

\$525 MILLION ANNUALLY

Military Plays Vital Role in Area Economy

Military activities in the Harbor area add more than \$265,000 in 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.

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.

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.

DRIVER OF THE WEEK

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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Math Day Winners Announced

Top winners in a South High School mathematics competition 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 Rustani and Karen Brownlie won first place and second was won by Lloyd Brown and Russell Roberts.

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

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

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'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.

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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.

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.

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