Burglars Ransack Several Torrance Homes

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THE CRIME BEAT

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JOHN LeMAY of 3424
Cricklewood St., complained that someone had broken into a garage at 24001 Necce Ave. and took a high pressure water pump valued at about \$700.

Alpha Renz, secretary at the Torrance YMCA, found that building at 2080 Washington Ave., had been entered while she was out to dinner Monday evening. She said

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Two Boys Burned in Car Blaze

on her way to work was accosted by two teen-age punks as she left her car at an adjacent parking lot, and a seaman told police he had been robbed and dumped on a Torrance street.

Manager W. F. LeFure of Woolworth in the Del Amo Center, told officers Monday that someone had taken more than \$1,000 from the firm after drilling through the steel door of the store safe. Det. J. E. Davis and Al Winkler said the thief apparently spent part of his weekend in the store drilling through the steel door.

MRS. VALEA PESCAR, 3115 Merrill Dr., complained that someone broke into her frozen meat locker and made off with steaks and roasts valued at \$210 Not only that

tools valued at \$300.

MRS. DOROTHY Palmer of 2110 Middlebrook Road, said someone ransacked her thoroughly ransacked her home while she was away

Tuesday.

Don McRae, a route salesman, reported that someone entered his truck while it was in a garage at 802 Sartori Ave., and removed blankets, a toaster, clock radios, and other items valued at more other items valued at more than \$100.



. Torrance firemen begin pumping water from a construction ditch in the 3500 block of Torrance Boulevard in which two men lost their lives Monday morning. The ditch was flooded, then caved in, when a water main ruptured while the two men were working in the nine-foot trench. Firemen were able to pump while the two men were working in the nine-foot trench. Firemen were and the ditch clear only when Dominguez Water Corp. officials turned off the (Press-Herald

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by Mrs. Pulver. Both parents Street, hit on the head, and were reported in shock.

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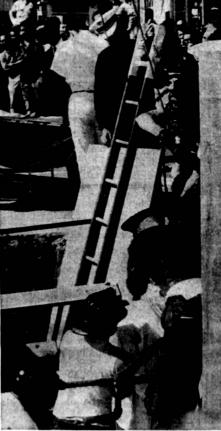
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RECOVER VICTIM . . . The body of Jesus Manuel Alvarado, 25, of Compton, is removed from the construction ditch in which he died when a water main suddenly ruptured and flooded the ditch. Alvarado's body was recovered after nearly two hours of frantic work by Torrance police and fire department personnel Mon-day. A second victim, Rudolfo Felix Gastelum, 34, of Lomita, was removed from the ditch some time later. (Press-Herald Photo)

Lomita **Father** Killed

Flooded Ditch Traps Workers

By JERRY REYNOLDS Press-Herald Staff Writer

Two construction workers were killed Monday morning when a water main suddenly ruptured in the 3500 block of Torrance Boulevard, flooding the trench in which they were working with tons of water and silt

The dead men were identified as Rudolfo Felix Gastel-um, 34, of 1805 W. 246th St., Lomita, and Jesus Manuel Alvarado, 25, of 444 W. Peach St., Compton.

An investigation into the cause of the water main break

cause of the water main break is now being conducted by the Torrance Police Department.

Torrance firemen worked for nearly four hours Monday before recovering the bodies of both victims. Alvarado's body was removed from the trench at 11:50 a.m., nearly two hours after the accident. He was pronounced dead at He was pronounced dead at the scene.

GASTELUM's body was fi-nally recovered about 2 p.m., some four hours after the first alarm had been received. Recovery efforts were hampered at first by the water, then by silt which one police officer said was "like concrete."

The Torrance Oilers, champions of the pee wee division of Pop Warner Football Association, have received an invitation to play in the Disneyland Bowl Saturday, Nov. 28. Details on the bowl bid are in today's Press-Herald sports section, Page D-1. Other regular features you'll want to read today include Count Marco and Ann Landers, page C-1, and Art Hoppe, page C-4.

Douglas Pay Boosted - - -

A 1-cent-an-hour pay hike became effective Monday for 27,300 Douglas Aircraft Co. hourly employes as a result of an increase in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' national cost-of-living index. Hourly employes are granted the pay hike under terms of collective bargaining agreements.

Council Meets Tonight - - -

City Councilmen will convene tonight at 5:30 for their regular weekly session. The council did not meet last night because state law prohibits municipal meetings on election days,