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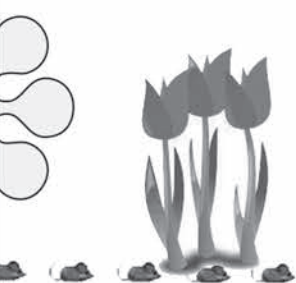
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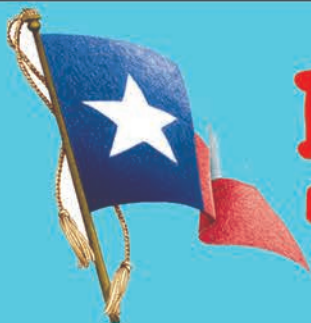
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Alvis Forrest Gregg (born October 18, 1933) is a former American football player and coach in the National Football League (NFL) and the NCAA. A Pro Football Hall of Fame offensive lineman for sixteen seasons, he was a part of six NFL championships, five of them with the Green Bay Packers before closing out his tenure with the Dallas Cowboys with a win in Super Bowl VI. Gregg was later the head coach of three NFL teams (Cleveland Browns, Cincinnati Bengals, and the Packers), as well as two Canadian Football League teams (Toronto Argonauts and Shreveport Pirates).

As a player, Gregg was a member of 6 world championship teams (5 with the Packers, and 1 with the Cowboys.)

As a head coach, he led the 1981 Bengals to the Super Bowl, where they lost to the 49ers by a score of 26-21.

Early life and college career

Born in Birthright, Texas, Gregg attended Sulphur Springs High School in Sulphur Springs and played college football at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Playing career

Gregg was a key player on the Packers dynasty of head coach Vince Lombardi that won five NFL championships and the first two Super Bowls in the 1960s. He played mostly at right tackle, but also filled in at guard. Gregg earned an "iron-man" tag by playing in a then-league record 188 consecutive games in sixteen seasons, from 1956 until 1971. He also won All-NFL acclaim eight straight years from 1960 through 1967 and was selected to play in nine Pro Bowls.

Gregg closed his career with the Dallas Cowboys, as did his Packer teammate, cornerback Herb Adderley. They both helped the Cowboys win Super Bowl VI in January 1972, making them the only players (along with former teammate Fuzzy Thurston, who was on the Baltimore Colts world championship team in 1958) in professional football history to play on six teams that won World Championships. Gregg wore jersey number 75 for fifteen seasons in Green Bay, but that number belonged to Jethro Pugh in Dallas, so Gregg wore number 79 for his final season in 1971.

Vince Lombardi claimed "Forrest Gregg is the finest player I ever coached!" in his book Run to Daylight. In 1999, he was ranked number 28 on The Sporting News' list of the 100 Greatest Football Players, ranking him second behind Ray Nitschke among players coached by Lombardi, second behind Anthony Muñoz (whom he coached) among offensive tackles, and third behind Munoz and John Hannah among all offensive linemen.

Coaching career

After serving as an assistant with the San Diego Chargers in 1973, he took a similar position the following year with the Browns. After head coach Nick Skorich was dismissed at the conclusion of the 1974 season, Gregg was promoted to head coach in 1975, a position he held through 1977.

After sitting out the 1978 season, Gregg returned to coaching in 1979 with the Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts. In 1980, he became the head coach of the Cincinnati Bengals for four seasons, through 1983. Gregg's most successful season as a head coach was in 1981, when he led the Bengals to a 12-4 regular season record. They defeated the San Diego Chargers 27-7 in the AFC championship game (known as the Freezer Bowl), earning them a trip to Super Bowl XVI, where they lost by five points to the San Francisco 49ers, 26-21.

When his longtime former teammate Bart Starr was fired after nine years as head coach of the Packers in December 1983, Gregg was allowed out of his contract with the Bengals to take over in Green Bay. He finished his NFL coaching career with the Packers, leading them for four seasons, 1984 through 1987. Gregg's overall record as an NFL coach was 75 wins, 85 losses, and one tie. He also won two and lost two playoff games.

