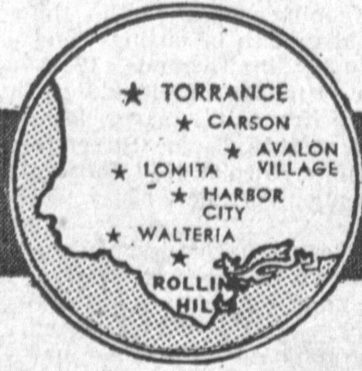


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# Police Search for Suspect in Local Auto Supply Store Theft

HAWTHORNE BLVD. TO 174TH . . .

## Call for Bids on Torrance Section of New Freeway

The State Division of Highways will call for bids this week on several projects, including large scale freeway construction on the San Diego Freeway in the vicinity of Torrance and Lawndale.

The local project involves grading and paving to construct 1.1 miles of eight-lane freeway between Artesia Blvd. in Torrance and three-tenths of a mile west of Hawthorne Blvd. in Lawndale.

Bids will be opened March 9 in Los Angeles. A total of \$3,400,000 in state highway funds is available for the project.

Four traffic separation structures will be constructed to carry the freeway over Prairie Ave., Redondo Beach Blvd., 166th St. and Hawthorne Blvd. Interchange and access facilities will be provided at several locations.

Project is one of a series of current or budgeted jobs which, when completed, will provide 35 miles of continuous freeway on the San Diego highway from Signal Hill north to the Ventura Freeway.

## Unmasked Bandit Waves Gun, Walks Away With Money

A six-foot bandit last weekend held up the owner and three customers of Holiday Liquor, 3531 Torrance Blvd., and walked away with \$90 in cash.

The bandit, who distained to wear a mask, was described by owner Sam Omatsu as being between 40 and 45 years of age, six feet tall and weighing about 190 pounds.

Witnesses said that the man, who was neatly dressed, walked into the store, pulled out a gun and demanded money.

Apparently referring to the trigger of the pistol, he said, "Don't let me pull this." Removing the money from the till he walked out of the door and disappeared up the street.

## Realtors Back From State Meet

Delbert Vaughn, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, attended the state directors meeting and inauguration of Charles A. Smitten, new president of the California Real Estate Association for 1961, which was held in San Francisco January 12, 13, and 14.



TALKING OVER—The meeting of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board held yesterday at the Jump'N Jack are (left to right) Del Vaughn, president of the board; Lee Dawson and Alvin Grancell, who was one of the guest speakers. Main speaker for the meeting was George Powell, planning commissioner for the City of Torrance.

## Search Widens for Missing Store Clerk

An all-points bulletin was issued Tuesday for a suspect in the \$1,868 robbery of the U. S. Auto store in Torrance.

Torrance police officers said that Ben Schankerman, 22, an employee for only six months, was wanted for questioning in the disappearance of the money which had been left in the office safe over the weekend.

Store is located at 1323 Sartori Ave.

Lt. Don Hamilton, head of the city detective bureau, reported that the money was reported missing by manager Manuel Trejo and owner Arch McPhail Monday morning when the store opened. A routine check of employees failed to turn up Schankerman, who lived at 1037 W. 213th St., in the city strip.

**Wanted For Questioning**  
An APB was immediately circulated describing Schankerman who is wanted for questioning. The missing man worked as a parts clerk and had keys to the safe in his possession.

In a second report, a nurse in a Torrance medical center was slugged early this week by a burglar she surprised in a doctor's office at 21320 South Hawthorne.

Lois Hickcox, office nurse, told officers that she opened the office and was floored by the suspect when he hit her with a transparent tape dispenser.

Dr. Keith Packard, whose office was burglarized, reported that nothing was missing. Investigating officers theorized that the burglar was ransacking the office looking for narcotics.

**BEST IN COUNTY**  
Los Angeles City Chamber of Commerce board of research recently pointed out that the Carson-Dominguez area has the most ideal location, the best proportion of population, industry and potential for future development of all county areas.

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## Schedule Registrations for Little League

All boys in the eight to 12 year old age group, who live within the Tordondo Little League franchised area, are eligible to register for the 1961 baseball season February 11, and 18.

Registrations will be taken, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, at Tordondo Park, 5427 Halison St., Torrance.

Players from previous years must also register at this time.

Each boy must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and present proof of birth date at time of registration.

Tryouts are scheduled for March 4 and March 11. Season play will probably begin the first week of May with two new major teams under the Tordondo banner. This league carries one of the largest playing rosters in Little League baseball, with eight major teams, 12 minor teams and a player's pool and training school.

A general membership meeting will be held on Feb. 7, 8 p.m. in the Carl Steele School cafeteria, 19300 Inglewood Ave. Interested adults are invited to attend.

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## NO FACILITIES . . .

## Hawthorne Court Site Bid Aids Torrance, Says Mayor

A third contingent seeking to have the proposed South Bay Superior Court located in their city entered the ring this week when the community of Hawthorne requested that court be situated there.

Public hearing to decide the issue has been scheduled for Feb. 15.

Local forces, led by Mayor Albert Isen, reported that they now feel more confident than ever that the court will eventually be located in Torrance. Torrance advocates have stated that the proposed Inglewood site is too far north to adequately serve the district, Hawthorne does not have the necessary facilities for the court although located in almost the geometric center of the district, while Torrance is centrally located, has the space and is easily accessible by road and freeway.

**LAND AVAILABLE**  
Land for the court facility in the new civic center has been made available without fee by the City Council.

County officials had earlier recommended that the facility be located in Inglewood which they estimated as closest to the center of the district. Torrance public officials violently disagreed, stating that the estimate was made without considering the request of Rolling Hills and

Palos Verdes Estates and Lomita that they be included in the district. These are currently a part of the Long Beach district.

**3-MAN TEAM**  
A three-man team of Superior Court judges toured the Torrance civic center last weekend to study the availability of land as a preliminary to the February 15 hearing. Team was composed of Judge Lloyd Nix, chairman, and judges William Houghton and Ben Koenig. Hearing will be conducted by presiding judge Louis H. Burke.

Proposed eight courts in the initial building will be expandable to 12 courts, will include a law library and quarters for the county clerk, district attorney, probation officers, public defender, bailiffs, jurors, court commissioners and attorneys.

# Ski Clubs 'Slip and Slide' at El Retiro



## Second Class Launched by Ski School

Torrance skiing enthusiasts, graduates of the second session of Torrance Recreation Department-sponsored ski school, slithered up and down the slopes at El Retiro Park Tuesday night.

For the second time the department brought in an ice-spraying machine and coated the hillside with more than six tons of crushed ice.

Adults and youngsters donned warm clothing zipped down the slope on skis and posteriors, and had a whale of a good time.

Snowball fights were the order of the evening and chapped noses bloomed like wild flowers.

Recreation department officials, astounded at the success of the city-sponsored ski clubs, promised that the ice machine will be brought back again at the close of each ski school session.

Schools were co-sponsored by the county recreation department it was reported by Ed Feister, ski instructor. Feister is a member of the Far West Ski Instructor's Association.

In photo at left, student shows the perfect form taught at the school while, right, operator of the ice crushing machine, liberally coat the slopes at El Retiro.

