Lady Gaga applies for Fall 2010 to study sea life

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Lady Gaga may be more than a frequent topic of conversation or favorite pop artist among USF St. Petersburg students. This fall, she may become a member of the student body.

Every spring, the admissions office is inundated with applications for the upcoming fall semester. There are always memorable ones: some exuding brilliance, others with heartfelt stories and a few with mistakes, like checking the wrong gender or misspelling “Florida.” But this year’s most noteworthy applicant is filed as “Gaga, Lady.”

Although most students currently apply online, Gaga mailed her unfolded manila envelope, padded with a pound of feathers. Once the admissions office cleaned up the mess, they were stunned to announce that she will be running to see the elaborate application from the pop star, adorned with glitter, pipe cleaners, mascara and possibly a few speckles of blood.

Mass chaos soon ensued in the admissions office. As the news quickly spread around campus via texts and tweets, hundreds of students soon were clawing at the admissions office doors to catch a glimpse of the application. St. Petersburg police arrived on scene to ward off the aggressive students.

There were only minor injuries from a shattered window pane, reportedly from one boisterous student’s shriek of excitement. Students speculate he is a Journalism and Media Studies student.

Although some sections of her application are illegible and filled out with glow-in-the-dark marker, Gaga writes that touring has been exhausting to the point that she has to be magenta lipstick, Gaga states, “The aquatic world deserves the gift of music too. I have always had an affinity to life underwater. I would like to perform the first underwater concert. While she has not declared a major, she writes that she would “probably pursue marine science, as long as it focuses on the marine and not the science.”

“I'm not a scientist, but I do love munettes and squid,” Gaga writes. “And I have a bra made out of barnacles.”

Although Lady Gaga is pursuing higher education as a hiatus to touring, she also appears to want to go to college for something besides music. “I'm a Florida native,” she writes. “I'm not a scientist, but I do love marine life underwater. I would like to perform the first underwater concert. If they want to, they can really get in the course material isn’t Gaga enough, I would like to apply to be the school’s new mascot,” she states. “I think I can bring a new image to this school. If nothing else, please let me ride the bull. Love, Gaga.”

Sarah Palin announces 2012 presidential candidacy

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Former Alaskan Gov. and Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin took the stage Monday to a whooping crowd chanting “AMERI-CA, AMERI-CA,” to announce that she will be running for president in 2012. Protestors stood behind a line of police armed with shotguns.

At Monday’s press conference, next to daughter Bristol and campaign manager Karl Rove, Palin professed her undying dedication to all the American hockey moms and Joe Plumbers out there, saying that she would “do the best job that any one person can do to change the job forecast outlook.” It was noted that Palin glanced at her hand-promoter 23 times throughout the conference.

Palin has not yet chosen a running mate, whose job, according to Palin during the 2008 presidential campaign, is “to be in charge of the Senate. So if they want to, they can really get in there with the Senators and make a lot of good policy changes that will make life better.”

Potential Vice President Candidates for the Palin campaign include Jesus, Michelle Bachman, Fox TV show host Glenn Beck and conservative writer Ann Coulter.

“I am running because I think the president should be American,” Palin said at the conference.

Radio show host Rush Limbaugh said Monday morning that he will be casting his vote for Palin by absentee ballot from Costa Rica.

The crowd got wild whenever Palin said “America,” and the chanting got to an impressive volume. Palin had to silence the crowd by taking questions from the audience.

One woman stood to ask if Palin’s campaign would focus on eradicating abortion practices across the country.

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THIS WEEK ONLINE...
Under-rated movies: Tom Chang goes through movies that are underappreciated.

Dalí's love child: Aimee Alexander reports on Dalí's love child's new exhibit.

The Crow's Nest is accepting applications online. Completed applications are due April 16th.
Dorm mom program helps students feel at home

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In an ongoing effort to improve the quality of life for students residing on campus, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg has just announced its new “Dorm Mom” program beginning fall 2010. Students living in Residence Hall One will now have the option to pick from a menu of different mother types to help with random tasks around the dorm room so students have more time to focus on their studies.

