

# Armed Robber Hits Local Market

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# SCHOOL TAXES CUT 16 CENTS

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

Five youngsters at Sea-Aire Park were asked, "How are you spending the summer vacation?"

Mike Petter, 21205 Palos Verdes Blvd., 9: "I'm going to summer school at Anza School. After classes, I come to the park and take a craft class or play on the swings or in sand. I have made a lot of things, and that is what I enjoy."

Ellen Brady, 18816 Yukon Ave., 7: "I am going to craft classes every week, and we will leave soon on our vacation. My mother and father are taking my brother and me to Sequoia Park for a camping trip. I think I'll like that."

Steve Petter, 21205 Palos Verdes Blvd., 7: "In the morning I go to summer school and then I come to the park for craft classes. I like to make things. We have already gone to the Kern River on a vacation. We went fishing, but I didn't catch any."

Clair Geniac, 210A S. Alberta, Redondo Beach: "I go to summer school, and then I spend most of the afternoon at the beach. We are making beach bags in summer school. I usually come to craft class at the park, too. When I have time, I play on the swings."

Lisa Stock, 4804 Maricopa St., 7: "We went on vacation to a dude ranch, and during the day I go to the beach or to the park. Sometimes I go to craft class. I have had enough school for a while, so I don't go to summer school."

**PUNJABS**  
by gum party

A MUGGY DAY

## Cashier Held At Gunpoint By 'Shopper'

An armed bandit robbed a cashier at the Lucky Market, 3860 Sepulveda Blvd., of from \$200 to \$300 Tuesday night.

Cashier Mary Reddick of Gardena told police the bandit brought a loaf of bread, cheese spread, and lunch-en meat to the checkout counter. When she made the change and handed it to him he said, "Stand where you are. I'm going to take the money out of the cash drawer and if you think I'm fooling take a look at this."

The gunman opened his jacket and withdrew a gun which had a white barrel, leading to speculation that it might have been a toy gun. The bandit then took the money from the cash drawer and said, "Don't move until I get out of the store."

He walked at a moderate pace out a door, the cashier said.

## Mora Gets Cottage From City

Following the recommendation of City Manager Wade E. Peebles, the City Council voted Tuesday night to tear up a \$62,000 weed-abatement contract, and let Jesus Mora buy back his house for \$223.35 which Torrance bought for \$1 from county tax rolls two years ago.

The contract was let to P. I. Haden on July 10 and so far no weeds have been abated.

The legality of the contract had been questioned by a second bidder, and rather than undertake a time-consuming court examination of the matter, the Council decided to let the Fire Department handle weed abatement in the usual manner with respect to the city ordinances.

Mora's cottage at 2105 Del Amo Blvd., stood \$35.88 in arrears on the county's tax books when the city grabbed it for a legal payment of \$1 in 1960.

The owner was able to buy back the property for a sum equal to the accrued taxes with interest and penalties to the date of reconveyance.

In other action, the Council approved project allotments under the federal-aid airport program which will amount to \$423,682.

## Aquacade Slated at City Pool

Torrance families are in line for fun and water thrills Friday and Saturday evenings when the Torrance Recreation Department presents its annual aquacade and water carnival.

Performances are slated at 8:30 each evening. The carnival booths will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. at the city plunge.

THEME FOR this year's water show is "Under the Big Top." The aquacade will feature precision swimmers and members of the side show in a grand entry.

Slated to appear are a bearded lady, a wild couple from Borneo, a moo-lady, a fat lady and the headless wonder. The major part of the show is an exhibition of precision swimming.

PRECEDING the aquacade, Jim Davidson will direct the Stars in an evening concert. There is no admission for the show; however, concessions will have varying prices.



NEW POLICE STATION . . . Capt. Harry Labrow, right, commander of the new Harbor Police station at 2175 Wilmington-San Pedro Rd., shows off his new facility to Los Angeles Mayor Samuel W. Yorty, center, and Los Angeles Police Chief William H. Parker prior to dedication ceremonies Monday afternoon. The new station will serve Wilmington, San Pedro, Harbor City and the Shoestring strip, a 25 square mile area with a 112,000 population. (Herald Photo)

## School Zone Border Lines Get Quick Okay

School attendance zone boundary changes approved in principle by the Board of Education last May were spelled out in detail before the Board Monday night. Formal approval of the proposed changes was granted routinely.

The Trustees moved part of the Madison attendance area to the Carr School, moved part of the Arlington attendance area to the Casmir School, moved the basic skills classes from Jefferson to Fern-Greenwood School, and changed the bound-

ary of the Fern-Greenwood School to provide space for basic skills classes. The changes were authorized to accommodate expected enrollments without increasing class size, using substandard facilities, or going on double session.

EIGHTY-NINE students now attending the Madison School and living in the area bounded by Prairie Avenue, Artesia Boulevard, Ainsworth Avenue, and the east-west prolongation of the end of Corday Avenue will be transferred to the Carr School.

The 41 children living in the area bounded by 174th Street, Casmir Avenue, 176th Street, and Crenshaw Boulevard will be transferred from Arlington to Casmir School.

Moving from the Fern-Greenwood School to the Crenshaw School will be approximately 83 students residing on 203rd Street. This will make way for the basic skills classes currently housed at the Jefferson School, to be transferred to the Fern-Greenwood School.

CARR ELEMENTARY—The northern boundary is from Prairie Avenue east on Redondo Beach Boulevard to Crenshaw Boulevard. The eastern boundary is south on Crenshaw Boulevard to 174th Street. The southern boundary is west on 174th Street to Prairie Avenue. The western boundary is north on Prairie Avenue to Redondo Beach Boulevard.

