

\$525 MILLION ANNUALLY

# Military Plays Vital Role in Area Economy

Military activities in the Harbor area add more than half a billion dollars to the local economy each year, a committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was told Thursday.

Lt. Col. David Wearley, controller at Ft. MacArthur, told members of the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee that \$525 million is dispersed into the local economy each year.

More than half that total—\$275 million—is paid to civilian and military employees of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Air Force. Another \$250 million is spent annually for supplies used by the armed services.

IN ADDITION, Colonel Wearley said, Harbor area communities derive numerous indirect benefits from military activities. Many servicemen make their homes in the Harbor area on retirement, he said, and federal funds are paid to local school districts. (Torrance schools

expect about \$265,000 in such funds next year.)

Some 11,000 civilians are employed at various military installations in this area, the Chamber group was told.

In addition, the Long Beach Naval Station is home port for some 120 ships of the U.S. Navy which accounts for a military payroll of some \$150 million each year, Colonel Wearley said.

"MILITARY forces have played a major role in the development and growth of the community," he told the committee.

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## City Gets \$625,000 In Funds

Torrance has received an appropriation of \$625,386 as its share of some \$128.3 million distributed to cities and counties as a partial advance on vehicle license fees collected by the state.

Houston I. Flournoy, state controller, said Torrance's share represents 75 per cent of the vehicle license fees which the state expects to return to the city. The balance will be paid to the cities and counties in June.

Los Angeles County received \$23.5 million under the formula for distribution. Counties received half the total—\$64.1 million—and the remainder was distributed among the state's 399 incorporated cities.

## Housewife Injured in Collision

A Torrance housewife injured late Saturday in an automobile accident was reported in good condition yesterday at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Patricia L. Lorenzen, of 21803 Ocean Ave., was hospitalized Saturday after her car and a vehicle driven by David Lee Lake, 18, of 20706 Mansel Ave., collided at 190th Street and Ermanita Avenue.

Mrs. Lorenzen's husband, Vernon, 42, also was injured in the crash. He was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and released the following day.

POLICE SAID Lake, whose vehicle was demolished refused medical attention at the scene. The crash occurred about 11:30 p.m.

Two youngsters escaped serious injury earlier Saturday when they were struck by cars in widely separated accidents.

Police said Michael Thornton, 6, of 17904 Crenshaw Blvd., was struck about 4:30 p.m. when he apparently ran into the street near his home.

DRIVER OF the car was identified as Leslie A. Duplan, 35, of 2623 W. 181st St., who was driving west on 178th Street at the time of the accident. He was not held.

The second youngster, Eric Palenko, 3, of 22321 Susana Ave., is in good condition at South Bay Hospital. Police said the youngster was riding a toy car on the sidewalk when he was struck by a car driven by Robert Dennis of 22301 Susana Ave. Dennis was backing his car out of the driveway at the time, it was reported. He was not cited.

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## Probation Hearing Due May 23

A Los Angeles man was convicted Monday of selling marijuana.

Raymond D. Anderson, 26, was found guilty of the charge Monday in Department C of the Southwest Superior Court. Anderson was arrested by Torrance police investigating sales of marijuana in the Torrance area.

Judge John A. Shidler set May 23 for probation and sentencing.

armed forces in this area range from Ft. MacArthur, which is the administration and logistics headquarters for the U. S. Sixth Army, to the Long Beach Naval Hospital, which was commissioned last Feb. 1.

The Torrance Naval Supply Annex, which employs 90 civilians, has a payroll of \$645,000. The annex was established here in 1945.

## 'Hatful of Rain' Cast Completed

CASTING for the Kentwood Players forthcoming production of "A Hatful of Rain" by Michael V. Gazzo has been completed, Ed Cotter, director of the production, has announced.

The cast will include Clarke Bell, David Cliff, Jack Coppock, De Ann Cotter, Patricia Davis, Raymond Kark, Jack Kent, Harry Pierce, and Gil St. Leon. Bell will produce the play for the Kentwood Players.

"A Hatful of Rain" is the story of how a young husband who involuntarily has become addicted to drugs through a war injury affects the lives of his pregnant wife, his brother, and his father.

Opening night is May 19 at the Westchester Playhouse, 8301 S. Hindry Ave., in Westchester. A five-week run is scheduled.

## Wilmington Teenager Arrested

A 19-year-old Wilmington youth was arrested on suspicion of burglary by Torrance police early yesterday.

Gary Leon Carpenter, of 1538 Broad Ave., was arrested when he was observed by police walking on Hawthorne Boulevard near Torrance Boulevard.

Police said Carpenter fit the description of one of two persons being sought by police in connection with the burglary of a garage in the 20900 block of Anza Avenue.

## Math Day Winners Announced

TOP winners in a South High School mathematics contest have been announced. Students from Calle Mayor, Newton, Seaside, and Arnold elementary schools participated in the competition.

