

Council OKs Plan to Make City Dump Play Area

Three Plans Proposed By Van Bellehem

Herring Named First String All Metro Ash Squad

Al Herring, El Camino's Ace with the Mace, was named to the first string All-Metro baseball Conference baseball team this week and slugger Jerry Sieger made the second team.

Conference champion Long Beach dominated the first squad with five out of ten men on the list.

Herring, came to the Warrior horseholders from a successful year on the courts, during which he earned a berth on the first string All-Metro basketball team for the second year in a row.

The young ash-artist toted up an 18-game hit streak during the season's play.

Following is the first team: Bill Hill, of San Diego. Dean Little, of Bakersfield. Al Herring, of El Camino. Dan Springer, lb, Long Beach. Bob Mesa, 2b, Long Beach. Joe McNamara, 3b, San Diego. Jerry Mitchell, ss, Long Beach. Jim Johnson, c, Long Beach. James Lee, p, Long Beach. Don Nichols, p, East LA.

The City Council Tuesday night approved a three-alternative plan to convert the City Dump land on Plaza del Amo near Western Ave. into a recreation area.

The plan was submitted in a letter from City Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem and proposes three possibilities:

1. To convert the area into baseball diamonds for use by youngsters' league.
2. To build a playground for children.
3. To use the area as an adult recreation area.

Van Bellehem said that Kettler Knolls residents have asked that the area be made into a playground for their children. The Little Leagues also are interested in the dump land as possible site for a permanent Little League field.

The land would have to be graded, leveled and filled, Van Bellehem said. To convert the land into baseball diamonds for use by the Babe Ruth League for practice, backstops, portable rest rooms and water for drink would have to be provided. The Van Bellehem letter suggested that, if the Council thought well of the plan, further study should be made to determine the ultimate development of the area.

Optimists Don Hitting Caps To Topple Walteria

The Optimists trumped a multiplicity of hits off the offerings of Walteria Businessman N. Woods to choke the WBM 13-4 in a Service Club Soft-Pitch fray Tuesday at Torrance Park.


In another Service Club affair, Rotary flinger Willys Blount gave up only five hits but his nutes failed to produce runs and the Junior Chamber of Commerce triumphed 4-2.

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FINE CATCH . . . Beryl Coast proudly displays two German Brown trout which he lured from the waters of Crowley Lake, background, on a recent fishing trip. The Browns went 17-19 inches—a good catch.

By DONNA BARKDULL
Yellowtail fishing off San Diego still remains top news, although it has slowed considerably after two weeks of excellent catches for all who ventured. Locally, reports have been coming in of yellowtail, halibut and white sea bass at Catalina Island. About time for something to happen over there! Twenty-two members of the Gardena and Torrance Rod and Gun spent last Sunday angling for yellowtail off San Diego. No one has yet figured out how they all managed to fish off the stern, especially with the Coast boys on board. Anyway, the group only boated seven yellows in all with Dave "Junky" Heit of the Gardena club taking the jackpot with a lunker topping 31 lb, 12 oz. which also qualified him in the San Diego Yellowtail Derby. Next came Gene Tolson, with his going 19 lb, 5 oz. Seems Al Coast, the Yellowtail King of 1952, might be starting his boat rides again this year. The old boy failed to land one, although I understand he had one hooked that he couldn't stop. Wonder what happened to that old know-how? Even Johnny Rowe boated one, first in 18 months and second one in two years. Things are picking up!

Hanni Hooks Shark
Carl "Button Happy" Hanni at it again. He accidentally hooked into a leopard shark on his 10th test monofilament last Saturday, and after about an hours battle, landed the "thing," which hit the 27-lb. mark.

Having nothing better to do, Ray Hawkes, Barry Barrett and Fred Bickar tried Newport Bay for stingers one night last week. Barry horsed aboard the only mentionable one going around 35 pounds. According to the trio, it was too foggy, wet or something, to do much good. Probably more of the "or something." Hmm! "Nuff Sed! Al Fishburn reports fishing couldn't be any better at Lake Irvine. In a one-day outing there last week, Al and his wife reeled in their limits of rainbow trout, all going between 14 and 16 inches.

Invade San Diego

Walt Gillard just about lived in San Diego last week, com-



FISH APLENTY . . . Little Virginia Sleppy, 4 1/2, left, holds up one of the big yellowtail that her daddy, Ray Sleppy, right, caught on a trip to San Diego last week, along with 40 or 50 other local anglers. Looking on are, left to right, Dean Barkdull, Councilman Willys Blount, and Floyd DeVore, who all trapped yellows on the trip.

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Walteria Wins One, Hank Blanks Harbor

A clutch single and a two-run error at the wrong time gave the Walteria Businessmen their first softball victory Monday night at Torrance Park.

Trailing Dow Styrene 3-2 going into the last inning, the WBM got life when chucker Bob Moon drew a walk, but hope faded as the next two batters went out. All was not lost, however. Burt Smith rekindled the flame with his clutch single which pushed Moon to second.

Moon then proceeded to steal third and Dow shortstop Vern Booth, obviously rattled, became air. Battersingers on the next grounder that came his way, allowing Moon and Smith to score and wrap up the game.

Moon twirled a controlled game, allowing a mere three hits, two of them by catcher Bob Turner—a double and a single.

Dow hillsman W. M. Peebles was taked for six bingles. The Down men were much aided in their scoring efforts by 11 passed balls on usually reliable catcher Manny Olfate.

Clerks Flatten Hornets
The Marine Clerks, behind the steady two-hit pitching of Hank Olsen, blanked the Harbor Hornets 8-0 in another Monday softball game.