MADISON ELEMENTARY—The northern boundary is from Hawthorne Avenue east on Redondo Beach Boulevard to Prairie Avenue. The eastern boundary is south on Prairie Avenue to the back property line of the homes on the north side of 176th Street.

The southern boundary is along this property line to Amie Avenue, south on Amie Avenue to 176th Street and west on 176th Street to Hawthorne Boulevard. The western

boundary is north on Hawthorne Boulevard to Redondo Beach Boulevard.

ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY —The eastern boundary is from 182nd Street north on Western Avenue to 174th Street. The northern boundary is west along 174th Street to Casmir Avenue, south on Casmir Avenue to the prolongation of the rear property line of the homes on the south side of 176th Street, and west along this prolongation to Crenshaw Boulevard.

The western boundary is along Crenshaw Boulevard to 182nd Street. The southern boundary is east along 182nd Street to Western Avenue.

CASIMIR ELEMENTARY —The northern boundary is from Crenshaw Boulevard east along the Dominguez Channel to the city boundary. The eastern boundary is north on Crenshaw Boulevard to the city boundary. (Continued on Page 8)

## Better Bond Rates Cited In Decrease

Forecasting as much as a 16 cent tax rate reduction for the Torrance Unified School District, the Board of Education adopted the district's \$15,941,742 budget for the 1962-63 year Monday night.

The tax cut will come primarily from bond rate reductions made possible by a lessening of federal and state controls over the sale of the bonds by the district, according to school officials.

The budget adopted Monday estimates that the total tax rate needed to finance school operations for the coming year will be \$4.0188. Last year's rate was \$4.1819.

ESTABLISHMENT of the rate will be done by the County Board of Supervisors at their first meeting in September on the figures compiled by the County Superintendent of Schools.

The total general fund budget for the year has been fixed at \$15,941,742. This is higher than last year's budget which totaled \$14,043,674, and reflects the addition of West High School plus the staffing of other expanded and new elementary school facilities.

Stan Keller, representing the Torrance Educational Assn., questioned the wisdom of passing a budget without considering a salary increase for teachers, a matter which usually occupies up to 75 per cent of the budget.

BOARD PRESIDENT Albert Charles pointed out that there was ample leeway in the budget for teacher raises, though there was not a guarantee of an adjustment.

Charles added that there is now under way a detailed study of salaries for both certified and classified personnel.

Max Kelley, American Federation of Teachers representative, reported his group favored an increase in the schedule from three columns to six columns.

KELLER ADDED, "Torrance teachers have been unhappy with the schedule for the 10 years it has existed."

Trustee Kurt Shery contradicted the two representatives, saying the older teachers he spoke with were satisfied with the schedule for the 10 years it has existed. (Continued on Page 5)

## Employees Turn Down ILWU Bid

Shell Chemical Co. employees here rejected a bid by Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union to represent them with Shell management in a National Labor Relations Board vote over the weekend.

Unofficial returns of the balloting which was conducted under the auspices of the NLRB Friday and Monday showed 357 employees voted against affiliation with the ILWU while 197 voted with the union. Sixteen ballots were challenged and did not figure in the totals, the HERALD was told.

CERTIFICATION of the election is due at the end of the week if the union does not file a formal protest within the 5-day period allowed.

Shell Chemical employees at the local plant have rejected union representation since the company acquired the plant from the General Services Administration in 1955.

A RUNOFF election between the ILWU and nonaffiliation was called by the NLRB after an earlier vote resulted in these two choices receiving the most votes.

Voting at the Union Carbide and Chemicals Co. plant here last week resulted in a runoff election between the ILWU and nonaffiliation. An election to determine the choice of workers between the two will be conducted by the NLRB later this month.

## Beard Contest Winner Picked

Clyde Fryar was awarded \$10 last Sunday afternoon when Ranchero Days Queen Diana Willoughby found his beard to be the best in the city.

Fryar sported a brownish beard that was neatly trimmed to a point. Immediately after the judging, Fryar got out his electric razor and was clean shaven in no time at all.

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WATER WONDERLAND . . . Claudia Shipway, Anita Bakove, and Marie Pfeifferkorn are pictured during rehearsals for this weekend's aquacade and water carnival at the City Plunge. The water show will be presented both Friday and Saturday nights at 8:30 p.m. There is no admission charge for the show.

## City Tops 112,000 Planners Estimate

Statistics released yesterday by the Regional Planning Commission showed Torrance has passed the 112,000 mark in population.

The estimated population as of July 1 of this year is 112,556, an increase of nearly 11,500 over the July, 1960, figure. The city retained its rank as fifth largest city in the county.

Dwelling units in the city numbered 31,828, an increase of 3,121 over the July, 1960, figure.

THE COMMISSION also reported 53 per cent of the households in the city have one car. Two-car families in the city are 39.1 per cent of the households, while 3.9 per cent have three or more cars. Only 4 per cent have no car available.

Top four cities in the county are Los Angeles, 2,593,106; Long Beach, 354,968; Glendale, 125,457; and Pasadena, 119,436.

TORRANCE SHOWED one of the fastest rates of growth for the two-year period. Population increased in the city by almost 10 per cent.

At that rate of growth, Torrance should overtake Glendale and Pasadena in a few years. Both cities showed a growth rate of less than 4 per cent.

Net increase in total population in Los Angeles County in the two-year period was 39,530. The Commission estimated that 6,410,506 persons now live in Los Angeles County.