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# CAR BACKS OVER, KILLS CHILD

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"Would you like to have seat belts installed in the family car?" the Pennies photographer asked.

Mrs. Herbert Walbert, 2804 Armour Lane, Redondo Beach: "Yes, I think they are a wonderful idea. My daughter is definitely going to get them in her small foreign model car because she needs them for added protection since she does have a small car."

Mrs. Robert McElhose, 1204 Felbar Ave.: "We have them in our car and mainly use them on freeways and trips. A friend of mine was thrown from a car and I am sure she would not have been hurt if she had been using a seat belt."

Mrs. Gregory Penn, 20557 Avis Ave.: "Yes, I'd like to have them in our car. Only trouble is we have three cars and it would be kind of expensive to have them installed in all three. We know we should have them. My 23-year-old sister was killed in an automobile accident and I feel if she had not been thrown from the car she would have survived."

Mrs. Albert Baxter Jr., 26920 Indian Peak Road, Palos Verdes Estates: "Yes. We have two children who fight. Seat belts would be a good idea to keep them apart. Actually we realize the need for seat belts and my husband is sold on their safety factor."

Mrs. Alex Mutch, Manhattan Beach: "Yes. We do not have them but would like to. We know people who save them and use them every time they get in the car. We might not faithfully use them though if we had seat belts."

### Car Lot Burgled

Theft of \$65 from the cash register in a parts room at Larry Reed Sports Cars, 19109 Hawthorne Avenue, was reported to police Thursday morning. Entry to the parts room was gained during the night by prying open a door.



### NEW MEMBER . . .

City Manager Wade E. Peebles, left, presents a check to Bill Forrest, YMCA Century Club president, and becomes a member of the group. The Century Club is composed of persons who donate \$100 or more to the YMCA. Torrance YMCA's annual fund drive starts next month. Goal will be \$40,000 which is \$5,000 more than last year's goal. The Century Club, which now has about 60 members, is aiming for a membership of 200. (Herald Photo)

## Coeds to Attend Science Symposium

A science symposium sponsored by various air-space agencies for the purpose of encouraging girl students to enter scientific careers relating to space will be attended by three local high school science students and their teachers on Feb. 22.

Representing North High School will be senior Pamela Schummer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schummer, 17307 Yukon St.; senior Ann Coulter of South High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coulter, 4606 Paseo De Las Tortugas; and Torrance High School senior Melinda Capps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Capps, 2850 El Dorado. Accompanying the girls will be local teachers from the three high schools, Miss Carmelita Rous — SHS, Paul Hawkins — NHS, and John Knapp — THS.

Objectives of the symposium are to encourage girl students to enter scientific careers, particularly those relating to space, to explain what such careers entail and to develop a program for interesting more students in science and engineering professions.

"The Los Angeles symposium is an historical first," said Miss Thomas, author of the "Men of Space" book series. "It will set a pattern for other symposia to be conducted in principal cities throughout the country."

"The future of this country and the welfare of the free world depends upon our success in space," General Irvine told a news conference at the Ambassador Hotel. "There is not room in our country for anything but a fully cooperative, urgently motivated, all out effort for space leadership — a responsibility in which the women of the nation share."

### THE RETIRED general

who advanced through engineering and flying assignments to key commands during the buildup of U.S. air power in World War II, Korea and since, is now a space industry executive, vice president of Avco Corp. Shirely Thomas, organizer and chairman of the symposium, said the event will launch a nationwide movement to enlist added brainpower in America's space effort by bringing

## Bandit In \$203 Robbery

A neat, well-dressed bandit, wearing a gun stuck in the waistband of his trousers, robbed the manager of a downtown Torrance hotel Friday evening, fleeing with more than \$200 in cash.

Minnie F. Thomas, manager of the Pride Hotel at 1806 Cabrillo Ave., told investigating officers that she was watching television about 9:30 p.m. Friday when she heard the front door open and someone enter. She went to check and was met by the neatly dressed man who said, "This is a stick up. Give me all your money."

THE VICTIM said she started at the man, whom she described as about 6 feet tall, 180 lbs., and 24 years of age. He started to pull the gun out of his trouser waistband, she told officers.

"Don't pull the gun, I'll give you the money," she told the gunman.

MRS. THOMAS took the hotel cash box out of a drawer and set it upon the counter, she told officers. The gunman noted that some money had been left in the drawer where it had been placed under the cash box.

