

Norma's Had It!

VICE SQUAD RAIDS NORMA'S CAFE

Undercover Agents Nab Her In Act

Sheriff's vice squad officers last week raided Norma's cafe, 315 Border ave., arresting its owner, Miss Norma Haefell, 48, on suspicion of bookmaking.

The woman, who lives at 2313 Sierra st., was nabbed by undercover agents while placing a bet over the phone, according to police reports.

Officers observed and heard Miss Haefell taking bets over the phone, while one of the patrons was consulting the racing form.

When he told her how he wanted to bet she recorded the information, informing him that he owed her \$33, according to police.

Following this, another man placed a bet with her. When she went to the telephone to place the call, the undercover agents identified themselves and placed her under arrest.

Also arrested at this time was Francis Ferganchick, 45, 2611 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena, who was seen removing betting markers from his pocket and throwing them on the floor, according to officers. He was released, however, because of insufficient evidence on the DA's recommendation.

Miss Haefell admitted taking bets, stating that she received 10 per cent of all lost bets. Ferganchick refused to make any statements.

35-Cent Override Tax Seen

The local school district will probably ask 35 cents of the 75-cent override tax approved by local voters last year, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, stated last week.

The 35-cent tax increase represents a much smaller part of the 75-cent override tax than first anticipated.

At one point, when there was uncertainty about increased State aid to local schools, it was believed that the whole 75-cent override tax might be necessary.

After increased State aid was signed into law, officials were talking in terms of a possible 50-cent override tax.

Hull said that this year's \$8,280,264 school budget is as tight as possible.

The tax rate would amount to \$1.65 general tax; 35-cent override; 13-cent employee retirement; 80-cent bond retirement; 56-cent El Camino college tax, totaling \$3.49 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Ranchero Days To Be Televised

Channel 4 (KBCA) will send two cameras and crews to cover the Torrance Ranchero Days festivities from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, July 27, under the sponsorship of Oscar Maples Ford agency of Torrance.

SLAIN COPS

Profits of the Ranchero Days dance at the American Legion hall Saturday night will go toward the Curtis-Phillips fund, for the families of the two El Segundo police officers killed this week.

Police Smash Dope Cells in \$5000 Raid

Breaking down the front door after being refused admission, police and sheriff's officers nabbed two young married couples at their homes in a narcotics raid that netted \$5000 worth of dope here last Thursday.

Jailed on suspicion of narcotics violations were Robert C. Lemaster, 20, and his wife, Barbara Ann, 18; Thomas J. Britt, 20, and his wife, Lani Marie, 15.

Both men said their wives had no knowledge of their activities, according to police. Lemaster's bride of seven weeks, Barbara, was released after questioning.

Britt's wife, Lani Marie, also married recently, will be handled by juvenile court authorities.

Lemaster and Britt, who came up for arraignment in South

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Torrance Ranchero Days July 24 Through July 28

Schedule of Events (all at Civic Center unless noted)

THURSDAY, JULY 25
6 to 11 p.m.
Entertainment will include 40 Midway game and food booths; 15 thrill rides, "Industrial Exhibit" in huge tent, continuous entertainment, USS Recruiter, a 40 ft. replica of an Essex-class aircraft carrier; "Lucky Lady" II, the first airplane to fly non-stop around the world and musical numbers from the Torrance Youth Band.

FRIDAY, JULY 26
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
City-wide youth swimming championships at Victor E. Benstead municipal pool.
6 p.m. until 11 p.m.
Midway and "Industrial Display" opens.
6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.
Tour of Civic Center buildings.
8 p.m.
Free aquacade staged by City Recreational Department at Victor E. Benstead municipal pool.

