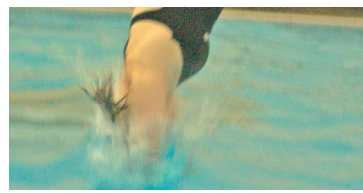




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Frogs' head coach among possible coaching transfers

By REBEKAH HOOD
Staff Reporter

TCU athletics director Danny Morrison continued to say Monday that he's not surprised head football coach Gary Patterson's name keeps cropping up as head coaching jobs open.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Friday that

Patterson was in talks with officials from the University of Minnesota for the head coaching job. According to a Dec. 6 ESPN article, Patterson has also



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been considered for other head coaching positions.

Patterson's name was mentioned as a possible replacement at the University of Miami, a position that has since been filled.

Shortly after noon Friday, Patterson had denied being in contact with Minnesota officials in a brief interview.

Patterson was in his office early Friday afternoon preparing to host possible future football players.

"We've got recruits coming in," Patterson said.

Morrison said Monday, that he hopes Patterson will stay at TCU.

"It would surprise me if he's not on everyone's list," Morrison said. "He's a terrific coach and doing a wonderful job. We hope that he's here for a long, long time."

According to the Star-Telegram, Patterson was scheduled to meet with Minnesota officials on Friday to discuss

replacing their former head football coach, Glen Mason.

It was reported in the Minneapolis Star Tribune that Minnesota athletic director Joel Maturi and associate athletic directors Marc Ryan and Tom Wistrill interviewed Patterson on Friday.

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Vandals target cars in, around campus

By ASHER FOGLE
Staff Reporter

Vandals were busy smashing windows around the TCU area over winter break, causing more than \$13,700 worth of damage to both TCU and local properties.

Nothing was reported stolen after unknown suspects broke a radio-TV-film department truck's windows with a pipe at about 3:30 a.m. Dec. 28, causing an estimated \$10,000 worth of damage, TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham said.

Damage to the windows of a bus-stop shelter in the parking lot north of the football stadium amounted to about \$1,300, said Hollis Dyer, superintendent of maintenance.

Six other cars' windshields were also smashed the prior week in areas around TCU. These incidents may have been related to the TCU vandalism, Fort Worth police officer Kirk Byrom said.

"It looks like they just went on a spree that week," Ham said.

Fort Worth Police Department estimated damage to neighborhood vehicles at

\$2,400.

"To actually bust out the front windows has no theft intention. It's all about destruction," Byrom said.

No theft was reported in any of these incidents.

The TCU vandalism was captured on one of the parking lot security cameras, Ham said. TCU Police have no leads in the investigation, he said.

Judging by their heights on the video, Ham said, the suspects appear to be teenagers or older.

The RTVF vehicle remains parked behind the football stadium all year and serves as a television production truck for athletic events, said Ross Bailey, associate athletics director.

"For any sports broadcast, ESPN or Metrosports or whoever it is hook straight into the TCU truck because the wires already run straight from Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and the football stadium, so they don't have to run new wires at every game," Ham said.

The vandalism will not affect the coverage of spring baseball games, Bailey said.



TCU Police officers found this RTVF truck damaged on Dec. 28.

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TO CATCH A THIEF



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

Beata Jones, an associate professor of professional practices in eBusiness, chased the man who stole her wallet from her office in Dan Rogers Hall.

Professor recovers stolen wallet; suspect evades campus police

By LISA FALCONE
Staff Reporter

Don't mess with Beata Jones.

Dan Rogers Hall is decorated with posters that read, "This property is protected by Beata Jones" with a photo of the Neeley associate professor of Professional Practice in eBusiness.

Jones is receiving praise from her colleagues after her attempt to retrieve her wallet

when it disappeared from her office Wednesday morning.

"Everyone was impressed with her tenacity, even though it may not have been the wisest thing to do," said Mark Muller, assistant dean of the Neeley School of Business.

Jones said she left her office in Dan Rogers Hall that morning for a brief moment and left her door ajar.

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TCU POLICE

This surveillance footage released by TCU Police shows an unknown man police suspect took a wallet from Beata Jones' office in Dan Rogers Hall.

Alumnus attempts to change GPA by hiring hackers to infiltrate university database

By MICHAEL BEST
Staff Reporter

Administrators say a hare-brained scheme attributed to a TCU alumnus to break into the university's database never had a chance.

Newspapers and web publications reported in December that Todd Shriber, a 2000 TCU graduate, attempted to have his grade point average changed. Shriber was fired from his position as

communications director for Montana Rep. Denny Rehberg after he informed his boss about the articles detailing his plan, Rehberg's chief of staff said.

Shriber, 28, graduated with a degree in broadcast journalism and was a reporter for the Skiff during the fall of 1997.

Through the course of 41 exchanged e-mails posted in the "Going Postal" section of

Internet security Web site attrition.org, a man who identified himself as Shriber discussed his offer to pay well for a one-time job requiring "Lyger" and "Jericho," respondents posing as hackers, to bypass TCU's network security measures and change his grade point average.

Although this hacking attempt was never a reality, it raises concerns about the safety of student's personal

information.

Jim Mayne, a TCU network security engineer, said it is his job to keep student information safe.

"Nobody has ever broken into the servers and changed or collected data," Mayne said.

Mayne said that students should be more concerned about what measures they are taking to guard their personal data outside of TCU's net-

work.

According to attrition.org, Lyger and Jericho were urged to continue with the request, despite warnings from the two hackers that taking such actions could lead to jail sentences for all parties involved.

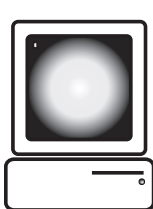
Lyger said in an e-mail interview that the two "hackers" never attempted to break into TCU's network but kept e-mail contact regularly, telling Shriber false details about

their progress.

"We never considered helping, seriously or otherwise," Lyger said via e-mail about the proposition made by Shriber, whom Lyger described as, "either misinformed or misguided, possibly both."

Throughout a two-week period in August, according to attrition.org e-mails, the man who identified himself as Shriber complied with

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FIRST CONTACT
Attrition.org solicited for a "one-time job."
Aug. 9

DISCLOSURE OF SCHOOL DATA
TCU identified as target for hacking plot.
Aug. 16

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFO
SSN and date of birth disclosed to hackers.
Aug. 17

WARNING FROM LYGER
Lyger warns of legal ramifications if hackers proceed as asked.
Aug. 27

FINAL CONTACT
Lyger ends string of e-mails with warning of legal troubles.
Sept. 8

SHRIBER FIRED
Shriber fired after admitting to soliciting hackers' help.
Dec. 21

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Lyger and Jericho, sending them e-mails containing personal information including his full name, student ID number, user name, password, date of birth and social security number, while emphasizing the importance of his privacy. As their requests went from serious to outlandish, according to the e-mails, Shriber willingly went along with the plan, including a request e-mailed by Jericho for photos of a pigeon or squirrel.

"Pigeons are funny and misunderstood birds. Squir-

rels are great little creatures with outstanding tails," Jericho wrote when asked why the photos were requested.

The plan came to an end on Aug. 27, when Lyger wrote to him that their fake hacking attempt had been detected, causing them both to be wanted by the law.

According to criminal-law-lawyer-source.com, computer hacking is a felony offense and solicitation of a felony could result in half the sentence of those committing the crime. A representative for Rehberg's office couldn't be reached to answer if charges were filed against Shriber.

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She said she returned, accompanied by three women, to find a man in the corner of her office and her cabinet drawers open.

"I could tell he had no business being there," she said.

Before she walked into her office, she shouted, "I'm not comfortable!"

The women she was with stayed close as Jones walked into her office and questioned the man.

He told her he was looking for his brother who had a 10:30 a.m. appointment, but, Jones said, she did not have any scheduled appointments that day and did not know the name the man gave her.

She questioned him further, and he said he was looking for the main office.

"I very rudely replied, 'Does this look like the main office?'" she said.

Jones said her first impulse was to check for her wallet, which should have been in her purse hanging on the back of her office door.

When she saw that it was missing, she ran after the man who had left a few seconds earlier.

Laura Thomas, assistant director of the leadership center, followed close behind and called TCU Police from a downstairs office.

Jones ran toward the main parking lot on Lubbock Street, and saw the man heading north about 50 feet in front of her.

