

# The Fearless Spectator

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It was with a real twitch of the coronary vein that one learned that the last herd of sheep in New York city — a flock of eight in Staten Island — are no more, done in by a vast bureaucratic indifference.

The sheep belonged to Anthony Pelezak, whose wife said: "The sheep must have gone to a slaughterhouse. My husband couldn't eat for a week. He used to let them out and play with them when he came home from work at night. They were just like babies."

City Hall had rejected Pelezak's request for a special exemption from the New York city health code that bars sheep, cattle, swine, or goats anywhere except on undeveloped areas.

Nowadays there ain't any undeveloped areas, though in the days of my youth most of Staten Island was arboreal and pristine country. Now the trees and the freshness are gone with the nickel ferry ride that used to get you to them from Manhattan Island, which had stopped being arboreal a long time before.

The sheep are not the only things gone from the days of my glorious youth.

I remember when the fire engines were pulled by horses, and the great characteristic of the streets of lower Harlem was the sound and aroma of the horses food when they had done with it.

The firemen played handball, slid down brass poles for the fun of it, and on a good day sat in front of the firehouse reading Hearst's Daily American and letting the Irish housewives ogle them. One liked firemen almost as much as one hated cops.

The cops were like priests, always on the eye for something bad, the correction of which would make them feel good. The firemen were like a bunch of kids, terribly bored as they listened to the tick of fire signals that meant nothing to them; and hen vital and wonderful when the right noise came and they put on their hats and mounted great engines.

We could understand firemen, we kids, as we could understand ballplayers. In my day most everybody was a Giant fan, even the ones who adored Babe Ruth. Brooklyn and the raffish mystique of the Dodgers came later.

The Giants of those days — Long George Kelley, Frankie Frisch, Travis Jackson, Freddie Lindstrom, and the others — were seen by us as youthful heroes with mysterious and wonderful off-field appetites which were constantly being frustrated by a cop named John McGraw, their manager and nemesis.

It was McGraw's view that drinking, gambling, and the social ramble in general were things for the elect of the world, a club which included baseball managers and the snappier actors of the day, like George M. Cohan.

McGraw hated Ruth. Partly indeed because he was with the Yanks and the greatest personal attraction in the game, but even more because the Babe enjoyed himself, and showed it. The Babe finally got so big that he would drink beer in public. The beer was made by his kindly owner, the distinguished Col. Jake Ruppert.

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## Garner Will Pace CJA Stock Cars

Defending stock car champion Cliff Garner will attempt to strengthen his California Jalopy Assn. point lead this afternoon at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Garner, who has finally overtaken Len Fraker in the current point standings, has

### Recreation Results

- MONDAY LEAGUE SLO-PITCH**  
 Columbia Construction Co. 6, Mills 5  
 Firefighters "C" 1, Torrance Elks Club 0  
 Party House 4, Brewers 0  
 Laundry 1, Marketers 10, Lawful Lookers 1  
 Rose Bud Dairy 9, Road Runners 1  
 Computer Science Corp. 21, Automation Industries 5
- THURSDAY LEAGUE SLO-PITCH**  
 Torrance Lions Club 1, South Torrance Lions Club 0  
 Redondo Anzola 12, Throwaways 4  
 St. Lawrence 11, Torrance Kiwanis Club 0
- EL NIDO LEAGUE SLO-PITCH**  
 Tigers 7, Torrance Police Officers Assn. 0  
 Eagles 9, North High Faculty 2  
 South Bay Church of God 4, Time Out 3
- OPEN LEAGUE SOFTBALL**  
 Falcons 4, Aerona 3 1/2, 0  
 Douglas 8, Frederick's Realty 1  
 Laven Insurance 9, Glenview Homes 0  
 Bears 5, King's Hardware 1
- INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE SOFTBALL**  
 R. C. Mahon, 2, Harbor Hornets 6  
 AllResearch 3, Soule Steel 0  
 Harvey Aluminum 8, Magnavox 1

## Shot Putter Earns Top HC Award

Giant shot putter Willie Montgomery walked off with three awards, including Athlete of the Year honors, at Harbor College's recent semi-annual athletic banquet.

Montgomery was presented the Athlete of the Year award by Harbor President Wendell C. Black. Montgomery was also voted track team captain and Most Valuable trackster. He was a basketball and track letterman.

