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CHAPTER ELEVEN: The Time for Rejoicing

Two famous football gurus had written a special article about Tyler and Todd in a leading newspaper, which got several football coaches' attention all over the country. Also, college boosters clubs had gotten the wind of these prospects. Assistant coaches had evaluated them during the Spring Evaluation Period and told them to stay in touch. Now it was the middle of December and the boy's high schools were to play each other in the State Championship. These best friends were playing for opposing teams. Tyler was sacked three times by Todd in the championship game. Todd did not show any mercy, although Tyler was his childhood friend, it was a matter of winning the championship. Finally, Tyler's coach sent in a play, where Todd was double- teamed, and Tyler had time to throw a deep ball on the last play of the game. Tyler's team's best receiver was behind the defender who tried to tip the ball, his fingertips touched the ball, but the receiver behind him caught the ball in the end zone. Tyler's team won the State High School Championship by one point after trailing throughout the game. Tyler was declared by the local media Mr. Football of the state. While Todd was declared one of the best defensive tackles in the state. After the state championship, schools were, closed for the Christmas holidays.

Their mom's friends had arranged a party at the local church for them with the gospel songs and music. Everybody was in a festive mood. Their moms were so excited and happy about this festive occasion that they were dancing and carrying on. Tyler's grandma was very happy and told him that she was proud of both young men. There were two well-dressed men who showed up at the party and were strangers to the boys. One man started whispering to Todd's mom

and another man was hanging around Tyler's mom. The boys were unable to figure out who these strangers were? The strangers had carried wrapped gifts and flowers and handed them to the women. The way they were whispering and pointing towards the boys made Tyler and Todd suspicious, but they were busy talking to their friends. Music was blaring and there was plenty of food for everyone.

It was getting late; after a brief sermon by the local preacher, music started blaring again. Tyler's mom told Todd and his mom to come in the lobby. She said that she had an announcement to make and she called both boys and Todd's mom to come closer. Then she said that I have a surprise for you. She pointed towards one of the strangers and said this is Jack, who is Tyler's daddy. Tyler had been avoiding meeting his father face to face; he had heard that he was released from the jail early for good behavior. He had a pretty low opinion of his dad and it made him mad to think about his dealing with his family.

Tyler was in shock and wanted to grab the man by his jacket, he could not believe that man had neglected him and his mom forever. He looked very upset; he had remembered many depressing moments with his dad when he was little. Tyler's mom told Tyler that the man was a good Christian, now; he had turned his life around and had remarried. She said that she had forgiven him.

Tyler was taken aback and did not know how to react. He looked at the old man and said "What took you so long to show up in our lives? Where were you when we needed you?" Jack told him that all of them were victims of circumstances, and he was sorry that he neglected them. He had lived a very bad life and had faced many hardships, and jail time.

Jack said he had been a drug and alcohol abuser. He had gotten treatment while he was in jail and became a good Christian. He told Tyler to let bygones be bygones and asked to start a new relationship. Tyler told him that it was not that simple. It will take time and he did not want to spoil the fun.

Jack was getting too close to Tyler during this conversation and wanted to hug him. Tyler pushed him away and said, "Man I want my space". Jack told him that he thinks he can wait and would give him time to think about it so that he could visit his old family more often. Tyler's mom said that she still had the floor and she wants Tyler to be respectful to his old man. Tyler shook his head like he did not believe what he was hearing. While this family was trying to get over the first episode, she said that she was ready to make another announcement. She waved the other man to come forward.

She said this is Alan and he is Todd's dad, she told Todd to come forward and give the old man a hug. Todd looked at the old man and walked away. His face was turning dark red and he had a mean look, he tried to jump at the man and almost punched his face. Tyler, Joe, and the other people tried to hold him back and told him to calm down. Todd told his mom that he was sorry and he would not associate with this man. He said that he had nothing to do with the old man. He apologized to his mom and told her that he loved her, but he could not listen to her at the moment.

He went to get something to drink and Tyler followed him. The boys were very upset about the way this party was turning out. Todd's father Alan told everyone to hear him out. He told the group that he had connections with professional marketing companies, who had access to the people for the "Prospect Matching Program". He told

them that boys need to place the information on recruit's profile page. They will professionally prepare the page with highlights from previous games and the data needed by the recruiting coaches.

Then he smiled and mentioned that he had connections with some important people, who could help the cause financially. Both boys told Alan they might be interested only if the proper rules were followed, and they get decent scholarships. They were looking forward to changing their lives and did not want ongoing investigations when they played for a college. They wanted to go to the same college and play for the same team.

Their moms wanted them to follow all the recruiting requirements too and preferred that boys not go too far from hometown. Alan told them that he would have to pull some strings and would do the best he could. It was getting late and it was time to clean up and help the church management. They finally got done by midnight. The men wanted to spend some more time with the women, but women told them that they had to go and said goodbyes.

They wanted to go home with their sons and were happy that boys got to meet their fathers. Alan had told them that all the information about the boys needed to be put together as soon as possible. He said that no matter how good an athlete you might be, but there was very tough competition out there.

The early bird catches the worm. The boys told Alan about the coaches who wanted to help them in this regard. Before departing, Alan told them that they should refer the recruiters to him. Alan would try to get the best scholarships and benefits. Alan got all the

names and phone numbers of their high school coaches and then both men left. Alan left his new number with the boys' moms.

