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BOBBIE HUSTON, A senior exercise and sport sciences major from Lubbock, reads to her 5-year-old daughter, Zoey Huston.

## DEVOTED Student maintains grades, builds relationship with daughter

#### **By CARRIE THORNTON** STAFF WRITER

eing introduced to motherhood at a young age taught Bobbie Huston the meaning of sacrifice.

Huston gave birth to her daughter, Zoey Huston, at age 18; scared of her new job of looking mate. You have to worry about whether they have out for another life besides her own. However, she did not use Zoev as an excuse to forgo a higher education and quickly learned sacrifices had to be made to prevent her relationship with her daughter from suffering.

#### just like, I can't do this."

Living on her own with Zoey was expensive and difficult for the full-time student. The two lived in Lynnwood Townhomes without a roommate, increasing Huston's financial burden.

"It's different when you have a kid," the Lubbock native said. "You can't just have any room-

"Things are a lot better now," she said. "Last semester, I would be at school from 8 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. and then work from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. I never really saw Zoey, and when I did, she was asleep. The only thing I did was get her up and take her to school

"Now, it's different. Tuesdays and Thursdays are my only late days, and every other day I pick her

## Toys for Tickets helps students, community

#### **By KELSEY HECKEL** STAFF WRITER

University Parking Services is teaming up with the Marines in its own spinoff of Toys for Tots to help collect toys for needy children while eliminating citations on campus.

Toys for Tickets allows anyone who has received a citation on the Texas Tech campus to bring their citation to the parking office along with toys of equal or greater value to the ticket and the citation will be erased, said Heather Medley, marketing and training coordinator for University Parking Services.

We have been working with the Marines for four years and it's been great," she said. "We've gotten a great response."

The toys brought in need to be new and unwrapped and can be for any age group, Medley said. Even those without citations are encouraged to bring toys.

The department has placed some limitations on the citations it will void, she said, and citations for blocking or parking in a handicapped space or for using forged or stolen permits must be paid in full.

fees still apply," Medley said. "We have had students who had a \$20 citation and a \$10 late

taken to the fairgrounds where they are sorted into age groups to get ready for distribution, she said.

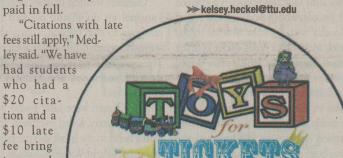
"We receive hundreds of toys," Medley said. "It's great to see them all after they are at the fairgrounds, it really shows how giving people are, even with the economy being as it is."

Estefan Jimenez, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Cleburne, said he thinks University Parking Services should offer a year-round alternative to the citation similar to the Toys for Tickets program.

"Around Thanksgiving they could collect food for families," he said. "They could change it throughout the year to always have something to benefit other people."

To sign up to receive the toys donated, families can contact the Guadalupe Economic Services Corporation or the Marines for more information, Medley said.

"Every year we like to do something above and beyond," she said. "I think this is a very special thing that students, faculty and staff can all be apart of."



"Last semester I had 12 hours of school, then worked at the police station," said the senior exercise and sport sciences major. "But I never saw my daughter. It got to the point where she was depending on my parents more than me, and I was a boyfriend and if they fight, they smoke, or party a lot, if they are loud, and (so on).'

Through her heavy workload, homework and absence in her daughter's life, she came to understand a change had to be made.

"I had to swallow my pride and move in with my parents," she said. "That was about two months

Since then, Huston's situation already has improved.

up from school.'

Aside from taking Zoey to and from school, a 5-year-old adds many other factors to the equa-

"If she is sick and calls from school, of course I go get her," Huston said. "It sucks, because we are only allowed a certain number of absences in class, but I just have to hope teachers will understand."

in several toys that added November 15 - December 5 up to \$30 worth and we were able to void the University Parking Services ticket." OURTESY OF After the toys UNIVERSITY PARKING SERVICES are collected, they are

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## I US cities lose luster in

#### **By HOPE YEN AND FRANK BASS** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) - America's small cities are losing some of their traditional appeal to upwardly mobile families seeking wholesome neighborhoods, a stable economy and affordable living.

A review of newly released census data shows, for example, that smaller cities of between 20,000 and 50,000 residents have lagged behind their larger counterparts in attracting higher-educated residents in this decade. The smaller locales include remote towns, inner suburbs, the distant suburbs known as "exurbs" and other distinct areas.

