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BRAWL ERUPTS AS NORTH HIGH GRIDDERS LOSE TO LONG BEACH

Fans Pour Out To Trade Blows

A free-for-all which erupted in the final second of a CIF playoff game between North High and Long Beach Poly Friday night involved players and spectators and threatened for a time to involve coaches and officials as the Long Beach squad scored on a desperation pass with seconds to go to win the game, 19-15.

The free-for-all erupted with the final play of the game when a North High player dove over the line of scrimmage before the ball was snapped. Opposing players began to mix it up and officials who attempted to separate the gridgers found themselves involved. Action wasn't confined to the gridiron as the fans continued to trade blows as they left El Camino's Murdock Stadium and spilled into the parking lots.

Prior to the last-second eruption, the game had been marked by exceptionally clean play. Each team had been penalized only twice during the game. For complete details of the game see Jerry Farnold's story today on Page 8.

Councilmen In Boston No Meeting

With six of the seven members of the city council enroute to Boston (at city expense) to attend a meeting of the American Municipal Assn. this week, the regular Tuesday meeting of the city council has been cancelled.

A number of hearings, including a petition to rezone property in North Torrance for Air Research, have been scheduled for Tuesday evening, Dec. 9, next meeting date for the councilmen.

Only Councilman Nick Drake did not go to Boston.

Ryan Firebee Sets New Altitude Mark

All records for endurance and altitude by production Navy target aircraft were broken by a Torrance man flying KDA-4 Firebee in a flight at the Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, Ryan Aeronautical Co. officials were notified this week.

The KDA-4, latest production model of the famed 100-minute remote-controlled target, attained an altitude in excess of 29,000 feet and remained in the air one hour, 13 minutes, all but seven minutes of which was powered flight.

On fuel depletion, the target glided to 11,000 feet where parachute recovery into the ocean was contemplated by the remote controller. The target was retrieved from the sea and a third parachute (dead) was added to its trainings, indicating its third successful mission. Individual Firebees have made as many as 10 flights in constant reuse as targets.

Further indicative of the KDA-4's high-altitude capabilities in providing realistic evaluation of air defense weapons systems was another feature of the record-breaking flight—53 minutes at an altitude above 40,000 feet.

The KDA-4 has been selected for "tipping snow" exercises, the extreme end of weather evaluation of the Nike Hercules missile system to be conducted this winter by the U.S. Army, the Royal Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force at the U.S. Army's first Arctic Test Detachment, Fort Churchill, Manitoba, on the northwest shore of Hudson Bay.

With Ryan producing the speedy, evasive targets for both the Navy and the Air Force, even more advanced Firebees, capable of flying well above 50,000 feet, are bearing the quantity production stage here.



SIDELINE CONFERENCE... Don Shoup, North High varsity football coach, outlines offensive strategy to Quarterback Bill Hall before sending him back into CIF playoff game Friday night in El Camino Stadium. Saxton lost to Long Beach Poly, 19-15. (Story on Page 8)

Lady Attacked On Parking Lot

A Torrance woman had two of her teeth knocked out and suffered a broken wrist at the hands of an unidentified assailant on a bowling alley parking lot early Thanksgiving Day.

The woman, Corrine Westfall, 40, of 2451 W. 238th St., told Torrance officers the incident happened about 1:30 a.m. Thursday on the parking lot of a bowling alley at 220th St. and Western Ave.

She said she was grabbed around the neck by a man as she was about to get in her car. The assailant, who was described only as wearing a "grey suit," began to beat her about the face when she screamed for help, she said.

AFTER FAILING to get the victim's car keys, the attacker knocked her to the ground and fled.

Police found blood stains on the front seat and side of the car and on the ground in the area where the struggle occurred. The heel of one of her high heeled shoes had been broken, investigators said.

OTHER MATTERS reported to police this week included an accident early Friday morning on Torrance Blvd. just east of Hickory Ave. in which Charles R. Taylor, 37, of 826 Palmdale Ave., and Oma and Arthur Eck, both of Santa Clara, were injured.

The three were taken to Harbor General Hospital where they were described as suffering from cuts and bruises. The Taylor auto hit a street light standard during the heavy fog. The scene of the crash was about a block from the Taylor home.

PICK NEW OFFICERS... See Omohundro, eight grader at Walters Elementary School, has been elected president of the school's student council as a result of balloting this week. She won out over two other candidates.

Serving with Stee will be Tina Fitzpatrick as vice president and Rebecca Miller as secretary.

EXTENSION OF HAWTHORNE... Extension of Hawthorne Ave. south of Pacific Coast Hwy. has been planned for the county for several years, and will eventually cross the peninsula and end near Marineland.

Cost of the project in the city of Torrance has been estimated at \$200,000 plus the costs of right of way.

COMPLETION OF DEL AMO... Completion of Del Amo Blvd. discussed by city and county officials last month.

RECLAIMING SEWAGE WATER... As their final act before retiring after more than 30 years service each, Col. H. E. Hedger, chief engineer of the County Flood Control District, and A. M. Rawn, chief engineer of the County Sanitation Districts, this week submitted a comprehensive report to the Board of Supervisors outlining how \$3,000,000 a year can be saved through reclaiming 200 million gallons of waste sewage water now being dumped into the ocean.

The report was made at the request of Supervisor Kenneth Kahn, who has urged that a method be worked out to reclaim the waste water over the last 10 years.

