

# BOMB SCARE SHAKES UP BOWLERS

## Voice on Phone Warns of Threat At Local Alley

Customers and staff of the Gable House Bowling Alley of Torrance were warned by a mysterious voice Monday at 9:43 p.m. that a time bomb was at the location and set to go off at 11 p.m.

A search by the fire department, however, revealed nothing. At 10:45 p.m. the building area was closed off and the alley evacuated.

At 11:22 p.m. the Gable House resumed normal business.

Jesse Saxton, who notified the police of the threat, said an adult woman's voice called to give the warning.

Saxton said this is the first time to his knowledge that a threat of this sort has ever been made there.

The alley is located at 22501 Hawthorne Blvd.

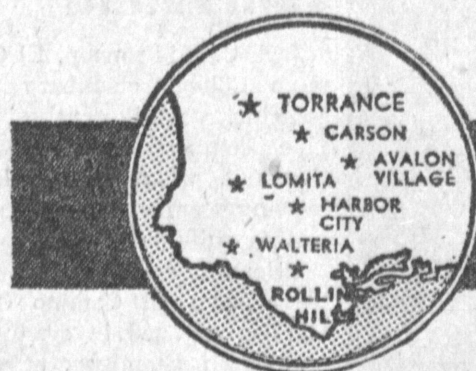
### Prepare for Worst

Lt. Swayne Johnson of the Torrance Police Department, who handled the case, said, "There is nothing in the world to do but clean the area out and try to find the bomb after a bomb threat is made."

Threats are usually made as pranks or as a means to "get even" with someone at the location, he added. "They are very costly to the management, which must cease business, and to the police and fire departments," Johnson continued.

The officer mentioned another bomb threat was made two weeks ago during a Little League Dance at the American Legion Hall. Participants had to discontinue the event

until after the time the bomb was to go off.



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CRUMPLED CAR — At 6 p.m. Sunday, the auto driven by Dale E. Henley, 23, collided with Reava E. Markley, 37, of 23330 W. 27th St., Torrance, at Hawthorne Blvd. and Gar-

net. Drivers and occupants Kathryn Jordan, Paul and Carol Grutis were taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital. Photo by William Schell

## Torrance Man Tries Suicide

The suicide attempt of a local man who took poison and locked himself in his apartment was stopped Monday when a neighbor reported the incident to the police.

Ray Phillips, manager of an apartment building at 23520 Arlington, drank a small bottle of amonia at 8:26 p.m.

Police rushed Phillips, 26, to the Harbor General Hospital, where his stomach was pumped. Officers said a suicide note was left at his residence.

## Imagination Runs Wild with Youths

With summer activity about to come to an end, some youngsters, bored with the "same old thing," are finding new ways to play unusual games.

Near the intersection of 170th and Crenshaw, juveniles were spotted playing Rob-in Hood. Their target? Automobiles.

Another group, playing Cowboys and Indians, were seen riding oil wells in the rear at 23101 Arlington Monday.

## US Navy Extends Leave For Father of Karen

William Thompkins, father of young Karen, who has been missing for 12 days, received notice from the Navy yesterday that his leave is being extended until Sept. 13 because of failure to find any trace of the youngster.

When Navy officials were informed by the Red Cross that Thompkins' 11-year-old daughter disappeared Aug. 18, he was returned home from the Far East. His leave was due to expire Sunday.

The child, 21110 Dalton Ave., was reported missing after not returning home from a summer school craft class at Halldale School, which is five blocks from her home. She was carrying a toy wagon when she left for home.

### Prior to Tragedy

Before the tragedy, Thompkins was assigned aboard the USS Ticonderoga, an aircraft carrier operating in the Far East. Relatives said recently Thompkins has been assigned temporarily to the Long Beach Navy Receiving Station in Long Beach pending further orders.

## Candle-Carrying Burglars Break into Local Churches

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection and the Assembly of God, both in Torrance, were broken into Monday by burglars who used candles to light their way, police said.

A stamp machine and two typewriters, totaling in value of \$235, were taken from the Lutheran Church located at 330 Palos Verdes Drive. A radio valued at \$27 was taken from the Assembly of God, 24404 Hawthorne Blvd.

Burglars gained entry at the Lutheran Church by breaking a window frame. They ransacked the church office, opened files, storage cabinets, and desks and threw contents on the floor.

At the Assembly of God, the kitchen door had been pried open and desks had been ransacked in the church office. A filing cabinet lock was broken also.

Wax from candles was found dripped over the furnishings in both churches, officers said. Two boxes of empty matches were discovered.

## Business Men's Club to Present Round-up Days

Walteria Round-up Days, an annual event presented by the Walteria Business Men's Club, will be begun Thursday, September 7, at 8 p.m. at the Polynesian Restaurant, spokesman for the organization said.

The event, held through September 10, will feature a beauty contest and dinner-dance.

Tickets for the event may be obtained from any Walteria business man or at Clark's Cafe.

## City Councilmen Attend Congress

Because of vacant council chambers, all but two members of the Torrance City Council attending the American Municipal Association Congress in Seattle, Wash., this week's session of the council was canceled.

Councilmen J. A. Beasley, Victor Benstead, George Bradford and George Vico and Mayor Albert Isen are attending the annual meeting.

The council will meet again Tuesday.



