

## Only Black Commissioner Resigns in Protest

The only Black on the Board of directors of the Pop Warner Football League, has resigned his post in protest.

Melvin Johnson, former chief commissioner on the board, said he recently resigned because that body would not allow the West Las Vegas Boys Club, located in the A.D.Guy Center to form a football team.

Johnson said the Club had everything it needed to start a team except equipment and the permission of the board.

"I didn't resign because the board turned down the proposal, but because it would not even consider it. It just flat turned it down. This got the best of me," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, the board said it turned down the proposal because some of the other 35 teams in the league did not have enough players.

He said the Club could start its team without the board's permission but it would not have anyone to play. The team would draw most of its players from the Black community.

The club wanted to start the team because the boys in this community have to travel so far to play on one of the other teams, Johnson said.

Johnson said Carl Harris was going to coach the team, and would have been assisted by Curtis Hall and Larry Wright.

Johnson had been with the League since 1963. He had coached for it, served on the Board of Directors, coached again and was reelected a commissioner in February.

## Special Olympics on CBS Sport Spectacular

Nevada Special Olympics contenders who won gold, silver and bronze medals in the International Special Olympics, last month, will be among the featured athletes in the CBS Sports Spectacular, airing on KLAS-TV8 from 4 to 6 p.m. Sept. 13.

Local viewers should be able to spot many of the medal-winning retarded Nevada team members who competed with 3,200 athletes from 50 states and 12 foreign countries.

In addition to winning 2 gold medals, 7 silver and 11 bronze (11 of these won by Southern Nevada competitors), Nevada was awarded the "Best in Showmanship Trophy" for all of the 50 states. The Philippines won this same award in the foreign country division.

Nevada Special Olympics Athletes should be a "stand-out" and easy to spot in their green and gold uniforms.

## Recreation Center Events

### NIGHT GYM PROGRAM

The Las Vegas Recreation Department is now offering a Night Gym Program, age nine (9) through adult.

Activities in basketball, volleyball, table tennis, badminton and many other special events will be offered.

The following Junior High Gyms will be open from 6 to 9:30 P.M.

Monday - Robison and Garside

Tuesday - Fremont and Gibson

Wednesday - Fremont and Garside

Thursday - Robison and Garside

The program begins Monday, September 8, 1975 and will end May 1976.

For further information call your Las Vegas Recreation Department at 386-6296.

### VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Doolittle Center is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming ten to twelve flag football program. If you are 18 and over and would like to coach the younger brothers, come to the Doolittle Center and talk with Julius Jones, recreation leader or call the Center, 386-6374.

### FLAG FOOTBALL

The Recreation Department will organize a 5th and 6th grade Flag Football League on Saturday, Sept. 13th.

Interested persons are invited to attend either of the following organizational meetings: Lions Park, Las Vegas Blvd. North and Washington, at 9:30 a.m.; or Garside Jr. High Field, 300 South Torrey Pines, at 1:00 p.m.

No equipment needed. For further information call the Recreation Department at 386-6296.

## Big Golf Tourney At Sahara

The Del Webb Sahara Invitational Golf Tournament will be held again this year in Las Vegas, Sept. 25-28. More than 140 professional golfers, including defending champion Al Geiberger, will compete for the \$27,000 first prize and \$150,000 in total prize money. The Sahara tournament attract a relatively small gallery and affords a close-up view of all the touring professionals.

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