"I shouted, 'my wallet's gone! I want my wallet back!'" she said.

The man stopped, turned around and reached into his pants.

"At that point I got scared,"

she said.

The man pulled out the wallet, walked toward her and handed it to her. No words were exchanged except a "thank you" from Jones. The wallet's contents were intact.

"I felt sorry for the man," she said. "I think this was an act of a desperate man."

Jones credits her reaction to both intuition and the fact that her stepson had experienced identity theft.

"I was thinking about the pain of having to go through that again," she said.

TCU Police arrived at Dan Rogers Hall almost immediately, but could not find the suspect.

The man was described by TCU Police as a black male in his late 30s or 40s with a light beard. He was wearing a white t-shirt, black Dickies and gold-rimmed glasses.

Jones' wallet is the second to go missing on campus this week. Another disappeared from Reed Hall Jan. 9.

TCU Police Detective Vicki Lawson said students and faculty should be conscious of what's going on around them

at all times.

"What I have done could be conceived as extremely irresponsible," Jones said. "When this happens to you, you don't think. You act from the gut."

Jones said she will be more cautious now and the door to her office will most definitely remain locked.

"People think it won't happen to them, but their number could come up," she said.

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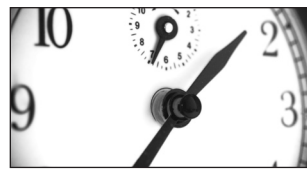
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— H.G. Wells

THE SKIFF VIEW

BCS bowls more rewarding than playoffs setup

The Bowl Championship Series is a hallowed time of the winter holidays when football fans can gather together to complain about which team they feel deserves to be No. 1.

Is it the Boise State Broncos who managed to go undefeated and upset the touted Oklahoma Sooners?

Or what about the Wisconsin Badgers who worked their way through the pollsters' hearts with a 12-1 season?

Complaints that continually fuel fans with watercooler discussions and uninformed debates range from how Florida head coach Urban Meyer supposedly lobbied for a berth in the national championship to why does the BCS exist while Division I-AA schools have a playoff bracket?

Last fall, during a press conference, TCU head coach Gary Patterson explained the benefits of the BCS and how bowl games are a prize for the competitors rather than a tournament, which is a rather merciless approach toward the college football post season.

"It's a reward for the athletes and all their

hard work," Patterson said. "A tournament does not really give that chance."

The privilege to play in a bowl game sometimes is squandered by the tournament style when a team does not have the opportunity to get to explore the city and enjoy the fun that comes with playing with the whole team in a new situation, Patterson said.

The BCS may be a flawed system with a computerized ranking system, but the top two picks still come down to a coach's choice.

Similar to a student council election, promising to vote for somebody does not ensure a vote, so complaining about Meyer does not change the fact that the other NCAA Division I football coaches felt his Gators were the best pick to take on the Ohio State Buckeyes in the BCS National Championship.

Similar to any pee-wee football coach's philosophy, the best way to beat a team is on the scoreboard, and 41-14 is a definite statement of who deserves to be atop the BCS polls.

Sports editor Marcus Murphree for the editorial board.

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Lindsey Bever

Meet the 2007 spring editorial staff of the Skiff, encouraging readers to voice their opinions in letters to the editor throughout the semester.



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Billy Wessels

Graduation in four years less feasible

For most college students, the expectation of graduating in four years seems feasible. Just schedule your classes accordingly, and you're in and out before you know it.

But what happens when you decide your dream of being a heart surgeon really isn't in your heart at all? And what about those who decide to broaden their horizons and discover the world with a whirlwind semester studying abroad?

There's also those who partied a little too hard, studied not quite enough, had a lack of adequate funds or had a family crisis.

I could go on and on with an endless array of situations, but one can easily see how those eight semesters quickly turn into the unexpected 10 or 12.

Provost Nowell Donovan said TCU wants to do all it can in order for students to graduate in four years. However, he has seen a rising number in students who stay longer.

"Super seniors," as they are affectionately called, are more popular than one may think.

A four-year college experience is no longer the norm, according to CNNMoney.com.

It reported in 2004 that only 37 percent of first-time freshmen entering four-year bachelor's-degree programs actually complete their degrees within four years.

Another 26 percent take either five or six years. And the remaining 37 percent either don't get their degrees at all or complete their coursework in more than six years.

But the four-year plan is not impossible to achieve.

By enrolling in summer school, meeting with academic advisers early on and taking a full load of classes throughout your college career, you will be much closer to wearing your cap and gown.

And with the pressure of Mom and Dad, who often foot the bill, some students have hurried through their education for fear of being cut off financially.

But parents must remember that college is a time period when their children are challenged with more than tests. The responsibilities can be overwhelming to a young adult.

As colleges place more demands and continually raise tuition, it becomes more difficult for a 20-year-old student to be a super hero. But it's real easy to become a "super senior."

Amy Kopsa graduated in the fall of 2006 with a broadcast journalism degree. She is from Osceola, Ind.

Real world not something to be feared after college

"This is the true story of seven strangers picked to live in a house and have their lives taped." This is "The Real World."

But this definition of the

COMMENTARY



Anahita Kalianivala

notoriously feared chapter of our lives only works for those seven people. What is the real world for the rest of us? Because, aside from potluck dorm assignments, it is unlikely that any of us will live with strangers, let alone have our encounters filmed.

Before college, there was a lot of pressure to gain those "real world" skills — survival instincts that would allow you to make it on your own. When it comes down to it, that is the preconceived notion of the real world: an environment

in which you are the only one who can help yourself, while the rest of society is out to get you.

Fast-forward to the present.

Attending TCU, you have an abundance of resources at your fingertips, nearly 24 hours a day and all on 250 easily accessible acres. Is this the real world? It would seem not, considering the unlimited opportunity to explore the world with the safety and support of a university campus. Perhaps we enter the real world upon graduation.

About the future, I obviously cannot speak from personal experience, but I can at least elaborate on why the present does not really seem like "the real world" it was cracked up to be.

I do not see how the cosmic forces of the universe are working against me. As a college student, I never have to lift a finger to cook anything besides Easy Mac, and,

even though my student account is in my name, bills still get sent home to my parents.

I would say it is a charmed life. Leading us again to the same conclusion: that the real world is out there somewhere, waiting for us to fall into its hungry trap. We seem to always be led to this conclusion about the real world as the future — that we have it good now and it is going to get worse.

I have provided you with humorous mental images and exaggerated generalizations, I know, but think about it. Your high school teachers told you that professors were not going to babysit you regarding behavior or assignments. Your college mentors warn you against the frivolous antics of future bosses. In your early days in the workforce, friends and peers will advise you about preparing to care for a family, and toward the

end of them, you are told to gear up for retirement.

In every scenario, it seems as though some luxury is taken away from us and/or some hurdle is added to our lives. We seem to be bred with the idea that the real world is a negative entity and something to fear.

I think the real world is making the most of the resources we have and being aware that they may not be there tomorrow. For our own sanity, we need to shake the notion that the real world is the point of no return and maybe even let go of the idea that it is a place and accept that it is an attitude — a mature state of mind in which we are ready to take on the world and all its demons but not lose sight of the angels before us.

Anahita Kalianivala is a freshman English and psychology major from Fort Worth. Her column appears every Tuesday.

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Author, teacher to offer insight on education

By BETHANY MCDUGLE
Staff Reporter

An educator and author of 15 books will lecture to an audience of local school administrators and teachers about her ideas on improving education today and Wednesday.

Nel Noddings, this year's school of education Green Honors Chair, is a Professor of Education at Stanford University.

During her visit, Noddings will give two lectures, the first of which will be on her book, "Happiness and Education." The lecture will focus on great thinkers of the past and their ideas on happiness, Noddings said.

Noddings said she will discuss the difference between public and private happiness.

The second lecture, "Critical Lessons for Critical Thinking," will focus on how critical and reflective thinking should be taught in high schools.

"My hope is that the lectures will result in follow-up discussions in classrooms," Noddings said.

TCU has been hosting the Cecil H. and Ida Green Honors chair since 1962. The program provides opportunities for departments to host distinguished scholars, scientists, writers and other career persons.

Noddings said she is very pleased to be chosen as the Green Honors Chair because the Greens were major contributors to Stanford, she said.