SATURDAY, JULY 27
10:30 a.m.
Huge "Ranchero" parade starts at Cabrillo and Carson, featuring world famous rides, floats, and eight bands (route is Cabrillo to Sartori, Sartori to Torrance Blvd. with finish at Civic Center, Torrance Blvd. and Maple).
12 noon to 4 p.m.
Tour of Civic Center buildings.
12 noon to 12 midnight.
Midway and industrial display opens.
2 p.m.
RCA approved world championship rodeo featuring the finest cowboys, bucking broncos, and Brahma bulls.
8 p.m.
Miss Torrance beauty contest, industrial tent.
8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Rodeo Dance (American Legion Hall) Western & popular music, prizes.

SUNDAY, JULY 28
12 noon until 10 p.m.
Midway exhibits open.
2 p.m.
Last day of world championship rodeo.

Thousands to Attend Ranchero Days Fiesta

Thousands of residents from all over the Torrance area are expected to attend the four-day Torrance fiesta, said to be the most colorful ever staged.

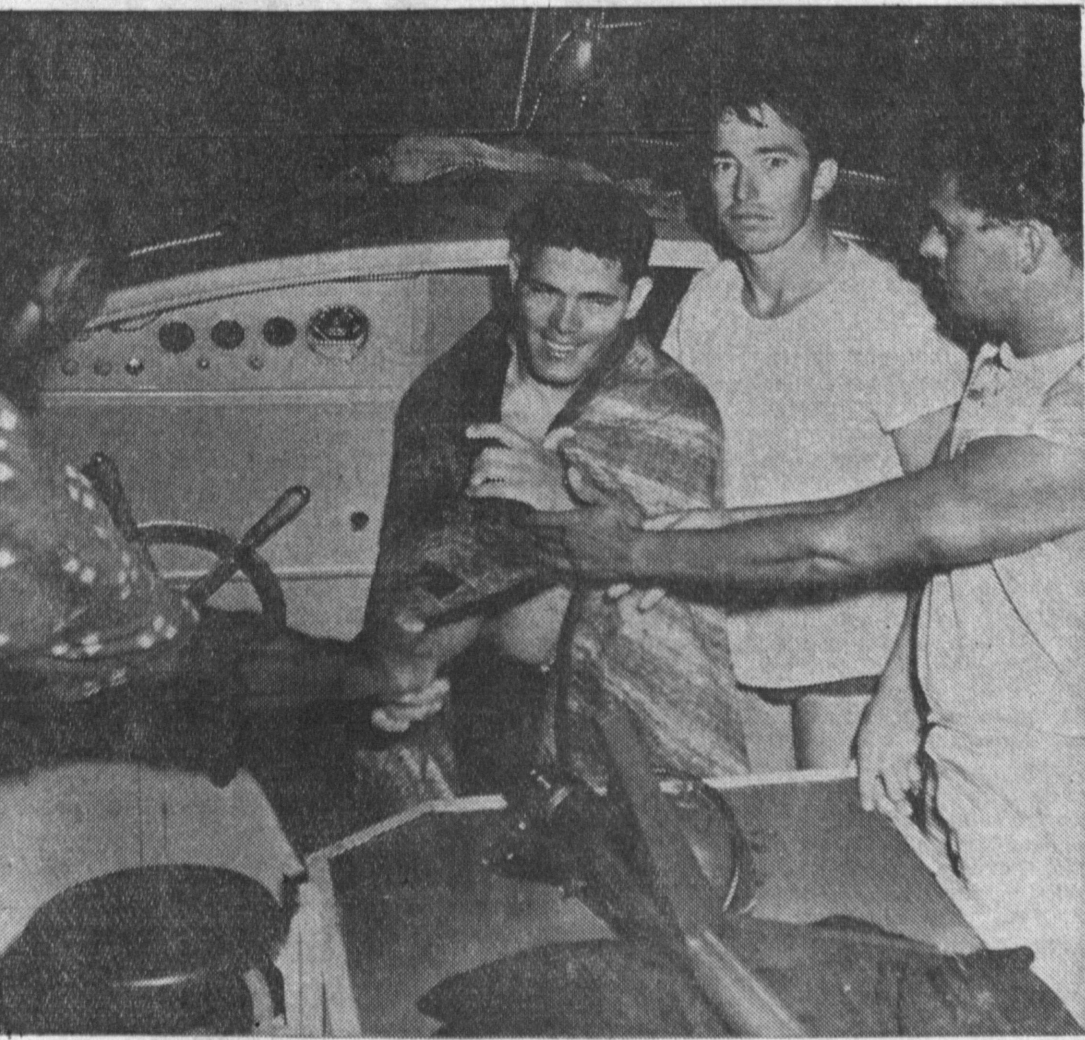
Dubbed officially "Ranchero Days," the fiesta got under way last night and will continue through and including Sunday, July 28.