Connie Dunham won the "Mad Hatter" contest and Mary Oakes and Cliff Kurtz tied for second place. In the "leap frog" event, Cindy Rustanius and Karen Brownlie won first place and second was won by Lloyd Brown and Russell Roberts.

Gary Chang won the "five-in-a-row" event and Doug Sakaki was second. Mari Crispin was first in the three dimensional tic-tac-toe game and Cliff Kurtz placed second.

The Hex game was won by Brad Baker with Scott Trimmingham second. Brad Baker also won the "nim" game and Carol Murray was second.

The top team was Connie Dunham, Cindy Rustanius, and Karen Brownlie from Newton School and the second team included Mike Tilley, Lloyd Brown, and Russell Roberts of Seaside School.

## Man Found Not Guilty In Burglary

A 21-year-old Torrance youth accused of burglary was found not guilty yesterday in Southwest Superior Court.

William Eugene Gilliland, of 2440 Cabrillo Ave., was exonerated of the burglary charges in a trial before Judge John A. Shidler.

Gilliland was first arrested last Jan. 28 on a glue sniffing charge and then charged with burglary and receiving stolen property following an investigation by Torrance police.

Both the glue sniffing and receiving stolen property had been dropped.

## 'Simple Man' To Continue Chapel Run

Charles Dyer's "Rattle of a Simple Man" will continue its run at Chapel Theatre, 4164 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., through May 6.

Duke Schneider, Fran Ward and John Chilton are featured. Fred West directs the production.

Curtain is 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 8 p.m. Sundays.

## Supervisor Will Honor Councilman

Supervisor Burton W. Chace will present a scroll of honor to Councilman John S. Gibson Jr., of Los Angeles, tonight.

The presentation will be made at the 30th anniversary dinner of the San Pedro Boys' Club, which Gibson helped found.

"Councilman Gibson's service to his community and the city of Los Angeles have earned him this honor, bestowed by the Board of Supervisors," Chace said.

The dinner is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in Los Verdes Country Club.

Gibson, who has represented the 15th District on the Los Angeles City Council since 1951, will be honored by other organizations at the dinner.

## Jewelry, Money Taken by Thief

Theft of money and jewelry valued at nearly \$1,200 was reported to Torrance police early yesterday by Mrs. Arthur Hallstone and Barbara Spees, both of 2815 Carson St.

## Exchange Club Talent Search to Begin Here

Preliminary competition in the annual "Search for Talent" conducted by the Exchange Club of the South Bay is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, Dick Robillard, chairman of the event, said today.

Robillard said the South Bay Club's initial program will begin at the Mira Costa High School auditorium.

Finals of the South Bay Exchange competition will be held Friday, May 19, at Mira Costa High School. Local winners will compete in the Exchange Club's Division 4 finals, to be held in Inglewood May 26.

STATE FINALS are scheduled June 22 in Fresno, where the California District Exchange Club Convention is to be held.

Youngsters who will be at least 7 years of age by May 31 will be eligible to compete in the "Search for Talent." Contestants must not have reached their 19th birthday.

COMPETITION will be conducted in a junior and senior divisions and each will be divided into "classical" and "popular" classifications. Competition in vocal, dance, and instrumental divisions is planned.

Persons interested in participating in the contest should contact Robillard or Chuck Eischen, president of the South Bay Exchange Club, for applications and additional information.

All performances will be open to the public without charge.

## Marijuana Charges Jail Man

A 29-year-old Torrance man was charged with possession of marijuana early yesterday after Torrance police found what they believe to be marijuana seeds and cigarettes on the man.

Carl Dean Norris, of 3713 W. 182nd St., was arrested about 2:20 a.m. in the 3200 block of 180th Street, police said.

Police said Norris, who was standing in front of a bar when he was first spotted by police, ran from the area when a patrol car spotted him. Officers said they found several seeds and a cigarette believed to be marijuana when they searched Norris.



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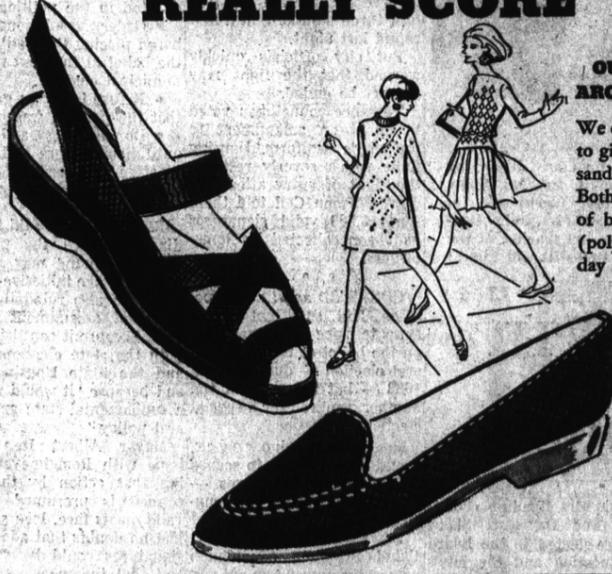
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