Shirley Williams, assistant to the dean of education, said the response from the Fort Worth Independent School District has been positive because many elementary and high school educators and administrators are expected to attend, Williams said.

During her visit, Noddings will also present other lectures for nursing, social work and theology students on campus.

"Dr. Noddings' ideas extend across many typical academic disciplines," said Sam Deitz, dean of the school of education. "We could profit from specific ideas for ways to improve our programs and general ideas of ways to improve conceptions of how we do what we do."

Noddings has authored approximately 200 articles on various topics, such as the ethics of care and mathematical reasoning.



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Nel Noddings will speak at the Green Honors Chair lecture hosted by the School of Education today and Wednesday.

Director appears on PBS show

Monnig Meteorite Gallery featured on "Wired Science" for meteorite collection



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor
Teresa Moss, director of the Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Gallery, was featured on the pilot episode of "Wired Science" on PBS. The episode originally aired Jan. 7 but will run again Jan. 27 at 2 a.m.

By LEIGH ANN WEAVER
Staff Reporter

A star emerged from TCU's Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Gallery when the director of the gallery appeared on the pilot episode of a new science TV show.

Teresa Moss, director of the Monnig Meteorite Gallery, appeared on the first episode of "Wired Science," a PBS series that debuted nationally Jan. 3.

"Wired Science" is "a new show about science, technology, adventure and innovation," according to a PBS press release.

Moss appeared in the "Meteorite Hunters" segment of the show.

Senior Producer David Axel-

rod said he chose the Monnig Meteorite Gallery because "it has one of the best collections of pallasite meteorites, which come from Brehnam, (Kan.) the type of meteor they were hunting."

Axelrod also said they had a choice of planetariums in Chicago and New York, but they chose TCU because they were filming in Dallas.

In the segment, Moss took the host of the show, Senior Editor Adam Rogers, into the gallery and explained the different types of meteorites and how they differ.

Previously, the Monnig Meteorite Gallery has been featured on local news shows, newspapers and other publications,

Moss said.

Moss said, since the pilot episode aired, the gallery has received a large number of phone calls and e-mails from people who think they have meteorites.

"People are coming out of the woodwork, thinking they have meteorites," gallery Curator Arthur Ehlmann said.

In the past 10 years, he said he has only received two real meteorites out of hundreds of possibilities.

Axelrod said the program had failures with their cameras while shooting at TCU.

"If the university hadn't lent us a camera, then the shoot at Monnig probably wouldn't have been in the show," Axel-

rod said.

Axelrod worked with executive producer Tod Mesirow, who also produced "Myth Busters" and "Monster Garage."

"It's an honor to represent the gallery," Moss said. "It's nerve racking because I don't like cameras, but it's an honor to represent Oscar Monnig and his love for science."

Oscar E. Monnig is one of the pioneers of meteorite collecting, Moss said. Monnig donated his meteorite gallery to TCU in the mid-70s.

The gallery, located in the Sid Richardson Building, is the second largest collection among American universities and the 13th largest in the world.

Students to make "Build a Dream" memorial reality

Washington D.C. monument to be completed by '08

By SAEROM YOO
Staff Reporter

A student committee begins raising money today for a national Martin Luther King Jr. memorial to be in Washington, D.C., said the committee's adviser.

Dean Chandler, the

program coordinator for Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services, launched the committee and will take the first steps by selling "Build the Dream" wristbands at all Martin Luther King Jr. Day events planned at TCU.

The memorial will be built between the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, according to the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Foundation Web site.

The building of the memorial was proposed by several members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in January

1984. The groundbreaking ceremony took place in November 2006, and it is expected to be completed by 2008, according to the Web site.

Chandler said the national memorial will signify America's recognition of King's contributions to the nation as a whole.

"When you begin to recognize it as a full monument, I think it changes perception," Chandler said. "I hope that eventually there will be a Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday event that's tele-

vised — similar to what we do on Memorial Day and Labor Day."

Events celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day include a video of King's speeches to be shown at the Brown-Lupton Student Center Lounge, a luncheon for faculty and staff and an observance and worship service hosted by the Brite Divinity School.

The student committee will sell wristbands at different campus events and set up tables for information and donations a few times a month throughout

the next semester, Chandler said.

Chandler also said she predicts the committee will host one major event specifically for the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Foundation effort next fall.

"For a memorial to be built in honor of a person means that person is truly being marked as a hero and as a model of America at its best," said Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Brite's associate professor of ethics and director of black church studies.

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They met at an undisclosed location in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, according to the Star Tri-

bune. The Star-Telegram reported that Patterson did not receive a job offer, and that it is believed he will not be leaving TCU.

According to the Star-Telegram, any university considering Patterson would have to pay

TCU \$1 million — the price the school has set as his buyout.

Minnesota Gophers head coach Mason was fired Dec. 31 two days after a devastating overtime loss to the Texas Tech Red Raiders in the

Insight Bowl.

The Gophers hope their search for a new coach will be over by the middle of this week.

Minnesota has hired a TCU coach before in Jim Wacker, who left the Horned Frogs

after the 1991 season.

Wacker's record while coaching the Horned Frogs was 40-58-2 in nine seasons, whereas Patterson's record is currently 54-20 in six seasons. Patterson has also had four 10-victory

seasons in the past five years.

Patterson did not return phone calls or e-mails seeking further comment. Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations for TCU, also declined to comment.

Bus company owner gets 12-month sentence

By MICHAEL GRABELL
The Dallas Morning News

A south Texas bus company owner was sentenced Wednesday to six months in a halfway house and six months of home confinement for failing to maintain his buses in the months prior to one of them bursting into flames outside Dallas, which killed 23 nursing home patients during the Hurricane Rita evacuation.

Jim Maples, a former NFL player who ran Global Limo, will be allowed to work during that time and the rest of his five years' probation. But he must quit his job with a bus company and can't work in the transportation business without approval from the court, U.S. District Judge Ricardo Hinojosa ruled.

"It is no way to run a business to endanger the individuals who are placing trust in a carrier," the judge said in imposing his sentence. "When someone says 'I'll ride your bus or airplane or taxicab,' we all say when we do this, 'I'm entrusting my life to your good conscience.'"

Maples wrote in a letter to the court that he accepts full responsibility for the violations but believes that his safety consultant did not do an adequate job ensuring that he complied with federal regulations.

He declined to speak on his own behalf during the hearing because he had been told by his civil lawyer that it could affect pending lawsuits, said his criminal defense attorney, Charles Banker.

Maples' involvement with a new bus company, Universal Tours, was discussed at length during the sentencing hearing. The tour business is run out of Global's old office and

is using one of the Global buses that was temporarily ordered off the road by federal regulators after the September 2005 fire.

Federal prosecutor Juan Alanis noted that Universal Tours also plans to employ some of Global's old drivers and has hired the same safety consultant that Maples expressed dissatisfaction with in his letter to the court.

"He has shown a callous disregard for the safety regulations," Alanis said. "He's putting himself in the same situation where this could happen again."

Alanis said that Maples was going to drive buses in addition to being a sales manager for Universal Tours. But in what Judge Hinojosa called "a Perry Mason moment," Universal Tours owner Manfred Wallner shouted from the back of the court, "That is not true!"

"He made it very clear he could have nothing to do with the buses," Wallner said after being called to testify.

Still, Judge Hinojosa struggled with what sentence to give Maples because the government provided no other case in which someone was criminally prosecuted for failing to maintain a bus.

In addition to having to live in a halfway house and wear an electronic leg monitor during his home confinement, Mr. Maples must pay a \$10,000 fine. Global was fined \$100,000. He and his company could have been fined up to \$1.1 million.

Federal investigators have blamed the bus fire on a lack of lubrication of the wheel bearings, caused by poor maintenance by Global and the failure of drivers to inspect the bus.



JIM MAHONEY / Dallas Morning News
Blue tarps cover the bodies of victims who were in a bus that caught fire on northbound I-45 near Beltline Road outside Dallas on Sept. 23, 2005. The bus, which was carrying elderly Hurricane Rita evacuees from the Houston area, burst into flames outside Dallas before dawn, killing at least 24 people trapped inside, officials said.

The bearings overheated as the bus sat in 15 hours of traffic from Houston to Dallas and eventually ignited the tire on Interstate 45 outside Wilmer. The fire then spread to the cabin, which contained several oxygen canisters and 37 elderly patients, many of them frail and unable to walk.

