Gardena. Purcell, a Gardena police sergeant, was suspended from his post after his arrest in early September. He was indicted on one count of conspiracy, two counts of auto theft, and two counts of receiving stolen property.

• Richard Gordon Faren, 31, of 2323 W. 230th St., a Torrance fireman. Faren, also suspended after his arrest, was indicted on one count of conspiracy, grant theft, auto theft, and receiving stolen property.

• John Paul Brady, 38, of Rolling Hills, who was indicted on one count of conspiracy and nine counts each of grand theft and receiving stolen property. A former Torrance policeman, Brady quit the department in 1964.

• Henry B. Halicki, 27, of 18511 Mariposa Ave., owner of Hawk House Motors in Gardena. He was indicted on one count of conspiracy.

• Woodrow Gandy, 36, of 7500 W. 113th St., Los Angeles. One of Halicki's employees, Gandy was indicted on one count of conspiracy, two counts of auto theft, and two counts of receiving stolen property.

PURCELL, Faren, Brady, and Halicki are awaiting trial on auto theft charges as a result of a preliminary hearing in Los Angeles Municipal Court last Sept. 26. The trial has been scheduled for Nov. 7.

Gandy has not been arrested.

The five men are accused

### Sale of New Bonds Approved

Sale of \$4 million in bonds for the Torrance Unified School District has been approved, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday sold the bonds to the Bank of America at an interest rate of 4.39 per cent. The firm submitted the lowest of four bids, which ranged to a high of 4.5 per cent.

"County supervisors serve as a clearing agency for the sale of school district bonds," Chace said. "The interest rate reflected in the low bid was acceptable to the school district."

The bond sale was authorized by Torrance voters in an election on Nov. 8, 1966.



**SET TO SPARKLE . . .** The El Caminos, El Caminos' precision marching team, show off the new fall costumes they'll sport during half time shows at ECC football games. The costumes are a jeweled, hot pink, micro mini-skirted creation, designed by Miss Suzanne Sears, El Caminos director, and made by the El Caminos power sewing class. Modeling the new outfits are (back, left) Kathy Ventis and Pat Rider and (kneeling, left) Terry Cunningham and Patty Guerin.

### Kidnap Suspect Jailed

Torrance police have arrested an Inglewood man in connection with Thursday's kidnap-rape of a 4½-year-old Hawthorne girl.

The suspect's name, however, is being withheld pending further investigation to determine if he is the actual kidnapper, police said.

The victim, abducted at noon from in front of Madison Elementary School, was located about three hours later by Los Angeles police near Point Fermin Park, San Pedro. She had been sexually assaulted.

POLICE ARRESTED the suspect at his home about 10 p.m., basing their suspicions on the victim's initial remarks that her abductor was a "friend of daddy's." Officers said the child was overwrought by the experience and had to be given a sedative.

She was treated at Harbor General Hospital and released to her parents.

The child was apparently abducted from in front of the school while waiting for her babysitter, who was eight minutes late, police said. Both her parents work.

Police spokesmen said this is the first serious case of child molestation in Torrance since 11-year-old Dorothy Gale Brown was abducted July 3, 1962. Her nude body was found floating off Corona del Mar the following day. Police have never solved the case.

### Jaycees Plan Swearing-In Ceremonies

States and national Jaycee officers, while stopping through California, will touch down Saturday at Long Beach Airport to swear in new members of the Torrance Jaycees.

The ceremonies will be held from 1:30 to 2 p.m. at the Jaycee fire truck at the airport.

### Asks De-Americanization of War

## Blatchford Unveils Vietnam Plan

Joe Blatchford, Republican candidate for Congress in the 17th Congressional District, has called for a de-Americanization of the war in Vietnam through an increased military and diplomatic pressure on the Communists.

In a major position paper released yesterday, Blatchford said the United States "must move to de-Americanize the war's ground effects by replacing American troops with South Vietnamese and South East Asian troops."

The young candidate said America must recognize that "real victory can only be won and can only be sustained by the South Vietnamese themselves."

He also explained that

other Asian nations must in the future be considered as "full allies and equal partners in their fight against Communist aggression."

