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Mayor Mike Moncrief wears a Boise State football jersey to Tuesday night's City Council meeting. Moncrief wore the jersey as a part of a bet made with Boise Mayor David Bieter before the Horned Frogs' loss against the Broncos in the Fiesta Bowl.

Mayor dons blue after Fiesta loss

By Marshall Doig Staff Reporter

football jersey and hat to the first meeting. City Council meeting of 2010 Tues-

Mayor David Bieter. The mayors agreed that whoever Moncrief said. supported the Fiesta Bowl's losing team would have to wear the win- kind of wager between the mayors ning team's jersey and hat to the next of the two cities and I thought, 'Do City Council meeting and be photographed as proof. Because TCU lost becue and they provide us with po-17-10, Moncrief donned a Boise jer- tatoes?" Moncrief said. "I decided it

"I hadn't planned on wearing a the bet with the opposing team's jer-

Boise jersey and cap to the coun- sey." cil meeting, but at the same time, I doubt that Mayor Bieter had

The bet was Moncrief's idea and day night after losing a bet to Boise he presented it to Bieter, who was preparing for the photo as he was

we bet that we'll provide them barwould be more visual for us to have

Before the meeting's invocation by TCU Campus Minister Angela Fort Worth Mayor Mike Mon- planned to wear a TCU jersey or Kaufman, Moncrief said, "We need crief wore a Boise State Broncos cap," Moncrief said prior to the your prayers, especially [with] me in this uniform."

He was even more conspicuous 'more than willing" to agree to it, surrounded by the varying degrees of purple attire worn by City Coun-"I thought there had to be some cil members, including a TCU hat worn by Mayor Pro Tempore Daniel

> Moncrief was a driving force in getting Fort Worth residents behind the Horned Frogs during the season.

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GRADUATE SCHOOL

hanges to GRE expected for 2011

By Lawrence Embry Staff Reporter

Aspiring graduate students planning to take the Graduate Record Exam or GRE in 2011 might take a new, reformatted version of the test featuring a new scoring system and

changes in test content. The Education Testing Service, the nonprofit institution that administers the GRE, announced its plans to change the test at a December meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools in San Francisco, according to an article by The New York Times. More than 600,000 graduate school hopefuls take the GRE each year.

ing is official yet.

Andrew Mitchell, director of graduate programs at Kaplan Test Prep harder to differentiate yourself." and Admissions, said one of the forscoring system for each section of the test would change from a 200-to-800 scale narrower and the process more tured will likely change, too. competitive for the students taking the test, Mitchell said.

"Essentially, when you're preparing for the GRE, you're trying to get

A representative for ETS told the a competitive score," Mitchell said. Skiff that she could not comment on "You're trying to beat your competithe changes to the test because noth- tion, whatever level of competition you're shooting for, and this smaller scale is gonna mean that it's that much

Mitchell said the quantitative secmat changes ETS is considering for tion of the test will have less geometry, the GRE is how the test is scored. The more data analysis and an added online calculator. He said students may initially be excited about the calcupoint scale to a 130-to-170 point sys- lator, but it may not be the gift they tem, he said. This shift will make the imagine because the kind of math fea-

> "What we're likely to see is that straightforward problems will be re-

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STUDY ABROAD

Colleagues remember program official

By Maricruz Salinas Web Editor

The university's study abroad program is one staff member short

following the death of its TCU in cording to his obituary in the Fort Florence coordinator, Harry Antrim, in December. Jane Kucko, director of the Center for International Studies: TCU

Abroad, wrote in an e-mail that TCU Abroad will decide faculty a pillar advocate for the TCU in the W.L. Adams Center for Writinvolved with the program at the 2004. appropriate time.

fessor at the university, were on and his ability to prepare them lounge in Spain on Dec. 23, ac- placeable." Worth Star-Telegram. Emergency wrote in an e-mail that Antrim was workers tried to revive Antrim "a kind man, generous to a fault while his wife held his hand, but with students and friends and an were unsuccessful.

Kucko wrote that Antrim was

"His passion for Italy, Florence came to the university in 2000 Antrim, 73, and his wife, Mary in particular, transcended to our Volcansek, a political science pro- students who loved Dr. Antrim

their way to vacation in Venice, for an enriching semester in Flor-Italy, when Antrim had a heart at- ence," Kucko wrote. "Dr. Antrim's tack during a layover in an airport passion and expertise are not re-

Antrim's daughter, Terry Leness, extremely erudite man of letters."

Steve Sherwood, director of members who will become more Florence program since spring ing, said Antrim, who was also a professor with the writing center,

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CONSTRUCTION

Officials: Backup parking planned

By Mary Sue Greenleaf Sports Editor

The bulldozers are back.

In December, the university broke ground on the construction of a new admissions building on the west side of campus, which will occupy a parking lot reserved for commuters.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said accommodations have been and will be made to ensure that students have places to park.