After the accident, federal regulators inspected Global's operations and shut it down after finding 168 violations of bus safety laws.

The bus fire was the deadliest incident tied to Hurricane Rita. It has spawned numerous lawsuits, a

revamp of nursing home evacuation procedures and a congressional inquiry into how well the U.S. Department of Transportation monitors bus companies.

The National Transportation Safety Board is expected to release its final ruling and recommendations about the bus fire early this year.

Government prosecutors were prohibited from mentioning the bus fire to the jury during the trial in early October because their indictment failed to tie the poor maintenance to the accident. The prosecutors said they thought they

couldn't include violations that led to the bus fire because some regulations had been waived for the evacuations related to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

Maples was found guilty only on misdemeanors of failing to maintain his buses and not filling out required inspection reports. He was acquitted on a more serious charge of conspiring with drivers to falsify logbooks, which are required by regulators to ensure that drivers don't fall asleep at the wheel. A conviction on that charge would have meant a sentence of up to five years in prison.



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First book superstore in county to close after 13 years

By HEATHER LANDY
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Borders Group is closing the store it opened more than 13 years ago on South Hulen Street at Interstate 20,



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor
The Borders Books and Music store on Hulen near I-20 was the first Borders to open in Tarrant County.

scheduling a Jan. 20 shutdown of the first book superstore to come to Tarrant County and one of the first 50 stores in the Borders chain.

The shopping center that includes the location at 4613 S. Hulen St. had become a problem, said Ann Binkley, a spokeswoman for the Ann Arbor, Mich.-based retailer.

"As leases come up, we have to look to see if the property is still viable, and quite honestly, with that location, the center is old and other tenants have left, and it no longer is a viable location," Binkley said.

A call to the James Parkinson Family Trust in Corona del Mar, Calif., which owns the South Hulen property, according to Tarrant County records,

wasn't immediately returned.

Local customers with Borders membership cards were notified of the closing via e-mail late Wednesday. The store has about two dozen employees. Binkley said workers will be offered positions at a new Borders set to open in April at the Arlington Highlands shopping center along I-20, and some staff members may be able to transfer to existing stores.

The company has a total of six Tarrant County locations, including its Borders and Waldenbooks chains. Borders opened a store in 2000 at the Chapel Hill shopping center at Hulen Street and Interstate 30.

Even though the Chapel Hill center

is less than four miles from the closing Borders, the stores co-existed for six years, indicating that the second store did not cannibalize the first.

But over the years, the original Hulen location, which is near a Linens 'n Things and a Ross Dress for Less, had to weather drastic changes in the development of the Hulen shopping corridor and in the competitive landscape of the bookselling industry.

As newer shopping centers began to spring up around the Hulen Mall, the facade and the red block lettering on the sign in front of the Borders store began to look dated. In mid-2005, Barnes & Noble opened at a strip center at Hulen Street and Overton Ridge Boulevard. A Half

Price Books shop is nearby, farther south on the street.

Borders is coming off a difficult holiday-shopping season. A fierce price battle with Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com cut into profit margins, and sales for the year's final quarter didn't meet expectations. But Binkley waved off the suggestion that the arrival of the Barnes & Noble on Hulen Street and Overton Ridge hastened the decline in business at the Borders that will be closed.

"We co-exist not just with Barnes & Noble but with large independents all over the country," she said. "This (store closing) was due to the center itself."

U.S. rep's push for draft gets little support

By ANNA M. TINSLEY
McClatchy Newspapers

Paula Batts, of Fort Worth, wants her two sons to be safe.

But she knows there's only so much she can do to protect them from some things.

That's why she can't oppose a looming congressional proposal to reinstate the draft, a plan that could someday put both Michael, 13, and Nathan, 10, at risk.

"I wouldn't be eager for my children to rush off into harm's way," Batts said. "You work all your life to keep them safe. But we know the freedoms we do enjoy come at a price."

"I guess I could reluctantly support a draft if they thought it was absolutely necessary to keep our country safe," she said. "Would we be the first to sign up? Probably not."

A Democratic congressman from New York has announced plans to file a proposal to reinstate the military draft, making men and women 18 to 42 years old eligible for service, with very few exemptions.

U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel said his plan, which comes as President Bush is calling for an expanded military, could deter politicians from starting wars because their children could be at risk of fighting.

"I believe it is immoral for those who insist on continuing the conflict in Iraq, and placing war on the table in Iran and North Korea, to do so only at the risk of other people's children," said Rangel, the new chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. "If there must be a sacrifice, then the burden must be shared fairly."

Rangel filed a similar proposal in 2003, to make men and women between 18 and 26 eligible for the draft. And he offered another plan last year, to require military service for people between 18 and 42.

Both plans died, and he even voted against his own first proposal in 2004, encouraging fellow Democrats to follow suit, because, he said, Republicans were trying to use the bill to avoid questions about the war in Iraq.

Political observers say Rangel's proposal should get some air time, since Democrats will control Congress and Rangel heads a powerful committee.

"He is thinking that in the absence of a draft, it's mostly the poor and minorities who end up in the military doing the country's fighting," said Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University. "He thinks there's merit of having more of a broader cross-section of people fighting the battles."

"And if more wealthy, comfortable people's sons and daughters were exposed to (war) ... the elites of the country would be more careful about going to war."

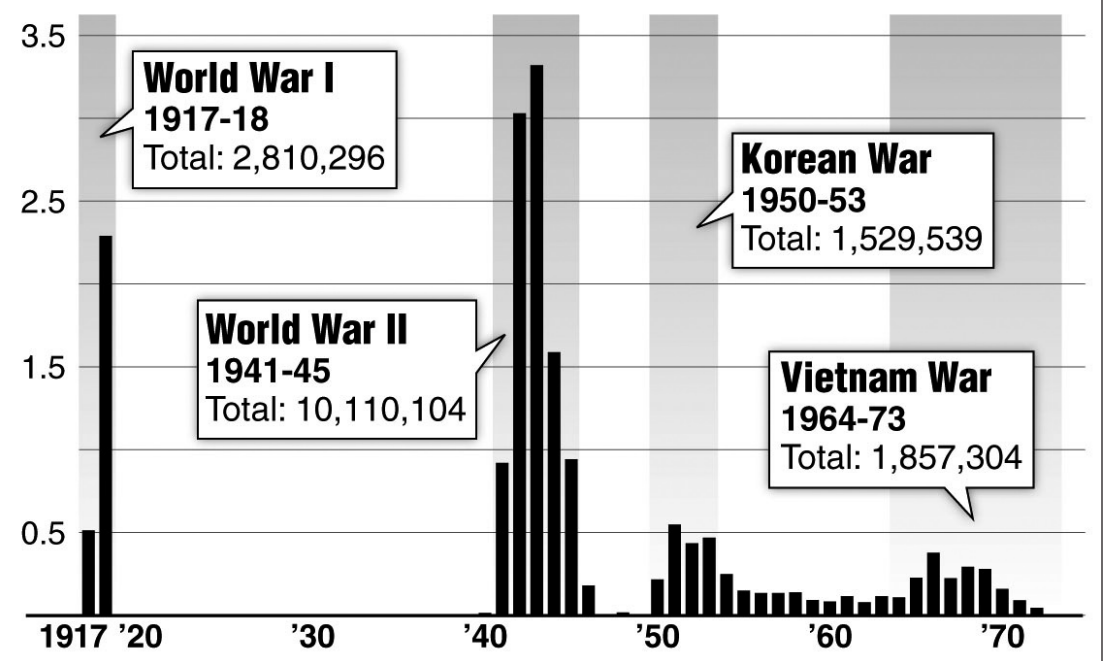
Polls show little support for bringing back the draft.

In 2005, seven in 10 Americans said they didn't want to see the draft return. And even former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said then that "there isn't a chance in the world that the draft will be brought back."

"It's a really bad move," said

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"I don't think in this very intense conflict that putting people where they are going to serve overseas against their will is the way to go," Bellard said. "This takes extremely professional and well-trained soldiers who are volunteers to accomplish the task we are asking them to do."

Leading Democrats in Congress, including incoming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi,

D-Calif., have said they won't support the plan.

Some critics point to a study that shows that only 73 percent of new Army recruits in 2006 had high school diplomas, down from the goal of 90 percent. And recruits from wealthy neighborhoods — an average household income of \$60,000 or more — were underrepresented as well, data from the National Priorities Project indicate.