It was getting to be the end of January and few out of town coaches visited and told the moms that they have been keeping up with their kid's progress on the football field and they were there to invite the kids to visit their campuses. They were representing one of the best Football Conferences from Texas and the SEC, which produced national championship teams every few years.

The coaches left invitations and one of the head coaches even danced with both moms. Big-time college football programs wanted both young men to play for them. Since Tyler was the hottest quarterback prospect and Todd was the best defensive tackle in the country

The boys had an excellent future and good credentials. The future coaches from regional colleges did not know about the off- the- field activities these young men were involved in. These boys had several aliases and ID cards. Todd was involved in several skirmishes with the law, but the future head coaches had no clue about their poor public record and the multiple off the field identities.

They trusted their assistant coaches, who were supposed to review all the data before the head football coaches' visit. Except for his close friends, no one knew about Todd's dual life. He had used several aliases, and he was master of disguise. He was living a life of Jekyll and Hyde, he enjoyed the thrill of victories when he was on the field, but he was a different person off the field and when he was away from the school.

It was a turning point in Tyler's and Todd's lives. Both young men had graduated from high school in May, and their moms put together a

big party for the boys and their friends. Alan and Jack came to the party and announced that they had contacted several boosters and alumni from all over the country. They found the best scholarship and benefits offers from several colleges in Texas, Mississippi, and two Mid-Western States. They had told the boosters that the boys will be willing to sign with their colleges after making official visits to their football games during the upcoming football season. Tyler and Todd were not ready to trust the absentee fathers who had been gone so long from their lives and had shown up in the nick of time. Their moms had raised them without their help and had faced all the hardships.

Alan wanted the boys to give him a written power of attorney so that he could act as their agent. The boys' moms were also little skeptical about Alan's request. They told Alan and Jack that they will think about it. The moms and the boys did not know that behind the scenes, their fathers had been asking the boosters for money while the college coaches had no idea what some aggressive boosters were up to.

Finally, the boys had made up their minds that they will let their moms and high school coaches do the talking on their behalf. They were invited to several football games at different colleges. They were greeted by beautiful girls, and the strength coaches took them around to the workout facilities. They finally met the head football coaches, who were telling them that there was a strong possibility that both of them could play during the first year.

The boys had rejected Alan's suggestions about several colleges and opted for a different college in Florida, which was recommended by their high school coaches. Although it wasn't University of Florida or

FSU, it was another football college we will call it College-X. They were offered a decent scholarship and the facilities were excellent. The coaches were friendly, but the Head Coach was very strict and demanded good work ethics.

They were about 600 miles away from home. They were having the time of their lives. College life was so different than high school, Tyler was serious about his studies and athletics and Todd was turning into a party animal. Both boys felt the joy of college life and the freedom.

It was the first time that they did not have their moms or grand moms telling them what to do. Tyler had expressed these feeling of freedom he felt for the first time in his life to his mom while talking to her over the phone. His mom told him that the freedom comes with responsibility. She told him that he should not forget his goals. She wanted him to get a college degree and be the best athlete in the nation. She told him to look after his friend Todd and his mom was expecting big things from him too. She told Tyler to tell Todd to call his mom; he must have been too busy getting ready for his classes.

Tyler smiled; he knew that Todd was busy partying and having fun, but he could not tell his mom that. After getting off the phone with his mom, he went back to the dorm and found Todd's note which said "Meet me at the 'Wild West Bar and Grill'. It is about three miles from the campus. You can ask anyone at the dorm they can give you the directions." Tyler was not too happy about this, but he wanted to join his friend and got his old motorcycle out, put his helmet on and went to the nearest gas station and got directions to the bar.

It was almost 11:30 at night. Tyler was thinking about next morning while riding his motorcycle. They had to pick up their registration

cards from the office and meet with the future professors early. They also had to meet the strength coach to set up a schedule for the exercises. Tyler was thinking out loud about all the things they were supposed to do next day.

He was weaving through the cars with his motorcycle, which needed attention and skill. Some motorcycle riders like to show off and zip through and around the cars at a very high speed. Tyler came in between two cars while a car in the rear was passing a car upfront it was very dangerous maneuver for Tyler, luckily for him, the car which was trying to pass the other car slowed down and Tyler could get out of this risky situation. He was so scared that he almost missed the exit. When he arrived at the bar he found his friend on the dance floor, he appeared to be drunk and he was waving his T-shirt in the air and two beautiful older women were dancing with him and people were clapping with the beat of the music.

The music was blaring and singer was singing "It's All Good!" Tyler watched his friend making a fool of himself, but he appeared to be happy. Tyler waited for the song to finish and tried to grab Todd by the hand and told him to come with him, but Todd would not leave and started arguing with his friend and started to create a scene on the dance floor. There were two guys in the bar who looked like bouncers they came after Todd and told him to get out of the establishment and never come back, Todd got really mad at them and he jumped on one of them, the other bouncer came to help his partner, Tyler had to help Todd, it was like a brawl. Tyler pushed the guys off Todd, and many people came and separated them. They got out of the Tavern in one piece and headed towards the dorm. Todd was still drunk and using foul language and cussing. Tyler told him to

calm down and look at the big picture. He told him that they had the opportunity of the lifetime, the scholarship, education, and good food, and a bright future. He told him that they had a chance to become professional athletes, and the coaching staff will help them to get to the Promised Land. He said", Let us not blow all this for wild and crazy parties."

