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BOBBY BRAGAN LUCKIEST MAN IN MAJOR LEAGUES

More than three years ago a little, rather robust gent was given the managerial reins of Walter O'Malley's Spokane club.

Bragan did well in Spokane for the parent Dodger club, developing youngsters for Buzzie Bavasi and company.

During Bragan's tenure at third for the Dodgers several major league managers were fired and writers about the country singled out Bobby as a likely successor.

Houston A Gold Mine

Local sports writers felt that Bragan was playing "a waiting game" . . . waiting for the Dodger managerial job to open up.

Shortly after the World Series in October baseball talk centered around expansion of both American and National Leagues.

It couldn't have happened to a more experienced man than Bobby Bragan—a terrific job and what's more a challenge (hate that word, overused, but it fits here) that of building a new ball club from farm system and up.

The ex-Dodger coach will find that Cullinan is a Texan in all ways that the name implies. Bragan will have the money and the backing of the front office to do a tremendous job.

Torrance Man Gains Officer Rank

Robert J. Dittmar, 3773 from Redondo Union High School, El Camino College, and Los Angeles State College.

Dittmar becomes Timeplan ending officer at the bank's Los Angeles main office with the title of assistant cashier.

He and his wife, Lois, are parents of two daughters: Kathleen, 11, and Julia, 3.

Narbonne Grad 'Tops' in Field

Torrance Youth Holds Roller Skating's Top Speed, Distance Records

Eddie Perales of Torrance, is a national champion in a sport that combines the speed of bobsledding, the timing of boxing, the thrill and danger of auto racing and the grace and agility of ballet dancing.

The 20-year old skater had no intention of entering this field of sports when he played three years of varsity basketball and two years of varsity baseball while attending Narbonne High School.

CALIFORNIA WINNER Perales has only been skating since 1956 yet he has won the California state and regional meets five times.

L.A.S. Schedules All-Motorcycle Meeting Sunday

The first all-motorcycle meet in its six years of operation will be held all day Sunday (Dec. 18), at the big Lions Associated Drag Strip, on 223rd St. east of Alameda, Long Beach.

Qualifying runs for all comers will go from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., with elimination heats until 5 p.m.

Regular L.A.S. public admission charge of \$1 will prevail. Parking and bleachers are free.

North High Takes Third in 8th Annual Tournament

The city of Torrance was well represented last week in the 8th annual Pacific Shores Basketball Tournament.

North High, the city's best cage team so far this year, took third place, while Coach Jim Haney's South High Spartans won the championship in the consolation bracket.

In the first round North ripped arch-rival Torrance High, 76-64. Led by Bob Mance and Rick Jacobs, the Saxons scored 26 points in the first quarter.

During the next tilt Coach Bill Wood's cagers upset highly touted Culver City, 53-51, as center Sparky Davidson sank a bucket in the last second of the game.

South dropped a close 49-40 game to Culver City but came back to knock Torrance High out of the tourney 53-49. Led by Joe Austin's 22

place in 1959, and third in 1960.

Also in 1959 he set a new ten mile record in Phoenix and followed with a new record for the 26-mile course in Portland, Oregon.

NEW FIELDS Now training for the 10,000 meter race to be held during the Roller Skating Olympics in Japan next year, the Torrance youth is already looking for new fields to conquer.

Long interested in ice skating, he intends to enter training for the 10,000 meter championship in that field. Noting that the former holder of the 10,000 meter title was killed in an auto accident earlier this year, he feels that his long experience in the associated field would make him a top contender for the vacant crown.

An assistant manager in the downtown Torrance GalenKamp Shoe shop, Perales makes his home with his parents at 253 W. 228th St., in Torrance.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

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NEW FIELDS TO CONQUER—Eddie Perales, 20, Narbonne High School grad and holder of national and international roller skating records, will participate in next year's roller skating olympics in Japan.

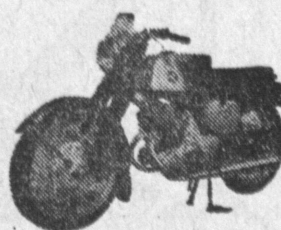
Interested in ice skating, the local youth will also make a bid for the 10,000 meter title in that field. Perales, who lives at 253 W. 228th St., was a member of the Narbonne varsity baseball and basketball teams while a student at the local school.

Sheriff's Office Seeks Career Deputies Aides

The Department of Sheriff of Los Angeles County is now offering young men and women an opportunity to begin a career in law enforcement work.

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess stated, "All candidates selected for Deputy Sheriff positions are trained in matters of crime prevention and detection, and prisoner custody work during an extensive 15 week course."

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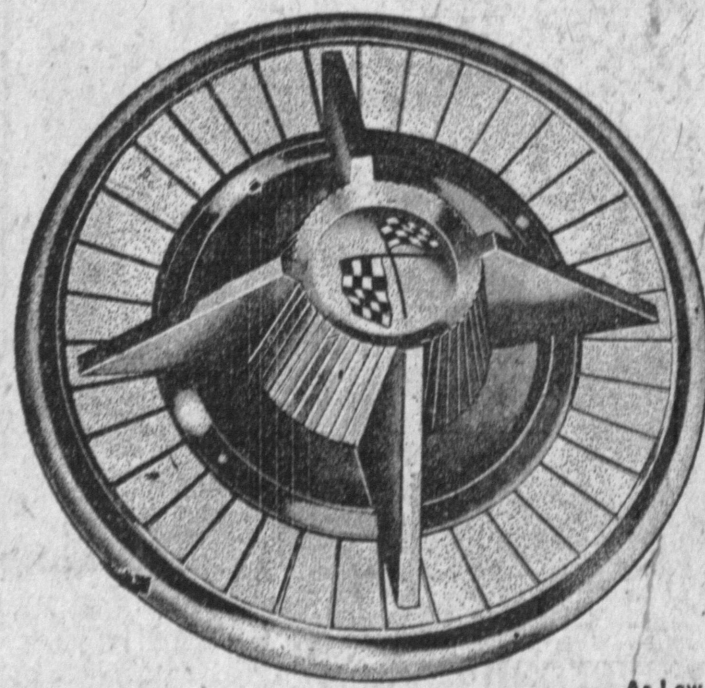
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