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Investigators stay mum, move methodically in Devlin case

By JEREMY KOHLER AND AISHA SULTAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

With Shawn Hornbeck and Ben Ownby safe at home with their families, authorities on Sunday turned to their next most pressing task — getting some answers.

Exactly how did the two teens end up in the Kirkwood, Mo., apartment of pizzeria manager Michael J. Devlin?

What were his intentions for them? Did he harm them? And why did Shawn stay with him for four years, apparently posing as his son, while his real family pleaded for his return?

Investigators interviewed both boys Saturday, but the public will have to wait for any insight into the ordeals they faced. Franklin County Sheriff Gary Toelke said Sunday that he could not disclose anything that was discussed.

Devlin remained at the Franklin County Jail in lieu of \$1 million bail on a charge of kidnapping Ben. Authorities said they expect to set an arraignment on Tuesday.

Washington County Sheriff Kevin Schroeder said he expected criminal charges to be filed Wednesday or Thursday in Shawn's case.

"We're plotting our course, taking our time, formulating the right questions," he said.

The national media continued to saturate Devlin's neighborhood on Sunday, as residents reflected on camera about missed clues.

Krista Jones, 25, who lives in an apartment across from Devlin, said he had a reputation for being a "road-rage weirdo" who constantly threatened to call the police



Shawn Hornbeck (center), his mother, Pam Akers, (left) and step-father, Craig Akers, greet friends as they walk into the press conference at Richwoods School in Richwoods, Mo., on Saturday. Hornbeck, now 15 years old, was last seen riding his bike four years ago in Richwoods.

on neighbors.

Jones said she saw Shawn every day for years but figured, as nearly everyone else, that he was Devlin's son. Last week she noticed a new boy briskly leading Shawn and Devlin, walking side by side behind him, into the apartment.

He was skinny, with spiky hair and wire glasses. It was Ben, the missing boy whose face was everywhere you looked last week.

But she didn't make the connection until Friday, when she saw him coming out of the apartment with a police officer.

Meanwhile, a boy who said he was Shawn's best friend for the past four years told a local television station that he saw Shawn nearly every

day but had no idea his friend had been abducted.

In the interview, Tony Douglas said he went to the movies and the mall with Shawn — even got stopped by police three times for being out late at night. And he said Shawn claimed that Devlin, the man he said was his father, was good to him.

Devlin's neighborhood was not the only place where Shawn's face could be found during his missing years. Another was the Web, where Shawn's picture appeared on at least six social networking sites.

An electronic gaming site held the ultimate clue: a picture of Shawn standing in front of Devlin's apartment. In message boards and

blogs, there is much debate about who might have posted the photos — Shawn, Devlin or someone else.

In Shawn's hometown of Richwoods, Mo., on Sunday, there was a change in the air as people rejoiced at the return of one of their own. About 1,300 worshippers hollered tearfully, "Thank You, Lord!" from the pews at Book of Acts Pentecostal church. The church had allowed volunteer search teams to use some of its space for several months for a command center after Shawn's disappearance.

Down the street at Bardenheier's, the only restaurant off the two-lane road that runs through town, the owners fielded calls from the "Oprah" show, the nation-

al networks and morning shows.

"Welcome to chaos," a local greeted a visitor entering the crowded eatery.

Shawn's family asked for one day out of the spotlight. Sunday was their day to spend with their son. Pam and Craig Akers decided they would not talk to any media until after they appear Wednesday on "Oprah."

So, the townspeople tried their best to shield the family. They shared their joy of the past few days and their sorrow of the past four years. And, they talked about how growing up in these country woods would never be the same.

Danyel O'Neal, 19, said her parents changed after the disappearance. Suddenly, they wouldn't let her or her younger brothers walk through Wal-Mart alone.

"They were really strict on me," she said. Her younger brother, who was one of Shawn's best friends, asked recently whether Shawn would ever be found.

"Nobody forgot," she said.

David Godat, pastor at Book of Acts church, said he wouldn't let his children run around outside alone. Children didn't ride their bikes alone much or wait for the school bus on the isolated streets of the town of a little over a thousand people.

"If you don't see your kids for a few seconds, you freak," he said.

Homemade signs around town welcomed Shawn back. One church's marquee read: "God Still Answers Prayers. Welcome Home Shawn and Ben."

The elementary school

became a makeshift studio for television interviews with local teens.

Marsha and David Hayes brought their 11-year-old son and his four friends to Bardenheier's after church. It was an emotional morning.

"Everyone was praising God for Shawn's return," said Marsha Hayes, 44.

David Hayes' brother Keith said he spent months non-stop with the search crews. He remembers waking up one morning in February 2003 and losing all hope. But, he kept on looking. As recently as Thanksgiving weekend, he took a boat out on the Meramec River to do a search.

"None of us ever quit," he said. Several people remarked that the miraculous turn of events still seemed like a dream.

"We plan on doing some celebrating now," David Hayes said.

Ben's hometown of Beaufort, Mo., was quiet on Sunday but not because the jubilation of the 13-year-old's recovery had subsided. The ice storm had knocked out power in Beaufort, which just days ago was the focus of national media attention.

Fliers with Ben's picture still hung around town, but "Missing" had been replaced by "Found."

At the boy's home, the only visible sign of the past week's ordeal was on the gravel road by the house: spots of green spray paint, which police used to mark the tire tracks of the weathered Nissan pickup truck that was the key to breaking the case.



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9:30 - 10:25am						Yoga Mind/Body Studio (Mary Elizabeth)
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12:00 - 12:55pm	Dance Rippit Room (Tatiana)	Beginner Yoga Mind/Body Studio (Paige)	Yoga Flow Mind/Body Studio (Amy)		Yoga Flow Mind/Body Studio (Amy)	
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Amarillo store sells Mega Million jackpot winning ticket; winner to be announced within 6 months

By SEAN THOMAS
Amarillo Globe-News

It could be 180 days before a winner of the \$125 million Mega Millions jackpot is announced. In the meantime, the Taylor Petroleum store in Amarillo that sold the winning ticket Jan. 9 is seeing an increase in business and

lottery ticket sales.

Bobby Heith, director of media relations for the Texas Lottery Commission, said the name of the individual holding the ticket has not been released and won't be until they go through the validation process.

"They can refer to themselves as

winners, but until it goes through the validation process it's not a winning ticket," he said Thursday. "Our legal area is very strict."

The claimant will meet with a liaison from the commission to help walk them through paperwork and talk about possible publicity, Heith said. If a claim is not made

within 180 days from the drawing, the jackpot is returned to the state.

The winner, though it's not known whether it is an individual or group, chose the cash value option that will pay out \$73.5 million.

Heith said at the least the name

of the winner and hometown will be released once the process is completed.

The Taylor store at 34th Avenue and Coulter Street has seen an influx of new customers asking who the winner is, said General Manager Alfonso Ortiz.

"I think people are coming in

here, newer customers that we haven't had before, purchasing lotto tickets," he said. "Everybody is talking about the winner. Everyone is asking, 'Do you know who it is?'"

Mega Millions is played in 12 states with drawings Tuesdays and Fridays.

NASA advances plans for scientific outpost

By JEREMY MANIER
Chicago Tribune

NASA's evolving plans for building a permanent moon base by 2024 portray the facility as a scientific outpost where astronauts will build telescopes, forage for rare minerals and prepare for future Mars missions to be launched from the lunar surface.

But the reality is likely to be far more modest, many scientists say, with few tangible scientific benefits in the short term. Some researchers who support the return to the moon argue that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration should downplay any potential scientific payoff and focus instead on the sheer adventure of people exploring and living on new worlds.

The rationale — and cost — of President Bush's proposed moon base will be among the first priorities for the new Democratic leaders of the congressional committees that oversee NASA's budget and goals. The Democrats say the administration must explain how it will pay for the base, expected to cost around \$200 billion over 20 years, without raiding other missions such as unmanned probes and studies of the Earth.

What supporters and opponents of a moon base fear most is a repeat of the International Space Station, widely considered one of NASA's worst failures. That facility has not delivered on promised research benefits and brought few inspir-

ing images of exploration from its perch in low Earth orbit.

