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# CRASH ENDS 110-MPH CHASE

## Youth Hurt As Vehicle Leaves Road

A 17-year-old Hermosa Beach youth was hospitalized here early yesterday after a crash ended a high-speed pursuit which started in Redondo Beach, led along Hawthorne Boulevard at speeds up to 110 miles an hour, to a point on Hawthorne south of Pacific Coast Highway. The teenage driver, identified as Bernard Alfred Barras, was charged with 13 California Vehicle Code violations, and suspicion of auto theft.

Torrance police picked up the chase at Hawthorne Boulevard and Del Amo after Redondo Beach police called for assistance. Redondo officers were in pursuit of the vehicle eastward on 190th Street from that city.

**DURING THE chase**, a Torrance patrol car bumped a vehicle at Torrance Boulevard and Hawthorne, doing only minor damage. The fleeing driver sped through the intersection against the signal, narrowly missing several vehicles, police said. The young driver also sped through red traffic signals at Carson Street, Sepulveda, Lomita Boulevard and at Pacific Coast Highway.

The chase ended as the driver lost control of the vehicle on Hawthorne Avenue south of Newton Street. He failed to negotiate the curve which leads up the hill into Palos Verdes Estates, police said. Among the violations charged to Barras were speeding, reckless driving, failure to stop for traffic signals, failure to stop at stop signs, and violation of the basic speed laws.

**ELSEWHERE** on the traffic front, police reported Friday that a Torrance man received injuries to his left leg when his vehicle was struck by another which apparently was without brakes.

John Stimac, 35, of 23615 Susana, was loading material onto his pickup truck parked in front of his house Friday morning when an auto driven by Jean Lorraine Powers, 16, a South High student who lives at 2642 Grand Summit Road, crashed into the back of the truck. Stimac was standing with his right leg in the bed of the truck, his left on the rear bumper, he said.

**THE POWERS** girl told police she was on her way to school when she heard "a pop" and the brake pedal fell to the floor. She turned from Via Los Altos onto Susana because the road ran uphill. Officers later said the hydraulic brake line had snapped.

Two persons were injured slightly and were scheduled to see their own physicians. (Continued on Page 2)



**HEAD-ON CRASH . . .** A 33-year-old Torrance man was arrested Thursday night for felony drunk driving after his sedan was involved in a head-on crash on Arlington Avenue north of Dominguez. Arrested was Antonio Perez Velardez, 33, of 3647 Garnet. Velardez and a passenger

in his car, Simon Moranga, 42, of 1631 1/2 Havameyer Ln., Redondo Beach, as well as the driver of the other car, Emerson Alfred Hunt, 52, of 2405 W. 170th St., suffered major injuries and were treated at Harbor General Hospital. (Herald Photo)

## Homeowner Reports \$3,000 Loss in Furs, Other Items

Almost \$3,000 in items, including a mink stole and coat, were reported stolen Thursday from the residence of Samuel Longo, 20533 Madrona Ave.

Entry to the home was gained by forcing a lock pin back on a kitchen door. Mrs. Longo told police they had trouble in the past with prowlers.

Taken was a mink stole valued at \$1,500, a mink coat valued at \$1,100, a \$190 typewriter, \$40 cuff links, a \$150 watch and luggage valued at \$24.

About \$4,255 in cash and office equipment was taken Tuesday night from the South-West Tax Service office at 4727 Torrance Blvd. The thieves entered the establishment through a bathroom window.

**HOLLYPARK** National Paint Stores at 20368 Hawthorne Ave., was also entered Tuesday night where about \$1,635 in office equipment and \$140 in cash was taken. The suspect entered through a vent in the roof. Taken was one calculator valued at \$800 and another at \$550 as well as a \$285 adding machine.

Thieves also entered through a bathroom window at the Anchor Mortgage Co., 4729 Torrance Blvd., Tuesday night, where they stole a \$610 typewriter and an adding machine. Desks and lockers were ransacked.

**A WINDOW** was broken Wednesday night to gain entry to a service station at 5230 Sepulveda Blvd., where five books of trading stamps and \$67.47 in cash were taken. A thief was seen Tuesday night making off with \$20 in cash from a box on the gasoline pump island at a service station at 1704 Arlington Ave.

Police arrested two Los Angeles men early Thursday morning on charges of burglary after officers stopped their car at Crenshaw Boulevard and 176th Street and found automobile tires in the vehicle.

**ARRESTED WERE** Forrest Ernest Prince Jr., 32, and Allen Richard Walton, 33. Police said Walton admitted making two trips to a service station at 16520 Crenshaw Blvd., and taking two loads of tires.