JACK PHARRIS won the track team's Most Inspirational award while Larry Spangler was honored with the baseball team's Most Valuable and Most Inspirational trophies. Spangler and Terry Young were voted baseball co-captains.

Tennis awards went to Jerry Hatchett as Most Inspirational and Leon Carpenter as Most Valuable. Hatchett was named tennis captain.

Joe Lopez, Most Valuable, and Bernard Moscoso, Most Inspirational, garnered the gymnastics awards. In swimming, John Schab was tabbed Most Inspirational while Steve Gregg was selected Most Valuable and was also named team captain.

GLENN GOODER presented the Harbor blanket awards. The blanket goes to athletes who have lettered in one sport for two years. Gooder stressed that of all the athletes lettering the past semester, only 11 were receiving blankets.

Blanket winners were Ron Grebel, Steve Gregg, Ed Taylor, Terry Young, Larry Spangler, George Wright, Ed Johnson, Will Montgomery, Bob Obenour, Ed Skorupski, Cornelius Lockhart and Walt Crump.

## Skip Jarvis Nabs Honor At Banquet

Skip Jarvis was named the St. Lawrence Martyr School's Athlete of the Year recently at the seventh annual Sports Award Dinner in Redondo Beach.

Other awards were presented to Kathie Roach, volleyball; Cam Cocuzzi, Mary Glowacki and Jim Roach, basketball; Patty Sullivan and Bob Webber, softball; David Thomas, football; Dan Hogan, most inspirational; and Gail Nestlerode, outstanding girl athlete.

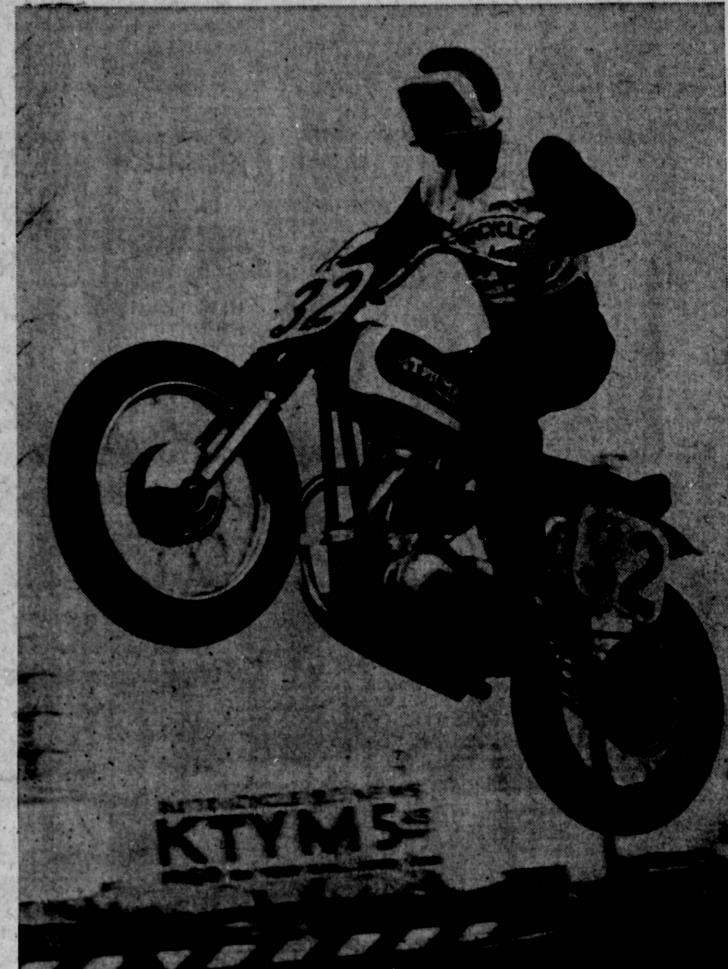
HONORED GUESTS included Magr. Daniel P. Collins, Rev. John O'Byrne, Rev. Eugene Buhr, Miss Tina Douglas, girls' athletic director, and James Wood, boys' athletic director.

Mrs. Anthony R. Carbone served as general chairman, assisted by the Meses. James Jones, Roy Young, Douglas Jarvis, Robert Froseth and Robert Webber.

Los Angeles Laker star Dick Barnett was the featured speaker. Barnett was accompanied by Rossi Johnson, Laker public relations head.

