

# MAY 7 DECLARED 'TORRANCE BASEBALL DAY'

By order of the City Council, Mayor Albert Isen has officially declared May 7 as Baseball Parade Day and for the first time in Torrance baseball history sixteen leagues—three Babe Ruth, five Pony, eight Little Leagues—are joining in plans for a gala city-wide parade.

The colorful spectacle of \$300 boys in baseball uniforms will highlight a parade which will begin at Maricopa and Crenshaw Blvd.

**THE PARADE** will proceed down Crenshaw to Torrance Blvd. to Madrona Ave. Also featured will be floats entered by each of the leagues represented, the Torrance Area Youth Band,

twirling units, and the Torrance Babe Ruth all-star team which won the Southern California Championship last year.

A committee of Torrance notables headed by George Vico is arranging to have some Dodger stars present at the festivities.

Center site north of the City Hall. At this time the Queens will be announced, the trophies presented, and the Dodger stars introduced.

Following the official Baseball Day ceremony, many of the leagues will hold their opening games.

**PLANS FOR** the city's first Parade Day have been mapped by a committee headed by Jim Davidson, a music instructor in the Torrance school district who is also affiliated with the Torrance Youth Band.

The parade was first conceived by the Torrance Youth Baseball Council and has been timed to start simultaneously with a sili-mar parade in Redondo Beach.

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### FROM THE BRIDGE

## Cannon Hassle May Cause War

By BILL SCHIPPER—Sports Editor

**SKIPPING ALONG THE SPORTS RIALTO** . . . Local scuttlebutt has it that one of the city's top coaches will be packing his bags for bigger and better things by next fall. We're not at all to disclose his name yet, but watch for the announcement and the usual explosion that'll come with it . . . Other bits concerning coaches: Bob Shoup out at North High has been told to give up either the varsity football or varsity baseball reins by the '60-'61 school year . . . El Camino's Ray Southstone, track and field boss, keeps moaning that "things can't get much worse, but they seem to". Five or six of Ray's top scorers are on the shelf for various reasons . . .

I've yet to see where a "Play me or trade me" ballplayer has been played. Don Zimmer is the recent testimonial to this. It's ironic too, for just two years ago Jim was hailed throughout the Southland for his spunky play during the Dodgers' 1958 flop . . .

**THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** deserves a pat on the back for stepping in to sponsor Stuart Bucklew's trip to Ames, Iowa to compete in the Olympic Wrestling Trials. Stu is a '59 grad from Torrance HI, and has literally put this city on the wrestling map by winning a recent AAU tourney in the 147½ pound division to qualify for the Iowa trek. Stu's big brother Steve was also quite a wrestler at Torrance a couple of years ago. Jun Watanabe, a Leuzinger High product, qualified for the Olympic trials but may not have the opportunity to compete since he is still searching for a sponsor to foot a \$250 tab . . .

Billy Cannon, the All-America halfback from LSU and defendant in a suit filed by the L.A. Rams, will stand trial June 14 in the U.S. District Court. You may recall that the Rams are seeking an injunction precluding the much publicized Cannon from playing with any pro football team other than the Rams. Billy signed an NFL contract with the L.A. club on Nov. 30, but also signed a later pact with the Houston Oilers of the new American Football League.

You'd think a guy with a college education would be wise to a simple point of law regarding a binding contract. If Billy wins his case though, I'd suggest that the Dodger's Buzzie Bavasi go out and sign Ernie Banks or Mickey Mantle to an L.A. contract.

A glance at the local high school baseball standings reveals a couple of races tighter'n a Marilyn Monroe sweater, but the week after Easter vacation will make or break the three Torrance teams . . .

Cliff Greybehl, the former Torrance and North High coach now in an administrative position at North says that the basketball player who first put Torrance on the map was 5'5" Dickie Carrow. "What a backcourt man", Cliff says as he recalls some of Torrance's earlier athletic days. Carrow played in '49-'50 when the Tartars performed in the old girls' gym . . .

Vince McCullough, Redondo High football coach, says that the Tartars' Stan Gont was the finest lineman he saw all last year . . .

