

Former football player Heiskell faces liver transplant in Houston

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A former football player for Pampa High School, the University of Houston and the St. Louis Cardinals is facing a liver transplant.

Ted Heiskell of Pampa is a 1967 graduate of Pampa High School and attended the University of Houston on a football scholarship, where he was a fullback/running back for the Cougars for four years.

He lacked 20 hours to get his degree when he was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and decided to sign with the professional football team, he said.

Bad knees that required double knee replacement ended his football days, however.

"I went to training camp," Heiskell said of the Cardinals. "They wanted to keep me on their Texas squad, but I could only draw half my salary."

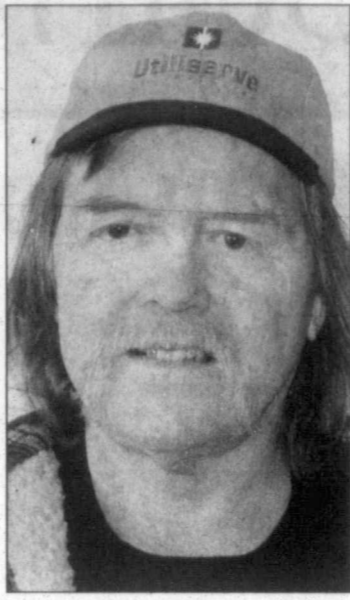
He sold sporting goods and then began a career in the construction business.

Three years ago, Heiskell began having health problems which included rupturing of the blood vessels in the esophagus, causing him to throw up blood. He went to Baylor Hospital in Dallas and then to Houston. An evaluation in Houston six months ago revealed that Heiskell needs a liver transplant.

"Right now, I'm number 19 out of 40 on the transplant list," Heiskell said. "I'm doing ozone treatments, and it helps a lot."

While he's waiting, Heiskell decided to complete requirements to get a degree. He has enrolled at Clarendon College-Pampa Center to take computer classes, which weren't part of college curriculums in the '60s and '70s.

"I will get a degree in



Heiskell

teaching. I'd like to teach history because I'm a history nut. My mother was a librarian for 25 years, and she would get a good history book and bring it home for me.

"I also want to be a counselor and help these young

kids off drugs," Heiskell said.

The cause of Heiskell's liver trouble has not yet been determined, but he suspects it may be because of substances he was exposed to in the petrochemical industry while working in the construction business.

One thing that was found during a physical exam was a dime, lodged in the bronchial tree of one of Heiskell's lungs.

The dime was removed, and Heiskell keeps it in a specimen jar. He joked that since the coin was extracted, he wasn't worth a dime anymore.

Heiskell, who is currently on Supplemental Security Income, has established a fund at FirstBank Southwest to help with his medical expenses. Donations may be made to the Ted Heiskell Medical Fund at FirstBank Southwest, P.O. Box 1181,

Pampa.

"Anything over \$2,000 goes to a trust fund of the American Liver Foundation," Heiskell said.

He plans to move to Houston next year in order to be close to Texas Medical Center, the hospital where

the transplant surgery will be performed. He will have to carry a pager so that he may be reached at all times in case a donor liver becomes available.

"I have two hours to get to the hospital from the time a donor is found," he said.

Senate extends Patriot Act by 6 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — The terror-fighting USA Patriot Act may have a new lease on life.

The GOP-controlled Senate on Wednesday approved a six-month extension of the USA Patriot Act to keep the anti-terror law from expiring on Dec. 31. President Bush gave it his grudging blessing.

The Republican-controlled House is now expected to come back and consider the legislation keeping the 16 provisions of the law passed after the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington from expiring.

Republican leaders and Bush wanted to make most of the law permanent, but were stymied by a filibuster in the Senate and had to resort to a six-month extension.

"This will allow more time to finally agree on a bill that protects our rights and freedoms while preserving important tools for fighting terrorism," said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., who was the only senator to vote against the original Patriot Act in 2001.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan on Thursday accused Senate Democrats of trying to score political points and appease special interests, including the American Civil Liberties Union, by blocking extension of the law. He said the temporary extension is a victory for the administration, even though it long said it would not approve anything but its permanent renewal.

"We kept Senate Democrats from killing the Patriot Act," McClellan

said. "We're pleased that the existing Patriot Act is still in place."

"These vital tools will remain in place," he said, adding that the administration would continue to work to get the act reauthorized.

Most of the Patriot Act — which expanded the government's surveillance and prosecutorial powers against suspected terrorists, their associates and financiers — was made permanent when Congress overwhelmingly passed it after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New

York City and Washington.

Making permanent the rest of the Patriot Act powers, like the roving wiretaps which allow investigators to

listen in on any telephone and tap any computer they think a target might use, has been a priority of the Bush administration.

