

# Gunman Makes Cash Haul in Home Robbery

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# LOCAL MAN HELD IN CONGO



FOSTER A. DAY  
Resigns

## ECC Board Member Resigns

Resignation of Foster A. Day, veteran member of the El Camino College Board of Trustees, was announced by Hilar K. Ashley, board president.

Day's departure from the five-man college board was necessitated by a change of residence. A resident of Redondo Beach for virtually all of his life, Day is moving to the Palos Verdes area.

His departure from the college board will bring to a close what was almost a lifetime identification with the educational facilities of Redondo Beach and the local college district.

Day, who is a graduate of South Bay schools, kindergarten through high school, served on the Board of Redondo Beach city schools for 12 years, including three terms as president.

In 1957 he resigned his position with the Redondo Beach Board to accept the El Camino Junior College district board post vacated by the death of the late James R. Black of Hermosa Beach. During his seven-year term, Day served as president of the board twice, in 1958-59 and 1963-64.

## Coed Will Appear On 'Teen Topics'

El Camino College coed Marilyn Roth will appear on Bill Ballance's "Teen Topics" show today 9:30 to 10:30 p.m.

## Police Seek Suspect Who Knew Family

A 52-year-old North Torrance painter, reportedly accustomed to carrying around large sums of money, was robbed at gunpoint at his home Thursday night, losing neatly packaged bundles of 50- and 100-dollar bills to the bandit.

Anthony John Krieski, of 17023 Casimir, told police the bandit took one Sara wrapped packet of 16 50-dollar bills and another packet containing 15 100-dollar bills, making his total loss \$2,300.

POLICE BEGAN a hunt for a man known by Krieski's step-son, Robert Reynolds, who was aware that the victim usually carried large sums of money.

Krieski said he had just raised the garage door in the alley behind his home Thursday night when a man jumped from behind a nearby fence gate and ordered him into the garage.

THE VICTIM was taken through the garage, and into the house at gunpoint, he said. Inside the house, the gunman tied Krieski's hands and feet with neckties, and was about to fasten a leather belt across his mouth as a gag when the doorbell was rung.

Krieski told his attacker that it was probably his step-son, Reynolds, who was expected.

The gunman fled through the back door of the home and Krieski hobbled to the door and admitted Reynolds.

The victim said the two packets of bills were in his wallet.

## Campaign Truck Tires Slashed

Officials at the Lomita headquarters of Democrats for Goldwater, 2363 Lomita Blvd., reported vandals slashed two tires and pasted signs in windows Thursday night.

The incident, believed to have occurred about midnight, was reported to Los Angeles Sheriff's deputies Friday.

## Scholarship Examination Set at THS

Juniors at Torrance High School who want to take the 1965-66 National Merit Scholarship qualifying examinations should register now at the school office, Dr. Carl Ahee, principal, has announced.

The test will be given at the school Saturday, March 13, 1965. Students who will graduate from high school in 1966 and enter college the same year are eligible to take the examinations.

A fee of \$1, payable at the time of application, is required. Students will be given a handbook after the examination which will aid them in understanding test results.

—Vote Tuesday—

## Spartan Pep Squad Unit Wins Honors

Flag twirlers from South High won first place at the Auxiliary Units Festival at Arroya High School in El Monte.

Lynn Babcock, Trudy Craine, Reta Hancock, Marsha Reich, Linda Huysen, and Jill Toler make up the Spartan pep squad unit. The competed with flag twirlers from 20 other Southern California high schools.

Routines were judged on the basis of originality and percussion and individual performance. The South High group did their routine to the strains of the "Notre Dame Fight Song."



A ROYAL COURT . . . Nanci Barnard (center) is surrounded by the four princesses who will help her reign over homecoming festivities at Torrance High Friday, Nov. 13. With Nancy are: Dana Walinsky, Sandy Enoch, Janet Kimbrell, and Pam Fleming. The five finalists were announced at a rally Friday afternoon.

(Press-Herald Photo)

## City Council to Discuss Federal Funds for Parks

Action on a request by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro for participation in a federal program designed to increase recreation facilities in the city is expected Wednesday when the City Council convenes at 5:30 p.m.

Ferraro is asking the council

to approve an application for funds under the federal government's "Open Space" program. The matter was delayed last week when several councilmen indicated they wanted to study the matter.

The Open Space program

designed to aid cities in the acquisition of parks, beaches, and other open sites for recreational areas. A federal subvention of up to 20 per cent of the land costs is available for sites which qualify under the requirements of the program.

Ferraro said the city is now considering or negotiating for the acquisition of four sites which would qualify for federal funds. They include the Hickory Park site, the Lomita Barrow Pit, a landfill site near Madrona Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard, and the Freeway Park site on 186th Street.

Savings to the city of \$325,000 is possible under the program, Ferraro said, if all four sites qualify and are purchased. The savings, he noted, is the equivalent of 13 cents on the city's property tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

Whatever the result of Wednesday's vote on the application, the council will not be unanimous. Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. served notice last week he would vote against the program. Sciarrotta, while voting for the urban renewal program two weeks ago, said he favored it because of the "nature of the project," but said he would not be in favor of

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## City Depending on Drain Bond

Torrance voters have a real stake in one of several bond issue measures on Tuesday's ballot.

The measure will be about the last item on the long ballot—listed under the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. The bond issue provides for \$275 million to be used for numerous county storm drain projects.

If the measure is adopted by the voters, Torrance stands to gain substantial returns. Nearly \$2.7 million has been earmarked for construction of storm drains within the City of Torrance. An additional \$10.8 million now earmarked for regional projects in the Southwest area will benefit Torrance residents.