**BASKETBALL COACH BILL WOOD** can't do a thing about it, but Chas Tomblin, Mira Costa's flashy backcourt whiz, actually lives in the North High district. Tomblin moved into the area after the close of the recent hoop season, but received a permit to continue to attend Micholi. He'll be a senior next season . . .

Erv Palica, Torrance High's batting hero in the recent 10-1 win over South, is a sophomore, not a freshman as reported here earlier . . . Leuzinger High speedster James Valmore, with college scouts literally sleeping on his doorstep, says he will probably attend a JC, although he has a B-minus grade average . . .

North High's golf team celebrated its first "centennial" last week. The Saxons competed in their 100th golf match in five years, and won it, for an overall total of 85. The local divot diggers have annually been one of the top prep teams in Southern California, never finishing worse than 12th in the CIF . . .

At least one local coach, who says he may quit the Torrance School District in favor of a position in the L.A. City School District this fall, is openly dissatisfied and in disagreement with the policy of "no competition in elementary schools".

"I'd like to check the figures, but I'll bet that Torrance kids have one of the highest Army deferment records around", he says. Which leads one to wonder if grammar schoolers are still playing games like "foursquare" and "ball tag" as late as the 7th and 8th grades.

Henry Armstrong is often regarded as the greatest all-around fighter who ever lived (held three titles at once), but didja know that the Herald's Bob Wilton holds a decision over Hammerin' Henry?

Next baseball season, all three Torrance schools will be cut from 20 to 18 games a season. "It makes for a shorter season" coaches are told. But, as one coach pointed out, the season starts on the Feb. 21 and ends when the league season is completed. "All they're doing is cutting out some of the fun".

Incidentally, it'll be interesting to see how the local baseballers fare next week after the Easter vacation layoff. While most schools are competing in Easter tournaments, I understand that Torrance teams are not even allowed to hold practice sessions.

### Two Homers Mark 15-4 Win By Torrance JVs.

By MIKE RANASES  
Torrance's Junior Varsity baseball team boosted its Pioneer League record to 3 and 2 Thursday with an impressive 15-4 victory over Lennox. The locals chalked up eight runs in the first inning on three singles, a triple, and a home run by sophomore Bob Clark.

In the sixth, another homer was pounded with two men on base by Bill Roberts.

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## Mira Costa Wins Inglewood Relays



**DEAD HEAT?** . . . Furman Marsh (l) breaks tape just a tenth of a second ahead of El Camino College teammate Len Ehlers in thrilling 880 duet during Friday afternoon's double dual Metropolitan Conference meet. Marsh previously had broken school mile record with 4:25.6 clocking despite running with a bruised heel. (Herald photo).

### Pipkin Pitches Montgomery to 5-2 Triumph

By STEVE DABBS

Forest Hunt slammed a first inning three-run homer and Steve Pipkin went all the way on the mound Friday as Bishop Montgomery scored a 5-2 win over St. John Vianney in an El Camino Real League game at Rancho Le Cienega.

The Knights stretched their season record to 11 wins, no losses and two ties with the convincing performance.

Centerfielder Bill O'Brien had two of the winners' four hits. Pipkin fanned seven, walked eight but had perfect defensive support.

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### SAM EDWARDS SCORES 49 POINTS

Sam Edwards had one of those rare afternoons last Saturday.

The North High junior missed in 23 field goals and three free throws for a grand total of 49 points in a prep basketball league sponsored by the Recreation Dept.

Sam hit for 10 points in the first quarter, 12 in the second, added 13 in the third period and capped it with 14 in the fourth quarter.

About the only shots Edwards had trouble with were from the charity line, where he missed two. His team was a 72-38 victor.

The 49 points stands as a league record.

### Marsh Sets Mile Record at EC, 4:25.7

Furman Marsh lowered his own El Camino College mile record Friday with an unpressed 4:25.7 clocking despite running with a badly bruised heel in a double dual meet with San Diego and Harbor on the EC oval.