"We added a number of spots last summer actually over by the condominiums (near Worth Hills off Bellaire Street)...and this spring we're going to knock down the taller of the condominium buildings and build a parking lot in there," Mills said. "So, when that parking lot is finished we will have almost exactly the same number of spots as are in the lot where the admissions building is going to be."

He said the university planned to tear down the condominium in December but was unable to do so.

Harold Leeman, associate director of major projects for Physical Plant, also said negotiations are in the works to tear down the condominium building and develop the parking lot. He said that although the construction may cause some inconvenience, there are enough spaces available to accommodate the spaces lost due to construc-

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DIVERSITY

Veteran population gets boost from bill

By Anna Waugh

Associate Editor

The post-9/11 GI Bill has continued to increase the university's student veteran population this spring with 37 new student veterans using the bill, almost matching the 40 who started using the bill at the beginning of fall 2009, a university veteran affairs official said.

Stephanie Hules, veteran affairs officer, said university officials anticipated the increase this spring be-

"I talk to so many of the new VA students and they say that this benefit is so amazing and has given them a great opportunity to come back to school at the school of their choice."

Stephanie Hules veteran affairs officer

cause the applications for the new GI Bill were available May 2009, but some veterans could not finish the paperwork in time to start in the fall.

"I talk to so many of the new VA students and they say that this benefit is so amazing and has given them a great opportunity to come back to school at the school of their choice," Hules wrote in an e-mail.

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The veteran student population now totals 133, up from 107 in fall 2009 and 60 in spring 2009.

April Brown, chair of the veterans' committee and assistant director of assessment and retention in the Office of Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services, said that with the consistent increase in veteran students, the veterans' committee is striving to create new ways to reach veterans and assist them on campus. She said the nature of the new GI Bill makes TCU affordable for veterans, which shows that addressing veterans' needs is a priority.

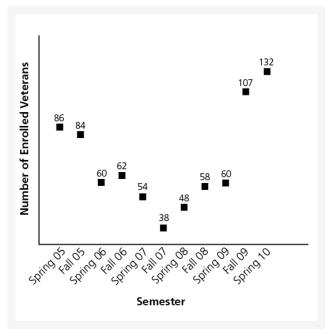
"One of our missions is that as more veterans are fore they start class because able to use the GI Bill and TCU is affordable is that we're retaining and graduating them, that they have support services that make we address needs and they graduate," Brown said.

Chris Simcho, an alumnus meet separately at orienta-

previous chair of the veter- ing orientation Aug. 7 went ans' committee in October, well and the semester is off said the committee last met to a good start. She said she Dec. 2 and had decided to is excited about the ideas from the Veterans Day celemeet with veteran students and plans for this semes-

ists, but it's a silent population," Brown said, noting the importance of informing student veterans about services for them that already

Simcho said the orienta- transfer credits, getting more again in February.



tion meeting was a good idea and should help veterans feel welcome and connected bemany veterans are older, do not attend Frog Camp and can struggle to relate to traditional college students.

"The one thing that vetertheir transition smooth, that ans come out of the military with is leadership experience, and adding an education onto that experience is who graduated in December going to make them very 2009, said veterans need to valuable to the country, I bebe connected to other vet- lieve, and the fact that they'll erans from the beginning of be able to pursue positions their education and should that have greater influence over society," Simcho said.

Brown, who replaced the with student veterans durduring transfer orientation. ter that were begun in the said, another celebration may "It's a population that ex- fall but were not able to be be planned for Memorial Day. completed because of time. The plans include improv- cited to move forward with ing communication about the committee because it the resources available for has already connected with veterans, like counseling ser- the new students this semesvices and information about ter. The committee will meet

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Fall 2009 Veterans using post-9/11 GI Bill

student veterans' input to learn what needs the university is not addressing and increasing the visibility of vet-Brown said the meeting erans on campus by planning at least one celebration each semester.

> Because the committee received such good feedback bration in November, Brown

Brown said she was ex-

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tion.

Although the loss of the Bellaire commuter lot (Lot 8) eliminated several commuter and visitor parking spaces, Leeman said there are other lots under construction on the

east side of campus. "We physically have the three lots getting built on the east side of campus right now," Leeman said, in reference to a former pastoral care building, the Worth Hills condominiums and the lot occupied by trailers that previously housed the departments of sociology and economics. "We're still waiting for some issues to clear to be able to finish up the lot by Worth Hills."

Mills said the pastoral care lot should be available for students to park in starting Jan.

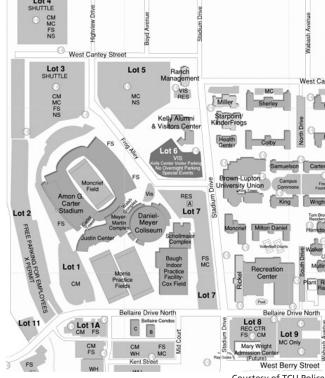
Despite the inconvenience posed by the west campus construction, university officials agreed that the new building is more of a benefit than a problem to the campus in the long run.

ing," said Ray Brown, dean of admissions. "We have had consultants visit our campus who actually specialize in the prospective college student visit experience and the report...always comes back that we have a class A campus and a class C admissions facility."

