

TIGER GOLD



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Oklahoma Drug Seizure

It was exactly thirty years ago today that my partner and I got into this incident in Oklahoma. What he and I remember the most about this whole scenario is what is not mentioned in the newscast.

Right after we arrested the two subjects, we placed them in the back of the patrol car, cuffed, and turned on the unit's AC so they wouldn't die in the noonday heat. I made a call for immediate help to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol on the radio, then we ran to the top of a twelve foot high berm next to the highway and took up defensive positions on the "high ground".

It was maybe three minutes later that a tan van pulled up right next to our unit. There were four males in it, either Hispanic or native Indian. They started looking at our unit with the subjects and the rental truck.

I dropped into a combat kneeling stance and drew my old S&W Model 19 .357 mag. We were not equipped for a prolonged firefight. I only had 18 rounds of ammo and my partner had the same, but we were both damn good shots.

The guy in the front passenger seat slowly let his eyes go up the berm. He found himself looking down the barrel of my gun and I'm sure he saw the cylinder rotate as I slowly cocked it. His eyes looked like two eggs sunny side up. I was going to drill him right between his running lights and he knew it. I was just waiting to see a weapon. I couldn't see my partner since I was concentrating on the threat but I knew he was ready.

The passenger said something to the driver and they took off like a bat outta hell. We never saw them again. My partner and I are both long retired and had been together through the Oakdale riots, a tornado and numerous raids but when I last spoke with him he still asked me "Remember the van?" I'll always wonder who was in that van. Was it just some native Indians (there's five tribes based in Miami, OK) or was it the escort for the drugs? I'll never know.



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Oakdale Prison Riot

This is some older video of one of my adventures from just over thirty years ago. It was about the same time in my career as the Oklahoma drug seizure. I could literally write a book about what happened during these riots but no one would believe it.

I will give one small story though.

When the riot first broke, we were already there in position. There were five Border Patrol Agents and six Immigration Officers there on the perimeter. No one else. There were some Bureau of Prisons personnel inside the compound offices, but not many and none of them were armed.

Two agents and myself had the entire perimeter for ourselves. The other eight had the main gate. The Cubans had already made home-made machetes in the prison workshop earlier in the week. Hundreds of Cubans were throwing rocks, billiard balls, anything they could get their hands on. This one Cuban kept throwing large rocks.

One of the Border Patrol Agents took aim at this guy with a 37 mm tear gas gun loaded with a long range projectile. It was going to take this guy out permanently. Just as he fired, the Cuban bent over to pick up another rock. The projectile passed right where this guy's head would have been and penetrated the reinforced glass to the cafeteria, went inside and exploded. This is where the American inmates (mostly convicted labor union officials), had taken refuge inside and locked the doors. It forced them outside into the middle of the riot.

The three of us laid down a wall of gas along the perimeter. It was in the low 30s and absolutely no wind. The gas just stayed there like a fog and didn't dissipate. We shot so much gas we had a hard time seeing the inmates sometimes. We were using blast dispersion grenades with CN gas which is some really nasty stuff. It stopped them dead in their tracks. They looked like some of the mimes you see on TV that act like they run into an invisible wall.

We had a female BOP guard with a pickup drive us around the perimeter while we laid down in the bed of the truck. We'd jump out on occasion and fire gas, sometimes with helmets, sometimes without, fooling the inmates into thinking we were different agents that had them surrounded. This went on for an hour. The female BOP guard had a 30 cal. carbine for show only. They were not allowed to carry ammo!

Between the three of us, we had over 1000 rounds of ammo, carbines, shotguns, handguns and gas. We were almost out of gas when a sea of blue lights appeared. It was Troop D state police with trunk loads of gas. Within an hour there were so many police cars there, it looked like the parking lot at an LSU football game.

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Glenn Herbert Inducted into Hall of Fame



Glenn Herbert was inducted into the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame Friday, November 2, 2018 in the HC Student Center. This year's class was also honored at the Thursday, November 1, 2018 football game versus Live Oak at Tad Gormley Stadium. In a 1970 article, the HC Bulletin reported: "Herbert carried the ball and two Raider defenders into the end zone from 11 yards out."

This photo shows Herbert "giving two Purple Knights a free ride."

