ONE OF A KIND

Red Moon To Retire

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Elmer Solomon "Red" Moon is calling it "quits" Friday. At least he is giving up his position as adult recreation director with the Torrance Recreation Department to take advantage of retirement benefits built up over a lifetime.

Moon may be eligible for membership in the Senior Citizens Club, but it won't keep him from playing basketball with the South Torrance Lions Club team this winter. The "old redhead" became a sports competitor before he could write his name, and he'll probably sign his name with an "X" long before he abandons basketball or softball.

Moon broke a record at the age of 4 that has not been equaled since the turn of the century.

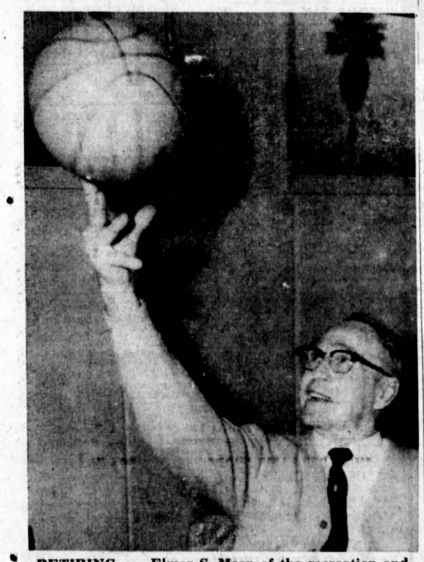
Taking inventory of the family supplies in the basement of their Cripple Creek, Colorado, home one fine afternoon, young Elmer saw a delivery of 15 dozen fresh eggs had been made since he last made the rounds.

Continuing to make his runabout, the tyke almost forgot about the eggs until he discovered a lonesome knot on the paneled wall. The first egg he threw was a bullseye. What fun! What a sport he discovered! What a sore arm after going through the 15 dozen eggs! What a sore bottom after Mom found out about it!

At the age of 10 Moon went barnstorming. At least the noise he heard coming from a "barn" in Lindsay, Calif., led him to his first basketball game. The game won his immediate approval and has always been his first love in sports.

When Red was a youngster he never lost an argument in basketball. He always owned the ball.

Even to this day basketball is offered in all categories to suit the participants. Instigated by Moon, "Amble Basketball" prevents anyone from scoring in the key, the offensive team cannot take the ball over the center line until after 10 seconds, and the clock is hidden in a box. When the alarm goes off, the quarter ends.



RETIRING . . . Elmer S. Moon of the recreation and parks department can handle a basketball.

There is also a special league for players under 6-foot tall. Moon always manages to make the game suitable for people his size.

When Moon came forth with slo-pitch softball, his own fondness for playing ball at a ripe age may have been the motive. Slo-pitch has become so competitive, however, Red might spend the next year creating more new rules. He could also author a best seller, "How to Play Slo-Pitch Without Having Your Ribs Busted!"

Moon plans to remain active with SCMAF (Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation), a group he helped found. He is a good organizer.

Red has had so much experience directing leagues, he should have been considered for the new commissioner of baseball. He made a habit of bugging Ford Frick about interesting facets of the game, such as: "Not allowing a run to score when the first runner misses home plate and a subsequent runner touches home first!" or "What to do when three runners occupy the same base?" or "How to penalize Juan Marichal for slugging Johnny Roseboro?"

It would have been nothing for Red Moon to suspend Marichal for life. After all, his wife, Margaret, is a Dodger fan!

Gloves were not used when Moon first played bigtime softball. He used adhesive tape instead. It was a little embarrassing once, though, when the tape came completely unraveled on a relay throw.

More than 30 years ago when Moon was hired by National Supply of Torrance, he had to play for the company's softball team as part of the deal. From there he joined the City of Torrance recreation family. Red plans to spend the next few months working around his home at 1024 Amapola St. He has four children and 10 grandchildren to keep him company.