Brown said the parking concerns were addressed before construction began.

that was made last semester," Brown said. "So the university has been making preparations for things like this with all the remote lots that have been go-

Mills said the new admis-



Lots 3 and 4, as well as the lot between Kent Street and Mid Court in Worth Hills, west of the new construction site, are alternatives for commuters.

entrance to the campus and become a logical place for visitors to begin their introduction to the university.

"It really enables us to make "It's been a long time com- the kind of impression and presentation that we want to make," he said.

> Although university admissions officials said the structure is much needed, some students said they were inconvenienced by the construction.

Landon Herrington, a senior kinesiology major, said she always parks in the parking lot across from the Univer-"This wasn't a decision it is convenient and there isn't another commuter lot as close to the Rickel Building, where

> many of her classes take place. "That parking lot was really great for us to pull in there and run into class," she said, adding

sions building will create an her first class Monday because she did not know the lot was closed.

> Emilee Taylor, an English graduate student, said she also did not know about the lot being closed until today and she ended up parking farther away from campus on the street.

> "If there's a full lot than at least there's a chance you might get a spot, but if there's not a lot you lose the chance that you're going to get a spot anywhere," Taylor said. "It's just a little bit more frustrating because it's completely ripped out."

In a campuswide e-mail, sity Recreation Center because TCU Police recommended parking in lots 3 and 4 adjacent to West Cantey Street behind the Amon Carter Stadium. Another option is the lot between Kent Street and Mid Court in Worth Hills, west of the new construction that she was 20 minutes late to site, police said.

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Mitchell said. As for the verbal section, Mitchell said the antonym and analogy questions would be eliminated from the new

version of the test. Reading comprehension and argument analysis would also be added to make for more challenging content, he said. Mitchell said that with these changes, the ETS is

useful and accurate yet presents scores that are as meaningful as possible. The job of the GRE is to be Futscher said.

a predictor of success in graduate school," Mitchell said.

Mitchell did not say whethbut added that scores tend to dents who are high achievers

"Students considering grad

school would be smart to take the test now before it changes," Mitchell said."They know what the test is, they can prepare for it and the scores are going to be good for five years."

Stephanie Futscher, a senior changes are implemented, both versions of the test should be of-

"I think they should oftrying to create a test that is fer both of them for at least the first year or two before it's just the new one and you have to deal with it,"

Andrew Neill, a senior mechanical engineering major, said he thought the proposed er the test will be more difficult changes would benefit stu-

go down after a major format in math by making that section more challenging. Neill took the exam Nov. 13 in preparation for fall graduate school application deadlines.

"I don't feel like it represented my proficiency in math very well because I think myself and most of my engineering peers got very high grades," Neill said. psychology major and future "I'm sure there are people who GRE test taker, said that if the are not as good in math, but because it's so easy they still got good grades."

> Even though the planned changes to the GRE may cause some anxiety, Mitchell said there is a chance that they will not come to pass, noting that the ETS has planned major test changes in the past only to decide not to implement them after all. Changes to the GRE set to be enacted in 2006 were delayed to 2007, when they were canceled.

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public information officer, said Moncrief declared three "Go Purple" days before the Frogs' home games against Utah and New Mexico, as well as the day of the Fiesta Bowl. Lamers said Moncrief also had a section of the Trinity River renamed "Horned Frog River" and dyed purple before the game against New Mexico.

Moncrief said at the meeting he intends to continue the "Go Purple" days during next football season.

Worth is going to go purple," he said.

Despite TCU's bowl defeat, Jason Lamers, Fort Worth Moncrief said he expects support for the football team and other Horned Frog teams to increase next year.

"I think our city has provided tremendous support for TCU, but it's only the beginning," Moncrief said. "The purple flame is burning brightly, and we need to keep it burning."

and for the university. "We're all very proud of

games on Saturday, Fort the team, we're proud of the available for comment.

coach," Lamers said. "And while we're going to wear that Boise State (jersey), we're going to wear it because we knew that TCU went to this bowl game to put Fort Worth in the spotlight. And that's good for us, so everybody wins I think."

Adam Park, communications director for the City of Boise, said the city is "thrilled" with the Broncos' victory.

"TCU is an excellent team Lamers said that TCU's and a worthy opponent, and participation in the game it- we feel very fortunate to self was a victory for the city have come away with a win," Park said.

Bieter, who is recovering "Every Friday before home (the season), we're proud of from knee surgery, was un-

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from Florida International University in Miami, where he had served as a dean in the English department.

'We're going to miss him here," Sherwood said. "He contributed a lot, and we often went to him for advice on a lot of academic points."

international education or- wrote. "I only had the pleaganization specializing in for study abroad programs, was a flag bearer of study and his company worked with Antrim on the study abroad program in Florence. their horizons."

