

# Supervisor Mounts All-Out War Against Illegal Narcotics Use

An all-out war against the illegal narcotics traffic in Los Angeles County and re-emphasis of the need for stronger Congressional legislation was initiated this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Recently seven people, including a 17-year-old girl, died because of narcotics during one week.

Pointing out that crime in Los Angeles County is up 10 per cent over last year, Supervisor Hahn noted that a large percentage of the crime is directly traceable to people addicted to narcotics.

"They will use any means, including armed robbery, burglary, purse snatching and even prostitution to buy dope," Hahn said.

One of the major problems, he stressed, is the flow of narcotics from Mexico into the United States.

In 1959 Hahn proposed to President Dwight Eisenhower that a joint Mexico-United States Commission on the control of narcotics be instituted.

"I feel the responsible officials of our neighboring nation deplore the illegal traffic in narcotics as much as we

in the United States do," he said.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has repeatedly pressed for stricter narcotic laws on the state and national levels.

President Eisenhower sent a fact-finding committee to the major cities of the United States, including Los Angeles, investigating the narcotics traffic.

President John F. Kennedy called a White House Conference on Narcotics in September, 1962, and Hahn and Gardena civic leader J. W. Hunt were delegates.

Following that Conference, President Kennedy recommended a joint Mexico-United States Commission and President Lyndon B. Johnson continued that recommendation early in 1963.

In March, 1963, the United States Senate referred the matter to its Committee on Foreign Relations, and in October, 1963, the House of Representatives referred it to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Senate Investigations Sub-committee, headed by Senator John C. McClellan of Arkansas, this week began hearings on the international narcotics racket.

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"Congress should be constantly reminded of the need for strong narcotics control, especially in California," Hahn said.

On his motion, Hunt, who is chairman of the Los Angeles County Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission, and Vice Chairman George A. Rabinoff were authorized to attend the Senate hearings in Washington D.C. and urge action on the proposal to form a United States-Mexico Commission on Narcotics and other needed legislation.

The various projects include improvement of a portion of Santa Fe Avenue north of Del Amo Boulevard. Work is slated to begin this week with cost set at \$5,200.

Chace said the work will include widening a portion of the roadway and addition of new asphaltic concrete to improve drainage and increase operational efficiency of the thoroughfare.

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# Reservist Spend Time In Training

More than 150 Torrance area citizen-soldiers are currently participating in rugged field training with the 63rd Infantry Division at Camp Roberts, Calif.

The local Army reservists are taking part in the annual two-week active duty training. They are among some 6,000 men from throughout the state who make up the 63rd Infantry Division.

Among Torrance residents training at Camp Roberts are Capt. H. H. Buettgenbach, Capt. Robert Donaldson, M/Sgt. Albert J. Moreta, and Sp. 4 Warren A. Rollins. All are members of the 3rd Bn., 27th Infantry Regiment.

The division will complete the training exercises Saturday.

# Four Torrance Men Join List Of Accountants

Four Torrance residents were among those recently elected to membership in the Southwest Los Angeles Chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

The new members are Stanley H. Anderson, 1206 Ritter St.; Paul L. Burnam, 18403 S. Manhattan Place; Raoul Carrere, 4614 Highgrove Ave.; and Bernard J. Liberatore, 16724 Crenshaw Blvd.

# Black Widow Spider Bite Dangerous in Young, Old

By K.H. SUTHERLAND, M.D. County Health Officer

Periodically throughout the year, the poisonous bite of the black widow sends someone to a local hospital for emergency medical treatment. Though a certain number of these individuals must remain hospitalized for a few days because of the severity of the reaction, the bite is not usually considered serious unless it involves small children, or persons who are debilitated by illness or age or have a sensitivity to the toxin.

In recent years, cases of spider poisoning supposedly caused by a brown spider with a violin-shaped figure on top (Loxosceles reclusa) have also been reported in this area, though entomologists have not yet confirmed its presence here. This spider is well known in the Middle West and is also considered dangerous. Its bite characteristically results in destruction (necrosis) of tissue around the area where the bite occurs.