"This (moon base) is the space station writ large. It's building something just for the purpose of having something for people to do in space," said astrophysicist Steven Weinberg of the University of Texas, a Nobel laureate and frequent critic of the manned space program.

The researchers with the most to gain from a permanent moon outpost are experts in lunar geology, who see a chance to finally glimpse the moon's full history, including details of how it is thought to have formed from a Mars-sized planet's collision with Earth more than 4 billion years ago. But even those enthusiasts say NASA's recent experience offers a cautionary lesson.

"The big thing is, we don't want this to be another space station," said Clive Neal, an expert in lunar geology at the University of Notre Dame and chair of NASA's Lunar Exploration Analysis Group.

The scientific goals that the space agency cited when unveiling its moon-base plans last month included the possibility of building optical telescopes that would benefit from the moon's lack of a blurring atmosphere. Yet at a NASA-sponsored conference in November on uses of the moon for astronomy, many experts argued that space-based instruments such as the Hubble Space Telescope have advantages over

moon-based observatories.

Among other drawbacks, the moon is dusty, has gravity that could distort a large telescope lens and experiences "moonquakes" that could interfere with observations.

"The general feeling was that we're doing so well now in space that there's no real reason to go back to the moon for astronomy," said Paul Lowman, a geologist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

Yet Lowman, who began work on plans for a moon base during the Apollo program heyday of the 1960s, said the moon may be suited for specific astronomical tasks. The moon's far side, which always faces away from Earth, has less radio noise than anywhere else in the solar system, making it a plausible site for radio telescopes. Lowman also sees potential for arrays of refrigerator-sized telescopes that could be linked to create high-resolution images.

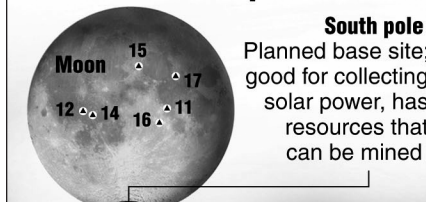
Some boosters of the new moon missions argue that helium-3, an isotope rare on Earth but common on the moon's surface, could be used to fuel nuclear fusion reactors on Earth. But no one knows if reactors based on helium-3 would be technically or economically feasible.

Even if the moon were made of solid gold, it's doubtful that exporting lunar resources to Earth would be profitable. Manned missions using the space shuttle cost

An outpost on the moon

NASA plans to set up a permanent base for astronauts on the moon by 2024, the first step in its plan to resume manned space exploration.

Where the base is planned



▲ Previous manned Apollo landing sites



What base may look like

NASA artist's renditions of lunar bases with living quarters, rovers, other equipment

South pole
Planned base site; good for collecting solar power, has resources that can be mined

about \$10,000 per pound of payload — about the price of a pound of gold.

In Bush's 2004 speech outlining his exploration proposal, he described the moon as "a launching point for missions beyond." But most experts say physically launching Mars missions from the moon would require an industrial aerospace infrastructure on the moon that would take decades or even centuries to develop.

"Sometime in (the) next 100 years we may have the construction base on the moon to do this, but in the near term it makes no sense," said Lawrence Krauss, a physicist at Case Western Reserve University who supports building a human presence on the moon over the long term.

Laurie Leshin, director of sciences and exploration at NASA's Goddard center, said the agency is casting a wide net for scientific proposals on how to use a moon base. The early goals Leshin highlighted are modest, including searching for ice deposits at the lunar poles, studying impact craters and taking core samples that could shed light on patterns of solar activity over billions of years.

"Science is one of the great things we can do (on the moon), but it's not the only reason we're going or frankly even the primary motivator," Leshin said.

It is a peculiar fact of the current moon project that the effort to create a scientific rationale comes after Bush's decision that

the moon would be NASA's next destination. But some scientists say that's appropriate, because pure research has always piggybacked on the broader political reasons for sending people to explore space.

"No one would argue that (a lunar outpost) is worth the cost if it's just about the science," said Krauss of Case Western.

Astronomer Neil deGrasse Tyson, who serves on NASA's external advisory council, took Krauss' point a step further.

"If you only considered science, there's hardly ever any reason to send people into space," said Tyson, director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

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University of Michigan drops use of race as factor in admissions

By KRISTEN JORDAN SHAMUS
Detroit Free Press

Hours after the University of Michigan announced it would set aside its hard-fought practice of using race and gender in admissions, a U.S. Supreme Court justice opened the door for the nation's highest court to wade into the already thick legal entanglement.

Caught in the middle of a legal battle over Proposal 2 that could take years to resolve are students such as 17-year-old Lauren Hollier of Detroit, who is among the roughly 10,000 would-be undergraduates who have applied to UM but have yet to hear whether they'll be accepted for the fall term.

For Hollier, a senior at Renaissance High School, Wednesday's news was troubling.

"I think it's a step back, I guess, from all that's been done to make universities more diverse so everyone had an equal chance," said Lauren, who is of African-American and Native-American heritage. "It's disheartening."

Although she and some of her classmates aren't thrilled with the decision, the university had to continue its admis-

sions process for the 2007-08 academic year while following the law as the court battles surrounding Proposal 2 play out, UM spokeswoman Julie Peterson said.

"I know that our decision ... was based on concerns that, in the legal arena, nothing would happen fast enough," Peterson said. "Competitive schools are admitting the same students as we are. We couldn't afford much longer of a delay."

A task force, Peterson added, will look into changes in admission policies that could help increase diversity in future years while still being in compliance with November's ballot proposal.

What Hollier characterized as a step backward, Terence Pell, president of the Center for Individual Rights, said is a leap forward.

"I think it's a significant turnaround, and it is good news for this year's applicants, regardless of how the other legal fights play out," to know their applications will be considered on the merits of their abilities and not on race, Pell said.

He represents Eric Russell, 29, of Auburn Hills, Mich., in a state lawsuit whose aim is

to force universities to immediately implement Proposal 2, which bans the consideration of race and gender, among other things, in public institutions.

"I didn't expect the university to capitulate so soon, but I'm pleased that they have," said Russell, who has applied to the University of Michigan Law School and Wayne State University Law School. "People will look at me and say, 'Oh, it's another angry white male.' But I don't look at myself as angry. I just want equal consideration."

On Wednesday, U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens asked all parties involved in a federal lawsuit surrounding Proposal 2 to file briefs by next Wednesday on a motion that seeks an emergency injunction that would allow UM, WSU and Michigan State University six more months to comply with the new law in admissions and financial aid programs.

Pell said that doesn't mean the high court would hear the appeal by the pro-affirmative action group By Any Means Necessary.

"It's a routine administrative matter to ask for briefs in response to a motion such



University of Michigan president Mary Sue Coleman speaks to students about Proposal 2, which ends affirmative action, in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Nov. 8. The university plans to comply with the law until the Supreme Court decides if the policy changes are legal.

as the one BAMN made," Pell said. "I don't think it's accurate to say the Supreme Court has decided to wade into this dispute."

BAMN spokeswoman Shanta Driver countered that Stevens' request acknowledges the group's challenge has merit.

"I think it gives momentum to BAMN's efforts, Driver said. "If Justice Stevens issues a decision saying, 'Look there are definite federal issues

involved' and says there's a case to be made for challenging the constitutionality of Proposal 2, our chances of prevailing ... are increased enormously," she said.

Peterson said Stevens' request won't have any bearing on the decision to lift the one-week freeze on admissions or affect the policy to strip race and gender from consideration in applications for the upcoming academic year.

Wednesday's news made

John Chancey happy. He's also waiting to find out whether he'll be accepted as a freshman at UM in the fall.

The 17-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School student said race shouldn't matter when it comes to admissions.

"I'm totally against affirmative action," said Chancey, who is white. "That affects me, and I wouldn't want that to play a factor in how they consider my application."

New York councilman pushes to legally abolish the 'n-word'

By MELISSA GRACE
New York Daily News

A Queens city councilman is on a mission to abolish the "n-word."

Democrat Leroy Comrie is so disgusted by the rampant use of the racial epithet that he has

submitted a resolution to the Council calling for the "symbolic moratorium on the use of the N-word in New York City."

"Stop using the N-word," Comrie demanded Thursday. "It's racist, it's negative, it's demeaning. It boils my blood,

the usage, even in a personal tone between people."

Comrie said the resolution will be formally introduced to the Council Feb. 1, the first day of Black History Month.

