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Cutback Has Its Own Problems

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It's a bit difficult to argue too much with Governor Ronald Reagan's long-needed attempts to effect some economies in the operation of government. But it has its problems.

In the case of the department of fish and game, the economy program won't do much to solve the real problem, which is the shortage in the general fund. Fish and game, like some 50 other agencies in the state, operates on special fund from license and tag fees and part of the fines collected.

Certainly, F&G should not be exempt from economies. If there's an extra employe, or there's too much money being spent for a particular job or program, it's still the taxpayer's money whether it's a special fund agency or not.

However, in the case of F&G, if money is saved it goes into a reserve fund, not into the general fund.

When Parkinson's law about the growth of bureaucracy was developed, there should have been an amendment. This would provide that a public agency which runs a tight ship and has an economy program is a sucker for an order that calls for even more belt-tightening. Conversely, the free-wheeling department that pays no attention to one economy move will find a way to avoid subsequent ones.

The fish and game department has been running a tight ship. They listened when Brown called for economies several years ago. Now that Reagan has called for a 10 per cent cut, the F&G is listening again, even though it may have less fat to remove than most departments.

Even Legislative Analyst A. Alan Post admits this in his annual analysis of the budget, pays the department some tribute on this score. He pays them tribute but then, in effect, suggests that they be penalized for their past economies.

"The department has kept its support programs well within its revenues and has not had to increase hunting and fishing licenses since 1957," Post said.

And, it might be noted, the department has stayed within its budget despite almost annual salary increases for its employes voted by the legislature.

However, Post then goes on to say that, because the department is able to stay within its revenue program, this reduces the need for any general fund financing for some of the programs which are not necessarily for direct benefit to the license buyers.

Post also revived another proposal which he has been making for some time which calls for ending the annual appropriation of \$750,000 from pari mutuel betting taxes to finance operations of the wildlife conservation board. Post said the board should use bond funds provided by the 1964 beach and park bond issue.

These bond funds, totaling \$5 million, already are earmarked for one thing. As for the WCB's regular program, the state probably doesn't get a bigger bargain anyplace as it does from this program.

Many of the projects are paltry when the cost is considered. But they provide for use — some involve access to rivers, parking lots, public fishing piers, artificial reefs to improve fishing, and the like. And the beauty of the WCB projects is that they're not even built unless some local authority agrees in advance to pick up the costs of operation and maintenance. Thus, it's a one-time expenditure, with no residual costs over the years.

Smith Out For Tenth Big Title

Perennial jockey champion Charlie Smith will attempt to nail down his 10th Los Alamitos riding title when the Orange County track stages its 29-day spring quarter horse racing season beginning Friday, March 31.

The 35-year-old Oklahoman was upset in the jockey race last spring when Ronnie Banks captured the crown with 25 wins, stopping a streak of seven straight titles by Smith. However, the latter bounced back last fall to visit the winner's circle 27 times and regain his spot at the top of the heap.

Smith is the winningest jockey in Los Alamitos history, having chalked up 404 triumphs since his first Southland meet in 1960. Zack Collins indicated that he's ready for an all-out effort to dethrone Smith after edging his rival, 30 to 29, in the just-completed Bay Meadows session. Collins won the final race of the meeting to break a deadlock with Smith.

Besides Smith and Banks, other past riding champions at Los Alamitos that will be in the saddle again this spring are Nolton Pattio, Jack Robinson and Henry Page.

Danny Canchola, who tried his hand at training last fall, has decided to return to riding this spring and will join the jockey colony at Los Alamitos. On the other hand, Curtis Perner and Olen Cowden have decided to hang up their tack. Perner is currently assisting trainer Earl Holmes, while Cowden has joined the training ranks.

Other reinsmen who will be campaigning at Los Alamitos include William Strauss, Powell Crosby, James Dreyer, John Kanis, Harley Crosby, Joe Matsuda, Wendell Risner and Robert Yanez.

