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Playgrounds and Day Camps Registration Underway

Learn-to-Swim, summer playgrounds and day camp pre-registration have been set for May 1. The Las Vegas Department of Parks, Recreation & Sr. Citizen Activities will accept registrations for its summer programs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at the Munic-

ipal Pool at 430 E. Bonanza. Information on the following can be obtained after May 1 by calling 386-6309:

Playground program, ages 6-12, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$25.00 for 8 weeks, \$35.00 per family
Day Camp program, ages 7-12, Monday-Friday,

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$25.00 per week per person (registration also taken at the Mirabelli Community Center, 6200 Elton, for this program only)

Aquatic Learn-to-Swim, 10 Red Cross certified lessons, \$10.00

Competitive swim, synchronized swim, diving, water aerobics and water polo classes and programs, 10 weeks, from \$15.00 to \$20.00

Scuba, complete open water certification, \$85.00

Family season swim pass, \$25.00 plus 50¢ per person.



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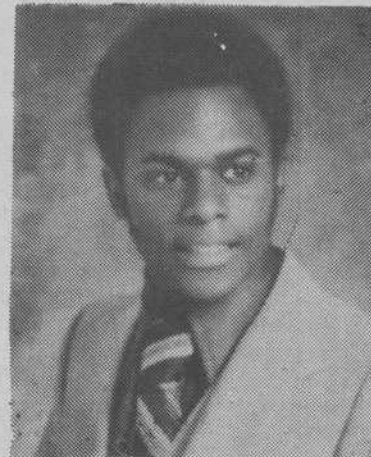
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

Teams looking to the future may find it to their advantage to take a gamble during Tuesday's NFL college draft in hopes of acquiring the services of a standout talent at a later date.

The significance of the 50th annual event comes in the fact that Herschel Walker and Doug Flutie, both owners of long-term contracts with the New Jersey Generals, are eligible to be chosen.

In terms of good news, a big talent pool could be headed for the established

league, meaning, of course, that the third-year United States Football League appears to be giving off signals that the end may be near.

Surrounded by uncertainty from the onset, with a gloomy future predicted, the USFL is on the verge of folding at anytime, with owners being struck by soaring operating expenses.

In its brief existence, all 12 of the remaining teams have lost money, with just two clubs not in deep trouble: the Generals, who are

bank-rolled by Donald Trump, and the Tampa Bay Bandits, the closest thing the USFL has to a break-even franchise supported by excellent marketing ideas in addition to ticket sales.

There are just four original owners still controlling their squads, and league commissioner Harry Usher has watched the league's television ratings drop constantly despite early season optimism.

The current crisis that is facing the USFL can be traced back to the forefathers of the league who wanted to operate a medium budget organization with a few stars, but instead got into a bidding war of sorts with the NFL, which only drove player salaries in both leagues out of sight.

Further more, several owners are pushing to move to a fall schedule, which would mean direct competition with the NFL, a sure suicide move on the USFL's part.

As a group, the USFL is a collection of rich, wealthy men who assumed it would be easy to create and run a pro football league, and discovered the venture was much more than a weekend hobby, thus a very deep hole was dug.

The USFL's survival will depend on a number of things, including obtaining a new network contract, along with the clearing up of several court cases.

Additionally, league officials may have to look at consolidation in one form or another - a reduced number of teams in the league, or, yet an even better one may be a merger with the NFL.

Spring Session II Classes

Robison Community Center, 825 Marion Drive, will take registration for Spring Session II classes from April 29 to May 3 from 3 to 9 p.m. Offerings include: Arts & Crafts, Aerobics, Tennis, Bowling, Gymnastics, Judo, Cheerleading and much more. For more information call 459-0201.

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