“It’s great,” Bill Johnson, an on-campus living coordinator, said lifting his head from his lunch of a barbecue bacon cheeseburger and French fries. “Students don’t even have to worry about leaving home now. They can have almost the exact same experience right here in the residence hall.”

Right then, an elderly woman crawled out from under Johnson’s desk. “Honey, what did I tell you about eating that crap? Look, at least wear a napkin. I just bought that shirt last week,” she scolded.

“Even got my own,” laughed Johnson, his mother moving to wipe the barbecue sauce from the corners of his mouth. “Mom cut it out, I got friends here. Jeez.”

According to Johnson, students assigned a dorm in Residence Hall One will have the option to choose one of three different mother types for their dorm room.

There’s the “Saintly Susan” model that excels in tasks like leaving fresh plates of chocolate chip cookies on the counter for you after stumbling home from a night of drunken debauchery, never raising her voice, and buying underwear for you without even asking. She’ll cater to your every need until you turn into a chubby, cooking-chomping, spoiled brat. “USFSP is not responsible for any drastic personality change as a result of extensive exposure to Saintly Susan.”

In addition to Susan there’s also the “Pestering Patty.” If you’re looking for someone to kick your butt into gear or just a state of utter insanity pick Patty. Patty will bombard you like a rabid dog until those dishes are done and that term paper is finished. Going to a party with work left to do? Patty will barricade your doors. Playing Xbox with an unfinished report? Patty will unplug, and throw it out the window.

The last option “Crazy Carla” is for USFSP students well-adjusted to their own dysfunctional moms and really not looking for much change. Carla will scream at you like a banshee for things you didn’t even know you did. Smoke Virginia Slims inside, and wear bathrobes and hair rollers on a daily basis. She sleeps for days and bogs the T.V. watching soap operas and Maury Povich for hours on end. * R.V. trailer and deadbeat step-dad may be added for an additional fee. So, get your residence forms now and pick a mom before they all run out...or just get your mom to do it.

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Sign Up Facebook helps you connect and share with the people in your life.

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We live in a world that is so fast past-paced it is hard to keep in touch with friends. Some of us have friends all over the world. Even though our economy is thriving and we could simply hop on an airplane and go visit anyone we want to, we are all too busy working at our high paying jobs that we simply don’t have the time. This is where Facebook comes into play.

Facebook is a large social networking Web site where people can share their interests, favorite quotes, activities, pictures, thoughts and even their location, birthday, phone number, address, school and place of employment! There are privacy settings so that only people you accept as Facebook friends can see your information, keeping it a completely safe social network. This safety feature only shows your closest 250 friends that you somewhat remember from high school, but not really, your page. These people are obviously not random, creepy people that may be stalking you.

The best thing about Facebook is that it saves us so much time in our busy schedules. It’s not like we sit there for hours having to figure it out, or that we sit and look at every single person’s information even though we can’t quite remember who they are. We simply keep it down to our closest 250 friends, and it is so much easier than just calling those people that mean the most to us on the phone once a week. Now we have more time to complete assignments, study and work at our high-paying jobs.

Another wonderful thing that Facebook assists with is that there is no longer a need for those awkward first dates where you are required to ask those questions about the other person. You just friend request them on Facebook and you already know who they are! You can see what they like to do for fun, where they work, learn about their family and get an idea of their personality traits. Since the first date is eliminated and you already know each other, it really helps speed up the relationship.

Wondering what your ex-boyfriend did over spring break? Simply go to his Facebook page and all the pictures of him bonging beers and making out with those touring bikini contest babes is all over his Web page. Is he still dating that girl that he broke up with you for? Just check his relationship status to find out! This avoids having to go to places where you know you might run into him just to get the low down. At the simple click of a button you can know what he is doing at all times.

