

A Penny for your Thoughts

What with options being renewed by sponsors of television programs, the HERALD's inquiring photographer thought maybe the sponsors would be interested in what shows Torrance youngsters like best.

Youngsters were asked: "What programs do you like best on television? Do you think there should be more programs for children?"

Donna Cochran, 9, of 1606 Amapola Ave., student:

"I like 'Cheyenne' and 'Sugarfoot' best. I also like the 'Gale Storm' show because she has a nice voice and is always funny. I don't like children's programs. I like mysteries best of all. There should be more of them."

Victoria Ann Challis, 5, of 21146 S. Harbor Blvd.:

"I like 'Pat Boone,' 'Gale Storm,' 'Cheyenne' and 'Have Gun, Will Travel.' I also like shows such as 'Disneyland' and the cartoons. There should be more programs for children."

Theresa Leves, 9, of 21131 S. Harbor Blvd.:

"I like Western shows the best. I watch television a lot. 'Disneyland' and the cartoons are good too. Programs for children should be earlier in the evening. Sometimes I have to go to bed and miss my favorites."

Ramona Mildred White, 7, of 21146 S. Harbor Blvd.:

"I like 'Gale Storm' because my sister does. 'Annie Oakley' is another favorite. I like funny shows better than Westerns. There should be more comedies."

Bill Farrell, 11, of 3536 W. 224th St.:

"Horror movies are the best. They are scary... I like the way the men are made up. There's only two of them on television now... 'Nightmare' and 'Shock.' I'd like to see more of this kind."

Neil Parks, 11, of 3531 W. 225th St.:

"I think horror movies are the best too. I don't like Westerns too much. 'Disneyland' and 'Popeye' are pretty good. There should be science thrillers on television... the kind where they make men."

Sneak Sneaks Caps

John Pool, of 5023 W. 137th St., reported to police yesterday that someone removed three "spinner" hubcaps from his automobile parked near Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd. Friday night.



ROTARIANS AT WORK . . . Mervin M. Schwab and John Whittington, of the Torrance Rotary Club, are shown working on the fire trenches recently constructed by club members for use at El Nido Park. Park and recreation officials estimated the work would have cost the city in excess of \$4000 if they had contracted the work to be done.

Firemen Whip Refinery Fire, Put Damage at \$20 Millions

The pall of smoke which had hung over the horizon east of the city for the past three days began clearing away yesterday and fire officials at the scene of the devastating Hancock Oil Co. blaze declared the conflagration "under control."

Although flames continued to burn around several of the large storage tanks, the Signal Hill, Long Beach, and neighboring firefighting units were beginning to squelch the last of the stubborn oil flames through the use of foamite, and hoped to extinguish the blaze some time last night.

Estimates of damage to the multi-million dollar 10-acre plant has been placed at nearly 20 million dollars.

Hancock officials reported that 13 storage tanks had exploded and burned, but that about that many more were saved as was portions of the costly cracking plant.

The heavy cloud of smoke from the conflagration first boiled up on the eastern horizon shortly after 2 p.m. Thursday and continued throughout the day and Friday, boiling up again about noon on Friday. It began to disappear Saturday and was all but gone late yesterday.

Two men were killed and several injured in the blast, described as one of Southern California's worst fires.

Nearly complete information on the widespread operations of the suspects now in custody is expected this week.

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HEARING TUESDAY ON NEW 'CAT' LAW

City Proposes Two-Cat Limit

Public hearings on an ordinance which would limit the cat population to two per residence, and would outlaw all cats except the domestic housecat will be held before the city council at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Under the terms of the proposed ordinance regulating Torrance's feline population for the first time, owners would be required to pay a \$2 annual tax for male and spayed female cats and \$4 a year for each unspayed female cat. The license fee would be payable before July 1 each year. The regulation would apply to all cats over 10 weeks old.

Opposition to the proposed regulation has been voiced by a number of Torrance residents, and letters protesting any attempts to regulate cats have been piling up at the city hall.

A city law regulating cats was first proposed here earlier this year after hearings before the council into the harboring of ocelots and a cheetah by a north Torrance family.

Keeping such animals in the city, even if domesticated as house pets, would be illegal under the terms of the new ordinance up for consideration Tuesday.

The poundmaster would be charged with maintaining pound facilities for cats, and fees for impounding of animals is fixed at \$1.50 the first time; \$2 the second time, and \$2.50 each time thereafter.

Charges of 50 cents a day are also authorized for each day the animal is impounded.