# TORRANCE HERALD Sports

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CYCLE CHAMP . . . Sid Payne of Bakersfield, a two-time winner this year, will be among the favorites in Sunday night's American Motorcycle Assn. 15-lap main event at Ascot Park. It will be the first night steeplechase of the year over the Gardena twist, turn and jump course.

## Four Cyclists Top Entries In Ascot Park Steeplechase

Four nationally ranked cyclists will lead a wide open race for the checkered flag tonight in a 15-lap American Motorcycle Assn. sanctioned steeplechase at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Racing, directed by J. C. Agajanian, will begin at 8:30 p.m. with practice laps at 7 over Ascot's twist and turn course that includes a large jump in front of the main grandstand.

A RECORD field of more than 150 riders is entered for the first night steeplechase of the year.

The four who figure strongly in the expert class main

## Kegs Win Twice To Remain Atop Slo-Pitch League

The Taft-Allen Tappa Keggas remained atop the West Coast Slo-Pitch Assn. standings by squeaking past the Gardena Tully Bulls in a doubleheader Friday night.

Both times the Keggas were forced to come from behind as they ran their circuit record to 16-2. The Kegs have now won 10 games without a loss on the road and compiled a 6-2 record at Torrance Park.

Three unearned runs in the sixth inning propelled the Kegs to a 3-2 win in the opener. The game was scoreless until the top of the sixth when Gib Matthews and Ray Magnante teamed to put the Kegs ahead.

TONY MARISCAL was safe on an error to open the frame, Bob Ryan singled and Tony Couch reached first on an error to load the sacks. Magnante then belted a sacrifice fly for one run and Matthews drove in the winning tallies with a double.

Gardena came back with one run in its half of the sixth and added another run in the seventh. The Tully Bulls had the tying run on second base when the game ended.

Reliable Jim Reynolds picked up his second win without a loss despite an eight-hit attack by Gardena. The Kegs managed only five safeties but three Gardena errors changed the game's complexion.

In the nitecap, the Keggas were forced to go 11 innings before pulling out a 6-4 triumph. A single by Magnante

and a double by Matthews accounted for the winning run in the eleventh.

Reynolds then pushed Matthews to third with a fielder's choice and Charley Williams slammed a sacrifice fly to score Matthews and ice the contest.

Gardena almost pulled the game out in the eighth inning when it loaded the sacks with two out. Keg hurler Chuck Ryan went behind 3-0 to the batter but finally got his man to fly out and end the threat.

The Kegs trailed 4-3 going into the sixth frame before they pushed over a single run to tie the count and send the contest into extra innings.

RYAN, who held Gardena to 11 hits, picked up his seventh win of the season against one defeat.

Williams and Magnante each collected two RBIs while Matthews and Mariscal drove across single runs. Matthews contributed a 4 for 5 performance at the plate.

On Friday, the Keggas will host El Monte at Torrance Park in a West Coast Assn. doubleheader.

## Harbor Gridders Will Play on TV

Two Harbor College football games will be televised by KCOP-TV Channel 13, during the 1964 pigskin season.

Harbor will open its campaign on Friday, Sept. 18, on television against Orange Coast College, the defending Junior Rose Bowl and national champions.

The Seahawks will make a second appearance before Southern California viewers on Friday, Oct. 16, when they visit Pasadena City College for a Western State Conference encounter.

KCOP-TV program director Gary Waller has arranged for the second straight year, to broadcast games of Western State Conference and Eastern Conference teams. Last year, because of a lack of Friday night playing dates, Harbor did not appear before the television cameras.

HARBOR WILL be allotted eight minutes of the 15-minute half time during the Pasadena game to describe the college and the ways in which it serves the Southland community.

Prior to the opening of conference competition, Harbor will tangle with Orange Coast, San Diego City College and Palomar College. Both the Orange Coast and San Diego games will be played away.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, Harbor will host Pierce at 8 p.m. in the first Western State Conference contest of the year. The following week, Harbor will journey to Pasadena for its second television appearance.

THE SEAHAWKS will host Los Angeles City College on Oct. 24 and then travel to Ventura the following week. Saturday, Nov. 7, the Hawks will

host Glendale in what could be their toughest game of the year.

Last year, Glendale beat Harbor 24-8 and went on to win the Western State Conference championship. Second-year Harbor coach Floyd "Scrappy" Rhea will be out to avenge the loss.