"He was very much appreciated by the students dur- iot's Concept of Language: ing his visits to Florence and A Study of Its Development also by...the Florence team Ray Vernon, executive who had got to know him throughout his career, Sherdirector of ACCENT, an well over the years," Vernon wood said.

sure of meeting him once, establishing and providing but immediately felt that he wrote in an e-mail that he abroad and giving the opportunity for students from TCU to be able to widen

Antrim published T.S. Eland wrote numerous essays

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The Skiff View

Parking lot closure lacked prompt warning

Tor the past few years, TCU has been proactive in building and remodeling infrastructure. This helps maintain a campus that current students can be proud of and prospective students can admire. However, poor communication created a headache for commuting students who found themselves having a particularly troublesome time finding a parking spot.

Over the winter break, the university broke ground on the new admissions building in what was formerly a commuter parking lot. Though an announcement Tuesday from TCU Parking and Transportation Services emphasized that there are other lots available for commuter parking, all are exceedingly far away from the heart of campus, and some students reported being late to class because they didn't know the lot was closed.

University officials said more parking lots are in the works to replace those spots that were lost to the admissions building. Though students will surely welcome the news, late notice about the parking lot closure and possible alternatives created problems for students who were not in town for the holidays and had not seen the construction before their first class Monday.

While students appreciate the university's expansion and administrators' efforts to address their parking woes, the administration should give advanced warning to its students about possible inconveniences so they can plan accordingly.

News editor Libby Davis for the editorial board The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

New security measures not designed for the shy



The glory days of flying are now over. Long gone are the days of beautiful, cheery flight attendants and bright-eyed, young pilots who earned their stripes in World War II or any other military conflict. The flight attendant job has been relegated to older women who look like one of th members of ZZ Top without the awesome beard. Pilots have turned into exhausted, worn out older men who always regale us with the weather at our destination in the same, monotonous pilot tone.

Recent security lapses in American airports and abroad have forced the Transportation Security Administration and other aviation security groups to up the ante in the security game. The TSA is now starting to implement screening devices that can literally see through the traveler's clothes to reveal possible hidden explosives and weapons.

I wholeheartedly support the increased security measures for our general safety, but I also think that the screening units might be a possible privacy issue for those of us (you know who you are) who are not comfortable in their own skin and are slightly modest. The Federal Aviation Administration promises that there will be no issues with the new screenThere really is not another solution to the modestyinducing screening machines unless we could somehow travel back to ancient Greece, where complete nudity was the norm and there was no modesty.

ing machines, but what measures are being put in place that will prevent a perverted screener from using the machine for his or her own sick plea-

There really is not another solution to the modesty-inducing screening machines unless we could somehow travel back to ancient Greece, where complete nudity was the norm and there was no modesty. One would have to think the Hellenes would not mind our new screening processes, as they would just walk through the machine without any clothes on. Problem solved.

Ideally, there would be no terrorists who want to wreak havoc on American soil, thus we would not have to go through these security measures. But this is just not the case. If we want to live a life of luxury and travel at over 400 mph while eating allergy-friendly nuts, we will have to deal with these new machines and get over the chagrin that they will ultimately

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in the future.

School provides good bowl experience



Few things are so difficult that a group of people can prepare for weeks in the national spotlight, do everything in its power to achieve success and still only have a 50-50 chance of victory. College football bowl season is one of those things.

Despite the Fiesta Bowl's disappointing outcome, the university deserves huge credit for creating an incredible bowl experience for its students and fans. The effort the Athletics and Campus Life offices put forth regarding travel and event organization was exponentially better than last year for the Poinsettia

Before the game was announced - in an unprecedented live national broadcast from the completely full Daniel-Meyer Coliseum - the community was given useful updates

on travel and game ticket options. Students were even offered TCUsponsored programming in Glendale, Ariz., including a welcome party and a pep rally. The university also teamed TCU Police with campus officials in Glendale in the event that a student needed emergency assistance.

I've always appreciated the community atmosphere TCU promotes, but seeing that same environment travel across the country absolutely exceeded my expectations. It takes a lot to find value in the cost of attending TCU, but the university's effort in planning an exceptional

bowl game experience was certainly an example.

The success of Horned Frog football, whether some naïve professors admit it or not, benefits the entire community in a huge way. TCU's increased national prominence in athletics coverage will certainly expedite our school's growth and image as a respected university. Seeing the university recognize and take action in light of that truth gives me reason to expect big things for TCU

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RODGER MALLISON / Fort Worth Star Telegram Several TCU starters gather to look at the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl trophy during media day for the Fiesta Bowl at the Camelback Inn in Scottsdale, Ariz., Friday, Jan. 1, 2010.

