

San Diego, Calif.
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Harley E. Knox, Mayor,
and City Council,
San Diego, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I'm not fully informed on the duties of lifeguards, but surely they are not hired to dump garbage and such trash as broken bottles and sharp tin~~x~~ cans into the surf. That is what some of them are doing, however, as half a dozen witnesses will testify. What is the sense of placing barrels on beaches for public disposal of trash when a lifeguard will come along and pour the trash where it spoils the water for bathing and creates a serious hazard? I am right now suffering from a foot infection caused by this carelessness. I stepped on a sharp piece of glass.

I am a teen-ager and do not want to become involved in a public dispute, but feel that any investigation you make will prove these charges to be true. The man is a guard at La Jolla Cove. I believe his ~~name~~ boss' name is Gilmore. Several of my friends were with me when we saw the dumping.

Hoping you will order a cleanup of the beaches and stop this ridiculous practice, I am,

Yours very truly,

A Junior Citizen.

P.S.-We also object to the profane and vulgar language used by these lifeguards in trying to prevent us from using the beaches for recreation. If you want us to stay away from the beaches, we will, but we think young people should be allowed to enjoy them.