When asked where the first load of tires were at, Walton said they were taken to an unknown location in East Los Angeles. Their vehicle was seen leaving the station and the car was stopped by police on Crenshaw Boulevard about 5 a.m.

Wholesale price of the tires taken from the station was placed at \$277.

**TOOLS VALUED** at \$60 were taken from the garage of Bernard G. Korte, 20374 Wayne Ave., he reported to police Friday night. Korte said someone entered the garage through a side door and took a drill motor and a sabre saw from special mountings on the garage wall.

Betty Reuter, 3742 W. 181st St., told police someone entered her home while she was working in the yard Friday afternoon and took \$21 from her purse. Mrs. Reuter said she noted that a side door was open once when she returned to the house and later discovered the money was missing.

### To Speak at Kiwanis

Lt. Gov. Paul Smith will be the guest speaker at the Monday meeting of the Kiwanis Club. A board meeting will follow the regular meeting.

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## City May Lose Bid On College

Fears that Torrance may lose its bid for the new four-year state college were expressed here this week following the announcement that the Trustees of the California State Colleges would hold a public hearing in Sacramento Thursday into the feasibility of placing the college on the Fox Hills Golf Course at the extreme northwest corner of the huge college district. The site reportedly the choice of Assemblyman Jesse M. Unruh, powerful speaker of the Assembly, was one of the first considered by the state but had been virtually eliminated because of technical and legal problems.

A feasibility study on the Fox Hills site, located near Slauson and Sepulveda, will be presented by A. Quincy Jones, consulting architect for the proposed campus. A delegation of city officials will be on hand to push for the Torrance site, Mayor Albert Isen said yesterday.

## Parking at Hospital To Expand

Expansion of the parking facilities at Little Company of Mary Hospital have been started according to Mother Patricia, hospital administrator. Approximately two and a half acres located just north of the hospital, are being prepared and paved by Ernesto Gonzales, grading contractor.

The additional parking will be used primarily by the medical staff and employees of the hospital. A portion of the new parking area has been developed as a helicopter landing pad. It was put into use this week.

## Hot Scoop for Crossword Fans

With today's issue, The HERALD begins publication of a new, larger, and more challenging crossword puzzle.

The larger puzzle, which appears on page 7 today, will be a regular Sunday feature of The HERALD. The solution will be given in another part of the paper each time.

So sharpen your pencil and your wits and have a try at the new HERALD puzzle. We think you will like it.

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"What is the most important thing in life to you?" the Pennies inquirer asked shoppers at Rolling Hills Plaza, Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard.

Mrs. Bill Giller, 25213 Feijo:

"My husband, I think, is the most important thing in my life, and when you are in love nothing else matters."



Mrs. Vincent Benedetta, 2622 Pacific Coast Hwy.:

"Happy home. This means I want my children and my husband to be in good health and I want a good mental outlook on life on the part of the entire family."

Mrs. Henning Olsen, 26323 Eshelman Ave.:

"I think my religion is. My home life is based on it and everyone has a pattern to live by. Religion is the guiding influence and always has been since my childhood."

Daniel Cool, 2916 Dalemead:

"A good life for my children and a good education for them. The children and my wife are my main concern."

Mrs. Henry Thoben, Rolling Hills:

"My husband and three daughters. They are the most important thing to me. I provide for their happiness by just being a good mother and by having a good disposition."

### Reports Mumps

Two cases of measles and one of mumps were reported to the Los Angeles County Health Department for the Torrance area for the week ending Feb. 16.

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### Pair Take \$58 From Navy Man

A 19-year-old sailor attached to the USS Bryce Canyon told police Friday night that two men who offered him a ride in Wilmington had taken \$58 from him at gunpoint in the vicinity of Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor.

Colin M. Sword, on a special pass to visit his parents in Santa Maria, was hitchhiking to that Santa Barbara County city when offered the lift in Wilmington Friday evening, he said.

Two men in a 12-year-old car are being sought as the bandits.

**SWORD SAID** the pair talked very little until the vehicle approached Calle Mayor on the highway. At that point, the passenger turned to Sword in the back seat, showed him a gun, and said, "Give me your money. How much do you have?"

The seaman said he had \$58 and was told to hand his wallet to the front seat passenger. The sailor then was struck across the chin with the gun barrel.

"SHALL I KILL him now," the passenger reportedly asked his companion at the wheel. He (Continued on Page 2)



**FIRST LANDING . . .** Mother Lucy and Sister Margaret Mary watch as Sheriff's Aero Squadron helicopter makes first landing on newly completed landing pad adjacent to Little Company of Mary Hospital. The craft, piloted by Deputy Donald Schnur, landed to deliver wind sock to be installed adjacent to the pad. Sheriff's sergeant Claude Everley presented the flying aid to Mother Mary. (Herald Photo)