Red Moon is not likely to find life dull. He might even chip in with Flash Sorenson and buy a bicycle built for two. He can also string tennis racquets for Ben Smith, or land an audition with Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour. It shouldn't be too difficult for him to juggle five basketballs while peddling a bicycle as part of an act!

FRIDAY NIGHT . . . Jan. 14 is the testimonial dinner for retiring adult recreation director Elmer S. Moon of Torrance. Making special note of the date on the calendar is Collette Eisele who reminds Moon's friends reservations for the affair are being accepted at City Hall. The dinner will be at the Jump 'n Jack Restaurant, 2900 Pacific Coast Highway. (Press-Herald Photo)

Torrance..113 Leuzinger..71

Tartars Collect 17th Win

Torrance High ran its season basketball record to 17-for-18 and gained its first Sky League victory last night by defeating Leuzinger, 113-71.

It was the second time the Tartars scored 110 points or more this season. Previously they defeated West, 112-72, in the Bishop Montgomery Tournament.

Torrance's second league game Friday night is at home against Morningside. Last night's contest was only the second home game of the sea-

Torrance High, undazed by a 67-63 loss to Long Beach Poly Friday night, turned in a near-perfect performance Saturday to win third place in the 21st annual Compton Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Tartars defeated host Compton High, 85-76, after losing their first game of the year Friday.

Bart Johnson, a 6-5 junior forward, won the honors as the best offensive player of the tourney. Junior guard Robin Fisher who turned in his best game of the year Saturday, joined Johnson on the all-tournament team.

Long Beach Poly's Chuck Moore was named most valuable player after Poly handed Millikan its first loss of the year in the championship game. Poly won an 82-75 victory in overtime to take the Compton title home for the third consecutive year.

Torrance broke a 21-21 tie in the second period and coasted to the third place finish. Captializing on a series of fouls and ballhandling mistakes, the Tartars scored 13-consecutive points in the opening minutes of the second period.

Compton committed 29 fouls — giving Torrance 31 points from the foul line.

Fisher claimed high-point honors for Torrance, getting five field goals and 15 free throws for 25. Rich Kreul, another junior, scored 23 on eight from the floor and seven free throws.

All - Compton Tournament

Bart Johnson (Torrance), James Dunn (Compton), Bobby Watkins (Compton), John Borchett (LB Jordan), Robin Fisher (Torrance), Bob Desjardnes (St. Bernards), Trent Gaines (LB Poly), Brian Berger (Millikan), Bob Davis (Millikan), Ken Booker (LB Poly).

Most Valuable Player — Chuck Moore (LB Poly).

Outstanding Offensive Player — Bart Johnson (Torrance).

Outstanding Defensive Player — Shawn Johnson (LB Poly).

Sportsmanship — Rich Keller Millikan).

Torrance (85)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Kreul	8	7	2	23
Johnson	7	4	1	18
Thompson	1	0	0	2
Carpenter	1	0	5	2
Fisher	5	15	3	25
Doyle	4	1	5	9
Crockett	1	4	2	6
Whitney	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	31	18	85
Compton (76)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Curtis	1	1	3	3
Reid	0	4	4	4
Hopwood	2	0	3	4
Watkins	7	4	3	18
Dunn	12	7	5	31
Graves	0	3	5	3
Slater	3	1	0	7
Campbell	0	1	0	0
Johnson	1	0	1	2
Morris	0	0	1	0
Totals	30	16	29	76

Score by Quarters

Torrance	21	33	19	12—85
Compton	21	14	21	20—76

BLOCKED . . . In his bid for a field goal, Steve Wright of El Camino is tied up by East L.A. player in their Metro Conference basketball game. El Camino lost the match, 89-84, last Friday.

Blades, Totems Tangle

Los Angeles' Blades hopes to take advantage of home freezing Thursday and Sunday to vault back into the Western Hockey League race with a two - game series against the Seattle Totems.