Only cool people have a Facebook. Think about it—if you are completely unpopular or say, in your 40s or 50s, why would you even want to be part of a huge social network? If you don’t have friends in the real world, surely you can’t have friends on the internet. It’s not like your parents, uncles, grandparents, cousins, teachers or employers or elderly neighbors are sending you friend requests trying to see your private content. Nope. Only your cool, younger friends are on Facebook, so there is no need to censor your content-upload all the provocative party pictures you want! If you want a fast, safe way to keep in touch with all your friends Facebook is the best option. No need to pick up the phone, just quickly log in and you can access everyone from your best friend to the person who sat next to you in middle school homeroom. You can know who they’re dating, where they live, where they work, what friends they still keep in touch with, who you commonly know and the best part? They can see all this about you too!
Campus goes green with Operation Bull

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Drastic budget cuts at USF St. Petersburg compelled the USF Bulls football team to take the bull by the horns and retire the school’s gas-guzzling lawn mowers. In a bold move to combine saving money and going green, campus officials have proposed an environmentally sound agenda: Operation Bull.

The mission of Operation Bull is simple: employ grazing cattle such as cows, horses and bulls to cut the campus grass and send the lawn equipment out to pasture for good.

Dr. Besslyn Bovine, President of the newly formed USF St. Petersburg Livestock Committee, said the idea to bring in cattle to maintain the grass was inspired by the university’s own mascot, Rocky D. Bull. “I was attending a USF Bulls football game, and when I saw Rocky jumping around on the grass, doing his thing I put two and two together...here we are now,” Dr. Bovine said.

The Livestock Committee is set to begin cordoning off campus borders with high-tech cattle fences on April 1, 2010. Plans to transform the basketball courts and recreation area into a barn to house the livestock are also underway. The university plans to relocate the basketball courts to the seventh floor and the parking garage.

USF St. Pete’s Swamp Boy comes out of hiding

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Campus Security encountered a mossy, green, skinny figure in the parking garage. “He was different looking,” said John Johnson, campus security. “He was covered in green leaves.”

The mossy, green, slimy figure was swamp boy. “We’ve never seen him before,” Johnson said.

Swamp Boy was found sleeping next to the coke machine near the elevators on the first floor in the parking garage. “I was terrified,” Johnson said. “I jumped back three feet.”

According to campus security, swamp boy is eight feet tall and weighs 1,000 pounds or more. “He’s a scary giant,” Johnson said. Swamp Boy lives in the pond in front of the parking garage, and he has lived there for years, but he decided that he wanted to come out and visit campus.

“I was tired of sitting in the smellly, brown, flea infested pond,” swamp boy said. “It was time to come out.”

He decided to retreat to the parking garage for serenity and freedom. “I was hot and hungry,” he said. “I found a snack on the sixth floor.”

His snack included five car tires and four cars. “Yummy,” Swamp Boy said. “I love eating students’ cars they taste...yummy.”

After his snack, Swamp Boy staggered downstairs to rest next to the coke machine on the first floor.

He was covered with car parts, Johnson said. “He was sleeping under a car door.”

Johnson said that he poked him with a big brown oak stick. “I poked him, to see if he was real,” Johnson said. “I poked and poked, until...he growled.”

Swamp boy jumped up and growled and grabbed the oak stick from Johnson, but he didn’t harm him. “I can’t believe he poked me like a piece of meat,” he said. “I was resting.”

Johnson said that he apologized for poking him, but swamp boy didn’t seem to respond positively. “He was angry,” Johnson said.

He said that he was angry that Johnson poked him with the stick. “I was sleeping,” he said. “He poked me with a stick...I have the right to be angry,” he said.

Swamp Boy said that he plans to continue eating student cars in the garage, but he’s only interested in eating the tires and car doors. “I’m not going to eat the whole car,” he said. “I’m on a diet.”