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Hefley

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Hefley worked on his family's farm and ranch until 1973, when he married and moved to McLean with his wife, Charlotte. They have four daughters and a grandson.

Hefley has farmed and ranched 1,000 acres which he owns, plus other land which he leases, since moving to McLean. He and his wife are members of First Baptist Church of McLean.

He served 12 years on the McLean school board before becoming a county commissioner. He has also served in each office of the Panhandle County Judges and Commissioners Association as president, vice president and treasurer.

"My goal when I came in, and it still is, is to bring a conservative, common-sense approach to Gray County government," Hefley said.

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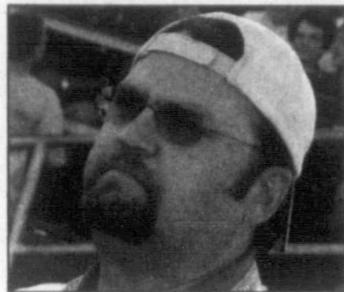
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Central Florida vs. Nevada
Clemson vs. Colorado
Atlanta @ Tampa Bay
Dallas @ Carolina
NY Giants @ Washington
San Diego @ Kansas City
Oakland @ Denver
Indianapolis @ Seattle
New England @ NY Jets
Buffalo @ Cincinnati
Jacksonville @ Houston
Pittsburgh @ Cleveland
Chicago @ Green Bay
Minnesota @ Baltimore
Tennessee @ Miami
Philadelphia @ Arizona
San Francisco @ St. Louis

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Sean Smith
Last Week: 12-8-0 (3)

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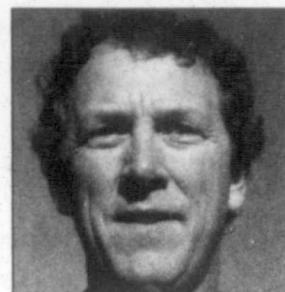
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St. Louis



Ray Boring
Last Week: 13-7-0 (2)

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Shane Stokes
Last Week: 15-5-0 (1)

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LEINART REINSTATED

Like there was really a chance he wouldn't play

The NCAA reinstated USC quarterback Matt Leinart's eligibility, clearing the way for him to take his place under center when his top-ranked Trojans face Texas for the national championship in the Rose Bowl.

Leinart's woes began after he appeared in one of those funny little ESPN promos. I do like the ones that feature LeBron James. I had no idea the kid was that funny. The Danica Patrick promo was great the first time or two I saw it, but had already grown old.

Leinart appeared in a promo recorded shortly after Southern Cal defeated UCLA. For college student athletes to make such appearances apparently violates some sort of NCAA rule. What's more, it was the school itself that declared Leinart ineligible. Said USC sports information director Tim Tessalone, "Whenever we are aware that media outlets ask student-athletes to do these kinds of tags we immediately cut them off."

I question the rule as much as I question how serious the school was about the so-called action it took.

This whole thing brings us back to compensation for the college student athlete. I do not understand how a school and its governing body can suggest a young man or woman cannot do anything to supplement his or her income by taking advantage of such opportunities. The school and the NCAA certainly take advantage of them, do they not?

I can almost guarantee you the success of USC, due in part to Matt Leinart, has translated into enrollment and alumni dollars. Media revenue and corporate "support" provide extra income for the school as well as the NCAA.

So what gives these institutions the right to say "you can't do that" to these kids, but use them to promote a school or the NCAA? You cannot practice a double standard and not expect backlash at some point.

While coaches and even some athletic directors are signing huge contracts — filled with perks and incentives — the people who put the product on the field and floor are told they cannot reap the benefits of their performance.

Where one is exploited for the financial gain of another is known by another name, is it not? "But they are given scholarships while many students are left to pay their own way." Yes, but look at the courses the student athlete takes. Some often sound made up to me. My favorite is "Mass Communications". I have said it before, I laugh each time I hear this. What is it? I equate it to a default course of study. Something to kill time until the professional payday comes along. If you are going to offer scholarships, make them count. Make the scholarship contingent on the course of study. Reward the student athlete for his or her skills but help them by requiring them to learn something while they attend your school.

Don't think for one moment there was any chance Matt Leinart was not going to play in the Rose Bowl. What USC did was appease the NCAA, though it still looked silly. It was sort of like two boxers going after each other during a preflight press conference. It looks good on camera, but they all probably gather somewhere later and laugh about it.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Son of Colts' coach Tony Dungy found dead in Florida apartment

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — James Dungy, the 18-year-old son of Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy, was found dead in a Tampa-area apartment, police said Thursday.

No foul play is suspected, but a cause of death won't be announced pending an autopsy, said Vida Morgan, a secretary in the Hillsborough County sheriff's office.