Marsh clicked off the record setting time, then came back to nip teammate Len Ehlers in the 880 with a 2:00.5 time for the lone El Camino double of the afternoon.

Coach Ray Southstone's Tartars were defeated in both ends of the meet as five or six potentially top scorers watched from the sidelines with injuries or ineligibility status.

Camino's Ehlers was second to Marsh by .1s as the duo put on a thrilling down to the wire stretch run. Other EC winners were Roger Lawson in 2 mile, and Ron Dempsey in the pole vault.

Marsh has missed several Camino meets due to a bruised heel bone.

100—Witt, Harbor, 9.9.  
220—Buchanan, San Diego, 21.4.  
440—Buchanan, San Diego, 50.3.  
880—Marsh, El Camino, 2:00.5.  
1 Mile—Marsh, El Camino, 4:25.7.  
2 Mile—Lawson, El Camino, 40:13.2.  
1H—Sankey, Harbor, 24.4.  
HH—Frazier, Harbor, 15.8.  
Relay—San Diego, 3:24.9.  
J—Frazier, Harbor, 6-ft.  
PV—Dempsey, El Camino, 13-ft. 4-in.  
SP—Fields, Harbor, 45-ft. 7-in.  
BJ—Howard, San Diego, 23-ft. 3/4-in.  
Discus—Bradford, San Diego, 139-ft. 7/8-in.  
Team Totals  
El Camino 51 1/2, San Diego 61 1/2.  
El Camino 44%, Harbor 77%.

### Tartars, North Cop Varsity Gold Medals

Torrance and North each brought home a gold medal Friday night but Mira Costa waltzed off with the Inglewood Relays' Green-Badenoch Perpetual Trophy for overall supremacy at the 21st annual 20-30 Club classic at Sentinel Stadium.

Mira Costa dominated the B and C divisions and took a third in a thrilling three-team varsity duel to abruptly end Inglewood High's four-year clutch on the trophy.

Inglewood had taken the Relays title for eight of the last nine years.

Torrance's 4-man 2-mile team nipped Mira Costa at the wire as anchor man Mike Thornton overtook Micholi to win by four feet, in 8:06.5.

The race was a near repeat performance of the Tartars' distance medley triumph over Mira Costa at the Mira Costa Relays last month.

Mike Walker, Tony Bareford and John Gable each ran a half mile before Thornton took the baton and sprinted to victory.

North's 4-man mile crew, Don Moore, Bob Woods, Jim Laird, and Pat Liningier, upset Leuzinger and Redondo in a winning time of 3:27.4. The same Saxon quartet came back to finish third in the 400 and 880 behind Leuzinger to supply all of the school's 11 varsity points, for fourth place, tying Culver City.

Outside of those two races, local spikers didn't do too much at the colorful relays.

However, on Thursday the Torrance 4-man high jump team vaulted a combined 22-ft. 7-in. for an easy first place, while South's team was tying Santa Monica for third in the same event.

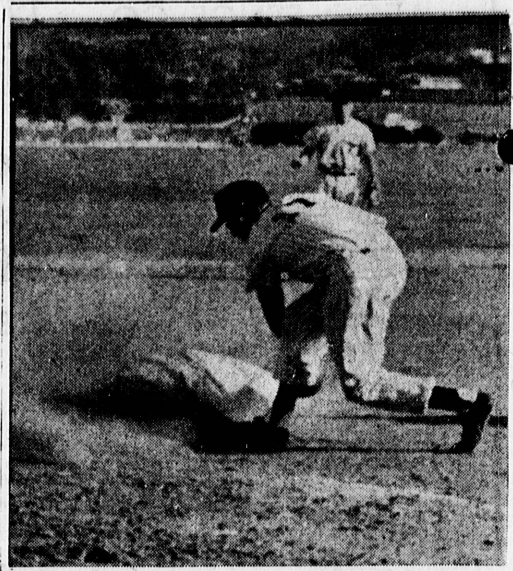
The Tartar B broad jumpers went 56-ft., 4 1/2-in. Thursday to win that event as Tom Sloat and Paul Goodwin made up the triumphant team.