The report pointed out that reclaiming of waste sewage water is the only presently possible means of supplementing the existing water supplies in the County since water can be made available in about 1975.

NOW THREE CHANCES... Repeat these students in Mrs. Lorraine Nally's fourth, fifth and sixth grade class at Santa School, Torrance, as they had over parts of a Christmas Eve surprise. The class recently visited the garage of R. T. Hood, where they learned about how he is rebuilding the old plane. Showers are held to repeat Linda Jones, Kathy Steele, Jim Woodford, Mrs. Nally, and Charles Booth. Remains there in the stripped-down frame of the plane.

REPEASERS TO VIE... The latest humorists and best players of tall tales in Area 4 of Toastmasters International will vie for the honor of winning the district contest at a "Fun Smoker" sponsored to be held Saturday night, Dec. 6, at the National House, 1444 Colorado, Inglewood.

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CHRISTMAS BALL... The traditional Harbor College Christmas Ball, honoring Winter 1958 graduates, will be held Friday evening, Dec. 5, from 6 to 1, at the Long Beach Pacific Coast Club, 2000 Pacific Coast Blvd. An announcement by J. Rexburn Hatfield, Dean of Students, will be in the Herald.

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City Seeks Gas Tax Funds for Del Amo

Requests that special gasoline tax allotments totaling more than a million dollars be made to Torrance to finance construction of Del Amo Blvd. to Redondo Beach city limits from Western Ave. south to Pacific Coast Hwy. have been made to the county board of supervisors.

Acting on instructions of the city council, City Manager George Stevens this week made the request that the funds be included in the county budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

COST OF THE DEL AMO project has been estimated at \$300,000 for construction and \$300,000 for right of way. A total of 24 acres has been estimated for the latter at an estimated cost of \$15,000 an acre.

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Man Stabbed As He Tries To End Tiff

A Long Beach man who stepped in to stop a brawl in his brother's bar this week is recovering from six wounds at Harbor General Hospital.

Raymond J. Topolaki, of 2419 W. 24th St., received two slash wounds in the abdomen and a cut thigh when he intervened as a peacemaker during a tiff at Walt's Cafe and Bar, 24555 Normandie Ave. The cafe operator is Walter Topolaki, who rushed his brother to the hospital after the stabbing.

Raymond's wounds were first described as critical, but he was listed as "improving" later.

Zamperini Tells PTA About War, Postwar Experiences

Relates Experiences... An Olympic champion and famed war hero was guest speaker at a meeting here Tuesday night when Torrance-born Louis Zamperini, co-founder H.E.R.A.L.D. newsboy, returned to his home town to address the father-son night event at Evelyn Carr P.T.A.

More than 250 persons turned out to hear the nationally known figure recall his wartime experiences. The former track star described his capture by the Japanese off the Marshall Islands where he had been held for 47 days following the storming down of the aircraft on which he served as bombardier. Declared legally dead, Zamperini spent 2 1/2 years in a Yokohama prison camp where he was forced to compete at track in a starved physical state.

ZAMPERINI told of personal experiences suffered following his return home and here's high praise. He attributed his present fulfillment to the spiritual guidance he received at the time of his own emotional rebirth. The fruits of this fulfillment, he reported, are

reaped daily at Victory Boy's Camp in the San Bernardino Mountains, where he is a director of the rehabilitation center for delinquent boys.

Also featured on the father-son program was a swimming team from North High School. Tumblers included Gene Paulson, Ray Meyers, Larry Mate, Bill Perkins, Richard La Fond, Angel Wilson, Sharon Stein, and Coach Walt Hets.

Adding a musical touch was Luther Sterling, vocalist, who was accompanied by Miss Dana Taylor. High and wide grade room mothers were hostesses.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

Your HERALD photographer was a little early in covering the North Torrance High-Long Beach Poly football game Friday night and being short of pennies he asked six fans at the game this question for the Penny For Your Thoughts column: "Who will win tonight's game?"

Nick Evans, North High senior:
"Who will win tonight? Now, that is a silly question. With the 19-15 and the coach we have, how can we lose? I don't think it will be easy but then we win the third one."

Frank Wilson, Long Beach Poly alumna:
"If you had checked Poly's record for win you wouldn't ask this question. Poly is a tough, smart, hard fighting team and will win this one by two good touchdowns."

Mrs. Alvin Smythe, 2093 Gramercy Pl.:
"I have a daughter attending North High and she tells me about their wonderful team. I don't see how they can lose. Anyway, I couldn't be for any other team, so North will win tonight."

Bill Truder, just a North High fan from the area:
"Man, when you ask that question reach for your wallet. Ten will get you twenty that Shoup's boys will do a repeat on this week. I think they are too good for any prep team in the state."

Mrs. Charis Kockel, Long Beach nurse:
"How you talk. Who could win except the Jack Rabbits. They are way ahead of all the high school teams. I'll tell you right now Long Beach will win this one and by a big score, 20 to 7."

Paul Somers, Long Beach insurance salesman:
"I'm not as confident as you date. I have never seen either team in action and I will knock more about their skill the first quarter, but my team that won a league title is good and strong."

P. S. Read, Jerry Reynolds account of the North High Poly game on page 8.

Santa Slates Southwood Visit Monday

Santa Claus will visit the Southwood center at Sepulveda and Palms Verdes Blvd. at 7 p.m. Monday to turn on the lights inaugurating the Christmas shopping season at that location.

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