Reflections

It's been nearly a week since our 47 year part B class reunion. A few observations and musings:

I have come to know many of you better in the last two reunions. I realize that I have spoken to some of you more in the reunions than I did in four years at HC; that is regrettable. I should have taken the time to know you better a long time ago.



Although the interactions were later than they should have been, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at future gatherings.

I don't know how unique our class is in having ad hoc reunions but I am glad we have had them.

I hope those who have not attended because life got in the way, will find a way to join us at the next or some future gathering.

Thanks Tommy. The venue and food were superb. Go Tigers!!

Pat Wolfe

Harry Schmidt: Pat I think you conveyed what most - maybe all felt.

Roni Sumich: Well said, Pat. As we grow older we realize what really matters and what we have to be grateful for.

Dan Mcg: It amazes me how much and how quickly people change. Even only a year or so after high school during college people that did not talk to each other at Holy Cross were glad to see each other in the new environment. College was so overwhelming that any familiar face was very welcomed.

If you have not attended any reunion, you really should try and come. I am pretty sure that everyone that came to the un-official reunions enjoyed them. At least the number of people attending is growing each time, and I can think of no other explanation for that if they did not enjoy themselves.

Blue Jay Burial

Religion teacher Dom Gulotta recalls a pep rally from 1974:

“In 1974, I was invited by the Student Council of Holy Cross to speak at the HC/Jesuit pep rally after school. That Friday was filled with excitement: a coffin with a Blue Jay in it was displayed on the first floor of the new building in front of the steps going up to the library on the second floor.

There were FIVE, (that's right-FIVE!) pep rallies on that day:



- 1) before school the band would march to the Gazebo in front of the old building
- 2) a pep tally during the first lunch
- 3) a pep tally during the second lunch period,
- 4) the general pep rally after school for the entire student body (that's the one I was invited to speak at), and
- 5) a "SOC" (Spirited Old Cats") pep rally for the parents in front of the gym as the team was entering the bus to go to Tad Gormley Stadium. The parents also had a motorcade going to the stadium following the bus.

Here's what happened: after "burying" the Blue Jay after school in front of the Gazebo, the whole student body proceeded to the gym for their pep rally. On my way to the gym before the rally, I walked outside, passing under the beautiful oak trees outside my window in Room 101.

A DEAD BLUE JAY FELL FROM THE OAK TREE!

I know this sounds made up but it isn't. I put the dead bird in my jacket. I distinctly remember that I was wearing a black windbreaker. After speaking at the rally on the stage of the gym, I pulled it out of my jacket and held it up for all to see. The students went crazy! I'll swear on a stack of bibles that this actually happened."

Dominick Gulotta

Lunch Line



It must be pizza day in the cafeteria as Kenny Duke and Glenn DeGruy express their approval.

I usually opted for the sandwich lunch. I always bypassed

the red beans; it took me decades to try them again after sampling the ones served in the cafeteria.

Is that the liquor case directly behind them?

David Hardin: Trophies

Roni Sumich: Trophys? Really? Think that was the liquor cabinet for the Faculty.

Bobby Dawson: When you boarded you ate three times a day in there!! That was a lot of meals over a four year period!! Not counting when you were on campus on weekends or a seven day boarder. Still great times that I will never regret or forget!

Unofficial Reunion 47 part 2 Comments

John Odinet: I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the class of '71 for the gracious invitation. I never met a closer class after all the years passed. I know the class will continue to stay strong as the years roll on.

David Hardin: An honor to be invited this evening. Amazing memories as this group were freshmen as I began my first year teaching at HC! Thank you!

Larry J Folse: We had a great time. These continued gatherings really help us stay in touch. Much better than waiting for every 5 years

Ricky Zimmer: It was great fun to see you guys. Nice touch on the name tags
Harry Schmidt Great to see everyone on



Saturday. So diverse a group but with the same threads of pride, commitment, honor and faith.

Dennis Delaney: Had a great time last night it was good to see everyone

Louie DiVincenti: Thanks guys for a great night. It was good to see y'all and especially you newcomers.

