

State Hears Protests on Beach Mining Proposal

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A Penny for your Thoughts

"What would you do or buy if money was no object?" was the question the Penniesaving photographer asked Torrance area residents for today's column.

Mrs. Vi Cotten, 18413 Roslin Ave.

"I would finish the addition to our home and have a swimming pool put in for our three boys, ages 13, 11 and 8. We are adding a den and bath to our home."

Mrs. A. Vanetek, 2823 W. 179th St.

"I would buy my husband a new car and put money away for our 3-month-old daughter's education. We might also take a trip to Israel."

Mrs. Joseph H. Skelley, 17116 Arlington Ave.

"I wouldn't want an unlimited amount of money because it would change your whole way of life and bring about many more problems. Most people learn to live within their means. We feel very fortunate we are able to get along."

Sarah Pennington, 16809 Casimir Ave.

"I am engaged and I and my fiancée wish to take up water sports after we are married so I'd like to buy a boat. I'd also like to buy a sports car but the boat would come first so we could go water skiing."

Nancy Pennington, 16809

"I'd pay for a good education, probably at the University of Southern California. I'd like to major in political science, although that is not definite. Then I'd probably buy clothes."

Pair Held As Phone Burglars

Two men believed to be part of an interstate pay-telephone burglary ring were arrested and held to answer on six counts each of burglary at a preliminary hearing Thursday in Los Angeles.

H. B. Martin, 46, of 2733 Via Anita, Palos Verdes Estates, and Floyd Hinkworth, 37, of 3217 Newton St., Torrance were scheduled for arraignment Oct. 3 in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Officers said the men are believed to be part of an interstate ring thought responsible for as many as 500 telephone burglaries in the Los Angeles area in the last six months. The men were arrested July 26 in Eagle Rock by Los Angeles police and telephone company investigators.

Local Douglas Plant Could Get Bigger Role for Firm

Decision on Application Slated Soon

Efforts of two Downey men to gain approval of an exploratory mining permit for Torrance beach were protested before state officials this week by Torrance and Palos Verdes Estates representatives.

Hopes of blocking the venture appeared dim to local officials, however, when A.W. Pfiel of the State Lands Commission said at the outset of the hearing that the state had no objection "to issuance of the permit to a duly approved applicant."

Robert K. Dower, assistant city attorney, placed the city's protest before the commission. He stated that the City Council had expressed opposition to such mining.

DOWER SUMMED up local opposition by pointing out that no assurances against erosion had been offered; that there was no assurance against pollution of the beach; that black streaks on the beach now may be the result of unauthorized prospecting in the past; that the operations would be unsightly, and that such operation over a 20-year period would be detrimental to fishing, boating, swimming and skin diving.

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Tickets for Bike Riders Under Study

Tickets for errant bike riders was cited as one method of increasing the safety factor by Lt. Ferris Childers of the Downey Police Dept. here this week.

Speaking to the first open meeting of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council, Lieutenant Childers said Downey Police had issued more than 500 citations to youngsters who were charged with violating a traffic law while riding bicycles.

Children were introduced by Officer Don Hartel who has been named public education officer for Torrance, a position similar to that held by Childers in Downey.

The Downey officer outlined the background of Downey's safety council to the approximately 50 persons at the luncheon meeting. He cited statistics to show that the city's accident rate had dropped as the result of the campaigns conducted by the citizen's group.

The Torrance group plans to meet each month, and to bring in representatives of service clubs, PTA groups, and others to assist in promoting a safety campaign throughout the city.

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DOWNTOWN ACCIDENT . . . Ambulance attendants put Lawrence R. Basile, 6, of 1824 Gramercy Ave., into the ambulance after the youth's bicycle tangled with a car, left, Friday afternoon on Carson St. between Gramercy and Arlington Aves. (Herald Photo)

Nine Persons Hurt In Local Traffic

Nine persons suffered injuries in Torrance accidents this week.

Lawrence R. Basile, 6, of 1824 Gramercy Ave., was reported in good condition yesterday at Little Company of Mary Hospital where he was taken after his bicycle was struck Friday afternoon by a car on Carson St. 200 feet west of Gramercy.

The youth suffered head injuries. Driver of the vehicle was Betty Jo Pappas, 23, of 1233 W. 213th St.

Mrs. Marjorie White, 35, of 1441 W. 216th St., took her two children, Karen S., 5, and Michael J., 12, to a private

physician after a two-car collision at the five points intersection at Carson and Cabrillo. The children were passengers in a car driven by their mother. Driver of the other vehicle involved was Charles W. Brandt, 73, of 1314 Date Ave.