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I’ve found a gem. Well, gems. Nestled between Walgreens and Pottery Barns, straddling lonely street corners, slinging culinary delights to the local vikings of some backwater, Alabama Wal-Mart: It’s McDonalds. Apparently this little Irish joint is one of the biggest companies in the world and, let me tell you, there’s nothing more satisfying than the monotonous, factory-processed, and genetically modified foodstuffs of a multi-national corporation. You can really taste the oppression!

Needless to say, when an obliterated-drunk pal said, “Duuuuuuude. I’m so hungry. I’ll buy you McDonalds if you drive me. Please, please, please,” then proceeded to whine like a blanket-deprived, three-year-old, I happily obliged.

We pull up and the first thing that strikes me is the lovely plastic sculpture in the front of the restaurant. Soccer-like tubes of pink and green interweaving, a gigantic pi filled with tiny plastic orbs of all different colors; it was quite a sight to behold, an aesthetic delight. Kind of a shame colors; it was quite a sight to behold, an aesthetic delight. Kind of a shame

On the recommendation of our mustached McDonalds worker, Terry, I decide on a line spread consisting of a McDouble cheeseburger, a McChicken sandwich, and a small helping of French fries. French fries? I couldn’t believe it. I asked Terry if they really were Parisian imported fries and not just some Burger King-like gimmick. He shrugged and walked back to eating Oreo chunks off the McFlurry dispenser.

The food arrived and we jumped right in. The McDouble appeared round and bunful. Biting into it, the first thing we noticed was the is the unparalleled taste of hours-old, fried then reheated beef patty. They’re beautifully thin, sandwiched over a slice of American cheese, and greasy enough to make a window out of my napkin.

The McChicken tasted like chicken, but with a few subtle notes of growth hormone mixed right in. Nice touch, McDonalds. The dainty little chicken patty swimming in a modest puddle of mayonnaise had the most pleasurable taste and texture of spoiled non-flavored yogurt speckled with fried chicken chunks; admittedly, one of my favorite dishes.

All in all, this McDonalds place is on the right track. It’s just what the culinary landscape of St. Petersburg, heck, the whole country deserves; a schmorgasboard of cheap, uniform, and heart failure-inducing foods. It’s an audacious goal, but we’ll get there, one mechanically separated beef patty at a time.

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While the College of Business at USF St. Petersburg was searching for a new home, the campus was searching for a new location. Vice Chancellor Margaret Sullivan announced Friday afternoon that the USF St. Petersburg campus has bought out the St. Petersburg Pier. The restaurants and souvenir shops formerly located at the Pier were closing down at a rate that even Baywalk couldn’t match, so USF decided to buy the space from the city.

Sullivan thinks that the relocation of USF St. Petersburg “will be a great opportunity for our students.”

Renovations to the Pier will begin next week and is expected to house three impressive high-rise lofts, one for each College. Students will lounge on bean bag chairs in their classrooms instead of desks.

“We’re going to try a new learning model. Hopefully this laid-back method will prove successful,” Sullivan said.

Funding for this surprising change in scenery came from a significant donation from Walmart, totaling $5 million. Because of this generous donation, a smaller sized Walmart store will be located in the center of the campus, next to the new campus eateries Taco Bell, Chik-fil-a and Dominos. The donation entitles Walmart rights to advertisement on campus.
Lights, camera, just be yourself

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There is a new show airing on MTV in September called "Are You Ready to Graduate?" It follows five college seniors throughout their last semester of college. The show shares what a majority of college seniors deal with before putting on their cap and gown- sometimes for the last time.

The first season of this new show will feature students from our very own University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

The cast of "Are You Ready to Graduate?" is made up of five seniors from the Sunshine State; each with a different major and personality to match.

Dawn is an environmental science major from Daytona Beach. She has a mellow, go with the flow, hippie-like attitude with the wardrobe to prove it. After college she wants to work with WWF (World Wildlife Fund) to help protect the sea turtles.

Michael is a business major from Jacksonville. He has a Type-A go-getter personality and works hard to accomplish his goals. After graduating from the College of Business, Michael dreams of creating his own software company.

