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FLYING HIGH — Brahma bulls such as shown in this picture will be used in the Torrance Ranchero Days Rodeo. A carnival and rodeo is scheduled from Aug. 1-5 on the east side of the Del Amo Shopping Center. The Chamber of Commerce will be in charge of the annual carnival and the rodeo will be under the direction of the Torrance Mounted Police Association.

Among other events to be highlighted will be the coronation of a queen and an old-fashioned Western dance. Both the dance and crowning of the queen will take place Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Elks Hall, 1820 Abalone St.

New Freeway Link Opens For Drivers

Residents of Torrance now have a new road link when they travel between the Harbor and Long Beach freeways.

The new thoroughfare, a 4.6 mile segment of the San Diego Freeway, serves as an alternate route between downtown Los Angeles and Long Beach, the State Division of Highways announced.

The new portion of the freeway extends from the Harbor Freeway near 190th St. southeastward to Alameda St. where it joins a previously completed 1.3-mile section tying into the Long Beach Freeway. Motorists now may drive from Los Angeles to Long Beach via the Harbor, San Diego and Long Beach Freeways, in addition to the older route on the Santa Ana and Long Beach Freeways.

A ceremony dedicating the newly-opened section was held July 19 at a location within the Harbor-San Diego Freeway interchange. Sponsoring organizations were the Carson Chamber of Commerce and the Dominguez Chamber of Commerce.

School Board Trims Budget

Thrift is still foremost in the thinking of the current School Board, according to Albert Charles, Board president.

He reported spending was down some \$340,000 from the amount budgeted last year to operate the schools.

After cutting last year's tentative budget considerably, the board settled on a figure of \$12,140,000, the amount believed necessary to educate the district's 28,000 pupils for the year, board records show.

However, the School Administration was able to trim below this amount, according to Charles. He said the final cost of operating the schools finally was cut to \$11,800,000.

"Since actual income for last year amounted to \$13,148,000 and the amount spent was \$11,800,000," he stated "it means that approximately \$1,300,000 may now be added to the \$900,000 reserve fund planned and provided for by previous boards of education. This will tide us over in the lean years ahead," he added.

College Holds Swim Sign-Up

El Camino College swimming instructional registrations will take place for the last time this summer at 8 p.m. Saturday, according to Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel.

Schedules outlining hours for the instruction of various age groups are available in the college administration and physical education buildings. Two sessions, extending July 30 through Aug. 10 and Aug. 13 to 24, will conclude the current summer swimming program.

Minimum height for prospective enrollees in the program is 50 inches. Classes are offered for students from ages 7 to 9, 10-12, 12-17 p.m. daily.

In addition to the instructional periods, the college opens its pools daily for recreational swimming also available on the college campus.

"Children must be present when registration tickets are purchased."

TIP FAILS TO LINK 2 CRIMES

For awhile Friday it appeared as if Torrance and Los Angeles police might track two cases with the capture of one suspect, but



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by evening a "hot" tip had embroiled in oblivion.

The authorities thought they found the man who murdered Dorothy Gale Brown, 11, and also might have been responsible for the disappearance of 11-year-old Karen Lynn Tompkins.

After two lie detector tests and the checking out of testimony, suspect Robert Combs was cleared on the Brown and Tompkins charges. Combs lives at 21115 Denker Ave. in the Los Angeles strip near Torrance.

The publicity began early during the day when Harbor Division Police of the Los Angeles Police Department apprehended Combs on an anonymous letter.

The letter linked Combs allegedly to child molestation cases in the neighborhood in which the Brown and Tompkins girls had lived. At first police thought that they would be able to solve the Brown and Tompkins cases through the arrest of Combs. He later was exonerated of these charges, but he was booked on "child molestations."

Meanwhile Torrance Police picked up his 1959 Hillman Minx Sedan. A thorough search of the car did not reveal any fingerprints or clothes which the Brown girl had worn at the time of her death.

Harbor Division detectives reported that they would turn the entire case over to juvenile authorities. If murder had been involved in the Combs arrest, then the detectives would have handled the matter.

Club Talks Up Lively Storm Over Prayer

The recent Supreme Court decision to ban prayer from the classroom was subject to heated discussion recently at regular meeting of South Bay Toastmaster's Club 280. The debate was precipitated when a motion was put before the membership to eliminate the usual invocation that precedes the Toastmaster meeting. Following discussion, the motion was defeated overwhelmingly.

Don Payne of Torrance presided over the informal portion of the meeting in which such subjects were discussed as, "Is Benny Goodman's trip to Russia a goodwill mission?"

Polio Clinic

A polio clinic will be held at South Bay Hospital, 514 N. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach, from 4 through 6 p.m. Thursday, July 26, it was announced by hospital officials.

Inoculations, costing \$1, will be for persons beginning or continuing a polio inoculation series, or for persons requiring an annual booster inoculation.

Free Lecture

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Center office of Hayden, Stone & Co., Incorporated, members of the New York Stock Exchange, will conduct a series of five weekly stock market lectures at the Pacific State Bank, Palos Verdes Peninsula Center Branch, 17440 Hawthorne Blvd. First lecture is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25.