Dom Gulotta: I want to thank all the members of the Holy Cross Class of '71 for inviting me to their "unofficial 47th Reunion." I also want to thank everyone for the wonderful gift. I can assure you that it will be treasured for my lifetime. As Frank Sinatra has inscribed on his tombstone: "the best is yet to come!" Thanks again

(Name tags for the reunion made by Roni Sumich)

DeGruy, Ferrer To Lead Tiger Squad

By Milton Gonzales
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Defensive mainstays Glenn DeGruy and Steve Ferrer will lead the tough Tiger football machine as co-captains this year.

Both DeGruy and Ferrer are two year letterman and were top performers on last year's bone crunching defense. This season they'll be counted on to go both ways

After a summer of hard work as a laborer, Ferrer is ready to return to his tackle spot on the defensive line and also to begin his chores as an offensive tackle. He should be even more effective this season, as he now stands 6'2", 205 lbs compared to 6'1", 205 lbs of a year ago. The big tackle has also recovered from a broken toe which hampered him for the final seven games of '69.

Besides his duties on the football field, Ferrer hopes to work on the senior prom committee. A two year letterman in track, the strong Tiger will again heave the shot this spring for the thinclads.

After fine performances in the past, including a second place District 5-AAA finish last year, he promises to be one of the area's top weightmen.

DeGruy, who checks in at 5'10", 175, spent most of the summer working with weights to strengthen himself for the upcoming season. He will start at halfback on both offense

and defense. Used primarily at defensive halfback last year, DeGruy claims to have no trouble at safety.

“Last year some of our guys were hurt and I played four or five games at safety, so I really have experience there,” explained the two-way performer.

Despite the fine potential of this year’s football squad, both DeGruy and Ferrer spoke highly of other teams in the new 6-AAAA league.



1970 CAPTAINS . . . Steve Ferrer and Glenn DeGruy will lead the Holy Cross football team in its quest for 6-AAAA honors.

“Compared to the other schools we did report in good physical condition, but they’ll all be tough to beat,” said Degruy.

Ferrer agreed completely adding, “Everyone will be hard to beat, but the toughest teams seem to be Jesuit, DeLaSalle, Chalmette and Rummel.”

The Dove

I always prayed that the Holy Spirit would inspire both me and the fellas in the class; however, I wanted a painting that would get this point across. Enter Steve Williams’ brother! At this time the back mural was already painted.

When I left Holy Cross in 1990, I begged Bro. Matthew Lyons, the Principal at the time, to NOT cover over those paintings. Well, as things would have it, Room 101 was eventually assigned to become an Alumni Office and the paintings were painted over. Hard to believe they were painted over. If prospective parents would have seen the artwork that Holy Cross guys are capable of doing, I think it would have gone a long way to recruiting.”



Second religion mural Gulotta's class at it again

BY JOSEPH ROY MILLER

It is located above the entrance of room 101, containing a combination of red, blue, and gray, with white, yellow and orange for contrast.

It's the new mural added to Mr. Dominick Gulotta's religion class. The mural, which will be completed in a few weeks, is being painted by sophomores

Chris B. Williams and Keith Nuccio.

Gulotta was so pleased with his 1973 mural -- which depicts the dawn of man, the commandments, and the crucifixion -- that he decided to have another mural painted over his classroom door.

"I have a threefold intention for having the new mural," said Gulotta. "First, I want to use it as a teaching aid. Secondly, I want to allow some students to contribute their artistic talents to the classroom, and I want to make the classroom more pleasant and colorful. I selected this painting because it conveyed the theme I was looking for," he added.

A large white and gray dove is projected over a red and a yellow sphere. Placed in the dove's beak are the traditional olive branches. According to Gulotta, the dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit and the olive branches represent peace. "The general theme of the painting," said Gulotta, "is that through the Spirit we can obtain peace for ourselves."

Since the paint over the doorway had started to peel, special consideration had to be given to the paint used for the mural. "We used acrylic paints because they are more permanent, and we were able to obtain mixtures of certain colors with these paints," said Gulotta.

Jokingly, Gulotta said, "My goal is to have all four walls covered with paintings."

Wingbacks

Bobby Wahl and Glenn deGruy were Wingbacks for this 1969 game against St Aug. HC went on to win this game 3-0 on a Dave Falgoust field goal.