With American forces off the land, Blatchford said, the United States would be free to direct its efforts in more diplomatic and political areas, "acting as the leader, but not the ruler, of the Free World; as the arsenal of last resort but not as a global policeman."

Blatchford said that he, like most other Americans, would like to "win and end" the war in Vietnam.

"LIKE YOU," he noted, "I am tired of the mistakes and confusion that have marked my country's involvement there. I am dis-

gusted by the lack of direction, the lack of honesty and the lack of common sense displayed by our leaders.

"I am aware of the great costs in lives, money and national spirit; and I recognize that we need a new national direction to work for an immediate conclusion of the war based on the best interests of the United States, South Vietnam and the entire Free World."

In the paper, which is being distributed throughout the district and is available to any who request it, Blatchford emphasized the need to increase American options in the Paris Peace Talks through pressure on Russia, the North Vietnamese, and their Communist allies.

"Rather than increasing cultural missions through Communist nations, we should be limiting our trade with them," he explained.

"Similarly, we should hint and threaten such military options as pursuit into the North or the bombing of Hanoi Harbor. This pressure would not likely end the war by itself, but it could be the decisive 'added point' at the crucial point in negotiations."

The young candidate suggested that a multi-national military force, composed and controlled primarily by South East Asians, be continued within South Vietnam as long as that government asks for it.

"THE MOST important

fact of today's Vietnam is the lesson that we cannot allow it to happen again," Blatchford said.

"The United States must always continue to respond with firm and directed action to stop Communist aggression, but only if asked to step in by a popularly-based government, relatively free of corruption, that was faced with a real Communist threat and was determined to carry on the major fight for themselves.

"Then we can be ready to assist any free nation in its own fight for self-preservation and full progress.

"This is the most precious victory to be won in any war; and it is the peace that must be jealously guarded."

### 11 Months Old

## Work of Guidance Clinic Explained

Development of the child guidance clinic at the South Bay Children's Health Center was described by Mike Robinson, executive director, at a luncheon meeting of the South Bay Harbor Industry-Education Council.

Formed last November, the clinic was an outgrowth

of a survey made of local health needs four years ago, Robinson told the gathering at the Indian Village restaurant.

Results of the survey made by the dental health center indicated that local school districts, and the South Bay community lack-

ed a place where children could talk out their problems, Robinson stated.

SUPPORT for the venture, now in its 11th month, has come from local industry, local service clubs, local school districts, and the United Way.

"By helping youngsters from age 3 to 18 before it's too late," Robinson said, "we hope to keep the crime rate down."

In addition to individual and family counseling, the clinic director pointed out, group therapy is offered to adolescent boys and adolescent girls.

PROFESSIONAL services of a staff of three provided by the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic are supplemented by volunteer service, Robinson stated.

The clinic is the only facility providing this type of service to low to middle-income families, he said. A sliding scale fee of 25 cents (See CLINIC, Page A-2)

### Vets Day Ceremony Scheduled

The 50th Anniversary of Veterans Day will be observed in solemn ceremonies Nov. 11 at the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena, announced Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, honorary chairman.

Keynote speaker will be Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, World War I ace who was present at the signing of the armistice papers which ended the war.

A military band concert will precede the ceremony at 9:30 a.m.

### Stock Market Course Set . . .

A six-week course on the stock market will be offered by the adult education division of the Torrance Unified School District. The class will meet Thursdays at 7 p.m. at South High School, 4891 Pacific Coast Hwy., beginning next Thursday. Donald Sporns of Hayden Stone, Inc., members of the New York Stock Exchange, will teach the class. Emphasis will be on how the market functions, mutual funds, buying and selling securities, and charting techniques.

### Councilmen to Meet . . .

Torrance councilmen will convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday for their regular meeting. The session will be held in the council chambers at the City Hall, 3931 Torrance Blvd.

### Jewelry, Coins Taken . . .

A burglar pried open a bathroom window and escaped with jewelry, coins, and other items valued at nearly \$1,000 from the home of Maxine E. Kendall, 56, of 503 Calle Mayer. Mrs. Kendall told police a pearl necklace, earrings, a watch, a ring watch, and a man's diamond ring were stolen. Also taken was \$75 in cash.