Certificates of merit were awarded to the following students: Florence Crenshaw, Blaine McCusker, Peggy Edwards, Jon Hunter, Tom Hubbert, Eleazar Ybarra, Sue Crumm, Sharleen Thomas, Phyllis Wallenmeyer, Rosemary Hill, Gay Maupin, Ronald Coleman, Tom Kling, Betty McMicken, Jim White, Norman Hampton, Neil Dailey, Judy Strayhan.

Winners in the International Humane Poster Contest were announced: Judith Rayner, freshman student was awarded first prize in Class III, which includes the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. Group IV award winner in this contest for work of tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students was Wayne Haslam, twelfth grade student.

A freshman student at Torrance High, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Connett.

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MISSILE SITE . . . Cecil Pruett, scoutmaster for Troop 569 of the Wilmington-Lomita area, and Mike Honsinger, of Lomita, examine an Army Nike-Ajax guided missile at the missile site in Torrance. The missile was on display at the Scouts' "Scout-O-Rama" yesterday in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Local Scouts Show Guided Missile at 'Scout-O-Rama'

One of the most interesting presentations of the gigantic Scout-O-Rama in the Los Angeles Coliseum yesterday was the Boy Scout Troop 569's Nike-Ajax installation.

Troop 569, in the Wilmington-Lomita area and under the leadership of Scoutmaster Cecil Pruett, is sponsored by the Men's Fellowship Club, Wayside Chapel. The 47th Artillery Brigade (Air Defense) is Cooperating Partner for Troop 569 and assisted the scouts in exhibiting the Nike Missile during Scout-O-Rama.

Boys of the troop have been studying the Nike, its control and operations system, at Battery D, 865th A.A. Missile

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Torrance Detective Chief Transferred

Police Capt. Ernest M. Ashton, a veteran of 28 years on the city police force, was relieved as chief of the detective bureau yesterday.

Notice of the change in assignments was authorized by Chief Percy Bennett and signed by Assistant Chief M. H. Porter. The order indicated that Ashton was to be returned to uniform and serve on the headquarters information desk.

No official explanation of the change was made, although Porter said the transfer was ordered "for the good of the department."

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Silver Dollar Quiz Slated For Realtors

Norman Woest, community relations director for Title Insurance and Trust Co., Los Angeles, will present his Silver Dollar Quiz at the Tuesday meeting of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, Alyce O'Rourke, program chairman, announced today.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:45 a.m., at the YWCA in Torrance. Mrs. O'Rourke stated. All realtors and their guests are invited to attend.

Quizmaster Woest will award silver dollars to those who answer correctly his questions based on practical problems relating to real estate procedure.

Woest will be assisted in the program by Dan Harrington, the company's customer relations representative for the Torrance area.



THE STAMP ACT . . . Members of the merchants division, Torrance Chamber of Commerce got into the act last week as they burned hundreds of books of Downtown Torrance Trade Stamps. The books were those filled and turned in by local shoppers. Burning the books are, from left: Paul Diamond vice president of the merchants group; Maurine Culbertson, secretary; Bernie Lee, promotions chairman; and Del Nadeau, president. (Herald Photo)

PILLSBURY ASSUMES NEW POST

Lloyd C. Pillsbury . . . Obtains New Post

Lloyd C. Pillsbury, safety engineer in charge of safety-conservation at the Torrance plant of Douglas Aircraft Co., has been named administrator of the safety and conservation department at the El Segundo division.

He succeeds M. L. Andrews who resigned to accept a position on the Douglas Thor Missile program.

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Barber Shop Singers Host L.B. Chapter

Members of the Palos Verdes Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., were hosts to the Long Beach Chapter recently at the Dapplegray School Auditorium, when new officers of the two chapters were installed.

Homer Aspy, former International SPEBSQSA board member officiated at the installation and acted as master of ceremonies at one of the largest assemblies of barber shoppers in this area. Quartets and choruses of the two chapters entertained the group.

The newly-installed officers of the Palos Verdes chapter are as follows:

Lloyd Hills, president; Norman Oberman, vice president; Truman Tyler, vice president; Jim Skiffington, vice president; Oscar Nelson, sergeant at arms; John Beismann, secretary; Howard Towle, treasurer; Harry Harper, immediate past president and house of delegates member.

Many new members have attended rehearsals on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m., Dapplegray School, and all men in the area who love to harmonize to the old songs are welcome to attend.

Tenors and basses are especially welcome as the chapter needs more voices to prepare for the big fall barber shop harmony show to be announced later.