1970 HOLY CROSS TIGER WINGBACKS -- Front row, from left, Bobby Wahl and Glenn DeGruy. Second row, Mike Prats, Tim Brinkman, and Clayton Faught. The Tigers meet St. Augustine Friday night in City Park Stadium.

Followup: *The Kick*

Ray Prats Jr.: I have seen some beautiful things in my life, but this ranks very close to the top. When we crossed paths on his way to kicking the winning field goal, I looked at the confident and cocky David Falgoust and he said, "We win, 3-0." That's the guy I want on my team because he did exactly what he said he would. That's what winners do.



Ric Felkar: Awesome, Falgoust. I witnessed you kick for Tulane v LSU in 1973, beating those boys for the 1st time in 25 years! Historic games, my friend.

Dennis Delaney: David was an excellent kicker and in 1969 he was our only source of points in 3 games. He was real dependable. So it wasn't hard for me to promote his ability to Benny Ellender when he took me to Levant to eat and talk about signing with Tulane. When I started leaning towards Tulane I told Ellender that he should

recruit David. And I told him about all the games he won for us at Holy Cross. I was being selfish because I didn't want to lose because of a bad field goal kicker.

Ellender ask me if he also punted and I said no but what does that matter. And he said I don't want to give up a grant in aide for someone that only kicks field goals. I told Ellender he was making a mistake because I like to win. Now I didn't make this a condition because I was too honest. I didn't blackmail or take money or even talk to schools I knew I wouldn't go to. But Ellender must have looked up David's career and agreed I was right.

And David helped us win.

Eddie Price: I remember that kick! Unfortunately, I was on the losing side. But, the good news is from there Falgoust went on to Tulane to become one of its best kickers

John Neuhoff: Heard that kick would have been good from 52! Great memory!

Bobby Dawson: Yes, I was there too. Some of you were very blessed; you didn't have to live in the dorm with him after all that!! LOL Just kidding David!

Memorial Plaque

Remembering those who are no longer with us



Plaque made by Roni Sumich

Halloween Carton

Here's the Halloween carton that Ron Blitch drew for the October 31, 1969 edition of the HC Bulletin. We played DeLaSalle that night. The Tigers lost by 3 points.

Mark Kalbacher: Ah yes Halloween Mud game in Gormerly. Missed field goal due to glob of mud on the ball !!

David Falgoust: I always thought the T-P headline blaming a bad snap for the botched FG try was very unfair to Daryl Higgins. Daryl did his best in the slop, and the ball actually "slid" into Glorioso's hands. John did his best to get the ball up on the tee, but it slid off!

All of this created such a horrible timing mess that I never even attempted to kick it. What a frustrating night that was!

Dennis Delaney:

Yes I remember that game. I made a tackle and when I got up I thought I was Helen Keller. I couldn't see anything. I realize my whole face mask was full of mud. I had to clear out a chunk of mud in order to see.

John Glorioso: Yes, I remember it well. My older brother told me, "Good job. You made the paper."

Louis Reuther: I had to block Tyler Lafucci, a 240 pound fireplug! My face went into the mud several times

Ron Blitch: I should have done a better cartoon! Maybe we would have won!!



De La Salle Nips Holy Cross on Klumpp's 37-Yarder, 3 to 0

Bad Snap Costs Possible Deadlock

Tigers Didn't Have Snap in Their Attack

Field Conditions Worst Possible
for Key 5-AAA Game

By M. L. LAGARDE

Color De La Salle champions of District V Triple-A. The Cavs tore a page out of the play book of the Holy Cross Tigers when Joe Klumpp booted a 37-yard field goal in the second quarter to give De La Salle a 3-0 win in a quagmire at Tad Gormley Stadium.

The Cavs, ranked seventh in the State, remain undefeated in district play, while Holy Cross, the number one team in Louisiana Triple-A, fell to its first de-

STATISTICS

	Holy Cross	DeLaSalle
First downs	4	7
Yards gained rushing	43	74
Yards gained passing	75	54
Total offense	118	128
Passes attempted	26	17
Passes completed	9	7
Passes lost intercepted	1	2
Fumbles	1	3
Yards advanced	27.5	32.3
Yards needed	27	33
Penalties	10	10

feat. Both will move into the State playoffs next month, and both sport identical records of 7-1.

