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STACKING 'EM UP... Dave Nair, publicity chairman for the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, gets an arm load of books, "The History of Torrance," from Leon Taylor, also of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, while Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent of schools, waits to give Nair a few more books. Taylor is heading a joint effort by the Jaycees and the school district to sell copies of the book to citizens of the city. The books previously have been unavailable to the public. (Press-Herald Photo)

Jaycees Slate Sale of 'History of Torrance'

Residents of Torrance currently have an opportunity to purchase copies of a book detailing the history of the city through a joint effort of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and the school district.

The book, "The History of Torrance," was prepared by the school district in 1964 and previously has not been available to the general public.

A copy of the book, used by classroom teachers as a reference guide for the teaching of a course on local history, is available in the city's libraries.

In answer to requests from

1,000 copies and the Junior Chamber of Commerce has reserved the right to return all monies if orders fail to reach 1,000.

Residents may place orders by mailing a special coupon which may be found in today's Press-Herald.

Thief Gets \$835 From Area Home

Theft of more than \$800 in cash and United States Savings Bonds from his home was reported to Torrance Police Friday by Lester Lauck of 17234 Eastwood Court.

Lauck told investigating officers someone had entered his home about 1 a.m. Friday, ransacking the home and taking \$835.

Officers said the burglar apparently entered the home through an unlocked bedroom window. Reported missing were \$35 in miscellaneous bills, \$500 in silver dollars and other coins, and \$300 in savings bonds.

Torrance Police also were investigating the theft of dresses valued at \$289 from a fashion shop at 304 Avenue I in the Riviera Village district.

E. Loya Norswark, 28, owner of the shop, said the dresses were taken Thursday from racks in the store.

Freeway Ramp Signals Due

Bids for installation of traffic signals on 190th Street at the San Diego Freeway ramps will be opened Feb. 24 in Los Angeles, the State Division of Highways has just reported.

The project, which will include channelization of the highway for left turns, is estimated to cost \$31,000.

Armed Bandits Hold Up Burger Stand, Market

Aide to Ask for Hearing

Orin P. "Bud" Johnson, fired Thursday afternoon from his post as assistant city manager, will seek a hearing on the dismissal Tuesday before the City Council.

He was dismissed from his \$15,000-a-year administrative post by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro amid reports that he may campaign in the April 12 municipal election for a seat on the Torrance City Council.

Ferraro, in a letter informing Johnson of his termination, accused the 50-year-old assistant city manager of "a serious, professional, ethical breach of the administrative impartiality and loyalty which

(Full texts of the letter from Ferraro to Johnson and Johnson's reply may be found today on Page A-5)

is required and expected of appointed public servants."

Johnson, while not formally announcing his candidacy for the council seat, has indicated he may seek the post in the April election in response to a "draft Johnson" movement in the city.

IN A LETTER TO Ferraro, Johnson accused the city manager of "rash action" and of carrying out "a personal vendetta." He served notice he will appeal the decision to the City Council Tuesday and ask for reinstatement to his position "until such time as the Council's March 1 deadline has been met."

The March 1 deadline is the date on which Johnson's position as assistant city manager will be downgraded in a reorganization of the city manager's office. Ferraro, in his initial communication to the council on the reorganization, had asked to downgrade Johnson's position last Jan. 1, replacing the assistant city manager with an administrative assistant.

AT THAT time, Council (Continued on A-2)

Rolled Coins Are Washers, He Discovers

An unknown man who exchanged 23 neatly wrapped rolls of steel washers for \$230 in money orders is being sought by Torrance Police on a charge of grand theft.

Police said Robert W. Eastman, 44, manager of a market at 4650 Del Amo Blvd., discovered the washers when the "coins" were taken to a Torrance bank Friday.

The washers were accepted by a woman clerk at the store after the man offered apologies for "having" to give you all these quarters.



