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San Diego Franchise

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San Diego city manager Walter Hahn was a Los Angeles Dodgers beseball fan until Monday when the announcement from Chicago that the National League had voted to award San Diego a franchis

"I think it is fine for the city to be able to combine a top professional football team (the San Diego Chargers of the American Football League) with major league baseball operating in our new stadium.'

A lot of other people were happy as well. The switchboard at San Diego's newspaper lit up with callers asking about season tickets. James Mulvaney, head of the Pacific Coast

League's San Diego Padres and an executive with the new franchise, predicted the new team would draw an attendance of between 1 and 1.5 million in its first year.

Bill Gerhardy, operator of the city's 50,000-seat stadium, predicted the new team would bring growth to San Diego.

"This means many more visitors, particularly from Los Angeles and San Francisco, and it means more business and jobs for San Diego."

He estimated the new team would provide about \$400,000 a year toward retirement of stadium bonds. In 1965 voters gave 72 per cent approval to a bond issue for the \$28 million edifice, knowing it would have to have a major league baseball team as a summer tenant in order to show a profit.

Sid Gillman of the Chargers and Bob Breit-bard, owner of the freshman San Diego Rockets of the National Basketball Association, expressed pleasure at the National League's decision.

"We were very happy to get the National League franchise," Gilimian said. "San Diego is most deserving. The people built a beautiful stadium for football and baseball."

The event sponsored by the Torrance Area Cham-ber of Commerce, through its sports and recreation **Sprint Cars** To Salute

Committee, will see the Dodg-ers in action against the Pitts-burg Pirates. **Giants**, Phils

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burg Pirates. Mayor Albert Isen and Chamber President Larry drivers, Bob Hogie of Buena Bowman along with 6ther city park, Billy Wilkerson of Bi ticipata in opening ceremon. There a special section of the ter-ter appeal section be appeartment, Jos-iyn Center, SSSS Torrance Boulevard. Be Prostponed

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Slo-Pitch

Slo-Pitch Men 21 years of age and under are encouraged to sign up a team for the Cily of Tor-rance Recreasion Department for the Young Men's Slo-Pitch League. The Le Mans 24-hour au-tomobile race may have to be postponed because of the present social upheaval in France. The race is scheduled for June 15 and 16.



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American Legion



REGATTA ENTRY . . . John Painter of Torrance will launch his E Recing Runabout Charger IV in the 20th annual Memorial Day Regatta at Long Beach Stadium Thursday starting at 11 a.m.



Solomon Trophies Given to Athletes

The Lee Solomon athletic scholarship trophies ented this year to nine seniors.

Solomon, Riviera Village pharmacist, started the program in 1959, to recognize the varsity athlete in each South Bay high school receiving the highest scholastic average.

Winners of the 1968 awards are David Lawrence (Redondo High), Chris Oberg (Mira Costa), Paul West-phal (Aviation), Robert McMahon (Bishop Montgomery), Robert Brooks (South), Craig Cummings (Palos Verdes), Jerry Jackson (Torrance), Stan Wisniewski (North), and Richard Myers (Rolling Hills).

The award consists of a permanent plaque displayed at the high school and an individual plaque for the recipient.

The idea of an award program grew from the fact Solomon had widespread contact with athletes from high school when he first started in business and began sponsoring basketball, football, baseball and bowling







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