ROUNDING UP A CUSTOMER for tickets to Walteria Round-up Days, beginning September 10, is Little Leaguer John Yates. Young saleswomen are queen contestants

(left to right) Sharon Martin, Linda Reyes, and Karen Cowger. Tickets are available Friday and Saturday in front of Von's Market, Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway.

## Local Dairies Divide \$300,000 Milk Contract

The milk contract of the Torrance Schools, amounting to a sum of \$300,000, was split between two local dairies at Monday night's School Board meeting.

The contract, previously given to Mayfair Creamery exclusively, will be split with Ingleswood Farms, the board decided.

Representative from Ingleswood Farms Stanley Voges, president, mentioned his firm, although admitting an identical bid, never before had received the contract. He stated that he would be glad to accept one half of the contract if it were divided.

### Subject of Tension

C. W. Lackey, sales director of the Mayfair Creamery, however, claimed his company was losing \$150,000 of the contract because it refused to contribute to a campaign fund of a school board member elected in the spring.

Members of the board decided the contract would be divided by letting Ingleswood Farms supply milk to schools west of Hawthorne and Mayfair the schools east of Hawthorne.

### Police Halt Trucks

Dirt-hauling trucks were halted suddenly by the Torrance Police in conjunction with the Highway Patrol last night for a weight load check.

The trucks, who were stopped on Hawthorne north of 190th, were taken to 182nd for the check.

## WANTED CARRIER BOYS

CALL CIRCULATION

DA 5-1515

Or DA 5-0883

## Schools Approve \$1 Million Plan

Members of the Torrance Board of Education gave tentative approval to an expansion and modernization program costing at least \$1 million at the Torrance High School Monday and will present the idea for the approval of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The approval of the department is necessary because the proposed expansion is slated to include the 22-acre site of the former Navy depot which was acquired last spring by the city school district through the General Services Administration.

At the time of the approval by the GSA, the school district intended using the property.

### Double Capacity

The expansion approved by the board would double the present capacity of 1,200 students of Torrance High School.

## Local Girl Falls When Horse Trips

A young Torrance girl was thrown off her horse and was under it as it fell on top of her Monday at 3:47 p.m.

Valerie Weed, 12, of 17027 Crenshaw, was riding near her home at the time of the accident. She was rushed to Harbor Hospital and released with no injuries.

Under this proposed plan, the district would modernize the adjoining Torrance Elementary School plant, which

would become part of the high school plant.

Board members revealed a new elementary school with about the same capacity as the present school is proposed for construction on about eight acres of the property formerly owned by the federal government and approved for recreational facilities only.

### Who Moved the Street?

## Driver Collides With Pole Located in Street Center

A Torrance man traveling east on 233rd St. came to a sudden stop Sunday at 10:26 p.m. when his automobile collided with a telephone pole located in the middle of the street.

Leander Llewellyn Fowler, 2257 W. 235th St., 24, was turning right onto Walnut St. when he hit the pole, which is located on the street 11 feet from the curb.

Fowler was thrown from the car and landed on the pavement. He was taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital, where he was treated for head injuries.

"I was going east on 233rd St., turning right onto Walnut, and that's all I know," he told officers. "I don't even

know what I hit," Fowler said.

The police officer who handled the case reported that the cause of the accident was "no lighting or proper illumination of the pole."

Since the time of the accident, illuminated sawhorses have been put up around the pole and the area blocked off.

## Norco Gets Bond Contract

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced that the contract for the construction of the East Torrance Bond Issue storm drain project 587 was awarded to Norco Construction Company in the amount of \$586,726.80.

This project, which will probably be under construction some time in September, is located in both the second and fourth supervisorial districts represented by Kenneth Hahn and Burton W. Chace respectively.

The bid of the Norco Construction Company was \$52,422.70 less than the County Engineer's estimate.

Supervisor Hahn indicated that this project has been needed for a long time to take care of flooding, particularly in the vicinity of Crenshaw and 190th Street.

## Committee Holds Putnam Lecture

A committee of local citizens who believe in "Wake Up America" has invited George Putnam to speak to a group of more than 200 at a dinner meeting September 9 at the Plush Horse Restaurant.

Although Putnam is best known for his "George Putnam and the News," he is also a lecturer and has acted as Master of Ceremonies for many civic events.

Since coming to Los Angeles in December of 1951, Putnam has received more than 200 awards, plaques, and certificates for his part in civic betterment, community relations, and crusades for the people. He has waged a long, hard fight against Communism and the illegal sale of narcotics.

Advance reservations are necessary, the committee announced. For information on tickets, Mmes. Don H. Hyde, FA -1156; Raymond Rogers, TE 1-4113; and John L. Stephens, FR 1-5353, can be contacted.

Committee members are Mmes. John W. Beeman, Bernice Bergschneider, Don H. Hyde, L. M. Kelly, Newel J. Mortenson, Raymond Rogers, Dean Sears, John L. Stephens, and William Young.

Others are Leonard A. Eslinger, Sam Levy, William Schawger, and R. W. Pett.



KEY TO THE CITY is being awarded by City Councilman George A. Bradford (left to right) to Jim Bower and Al Leavill, co-developers of the Rolling Hills Plaza. The key

was presented during a Chamber of Commerce meeting yesterday morning at which the opening of the plaza was celebrated.