"The timing is right," he said. The widespread use of

the N-word gained considerable attention last year during the hate-crime trial of Nicholas ("Fat Nick") Minucci.

Minucci claimed he used the slur as a friendly greeting before beating a black man with a baseball bat in Howard


Beach in 2005. He was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

"The word has gone from one of a violent tradition to one that is acceptable," said Pastor Curtis Norton of Merrick Park Baptist Church in southeast

Queens. "It's insidious."

But, can the N-word be abolished?

"I don't know if you can abolish it," said the Rev. Al Sharpton. "But you can certainly make it unacceptable."

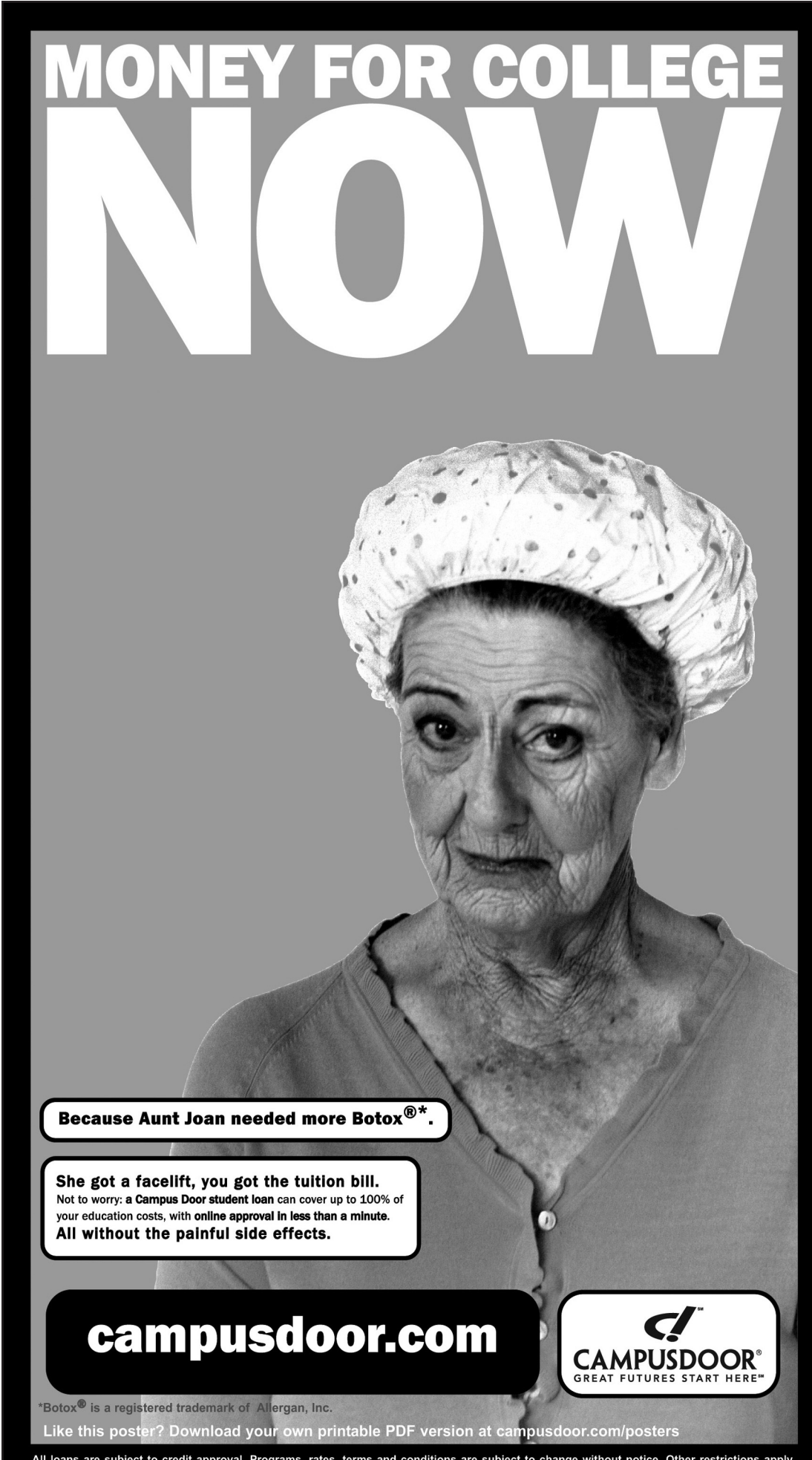


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Lady Frogs top Mountain West

By DIA WALL
Staff Reporter

Improving to 3-0 in Mountain West Conference play this season, the Lady Frogs reversed a 0-3 start of the season to top the conference standings.

En route to breaking into the NCAA top 25 ranks, they have won 13 of their last 14 games, six of them by 20 points or more, according to espn.com.

In their Mountain West Conference opener Jan. 3 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum against the UNLV Rebels, the Lady Frogs had a 63.9 percent shooting average in the first half, and an 18 point lead at the intermission. The women finished out the game beating the Rebels by 25 points.

Senior forward Hanna Biernacka, a transfer from LSU, led the team in scoring with 26 points. Senior guard Ashley Davis, junior forward Lorie Butler-Rayford and junior guard Adrienne Ross also reached double digit points in the opener to round out the Lady Frogs' effort.

The Lady Frogs faced the Col-

orado State Rams on Jan. 6 at the coliseum for their second conference game of the season, and they made their place in the TCU record books. The team toppled the Rams with an 86-36 win, the largest win margin in history of any TCU women's basketball team in a conference game, according to gofrogs.com.

Ross reached a new career milestone with 26 points, was 8-13 shooting from the floor, made 60 percent of her 3-pointers and was 7-8 from the free-throw line. On defense, she had three rebounds and three steals. The game kept the Lady Frogs home winning streak intact as they have not lost a game in the coliseum since Jan. 25, 2005, against the BYU Cougars, according to espn.com.

The team continued to overpower their opponents in their conference contest against

the Air Force Falcons in Colorado Springs on Jan. 11 with an 87-61 victory.

Junior point guard Helen Roden, Ross, Davis and Biernacka all scored double figures, while Roden and Biernacka both had nine rebounds a piece. The game brought the Lady Frogs winning streak to

seven games and their record to 13-4 this season.

Davis and Ross are leading the team in scoring, averaging 16.5 and 17.8 points per game, respectively.

The Lady Frogs are on a week-long break, before they return to action for their matchup Thursday at Utah.



Adrienne Ross is leading the No. 25 Lady Frogs with 17.8 points per game.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time/Result
01/03/07	vs. UNLV	Fort Worth	W, 88-63
01/06/07	vs. Colorado State	Fort Worth	W, 86-36
01/11/07	at Air Force	Colorado Springs, Co.	W, 87-61
01/18/07	at Utah	Salt Lake City	8:00 p.m. CT
01/20/07	at Wyoming	Laramie, Wy.	3:00 p.m. CT
01/24/07	vs. New Mexico	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m. CT
01/28/07	vs. San Diego State	Fort Worth	2:00 p.m. CT
02/01/07	at BYU	Provo, Utah	8:00 p.m. CT
02/03/07	at UNLV	Las Vegas, Nv.	9:00 p.m. CT
02/07/07	at Colorado State	Colorado Springs, Co.	8:00 p.m. CT
02/10/07	vs. Air Force	Fort Worth	2:00 p.m. CT
02/18/07	vs. Utah	Fort Worth	2:00 p.m. CT
02/22/07	vs. Wyoming	Fort Worth	7:00 p.m. CT
02/25/07	at New Mexico	Albuquerque, NM	4:00 p.m. CT
02/28/07	at San Diego State	San Diego, Calif.	9:00 p.m. CT
03/03/07	vs. BYU	Fort Worth	2:00 p.m. CT

Men's, women's swimming teams prepare for conference tourney



Alejandro Gomez won the 500-meter freestyle (4:39.08) and the 1,000-meter freestyle (9:36.35) against the Utah Utes on Senior Day on Jan. 13. All fives seniors on the men's team won events.

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Sports Editor

The first home swimming and diving competition of 2007 gave the H2O Frogs confidence with the conference meet just six weeks away, the head coach said.

"This was a great win for our guys," head coach Richard Sybesma said. "Last season, Utah defeated us in the dual meet and conference meet, so this was a huge upset for us."

