

# Torrance Cops Drop Opener As Annual Semi-Pro Tournament Gets Underway

## Activities Continue

Soap sales in local stores may jump this week as youngsters take to soap sculpturing as part of the Summer Recreation program. Rex Welch, director of the program, said that children of all ages have entered the soap-carving contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best designs. Plans are under way at both Hollywood Riviera's El Retiro Park and at Perry School for a wiener roast. Activities at Torrance Park include a barbecue, volleyball, and a ping pong tourney. Things took on a different aspect at Fern Avenue School where the youths are stuffing dolls, glass decorating, knitting and making waste baskets. A popcorn hunt is on the slate at Walteria.

### 30-Day Classic Starts Run At Munny Ball Park

The best brand of semi-pro baseball the Southland has to offer "stepped to the plate" Friday night at Torrance Municipal Park, and the fans loved it.

In the first six games of the budding Southern California Semi-Pro Championship tournament, played under the lights here, hundreds of fans—from Torrance and followers of home teams—watched the opening rounds in a 16-team battle for the crown now being held by the Long Beach Rockets.

The tourney, which has a 30-day billing at the Arlington avenue ballyard, is being promoted by the Torrance American Legion Post.

In the kickoff game Friday, Torrance Police hopes for entry into the final playoff playoff were severely punctured by an 11 to 8 defeat at the capable hands of Burke's Service. The contest remained close until Burke's came from behind to collect four runs in the eighth (Continued on Page 6)



THE HEART BREAKER . . . Dan Pettit—no relative of the local Pettit brothers—scored the final run for Burke's Service in their route of the Torrance Police nine, 11-8, in the semi-pro tourney

curtain raiser here Friday night. Gazing disconsolately at the turf is Torrance Catcher Gil Bennett. Umpire Duke Frazier looks on.

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#### VETERANS ADVISED

Veterans who intend to go to school this fall under the GI Bill were advised today by Miss Helen Dill, of the Torrance Veterans Service Center, to start making necessary arrangements, in order to avoid last-minute rushes and delays.

#### COUNTY HITS CHIMPS

The County Board of Supervisors is planning to adopt an ordinance forbidding the keeping of Chimpanzees and other creatures of their ilk in residential neighborhoods, deputy sheriffs last week reported.

#### INTER-PLAYGROUND

Torrance youths taking part in the Summer Recreation De-

#### SOFTBALL ENDS

partment's Inter-Playground League will hear "play ball" call for the last time today.

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