Gregg voluntarily left the Packers in January 1988 and took a salary reduction to take over at SMU, his alma mater. He was brought in to revive the Mustang football program after it received the "death penalty" from the NCAA for massive violations of NCAA rules. Although the NCAA had only canceled the 1987 season, school officials later opted to cancel the 1988 season due to fears that it would be impossible to field a competitive team; nearly every letterman from the 1986 squad had transferred elsewhere. Although Gregg knew that any new coach would be essentially rebuilding the program from scratch, when acting president William Stalcup asked him to return, he felt that he could only accept.

As it turned out, when Gregg arrived, he was presented with a severely undersized and underweight roster composed mostly of freshmen. Gregg was taller and heavier than nearly the entire 70-man squad. The team was so short on offensive linemen that Gregg had to make several wide receivers bulk up and switch to the line. By nearly all accounts, it would have been unthinkable for the Mustangs to attempt to play the 1988 season under such conditions.

In 1989, the Mustangs went 2-9, including a 95-21 thrashing by Houston—the second-worst loss in school history. During that game, eventual Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware threw six touchdown passes against SMU in the first half, and David Klingler added four more in the second half, even with the game long out of reach. Gregg was so disgusted that he refused to shake Houston coach Jack Pardee's hand after the game. Nonetheless, Gregg still looks fondly on the experience. In a 2012 interview with The New York Times, he said that the players on the two teams he coached should have had their numbers retired for restoring dignity to the program. "I never coached a group of kids that had more courage," he said. "They thought that they could play with anyone. They were quality people. It was one of the most pleasurable experiences in my football life. Period."

After the season, he was named athletic director. The Mustangs went 1-10 in 1990, and after the season Gregg resigned as coach to focus on his duties as athletic director. Gregg's coaching record at SMU was 3 wins and 19 losses, and he served as athletic director until 1994.

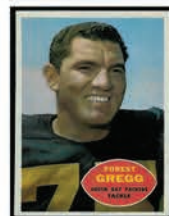
He returned to the CFL with the Shreveport Pirates in 1994-95, during that league's brief attempt at expansion to the United States. Gregg's overall record as a CFL coach was 13 wins and 39 losses.

When former Shreveport Pirate owner Bernard Gliberman bought a stake in the Ottawa Renegades in May 2005, Gregg was appointed its vice president of football operations.

After football

Gregg now lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In October 2011, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, thought to be caused by concussions from playing over two decades of high school, college, and pro football.

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Uncle Mort and Horse Sense...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Horse sense--my 104-year-old Uncle Mort maintains--is much more than stable thinking. As a charter member of the "spit and whittle club" at the general store in the thicket, they weigh the world's weightiest problems, often with wild abandon.

If only two geezers show up, arguments are common, but not much is settled. With three or more present, however, it's a quorum.

Boiled down to the essence, they arrived at two major conclusions recently. First, they're pretty sure Americans' "up-tight" propensities--stemming from encoun-

ters with so many simultaneous problems--are like pendulums nearing the end of their arcs. They believe it's time for the pendulums to swing toward a "down loose" stance....

Their other conclusion concerns the saber-rattling of North Korea's "head man," Kim Jong-un, who arrived at the vaunted perch by virtue of his birth. He's the grandson of the "founding dictator," and he has so many titles, printing all of them would require both sides of a business card.

Little is known about Kim. Even the date of his birth is questioned, with ballots split between Jan. 8, 1984, and July 5, 1984. He MAY have attended a western university under an assumed name, and he MAY have ordered the demise of many people--whom he believed to be out of step with his whims and foibles. There are many other "mays" in his resume, critical scrutiny of which began with his ascension to power in 2011.

