



Lady Trojan runner Tonya Nero finished second in the Half Marathon at Johnson County Community College on Saturday. This is the second straight year she has finished second at the half marathon (this picture is her running Sept. 5 at Colby Cross Country Invitations!).

## Trojan places second in race

The Colby Community Women’s Cross Country team finished eighth out of 16 teams at the marathon. The half marathon is a 13.1 mile run. There were 72 girls running in this years marathon, Coach Crystal Berndt said.

## Buffaloes defeat struggling Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — When Bills offensive coordinator Turk Schonert decided to watch Buffalo’s game against Kansas City from the pressbox instead of the field, he had no idea what a treat it would be. The Bills, slumping badly during a four-game losing streak, romped to one of their most impressive victories in years, piling up 444 total yards without com-

Maria Rodriguez finished 33rd in the marathon and Reba Schiesser finished 48th. Nicole Clark finished 51st overall. She started the race in last place and passed twenty girls during the race.

“I told him I was fine with it, whatever he was comfortable with,” said Jauron. “We just thought it would be a good change. The mechanics didn’t change. Everything the Bills (6-5) had been doing poorly in their previous four games, they did well. Everything the Chiefs (1-10) had been doing well while coming close in their last four losses, they did horribly.

## K-State hires legendary coach to improve football program

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Bill Snyder will return to Kansas State to coach the Wildcats for the second time. In a news conference Monday where Snyder, 69, was introduced, the new head coach said he decided to come back to “calm the waters” and restore harmony to the “Kansas State family.” He said that soon after retiring three years ago, he began to regret the decision. Snyder retired after turning around the football program at Kansas State in what has been called “the Miracle in Manhattan.” He left with a 136-68-1 record and was replaced by Ron Prince, who was fired with three games left but finished out the season. Snyder described Prince as a “good, good, good man,” but declined to comment on the current state of the program. Snyder spent the first few minutes of the news conference chewing out the media for disclosing his decision Sunday night before he could call all his friends with the news. “I think that’s sad, and also disrespectful,” he said. Snyder was the offensive coordinator at Iowa when then-athletic director Steve Miller hired him after the 1988 season. The Wildcats had gone 0-21-1 their two previous years and many people were wondering if the school ought to give up major college football status. The Wildcats had a record of 299-510, the only major college with 500 losses. They had won one conference title — in 1934 — and enjoyed only two winning seasons in 34 years. But by 1997, Snyder had the Wildcats contending for national as well as Big 12 honors. As one long-suffering fan put it at the time, “It’s like we’re a big extended family that’s been living in poverty for generations, but now we’ve got a smart uncle who’s making us all rich.” When Snyder retired as the most revered figure in the school’s athletic history, the stadium was renamed “Bill Snyder Family Stadium,” and the highway leading from Interstate 70 into Manhattan was renamed “Bill Snyder Highway.” Prince, who replaced Snyder after the 2005 season, was 17-20 and beaten down by the same disadvantages that have plagued Kansas State for decades: no major population within a short distance to recruit from, little tradition and less money than more richly endowed institutions. In a profession known for sleep-deprived workaholics, Snyder’s nearly inhuman devotion to his work became legendary. During his tenure as head coach, one of sons, Ross, was recruited by sev-

eral smaller schools in the area as a running back. On national signing day, Ross decided to attend Butler County Community College. A reporter who knew the family approached Snyder following Kansas State’s recruiting news conference that day and remarked that he thought Ross had made a good choice. “Who did he sign with?” Snyder asked. He had been so wrapped up in Kansas State’s recruiting, he hadn’t yet learned where his son was going to school. Another key reason for Snyder’s success was his eye for coaching talent. Among the young assistants he brought to Kansas State who went on to become head coaches were Bob Stoops at Oklahoma, Mark Mangino at Kansas, Jim Leavitt at South Florida and Mike Stoops at Arizona. His first Kansas State team won only one game, beating North Texas with a last-minute drive. In 1993, they won the Copper Bowl and began a string of 11 consecutive bowl trips. In 2003, the Wildcats beat Oklahoma in the Big 12 championship game for their only league title since 1934. Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer told The Associated Press when Snyder retired that he considered what Snyder had done at Kansas State “the greatest coaching job in history.”

## Oakland beats Broncos

DENVER (AP) — Ashlie Lelie couldn’t wait to return to the city he couldn’t wait to leave. Lelie’s inspired performance against his former team helped the Oakland Raiders snap out of their funk and beat the AFC West-leading Denver Broncos 31-10 Sunday. Lelie helped Oakland’s offense score three touchdowns in an 18-play span after going 15 quarters without seeing the end zone, and the Raiders (3-8) snapped a four-game losing streak by knocking off the archrival. The Broncos (6-5) maintained their two-game lead over struggling San Diego in the NFL’s worst division. After Denver tied it at 10 on Peyton Hillis’ 6-yard run late in the third quarter, Darren McFadden scored on 1-yard runs sandwiched around Lelie’s 4-yard TD catch. “I’ve been dreaming for this moment ever since I left here,” said Lelie,

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