When they arrived at the dorm, two beautiful girls were waiting for them in the lobby. They were part of the welcome committee. They had soft drinks in their hands and wanted to welcome the boys. Both of them were dressed like flower children of the olden era, but they were young and lively. The boys spent some time with those gorgeous girls and promised to meet them again. The girls gave them their e-mail addresses and told them if they needed help they could get in touch with them. Todd actually followed the girls to their dorm. Todd did not want to leave the girls alone, but college security guard showed up and escorted Todd to the lobby where Tyler was waiting for him.

Finally, both young men arrived at their room. They found a note from the strength assistant, which explained the workout schedule and directions to the training room. Also, they were supposed to see their senior mentors on offense and defense. It was also mentioned that the time to be back in the dorms was 10:00 p.m. Next day they were going to see the professors for their subjects and then they were told to meet the assistant coaches after classes for orientation and a checklist for activities.

The spring practice was going to start soon for the A-Day game. Since it was the end of February the priority was set to get ready for classes and then work out with a strength coach on their own. Tyler was

supposed to meet offensive assistant and Todd was supposed to meet defensive assistant as soon a possible. Tyler told Todd that they had to cut back on partying and get serious about football practice and attending classes. But Todd wanted to go to a bar and have fun. After a long discussion, Tyler convinced him to stay and get some sleep.

Todd was of the opinion that he will find time for parties between classes and practices. These boys had to fill the gaps in the college football team right away due to the graduation of seniors at the quarterback position and the defensive tackle position. The coaches prepared them for the A-Day game and both players put up a show for the fans and the media on that day.

Coaches, seniors, and the fans had high hopes for the football season. The boys during the practices were impressed by the speed of the seniors and their work ethic. Between studies and strength exercises, time was flying. Several months had passed. They were amazed that how fast things happen at the college level.

It was August already. Two-a-day practices were in full swing. Moving forward to the first game of the season Tyler had five touchdowns four by running and one by throwing the ball. And Todd had sacked the opposing quarterback four times; QB was running for his life. The main quarterback and backup quarterback both were harassed and abused by Todd. The student gallery and rest of the fans were having fun and they had never seen their team play that good in years. While the visiting team's fans were perplexed; some young girls were openly crying.

Winning Streak Was On

The football team at College-X was on a roll, fans were excited. Local talk shows had to extend their on- air time and life was good for the fans. They could not wait for next Saturday to see their team in action. The team was on a winning streak and the time was flying. By now the team was undefeated and had won nine games. They had already qualified for the bowl game and the coaches were preparing them for the championship for their division.

The coaches in the division were calling one another to figure out the way to stop this team, especially Tyler and Todd. In this state, the rivalry was intense the fans and some boosters of the opposing teams were working behind the scene to find something bad about these boys. Although the coaches at College-X had done an excellent job in screening and recruiting the two players, and the college was following all the rules set by the NCAA (National College Athletic Association), but some boosters from other colleges were trying to dig up dirt on both young men so that they could be disqualified. Finally, it came to light that Alan (Todd's dad) had discussed money with some boosters of another state college.

An investigation was started by the NCAA. Hell broke loose on the talk shows and people were talking about cheating by College -X, there were so much gossip and innuendo taking place on the internet and other media. It was a big mess, College-X's team kept winning, but the fans were worried and their celebration was subdued. They could not enjoy the winnings and the joy which come with it. The whole fan base was shocked and worried. The majority of the fans were of the opinion that they needed to enjoy the moment while

they could, after all, their favorite team was winning on a continuous basis.

The rival team's fans were excited to see the frustration of College-X's fans. Rival fans knew that their teams were unable to beat this team on the field, but fans were happy that they might be able to get this team in trouble with NCAA. What kept College-X winning was their head coach and his positive attitude and the team's cohesiveness, this team played for the team mission, not for the individual accomplishments. Although individual accomplishments were piling up in bunches and different players were named for many awards. The 'Us versus them' mentality was helping them to achieve their team goals. The only person who was more objective was 'The brave talk show host', on the regional radio station, who wanted people to wait and let the investigation finish. He was being cussed out by the callers from opposing team and he was called College-X's agent.

He was pointing out facts and said nothing was proven, the majority of the fans from opposing teams, blamed College-X for unfair advantage. He wanted them to stop and think that in their subconscious minds they were mad at their own team's performance. One local newspaper had written an article about a bag man who was supposed to give Todd's father money, but there was no proof of anything.

The fans of the rival college should have been more realistic and known the parity in college football teams in the modern era. You cannot win conference or National Championship year in and year out. If you are not careful you can lose the best coaches due to unrealistic expectations, and bad mouthing your coaches or your team can affect your program in a negative way. If a team wins a

National Championship one year and most of the seniors leave, fans should allow at least three to five years for the next conference or National Championship. Sometimes it takes eight to ten years or more, in real time to win another National Championship in a tough conference, if it is done the right way. It takes at least two years or more to have a winning program, and 'patience is a virtue'.