Face off at the Sports Arena is at 8 p.m. tomorrow and at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco are engaged in a three-way battle for fourth place — the last spot available to qualify for the post-season playoffs and a shot at the Lester Patrick Cup, emblematic of Western Hockey League supremacy.

In six previous games the Totems and Blades have broken even. They split the four games in Seattle and the two in L.A. and have each won one of the two overtime games. Seattle, however, leads in goals, 22-19.

Veteran Guyle Fielder, the all-time WHL leader in assists, tops the series with eight to make him the top scorer.

MacFarland's two assists tie him with Len Haley for runnerup scoring honors at six points.

Panthers Win Fifth Local Soccer Match

The Panthers and Blue Jets of the Youth Soccer League opened the second half of the season with about the same performance as the first round two months ago.

The Panthers won their fifth match of the season, 4-2, by handing the Jets their sixth straight loss at Jefferson Saturday.

David Adair scored two goals in the victory.

The second match of the day saw the Hornets and Bulldogs battle to a 1-1 draw.

Hornet Kevin May held Stan Drysdale to one goal while teammate John Pakalen matched it for the Hornets.

The Firefighters, which drew a bye last weekend, are second in the league with a 4-1 record. They meet the Blue Jets next Saturday. The fifth place Comets take on the once-tied Panthers.

STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Panthers	5	0	1	10	25	6
F'fighters	4	1	0	8	18	6
Bulldogs	3	1	2	8	14	9
Hornets	2	3	1	5	14	25
Comets	1	4	0	2	8	17
Blue Jets	0	6	0	0	7	23

City Playoffs Set for UCLA

There is considerable uncertainty about the identity of the 16 teams which will play in the 19th Annual All-City High School Basketball Championship Tournament at UCLA's new Pauley Pavillion Saturday.

First of the eight-game first round begins at 10 a.m. and the winners this week will advance to the quarter-finals the following Saturday, Jan. 22. Semi-finals are Monday, Jan. 24, and finals on Wednesday, Jan. 26, all at UCLA.

Supervisor of Athletics Guy Wrinkle will announce pairings for the first round on Friday immediately after the conclusion of league competition.

Two teams from each league will fill 14 of the 16 berths. The two remaining slots to be awarded in case of second-place ties or to third-place finishers according to the rotation system which currently finds the Marine, Northern, Western, Eastern, and East Valley Leagues.

Despite an 84-80 defeat at the hands of Fremont last Friday, defending city champion Jefferson is the choice to win the tournament. Jordan, which defeated Jefferson, 90-89, in the season's first non-league game, is another highly-regarded challenger.

Key games on the closing playing day tomorrow find Roosevelt at South Gate in the Eastern League and Marshall at Belmont, Northern League, plus a number of clashes which have a bearing on second and third-place finishes.

The Marine League will finish tomorrow with Banning at Gardena, Jordan at Carson, and San Pedro at Narbonne.

Marine League standings are: Jordan (8-0), Banning (5-3), Carson (4-4), San Pedro (3-5), Gardena (2-6), Narbonne (2-6).

Lakers Go Against New York

Fred Schaus' Los Angeles Lakers are eager for the rematch Saturday night when the New York Knickerbockers invade the Sports Arena at 8:30.

Last year the Lakers handled New York 10 straight times. So far this season the teams are 3-3, with the Knicks winning their third straight Madison Square Garden game from LA over the weekend, 133-127.

Walt Bellamy, the star of the New York victory with his scoring and rebounding highs of the season, will make his first Sports Arena appearance.

A special pre-game and halftime attraction Saturday night will be performances by the Van Nuys Baptist Church Choir.

Two other special events were also announced this week by the Lakers.

Prior to the Jan. 21 game with San Francisco a group of television stars will take on the Southern California basketball writers. On Jan. 28 the Lakers meet Baltimore, and the preliminary game will pit the Harlem Magicians, led by all-time Globetrotter great Marques Haynes, against a star-studded opposing team.

