Gunmen Hit Four Local Firms

A liquor store, finance company and two bars were held up in Torrance this week within a two-day period.

The liquor store and finance company were held up Thursday afternoon within several hours of each other while the two bars were help up Wednesday night about 40 minutes apart. A lone bandit was involved in each of the robberies.

Thursday afternoon customers came and went at the Pat Way Liquor Store in the Better Foods Market at 5302 Torrance Blvd. unaware the liquor store was being held up. About \$432 was taken from clerk Larry L. McKown who said the bandit walked up to the cash register counter, opened his coat and showed a revolver in a holster fastened to his belt.

"Take the money out and put it in a bag. If any customers come, wait on them and act normal," the

bandit told McKown, Several customers came in, were waited on and left and three juveniles bought candy and also left while the bandit waited for the money. After the last customer left, McKown finished putting the money in a sack and handed it to the bandit who ordered the clerk to come from behind the counter and walk into the grocery department.

As McKown walked into the grocery department the suspect left through the drug store and out to the sidewalk where several persons who were questioned later said they believed they saw him walking east past a doughnut shop at the edge of the shopping center.

More than \$300 was taken about 2 p.m. Thursday from the Beneficial Finance Co., 1441 Marcelina, in downtown Torrance. "This is not a joke. Give me all the paper money," the suspect told an employe, Beverly

Metzner as he handed her a paper bag to put the money in.

Unaware a robbery was taking place Assistant Manager Don Carlson walked up to the counter and asked if he could help the suspect who then pulled a revolver from his pocket and pointed it at Carlson.

Beverly Metzner took the money from a drawer at the service counter, put it in the sack and handed it to the suspect who warned his victims not to look out the door after he left. The suspect left and was last seen walking towards Sartori on Marcelina.

About \$73 was taken from a customer and the cash register about 10 p.m. Wednesday at the Off Beat Bar, 2316 Redondo Blvd. The suspect also displayed a revolver in that incident.

Some 40 minutes later a gun-wielding bandit held

up a bar at 3703 W. 190th St. The bandit took about \$60 from the cash register and customers.

The suspect became angry on two occasions, once when William Riutzel could not find a sack to put the money in from the cash register and again when a customer said he didn't have a wallet. The suspect ordered Riutzel to wrap the money in a newspaper.

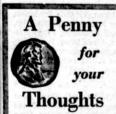
When the customer, George Husseini, told the bandit he didn't have a wallet the bandit pointed the revolver at the customer's head and said "I'll kill you if you don't give me you wallet." The customer then placed some change on the bar.

The bandit declined to take it but removed about \$1.50 from another customer's wallet. Before leaving and walking east on 190th Street, the bandit pulled the receiver from a pay telephone on the wall of the bar.

Car Crashes

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"How do you feel about fam-ilies eating their evening meal while the television set is on?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. Thomas Tucker, 26025

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Mrs. Joseph Blaikie, 5523

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times on Sun-day when we are having a casual dinner we have it on but usually it's off."

Mrs. Charles Burton, 26017

Mrs. Charles B Oak Bay Rd.: "Almost al-ways the tele-vision set is off at dinner time. I think it should be off and every-one eat togeth-er. The chil-dren are told

are told shut the television off when time to eat. Sometimes my sband will watch a special such as a sports

Leonard H. Radford, 1116 Korn-

College Site Choice Again Decision on location of a four-year college for the

Board Defers

Southwest area has been delayed again for 30 days by the board of trustees for state colleges. Meeting Thursday and Friday in San Jose, the board's site selection committee, formally known as the campus planning, building, and

grounds committee, indicated that it wanted the extra time to "study information which has been submitted since the incurred on the property at other expenses which might be incurred on the property at Sepulveda and Crenshaw," The HERALD was told.

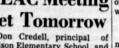
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MEMBERS OF a Torrance delegation inferred from the decision to delay the determi-nation of a permanent site for

last meeting."

MAYOR ALBERT Isen, reporting on the trip to San Jose, said the sessions of the hation of a permanent site for the new college that a report submitted by Torrance may have raised new questions about a proposed site in Palos Verdes which had aparently "been preferred by the offi-cials. site selection committee were closed Thursday and that the Torrance delegation made no presentations before it or the general sessions of the board.

TEAC Meeting Set Tomorrow





GET SABIN... Hospital patients, like others throughout Los Angeles County, will re-ceive Type III Sabin oral polio vaccine today. These patients in the polio ward at Los Angeles County General Hospital prepare to take vaccine with help of Dr. Valerie Bud-nick, Public clinics will be open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the final offering of Type III Sobin prepare

Funeral Rites Monday

Store Window The driver of a small sports car was hospitalized here Friday night after the car flipped over, pinning his legs under the dashboard on Hawthorne Avenue south of 190th Street. Police officers racing to the scene said nearly 20 passersby were holding the car up off the driver pending

passersby were holding the car up off the driver pending arrival of rescue equipment. Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital with injuries was Peter Blue Brandt, 31, of Palos Verdes Estates. Police of-ficers, a commercial wrecking crew, and members of the Torrance Fire Department re-sponded to the call shortly after 7:30 Friday. The gas tank of the small car was rup tured in the tumble, and poured gasoline over the area. but did not ignite, investigat ing officers said. POLICE BEGAN a search

POLICE BEGAN a search for another vehicle believed to have been a hit and run col-lision with the sports car, but decided later that no other car

was involved. In an earlier accident, a car driven by Rodolfo Mendoza, 57, of Gardena jumped the curb and crashed into a store win-dow at 1307 Post Ave, shortly before noon Friday. Mendoza was apparently at-tempting to park the car when the mishap occurred. was involved.

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In an accident Wednesday, one person suffered minor in-juries and said he would go to a private physician after a col-lision about 5:32 p.m. on Ca-mino de Los Colinas 244 feet north of Calle Miramar. Ran-dolph Harold Hundley, 28, of 449 Calle Mayor, suffered mi-nor injuries. Driver of the oth-er car involved was Thomas Tlopa, 42, Redondo Beach.

Instructors

Take Leaves Two of Harbor College's most popular instructors are on sabbatical leaves.

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