Here are some interesting blogs:

"The phrase "patience is a virtue" is nice in theory. However, it's not one that many college football fans take to heart. Especially, when it comes to dealing with head coaches. Fans desire success, and they value winning over pretty much anything. Their tolerance for losing is almost nonexistent. A coach is allowed a freebie rebuilding or down season every once in a blue moon, but if the losses start piling up on a yearly basis, the fans will grow more and more frustrated."The Author thinks a new coach should be allowed at least three years to rebuild a program. (Courtesy Danny Flynn)

Another sample blog, a fan replied:

"Good post-Danny, lol, I had a feeling the Mad Hatter Les Miles (College football head coach of LSU Tigers) would make an appearance in this poll. Ever since Nick Saban (University of Alabama football coach, one of the best in the nation) resurrected the program, the expectations have been so high each season, and without a doubt, this past decade was probably the most successful decade in LSU (Louisiana State University) football history. Following up each season with another successful season is what each fan hopes for, but, unfortunately, that's not always the case. Sometimes, I feel the expectations are a bit too high, and while Les Miles has

faltered in spots, he has managed to lead LSU to a winning season every year he has been in Baton Rouge, and the first time he lost a bowl game was this past season after initially going 4-0 in bowl games. The Author agrees with this fan's analogy.

I believe as long as LSU continues to win and go to the bowl games each year, there is no need to get rid of Les Miles, he is a solid coach despite some mistakes here and there, in my opinion."The Author thinks that Les Miles is an excellent coach, but he, sometimes, goes conservative in play calling or lacks time- management in last few seconds of the game.

After reading above blogs, one realizes that fans want you to be bowl eligible on yearly basis. And win the Conference Championship every two to three year; if you could have such an arrangement with your football team.

Getting back to College-X, the football team kept winning. NCAA had been looking into the charges before the season had started but did not give any verdict until before the Bowl Season in December. They told the College-X that they did not find any wrongdoing by the players or their college at the time, but they might continue to look into the matter if more evidence was presented. Both players were found eligible, but Mr. Alan was asked to stay away from the program.

The boys were relieved, moms were relieved, college coaches were relieved, but fans were still concerned about the NCAA's remarks about the continuation of the matter. They were enjoying the undefeated season with caution. The team went to the National

Championship and won the game. The Boys were put on a pedestal and had landed several awards.

Then came the NFL draft and both were drafted by the same team. They signed big contracts and were well on their way to realizing the American dream. Tyler built a large home in a posh neighborhood for grandma and his mom and hired a maid who could also drive them around. Todd built his mom new house in middle-class suburbia. Life was good. Tyler realized early on that it was hard to keep the large sums of money from the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) or the Government and he wanted to learn how, legally, he could invest his money to reduce his tax burden. He thought that US Government was the biggest mafia set-up and tried to grab people's hard earned money. He also realized that the government was a big partner in gambling and lottery winnings.

The government received a big cut in people's winnings. He saw the news that US government was spying on her own citizens and after 9/11 US Citizens had lost most of their individual freedoms. He heard that inner cities were having problems with police shooting unarmed youths and FBI, busting people's doors without warrants. It scared him that in America the freedoms given by the US Constitution were being taken away or ignored. He was worried about this Nation. He asked this question several times "To which direction was our leadership taking this nation?"

Tyler turned toward religion and found refuge, but Todd continued his old ways. One night they were at a local bar when it started getting late Tyler told Todd and his girlfriend that he wanted to leave the bar. Todd was drinking and enjoying music and did not want to leave. Tyler reluctantly left him and his girlfriend and told him to let

his girlfriend drive him home. After Tyler left, Todd got into a fight and was thrown out of the bar; his girlfriend got mad at him and did not want to go with him anymore. When she was getting up to leave he pushed her and she fell, someone at the bar took pictures of this episode.

Todd used some choice words and told her where to go, and left in a rage. He started his sports car and went 0-60 in 3.6 seconds, he was dead drunk and could not see properly. His hands were shaking with rage. He tried to make a fast turn, but lost control and hit brakes.

His car spun out and made a donut. It came to rest facing oncoming traffic people were blowing the horns; one oncoming small car could not stop in time and hit Todd's car. He got lucky, but the passengers of the oncoming car were seriously injured. Police and ambulances were on the scene one of the passengers in the small car could not make it and died on the scene. Todd was taken to the hospital and was told that he was under arrest. After his recovery, they took him to jail where he was fingerprinted. The fingerprints were run through the national ID base; the printout was so long that it took several pages.

He was wanted in several counties around his hometown. His different disguises and mug shots were printed out and a long rap sheet started appearing. This happened because of the improvements in data collection. After the terrorist attack in NY, the national criminal record system had been updated and due to Todd's bad luck, all the crimes he had committed were coming to light. Tyler and the coaches came to get him out of the jail, but they were told that he was wanted in so many places that it will be a long time before he will see the daylight. Todd's NFL team was in a shock, and even his best

friend Tyler could not believe what he had heard. Todd was sentenced for15 years in jail and a hefty fine. He lost everything he had and his NFL career came to an abrupt end. The judge had reduced his sentence to 8 years from 15 years due to his mom's request and his promise that he will issue a video statement to the media, and he will start community service by visiting high schools and talking to the youth about staying out of trouble.

Todd issued a statement for the future athletes and young drivers

"A driver license is a privilege it should not be used to injure, or kill people. If you are a gifted young athlete learn from my mistakes, stay out of trouble, and develop a good work ethic and character. Your life will be more peaceful and fulfilling if you are more thankful for your God-given talent, and for His blessings and get help and guidance from your elders. Drivers License is a privilege and should be used properly and not to kill."