The two squads came into the contest well honed by their coaches, and displayed the ability to play under the worst conditions possible. The field at Tad Gormley was a sea of mud in the middle, with some sure-footing to be found only between the harsh marks and out of bounds. In fact, the first quarter was played entirely in the short side area with the ball never moving toward the center of the field.

Both defensive teams covered themselves with glory, but nothing should be taken away from the offensive units. Only three fumbles occurred and the ball was put up for grabs 20 times in the passing department. It was a credit to the offensive teams that either could muster any type of offense with the playing field like it was.

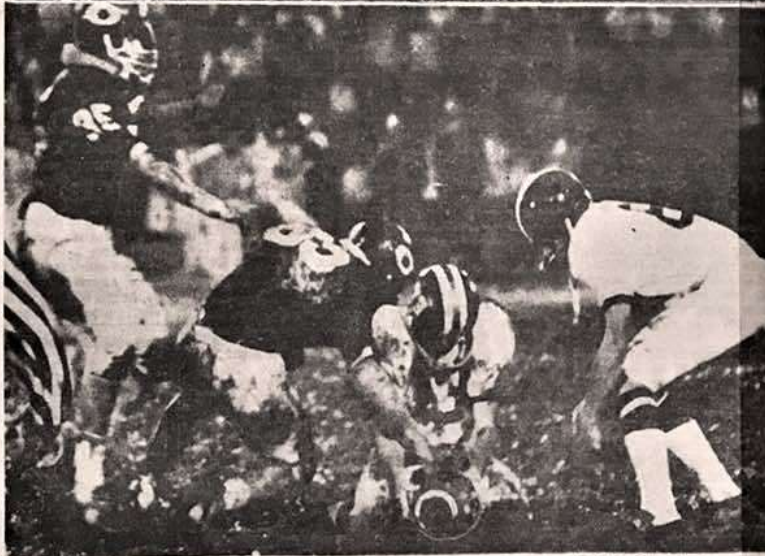
Names like Tyler Lafauci, Al Parry, John Odenheimer, Chip Miller, Jerry Gibbens, Al Bis-singer, Tom Hoy, Dan Cabal-lero, Derby Gisclair, Lee Da-

with a 3-0 lead on the strength of a 37-yard field goal by Klumpp. After watching the Tigers enjoy favorable field position through the first period, a punt return by Jerry Clesi set the Cav machine in motion.

Clesi snagged a punt off the foot of Jim Barbato and galloped 24 yards with it to the 41 of the Cavs. Ken Bagot on first down found nothing but Tigers for no gain. Dan Tingstrom, off a play action pass, swung his favorite receiver Charles Crane on a deep hook. The sure-fingered target gripped the ball and set sail for 35 yards before being hauled to the ground on the Tiger 24.

Tingstrom, now hot, went back to Bagot for two yards, passed incomplete to Crane as the ball was too high, then sent Ken Mashburna for three at the 19. On fourth down, Klumpp calmly set his tee down on the 27 and rammed the ball through at the 3:00 wink to the half. The boot of 37 yards held up at intermission.

Holy Cross, battling with determination, found a fumble on the Cav 31 with 56 seconds to the half and set the wheels in motion for field position for a three-point attempt. Hrapmann made connections twice with Ray Prats for four yards each time and a third and two at the 23. Hrapmann, under a heavy rush, passed lefthanded incomplete with less than 20 seconds to the half. From the 30-yard-line, Dave Falgoust was to attempt a field goal but the snap



MUCH CHANCE FOR TIE — Holy Cross could have tied De La Salle with a field goal but the snap was bad. The top picture shows the snap and the bottom picture shows this with kicker.

—Photos by T.P. staffer Terry Friedman.

Something that will never happen:

Work may soon begin to transform old Holy Cross School site into fixed-income housing

BY RICHARD THOMPSON | RTHOMPSON@THEADVOCATE.COM
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Long-stalled plans to redevelop the old, derelict Holy Cross School site in the Lower 9th Ward appear to be moving forward, with the design for the contentious project now scaled back and featuring mixed-income housing that could help ease the city's shortage of affordable housing.