Now, let's get back to his "titles," all of which are subject to change without notice. We're likely missing some, but a quick perusal reveals that Kim Jong-un is: Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, Supreme Leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Chairman of the Military Commission, Chairman of the National Defense Commission, Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army and Presidium Member of the Politburo Standing Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea....

It stands to reason that he scares the bejeesbers out of his 25 million subjects. And why

wouldn't they consider this tyrannical leader--his activities shrouded in secrecy--a bona fide lunatic?

What we've seen and heard so far is that he has an "honorary doctorate" from HELP University (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), holds conferences with basketball's Dennis Rodman and visits his "royal barber"--the same one who cut Fred Flintstone's hair years ago.

"What we've decided is that with all the noise he's rattling, they're liable to face a saber shortage shortly," Mort said. "So far, we're convinced he's more bark than bite, and we think there's a surefire way to know when North Korea has serious missile capabilities..."

Huh? How could we possibly know?

Mort says so many missiles have fizzled, the 33-year-old wizard has authorized yet another organization. Its hundreds of members gather at missile sites several hours before launching.

"Just before they light the fuse on missiles, workers start the engines of trash trucks, front-end loaders and street sweepers, ready to clean up the mess they expect to rain down a few seconds lat-

er," he explained. "Don't you know the sounds of those engines starting is encouraging to their nuclear scientists?" Mort joked. He says when the clean-up crew no longer shows up around the launch pad, we might assume that North Korea might be able to launch a missile to reach targets beyond its own zip code....

Sometimes Mort and his friends share stories they pick up at Sunday school. They all laughed about the unfortunate answer provided by Modeen (not her real name) when her husband Ron (not his real moniker, either) was asked by a friend if he has a pacemaker.

Modeen and Roy have been married 62 years, and since her hearing is better, she often answers for both of 'em. "No, he's had open-heart surgery, but he doesn't have a pacemaker," she volunteered. "If he did, I'd turn it up a few notches..."

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REILLY SPRINGS HAS A JAMBOREE

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Reilly Springs is a small place near Sulphur Springs. Not much happens there most of the time, but once a month musicians gather at the old school house and play their hearts out. It's called the Reilly Springs Jamboree, an event that started sixty-one years ago.

"When the school consolidated with Sulphur Springs in 1956 the school house sat empty for a while," says Enola Gay, producer and emcee of the show. She's also the morning disc jockey at KSST Radio in Sulphur Springs. "But there were some musicians who lived at Reilly Springs. They were from a farming family, the Sheltons, and they played guitar and mandolin and sang. They started doing music shows in the schoolhouse. Two Shelton Brothers achieved some regional success in songwriting. They wrote Deep Ellum Blues (played by Jerry Lee Lewis and The Grateful Dead, among others) and Because, Just Because (Paul McCartney, Elvis Presley and Breda Lee did it, among others). We have a house band that backs up visiting musicians. We play country and gospel. Mostly country, with a little gospel."

Some of the music sounds like a front porch picking parlor because the musicians are relaxed and comfortable. And so is the large audience. It's been going on so long some people recall having their first date at the Jamboree or meeting that special someone there. Older folks remember going to the Jamboree as teenagers. Enola says it was an exciting place to go on a Saturday night.

"We have lots of home-grown performers, maybe they write songs or play guitar at home and we have some big name entertainers. Johnny Cash played here, so did George Jones, Hank Snow, June Carter and a whole bunch more. June Carter was so popular we had to do two shows that night."

The Jamboree went away for a while, but twenty-two years ago Enola decided to revive it.

"It has such a rich history I wanted to bring it back. We've had real good success with it. The very first show, which was the Reilly Springs Jamboree Reunion in 1995, was standing room only. We had it at the National Guard Armory in Sulphur Springs."

KSST used to have an employee named Peavine Pinion who had enough radio engineering skills to rig up a transmission line so the jamboree could be broadcast on KSST over what he called the Barbed Wire Network. It was like listening to the Grand Old Opry on a small scale.