Women participation or surviving a football season

During the football season, women along with men have been very active in tailgating and watching football with their boyfriends, husbands or dads. Here is one woman's advice to deal with the husband during football season. "One of the side effects of football season is SFD or "Seasonal Furniture Damage". SFD can cause embarrassment when company arrives. The looks on their faces say it so clearly: "They must not be doing well. Look at their furniture". Little do your friends know that you just bought that furniture last year, to replace the replacement furniture you had to buy the year before.

No matter how nice your new furniture looks when you first bring it home, (and this is good quality furniture!), by October you have a couch with beer and onion dip stains, a recliner that leans badly to the left and has fingernail holes in the arms, and a coffee table that has been reduced to kindling from repeated kicking. Yearly furniture replacement is costly and time- consuming. Perhaps a better idea would be to use a plastic cover on the couch, (calm down, we're just talking about during the games). For the recliner, you could use concrete reinforcements on either side to prevent tipping, and folded towels tucked around each arm. Temporarily replace the coffee table with a wooden crate.

This may seem like a lot of trouble but in no time you'll have the routine down pat. Use the money you save on furniture to do something practical, like trading in the car that he just had to have and buying the one that you had picked out in the first place. Don't worry, he won't notice until after the Super Bowl, and by then you can embarrass him by pointing out that he's been driving it for months and why is he just now mentioning it?"

(Courtesy of "A Survival Guide for the Football Widow, Tracey Santany, Yahoo")

What is not mentioned in the article is that more drinking, driving, and road rage is involved during the football season? Also, driving can be compromised if people are listening to a football game while driving after having a couple of drinks.

Woman football coach

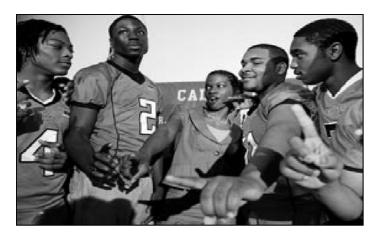
The life is getting more interesting for women in sports, now a woman football coach has started to coach high school football team. The Author likes this idea.

D.C. school hires first female varsity football coach.

What a surprise? The football players at Calvin Coolidge Senior High School, Mayor Adrian Fenty and a room full of cheering staff needed only one word to describe her: coach. Natalie Randolph, a 29-year-old biology, and environmental sciences teacher was introduced Friday as the coach of the school's Coolidge Colts. She's believed to be the nation's only female head coach of a high school varsity football team.

"While I'm proud to be part of what this all means," Randolph said, "Being female has nothing to do with it. I love football. I love football, I love teaching, and I love these kids. My being female has nothing to do with my support and respect for my players on the field and in the classroom."

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Natalie Randolph poses with members of her team after being introduced as the new head football coach at Calvin Coolidge Senior High School.

The news conference drew the kind of attention usually reserved for the Washington Redskins and was delayed nearly two hours so Fenty, who is up for re-election this year, could be there and proclaim "Natalie Randolph Day" in the city.

Randolph was chosen from about 15 candidates after the previous coach resigned. The Washington native and University of Virginia track star played six seasons as a receiver for the D.C. Divas of the National Women's Football Team. She helped the team to win the title in 2006. She also was an assistant coach from 2006-08 at another D.C. high school, H.D. Woodson, where opposing coaches would throw funny looks her way when told she was on the staff. Now she's a head coach, ready to dispel naysayers. And she doesn't plan to do it by screaming in the kids' faces. (Courtesy FOX Sports)

When Will I See You Again?

Americans' love for an automobile is unprecedented. It gives us the freedom to go places, gets us to work on time and takes us to lunch and back at our workplaces. When we are little our moms and dads drop us off at schools. That shows other kids that our parents are affluent, and our moms take us to our football, soccer, or basketball practices. That is how the term soccer mom was started. Otherwise, we have to ride in a school bus like everybody else. Most Americans leave home in a hurry. At the last minute, we try to beat the rushhour traffic so that we can get to our destinations on time. Many of us do not realize that some of us will never return home, and in some cases, we return but not in the same shape as we left due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A few of us might end up in a hospital or in a ravine or a ditch on a roadside. Driving is a full-time job and it requires our undivided attention! This book contains useful information about driving safely and may save your life or the lives of others.

As an example, we all need to remind ourselves about the Special Olympics; some of the physically challenged participants were not born like that. Many of them were young and full of energy, but due to automobile accidents, they lost their limbs. It is their or someone else's wrong decision which caused them to lose the ability to walk or use their limbs. A few of them might become paraplegic. Split second decision making while driving at high speed must be right or it could be disastrous. You might suffer severe consequences.

In the next few chapters, I will tell you about several characters and their actions. You will realize that either you have experienced this as

a driver or someone you know has seen or heard about this, or you may face this situation somewhere, sometime while you are driving. I would like to draw the attention of commuters, new drivers, and teens, and emphasize that driving responsibly is everybody's business. If you are a skilled driver, a beginner, or even a person who wants to pass your first driving test, this book, in addition to your driver's license book and plenty of practice, should prepare you for safe driving. In this book, you will read many interesting short stories and serious case studies, which will keep you interested while learning few lessons about safe operation of automobiles, and about lives of inner-city youths.

We all know that the world's population is increasing rapidly. Traffic congestion is a big problem and it is not going to go away. When you go to driving license-issuing places the lines are getting longer. There are parts of the country where mass transit is not available, or people prefer to drive their own vehicles for several reasons; i.e. ease of getting around, privacy, and perceived fear of crimes in subway or bus systems.