The latest plans for a 140-apartment complex would involve renovating the main three-story school building and constructing two new four-story buildings. The project, located at 4950 Dauphine St., would also include a single-story community center as well as surface parking and landscaping.

For years, neighbors have criticized and even sued the developer, Angela O'Byrne, president of the Perez architectural firm, as the 1895 school building near the Mississippi River fell further into disrepair. Her designs have changed several times since 2012, at one point including more than 280 apartments.



The Holy Cross Neighborhood Association has yet to take an official position on the latest design, but the head of the group said it's a lot easier to swallow than what was initially proposed. Outside of a few concerns, mainly parking, he's generally in favor. Now, after years of false starts about when construction would begin, Perez and MACO Development, a Missouri-based developer that specializes in affordable housing, expect to

The total price tag is about \$32 million. Financing involves federal historic restoration tax credits and low-income housing tax credits.

The campus was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and the all-boys school subsequently moved to Gentilly. Most of the former buildings were torn down, leaving just the main one.

The proposed housing will include a mix of studio units and one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, according to Kyle Ambler, project development manager for MACO Development.

With real estate prices continuing to rise and the city facing a shortage of affordable housing, the project's backers are optimistic that this project can help fill a need. "There's tremendous demand (for affordable housing) all over the city, and this neighborhood is no different," Ambler said.

Roughly 10 percent of the units would be targeted at people who make less than 20 percent of the area's median income. Those tenants would pay about 30 percent of their monthly income on rent, which could range up to \$407, including utilities.

Roughly 47 percent of the units would be reserved for tenants earning 50 to 80 percent of the median income. Those rents would range from \$575 to \$920, or about 30 percent of their monthly income.

The rest of the apartments would be available at market rates, ranging from \$720 a month for a 550-square-foot studio to \$1,440 a month for an 1,100-square-foot three-bedroom.

"We anticipate a pretty broad mix of residents here," Ambler said, suggesting that the mix could include older people drawn by the site's river views and the convenience of the accessible units as well as younger residents who would enjoy the neighborhood's atmosphere.

The redevelopment's many versions have been the source of intense debate in the Lower 9th Ward, with some residents saying the proposed buildings were out of scale with the surrounding area but others contending that the project would help kick-start much-needed development elsewhere in the neighborhood.

At one time, Perez proposed two 75-foot-tall buildings, redevelopment of the school's old administration building and construction of eight smaller structures. That plan included more than 280 residential units.

In 2014, the City Council approved changing the site's zoning to allow two 60-foot-tall buildings, containing more than 120 residential units, and redevelopment of the administration building.

However, critics contended that Perez was not working in good faith to address their concerns about the project's design and sued to stop it from moving ahead. The lawsuit became moot after an overhaul of the city's zoning regulations in 2015 put in place a comparable but different zoning for the Holy Cross area than the one at issue in the lawsuit.



In addition to the legal hurdles, O'Byrne faced delays when her financing dried up in the aftermath of First NBC Bank's collapse in April 2017. MACO got involved a few months later.

Mention the project today to neighbors, and it's apparent that some still hold a grudge against Perez for the long, drawn-out process, which at times kept them out of the loop as the property remained blighted.

For his part, William Waiters, president of the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association, is "pleased with the progress thus far" with the plans, although he is concerned that an influx of cars could create spillover parking issues in the area.

"It's a far cry from Perez's original plan," he said, adding that neighborhood engagement improved after MACO got involved.

The 13-acre site is already zoned for what's proposed, and the Historic District Landmarks Commission's Architectural Review Committee is slated to discuss the proposal's aesthetics Tuesday. There are a few other steps still remaining, including completing a traffic management plan.

Looking ahead, O'Byrne said she's even more bullish on Holy Cross's future now than six years ago, describing the area as "remarkably attractive."

"It's hugging the river, it's got great views, it's substantially above sea level, and the historic fabric of the neighborhood is beautiful," she said.

The Holy Cross Class of 1971 Web Page can be found at:

<https://hubhobbyshop.com/holy-cross-new-orleans/>

The Holy Cross Class of 1971 You Tube Channel can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqN2_US_UEwLPJT8N7dpTyA/videos?view_as=subscriber