In 2000, the smaller cities ranked at the top in the share of people with college diplomas. They slipped to No. 2 last year with 30 percent holding degrees — in between medium-sized cities, which had 31 percent, and big cities, at 29.8 percent.

Poverty is growing in the small cities, fueled partly by population growth, although average median income of \$60,294 in those communities is still higher than other places.

Small cities looking more and more like bigger cities over the decade ranged from places like Hobart, Ind., and Mount Pleasant, Mich., to Anniston, Ala., and Greenville, Miss. Compared with previous years, they had smaller incomes, higher housing costs, longer commutes, more poverty and more single-parent families.

Demographers attributed some of the shifts to the

housing downturn and a spike in gasoline prices, which has hit residents in the far-flung exurbs harder. Many families in smaller towns also are looking for jobs in larger cities because of the current recession and are rethinking the wisdom of a lengthy commute to work.

Some small cities may have become victims of their own success. As their local economies boomed mid-decade, many places grew rapidly and attracted lower-income residents needed to build roads, schools and other public works projects. Some of these areas have shot up in size and are now medium-sized communities.

"Small towns have a certain appeal to people, and their quality of life there is backed up by the data," said Mark Mather, associate vice president

more people move in, small towns start to lose the qualities that attracted people there in the first place.'

The shifts are notable in the ranks of the educated.

> According to census data, smaller cities in California, Texas, Florida, Michigan and New York had declines in the share of residents with bachelor's degrees, ranking among the lowest in the nation. They included Bell, Calif.; San Benito, Texas; Jasmine Estates, Fla.; Hamtramck, Mich.; and Newburgh, N.Y.

North Potomac, Md., posted some of the highest shares of college graduates in the nation. Still, its share fell in the last decade, from 75 percent in 2000 to 70 percent. Other highly educated towns or census-designated areas that saw brain drains were East Lansing, Mich., North Druid Hills, Ga., and

Greenbelt, Md. The findings come as President Barack Obama has pledged to upgrade mass transit and other urban pri-

orities in inner cities and their close-in suburbs. That could create additional shifts in residential patterns to larger-populated areas, especially for younger couples and small families who more readily move.

The AP review found both extreme poverty and wealth in smaller-sized cities.

For example:

- Poverty has risen in small cities, from 10.8 percent in 2000 to 12 percent. In big cities, poverty declined slightly, from 17.7 percent to 17.6 percent.

- Homeownership costs in small cities are growing less rapidly, partly a reflection of the housing collapse in many exurbs. In 2000, big cities trailed small cities when it came to the share of residents with monthly costs of more than \$1,000 — 56 percent to 61 percent. By 2008, 82 percent of big-city residents were paying the high costs, compared with 78 percent for small cities.

- Carbondale, Ill., had the lowest median income, at \$17,508, followed by small cities in New York, Louisiana, Alabama and Ohio. Darien, Conn., topped all other cities with the highest median income, at \$188,823.

"There are lots of small towns and rural areas that are struggling," Mather said. "Many were struggling before the current recession, so it might take more than a dose of stimulus funds to put them on the road to recovery."



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**NEWS** 

## **NBRIEF**

#### STATE

#### Texas officials: We're running out of water

to keeping pace.

If the state were to experi-

ence major drought conditions

with that many more people,

officials estimate almost every

Texan would be without suf-

ficient water and there would

be more than \$90 billion in

the history of the Postal Service,"

Chief Financial Officer Joseph

and to a lesser extent the ongoing

migration of mail to electronic

alternatives, significantly affected

all mail products, creating a large

imbalance between revenues and

'The deep economic recession,

FORT WORTH (AP) — 45.5 million by 2060, and the With the Texas population water supply can't come close expected to nearly double over the next 50 years, lawmakers and water experts gathered Monday to convey an important message: We're running out of water.

There is no shortage of alarming statistics to make that point. Texas' population of about 24.3 million is expected to hit about economic losses.

#### NATION

#### Post office was \$3.8 billion in the red last year

Corbett said.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The , be one of the most challenging in Postal Service reported a loss of \$3.8 billion last year, despite a reduction of 40,000 full-time positions and other cost-cutting measures.

The loss was \$1 billion more than the year before despite job cuts and other efforts designed to save billions of dollars, postal officials said Monday.