The traffic jams on Nations highways and pollution are the indicators that mass transit is urgently needed. Although this book is meant for all drivers, I recommend that parents of future drivers should sit down with their kids and read this book after their children finish the state driver's license handbook and before they start driving practice.

To get ready for the road test going out in a vacant parking lot with an adult driver will be a good place to start. The driver should look ahead and be prepared to stop if the need arises. Following street signs and taking proper action on timely basis needs to be emphasized when preparing for the road test.

Never forget that split second decisions made by you as a driver or those made by other drivers could affect you or other people for the rest of your lives! Before every holiday season, families should share this book to become more responsible drivers. They should review the information in chapter 12 before making a long trip or before the holiday season. The increasing speed limit in certain areas makes it more important that present and future drivers should be able to make better split-second decisions.

My wife and I are raising four girls in our household, three of whom are drivers. I have seen the look on their faces after receiving their first driver's licenses. I am sure many parents have noticed the keen desire that their children, especially teens, have to drive an automobile. They are excited to be able to visit their friends, go to school or college, or go to a shopping mall by themselves or with their friends. The Author has designed a sample agreement between teens and their parents or guardians, which emphasizes that they will follow the terms and conditions of the agreement before getting possession of a vehicle for driving, and the privilege can be taken away if they do not follow the items of the agreement.

Many kids and adults act differently when they are around their peers. They enjoy showing off, driving at excessive speeds, taking chances, playing loud music, and changing lanes like they own the roads. Some teens are bad about texting, talking over the phone and being inattentive to driving, while behind the steering. These irresponsible behaviors can have devastating results, driving requires very serious actions; your and your passengers' lives depend on it, and should be perceived as such! Due to the high rate of automobile accidents a member of the household might not come back home.

You might not see them again at home for awhile. As you read on, I will introduce you to some interesting characters, their lives, and their environment.

PART II

DRIVER'S LICENSE TO KILL

Interesting short stories and case study for teens, commuters,

Over- the- road drivers & Athletes

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"We want you to go home safely; your loved ones need you!"

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CHAPTER THREE: Guy's Scary Experience with Gypsy Girl

Jerry asked Guy if he had traveled on highway 1-90 going to Washington State from South Dakota. Guy told Jerry he had traveled the route several times and strange things had happened to him. He had seen many animals and once a hitchhiking lady he picked up near a mountain pass. The lady was hitchhiking in the middle of the night and was dressed like a gypsy; she was very good looking, had a strange but pleasant odor emanating from her person like she had been in a party where incense was burning. He told her that he was carrying a load to Seattle and wanted to know where she would like to be dropped off. She thanked him for giving her a lift and told him that she will let him know where she wanted to get off the truck.



(Courtesy stock vault)

She asked him if he believed in the supernatural and had he personally experienced anything like it. Guy told her that he had seen some things which could not be explained while driving on remote

highways. Jerry and Eddie were so absorbed in Guy's story that they were lost in the moment and imagined being in Guy's tractor cabin with him and the Gypsy girl. While Guy was telling them his experience his voice changed and his face turned dark pink like he was a possessed person. Jerry asked him to continue and tell them what happened next. Guy told them that the lady was sitting next to him on the passenger seat and every time he looked at her the lady's facial features, and the dress kept changing mysteriously, and this occurred several times during the journey. He told them that he was half Cherokee and half Crow Indian and believed in spirits and supernatural phenomena. He said that he was getting uncomfortable and downright scared of that strange lady. He could not figure out the lady's changing attires and facial features while trying to concentrate on his driving in the dark mountainous terrain. The truck cabin was getting colder and colder and the lady's presence was scaring him from inside, but he showed no fear or nervousness. The lady appeared to be enjoying his company. After going through a high pass where the road had a big uphill inclination and a curve which required his full attention, he looked towards the passenger seat and realized that she had vanished and the seat was empty. Although, he was a strong and brave man he started trembling with fear. He could not figure out her vanishing act from a moving vehicle with partially open windows. While he was trying to figure it out, he saw some steam like vapors coming in through the passenger side window and started accumulating around the passenger seat. Then he saw a dull figure of the lady started to reappear.

The lady finally came to her original state and told him that he was a nice man and she could travel without any mode of transportation, but she checks people out to see that people who travel in this

territory are not harming other people. She said that her ancestors had lived in that part of the country for thousands of years. She said that she reports her observations to a spiritual hierarchy. She told him that many moons ago a serial killer had brought bodies of his victims from other places and buried them along this route. She told him that she could see many spirits of those and other victims floating around in this area at night time.

She said that she played a role of being his victim one night and reported to the nearest authorities by giving them his description and the pick-up truck he drove. He was finally caught by the authorities and confessed to his killings of several women. Guy said that he kept listening to her, but he was having a hard time controlling his rig and did not know what to do? She told him to pull over after passing the upcoming curve. He pulled over accordingly and turned around to look at her, but to his surprise, she was out of the tractor- trailer cabin without opening the door and by using a partially open window.