YOUR VIEW

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campus parking problem

After three weeks of holiday comfort food and home cooking, the first stop on my list after I got back to TCU was the campus Rec Center. I was looking forward to finally snagging a great parking space with almost no competition. Unfortunately, once I arrived at the site, I was greeted, not by a practically empty parking lot, but by a fenced-off mound of dirt and gravel. I was even more chagrined to learn that the lot wasn't just temporarily closed for paving: it was being replaced with a new administration building. There are more people at TCU every year. The school's student population is

Destruction of lot aggravates on the rise and there are no hints that this trend will change any time soon. Yet for some reason, university administrators continue to respond to the influx of new students by further reducing the already limited number of parking spaces on campus. The logic behind this strategy has always eluded me. Please don't peg me as some loudmouthed malcontent. I understand that TCU administrators need somewhere to work and that students don't walk or carpool nearly as much as they could and should. But bulldozing this particular parking lot was an especially irksome decision because it's one of the few easily accessible commuter lots on West Campus. For most commuters,

driving is an unavoidable necessity. Razing the gym parking lot is also a safety concern for me and other women who work out after dark. With the Rec Center lot gone, the closest commuter lots will be by the football stadium and library, both of which are several blocks away. Don't get me wrong — I fully appreciate all of TCU's new facilities, and the campus looks great. But maybe it's time that TCU made some more room for its students. Being a college student is hard enough without having to park half a mile away from your classes.

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UICK NEWS

Lawmakers consider dropping health bill 'millionaires tax'

WASHINGTON - House and Senate negotiators working on President Barack Obama's health overhaul bill appear likely to drop a proposed income tax increase on high-wage earners and possibly jettison a requirement for large businesses to offer coverage to their employees, Democratic officials said Tuesday.

Negotiators are considering extending the Medicare payroll tax, broadcasting," and he expressed disapfrom wages, to cover some of the investment earnings of couples making at 11:35 p.m. EST. more than \$250,000 a year, and individuals earning above \$200,000.

On another high-profile issue, the negotiators are discussing a hybrid exchange contained in the House bill and the state-by-state approach favored by the Senate.subsidized health care.

Conan O'Brien says no thanks to NBC move

LOS ANGELES — Conan O'Brien has refused to play along with NBC's plan to move "The Tonight Show" and return Jay Leno to late-night, abruptly derailing the network's effort to resolve its scheduling mess.

O'Brien said in a statement Tuesday that shifting "Tonight" will "seriously damage what I consider to be the greatest franchise in the history of which now applies only to income pointment that NBC had given him less Hazelton's brother-in-law, Peter Sparathan a year to establish himself as host

> He doesn't have an offer in hand from another network, O'Brien said.

The network's prime-time ratings woes stem in part from the poor perof a proposed national insurance formance of Leno's new prime-time show. "The Jay Leno Show" debuted in the fall after Leno surrendered his 17year stake in the "Tonight" last spring to O'Brien.

Former worker who shot 2 at Texas ranch executed

HUNTSVILLE — Convicted killer Gary Johnson was executed Tuesday for fatally shooting a ranch foreman and another man who interrupted his burglary of a southeast Texas ranch nearly 24 years ago.

Johnson, 59, was the second inmate to receive lethal injection this year in

He was condemned for the 1986 slayings of James Hazelton, 28, and gana, 23. The two were gunned down while investigating a call from a neighbor who reported intruders had driven through a chained gate at a ranch. It took about two years for investigators to assemble their case against Johnson, who once worked at the ranch, and his brother, Terry. The brothers became suspects after the neighbor who saw men drive into the ranch described distinctive brake lights on their truck.

Another chain pulls cadmiumtainted kids' jewelry

LOS ANGELES — A second international chain store said it is pulling from shelves jewelry that lab tests show contained high levels of the heavy metal cadmium, and Chinese regulators said they will investigate dangerous levels of the toxin in children's jewelry being exported to the United States.

The jewelry and accessories store Claire's, with nearly 3,000 locations in North America and Europe, on Tuesday joined Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in saying it would stop selling any item cited in an Associated Press investigation of the presence of cadmium in cheap bracelets and charms.

Charms on a "Best Friends" bracelet sold at Claire's contained 89 and 91 percent cadmium, according to testing ernment forces. But the Tehran Uniorganized by AP, and shed alarming amounts in a procedure that examined how much cadmium children might player. be exposed to.

Bomb kills Iran physicist

TEHRAN, Iran — A senior physics professor who publicly backed Iran's opposition leader was killed when a bomb-rigged motorcycle exploded as he left for work Tuesday. The government blamed the U.S. and Israel for the attack.

The blast apparently was set off by a remote trigger, but it was unclear why the professor was targeted. The victim was a 50-year-old researcher with no prominent political voice, no published work with military relevance and no declared links to Iran's nuclear program.

Hard-line backers of the Islamic system have urged stronger measures to try to crush and intimidate anti-govversity professor, Masoud Ali Mohammadi, was far from a front-row political

—The Associated Press

NEWS & SPORTS

School asks court to toss claim

By Betsy Blaney Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) —

Texas Tech on Tuesday asked a judge to throw out fired coach law gives the university immunity from legal action.

The university contended Leach is barred from suing the university without a waiver of sovereign immunity from the Texas Legislature.