West Suffers 94-93 Defeat

Coach Tom Sutherland of West High said his basketball team played its best game although losing a 94-93 non-league game to Long Beach Wilson yesterday.

Sutherland said the Warriors have finally come up with a team leader in guard Steve Hamm.

In praising the West varsity for scoring the most points in school history, Sutherland said Wilson High is best team the Warriors have played outside of Torrance.

Rebounding was led by Bruce Ostendorf with 15 and Dave LaRoche with 17. LaRoche had 27 points although he did not start.

"When our kids realize they can play together, it makes it easier to win," said Sutherland.

West plays Lawndale in a Pioneer League game Friday.

Wilson (94)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Dirk	1	1	3	3
Knox	5	3	2	13
Sagshorn	8	3	4	19
Hubbell	8	6	3	22
Keller	5	5	4	21
O'Niell	0	1	0	1
Smith	1	1	4	3
Sprague	1	0	0	2
Grich	1	2	2	4
Totals	35	24	22	94
West (93)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Gauthier	2	0	1	4
Hyde	5	0	3	10
Ostendorf	8	3	4	19
Hamm	5	2	3	12
Cooke	3	3	3	9
LaRoche	10	7	1	27
Parton	1	1	0	3
Bramhall	4	1	4	9
Totals	38	17	19	93

Score by Quarters

Wilson	22	21	23	28—94
West	20	23	19	31—93

El Camino Takes on Long Beach

Now that the unbeaten bubble has burst, Long Beach City College will settle down to an uphill battle in the close Metropolitan Conference basketball race. The Vikings return home after eight road games Friday night, playing hosts to El Camino.

El Camino is a vastly improved squad. George Stanich's Warriors went through 11 straight opponents before being upset by Compton in the Sam Barry Tournament. But after defeating East L.A. for the Barry consolation title, they dropped their first two Metro contests, 92-68 to Valley and 89-84 to East L.A.

The Vikings defeated Valley, 95-93, for the Sam Barry championship trophy. All-Metro Cary Smith is averaging 20 points a game and is the leading Valley scorer.

Long Beach ran into a whirlwind of a Bakersfield team. The Renegades, still smarting from an 86-74 loss to Valley the previous night, whipped the Vikings, 82-74, Saturday.

The loss ended a 16-game Long Beach winning streak.

South Triumphs Against Samohi

Fifty-two personal fouls and three technical fouls were the attraction of the South - Santa Monica Bay League basketball game yesterday.

South made good on 28 free throws on 31 Samohi foul situations for an 86-78 victory in its home gym.

The win gave South a victorious start in the league campaign. The Spartans were second last year with a 10-2 record.

Santa Monica, coming off the basement, has lost its first two league games.

Friday the Spartans go against North High in the rival's gym.

Coach Jim Hanny did not think his South team played well except the third quarter against Samohi. During those eight minutes the Spartans scored 29 points and took a momentary 20-point lead.

But Center Steve Kuchenbecker fouled out early in the fourth period and the Vikings went on a free-throwing binge of their own. They got seven of 10 free throws in the final 70 seconds alone.

South (86)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Sieeth	3	3	5	9
Fernandez	5	4	1	14
Holmes	5	7	1	17
Hazelton	4	3	4	11
Miller	0	0	4	0
Turner	4	3	2	11
Conroy	2	4	2	8
Kuchenbecker	6	4	5	16
Totals	29	28	24	86
Santa Monica (78)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Travers	7	3	5	17
Carter	3	12	3	18
Kimball	2	0	3	4
Owens	7	1	3	15
Rooke	1	1	4	3
Burns	3	0	3	6
Bartlett	3	3	3	9
Larez	1	2	2	4
Fritz	0	2	2	2
Totals	26	24	28	78

Score by Quarters

South	14	20	29	23—86
Santa Monica	17	10	19	32—78

Technical fouls—Santa Monica (3).