"Our 2009 fiscal year proved to costs," he said.

#### WORLD

#### 12 Afghans killed in attack on meeting with French

TAGAB VALLEY, Afghanistan (AP) — Rockets slammed into a market northeast of Kabul on Monday, killing 12 civilians but missing their presumed target: a meeting between France's top general in Afghanistan and dozens of tribal elders and senior local officials.

The attack also wounded 38 people, 20 of them critically. The market was crowded with shoppers because Monday is bazaar day in Tagab, a sprawling town for influence.

of mud brick fortress-like compounds and small fields along a river surrounded by the barren slopes and snowcapped peaks of the Hindu Kush mountain range.

Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart told The Associated Press that the meeting, known as a shura, continued despite the attack to show that the Taliban cannot disrupt NATO's plans in a tense valley where both sides are competing

### Gunmen kill 13 men west of Baghdad

Iraqi army uniforms abducted and killed 13 people whose bodies were found knocked on doors and ordered the Monday with gunshot wounds to the residents to step outside, saying they

largest Sunni party, which once helped

fight al-Qaida. Police played down the incident as al-Zubaie said. tribal violence in an attempt to defuse have been the work of insurgents or rival and police official Waleed al-Zubaie. Sunnis vying for power before January elections. over the past year, but politicians and run-up to the national polls as insurgents and dumping the bodies. look to undermine the government and destabilize the country.

#### BAGHDAD (AP) — Gunmen in Shakir al-Zubaie said.

Gunmen wearing military uniforms head, including a local leader of Iraq's wanted to search the houses for weapons. The assailants then handcuffed 13 men, shoved them into a minibus and drove off,

All 13 men were later found in a sectarian tension, but the political con- nearby cemetery, killed execution style nection suggests the killings could also with a bullet to the head, said the mayor The killings are reminiscent of those that plagued Baghdad at the height of the Violence has dropped sharply in Iraq sectarian bloodshed of 2006 and 2007, when men, sometimes dressed in police security officials have warned in recent or army uniforms, snatched people from weeks of a possible spike in violence in the their houses at night before killing them Members of the Iraqi military have been accused in the past of taking part in Monday's attack took place at around such extra-judicial killings, but such uni-1:30 a.m. in the village of al-Saadan near forms are also widely available on the open the town of Abu Ghraib on Baghdad's market and have been used by insurgents

## **POLICE BLOTTER** Two bicyclists hit by vehicles within an hour

#### Nov. 4

8:37 p.m., an officer documented were stolen from an off-campus aged. location.

#### Nov. 5

1:57 a.m., an officer documented a medical emergency at Stangel Residence Hall in which a student possibly overdosed on Tylenol. The Jail. student was transported to University Medical Center for further treatment.

9:39 a.m., an officer responded to a medical emergency at the Education building in which a staff member suffered a seizure and was transported to the Covenant emergency room for further treatment.

10:32 a.m., an officer investigated an accident in which a vehicle struck a parked vehicle in the C-13 parking Hall. lot. No injuries were reported.

11:13 a.m., an officer investigated an accident in the B-1 parking lot of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. No injuries were theft of a tailgate extender at the Tech reported.

1:12 p.m., an officer investigated theft of an unattended iPhone that reportedly happened in the study lounge of the Human Sciences building.

5:55 p.m., an officer investigated an accident without injuries in the R-14 parking lot.

6:20 p.m., an officer investigated burglary of a vehicle in the Z4-N parking lot in which a Magellan Navigation System and Cobra radar detector were reported stolen from an unsecured vehicle.

6:47 p.m., an officer investigated trespass warning. disorderly conduct at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center basketball court in which two students reportedly began fighting about a basketball game.

12:36 p.m., an officer investigated 2:44 p.m., an officer investigated

3:25 p.m., an officer investistruck an unattended vehicle in the campus locations.

len from an unsecured vehicle.