Attorneys for Leach, who was

the Texas Whistleblower Act in his statement. dismissing the coach.

One of the attorneys, Paul Do-Mike Leach's lawsuit, saying state browski, said at a news conference that a sovereign immunity defense isn't permissible under a whistleblower claim. In a statement read by another attorney, Ted Liggett, Leach said he expects to be "vindicated," and will "vigorously prosecute" his claims.

"I categorically deny that I fired last month amid allegations mistreated Adam James, refused he mistreated a player who had to cooperate with the school's in-



MIKE STONE / AP Photographer

Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach gives directions to his team during a December football practice. The school handed a termination letter to Leach's attorney on Dec. 30, just before the two sides were to appear in a courtroom for a hearing on the coach's suspension.

suffered a concussion, also filed vestigation, or acted in an insubadditional claims Tuesday, in- ordinate manner as an employee cluding that the school violated of the University," Leach said in

The university wants the judge to take up its claim Jan. 20, before a hearing is held on a motion from Leach's attorneys seeking to depose Texas Tech administrators — university system chancellor Kent Hance, school president Guy H. Bailey, and athletic director Gerald Myers - and James, the receiver Leach is accused of mistreating.

The attorneys also want documents and communications from the school pertaining to Leach going back to Jan. 1, 2006.

Texas Tech's filing Tuesday asserts the school is entitled to a sovereign immunity defense on claims made in previous filings by Leach — including breach of contract, slander, libel and violation of due process.

Leach's attorneys claim in their Tuesday filing that Hance told Leach that James' father, former NFL player and ESPN analyst Craig James, was claiming his son "was being forced" to play before his concussion had healed. The filing states that Leach denied this allegation to Hance.

According to Leach's filing, the reason for Leach's dismissal was his seeking a temporary restraining order following his suspension Dec. 28.

A statement from the university said Leach's newest filing contains "numerous falsehoods and gross inaccuracies."

"It appears to me this latest filing is nothing more than a desperate attempt to deflect the focus from Mike Leach's irresponsible treatment of an injured student athlete and Leach's insubordination," Bailey, the school's president, said in a separate statement.

Comfort food a campus favorite

By Jodi S. Cohen Chicago Tribune

Apricot-glazed turkey. Meat-

loaf with frizzle-fried onions. And Vietnamese pho. These may not sound like

typical dorm foods — especially the Asian rice noodle soup but they topped the list of most popular cafeteria items according to Sodexo, which provides food service at 600 campuses across the country.

There are regional differences, of course, reflecting the tastes students developed at home. In the Midwest, the top three favorites are home-style roast beef, carved roasted turkey and mac n' cheese, which may explain the freshman 15. In the Southwest region? Fish tacos. The Mid-Atlantic? Chicken pot pie.

The Sodexo survey found that students want comfort foods,

ica Zimmer.

"If you are a New Englander studying at Tulane, maybe red beans and rice becomes your comfort food," Zimmer said, "and maybe for a Southerner studying at M.I.T., clam chowder becomes their comfort food."

Vegetarian fare also has become more popular, she said. The list was determined in part from votes taken by students who attended the company's food-trend expos held throughout the year. Feedback also came from focus groups, a restaurant audit and other research.

None of the items on the Sodexo list is as surprising as one of the most increasingly popular foods at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: kimchi, the Korean pickled cabbage. U. of I. students are going through 30 to 40 gallons of it each day, said Sodexo spokeswoman Mon- said Dawn Aubrey, a senior asTop 10 college foods

1. Apricot-glazed turkey 2. Meatloaf with frizzle-fried

3. Vietnamese pho

4. Vegetarian lentil shepherd's pie

5. Chicken adobo 6. Stuffed pork chops

7. Vegetarian jambalaya 8. Lemon herbed baked tilapia

9. Rotisserie chicken

10. Home-style pot roast

Source: Sodexo

sistant director of dining.

"They use it as a condiment and incorporate it into the made-toorder stir-fries. We have even had students put it on hot dogs," Aubrey said. "We are going through amazing amounts of it."

VIRGINIA TECH

Parts of lawsuit may go forward

By Michael Felberbaum Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Key parts of a \$10 million lawsuit filed by the families of two students slain in the mass shootings at Virginia Tech can go forward, a judge in Virginia ruled Tuesday.

Visiting Circuit Court Judge William Alexander said the families of Julia Pryde and Erin Peterson alleged enough facts about gross negligence by the university, president Charles Steger and former executive vice president James Hyatt to allow a case against them to proceed.

But Alexander said allegations against four other officials and ordinated the school's response on April 16, 2007, did not state a sufficient cause of action against

He ruled cases against three employees of Virginia Tech's counseling center can proceed.

But the judge dismissed the families' claims against a local community services board and its staff.

The rulings are not a finding of fact or fault, but simply that the allegations are clear enough to warrant a trial.