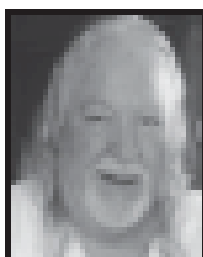
The Jamboree takes place the third Saturday of each month. Enola's favorite types of music are jazz standards and big band songs of the forties, fifties and sixties. She has recorded a CD. Sometimes she sings on stage.

"If we have some real great girl singers, I don't dare sing that night. But if we're short of singers I'll be glad to fill in."

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Obits



Steven L. Sample

Funeral services for Steven L. Sample, 68, of Highwood, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, May 15, 2017 at Christian Bible Church with Pastor Jonathan officiating. He is 90 years old and a full son.



Jack Edwin Richardson

Jack Edwin Richardson, 73, of Quitman, Texas passed away on Monday, May 14, 2017, in Quitman, TX. He was born on Thursday, October 21, 1943, in Taylor Springs, TX to the late Ross Richardson and Annie Lee Richardson. Jack attended East Texas State University in Commerce, where he earned his Master's Degree in Education in 1966. Jack spent the last 23 years of his career as City Manager in 3 Texas cities: Springtown, Commerce, Taylor Springs, and Hall County. His most career was spent in Quitman as the mayor of the City of Quitman for 15 years. He was an Eagle Scout, Lion Club member, Grand Master of Quitman County Club, and President of West County Hospital District from 2007-2017. He also enjoyed traveling throughout the world with his wife, Minnie and family.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Jo Richardson and son, Paul W. Richardson.

Jack is survived by two sons, Paul Richardson and wife Minnie of Tyler, TX; Chad Richardson and wife Marc of Houston, TX; special daughter-in-law, Amy Singer and her son, Troy of Tulsa, OK, TX; brother, Ross Richardson of Dallas, TX; four grandchildren, Bryanna Richardson and Addison Richardson of Tyler, Abby Richardson and Jaeger Richardson both of Houston; several more nieces and nephews.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017, at Family Funeral Home, Minnie, TX.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 19, 2017, at Quitman (Funeral Home) 301 Taylor Springs, TX. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Paul W. Richardson Memorial Scholarship in honor of Jack Richardson. Donations can be made online at www.donorsupply.com, by phone at (800) 488-3888, or by mail to the SPARK Foundation, P.O. Box 2002, Springtown, Texas, 75781 (check is also good to the SPARK Foundation, West County Healthcare Foundation, 117 W. Grand Ave. N., Quitman, TX, 75783 or to Region of East Texas State University Hall, Tyler, TX 75701.



Jackson Lee Sanders

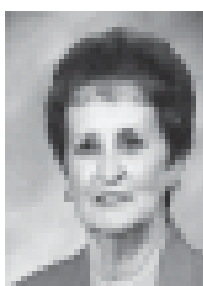
Jackson Lee Sanders, age 3, of Wrentham, TX, passed away Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

He was born April 28, 2013 in Mount Pleasant, TX to James Arlington Sanders and Cary Joy Sanders.

When Jackson was not with his family, he was working as the cheerful "greeter" at the mini golf store, enjoying his daddy take him to the store. If Jackson was not by James or Cary's side, he was playing with his dog, he loved his baby and she was a good girl and loving big sister. Anything in the world to him, was his daddy and he loved that beautiful smile in what everyone else have and he loved his mother. Although he was with us barely a little while, he touched the lives of many of his loving family, but of us who were lucky and, in our memory, we are grateful.