3:10 p.m., an officer investigated information about Kelly Clarkson criminal mischief in the R-14 parking concert tickets recovered at the lot in which the front passenger-side United Spirit Arena. The tickets guarter panel of a vehicle was dam-

#### Nov. 8

student for driving while intoxicated was transported to the Lubbock County

3:35 a.m., an officer detained two juveniles in the 1800 block of Texas Tech Parkway. The juveniles were released to the Lubbock Police Department for possible charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

#### Nov. 9

3:08 a.m., an officer documented a verbal altercation between several students outside of Knapp Residence

9:15 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the HSC in which a metal locker was damaged. 5:44 p.m., an officer investigated

Equestrian Center.

medical emergency at the Tech Police Department in which a staff member reported suffering severe back pains. The staff member was transported to UMC

6:24 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the Flint Avenue Parking Garage in which a vehicle struck a concrete pillar. No injuries were reported.

7:44 p.m., an officer detained a non-student in the Z2-B parking lot on suspicion of soliciting money. The officer issued the non-student a criminal

#### Nov. 10

sages received by a student from her rization in the Z3-G parking lot. roommate at Murray Residence Hall.

unattended vehicle in the 1000 block of Boston Avenue. No injuries were reported.

11:40 a.m., an officer investigated Knoxville and Texas Tech Parkway. an accident in the 700 block of Boston Avenue. No injuries were reported.

2:28 p.m., an officer investigated gated an accident in which a vehicle theft by credit card at on- and off-

#### Nov. 11

6:30 a.m., an officer arrested a student at Murdough Residence Hall for two outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff's Department warrants and issued another student a citation for possession of alcohol by a minor.

7:58 a.m., an officer investigated 2:33 a.m., an officer arrested a theft in the basement of the Tech Phy- an accident in the 1000 block of Texas sicians Medical Pavilion in which perin the Z4-M parking lot. The student sonal documents and \$63 were reported stolen from an unsecured desk.

> a medical emergency at the HSC in which a non-student fell and refused treatment from Emergency Medical Services.

10:56 a.m., an officer investigated an accident in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle in the C-11 parking to a medical emergency in which a lot. No injuries were reported.

11:46 a.m., an officer investigated an accident in the C-15 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

12:43 p.m., an officer investigated burglary of a building at the Tech Meats Lab in which a laptop, a desktop computer and \$20 were reported stolen from two secured offices.

2:34 p.m., an officer documented information about a vehicle that was 6:11 p.m., an officer responded to a damaged in the University Parking and its contents were reported stolen Services tow lot. The back window on the vehicle was shattered.

> 6:06 p.m., an officer investigated theft of a bicycle at the bicycle racks east of the Livermore Center.

8:41 p.m., an officer documented information about a verbal altercation between two roommates at Gates Residence Hall.

#### Nov. 12

1:19 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief at Murdough Residence Hall in which a window on the first floor was shattered.

9:54 a.m., an officer documented 6:30 a.m., an officer documented information about a parking boot being information about alarming text mes- removed form a vehicle without autho-

10:59 a.m., an officer documented 9:40 a.m., an officer investigated an information about a damaged vehicle accident in which a vehicle struck an in which the rear passenger-side door was damaged.

> 2:13 p.m., an officer investigated domestic violence at the Tech Physicians Medical Pavilion in which a nonstudent was arrested and transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

4:19 p.m., an officer investigated burglary of a motor vehicle in which a laptop was reported stolen from an

an accident in which a vehicle struck a bicyclist in the 1000 block of Akron Avenue. The bicyclist was transported to the Covenant emergency room for further treatment.

#### Nov. 13

12:19 a.m., an officer investigated Tech Parkway. Minor injuries were reported.

12:36 a.m., an officer investigated 9:39 a.m., an officer responded to criminal mischief in which an exit sign was damaged in Coleman Residence Hall.

> 10 a.m., an officer documented information about a broken pillar on the north side of West Hall.

> 12:15 p.m., an officer responded student was feeling dizzy and fainted at the Student Union Building. The student was transported to the UMC emergency room.

> 3:11 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in which the convertible roof of a vehicle was damaged on the north side of the rec parking

> 4:03 p.m., an officer investigated burglary of a building in which a wallet from a secured room in the Experimental Sciences building.

> 5:12 p.m., an officer investigated harassment in which a student received obscene calls on her cell phone in the courtyard area of the Carpenter/Wells Complex.

> 5:48 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in which the driverside mirror of a vehicle was damaged in the west side of the Z5-A parking lot.

#### Nov. 14

12:54 a.m., an officer arrested a non-student for burglary of a vehicle and evading arrest in the C-1 parking lot. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

3:53 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle in the Weymouth Residence Hall R-19 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

7:37 p.m., an officer investigated burglary of a habitation in which prescription pills and a pair of Oakley sunglasses were reported stolen from a room in Sneed Residence Hall.

