

# Final Rodeo Performance Set Today

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**LEADS PARADE . . .** Former Governor Goodwin J. Knight, surrounded by two of the five pretty young ladies reigning over Torrance's 11th annual Rancho Days, led the annual parade along its traditional Torrance Boulevard route yesterday. Knight was grand marshal of the parade. A final performance of the Rodeo Cowboy's Association rodeo will conclude the annual celebration today. (Press-Herald Photo)

# Burglary Ring Broken, But Thieves Stay Busy

## Midway To Open At Noon

Final performance of the 11th annual Torrance Rancho Days Rodeo is scheduled for this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The performance will include the four-day western celebration.

Tickets for the rodeo, priced at \$1.50 each, may be purchased at the gate.

Carnival booths and rides, located at the Del Amo Center adjacent to the rodeo arena, will be open at noon today and remain open until 10 p.m. Booths are operated by a score of the city's service organizations.

**FOLLOWING** this afternoon's performance of the rodeo, Miss DeDee Risler, reigning Rancho Days queen, will award an expense-paid trip to someone attending the rodeo. Miss Risler will be assisted by her court, which includes Sharon Meffon, Karen O'Connell, Pam Burnett, and Judy Pinkney.

The rodeo, sanctioned by the Rodeo Cowboys' Association, will feature such performers as nine-time world champion Casey Tibbs. The rodeo has gained nationwide fame for the caliber of riders which it attracts.

## Utilities Valued At \$1.2 Billion

Final figures on the assessed valuation of utilities for 1965 have been reported by the State Board of Equalization.

The board valued utilities in Los Angeles County at \$1,253,692,320, up more than \$200 million over the 1960 value.

## Soccer Game Will Pit Experience vs. Youth

The restaurant staff of the Ambassador Hotel will attempt to serve up a lesson in soccer today when it plays an exhibition game with a group of Torrance teenagers at Victor Park, 4727 Emerald St.

The boys — who have never before played soccer — will be out to prove that youth can win over experience. The boys' coach, Lolek Jasinski, is a former Hungarian, and he has planned the strategy to take full advantage of the age difference.

Kickoff time, incidentally, is 10 a.m. at the park, and admission is free.

"This team from the Ambassador," Jasinski said, "is made up of men who grew up in Europe playing soccer as boys here grow up playing baseball. But many of them have not played for years."

"These youngsters from Victor Park have been practicing for only a month, but their youth, speed, and enthusiasm should make it a very good match," he added.

## In Torrance Building

## Board Approves New Courtrooms

Construction changes in the new Southwest Superior Courts Building at the Torrance Civic Center have been approved by the Board of Supervisors to make room for consolidation of the South Bay Municipal Court in Torrance.

The changes — completion of the fifth floor of the new building — will provide four municipal court rooms at a cost of about \$350,000, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, chairman of the supervisors' court committee.

Hahn said the changes will save taxpayers about \$328,000 by eliminating the immediate need for adding two new judges, as well as duplicate municipal court facilities.

**WHEN THE** new building, now under construction on Maple Avenue in the civic center, is completed, the operations of the South Bay Municipal Court will be moved to Torrance. In addition, the building provides space for 11 superior court rooms.

Currently, two judges of the municipal court sit in Redondo Beach and a third judge sits in the Torrance county building. Hahn said present arrangement causes administrative problems, results in a lack of coordination and increases costs.

Consolidation of the three courtrooms under one roof, Hahn added, will permit the three judges to work more efficiently and thereby absorb the additional workloads.

**JUDGE** William Keene chaired the committee which recommended consolidation of the municipal courts. A bill passed by the State Legislature this year cleared the way for the move, although it failed to provide for full consolidation of the 23 municipal court districts in the county.

**CITY** Plunge Closes for Rehearsals

The Torrance Recreation Department announced today that due to rehearsal sessions for the Aquacade, the Victor E. Benstead Plunge 3331 Torrance Blvd., will be closed on Wednesday, evening session; Thursday, afternoon and evening sessions; and Saturday, afternoon session.

The 10th annual all-water Aquacade, "When You Wish Upon a Star," will be presented at the Plunge on Friday and Saturday.

## Police Arrest Three Suspects In Gem Thefts

Thieves have kept Torrance police busy in the past few days, getting an assortment of items and cash valued at nearly \$1,000.

But Torrance police feel they have put an end to operations of a burglary ring with the arrest of a Torrance man and the subsequent arrest by Los Angeles police of two other men.

John Jardine Calvert, 58, of 3524 W. 170th St., was booked at the Torrance Police Department on suspicion of burglary and possession of stolen property.

**LOS ANGELES** police later arrested Robert L. Parks, 30, of Los Angeles and Joseph W. DiCristina, 40, of Hollywood. The three arrests are believed to have ended a jewelry theft operation. Officers said Parks and DiCristina apparently were being used to receive the stolen goods.

Calvert, under surveillance for about a week before the arrest, apparently was operating out of Torrance, officers said.

Torrance, Los Angeles, and Beverly Hills police obtained search warrants and then discovered several furs and jewelry items in the homes of the three men.

No value was placed on the recovered goods by officers, who said they had no way of estimating value of the items.

**TORRANCE** police also are investigating several thefts reported by area residents.

Adli Swim School, 24444 Hawthorne Ave., has reported the theft of a chrome barbell set valued at \$50. The burglar, apparently using his back, hauled the barbell set

weighing more than 50 pounds — over a block wall. David Allen Woodward, 22, of 21624 Madrona Ave., reported someone broke the window of his car, parked at 22501 S. Western Ave., and removed an auto stereo set and several tape recordings.