Most spiders are harmless and timid, yet all of them have poison fangs and all of them may bite. Generally, the amount of poison they pro-

duce is just enough to help them capture an insect food supply, and this is true even of the tarantula which some people find so fearsome. When these spiders do bite a person, the toxin usually results in nothing more than a superficial and localized irritation.

THE BLACK widow, like other spiders, is useful in so far as it feeds on harmful insects, but this virtue is overshadowed by the fact that the little creature's venom is very potent and, considering its size, quite plentiful. Some persons may suffer little or no ill effects when bitten but others may experience a great deal of discomfort.

This variation of reaction is generally due to the fact that the widow may inject a large or a moderate amount of poison when she bites or, in some cases, none at all. Complicated muscles that surround the poison glands regulate the amount of poison given to a victim.

A stinging pain is usually felt when the widow bites and a triangular red mark may be seen where the fangs entered the skin. The marks may quickly disappear, but

the pain may recur within an hour or two in those cases where the amount of poison injected was substantial. Among the many symptoms reported following the widow's bite, the one most characteristic is the pain that tends to progress throughout the limbs and the abdomen.

Identification of the widow is not difficult. Much more often than not it is glossy black, with a round shoe-buttonlike abdomen and long silver-like legs. Frequently its underside has a crimson marking resembling an hourglass in shape. The male is smaller, the markings is duller, and, though equipped with a poison apparatus, his venom is not very potent.

SOMETIMES, not always, the widow devours the male, and this destructive tendency has given her the name by which she is generally known.

Since the widow likes darkness and seclusion, her homesites are found in shadowy places such as dark closets within the house, or in garages and other outbuildings, wood boxes, wood piles, areas under the house or in culverts, and in piles of rubbish

and many other similar places.

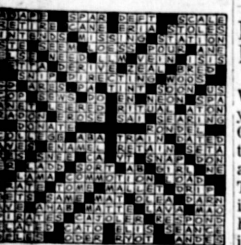
The control of these spiders around the home requires a clean-up of the premises in order to eliminate favorite hideouts. An approved insecticide may be used for spraying under the house, around beams, in dark corners, and so forth. When buying an insecticide, it is advisable to read the label to determine if the particular product under consideration will destroy black widow spiders. Precautions listed on the label should be followed when the substance is used.

FIRST AID in black widow bites usually consists of applying a reliable antiseptic to the wound. The application of cold compresses or ice may relieve local discomfort until medical aid can be obtained, but stimulants in the form of alcohol should not be given.

In cases where some systemic illness may be aggravated, or where the victim is very old or very young or is sensitive to the toxin, the widow's bite must be regarded as potentially dangerous and treated as a medical emergency.

A pamphlet giving additional information on the black widow spider will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Division of Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 220 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

## SOLUTION



## Franco Observes Mobil Anniversary

Salvador R. Franco, 4341 W. 176th St., will mark 20 years of service with Mobil Oil this month. Franco, a toolroom man "A," has held a variety of positions at the Torrance Refinery since coming to the United States from his native Rio Grande, Mexico.

## Improvement In Dominguez Is Reported

Improvement of several major streets in the Dominguez-Carson area has been scheduled by the County Road Department, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

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## RED RYDER

**By Fred Harman**

WOUNDED, HALF-DEAD OF THIRST RED HAS COULDED THEM! PILES OF DRY DESERT TO FINNICK ROCKS WHERE THERE ARE HERDS AND WATER!

"AND VERY LIKELY DEATH AT THE HANDS OF MONTANA AND TEX, CLAIM JUMPERS!"

"HE'S TOO FAR GONE I'LL A TRIGGER!"

"HE BETTER NOT BE TOO FAR GONE! I'LL SHOW US WHERE HE FOUND THE GOLD!"

"HE'S GONNA FALL ON HIS FACE! I'LL GIVE HIM A DRINK!"

"UH... WHAT DID YOU WANT ME TO WATCH OUT FOR?"

"I THINK WE ALREADY PASSED IT!"

"PASSED WHAT?"

"BACK A MILE OR SO, THERE'S A..."

"NOPE! WE DIDN'T PASS IT!"

AND, UNSHOWN FROM THE PLANE.....

"NOT TOO MUCH AT FIRST, REDHEAD--YOU'LL DIE OF THY CRAMPS!"

"LET'S GET ON WITH IT! WHERE'S THE GOLD ORE?"