Peterson and Pryde's families claim in lawsuits seeking \$10 million that the state, Virginia Tech and university and mental health

members of the group that co- officials were grossly negligent by not immediately warning students of two shootings that occurred at 7:15 a.m. on April 16, 2007, in a dormitory. The families claim the two-hour delay in notifying faculty and staff was the result of officials putting concerns about the school's image above campus safety.

> The lawsuits also claim a local health center where student gunman Seung-Hui Cho had gone did not adequately treat or monitor him.

> Most of the families of slain students accepted their share of an \$11 million state settlement.

> Cho killed 32 people before taking his own life in April 2007 during the nation's worst mass shooting. Officials still don't know why Cho, a loner who had attracted little attention, killed so many people. Assistant Attorney General Mike F. Melis had said during a hearing last month that officials were not negligent because they took actions based on the information they had available to them at the time.

He also argued that Steger and others should be extended sovereign immunity because their positions are established and funded by the state.

Robert T. Hall, Peterson and Pryde's attorney, did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment.

University spokesman Mark Owczarski said in a statement that the ruling is another step in the "long journey to ultimately resolve the facts surrounding the horrific events."

"We strongly believe that Virginia Tech personnel acted appropriately in the events leading up to, during, and after April 16, 2007," Owczarski said in a statement. "We will vigorously defend against allegations made to the contrary."



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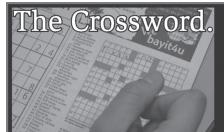
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MEN'S BASKETBALL DEFENDING



MATT COFFELT/ Staff Photographer TCU freshman guard Xavier Roberson goes for the layup in the Horned Frogs' to the Wyoming Cowboys on Tuesday night at the Daniel Meyer Coliseum.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs make trip to Laramie

By Kylie Osterloh Staff Writer

After a convincing win against conference rival Utah, the Lady Frogs and the Cow-No. 22 TCU, now 12-3 for the season, is looking to defeat a corded two wins. 10-4 Wyoming in Laramie tonight.

The Lady Frogs hope to extend their seven-game win and play very well to get the restreak, which marks the fourth longest in program history, with said. a victory over the Cowgirls.

playing a good team on their floor, you have to overcome the now and that helps us tremenchallenges."

In the past six matchups for are going into conference," girls in Laramie, TCU has re-

for our defense, and we're going to really have to be locked in sult that we want," Ostermann day's 62-41 win against Utah.

"The biggest challenge is that Crawford scored 15 points on one game at a time because

"We're in a good flow right team ball." dously, especially because we TCU swept the Cowgirls with

Crawford said.

As the race for the Mountain West Conference title contin-"They pose some problems ues, the Lady Frogs are gaining national recognition with a spot on the AP Top 25 Poll. They jumped to No. 22 after Satur-

"It's definitely a good accom-Freshman forward Starr plishment, but we need to focus Ostermann. "Any time you're the most rebounds with eight. Mangum. "We need to play available on gofrogs.com.

In last season's meetings, a 60-47 win at home and an 81-78 victory in Laramie.

The Lady Frogs are 8-6 against Wyoming overall.

"We are just preparing for a typical Mountain West Conference game, and it's a matter of who can be the better team in those 40 minutes," Ostermann said.

The game will not be broadcast on TV but can be they're a good basketball team," against the Utes and tied fresh- it can be taken away if we slip listened to live on 88.7 KTCU said associate head coach Brian man forward DeLisa Gross for up," said senior guard Eboni FM with an Internet feed **FIESTA BOWL**

Regional TV ratings soar during Fiesta

By David Stein Staff Reporter

While the Fiesta Bowl loss to Boise State was cer- The Pour House, said it was tainly not the best game in beyond packed as hundreds the TCU's history, it was one gathered for the watch party. of the most watched.

Star-Telegram article, Fox that had some trouble with drew 13.8 million viewers, television broadcasts this 27 percent more than the season. While 12 of the Mountain West rival Utah Frogs' 13 games could be victory over Alabama in last seen on TV, DirecTV subseason's Allstate Sugar Bowl. scribers missed four on

prised of 35 share on the tract feud. Subscribers to night of the game, which Dish Network were unable means that 35 percent of to watch three games on the viewers in the area watching MountainWest Sports Nettelevision at the time were work. tuned in to the game.

BCS bowl game.

athletic media relations, said the three." the broadcast was great exposure for the university.

posure," Cohen said. "Mon- the program's exposure. day night on Fox is a major think a lot of people tuned in for the curiosity factor."

Cohen said it was unclear

ESPN Radio broadcasted

the game live from The Pour House, a restaurant and bar near downtown Fort Worth.