FLOYD C. KEECH, 13, of 1614 W. 205th St., was treated for bruises and abrasions Thursday afternoon at Harbor General Hospital after his bicycle and a car driven by William B. Lemke, 35, of 1062 Ave. F, Redondo Beach, collided at the Western Ave. and Torrance Blvd. intersection.

Three persons were injured in a two-car collision Wednesday evening at the intersection of Palos Verdes Blvd. and Calle Miramar. William F. Bantum, 41, of 2201 Via Rosa, driver of one of the vehicles, was treated for a fractured jaw at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Treated as outpatients were Homer J. Hare, 47, of 2709 Palos Verdes Dr. North, driver of the other vehicle, and Jane Hare, 46, of the same address, a passenger in his car.

INJURIES were also suffered by three persons in a three car accident Thursday morning on Western Ave. at the Douglas Aircraft plant entrance.

Treated as outpatients at Little Company of Mary Hospital were Pearl D. Hodges of Redondo Beach, driver of one of the vehicles; Doris Gallahan, 39, and Florence Orzel, both of Redondo Beach and passengers in a car driven by Harry Orzel, 43, of Hermosa Beach. Driver of the third vehicle involved was John C. Marshall, 23, of Lomita.

Thieves Enter Shoe Store, Cafe
Thieves broke into two Torrance business establishments Thursday night. Biggest haul was made at the Quality Shoe store, 2591 Pacific Coast Hwy., where \$30 in cash and shoes valued at \$157 were taken.

About \$30 was taken from vending machines at the Skipper Inn, 18930 Hawthorne Blvd., after the cafe was entered by forcing a lock on a back door.

New Skipper Here
Lt. Cmdr. W. H. Atkin, 2646 W. 226th St., assumed command of the Pacific minesweeper USS Engage in shipboard ceremonies in Long Beach Friday.

Atkin will replace Lt. Cmdr. L. E. Zook, San Diego, as the commanding officer of the 172 foot, wooden-hulled minesweeper, a unit of Pacific Mine Force.

Union Voting On Proposal For Transfer

Proposals to consolidate aircraft production facilities of Douglas Aircraft in the Torrance and Long Beach plants are awaiting Navy approval, Douglas officials reported this week. Effect of the move would be to close the El Segundo division of the firm, according to J. R. McGowen, vice president and general manager of the aircraft division.

Members of United Auto Workers Local 148 will ballot in Long Beach today on transfer of approximately 250 workers from the El Segundo plant to Long Beach. Another group of nearly 50 workers would be transferred from the Santa Monica plant.

THE EL SEGUNDO division now employs about 5500 persons and nearly 2000 are employed at the Torrance plant.

If approved, Douglas would put all of its aircraft manufacturing facilities in the Torrance and Long Beach plant, including the recently announced \$77 million contract for Navy planes.

A group calling itself the El Segundo Job Protection Committee has indicated it might seek to halt the transfer with a suit if approved by the Navy.

COMPANY officials have said the bulk of those in the El Segundo plant would not be transferred, but that additional personnel would be brought into the Long Beach plant from among those now on layoff there.

The workers group has used this as their basis for considering a \$200 million suit against the company.

Observers said the job committee apparently based its suit threat on a recent decision involving the Glidden Co. which closed a Long Island plant and transferred all operations to a new plant in Pennsylvania.

City Gets 268 New Dwellings

Torrance gained 268 dwelling units during August, a compilation by the city's building department shows.

Among the 290 permits issued during the month, 18 provided 65 single family homes; another added a duplex to the city, and 11 others for apartment projects provide 201 dwelling units.

Single family dwellings authorized during the month have a valuation of \$1,576,617. The 11 permits issued for apartment projects had a total value of \$1,256,635.

In addition to the homes and apartments, the city issued permits for six commercial buildings with a valuation of \$377,485. Two industrial buildings were valued at \$32,800, and 45 other new building permits were valued at \$97,380. Such permits include garages and other utility buildings.

Total permit value for the month was \$3,622,803, according to Building Superintendent Lee Schiens. Total for the first eight months of the year is \$17,572,167.

Sign of the times? The permits included two fallout shelters, one revival tent—and 12 swimming pools.



MAP DRIVE . . . Members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee met recently to make plans for the organization's annual membership drive. Shown, left to right, are Robert K. Richardson, V. L. Hughes, John A. Barrington, and Philip T. Martino. (Herald Photo)