"There's more. I want all of it," she said the gunman told her. The victim estimated there was \$203 taken from the cash box and drawer. She said he left and a short time later she heard a car drive away.

## Y Board Rejects Property

Two acres of land at Lomita Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue have been rejected as a site for a YMCA.

YMCA directors voted against the site because of the Torrance Airport flight pattern which went over the property, Dr. Allen Pyeat, board president, said.

Thirty-five board members were at the session Thursday night and cast a consensus vote against the site.

At the same time, the board divided into seven groups, with three to five members in each group, to consider seven other sites.

The board will meet Saturday to select a location. The meeting is scheduled for 7 a.m. in a restaurant at 21710 Hawthorne Ave.

## Torrance Man Admits Bombs

A 20-year-old Torrance man has been identified as one of two persons who have confessed being responsible for a series of bomb explosions in Long Beach in recent weeks.

Perry Joe Hensley, who gave his address as 21909 S. Avalon Blvd., was arrested with Richard Frank Lester, Long Beach, following an investigation by Long Beach police. The pair said the bombings were motivated by revenge.



### NUCLEAR DEVICE . . .

Don Mears demonstrates a hydrodensimeter, a nuclear device to determine density and moisture content of compacted materials used in highway fill, base and pavement construction. The device was demonstrated this week on the San Diego Freeway, which is under construction, for private contractors, soil engineers and highway department personnel. (Herald Photo)

## Scramble Develops For Election Forms

Fourteen nominating petitions were issued by the city clerk's office here during the first two days of the 1962 nominating period, and one has been returned to start the ball rolling toward the April 10 municipal elections.

First to complete and return a nominating petition was Herma Tillim, who filed Friday afternoon to become a candidate for the office of city clerk.

PROVIDING fodder for speculation around the city hall was the issuance of two petitions each to Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Willys Blount, rated at this point as leading possibilities for the mayor's race. Blount indicated that one petition was for mayor and the other for council, but did not indicate which he expected to file. Mayor Isen gave no hint of what his plans were.

OTHERS TAKING petitions included Jane Hogue, who took out a petition for her husband, R. (Pat) Hogue, for mayor; Stewart (Bud) Rose, John Barton, and James Cicchini for city council; incumbent Harriett Leach and Fred Spangler for city treasurer; and George Morehart, Charles Deck, Rose Craig, and Herma Tillim for city clerk. At stake in the April 10

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## Doctors Try Three Hours To Save Tot

Doctors at Harbor General Hospital waged a futile three-hour fight Friday to save the life of an 18-month-old girl who was injured when her uncle backed his car over her in front of her Torrance home.

Despite the three-hour fight for her life, Andrea Rita Martinez, daughter of Mrs. Helen Soler, 23113 Meyler St., died of her injuries.

The toddler had no heart-beat when she arrived at Harbor General Hospital, but surgeons managed to restore it by massaging her heart. The small girl's heart failed a second time, however.

THE CHILD was injured when her uncle, Pete G. Mojarro, 32, of San Pedro, backed up his car in front of her mother's home. Mojarro said the first he realized something was wrong was when he heard a bump as the car hit her.

Graveside services for the girl have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday at All Souls Cemetery, Long Beach.

IN ADDITION to her mother, she is survived by her father, John Martinez of Long Beach; a brother, Angelo; four sisters, Yolanda, Mary Ann, Esperanza, and Tina Louise; her grandmothers, Mrs. Mary Camarena of Madera and Mrs. Utemia Martinez of Harbor City. Tuesday's services are under the direction of the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary of Torrance.

## Bandit Takes \$70 in Cash

A revolver-toting bandit robbed a Lomita drive-in dairy clerk of \$70 shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday. Clerk David R. Clutter, 19, working at the dairy at 24825 Narbonne Ave., told deputies a man walked in and ordered a quart of chocolate milk.

When Clutter returned with the milk, the man displayed the revolver tucked into the waistband of his trousers and told Clutter to hand him the money from the cash register.

After getting the money, the bandit strolled away, Clutter said.



CITY WIDE PROGRAM . . . Hamilton sixth grader Eric Slagle shows his bicycle riding skill for, left to right, Dale Wickstrom, principal; John Ferraiolo, fireman from headquarters station, and Don Hartel, police department traffic safety officer. The police, fire departments and PTA's are cooperating in the first citywide bicycle safety program which was kicked off this week at Hamilton School. (Herald Photo)