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## Fall Sports Statements; Part 1 New Leadership In the NFL

Doug Williams, Warren Moon, Randall Cunningham and Don McPherson have been joined in the professional ranks of Rodney Peete. Thus the tradition of Willie Thrower, Marlin Briscoe, James Harris and Joe Gilliam continues.

In the near future, this fraternity of African American professional quarterbacks will probably also include Tony Rice and Major Harris to name just two other highly regarded college quarterbacks.

Although Randall Cunningham is finally receiving his due as probably the best quarterback in the NFL today, Warren Moon still gets points for having picture perfect form and style.

Once again we make the following statement; There are few professions or industries that can make the claim that the NFL can that it employs percentage wise a greater number of college educated African American men than most historically African American colleges.

That is some statement, and statistically correct, but as researchers and statisticians know, with correct messaging, funny and not so funny things can be shown with statistics.

For example, Randall Cunningham did not rate in the top ten last year based on the NFL's Pass Efficiency Rating. But how many of you would choose Wade Wilson, Jim Everett or Dave Krieg over Randall?

The fact of the matter is that the number of U.S. African quarterbacks will probably increase tremendously for the next several years out of necessity.

A few years ago, John Elway was being heralded as the prototype quarterback for the 1990's. Said another way, Elway was and is good, and represented the best non African quarterback in the NFL. John Elway is strong,

tough, and not afraid to mix it up.

But defensive linemen live off of quarterbacks, who are usually less mobile. Intelligence, mobility and toughness are the ingredients for quarterback success in the 1990's. Please recall the names of the fraternity members we mentioned earlier. Today, Randall Cunningham and his frat brothers are the prototypes for the 1990's.

Unless or until the rules are changed, more U.S. African quarterbacks will be called on to produce. Our guess is that some rule changes will probably be introduced down the road. Not necessarily to protest the quarterback, but the protest the nation's "game". We understand America.

When will there be African head coaches in the NFL? For certain, until Gene Upshaw and the Players Association makes this a priority, the number of African Americans even interviewed will be small.

When will there be an African head of the Players Association? Well actually Gene Upshaw is already in place. Gene, do the correct thing. Take charge. Be the quarterback.

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## School Celebrates 25th Anniversary With Open House And Bazaar

Lois Craig Elementary School will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on Saturday, November 18 with an Open House and Bazaar from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The school is located at 2637 East Gowan Road in North Las Vegas.

The Bazaar will feature a pennant contest, door

## NEA Urges Citizens To Visit Schools During American Education Week

National Education Association President Keith Geiger today challenged every American citizen to visit a local school during the upcoming American Education Week, November 12-18.

"Education is one of the hottest issues across the nation today," Geiger said. "But when was the last time most Americans were in a public school? Probably when they went to a parent conference at their child's elementary school -- or when they were in school themselves!"

Geiger noted that schools have changed dramatically in recent years and that Americans need to see firsthand the changing needs of students and the changing demands on schools.

"The quality of education our students receive today will have a direct and dramatic impact on the health of America's economy tomorrow," Geiger said. "Education affects everyone in America -- even those without children in the schools."

Geiger noted that job demands make it difficult for parents and other concerned citizens to visit schools while classes are in session. He urged businesses to help remedy this problem by providing paid time off from work or flexible scheduling for employees who wish to visit schools.

All Americans, Geiger pointed out, can help encourage school visits.

Teachers and school employees, for instance, can place invitations or posters encouraging the public to visit schools in businesses and professional offices.

Parents can talk to neighbors who don't have children in the public schools and invite these neighbors to accompany them on school visits.

American Education Week is an annual observance celebrating public education in the United States. The theme for this year's week -- November 12-18, 1989 -- is "Learning and Liberty: Our Roots, Our Future."

American Education Week was launched by the National Education Association, the American Legion, and the U.S. Office of Education to solicit public support for new emphases on literacy and physical fitness in the aftermath of World War I. Today, 12 national organizations cosponsor the celebration.

## Improving Your Child's Self-Esteem

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Children need to have a healthy self-concept in order to help them achieve their full potential in school. At one time or another, most children experience anxiety about grades and grow fearful of falling behind their peers scholastically. Children often gauge their intelligence by comparing themselves to their friends or siblings; the grades they earn in school are also compared as a standard of intelligence. Parents' actions can make the difference in a child who may be capable but feels he cannot perform work given to him in school.

In school, if a child sees that he is getting C's and D's while his friends are receiving A's and B's, he may feel that he is not as intelligent as those in his peer group. This may ultimately result in a student giving up in class and not attempting to perform any work at all. Often the student finds it much easier to talk with a neighbor, do homework for another class, or write a note to a friend rather than participate in class. At its wor-

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## Sunset Hi Student Employee Spotlight

This month, Sunset High School's spotlight is focused upon Jennifer Steere, a salesperson for J.C. Penney's in the Meadows Mall. She is a hard-working girl who goes to great lengths to satisfy the customers she serves as well as herself. Her store manager claims she is an excellent employee and she is eager to have more Sunset High School students apply for jobs at his store, if others are as industrious as she has been.

Jennifer is setting other high standards for her classmates in the classrooms at Sunset High School after her long work days. She is presently "Top Gun" for the \$10,000 scholarship to UNLV which is awarded to the valedictorian, each year's June graduating GPA

leader. This year several other seniors are very closely vying for this special honor and it will be an interesting race to the finish.

Ms. Steere will be a first quarter graduate this fall and she will be greatly missed by Sunset's staff. Jennifer says she has really enjoyed attending the evening school because teachers seem to make more time for students. The attitude of students seems to be more mature and students accept more of the responsibilities for their own lives. Ms. Steere will be waiting until June to formalize her educational plans, but if things go well for her, she plans to be attending UNLV in the fall and still have a few dollars in the bank. We wish you the best of luck, Jennifer.

## PTA Explores Plight Of Homeless Children

Concerned about the plight of homeless children in Clark County, the Las Vegas Area Council PTA has invited Dr. Paul Goodwin, Associate Superintendent, Pupil Services, Clark County School District, to be their guest speaker November 16, 7 p.m. at Walter Long Elementary School, 2000 South Walnut.

As Associate Superintendent of Pupil Services, one of

Goodwin's many responsibilities is to oversee the delivery of education and support services for homeless youth.

Gloria Bennett, an official with a local shelter, will also participate in the presentation.

A video presentation, entitled "Shelter Boy," also will be shown and a brochure detailing homeless youth facts and statistics will be distributed.

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