MAKING IT OFFICIAL... Mayor Albert Isen shows Mrs. Robert Valencia (left), president of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, and Mrs. David Rozas, chairman of the club's March of Dimes Drive committee, the proclamation he has just signed, making the annual March of Dimes campaign official in Torrance. The Junior Woman's Club made the campaign one of their projects for 1966. (Press-Herald Photo)

City Workers on Juries May Have Pay Continued

Torrance Councilmen will take up the question of paying city employees who are absent from their jobs because of jury duty when the council convenes Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The matter was postponed two weeks ago, pending further study into cost estimates.

Two Youths Injured in Auto Crash

Two Torrance youths were hospitalized here Friday night after the car in which they were riding went out of control and struck a tree near Hickory and Sonoma Streets in Central Torrance.

Steven Michael Blankinship, 18, of 607 Madrid Ave., and Marvin Rick Richards, 18, of 18919 Patronella Ave., sustained facial wounds in the accident. Both were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment and observation.

Torrance Police Officer James Fowler said the vehicle was southbound on Hickory Street about 11:30 p.m. when Blankinship apparently lost control. The car jumped the curb and slammed into a tree.

The impact turned the car around. Major damage to the front and right side of the car was reported.

The accident occurred in front of the Anthony Zamperini home at 2721 Sonoma St.

made in the original report.

At that time, it was estimated the city might expend \$46,800 per year by paying employees who must serve on juries. A more reasonable figure, according to T. E. Donovan, personnel director, would be \$10,000 per year.

Based on the new information, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro will recommend that employees who must serve jury duty be paid the difference between their jury salaries and their regular salaries "to permit them to serve without financial loss."

Ferraro said the payment would not be an extra cash outlay, but represents time lost at work.

Clerks Robbed By Duo

Lone gunmen struck a hamburger stand and a market here Friday and Saturday, escaping with a total of \$842.

One bandit hit the Jack in the Box at 17912 Hawthorne Blvd. about 1:30 a.m. yesterday, Torrance Police said. He took \$572 from the cash register and safe.

Attendant Steve Bailey, on duty at the restaurant, told police the man approached the Hawthorne Boulevard window carrying a tan overnight bag. When Bailey asked for an order, the man pulled a revolver and put the bag through the window.

"Fill the bag," he told Bailey. The attendant opened the cash register and was then ordered to open the safe.

Bailey told police the bandit wore a black ski jacket with a red hood. He said the man was between 23 and 27, about 5-9, and weighs 160 pounds.

A 25- to 30-year-old gunman escaped from a Lomita market with \$270 shortly after 7 p.m. Friday, according to Sheriff's deputies from the Lennox station.

Deputies said the man entered the market, located at 2155 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., and ordered a pack of cigarettes. He then pulled a gun and demanded money from the clerk.

Witnesses said the man ran out the door and down a side street after stuffing money from the cash register into a paper bag.

Supervisors Host South High Seniors

Sixty seniors in government classes at South High School were guests of the Board of Supervisors, at the weekly meeting last Tuesday.

The students were welcomed to the board proceedings by Supervisor Chairman Burton W. Chace. They were introduced along with their instructor, Paul Martin.

Honesty Pays Off—\$500 ---

Honesty paid off handsomely for a North Hollywood couple this week when U.S. Steel officials presented a \$500 check to them for finding and returning a suitcase full of payroll checks with a face value of about \$150,000. Officials of the Torrance steelmaking firm reported that Mr. and Mrs. Barry Schneider had been given the check to compensate the couple for the inconvenience their action saved the company and employees. U.S. Steel officials said the checks were enroute to Torrance from San Francisco and were scheduled to be picked up at Los Angeles International Airport. Fog closed the airport and the plane landed at Burbank. The case containing the checks apparently bounced off the truck which met the plane in Burbank and the Schneiders found it later and called Torrance plant executives. While the checks were not negotiable the inconvenience to several hundred employees was averted by the Schneiders' actions, officials said.