Paup Leads U.S. Team In Canada

Two area men represented the U.S. last week in the closed Canadian Invitational Badminton Tournament in Canada. Don Paup, of 3523 Emerald St., Torrance and James Poole, both men are ranked first in the U.S. doubles team. Players competed in the round-robin tournament representing the top two players from Canada, Thailand, New Zealand, Mexico, Japan, Indonesia, England, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Australia, Malaysia, India, South Africa and Scotland.

Both Paup and Poole will represent the U.S. in the doubles, and then each will compete in the singles events. Poole who lives in San Diego is ranked number one in the singles, while Don is ranked number two in the nation.

Don and Jim are both making this trip following their successful Thomas Cup Tie win against the Canadian Thomas Cup Team in the finals of the American Zone Championships. Poole's outstanding singles performance tied the match for the U.S., and then Canada's number one ranked doubles team battled the Paup-Poole team and fell in both games 15-2 and 18-16. The loss gave the U.S. the win by a 5-4 decision.

In June Don, who is the U.S. team captain, along with the U.S. Badminton team will leave for Jakarta, Indonesia to compete against Japan for the right to play against Indonesia for the Thomas Cup. Indonesia is the present Cup holder.

Members of the U.S. Badminton team include: Joe Alston of Pasadena, Stan Hales from Boston, Tom Carmichael from Detroit, Ray Park from Texas, and Coach Wynn Rogers.

Lake Captures Trophy

Heavily favored Lake Avenue Church had to scramble to beat Techni-Tool in overtime, 102-101, for the Torrance Recreation Department's Adult Basketball Championship. Former USC cager star, Bill Westphal led Lake Ave. with 32 points, six of them in the overtime period to pace Lake Ave. to the Championship title.

Helping Westphal were Jim Poteet's 20 points and Chris Appel's 19. High man for Techni-Tool Co. was Rich Acres with 24, with Dan Karvas and Harry Jenkins helping out with 21 and 18 points respectively.

Lake Ave. led by as many as 12 points in the third quarter but Techni-Tool tied the game at 94 all when the final buzzer sounded. Lake out hustled the losers by one, 8-7, to win the perpetual trophy, and the Championship in the overtime period.

The Torrance Recreation Department's Able Basketball rounded out their last games of the season, with the Freeters taking first place with a 13-1 record. Placing second in the league were the Rat Finks with a 9-5 slate. Results of the final games played Thursday night saw the Freeters beat the Firefighters and the Pencil Pushers, while the Rat Finks dropped two to the Prairie Dusters and Irvine-Keneth Realty team.

Team	W	L
Freeters	13	1
Rat Finks	9	5
Christian Men	3	5

Knights Stop Monica, 3-0

Bishop Montgomery picked up its third win for the season last Tuesday with a 3-0 shutout over St. Monica. Chuck DeSiderio struck the Knights with six strikeouts, three walks while holding St. Monica to no hits or runs.

Bishop now stands with a 3-2 record dropping games to El Segundo and Torrance, with wins over Crespi, Aviation, and St. Monica.

AB	R	H	E
Jarvis, 2b	3	1	1
Spard, 3b	3	1	0
Pfeard, cf	2	1	1
Straley, c	3	0	0
Ghan, ss	2	0	0
Cline, lf	2	0	0
Haven, if	2	0	0
P'can, if	1	0	0
D'orio, p	2	3	0
Totals	23	3	0

AB	R	H	E
Bishop	28	0	0
St. Monica	0	0	0



ACTION PACKED THRILLER . . . This is just some of the action that you can look for when Ascot Park opens up its motorcycle season April 1. Heading the top events will be the steeplechase race with racers from all areas of California.

Hawthorne Tournament

Eagles Explode For Championship

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El Segundo walked away with the Hawthorne Tournament Championships Wednesday night, mashing North High 11-2, in a not-so-thrilling-playoff. The Eagles exploded for nine runs in the fourth inning to secure the championship trophy.

Following the game co-waivers for the "Player of the Tournament," went to North's three-year veteran, catcher, Mike Barnes, and El Segundo's pitcher-outfielder, Mike McCready.