Kristen is a journalism and English major from Sarasota. Ever since she was a little girl, she loved reading books about adventures in far away lands. After Kristen graduates she wants to write for National Geographic and later write a few books about her experiences.

David is a political science major from Tallahassee. When he was 10 years old, he went on a field trip to the capital building and knew that he wanted to work in government. After graduation, David wants to work for the Florida Governor as the Director of Legislative Affairs.

Jodi is a criminology major from Miami. She loves spending time in the kitchen making desserts for her friends and family, but do not let her sweet exterior fool you. She has enjoyed learning the methods of investigation, solving a case and catching criminals.

After graduation, Jodi wants to work as an undercover narcotics officer.

Some of the obstacles that they will face are: the hassle of registering for their last course load, figuring out how they are going to pay off their student loans, how not to catch seniors too early and finding a job after graduation.

So, if you see people being followed by video cameras in the next few weeks, do not be alarmed. And by the way, try to be yourself and act natural. You do not want to seem as ridiculous as the cast of The Jersey Shore.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
March 29 - April 4:

Monday
March 30:
Buy a Slice get a Slice
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Joey's Brooklyn's Pizza
He Said, She Said
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
CAC 133
A panel of upperclassmen and seniors will discuss issues and concerns of seniors. Refreshments will be served. Prizes will be awarded.

Noche de Oscar Mo.
7:30-8:30 p.m.
Capucine Club
Enjoy an Evening Of Spanish Word, Poetry, Reading, And Singing.
From Our Very Own USFSP Students!
Refreshments will be served. Prizes will be awarded.

ANTEP: Art, Music, Poetry Studio@620
9 p.m.
Studio@620
A festive evening of food, fun and coming togethers to celebrate with established and up-and-coming local artists. All arts, by writers and all genres are welcome.

Tuesday
March 31:
Verona 2010 No. 4.
7:30 p.m.
Paladium
Tango, the favorite chamber music series. Some 10 in DS, Dacca Chamber Series, concert No. 2.

Wednesday
March 31:
Resume Building
1 - 2 p.m.
Davis 130
Learn how to make a resume or improve the one you already have by attending our resume building informative session.

Thursday
April 1:
American Red Cross
6 - 7 p.m.
CAC 133
Glue in the Dark Game Night
8 - 11 p.m.
CAC
Glue turning the DAC into a blacklight haven. Various Dark versions of intelligent and other arcade games.

100 Monkeys
Concert
7 p.m.
Orphnaum

Friday
April 2:
Get Downtown First Friday Music Series
5:30 - 10:30 p.m.
CAC 133
Glow in the Dark Game Night
8 - 11 p.m.
CAC

Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training, Rays Vs. Mets
8 p.m.
Proponical Field

St. Pete Shuffle
7 - 11 p.m.
St. Petersburg Shuffleboard
659 Mirror Lake Dr. N.

April 3:
Raga Crackin! Pop! Art Exhibit/Opening Reception
Studio@620
Join us as we kick off Art Exhibit "The World's Smallest Shakespeare Club" opening reception on Friday, April 3. It will also launch the Studio@620's annual membership drive. - Join the family and be a part of our mission for successful Free admission.

Saturday
April 4:
Music Fest on the Pier
1 - 4 p.m.
The Pier
Every week The Pier hosts a live musical act for your listening pleasure of the Firehole Courtyard. Featuring local bands and musicians.

Join us as we kick off Art Exhibit "The World's Largest Shakespeare Club" opening reception on Friday, April 3. It will also launch the Studio@620's annual membership drive. - Join the family and be a part of our mission for successful Free admission.

Mythic Roots
Concert
7 p.m.
State Theatre

Sunday
April 5:
Smucker's Stars on Ice
4 p.m.
St. Pete Times Forum Alternative Rock
Shawn Fisher & the J.G.H Concert
7 p.m.
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Spook Issue
Smile for the camera: paparazzi training courses

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USF St. Petersburg's Department of Journalism and Media Studies is joining forces with the National Enquirer to offer journalism students a rousing new program: paparazzi tactical training.

