Torrance Route Center Operates Around Clock

Finding places with exotic names like Hetch Hetchy, Tinbarn, and Shotgun Creek would baffle a geography professor, but it's just a routine part of a day's work for specially trained operators at Pacific Telephone's rate and route center in Torrance.

These special operators often become familiar with towns all over the world, but their major job is telling long distance operators the quickest route to use to complete a call and the cost of a call.

"Telephone routes are like highways," says Jewel Voss, manager of the rate and route center. "All you have to know is what telephone highway to take."

"If there's a telephone where you want to call, we can find the route to complete the call."

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ALTHOUGH a customer never deals directly with a rate and route operator, the service is heavily used every day. The Torrance center handles an average of about 14,000 calls a day.

A typical call that might be referred to the rate and route center occurs when a customer dials a long distance operator to find out how much a call to Mexico City would cost.

The long distance operator then dials rate and route and one of the special operators there tells her in code what route to take to complete the call to Mexico City. She also computes the cost of the call, because on a call to Mexico there are charges made by Pacific Telephone as well as the foreign telephone company.

"It takes a rate and route operator an average of 21 seconds to locate and give the necessary information," said Mrs. Voss.

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MANY TIMES, it takes much less, but we run into problems with calls to foreign countries. Sometimes customers don't know what country they want to call, just the name of the city or town. So the operator has to track down the country first and this can consume time.

"It's amazing that an operator is able to supply the proper information so quickly because of the tremendous amount of rate and route material she must dig through."

Each operator in the center is supplied with thousands of pages of bound rate and route information measuring more than four feet thick.

"OUR GIRLS get to know what's going on in the world almost as soon as a big story breaks in the newspapers," says Mrs. Voss.

"Whenever a major story breaks, particularly if it's a disaster, there's a marked increase in the number of calls to that area. When Fidel Castro offered to let Cubans leave his island, we had an immediate increase in the number of inquiries about calling Cuba.

"The same thing happened during the big hurricane that hit the south this year, the Alaskan earthquake last year and, more recently, during the world series games played in Minnesota. During the series, rate and route requests about calls to the midwest state were 10 times more than normal."

THE RATE and route center also plays a vital part in Pacific Telephone's efforts to track down a phone or person in an emergency.

Recently, part of a Los Angeles family was involved in an automobile accident in a rural Mexican village and it became necessary for relatives to call the village.

They weren't sure of the name of the village, but after four hours of painstaking detective work by long distance and rate and route operators, the call was completed to a tiny hamlet that had only one telephone.

The rate and route center in Torrance, and similar offices in Van Nuys and Temple City, are in operation around the clock for one reason—to supply better service to the public.

WORLD AT HER FINGERTIPS . . . Specially trained operator Cecelia Delemus is one of 75 women working in Pacific Telephone's around the clock rate and route center in Torrance. Rate and route operators assist long distance operators in completing calls to all parts of the world and compute the cost of long distance calls.

COLLEGE SENATOR

James D. Montgomery Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery of 22402 Redbeam, has been elected to serve as a senator from the College of Engineering at New Mexico State University. He is also secretary-treasurer for El Guillos Bandidos, and is a member of the Pershing Rifles.

DISEASES REPORTED

Reported to the Los Angeles County Health Department from the Torrance area for the week ending Oct. 30 were three cases of gonorrhea and one case of epilepsy, hepatitis, salmonellosis, scarlet fever, syphilis, and tuberculosis.

Spartans Speak

By Norma Burkus

Relax Spartans! Quarter finals are completed and the second quarter has begun. If you didn't accomplish all that you hoped for these past 10 weeks, step it up and keep on the ball for mid term will be upon us before you know it!

Attention boys! It's only three weeks away! Yes, it's the annual Girls League Winter Formal, to be held Dec. 17. It is a formal dance with a Christmas theme, so ask your favorite girl and attend the "Twas The Night Before Christmas" Winter formal.

Our head cheerleader, Sandi Ernst, has had to leave us and take up residence in San Francisco, Calif. We all wish Sandi the best of luck in her new school, and extend our appreciation for the fine job she did at South. Good luck, Sandi.

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THE SENIOR play, "A Thurber Carnival, is on it's way. It will be staged both Friday and Saturday nights, Dec. 3 and 4. The cast is composed of: Marcy Mendelsohn, Pam Betus, Joy Ingalls, John Baker, Kim Turner, Kathy Edwards, Doug Urban, Lee Housekeeper, and Bob Capon.

Tickets will be on sale in Student Store Number 1 soon —$1.25 for adults and 75 cents with senior or ASB cards. Don't forget to pick up you pass to entertainment.

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TWO SOUTH High boys were picked as all-stars by the Press-Herald. They are Jeff Arrieta and Jay Stuart, two of our Varsity football players. Congratulations to two deserving boys!

Well, it's a four day holiday for the Spartans. Drive carefully, have fun, and be sure to return on Monday. Happy Vacation!

Regulations To Provide More Safety

"No Stopping" and "No Parking" regulations have been approved for the east side of Bonita Street in front of the recently opened Carnegie Junior High School.

"These regulations were adopted to provide increased safety during school bus loading operations in front of this new school," explains Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The regulations will be in effect from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days only.

Douglas Gets New Contract

Award of a fixed-price contract to the Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc., in Long Beach, was announced today by Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-28th District).

Bell said the initial increment presented by the Department of the Air Force is in the amount of $1,279,395. Total value of the contract is estimated at $2,558,790.

The contract calls for the firm to proceed with ordnance ejector racks for the F-105 aircraft, Bell said. Work will be done at the firm's Torrance facility.

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BONELESS STEW BEEF 79c lb

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