North jumped to a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning

Symposium Held

Representing Torrance Unified School District at a symposium entitled "Knee Injuries in Athletics" at the University of California at Los Angeles Wednesday were four physical education instructors, Ed Levy of North High, Dennis Haryung of West High, Miland Annis of South High, and Harold Warfle of Torrance High.

Ten Event Doubleheader Planned at Ascot Park

With two extra weeks to prepare, the largest field of the year, more than 60 cars and drivers are ready for action in today's afternoon-ten-event doubleheader program of PRA Figure 8 Modified and Stock Car racing at Gardena's Ascot Park, where racing starts at 2 p.m., preceded by time trials at 12 noon.

Heading the large field for the first doubleheader program for both the Modifieds and Stocks will be a trio of former main event winners, Dorsey Steele of Huntington Park, Ross Boardman of Sun Valley, and Don Eavis of Bell Gardens.

When the races two weeks ago were rained out, it gave the drivers two extra weeks to get their cars in top shape for today's dual program.

The special Easter Sweepstakes card will be highlighted by a pair of 20 lap main events on the no holds barred figure 8 circuit. Other racing includes a 15 lap semi-main, heat races and the two 6 lap trophy dashes, plus a special extra 10 lap race for women drivers only, and in the super-hot Modified division cars.

Today's racing will be the final tune-up for the criss-cross drivers before the weekly Sunday night racing season starts on April 2nd.

Besides the favored trio, other top drivers include, Butch Farrell, Les Cuppet, and Dusty Hallett of Wilmington; Gene Millard and Hal Lumpkin of Lynwood; Red Griffin of Gardena; "Blackjack" Al Knapp and Bill Walker of Torrance; Ed Williams and Tommy Casteel of Redondo Beach; Nick Nixon of Culver City; Gene Di-Buardi of Inglewood; Otto Hayes of El Segundo; Jim Cundiff of Bell; Hal Goodwin of Lawndale; Bob DuBois of Redondo Beach; Dan Donovan and Hank Alanis of Long Beach; Jerry Shoemaker of Los Angeles; Dan Diamond of Downey; and Jim Adams of South Gate.

Heading the cast for the special 10-lap women's race will be such lady leadfoots as Mikki Ross of Culver City, Bette Steele of Huntington Park, Nita Lyle of Gardena, Lila Saloedo of Inglewood, Pat Kimbrough of Los Angeles, Shookie Phelps of Sylmar, and Sandy Adams of South Gate.

Gates will open at 12 noon when 10,000 general admission seats go on sale.

Track, Softball Sports Planned

Girls who compete in athletic events will get some help from the Torrance Board of Education for the remainder of the current school year. Trustees voted Monday to provide bus transportation for girls' athletic events which are to be held out of town. At the same time, the board asked a committee of girls' physical education teachers to study ways to an athletic expansion program for girls in the Torrance schools. Girls at North, South, and Torrance high schools will compete in softball and track events.



SHOWING THE FORM . . . Don Paup of 3523 Emerald St. in Torrance shows the form that won him and James Poole the right to represent the U.S. in the doubles at the closed Invitational Canadian Badminton Tournament last week.



SUPER STAR . . . Laker star Jerry West is shown here in one of his happier moments. West, who has missed recent Laker games because of his numerous injuries, including a sprained ankle, is hoping to be back in the Laker lineup soon.

AB	R	H	E
Stular, ss	3	0	0
G'ales, lf	3	0	2
S'men, rf	3	1	0
Barnes, c	2	1	0
P'p'ls, 2b	2	1	1
P'q'le, 1b	3	0	0
M'vama, 3b	2	0	1
Pall, cf	2	0	0
L. Smith, cf	1	0	0
S. Smith, p	1	0	0
Delay, p	1	0	0
Totals	25	2	5

Track Meet Set For Saturday

The Redondo Beach Recreation and Parks Department will hold its Annual Track and Field Championships at Aviation High School on Saturday, April 1, 1967. Girls and Boys, grades four through eight will be competing in both running and field events. All four elementary schools in Redondo Beach will be represented and will be trying to take home one of the four first place trophies that will be awarded to the winners of the "A," "B," "C," or "D" Championship Team.