Beginning Summer Session 2010, a new concentration of academic paparazzi courses will be available to junior and senior level students. The newly appointed professor and trained paparazzi Dr. Fulla Beans said, "The state of Florida is chock-full of celebrities, politicians and scandals just waiting to be pounced on. I think this career field will offer journalism students creative ways to beef up their freelance skills, not to mention, line their pockets with cash."

Sampling of courses offered include:
- Stakeouts and disguises. This required course delves into the ways and means a paparazzi can spy on their subject while going undetected in wigs, makeup and glasses. Topic discussions include trespassing laws, hiding in bushes, bogus pizza delivery and methods to keep those flimsy fake mustaches from flying off while pursuing a subject with a camera.
- Insults and the money shot. This course digs deep into the psychology of name-calling and how to select the best insult in order to produce that hideous shot of your snarling subject.
- Paparazzi Ethics. What ethics? This course has been canceled.
- Kickboxing I (Sean Penn edition).
- Paparazzi need to be in shape for all the running, chasing, kicking and punching that occur on the job. This course emphasizes personal fitness and offers various methods ofgraphophotographing celebrities while running for your life. Photos produced during paparazzi altercations are oftentimes the equivalent of winning the lottery, so this course can help students get a jumpstart in paying off their student loans.
- Camera repair (aka Kickboxing II). The result of those unfortunate kickboxing events paparazzi must endure. Camera insurance required prior to registration.
- Blackmail. Taught by former celebrity publicist, Lina Prawdi, this course explores how to organize and present your incriminating photos in a neat portfolio to present as blackmail to your subject.
- Photoshop. Sometimes, no matter how many pictures you take, you can never seem to capture the moment you've created in your head. The solution? Photoshop. This course is loaded with valuable techniques such as how to add 20 pounds to your subject, rapid wrinkle enhancers, and infinite ways to doctor photos. Popular topics for discussion include: how to plop your subject into a love triangle, appearances at rehab and mug shots. Additional courses considered for future programs are creative fiction writing and defensive driving techniques.

Students interested in the program are required to have a current passport and no prior arrests.

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The United States government recently decided to merge the Christian holiday of Easter and the Jewish holiday of Passover, which overlap almost every year. Due to the struggling economy, the government believes combining these holidays into one can help citizens save money as well as help stores decrease the amount of unsold holiday goods left over each year.

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is usually celebrated by dyeing eggs, eating large amounts of chocolate and jellybeans and awaiting the arrival of the Easter Bunny. Passover is a Jewish holiday celebrating the Jews exodus from Egypt and the end of their slavery. The name Passover comes from the story of the 10 plagues; and how God passed over the Jewish households. It is a weeklong celebration during which Jews abstain from eating foods made with fermented grains, including yeast, corn syrup and some alcoholic beverages.

Neither holiday is set on a certain date but because they often overlap, many Jewish children grow up watching their friends stuff their faces with chocolate bunnies while they have lunchboxes full of matzo (a bland, cracker-like Passover food) and fruit. The government feels like merging these holidays will not only aid cash-strapped shoppers, but also make lunchtime fairer for everyone.

The new holiday, "Eastover," will be seven days of celebrating aspects from both holidays. The story behind Eastover will be a new version, in which Jesus rises from the dead, becomes Moses's vice-president of operations and helps coordinate the Jews' escape from Egypt.

Eastover will be celebrated by dyeing hard-boiled eggs, which will then be turned into egg salad and spread over matzo. Chocolate frogs, honoring the second plague, will replace chocolate bunnies. This year, Eastover starts at sunset on March 29th and ends at sunset on April 5th. Other ways to celebrate Eastover are having egg hunts in your local Synagogue, snacking on Matzah-flavored jellybeans or eating lamb with mint jelly on a bagel.

