

Burglars Ransack Three Homes, Beer Bar

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LEAD FIREMEN . . . Newly elected officers of the Torrance Fire Fighters Association are (from left) Capt. Donald H. Lamb, president; Engineer Richard L. DeArmitt, first vice president; fireman Denny Haas, secretary-treasurer, and En. Chief John Agapito, second vice president. Other members of the board of trustees include C. Ray Flagg, Donald Holz, Tracey Dale, Albert Salcido, Gregory Powell, and Howard Schneider. (Press-Herald Photo)

Harbor Hospital Given \$121,000 Cancer Grant

Thieves Hit Coin Machines

Three Torrance homes and a beer bar were hit Friday by burglars who escaped with property worth more than \$2,300—including some \$500 in cash.

Most of the cash was taken from coin-operated machines at a South Torrance bar, police said. Burglars entered the bar, located at 23900 S. Crenshaw Blvd., between 2:15 and 10 a.m. Friday and pried open the coin boxes on two pool tables and several vending machines.

Clement Des Coteaux reported the burglary to police, who said as much as \$450 in coins may have been taken.

TWO HOMES in the South Torrance area also were hit. Cameras, jewelry, and about \$50 in cash were taken from the home of Akira Ishibashi at 23909 Pennsylvania Ave., police reported. Ishibashi told officers he left the home about 7:30 Friday evening and returned at 10:25 to find the house ransacked.

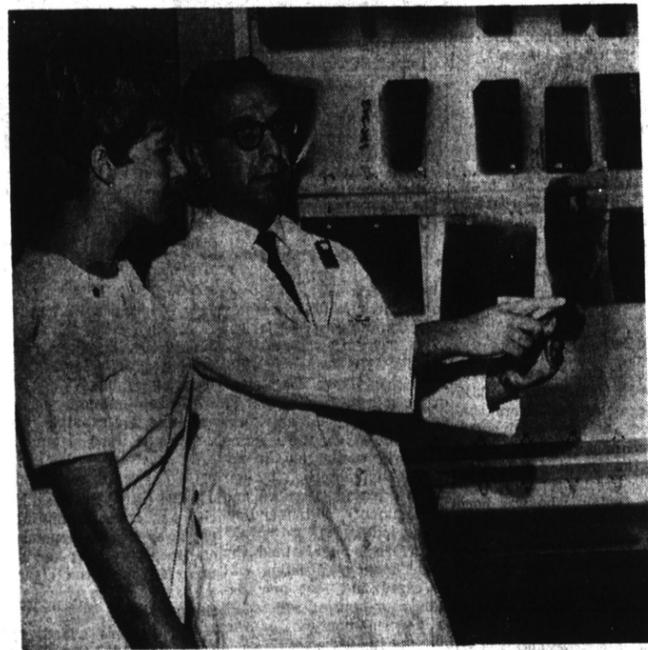
Officers said the burglars used some kind of pry tool to force open a door, then hauled the loot from the house in a pillow case. The loss was set at \$740—including two piggy banks.

THE SECOND burglary occurred at 1854 W. 243rd Place sometime between noon and 9:30 p.m. Friday police reported.

The burglars ransacked closets in a bedroom and the den after forcing their way into the house, officers said. Jewelry and other items valued at \$950 was taken, but the thieves overlooked several other valuable items, police said.

THIEVES entered the home of Salvador Araguella at 2065 W. 186th St. About 11 a.m. and took a television set and other items worth \$227.

Police said the thieves reached through a dog access door and unlocked the rear door to the Araguella home. An electric clock which had been unplugged established the time of the burglary at 11:05 a.m., officers said.



EXPLAINS PROGRAM . . . Dr. Aaron Fingerhut, chief radiation therapist at Harbor General Hospital, checks x-ray with Mrs. Mary Lou Collins, radiological technologist, during explanation of the cancer research program which will be carried out at the hospital.

To Open Training Program

A federal grant of \$121,000 has been made to Harbor General Hospital to finance a training program in the early detection of breast cancer.