Highlights include a free water festival open to the public Friday evening; a spectacular parade, called the "largest and most colorful in Torrance's history," Saturday; a world-championship RCA rodeo Saturday and Sunday afternoons, featuring the finest cowboys, bucking broncos, and Brahma bulls; the "Miss Torrance" beauty pageant climaxing with the naming of the queen Saturday night; and a rodeo dance at the American Legion hall Saturday night.

Included in the military exhibits will be the B-50 bomber, "Lucky Lady II," the first plane to fly non-stop around the world; the 48-foot replica of an Essex class aircraft carrier; and, tonight only, a Nike and tank exhibit.

An industrial exhibit tent, midway, booth games, thrill rides and continuous musical entertainment will be in full swing during the entire four days.

The event is sponsored by



TWO AGAINST THE CHANNEL
Vigil (with towel) and Martinez swam, Stanhoff shot.—Press Photo by Ken Swan

Torrance Man Battles Choppy Catalina Channel Trying to Set New Mark

After almost 17 hours of courageously fighting the choppy waters of the Catalina Channel, Saturday, Lionel Vigil of Torrance touched shore three miles south of Marineland after his attempt to break the 13-hour and 26-minute record failed.

Vigil, a native of Cuba, has been here since 1953 and lives at 3236 W. 182nd st., together with his wife, Estelle, and their three-month-old baby.

He is recognized as the champion distance swimmer of Cuba. Had he broken the record, the Cuban government would have paid him from \$10,000 to \$20,000. He is employed here as a waiter at the Beverly Hilton hotel.

Vigil, 24, and Bernardo Martinez, 29, who hold the 88-mile marathon swim record of 55 hours from Cuba to Key West, Florida, entered the water at Cherry Point on Catalina at 4:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

They were accompanied by two power boats and a rowboat. Boat crews included: Dr. Samuel Arnold of Los Angeles, who supervised the feeding and kept watch of the condition of the swimmers during the crossing; A. Afestevez, who massaged the men's arms and legs at intervals while they were swimming.

Harry Stanhoff, an expert swimmer, proved to be one of the most important members of the crew when he fought off a school of blue sharks and a killer whale about one-third of the way across the channel, killing four sharks.

At about 2:30 Saturday afternoon, the swimmers had reached a point about four miles from Point Vicente. Martinez became exhausted at about 3 p.m. and had to be pulled into the boat but as friends and relatives watched from the shore, Vigil

continued to swim. About half of those being terminated are temporary employees hired last month for vacation relief purposes only, Lasell declared. All employees scheduled to be laid off have

However, Doctor Kogan said that enough vaccine would be reserved for registrants in child health and pre-natal clinics conducted at all Health Centers throughout the county.

County Stops Giving Free Polio Shots

Polio vaccinations for the general public at all health centers operated by the Los Angeles County Health Department, including the Torrance branch, will be discontinued at the close of business on July 26, according to Dr. Ben Kogan, local health officer.

He said that the supply of vaccine allocated for that purpose will be exhausted by that time, and those people who receive first inoculations between now and the 26th will be advised to obtain their second and third doses from their private physicians.

Man Guilty Of Morals Violation

Found guilty on a morals charge involving a 15-year-old Redondo Beach girl July 1, Armand Earl Fashion, 20, of 18832 Doty ave., was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail.

Must We Wait Until Somebody Is Killed?