The Crow's Nest is taking applications for the fall! If you are interested, please visit the website at studentmedia@usfspa.com to get an application. Completed applications are due by April 16th, and can be returned to the CN office in the CAC or emailed to usfcrowsnest@gmail.com.

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Spoof Issue
Could Borat save the Tampa Bay Buccaneers?

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The unthinkable has come true.
The Glazer family, longtime owners of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, recently announced that the Bucs will be moving to Kazakhstan, a country in Eurasia with a population of over 16 million. The team will be based in the capital city of Astana, where a football stadium will be constructed in the next few months.

"We are pleased to announce that the Buccaneers will call Kazakhstan their new home," Joel Glazer said in a statement. "With the disarray that this franchise has been in since the firing of Jon Gruden, we felt that it was necessary to make this move."
The team, which suffered through one of its worst seasons in franchise history in 2009, will also have a new head coach. After announcing that Raheem Morris would return for a second season in 2010, the Glazers took some extra time to reevaluate the franchise and felt that a significant move could only benefit the organization.

Morris' replacement is Borat Sagdiyev, who is played by Sasha Baron Cohen. Although he has no coaching experience, the Glazers don't feel he is any less qualified than his predecessor.

"We made Raheem the coach because we didn't want to go out and spend money on a big name," Joel Glazer said. "Borat should be the perfect fit. He's popular among fans around the world, and everyone at least recognizes his name."
Borat said he is excited about the new challenge of coaching a football team.

"I going to be best coach in the world," he said. "I only be satisfied if we win Super Bowl."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell lauded the Glazers in their efforts to expand the sport on an international level.

"Goodell speculated about moving an NFL franchise to London, but he is excited about the decision to move the Bucs to Kazakhstan."

"I think this is a tremendous opportunity for our sport," Goodell said.

But the commissioner also alluded to the team's woeful 3-13 record last season.

The Buccaneers were an embarrassment to our league last year, so I'm hoping that shipping them off to a country like Kazakhstan will only help the league's image."
The Bucs will host two preseason games and eight regular season games in Kazakhstan at the tentatively named Astana Stadium once it is built. Their remaining 10 road games will be played on U.S. soil against teams in other cities. Ticket and travel packages to Kazakhstan will be available to Tampa Bay fans, but they will cost at least $5,000 per person, per game.

Talks to rename the team are still ongoing. Possible names include the Kazakhstan Kommodores and the Tampa Bay Borats, in honor of the team's new coach.

Raymond James Stadium, the home of the Bucs since 1998, will now only host USF football games. This means more fans will likely attend those games since the Bulls will be the only football team in town. The move also means that the Lightning and Rays will be the only two major professional sports teams left in the area.

Sarah Palin announces 2012 presidential candidacy

"We will preach abstinence to all the young Americans out there, to make sure that they are doing the right thing, and we will be helping women to keep their babies at all costs," Palin responded while Bristol shifted uncomfortably in her seat.

Palin did not explain in detail her platform concerning foreign policy and what she plans to do about the Iraq war. She did, however, jump in with the crowd's "Ameri-ca, Ameri-ca" chants, complete with arm pumping and vigor.

One man, dressed in an American flag T-shirt and cutoff Wrangler jeans had to be escorted off the premises after punching another man in the jaw for refusing to join in the patriotic display.

When asked which newspapers she thought would headline her announcement, Palin replied, "All of 'em."

Jim McGee, a loyal Bucs season ticket holder since 1976, said he is "infuriated" with the decision to displace the team he has rooted for all his life.

"I can't believe what they are doing," said McGee. "Where is the brain in Kazakhstan? And who is this Borat character? This is an outrage!"

Joel Glazer is aware of the strong negative sentiment among fans regarding the extraordinary move.

However, he is more focused on the family's ownership of the Manchester United soccer club in England.

"We could really care less about Bucs fans," he said.

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