

# Burglar Lugs Away Weighty Load of Coins

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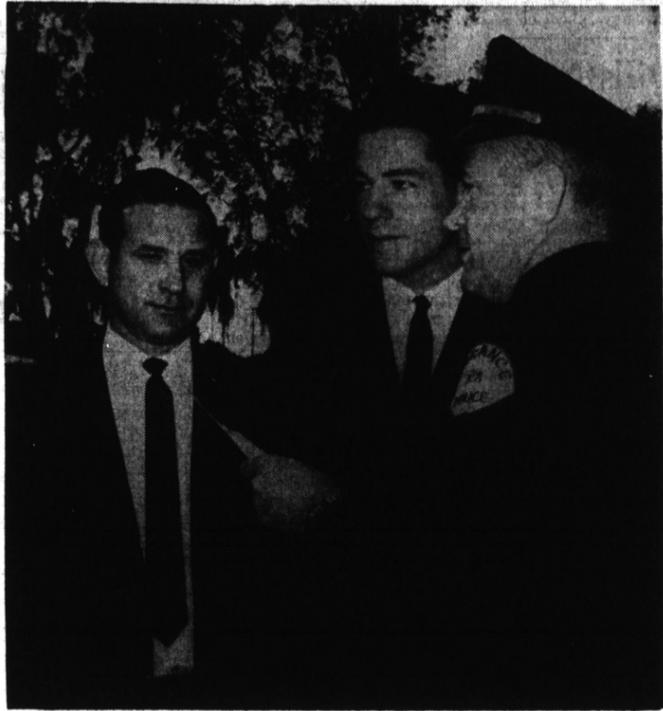


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**SCHOLARSHIP PAYS . . .** North High School graduating senior Jim Krause, (center) receives \$500 scholarship from the Torrance Police Officers Association from Lt. Darrell Lanham (right) and Officer Phil Joseph. Krause will use the Sgt. W. R. Lewis Memorial Scholarship to pursue theology studies in college. (Press-Herald Photo)

## \$500 Police Scholarship Goes to Senior at North

North High School graduating senior Jim Krause, 18, of 3435 W. Artesia Blvd., was presented with the Sgt. W. R. Lewis Memorial Scholarship of \$500 Wednesday by the Torrance Police Officers Association.

Although Krause has not decided which college to attend, he said the award will be used for the first year of college work at either Pacific

### SCHOOL'S OUT!

## 18,000 Will Return Tomorrow

Torrance schools released 18,000 students for summer vacation Friday, but for nearly 18,000 students this will only be a two-day vacation. The reason for this short break from duties is six weeks of summer school beginning Monday and extending until July 28.

Although over half of the district's students will be returning, school officials expect the enrollment to drop from a projected 40 students per classroom to 35 to 30 students per classroom because of summer activities.

But, the district has hired summer teachers for both high school and elementary instruction who are prepared to teach 40 students per class, according to Dr. Lloyd Jones, curriculum consultant.

As one of the largest sum-

## Robbery Suspects Scuffle With Police; Four Nabbed

Four men were arrested early Thursday morning on assorted charges ranging from armed robbery to battery on a Torrance policeman after police spotted the group hurriedly leaving a gas station telephone booth.

Booked on suspicion of armed robbery by Torrance police were Michael and Steven Scoggins, 18809 Avalon Blvd.; Michael Vanderslice, 20, of 237 E. 189th St., Gar-

# Head Start 'Cut Back' Rumors Trigger Uproar

## Thief Lugs Away Coins Worth \$239

A thief lugged away over \$239 in coins during a daylight burglary of Steven Leasko's home at 4503 Darien Ave., Monday using a hair-dryer case to haul away the loot.

Police said the thief entered a rear door after breaking a window and took \$200 in quarters and approximately \$39 in other small change from a bedroom.

Leasko said he had jars filled with the coins for use in his business scattered around the room, some of which were only partially stolen. He said that there was so much change that the thief couldn't carry some jars containing pennies.

"They didn't even search the hallway or disturb any other section of the house," Leasko said.

He reflected that the thief must have been "pretty desperate for money."

"If it was some kid, he's going to be walking around with a lot of change in his pocket," the victim surmised. Leasko said he was offering a \$50 reward for information to the thief's capture.



**NEW AIDE . . .** Democrat Assemblyman L. E. "Larry" Townsend (seated), has announced the appointment of Charles R. "Chuck" Dobbins of Lawndale as his administrative assistant in the 67th Assembly District. Dobbins, a 15-year veteran of Democratic Party activity, succeeds Margaret Hemrick who resigned for reasons of health. The new aide will be in charge of Townsend's field office here at 18436 S. Hawthorne Blvd.