Jackson is survived by his parents, James and Cary Sanders of Wrentham, TX; his sister, Kaitlin Ann Sanders of Wrentham; grandmothers, Corrie ("Dad") and Tina Kay ("Mom") Bennett; David ("Daddy") and Heidi Arington; and Lisa ("Lizzy") Sanders, all of Wrentham, Texas; ("Mom") and Michael ("Daddy") Kennedy of Commerce, TX; uncle, Mike ("Uncle Mike") Arington of Wrentham, Texas; aunts, Barbara Arington and Judith Arington and their mother, Josephine Arington of Taylor Springs, TX; uncle and aunts, Amy ("Aunt") and Paul ("Uncle") of Mount Vernon, TX; ("Aunt") and Kent Kennedy of Spring Springs, TX; aunts and Uncle Steve of Houston, Texas; aunts, Adam, Kaitlin, and Heidi Arington of Wrentham, Texas; Uncle, Jack, Jack and Aunt (Aunt) of Mount Vernon; James and Joyce Kennedy of Spring Springs.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 19 at East Chapel Church Wrentham under the direction of Family Funeral Home.



Joyce Katherine Roy

Joyce Katherine Roy, 83, passed away, mother, grandmothers and great-grandmothers, passed away on May 11, 2017, at the age of 83, at The Village at Mountaineer in McKinney, Texas. She was born in Texas on May 11, 1934. Joyce graduated from Lincoln High School. She attended the River Valley College in Commerce; she later finished her studies at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Joyce was a proud graduate student at Texas A&M University.

She was employed as a glass assembler for SPTC in Wrentham, Texas. Joyce later became a Homebased Teacher working for Home Connections. She was a member in a way in the church when her husband passed by singing in the choir and, which along in the 1970's. Joyce developed a very close friendship in the Methodist Church. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Rev. William L. Roy; sons, Christopher L. Roy and wife Cindy, Tom L. Roy; grandchildren, Paul Roy, Whitney Jordan and Brandon Roy; great-grandchildren, Connor and Isabella Roy; nephews, Nathan and Lenny Sanders; several more nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Adam and Walter Sanders and sister, Virginia Ross.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 20, 2017, at East United Methodist Church, 301 W. Church Street, McKinney, Texas. A reception will be held after the service in the following Hall. A private burial will follow. The family will receive friends for a visitation, one hour prior to the service at the church.



Mary Ellen Graves

Funeral services for Mary Ellen Graves, 83, of Taylor Springs, Texas will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017 at South Church Cemetery with Pastor Jonathan officiating and Betty Ruth Houghton officiating. There will be a visitation. She was 90 years old and a full son.

Mary Ellen was born on October 21, 1934, the daughter of Bruce Wright and Lillian (Dunn) Houghton in Taylor, Texas. She married Paul Graves when preceded her in death in 1998. Mary Ellen was a devoted mother and all the boys in the family.

She is survived by her daughters, 3 sons, Frances and Paul and Debra, Tina and Amy and her granddaughters, Pauline, granddaughters, Billie, Heather, Amanda, Jennifer, Steven Paul and James Lee and sons, Christian, Jeffrey, Catherine, Susan, Susan, Susan, 11 great grandchildren, sister, Jean Louise of Dallas, Texas and brother, Bobby Houghton of Mt. Vernon, Texas.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, husband and granddaughters, Catherine and James.

Arrangements will be under the direction of Family Funeral Home.

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Memorial service for Steven E. Semple, 68, of Edgewood, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2017, at Shannon Oaks

Church with Eric Godwin officiating. Mr. Semple passed away on Saturday, May 13, 2017, in Greenville, TX. He was born on December 9, 1948, in Philadelphia, PA, the son of Donald and Jacqueline Troy Semple. He married Marlean Dubry on March 18, 2017, in Hopkins County. She survives. He served in the United States Army and later worked as an auto sales manager for many years. In addition to his wife and father, he is also survived by son, Chris Semple and wife Tessa of Fruitvale, TX, daughters, Rachel Semple, Michelle Clardy, brother, Kenny Semple and wife Ardy of Corsicana, sisters, Donna Semple of VA, Cheryl Pierce and husband Charlie of Sulphur Springs, grandchildren, Hunter, Fisher, LaLa, and Zoey Lindley, Miley Clardy, and Randy and Ty Ruschmann. He was preceded in death by his mother and sister, Beverly Switala. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

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