The Clerks pummeled Hornet tosser Bill Willey for 11 hits, one a fourth inning home run to left field by Roy Peterson with Jim Jackson on base.

Bucky Kuhn rapped three for three for the Clerks, one a second inning rally starting single. Sam Cappel and Andy Anderson added singles to the spurge that helped push four runs across the dish.

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Brave Pitcher Evan Harris held the Cubs to two hits, whiffed 13, plus macing a double and a single to lead his Brave team to an 11-1 rout of the Cubs Tuesday and replace the Cubs in first place in the Northern League.

Gary Desmond rapped a double for the Braves cause and turned in two spectacular catches in center field.

Tagged Fish for Alondra Huck Finn Derby Increased to 500

At the request of the State Division of Fish and Game, the number of tagged fish to be available at the annual Alondra Park Lake Huck Finn derby on Saturday, June 5, will be increased from 100 to 500 fish of catchable size, it was announced recently by B. P. Gruendyke, County Superintendent of Parks and Recreation.

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, on Huck Finn Day, any boy or girl 18 years of age and under, who is lucky enough to catch a specially numbered tagged fish, will be entitled to a merchandise prize. The angler catching "Old Fishback" will get a \$35 prize.

If there are any merchandise prizes still unclaimed at the conclusion of the derby, the prizes will remain posted until the specially numbered fish are finally caught, Gruendyke said.

County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, at 10:30 a.m. will award trophies for the best costumes depicting the Mark Twain characters of Becky Thatcher and Huck Finn.

To Conduct Test
"We are cooperating with the State Fish and Game authorities in a special test to determine the length of time that will be required for all 500 tagged fish to be entirely fished out of Lake Alondra," Gruendyke continued.

This is to be strictly an official test with some State officials believing that only 40 per cent of the 500 blue gill and bass will be snagged before the end of the current calendar year.

As long as there is room along the banks of Lake Alondra, any child of the required age limit can fish to his or her heart's content during the three-hour Huck Finn period.

A feature attraction of Huck Finn Day will be a novelty casting demonstration by Joe Gibo, widely known expert in the art of winding the hook and line.

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OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT . . . Beautiful Dolores Feek of Hermosa Beach helps adjust driver George Seeger's helmet. George is preparing to wheel and deal in a new Mercury during the second to last racing event in the history of Carrell Speedway in Gardena—the 500-lap late model stock car "Poor Man's Indianapolis," Sunday starting at 2 p.m. 33 cars are entered.

FINAL CARRELL RACES SLATED THIS WEEKEND

Carrell Speedway closes after two big auto racing programs this weekend.

The last big racing program takes place Sunday afternoon when the fourth annual "Poor Man's Indianapolis" gets underway with 33 late model stock cars starting a 500-lap, 250-mile grind at 2:30 sharp. Qualifying for this big event is on Saturday afternoon and the public is invited.

On Monday afternoon, May 31, NASCAR hardtops race in the final show at Carrell.

Altogether, 46 entries have been received by Racing Director Don Basile for the big Sunday afternoon affair with many last-minute entries expected to vie for the \$5000 purse posted by the Durr brothers for this Grand National Championship NASCAR event, which pays \$1500 to the winner.

Start Like Indianapolis
The cars will start three abreast just as they will at Indianapolis the following day. So far, 14 1954 models are entered and they represent nine different makes, so the full 33 starting field will be the most diversified of any stock car "go" held at Carrell, Basile reported.

At 2 o'clock, Allen Heath and Bill Cantrell will compete in a three-hour match race driving 1954 Fords. Heath, making his first appearance since a near-fatal accident nearly a year ago, will drive a Ford equipped with a McCulloch supercharger and Cantrell will drive one without. Both are entered in the 500-lap race driving 1954 Kaisers which list McCulloch superchargers as standard equipment.

SPORTS CALENDAR
May 27, Thursday—Yankees at Cards.
May 28, Friday—Dodgers at Pirates.
May 29, Saturday—Yanks at Braves, Glants at Pirates.
May 30, Sunday—Tigers at Dodgers, Cards at Cubs.

Blue Streak
May 27, Thursday—Torrance Gardens vs. Walteria Meth. Church, Fire Dept. "A" vs. National Blues, Walteria. Local 1135 vs. Midland Rubber, Torrance Park.
May 28, Friday—Torrance Men vs Fire Dept. "B", Lutheran Park.

Track
May 29, Saturday—California State Meet, Berkeley.

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Clement Tops Alondra Golf Tourney List

A brilliant three-under-par 70-71-71 by Elmer Clement topped the field of 250 qualifiers for Alondra Park's Fifth Annual Club Championships, slated to begin Saturday.

Four-time winner Bill Chadwick was five strokes off the qualifying pace, coming in with a 72-74-146, two over par for the 7000-yard Alondra layout, leaving himself in back of the pace-setting Clement, Ed Teffeller and Howard Cook. Teffeller carded identical 72's for an even par 144, while Cook drifted one over par with rounds of 72-72-145.

The low net leader was Charles Slack, a 29 handicapper, who fashioned the best round of his life, an 83, which left him a total of 54 for that round, then he fell off to normal with an even 100. His two-round total was 155.

Following Slack was Jim Reed with an 81-85 (20)—126, and Frank Marteck 81-78 (12)—135.

The first round of match play begins Saturday with the finals scheduled for Sunday, July 11.

Nativity in Semis
Nativity Grammar School was one of the winners in the second round of the second annual grade school invitational softball tourney Saturday at Serra High School.

The semi-finals and finals will be played at the school Saturday morning.

500 LAP STOCK CAR RACE

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