Last season the Utes swept the H2O Frogs men's team on two

occasions, but this time around, TCU won 15 of 16 events.

Led by strong races from seniors Alejandro Gomez, Aran Bean, George Gooch and Yousif Del Valle, the H2O Frogs were able to turn in a dominating performance over the Utes.

"Every senior guy won an event today," Sybesma said.

Although the women's team lost, there were a couple of wins in the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard butterfly events. Junior Maribeth Pottenger took the breaststroke while fresh-

man Stephanie Futscher won in the butterfly.

"The Utah women have been the defending champions in the conference the last two years, and I thought our girls fought hard against them," Sybesma said.

The women's next meet will be Jan. 19 in Albuquerque, N.M. against the New Mexico Lobos, while the men's team has a two week rest from competition before they head to Shreveport, La. to face the Centenary Gents.

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San Francisco, CA

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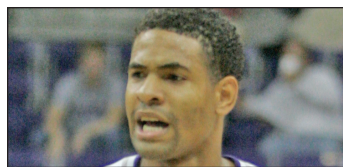
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Football gears up for fall 2007 season

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Sports Editor

A month after their 37-7 victory over the Northern Illinois Huskies in the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl, head coach Gary Patterson said he and his Horned Frogs are beginning to work towards the 2007 season.

Offseason training begins today with spring practices set to commence in March, Patterson said.

The Frogs finished the 2006-2007 campaign with a top 25 ranking for the third time in four years, but Patterson said the ranking may not be indicative of who will pen their name with TCU on signing day Feb. 7.

"We have been in the national ranks at season's end before," Patterson said. "But we are looking for young men who are good players that can fit TCU."

Even though the Frogs will bring nine returning defensive starters to the field in the fall, some holes in the offense will need to be filled, Patterson said.

"You are only as good as your weakest link, and we are looking for a new quarterback," Patterson said.

At the end of the bowl season, TCU held a No. 21/22 rank in the USA Today and AP polls respectively, despite starting off conference play with back to back losses to BYU and Utah, according to espn.com.

The final top 25 ranking along with three seniors being selected to compete in showcase



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Lonta Hobbs finished his TCU career with 109 yards rushing and a touchdown as the Frogs beat Northern Illinois 37-7 in the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl.

games are two factors contributing to the recruiting process, Patterson said.

"It helps with recruiting when a TCU player is getting recognition," Patterson said.

The three seniors selected to compete in the bowl games are quarterback Jeff Ballard, offensive tackle Herb Taylor and safety Marvin White.

Ballard competed in the Cornerstone Bancard Hula Bowl on Sunday, and Taylor and White will compete in the East-West Shrine Game on Jan. 20 at Reliant Stadium in Houston — the site of the Horned Frogs' 2005 EV1.net Bowl win.

The NFL Draft will take place three months from now, and Patterson said three or four TCU players may be in a position to continue their football careers after college.

Diverse group comprises diving Frogs

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Sports Editor

After the ripples in the pool smooth over and the swimmers retreat to the locker room, four athletes enter the Rec Center Gymnasium and begin their training.

Following a brief adjustment of the gears on the 3-meter springboard, sophomore diver R.J. Hesselberg silently poses on the end of the turquoise board. A small hop, followed by a skyward leap, and suddenly the 20-year-old is flying through the air in a series of acrobatic twists and flips.

Hesselberg, along with sophomores Claudia Combs and Hannah Hale and freshman Jennifer Ferguson, makes up the TCU diving team.

In her first year of collegiate diving, Ferguson has continued making her mark as a leader and competitor, diving coach Wayne Chester said.

"I was a gold medalist at the Pan-American Juniors in Mexico City in 2001," Ferguson said.

Since then she has taken second place at the World Junior Trials in Aacher, Germany and earned Mountain West Conference Diver of the Week honors on four occasions last season.

For Ferguson, Hale and Combs, diving was not their original athletic interest; they were all active gymnasts.

"I have only been diving for four years," Hale said. "I was a gymnast and got hurt, and I swam for about six weeks and saw that diving was more fun."

Hesselberg brings the most experience to the team with 10 years of competitive diving under his belt.

"I saw people diving during swimming lessons, and I realized I hated swimming, so I started diving," Hesselberg said.

Both Ferguson and Hesselberg were international recruits to the TCU squad from Canada. Hesselberg is from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, while Ferguson is from Montreal, Quebec.

"They were given the opportunity to get scholarships and it worked out real well," Chester said.

Former TCU divers from the Houston area helped draw Combs to the university.

"I knew Chad Hummel and Kelly Seely, and I used to be on a dive club with them back home," Combs said.

The H20 Frogs diving team joins the San Diego State Aztecs as the only two conference teams to have no upperclassmen on their roster, according to themwc.com.

"Their future is awesome as they are a young team scoring very high in conference," Chester said. "Hannah has come a long way in a year and a half and R.J. has won Diver of the Week honors once this season."

Each diver brings a unique set of attributes to the squad, Chester said.

"R.J. is the cinder block of the whole team; Claudia is a cheering part of the team," Chester said. "Jennifer is a leader in her own right and helps with coaching the other divers, while Hannah is very



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R.J. Hesselberg won the three-meter dive with a score of 331.58. He also placed second in the one-meter dive with a score of 266.55.

enthusiastic and determined."

As the only member of the men's diving team, Hesselberg has to compete against squads of three or four other men's divers.

"I don't feel much pressure, I go out there and do my thing," Hesselberg said. "Even if I were injured, I'd still

dive, I always do."

Their most recent competition was against the Utah Utes on Saturday at TCU. Hesselberg took second place in the 1-meter diving competition and won the 3-meter dives. Ferguson placed second in both events while Hale and Combs took third and fourth in the 1-meter dives, and fourth and fifth in the 3-meter, respectively.



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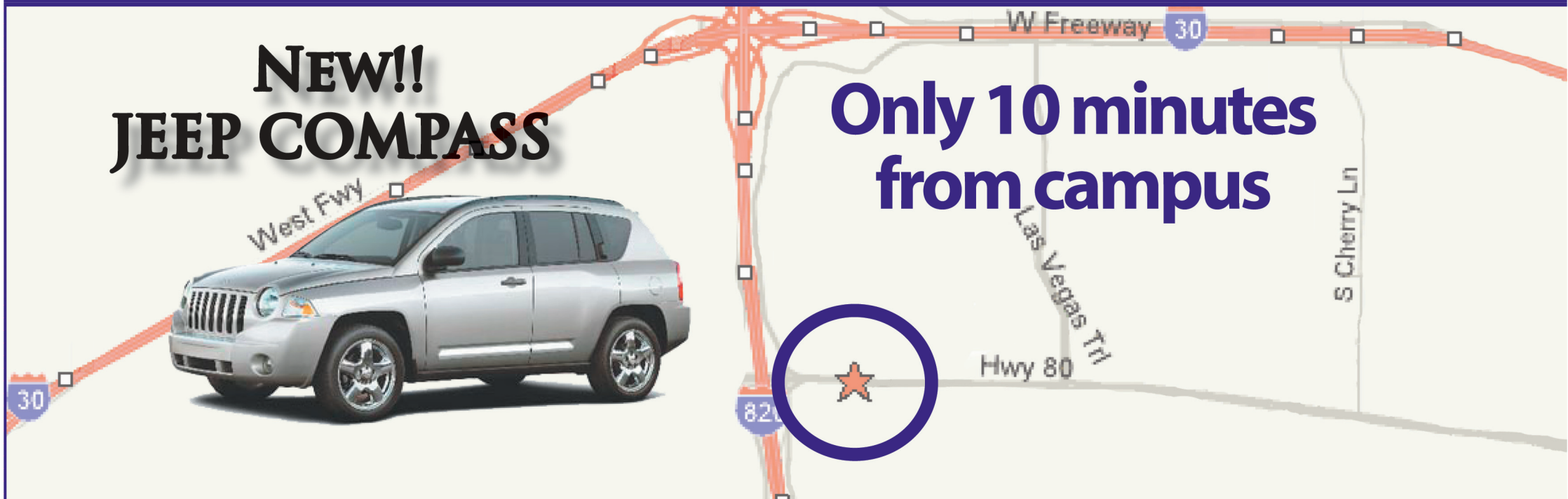
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