

WEEK

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Guest Speaker.....

Eugene "Mercury" Morris

The Edward "Mercury" Morris was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Morris attended Terrace Bay High School and graduated in 1965. Mr. Morris attended West Texas State University from 1965-1969. While attending West Texas State University, Mr. Morris received all American honors as a tailback in 1967 and 1968. It was while attending West Texas State University, and rushing for more yards than any other runner in the history of college football that Mr. Morris received his famous nickname of "Mercury". Morris, at that time, was the only player to ever break all three yardage marks of the most yards in one game, one yard on and all time. In one game, Mercury carried the ball 11 times for 341 yards and 4 touchdowns.



In 1969, Mercury was drafted, in the third round, by the Miami Dolphins. He started out as a kick return specialist and on his first attempt, against the Cincinnati Bengals, he returned the kick 105 yards for a touchdown, that kick return was the second longest in the NFL record books. Mercury also won the AFC return championship in 1971. In 1972-73, Mercury played on back to back world championship teams. His best two seasons as a pro were also the two seasons enjoyed by the Miami Dolphins, as he was as any club in NFL history, amassing 32 wins in 34 games, including a 1972 "17-0" perfect season, yet to be equalled. During those two seasons, Mercury became the most feared man in the field--capable of scoring at anytime--and anywhere on the field. Mercury rushed for a record 1,000 yards in 1972 and he, along with teammate Larry Czonka, earned a spot in pro football's Hall of Fame record books by becoming the first backs to rush for 1,000 yards in the backfield in a 14-game season. In 1976, due to injuries, Mercury decided to retire from the game.

In 1982, seven years after leaving professional football, Mercury Morris was arrested, tried and convicted on charges of conspiracy and trafficking in cocaine and, as a result thereof, served three and one-half years in prison. On March 6, 1985, the Florida Supreme Court, by an overwhelming 5-1 decision, declared that Mercury Morris was not given a fair trial, that evidence which would have helped Morris prove his innocence was not permitted. He was released from prison a free man free from the charges brought against him--but more importantly, free from the drug abuse which plagued him after his football career ended. Mercury has had the unique experience of seeing two distinct sides of our society which only certain segments of our population have the opportunity to experience. Mercury Morris has both an enlightening perspective and distinct different messages about what is happening to our chemical society. Mercury offers both information and understanding to the question, "Why do we do the things we do?". He has been seen on Nightline, The Today Show, CNN, The Oprah King Show, Good Morning America, the NBC News (special segment), McNeil-Lard News Hour, David Brinkley Journal, CBS Evening News, Oprah Winfrey Show, Geraldo, Phil Donahue and scores of special broadcasts.

Mercury has recently written and published an inspiring autobiography entitled "Against The Grain".

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19, 1992

Terrace Bay High School Gymnasium

8:00 p.m.

Everyone welcomed !!

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