"HERE, CHW A HUNK O' JERKY! GET SOME STRENGTH BACK!"

"WHILE STILL THENT' PILES AWAY!"

"CAN'T PUSH MY BRONC NO MORE 'T' DRY! I'LL PUSH ON AT MIDNIGHT, AN' GIT THERE BEFORE DAYLIGHT!"

"I GUESS THUNDER NEVER GOT HOME WITH MY NOTE!"

"NOW RED! IT'S KINDA ODD--WE BEEN LOOKIN' AT ROCKS FOR THREE DAYS, AN' NUTHIN' LOOKS LIKE GOLD! WHAT ABOUT IT?"

"YOU FEELIN' BETTER, NOW THAT YOU'RE FED AN' WATERED?"

"THIS IS A TOUGH BOY, TEN! HE'S NOT GIT HIM FEELIN' SO GOOD HE'LL TRY AN' START SOMETHIN'!"

"WHAT CAN HE DO? HE'S SHOT UP--WE GOT HIS GUN! HE AN' T' GONNA DO NOTHIN' BUT TALK TO US POLITE!"

"ALL TH' SAME, I'M GONNA TIE HIM UP!"

"START TALKIN' COWBOY! YOU MEAN YOU WHERE'S THE GOLD ORE?"

"YOU MEAN YOU AN' T' FOUND IT?"

"MAYBE YOU JUST DON'T RECOGNIZE GOLD ORE WHEN YOU SEE IT?"

"YEAH--AN' MAYBE YOU SWITCHED LOCATION NOTICES ON US WHEN WE JUMPED YOU IN YOUR CAMP?"

"IF THEY DON'T KNOW GOLD ORE, MAYBE I CAN JUST SHOW 'EM (YOU) OLD ROCKS!"

"UNTIE ME! I'LL SHOW YOU WITH YOUR HANDS TIED?"

"GIT UP!"

"WELL, YOU SEE, I WAS CAMPED RIGHT HERE--AN' I PICKED UP A STONE T' PROP UP MY SKILLET!"

"WHO YOU THINK YOU'RE FOOLIN'? THERE'S NO HOOF PRINTS, NO TIN CANS, NO ASHES! YOU NEVER CAMPED HERE!"

"WELL... UH... IT WAS..."

"YOU'RE GONNA QUIT STALLIN', COWBOY!"

"YOU STUPID FOOL! WHAT YOU WANTA KNOCK HIM OUT FOR? HE CAN'T TALK NOW!"

"AN', HE'S PLAYIN' POSSEUM! I'LL MAKE HIM TALK--I'LL TOUCH HIM UP WITH A RED HOT GUN BARREL!"

"NO YOU WON'T! LET HIM GIT HIS STRENGTH BACK! IF HE DIES, WE WON'T NEVER FIND HIS GOLD STRIKE!"

"AT 3 A.M., MILES AWAY, THE OL' TIMER BREAKS CAMP."

"CAUGHTA GIT THERE BEFORE DAWN!"

VOICING A SILENT PRAYER, FLIP TABNER LEAPS FROM THE BURNING PLANE.

"THE RIP CORD! WHERE IS IT? GOTTA PULL..."

MOMENTS AFTER FLIP TABNER'S PARACHUTE OPENS...

"SAM, WAKE UP! I HEARD A STRANGE NOISE OUTSIDE OUR WINDOW!"

## JEFF COBB

## By PETE HOFFMAN

ON A FOG SHROUDED FLIGHT TO FLIP TABNER'S HOME TOWN....

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AND, UNSHOWN FROM THE PLANE.....

"WE GIBB, NEARLY HIT IT!"

"YEAH... WE HAD A CLOSE SHAVE, FELLA!"

"SORRY I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THAT OIL WELL..."

"TELL ME SOMETHIN' ELSE FIRST!"

"DO YOU... SNIFF-F... SMELL S-SMOKE?"

"HOLY COW! WE'RE ON FIRE!"

"GET INTO YOUR CHUTE! HURRY UP!"

"BUT I'VE NEVER USED ONE BEFORE!"

"THEY USUALLY OPEN UP NOW WHEN I COUNT TO 3, WE JUMP!"

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