She was standing on the side of the road and truck headlights were letting him see her in the darkness of the night, and when he looked at her feet they were backward. She waved at him turned around and vanished into the darkness. He collected himself and started driving again. He kept looking from the corner of his eye at the passenger seat inside the cabin like he was expecting her to reappear. He was sweating and his hands were shaking; he was having a hard time holding the steering wheel due to his sweaty palms. He turned up the radio and tried his best to shake himself out of that scary condition. He finally checked into a roadside motel for the rest of the night. Jerry and Eddie were consumed with interest in that scary story and were surprised by the strange experience Guy had that night while

traveling 1-90 in the Washington State. Eddie was fixated and absorbed in Guys description of Gypsy woman and was imagining the circumstances. He could visualize the dark highway passing through a high plateau, and a strange woman with transforming capabilities. This story had continued beside the restaurant chatter and many interruptions from the waitresses. Eddie could imagine getting his big rig through mountain passes, uphill and downhill driving, and passing through curvy roads with heavy loads.

Guy stopped his story and changed the subject. He turned towards Jerry and wanted to know why Jerry was particularly interested to know about I-90 route. Jerry told him that he had seen strange things in that part of the country, also. Then he told Guy about his experience with the humongous wolf and all the things that had happened that night. Jerry thought that Guy might have some insight into the supernatural. The Jerry asked Guy the significance of the sighting of that big wolf and his desire to be with his family. Guy told him that wolf symbolizes many things which are common to man. He asked Jerry if he had heard about the Native Americans' thinking about the relationship between man and the wolf.

Native Americans' relationship between men and wolves



The Wolves and the Indians once lived in harmony

- They hunted together
- And their spirits touched!

"It's not surprising that the Indian saw the wolf as a significant animal. Both were hunters on which the survival of their families depended on. The Indian was very aware of the many ways in which his own life resembled those of the wolf. The wolf hunted for himself and for his family. The wolf defended his pack against enemy attack, as the Indian defended his tribe. He had to be strong as an individual and for the good of the pack. It was a sufficient system of survival, and in the eyes of the Indian, no animal did this as well as the wolf. The Indian worked to be as well integrated with his environment, as he could see the wolf was in the universe.

The hunter did not see the wolf as an enemy or competitor, or as something less than himself. His perception of the wolf was a realistic

assessment of the wolf's ability to survive and thrive, to be in balance with the world they shared. He respected the wolf's patience and perseverance, which were his most effective hunting weapons. To say he hunted like a wolf was the highest compliment, just as to say a warrior fought like a wolf was high praise.

The wolf moved silently without effort, but with purpose. He was alert to the smallest changes in his world. He could see far and his hearing was sharp. When an Indian went into enemy territory, he wished to move exactly like this, to sense things like the wolf."(Narrated by Debra McCann, INDIAN LEAP NEWSLETTER, Nov.2009) "The Author recognizes the contribution of the abovenamed individual. It is finest artwork and description of a relationship between wolves and Native Americans."

Guy told Jerry that the reason was obvious the wolf sighting was causing him to be with his family because a wolf stays with his family and protects the family from the dangers it faces. The wolf also hangs with his pack like a man does to feel secure among his friends. The wolf sighting was a sign of nature, telling Jerry to take care of his mate and family members, whom he might have been neglecting for a long time. Guy's description cleared up many things, which had happened that night after the wolf sighting.

Guy told him that many occurrences are hard to explain, but we are not alone in this universe. Native Americans have known it for thousands of years. Guy told Eddie and Jerry that many people in the world are staking claims to places where they have been as a nation three or four thousand years ago. Following the same logic, Guy thought Native Americans should lay a claim to most of North America, Canada, and South America, and the rest of the people

should pay a rent for using Indian lands and living in these countries, and accept Indian way of life with some exceptions. Guy told them that he was thinking of the big picture that is how different European Nations have taken over Americas. Eddie told Guy that he felt sorry for the way Indians were treated by the forefathers, but it happened a long time ago, and they had won these territories by fighting several wars and buying lands from other European Nations.

The Guy then changed the subject again and asked Jerry if he went home and talked it over with his family about the wolf's sighting. Jerry told him that the last time he was at home no one was there Jerry said that his wife was gone out of town with her preacher and the kids had gone camping with his close friend John's family. He was surprised to hear from some church members that there was gossip going around, which was started by some church member that the preacher was not taking his own wife to travel out of town, and the preacher was spending more time with Jerry's wife . Jerry was feeling jealous and concerned about this new situation. Last time he was home, he was all alone and tried to talk with his wife over the phone. Jerry was not so happy about his family neglecting him and managing their affairs without him. He felt the same way when he had returned from the Vietnam War after spending two years overseas. Jerry kept talking while waitress freshened, their coffees. He told Guy and Eddie that he was very upset to see the empty house and called his (wife) Judy. Jerry's wife told him that she was very busy with the convention and the preacher was very demanding, and she will not be able to call back. Jerry was getting depressed and lonely. He finally decided to make the next trip to haul more goods. He said that he was very confused about his family life and could not figure out this new developing situation. Guy said that it was nature's way of telling Eddie to follow the wolf-like instincts. Eddie continued his rant about his family and the preacher.