South Blanks Santa Monica In Wrestling

By JUDY PINKNEY

South High, which last week won the Dominguez wrestling tournament, yesterday opened its Bay League season by smashing Santa Monica, 51-0, in the South gym.

98-Terry Tamble (S) def. Strick (SM), 14-0.

106-Dave Finn (S) def. Schcosberg (SM), 7-0.

115-Roger Ungers (S) pinned Balogh (SM), 3:25.

123-Tim Pinkney (S) def. Longaker (SM), 4-0.

127-Matthews Harris (S) pinned Lowayta (SM), 5:27.

136-Greg Douglas (S) pinned Wonnacott (SM), 4:15.

141-Marty Harris (S) pinned Smith (SM), 0:53.

148-Lane Ongsteaad (S) def. Kirby (SM), 4-3.

157-Bob Clark (S) def. Swihart (SM), 5-3.

168-Jeff Arrieta (S) pinned Pierce (SM), 0:45.

178-Jim Kauble (S) def. Raeinholm (SM), 11-5.

194-Scott Christenson (S) pinned Samuelson (SM), 3:25.

Hwy-Jim McGrath (S) def. McGann (SM), 11-5.

Final score: South 51, Santa Monica 0.

Jayvee score: South 32, Santa Monica 3.

St. Monica's Wins Over Monigomery High

Camino Real League basketball contender St. Monica's defeated Bishop Montgomery, 57-49, in the league opener last night in the BMHS gym.

The Mariners outscored Montgomery, 13-6, in the first quarter and never trailed. In the final minutes of the game, however, Montgomery closed the gap to 45-44.

St. Monica's (57)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Scofield	5	3	3	13
Kanne	4	2	3	10
Maloney	3	4	5	10
McCloskey	6	3	4	15
Del Greco	1	6	3	8
Wixted	0	1	0	1
Totals	19	19	18	57
Montgomery (49)	FG	FT	PT	TP
Sabosky	3	4	3	10
Yarmolovich	1	0	1	2
Garbanati	3	4	3	10
Graham	5	6	5	16
Sciarra	4	3	3	11
Rice	0	0	1	0
Totals	16	16	16	49

Score by Quarters

St Monica's	13	18	11	15—57
Montgomery	6	11	16	16—49

North Trips Inglewood

North High won a 68-54 Bay League basketball game at Inglewood yesterday afternoon as Jim Nielson scored 20 points and Steve Sibley 18.

The win gave North a 1-1 league record while Inglewood has failed to win in two outings.

Hawks Beat Hawthorne

Redondo won its second Bay League basketball game yesterday by defeating Hawthorne, 63-47, in the loser's gym.

The Cougars have a 1-1 record, having beaten Santa Monica, 63-63, last Friday.

Redondo (63		Hawthorne (47
(12) Sims	F	Lent (9)
(9) Chaffens	F	Bueltel (5)
(14) Homingmann	C	Lee (1)
(2) Woodlin	G	Hobart (17)
(9) Clyde	G	Ownes (5)

Score by Quarters

Redondo	16	14	15	18—63
Hawthorne	13	7	8	19—47

Scoring subs: Redondo — Oddi (3), Atwater (8), Cox (2), James (2), Stanis (2); Hawthorne — Linton 4), Lowder (2), Russo (4).

Basketball Calendar

BAY LEAGUE
South at North.
Redondo at Santa Monica.
Mira Costa at Hawthorne.

CAMINO REAL LEAGUE
Montgomery at Murphy.
Lasuen at St. Bernard's.
Crespi at St. Monica's.

PIONEER LEAGUE
Lawndale at West.
Lennox at Palos Verdes.
El Segundo at Aviation.

SKY LEAGUE
Morningside at Torrance.
Rolling Hills ata Culver City.
Leuzinger at Beverly Hills.