EDITORIAL

It was only a few weeks ago that the community was shocked by the traffic slaughter in which four young girls and one adult were killed.

The accident occurred on one of the major traffic arteries in the area, Vermont ave., which is poorly regulated for the traffic it bears.

Another such artery is Western ave. from 174th st. to Pacific Coast hwy. It is only a matter of time before it, too, will be the scene of a similar nightmare.

It is impossible, for instance, to make left-hand turns at certain intersections for lack of three-way signals.

Furthermore, the absence of divider strips and turn-off lanes make Western ave. a menace and potential death trap.

With the heavy traffic pouring out of local industries using Western ave. as a major connecting link, definite action should be taken now to make Western ave. a safe, sane, and efficient highway.

We urge the Torrance City Council and the Los Angeles City Council to take action according to their jurisdiction.

Torrance's Population Estimated at 90,101

Torrance rates fifth in population in Los Angeles county, according to the July survey of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission.

Population estimates place Torrance at 90,101, a jump of 9000 since the last special census in October, 1956, when the figure was slightly above 82,000.

Present estimates for some of the leading and adjoining cities are as follows:

Long Beach	309,347
Pasadena	119,372
Glendale	117,961
Burbank	91,125
TORRANCE	90,101
Santa Monica	82,157
Compton	66,872
Redondo Beach	42,761
Manhattan	32,058
Hermosa	15,867

Council Acts Favorably On Bond Issues

Unanimous agreement on holding a \$4 million bond election was voiced by the City Council Tuesday night.

Of this amount, \$1 million is for the acquisition of land and improvements on the Torrance Municipal Airport, with aviation revenues paying for the whole bond issue at no cost to the local taxpayer.

The council also agreed to a (Turn to Page 28)

Phone Kept Ringing

"I finally took the phone off the hook — there were just too many calls."

So stated Mrs. Leonard J. Young, 2355 Eldorado, who was delighted, however, with the results she had when she placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

FOR RENT—\$85 unfurnished 3-bedroom house, garage & yard available. July 1st. FA 8-1092.

For quick, easy, inexpensive results, place a classified ad in the Torrance Press. Call FA 8-2345. Fifteen words cost only \$1.30. There's a 30-cent discount if you pay at the time you place the ad.

ONE DIES, ONE LIVES

Howard Smith Involved in Grim Comedy of Errors...

A news broadcaster who apparently forgot how common a name "Smith" is caused no end of confusion in Torrance Saturday morning.

Subject of the grim comedy of errors was Howard Smith, Torrance High school graduate, and son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Smith, of 22516 Warmside.

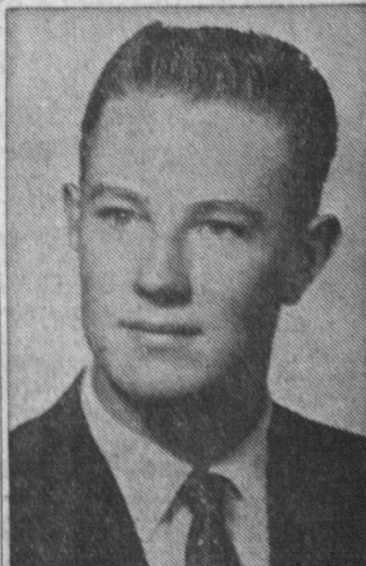
A radio news broadcast Saturday morning mentioned only that a "Howard Smith of Torrance" was killed in an accident, without fuller details.

Shocked friends of the local youth contacted the Torrance Press to check on the truth of the report.

After trying a number of indirect means to confirm the report, the Torrance Press reporter called the Smith family directly.

Demonstrating concretely that the story of his death was greatly exaggerated was Howard Smith himself, who answered the phone.

Furthermore, it was the first he'd heard about it and the (Turn to Page 28)



HOWARD SMITH
... very much alive

DOWNTOWN TORRANCE RANCHERO DAYS SALE THIS WEEK-END