Of the \$275 million in bonds, a total of \$194 million will be used for storm drain

construction which will aid specific areas in the county. The remaining \$81 million is to be used for engineering fees and right-of-way acquisition.

City Councilmen have adopted an official resolution of support for Proposition C, and the Chamber of Commerce also has urged the approval of the bonds.

Construction of the projects will be programmed over an eight-year period, beginning in 1966. The 1958 Flood Control District bond issue is now in its seventh year in a planned eight-year program. The new bonds would enable the district to continue work without any interruption.

There is no specific area of the city which will benefit more than another area. Proj-

ects are scheduled which will serve the Riviera area, the South Torrance oil fields, the Victor Precinct, and North Torrance.

By far, the largest local project involves the construction of a line between Sepulveda Boulevard and 235th Street in Arlington Avenue. Connecting lines in the 235th Street right-of-way will carry water from Pennsylvania Avenue to the eastern edge of the city.

Another major line will be built along Ocean Avenue to carry water from the hills above WALTERIA to a sump on Hawthorne Avenue.

Among the regional projects authorized under the \$275 million proposal is a "Y" shaped line which would carry water from the Victor Precinct to the Pacific Ocean.

A second major regional storm drain is designed to take water runoff from the hills above Torrance Municipal Airport to the ocean by way of a drain in Anaheim street.

Completion of the major local projects would go a long way toward eliminating the major flood areas in Torrance. The projects, when completed, would eliminate eight of 13 planned sumps in the city—returning those properties to the tax rolls and eliminating a serious source of nuisance and danger.

The bonds would be retired over a 30-year period at a maximum cost to taxpayers of 10 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The effect of increased property taxes would be about \$7.50 per year on property selling for \$30,000.

The maximum increase is expected about 1967, and the tax rate would decrease over the life of the bonds.

Recent studies by the city have shown a deficiency of storm drains valued at \$15 million. Completion of the projects under the 1964 bond issue obviously would mark a significant stride toward the elimination of that deficiency.

Similar studies also have shown that construction of the proposed storm drains by the city, rather than through the county Flood Control District, is financially impossible within the foreseeable future.

Torrance is not the only city which will benefit from the passage of Proposition C, but it can be said that most local taxes paid on the bonds will be returned to Torrance.

## Missionary Captured by Communists

Dr. Paul E. Carlson, a medical missionary serving in The Congo, has been captured by rebels and is now awaiting trial on charges of being a U. S. major, according to reports from the African nation.

Dr. Carlson was captured by Communist-backed rebels after he returned to his mission, located in the Ubangi area of Equator Province. His wife, Lois, two children, and a nurse fled the mission and are reported safe in the neighboring Central African Republic.

U. S. Embassy officials had urged missionaries in the area of the Congo to leave their stations before rebel troops arrived, but Dr. Carlson returned because of the great need for medical services. He felt he could escape if rebel troops approached.

HE WAS captured Sept. 20 near Yakoma, on the northern frontier of the Congo. He apparently will be tried before a military court of the Communist-backed "Congolese People's Republic."

The Carlson family had lived at 21402 Budlong Ave. prior to their departure in August, 1962. They were given extensive training in England and arrived in the Congo in August, 1963. It was Dr. Carlson's second trip to the Congo. He had served there as a volunteer with the Congo-Protestant Relief Agency in the fall of 1961.

A resident of Torrance for six years, Dr. Carlson served his internship at Harbor General Hospital and was a surgical resident at the hospital for four years. At the time he left for the Congo, Dr. Carlson maintained offices in Redondo Beach.

His wife is a registered

nurse and had been helping at the mission. The couple have two children, Wayne, 9, and Lynette, now 6. Jody Lavahn, the nurse at the mission, fled with Mrs. Carlson and the two children.

Dr. Carlson served in the Navy between 1946 and 1948. That is his only service record, a fact which the International Red Cross has relayed to Stanleyville, the rebel capital.

On the evening he was captured, Dr. Carlson reported he was treating rebel wounded. According to the radio report he made, he was unharmed, but under house arrest.

A MEMBER of the Rolling Hills Covenant Church, Dr. Carlson was serving at the mission under sponsorship of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America. This is his first missionary assignment.

Dr. Carlson was interviewed by the Press-Herald prior to his departure two years ago. In response to a question about his reasons for making the trip, he said:

"One can't come back from an African visit like mine without feeling his Christian responsibility tremendously. In Africa, I knew I was doing something that wouldn't get done if I weren't there. Here, there are plenty of men who can do the job I'm doing."

## Safety Council to Meet ---

Attorney Charles F. Catterlin, city prosecutor and former president of the South Bay Bar Assn., will address members of the Torrance Safety Council at a luncheon meeting Monday on the topic, "Driving Privileges and Your Responsibility." The luncheon will be held at The Palms in downtown Torrance.

## School Board to Meet ---

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District will abandon their usual meeting place at district offices for the second time this year when they convene Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Torrance High cafeteria. While board meetings are always open, Dr. Kurt Shery, president, extended a special invitation to people living in the Torrance High area.

## Auditorium Report Due ---

Economics Research Associates, hired by the city to conduct a feasibility study on the proposed civic auditorium, has asked for an informal meeting with the City Council Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. Purpose of the meeting is to present the council with a detailed report on the first phase of the study and to determine whether the second phase will be undertaken.

## Tartars Win First Game ---

Torrance High won its first football game of the year by defeating West High, 13-0, Friday evening. Details of the game will be found on today's sport page, A-8. Count Marco and Ann Landers, other popular Press-Herald features, are on page A-5 today, and Stan Delaplane and Art Hoppe are on page A-4.