## Church Has Two-Day Stake Meet

A two-day series of meetings concerning the welfare program and youth activities will continue through today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Representing church headquarters in Salt Lake City will be Elder Daken K. Broadhead of the Churchwide Committee and Mrs. Mrs. Vauna S. Jacobsen of the Primary Board.

Meetings today will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Stake Center, 4110 W. 226th St., with Ronald E. Gagon, Stake president, in charge.

## Officials Blame 'Communications'

By ED FREUDENBURG  
Press-Herald Staff Writer

A lack of communication between supervisors of the St. Joseph Church's Head Start program and mothers of the Pueblo Community Center resulted in mass confusion over the future of the Del Amo Boulevard center Friday.

Rumors that the center was being closed down without notice, after a truck was sent to pick up some furniture, spread through the church's neighborhood Friday afternoon but were later said to be completely false by director of the Council of Mexican-American Affairs.

Confusion over what was to be returned to the Council and who was to continue the program during the summer brought several members of the Pueblo Center, some of which have children in the St. Joseph program, to the church to await for the truck to return for the furniture during the afternoon.

But, Director Leonard Pacheco said that the Mexican-American Council was not going to move the center to any other Head Start district and that the furniture will not be moved.

**THE PICK** up of furniture from the center at 2314 Del Amo Blvd. was to be only for a surplus of material due to a smaller summer program, Pacheco said. Head Start was to have one class during the summer, because of the number of children enrolled, but Pacheco said Friday that there will be two classes similar to non-summer operation.

Confusion over why the furniture was being taken by the Mexican-American Council began when a truck was dispatched to the church to pick up furniture during the last day of class.

According to Toby Yunquez, member of the Pueblo Center, teachers at the center barred the men from coming into the building and taking the furniture by locking the gates. She also said she understood that everything, including d o n a t e d furniture

and materials, was to be taken by the warehousemen.

PACHECO later said this was a completely false impression.

"We're mad at the way we found about the changes. Last Friday, they told us that the program would be held," said Armida Grajeda, vice-president of the Pueblo Center.

"We want to find out how they can come in and take everything without notification, she continued.

Teacher at the site, Jo Ann Scribner, who was expected to instruct class Monday said, "I don't know if there is going to be a program Monday."

SHE SAID she was under the impression that the Federation of Settlements and Centers was going to take over the program because of its proximity to the Del Amo church.

Cliff Hutter, director of the Federation of Settlements for the South Bay area, said that there were no immediate plans to take over the Head Start program, but he would do all he could to keep the program going if necessary.

"That center is the only one that is part of the Mexican-American program in the area. We even have centers that are north of the Del Amo area," he said.

CONFUSION was further compounded during the afternoon at the church when district Supervisor Rosemary Brown informed the group that the Mexican-American Council was leaving the area because they had opened another center more centrally located to its district.

She said she was informed that the Federations of Settlements was going to take over as of Monday. Director Pacheco of the Mexican-American Council later said this was incorrect.

But, late Friday afternoon, mothers of the Pueblo Center had not been informed of this inaccuracy.

THE HEAD Start program (See HEAD START on A-2)



**THE ROYAL TEENS . . .** Winners of a 2-hour final round of competition in the recent Battle of the Bands sponsored by the Downtown Torrance Lions Club were the Royal Teens, who won over three other finalists for the "big beat" title. Members of the band shown here include Jim Whittle, lead guitar; Sam Chiroco, guitar; Joe Campo, bass guitar; and Evan Zang, drums. Chiroco's mother manages the group.

### Instructor Honored . . .

William T. Mooney Jr. of Torrance, an El Camino College science instructor for 17 years, has been named as one of four college and university chemistry teachers to receive a medal, a citation, and \$1,000 from the Manufacturing Chemists Association. Kenneth Rush, chairman of MCA and president of Union Carbide Corp., made the presentation. Selection of Mooney was the first time a two-year college instructor has been named. Other winners were in Tennessee, Indiana, and Arizona.

### Breathmobile Opens Monday . . .

Community queens will set an example for area residents Monday when the new Breathmobile of the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association is set up at Harbor General Hospital. The new unit, equipped with the latest machines used in detecting early indications of such respiratory disturbances as emphysema, tuberculosis, heart malfunctions, and other respiratory diseases, will be at Harbor General Hospital until June 30. Among the community beauties scheduled to visit the testing unit Monday is Marcia Reich, Torrance princess.