Leuzinger copped the last race of the evening—the 4-man 880—to squeeze past Santa Monica for the varsity division trophy. Only one point separated the first three varsity schools.

The perpetual trophy was awarded to the school scoring most points in the varsity, B and C divisions.

### 16' Striped Bass

At least two legal-size striped bass, both 16-inches apparently nearing spawning condition, have been caught this week by anglers fishing the fast water immediately below Imperial Dam on the lower Colorado River, reports the Department of Fish and Game.



**BURIED . . .** Jim Hawkins, South High baserunner, looks buried in sand as Beverly Hills third baseman reaches in attempted tag. Hawkins was safe, and later scored during five run third inning rally over Normans. Prep was a 12-6 victor in the Pioneer League contest. Prep teams take week off from hectic action for Easter Vacation, then re-enter sizzling race. (Herald photo).

### Prep Baseballers In Easter Layoff

A couple of sizzling prep baseball races will cool off for a week while the high schools take their Easter vacation breaks, but the action will be hot and heavy when play resumes April 19, the "make or break" day for at least two city teams.

North, involved in a four-way tie for the Bay League lead with a 4-2 record, comes back against Santa Monica on Tuesday, then collides with Mira Costa on Thursday.

Both foes are also in the four-team haul on the league lead.

**SOUTH AND** Torrance, locked in a three-way tie for second behind co-leaders Aviation and El Segundo in the Pioneer League race, both get a shot at Aviation while South will get its first look against El Segundo too.

The suspense of "who will and who won't" will be bustled up for good in that one hectic week, and you can bet that local coaches won't get too much rest during the five-day "vacation".

However, it is a district policy that the schools are not allowed to compete in games or hold practices this week.

Thursday, Aviation sent the Pioneer loop into a tizzy by knocking off previously unbeaten El Segundo and Bob Flynn, 6-0, as Falcon hurler Ted Sprague fired a seven inning no-hitter.

**MEANWHILE,** Torrance was blanking Lennox 6-0 behind the six hit slants of Tom Richardson, and South clobbered

winless Beverly Hills 12-6 as Spartan Rick Gomez upped the team's home run mark to six for the season.

In the Torrance victory, Jim Armstrong had a double and a towering home run to lead the Tartars' seven hit barrage. Richardson also had a double, and struck out 10.

South was benefitted by six Beverly Hills errors plus 10 walks, as Joe Austin received credit for the victory in his first pitching assignment of the season.

**JOE, THE CITY'S** leading hitter at 410 for the season, also had a triple.

In North's 6-3 win over Leuzinger, relief pitcher Billy Kehoe slugged one over the right field screen to park a come from behind performance.

Kehoe received credit for the victory.

### Striders Enter Easter Relays; 1500 to Compete

Entries from the defending National AAU champion Southern California Striders and the University of Arizona helped push the competitors' list over the 1500 mark for the 22nd running of the Santa Barbara Easter Relays, scheduled for Saturday, April 16.

### Standings

BAY LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
North	4	2	.667
Mira Costa	4	2	.667
Santa Monica	4	2	.667
Inglewood	4	2	.667
Morningside	3	3	.500
Hawthorne	2	4	.333
Redondo	2	4	.333
Leuzinger	1	5	.167

\*Games behind leader.

**Thursday Results**

North 6, Leuzinger 3.  
Santa Monica 1, Hawthorne 0  
Inglewood 4, Mira Costa 2.  
Morningside 8, Redondo 1.

PIONEER LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
El Segundo	4	1	.800
Aviation	4	1	.800
Torrance	3	2	.600
South	3	2	.600
Culver City	3	2	.600
Lennox	1	4	.200
Beverly Hills	0	6	.000

**Thursday Scores**

Torrance 6, Lennox 0.  
South 12, Beverly Hills 6.  
Aviation 6, El Segundo 0.

### SLO-PITCH MANAGERS IN MEETING

Slo-Pitch Softball team managers, from all leagues in the Torrance Recreation Department's program, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 in the City Hall employees lounge, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

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