Eric Tschetter, owner of

The Fiesta Bowl ratings According to a Fort Worth were good news for a team Dallas-Fort Worth com- Versus because of a con-

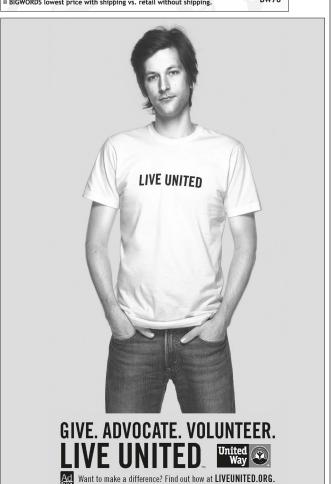
"We're contractually ob-Explanations offered for ligated through the conthe successful exposure of ference to be on CBS Colthe Fiesta Bowl include that lege Sports, Versus and there had never been a BCS the (MountainWest Sports non-championship game Network) for home games," between two undefeated Cohen said. "For instance, teams or that never before if we play a Big 12 team on had two non-BCS confer- the road, it would be on anence opponents met in a other network, but when we play Baylor next season at Mark Cohen, director of home, it will be on one of

The Frogs' 2010 non-conference could include games "I think it's fantastic ex- that would further advance

Along with a home game football viewing night, and it against Big 12 opponent was the first Monday with- Baylor University, TCU out a Monday Night Foot- is close to inking a game ball game. There were so against Oregon State from many promos on Fox lead- the Pac-10 at the Dallas ing up to the game, and I Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, according to ESPNDallas.com.

TCU's game against if the game offered the great- Southern Methodist Uniest exposure ratings in uni- versity could also see more versity history, but he said he national attention next year thought it neared the top. after SMU's first bowl win in





COLUMN Three lessons on the culture of winning



As Pete Carroll walks away from millions, the University of Southern California program and its support, the 'Why?" is written on the wall.

Since the Reggie Bush case took its first breath of fresh air since 2004, three major investigations have taken place. First into Southern Cal's elite players in football and basketball programs being compensated for play (Bush, O.J. Mayo and most recently Joe McKnight), then Sports Illustrated reported misconduct from team coaches and doctors regarding a football assistant's pain-killer addiction. And the cherry on top of the See-you-on-Sundays?

There are plenty of whispered rumors of Carroll's misconduct with a coed that were whispered less than subtly by Charlie Weis as he

waddled out of South Bend. The Southern California athletic program is a victim of its own culture. It's a culture of winning, but it is also a culture of lies, cheating and misconduct. And while I'm not letting Carroll off the hook for running away, could anyone honestly blame him for getting out as quickly as possible before the house of cards crumbles? It's self-preservation at its finest, which is the life of many college coaches today.

TCU shares that culture of

winning. So far, we have been We are the Horned fortunate enough to only benefit from that culture, as one big program can help to build others, much like our football program has. In fact, there is a lot about USC that TCU would love to copy.

The Trojans have set the bar frustratingly high for what a private school can accomplish on all athletic fields. While USC has a much longer athletic history than TCU, there are similar themes. Most notably, Carroll was hired as coach at USC in 2000 during the same bowl season that Dennis Franchione left TCU high and dry. Gary Patterson took over that team for their bowl game before both men became full-time NCAA coaches in 2001. Both athletic programs have been on the

rise for the near-decade since. For Southern Cal, it was much easier to create a winner. In just his second year, the Trojans were in the Orange Bowl, the first of seven consecutive BCS bowls. It took nine years for Gary Patterson to get TCU to that level, but if the university wants to stay there, lessons on what not to do are being taught at USC.

There are three lessons to take to heart to make a winner the right way:

1) One player is never worth it. Not Mayo, McKnight or the next player who thinks Texas would be a better fit than TCU unless the university is willing to sweeten the deal. And while it would be wonderful to whisper right in Bevo's ear all year talking smack to UT fans, we are not on that level yet. As long as TCU plays up Frogs, and while it would be wonderful to whisper right in Bevo's ear all year talking smack to UT fans, we are not on that level yet.

its advantages and boosters don't get any really bad ideas, we shouldn't have any issues. We have been lucky with coaching staffs that have shown they can do more with less talent than all of our instate competition. As long as the university stays relevant, talent will come organically.

2) Coaches come, coaches go. Unfortunately, contracts don't mean a whole lot to college coaches these days. While their success is to be commended, the winning ways of TCU's coaches will eventually buy their ticket out of here. The athletics programs here are great, but some can't compete with state school money. Others can't match the focused intensity of other private schools. Thankfully living in Fort Worth and working with the people at TCU isn't a bad gig.

But even long-tenured coaches like Gary Patterson and swimming coach Richard Sybesma (an astounding 31 years) can't have full authority over their programs. They are employees of the university, and their players need to be checked up on like any other athletes. I

don't believe a coach should be able to claim stupidity and bail out to, say, the Seattle Seahawks (just an example), if players they know and work with every day are caught cheating.

3) A winning environment needs fans. I've got to believe there are enough season ticket holders and students in town to push the attendance number. The basketball team deserves better. Our football and baseball teams posted record attendance last year.

If you want to play with big programs and bring in big players, an empty gym, field or court doesn't pass anymore. Baseball season is wonderful. Basketball season

It has been an incredible run lately for TCU athletics. But a bitter warning might be coming soon in LA As Tiger has shown all of us, you can idolize someone but that doesn't mean you need to follow their life step for step.

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