Police Appeal to Public For New Leads to Find Murderer of Gale Brown

Efforts to capture the murderer of 11-year-old Dorothy Gale Brown are being made jointly by Torrance and Orange County authorities.

A desire to obtain additional information has prompted the Torrance Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Department to issue a full report on the findings. At the same time the public has been invited to supply some of the missing links.

Torrance Police Chief Percy Bennett and Orange County Sheriff James A. Musick request the assistance and cooperation of the public so that a more thorough study can be made.

INVESTIGATION

The investigation by both policing authorities disclosed

that Gale was last seen on her bicycle, blue in color at the corner of Border and 213th Sts., Torrance, approximately 6 p.m. July 3.

The bike was found approximately 9 p.m. on its stand, parked on the sidewalk along 213th St., a short distance east of Border St. Her nude body was found in the surf near Corona del Mar at about 11:30 a.m. July 4.

It is unknown at this time how Gale was taken from Torrance to Corona del Mar. It is requested that anyone in the vicinity of 213th and Border Sts. approximately 6 p.m. July 3 let the authorities know if they witnessed the victim and her abductor at this address, or on the way to Corona del Mar.

AUTHORITIES

Authorities are particularly asking for the cooperation of operators or employees of service stations, cafes, refreshment stands, amusement parks and motels located between the city of Torrance, and Corona del Mar — especially anyone who was in the vicinity directly south of Cameo Shores Estates, where the body was found.

The murdered girl is described as female, 11 years old. Police reports point out that the child was mature and appeared to be 14 or 15 years, 3 ft. 11 in. tall, 92 pounds, long light brown hair, shoulder-length held tight over her head by a pink plastic hair band, one half inch wide.

The slain girl was wearing a full skirt, and sleeveless dress prior to her death.

She also was wearing white flat pointed shoes, white cotton underwear, size 12, white cotton full length slip, size 32, white brassiere, size 32 and a white metal expansion band type ring on the ring finger of the left hand.

The late Miss Brown's dress and hair band have been recovered; however the shoes, undergarments and ring still are missing.



NAVY COPTER—Julia Garcia, a Ryan Aeronautical employee, shows off Doppler navigational system which operates in giant whirlybird. The machine was landed at Ryan in Torrance Thursday. Ryan builds the Doppler mechanism for the Navy's helicopter.

Whirlybird Flies Into Torrance

The World's largest amphibious helicopter whirled into Ryan Aeronautical Thursday.

This Sikorski sky creature, a twin turbine jet, is used for anti-submarine warfare by Navy, according to Ryan spokesmen. They reported the whirlybird is in operation in the Western Pacific.

It's reason for paying Ryan a visit: The aircraft firm manufactures navigational equipment used on the helicopter. The Navy wanted to show Ryan employees how the Doppler is used in navigation, and at the same time they desired Navy personnel to see how the mechanism is built by the aircraft firm.

Ryan spokesmen said that the Doppler is the main manufactured item at the Torrance plant.

"We employ approximately 600 people in Torrance," the spokesmen reported. "Ryan is the largest producer and also a pioneer in the Doppler navigational mechanism."



RIBBON CUTTER—Torrance Councilman J. A. Beasley is called upon to speak at freeway dedication. He serves as president of the Inter-Highway Committee, a group dedicated to using its influence in promoting good highways. The Carson and Dominguez communities sponsored entertainment for the occasion. Among dignitaries present were Councilmen Nick Dale and George Vico and Mayor Albert Isen. Also taking part were Torrance Chamber President Mike Denn; Paul Moore, a representative from Supervisor Burton's Chace, and Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.

Hearing to Be Held for Zirbes On Wife Murder Charge

Torrance resident Emil J. Zirbes, 53, booked on a murder charge for allegedly shooting and killing his wife, Margaret, July 13, will face a preliminary hearing Friday.

The hearing, originally set for July 20, was continued for a week at the request of Zirbes' attorney, C. Ransom Samuelson of Long Beach.

Samuelson asked for the delay because he had just been brought into the case the same morning that the hearing was scheduled, and the attorney desired to familiarize himself with the facts.

Judge Otto Willett, who granted the continuance in

South Bay Municipal Court, also will preside at the preliminary at 9 a.m. Friday.

"I have advised by client to make no statements at this time," Samuelson said.

Zirbes was brought into South Bay Municipal Court last Friday from the County Jail. He appeared to be cooperative with authorities when his attorney asked for the continuance.

While Zirbes did not seek publicity, he did not prevent a newspaper photographer who desired to shoot a picture.

Several members and relatives of the accused man appeared in the courtroom when the continuance was granted.



HEARING CONTINUED — Emil J. Zirbes, who allegedly murdered his wife July 13 in the couple's family home, 5418 Calle de Ricardo, will face a preliminary hearing at 9 a.m. July 27 in South Bay Municipal Court.

Zirbes, at the left, is shown talking over the case with his attorney, C. Ransom Samuelson, at right. Judge Otto Willett will preside at the hearing.

(Photo by Allen Titelman)