The local hospital is the only one in Southern California to participate in the program recently inaugurated by the Cancer Control Branch of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Eleven other U. S. hospitals will share in the grants announced this week.

Radiologists and x-ray technicians will be trained in procedures involved in the early x-ray investigation of breast cancer.

THE GRANT was issued in the names of Dr. William Weidner, chief radiologist, and Dr. Aaron G. Fingerhut, chief radiation therapist at Harbor General Hospital. Dr. Weidner also is an associate professor in radiology and Dr. Fingerhut is an assistant professor at UCLA, the hospital's medical affiliate.

"This program is to establish a medical training center in procedures in mammography," Dr. Weidner said. "This is an x-ray investigation of early cancer attacks of the breast. Early detection is vital if cure is to be affected," he said.

THE PLANS call for the training of 60 radiologists and x-ray technicians the first year, the Press-Herald was told at the hospital. During the first three years, the program is designated to train 200 in each field.

The program is scheduled to begin April 1, Dr. Weidner said.

Senior Named Top Homemaker

Terry Ramos, a senior at Torrance High School, has been selected as the "Homemaker of the Year" at Torrance High.

Miss Ramos scored highest in the contest at the school and is now eligible to compete for statewide honors.

The contest is sponsored annually in high schools throughout the nation.

Ferraro Says 1967 Is an 'Action Year'

The year 1967 is the "action year" for Torrance, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro declared Thursday.

Ferraro, addressing the Torrance Chamber of Com-

merce, said decisions will be made and projects initiated "that will help set the city's pace throughout the year 2000."

He predicted the city "will suddenly blast into the regional city status" during the year as commercial and industrial activity increases and population continues to grow. All of this will create new demands for services and bring with it new problems, he declared.

AMONG THE major projects envisioned for 1967, Ferraro said, are:

- Development of a comprehensive master plan which will reflect "the community's thoughts as to the type of city it wishes to have in the years to come."

- Initiation of the "Housing Conservation Program" designed to protect the city from blight. He said about 50 per cent of the housing units in the city are 10 to 15 years old and that the city "can no longer depend on new construction to protect it from blight."

- Renewed efforts toward beautification of the city, including landscaping major streets, consideration of a new sign ordinance, and "the leap into problems of railroad and oil well aesthetics."

- Definition of the city's long-range recreational needs including the use of some Edison Co. right-of-way areas for parks playgrounds, the expansion of the Torrance Beach, and the acquisition of a new park in the Southeast section of the city.

- Consideration of a new municipal rubbish dump adjacent to the city yard at Madonna Street and Del Amo Boulevard—a site which, if acquired by the city and used as a dump, eventually would be converted into a regional park of some 40 acres.

- Submission of a \$2.3 million bond issue to the voters in preparation for the establishment of a municipal

library system here on July 1, 1968.

- Initiation of the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project—hearings to determine if the city shall proceed with the project, to be financed by federal and local funds, will be held Feb. 6.

IN ADDITION, Ferraro said, the completion of the new Southwest Superior Courts building and the relocation of both the Superior and Municipal Courts in that facility is expected. A new fire station already is under construction and other public works projects are in the planning stages, he said.

Ferraro also said more citizens will be involved in the work of the city. A citizen's committee to review the charter is to be named and a temporary committee on the arts will be asked to make suggestions to improve the cultural life of the city.

The city manager said the Southern California economy will be prosperous, with jobs continuing at high levels and (See FERRARO on A-2)

Robbers Take \$14 From Man

Two men robbed an elderly Torrance man of \$14 Friday morning while he was walking in the downtown Torrance area.

Police said Raymond B. Taylor, 68, of 1917 Cabrillo St., was walking west on Carson Street near Border Avenue when he was suddenly grabbed from behind.

One of the suspects held Taylor while a second man took his wallet, police said. Both men ran in an easterly direction and disappeared, Taylor told police.

The wallet contained \$14 and miscellaneous identification papers, officers said.