The preacher was supposed to be their counselor why would he keep his wife under enormous pressure and have a questionable behavior towards her? Guy told him that he had studied different Christian denominations and was not yet convinced about converting. He told Jerry his experience has not been very satisfying so far. He said that most of the churches do a fantastic job. These people are very dedicated and spiritual people, and try to spread the gospel. He was of the opinion that some Christians are moving away and compromising the Bible's teachings with political correctness. The Bible's teachings are being neglected, late-term abortions are taking place and aborted baby parts are being bought and sold. Also, the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah might be repeated with our children and grandchildren in Boy Scout and Girl Scout campuses and schools because the religious leaders are scared of the media. Media has become so powerful and can destroy the reputation of any politician or any religious leader and people are scared of them. Guy kept telling them about his research on present time Christian religion and it's readiness for acceptance of male to male, or female to female marriages. The Jerry and Eddie were impressed by his research. Eddie who was young and open-minded interjected, he told Guy that it was not cool to attack or kill people because of their sexual orientation. If gay and lesbians want to marry they should be allowed to get married. We should not judge them. Let, Almighty judge them and take action against them if they are disobeying Him. The Guy said that we should make it clear to the people who are ignoring the major religious teachings that this country will face God's wrath and lots of

innocent people will suffer along with these people to face natural disasters and calamities.

And homosexuals should not impose their way of life on the majority of people through media and other means. And invite our children and grandchildren to celebrate their way of life. The Guy was of the opinion that great civilizations have perished from within because no one could defeat them, but they imploded because of corruption, greed, immorality, and disregard of religious books' teachings. Jerry said we should not injure or kill people due to their sexual orientation. We are a civilized nation and we should solve our differences through dialog and national voting. The Guy said the majority of people think that gay pride parades are not to be publically celebrated for them it is celebrating a sinful lifestyle being imposed by a minority group on the majority of the country.

As Jerry was about to say something ---- Suddenly, there was a big commotion outside the truck stop building; people were screaming and women were crying. A crowd had gathered around a tractortrailer; Guy, Jerry, and Eddie ran outside to see what was going on? Police and ambulance sirens could be heard from the distance. They found out that a three- year's old kid was running across the parking lot, and a tractor-trailer was approaching the parking area and ran over the child. The Driver could not see the child and ran over him. It was a tragic event. Child's parents were crying. The driver of the rig was saddened by this accident and was shocked. The Guy hugged the parents of the child, while Eddie and Jerry were helping the driver of the rig and telling him that he should not blame himself, children sometimes run in the parking lots without looking. They thought that parents should be watching and helping their kids in these situations.

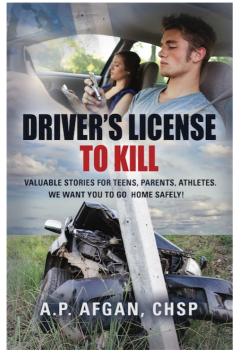
When ambulance picked up the kid who was in critical condition and police told the tractor-trailer driver to move the rig. They came back inside and sat on the same table. At first, they could not eat anything due to the sorrow about the kid, but after a while, they started having snacks and drinking coffee. The Guy started his conversation again; they had few hours left and expected to hear from the dispatcher, who was in touch with the police and DOT (Department of Transportation) people, about the removal of the boulder and opening the highway.

Guy told them that he had studied several religions, even cults. He continued his description of religions and said that three major Abrahamic religions did make sense, but he has been seeing a shift towards reducing the rituals and in the name of modernization or reforms people are modifying the religions to their liking. One day the divine message might be completely lost. According to Guy, there are so many different types of outer energies affecting the earth and man has made so many changes in the environment that the earth might be destroyed due to the man's doing. And man is causing the imbalance in the earth's ability to revitalize and sustain it.

The greed of making more and more money and to keep destroying earth's environment in the name of development will catch up with the man one day. Religions give man guidance to curb that greed and internal desire of self-satisfaction at any cost and live in harmony with nature and other beings. It teaches purity and connection with the Creator and the environment. Jerry and Eddie were impressed by Guy's theories and statements. He continued by saying that some followers have gone so far away from the basic religion that they have invented or added their tribal or communal rituals and have drifted far away from Nature's intentions or the religious teachings. Guy told them that he has been reading a lot lately and have been listening to many preachers and experts speak on the radio and television. He had heard many sermons. He gets turned off when a preacher forgets about preaching his religion and starts bashing other religions. If the preachers are not convinced in their own minds and their hearts about the religion they are preaching, their sermons will be shallow and will not be convincing or touch many hearts. Some mega churches have become a big business. And preachers have added marketing techniques in their preaching to tell people how to make more money and get rich and send the church, part of their earnings. The word of God has more than enough convincing power that inviting heavy metal bands or comedians to attract church members is not needed. There is a simple formula to get large membership in a church: Be sincere, speak the truth, do not change the God's message, and do not base your sermon on hatred of other people or other religions that indicate that the preacher is playing on hatred and he is not sincere about Bible teachings, which discourages hatred. A church or religious institution could start programs to help the needy, fill the needs of the community and ask people to help those who are less fortunate, elderly, sick or lonely.

Ask church members and their kids to drive responsibly, have good morals, save themselves for their life partners instead of having multiple sexual partners before marriage. Also, teens should stop teens from bullying other teens. They should hang out with good and law- abiding kids; avoid drinking and driving or wild late, night, parties. Late night teen parties end up in fights, illegal drugs, and alcohol use, and sometimes in shootings and even deaths. The Guy was of the opinion that excessive money, lack of checks and balances

could corrupt any institution, including churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples. The Guy was using the churches as an example because the majority of Americans are Christians, and there are thousands of churches in the good old USA. Eddie suggested that leaders of Abrahamic religions need to have dialogue and help moderate people to come together and work for justice, peace, and equality in this world. Muslims should be included in Judeo-Christian gatherings and seminars after all the roots of these religions go back to Prophet Abraham and there is a lot in common in all three religions. This could bring peace and harmony to this divided world population.



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