Compton College will lure Harbor on Saturday, Nov. 14, in the final conference tilt.

## Swim Park Will Open At Alondra

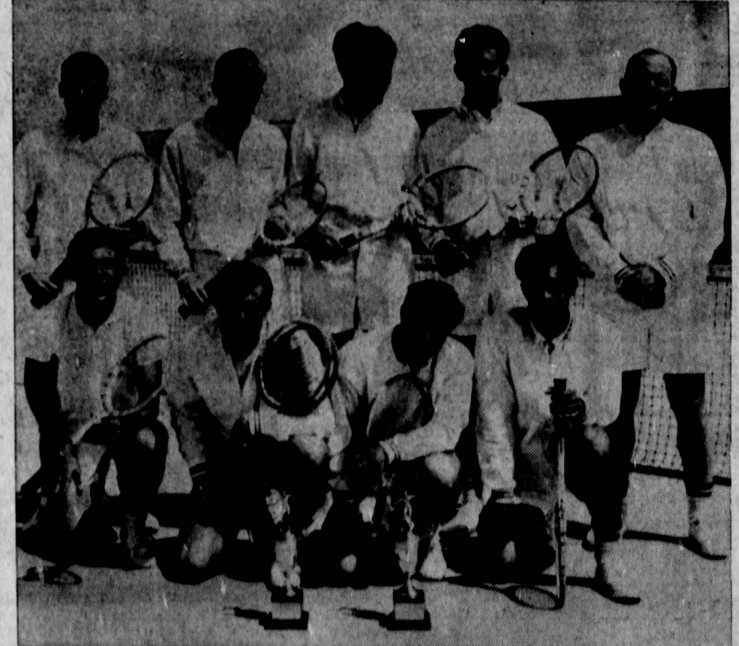
Alondra Swim Park, 3535 N. Redondo Beach Blvd., will open Saturday, June 13, for the summer.

Free swimming will be offered to all youths under 18 years of age on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Weekdays "Learn to Swim" instruction will be held from 9:30 a.m. until noon under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.

ALONDRA WILL be open from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. with the admission free.

Community groups may reserve the pool for special occasions when the public programs are not otherwise scheduled. The charge is \$25 for the first 75 persons in attendance and \$10 for each additional 75 persons. It includes a three-hour swim period.

Also scheduled at Alondra will be competitive swim programs leading up to the All-County championship at the end of summer.



CLOSE, BUT . . . Only a single point kept El Camino College from capturing the state tennis championship. The Southern California and Metropolitan Conference champs were upset by Foothill College in the state finals. Pictured (bottom, L to R) are George Deeb, Jim Paul, Terry Ehlers and Jaime Colliaco, and (top, L to R) Joe Reid, Bob Benson, Irwin Bledstein, David Cox and coach Paul Manahan.

### WHITE HOMERS

## Giants Hold Colt Loop Lead With 5-1 Win Over Angels

Steve Parker, Dick White and Gordon Mahon provided the slugging power and Tom Thomsen came up with the pitching finesse last week as the Giants kept their Torrance Colt League lead with a 5-1 win over the Angels.

White gave the Giants an early lead when he belted a two-run homer in the first inning. Parker came through with a 3 for 4 performance at the plate while Mahon collected a single and a double.

Thomsen allowed only three hits and two walks as he raised his season mark to 3-0. Don Tipple opened on the hill for the Angels and allowed

seven hits and four walks before Steve Sibley came on in relief in the fourth frame. Sibley was touched for one run on two hits and a walk.

The lone Angel run off Thomsen came in the third inning on a walk and Steve Melchert's safety.

Dave Veldheer boosted the Braves into second place in the league with a two-hit, 9-3 win over the Twins.

A five-run fifth inning iced the game for the Braves. Two walks, an error and singles by Wayne Wood, Bill McCann and Steve Combs accounted for the Brave tallies. A double by Charles Richardson, a single

by Wood and a sacrifice by Steve Sharp had given the winners two runs in the opening stanza.

The final two Brave runs came over in the sixth inning on four walks and an error.

Rex Thornhill's single and four walks gave the Twins two runs in the sixth inning. The only other Twin hit came in the first inning when Bob Woods singled.

The Twins picked up their last run in the seventh without collecting a hit.

Steve Rarick picked up the loss for the Twins despite relief assistance from Dick Engle in the sixth inning.