James Dungy's girlfriend found him when she returned to the Campus Lodge Apartments in Lutz, Fla., the sheriff's office said in a news release on its Web site. Police responded at 1:32 a.m. Thursday and performed CPR on Dungy before he was taken to University Community Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Tony Dungy has left the Colts and is in Tampa, according to NFL.com.

The Colts (13-1) are at Seattle on Saturday; Indianapolis lost its first game Sunday against the visiting San Diego Chargers, ending what had been a perfect season.

The coach and his wife, Lauren, have four other children: daughters Tiara and Jade and sons Eric and

Jordan. James, their second-oldest child, was taking extension classes at the University of South Florida, Morgan said.

James Dungy spent his senior year at North Central High School in Indianapolis and graduated this year. C.E. Quandt, the school's principal, said Dungy was a personable student who never flaunted his father's position.

"He just came in and tried to blend in and be a student," Quandt said. "I liked James a lot."

Quandt said Dungy visited North Central a week or two ago to pick up a transcript. He said the death surprised and saddened everyone at the school.

"It kind of diminishes our school family," he said.

James stood 6-foot-7 and was sometimes mistaken for one of his father's players, The Indianapolis Star reported on its Web site. James and his younger brother, Eric, sometimes watched Colts games from the sidelines, but they had to earn it by doing well in school.

Fans posted prayers and messages of support for Dungy, who also coached the Tampa Bay Buccaneers,

on a message board on a Colts fan Web site.

"Not only was he a great football coach for the Bucs, but he is an even better person," one Tampa Bay fan wrote. "It makes me sick that it happened at this time of year to a person that is so giving and caring."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Several of my friends and I were bemoaning our status as single women in our late 20s/early 30s, and discussing an article we had read in The New York Times about how smart women are less likely to get married. We'd all like to find Mr. Wonderful and be married. But if we have to curtail our professional success, financial wherewithal and IQ to do it, how can a person even begin to do such a thing? I have a feeling you'll say to be ourselves and it will all work out, but thus far it has NOT worked out, and we're starting to worry. Personally, I think we'd be better off to take jobs as "administrators" in a large company somewhere and hope for the best. Help, Abby! What's the answer for smart, fun women who have their acts together? How can we best poise ourselves to find true love while being true to ourselves? — **LOSING FAITH IN FINDING MR. RIGHT**

DEAR LOSING FAITH: The truth is, there are no guarantees that ANYONE (male or female) will land a mate. It isn't easy these days because people are commitment-phobic. And this applies to individuals at all economic and educational levels, not just you at the top. Pairing off is often a matter of luck and timing -- being in the right place at the right time. Eligible members of both sexes can be found in places of common interest -- places that are intellectually rewarding, culturally stimulating, athletically challenging or financially advantageous. As to whether you should downgrade your job level in order to appear less "threatening," I guarantee that if you don't take financial care of yourselves while you can, you will regret it later. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, you could fool some of the bachelors some of the time, but you couldn't fool all of them all of the time.

There are worse things than not finding Prince Charming, and one of them is spending your life pretending to be something you're not. So my advice is to stop reading defeatist newspaper and magazine articles. They'll only make you desperate, clingy and depressed -- and none of those traits is attractive to either sex.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently had a baby. We chose a mature, Christian couple to be our child's godparents. However, my brother-in-law is infuriated over the fact that he's not the godparent. He has disowned my husband and wants nothing to do with us. Behavior such as this in the past is part of the reason he wasn't chosen. However, I need to know this: Did we have an obligation to choose him as a godparent? How should we handle his immaturity and controlling behavior? — **NEEDS TO KNOW IN OHIO**

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: A godparent can either be a relative or a close friend, and you were not obligated to choose one over the other. Your brother-in-law may be hurt that he wasn't chosen, but his subsequent behavior has been so childish that it's apparent you made the right decision. The way to handle his immature and controlling behavior is to forgive him for it, and go on with your lives.

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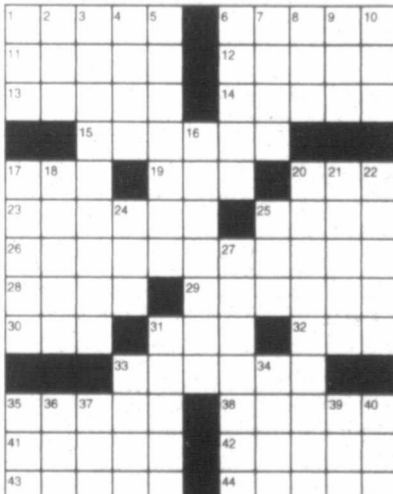
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