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## Officer Reported Improved

Torrance Police Officer Carrel Van Wankum, injured in a motorcycle accident one week ago, was reported "improved" at Little Company of Mary Hospital yesterday morning.

Van Wankum, who had been in a coma for several days, was conscious and reportedly able to talk "a little bit" by a hospital spokesman. The officer was seriously injured when his motorcycle and a car collided at Torrance Boulevard and Hickory Street eight days ago.

The driver of the car, Orville Pinson, 34, of 1309 Kornblum Ave., appeared in South Bay Municipal Court Friday for a preliminary hearing on a charge of suspicion of felony drunk driving.

**PINSON** was bound over to Superior Court for trial on the charge. A trial date of Aug. 20 was set. Pinson is free on a bond pending his next court date in Southwest Superior Court, Inglewood.

Van Wankum remains in the intensive care unit at the hospital.

## Fireworks Confiscated

Torrance police confiscated a small cache of fireworks and took three juveniles into custody Friday evening after motorists reported the youths were throwing fire crackers at passing traffic. Police found the youths at a drive-in restaurant located at Crenshaw and Redondo Beach boulevards. A search of the car turned up some 800 "flash crackers" and about 40 "cherry bombs," in addition to two switch blade knives and other assorted fireworks. All three juveniles were released to their parents.

## City Council to Meet

Members of the City Council will convene Tuesday at 8 p.m. for their regular meeting. Formal hearings on the city's weed abatement program are scheduled to be held during the evening. Also scheduled is a hearing on a Walteria area tract map which has been recommended for approval by the city's Planning Commission. The Planning Department, however, has asked the council to turn down plans for the hillside tract design.

## Publish Assessor's Roll

Changes in assessments for area property owners will be published in the Press-Herald Wednesday, according to County Assessor Phil Watson and Press-Herald Publisher Glenn W. Pfeil. Publication of the lists will follow a pattern set last year and provides for publication of the complete assessment roll for about one-fifth of the county. In other areas, only changes from last year's assessments will be published. Property owners may call MA 6-6311 if they have questions.

## UNEASY PEACE CONTINUES

## Mediators 'Hopeful' in Harvey, Union Meetings

Federal and state mediators expressed optimism Friday evening as talks between the Harvey Aluminum Co. and the United Steelworkers of America were recessed until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Both parties exchanged proposals during the Friday talks and promised "to study the proposals over the weekend," mediator George Duncan said. Talks were begun Wednesday as federal and state officials moved to end the bitter strike, now in its fifth month.

Amid the hopeful atmosphere of the negotiations, striking workers continued to picket the plant and more than 50 sheriff's deputies were on hand Friday evening for shift changes. The deputies are enforcing a court restraining order prohibiting

picketing within 600 feet of the plant.

**SOME ROCK** throwing was reported early Friday morning, and Torrance police were called to the Western Avenue plant and parking lot late Friday to disperse crowds which were blocking traffic.

Only minor incidents were

## Bloodmobile Sets Visit To Lomita

Masonic Lodges of the 720th Masonic District of California will sponsor a visit of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile in Lomita tomorrow, according to Mrs. Arline Knapp of the Long Beach Red Cross office.

The bloodmobile will be stationed at the Lomita Masonic Temple, 25725 Bland Place, from 2:30 until 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Any person 21 to 40 years of age who is in good health, or persons between 18 and 11 who have parental consent, may donate blood to the blood bank. Credit for the donations may be applied to any organized blood bank.

The bloodmobile visit is a joint project of the Torrance, Rolling Hills, Wilmington, and Lomita Masonic Lodges.

## Pay Hikes at Douglas Due

A 3-cent-an-hour pay raise for 4,150 hourly employees at the Douglas Aircraft Co. facility here will become effective tomorrow.

Under terms of collective bargaining agreements 38, 500 hourly employees throughout the company will receive the pay boost as a result of an increase in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' national cost-of-living index for June 1965.

The 3-cent raise increases the annual company-wide payroll by approximately \$2,402,400.



**NEW PROBATION OFFICE . . .** Checking plans against the nearly-completed product, the new County Harbor Probation Department Building in the Torrance Civic Center, with Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, center, and Sidney I. Dwoskin, left, director of the Harbor office, and Chief Probation Officer Ieland Carter. The building will be dedicated with an open house the first week in September. The office will serve as headquarters for the Probation Department service area including Compton, Torrance, San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Palos Verdes Estates, Lomita, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Willowbrook, and Lawndale.

## Three Hurt In Traffic Accidents

Three persons suffered minor injuries during two traffic mishaps in North Torrance Friday.

Christine Marie Soto, 19, of 1500 W. 187th Place, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital after her car collided with a telephone pole near the 182nd Street overcrossing of the San Diego Freeway. She sustained cuts and bruises in the crash.

Martha Rathbun Briggs, 43, of 5334 Linda Drive, and Paul Lewis Dudley, 48, said they would seek private medical attention after their cars and a third vehicle collided on 190th Street.

The third car, driven by Donald Lee Sipes Sr., 28, of Redondo Beach, was stopped on 190th Street waiting for a traffic light. The Briggs vehicle hit the Sipes car from the rear and Dudley's car then hit the Briggs vehicle, according to police.

Sipes was uninjured in the crash.