'Y' Secretary, Wife Head Trip

Joe Wilcox, executive secretary of the Torrance Family YMCA, and his wife Mary Lou, have been named co-directors of the YMCA of Los Angeles' exchange trip to the Orient this summer. The group will be composed of 25 high school and college coeds from the Los Angeles area.

The Wilcoxes are busy recruiting the final eight of these YMCA young adults for this "once in a lifetime" adventure. "It is more than a tour," Wilcox said, "for the group will serve as diplomats for the United States; for Los Angeles (the Sister City of Nagoya, Japan); and the YMCA." A series of "world brotherhood" encounters are

planned in the many countries through which the trek passes.

THE YOUNG people presently signed up for the trip are busy learning the language and customs of Japan, but are also being advised by the Wilcoxes to study up on America.

The tour departs July 10, and returns Aug. 26, visiting Hawaii, the Philippines, Malaysia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, and Alaska. The group will cover some 22,000 miles in all.

This trip is open to all YMCA members in the West. Costs will be shared by the group. For further information call Joe Wilcox at the YMCA.

HOMEOWNERS MOVE

Petitions Ask End To Urban Renewal

Petitions which call for the rejection of plans for the Meadow Park Urban Renewal project have been sent to a dozen of the city's homeowner organizations on the heels of a homeowner uprising over forced inspection of the city's homes.

Prepared by a citizens' group calling itself A.C.T. for Active Citizens of Torrance, the petitions are being circulated for presentation to the councilmen when they meet at the Redevelopment Agency for Torrance at a public hearing on the renewal project on Monday night, Feb. 6.

THE PETITION merely calls for the rejection of the Meadow Park plan.

"We firmly believe that certain aspects of Urban Renewal are an infringement upon our civil and property rights," a petition prologue claims.

In a letter to the homeowners groups of the city, Jeanette Altermatt, president of A.C.T., warned that delay

Long Beach Man Unhurt In Collision

An elderly man escaped unhurt early Friday morning after his car knocked down a traffic signal at Maple Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

Paul Willard Adams, 65, of Long Beach, was not hurt in the crash, Torrance police said.

Officers said Adams was driving west on Sepulveda Boulevard about 4:30 a.m. Friday when he apparently lost control of his car and struck the signal.

Elderly Woman Faints, Suffers Minor Injuries

An elderly Long Beach woman who apparently fainted while shopping in Torrance Thursday has been released from Harbor General Hospital following treatment for her injuries.

Viola Morris, 81, was rushed to the hospital shortly before 1:30 p.m. Thursday after she collapsed in a Western Avenue department store. A hospital spokesman said the woman was treated for lacerations suffered when she fell, and then released.

Planner Elected to Post

Kenneth Uyeda, who has just been appointed to his fourth term as a member of the city's Planning Commission, has been elected vice chairman of the Los Angeles County Association of Planning Officials. The organization is composed of representatives of the 76 cities in Los Angeles County and the county. L. S. Baca, chairman of the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission, is president of the association. Uyeda, who has served 12 consecutive years on the Torrance commission without missing a meeting, also is chairman of the Southwest Area Planning Commission of Los Angeles County. David Halstead has been re-elected president of the Torrance Planning Commission.

Councilmen to Meet

Torrance councilmen will convene Tuesday at 8 p.m. for their regular weekly meeting. Councilmen will consider a request to permit the construction of a drive-in theater near Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, but a decision on the matter is expected to be delayed for at least 30 days. The theater plan has received the approval of the city's Planning Commission, but the Planning Department has asked that it be denied.



FRED BENSON Plans Fete

Dedication Slated for New Courts

Attorney Fred Benson, immediate past president of the South Bay Bar Association, has been named general chairman of the Torrance-South Bay County Courts Building dedication committee.

The new \$4.4 million facility, located at 825 Maple Ave., will be dedicated in April, Supervisor Burton W. Chace has announced.

Benson said his committee will not be able to establish a firm date "until we get a closer estimate on the completion of construction."

IN ADDITION to his work with the South Bay Bar Association, Benson serves as a director of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and is a member of the American (See COURT on A-2)