#### Nov. 15 1:15 a.m., an officer documented

Nov. 6

an accident in the 3100 block of 18th Street. No injuries were reported. an accident at the intersection of No injuries were reported.

#### Correction

bockites to salons" the caption the error.

"Health checks bring Lub- Rachel Fosdahl. The DT regrets

#### In Monday's edition of The for the photograph should have Daily Toreador in the story identified the medical student as

western outskirts, Abu Ghraib Mayor in the past to conceal their identities.

C-1 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

#### Nov. 7

12:30 a.m., an officer arrested a bock County Jail.

an accident in the R-5 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

2:25 p.m., an officer investigated burglary of a motor vehicle in the iPod and charger were reported sto- R-25 parking lot.

accident in which a vehicle struck an ing lot. unattended vehicle in the Z1-C parking lot. No injuries were reported.

5:13 p.m., an officer investigated student for public intoxication in an accident in which a vehicle struck the 3100 block of 18th Street. The an unattended vehicle in the HSC B-1 student was transported to the Lub- parking lot. No injuries were reported.

5:30 p.m., an officer investigated 7:56 a.m., an officer investigated possession of drug paraphernalia in West Hall. The officer issued the student a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Z6-A parking lot in which a black criminal mischief to a vehicle in the medical services.

3:43 p.m., an officer investigated an unsecured vehicle in the Z5-C park-

4:37 p.m., an officer investigated theft in which an unsecured wallet and its contents were reported stolen from the City Bank Auditorium.

6:49 p.m., an officer investigated theft of a bicycle at the Weymouth Residence Hall bicycle racks.

7:09 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in which a vehicle struck a bicyclist at the intersection of Broadway Avenue and Akron Avenue. The bi-8:01 p.m., an officer investigated cyclist refused transport by emergency

7:58 p.m., an officer investigated

information about a verbal dispute between two employees at Sam's Place West. Another officer arrested one of the employees for public intoxication and transported the employee to Lubbock County Jail.

4:30 p.m., an officer responded to a medical emergency in which a student passed out at Wiggins Dining Hall. The student was transported to the UMC emergency room.

10:22 p.m., an officer detained and cited two students for possession of drug paraphernalia in the 1500 block of University Avenue.

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#### UN: Iranian nuclear plant to start in 2011

VIENNA (AP) — Iranian construction of a previously secret uranium enrichment site is at an advanced stage, with high-tech equipment already in place at the fortified facility ahead of its 2011 startup, the International Atomic Energy Agency said in a report Monday.

The revelation of the existence of the underground plant known as Fordo, near the holy city of Qom, has heightened concerns of other possible undeclared Iranian facilities that are not subject to IAEA oversight and therefore could be used for military purposes.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said the IAEA report "underscores that Iran still refuses to comply fully with its international nuclear obligations."

The IAEA report offered no estimate of Fordo's capabilities, but a senior international official familiar with the U.N. agency's work in Iran said it appeared designed to produce about a ton of enriched uranium a year.

The official, as well as analysts, said that would be enough for a nuclear warhead but too little for Iran's civilian reactors that have yet to come online, including the still unfinished plant at the southern port of Bushehr. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the information he was citing was confidential.

"It won't (even) be able to produce a reactor's worth of fuel every 90 years, but it will be able to produce one bomb a year," said Ivan Oelrich, vice president of the Strategic Security Program of the Federation of American Scientists





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Professor making impact in world of paleontology

#### **By EMILY MOSER** STAFF WRITER

When a team from the paleontology division at Texas Tech discovered a crater with a diameter of 500 kilometers linked the professor leading the expedition knew what the crater's name should be.

Horn Professor of Geosciences and curator for paleontology at the Museum of Texas Tech, dinosaurs lived on Earth for 160 million years. Mammals, on the change that and became his first guide other hand, have existed for 6 million and mentor to fossils. years. He said although some mammals lived during the age of the dinosaurs, they name of dinosaurs," Chatterjee said, "but were very small - almost the size of mice I started much, much later." -because of how dominating dinosaurs were in the environment.

years ago, he said, when the dinosaurs were destroyed. From looking at the past, the Tech professor said destruction and renewal coincide with each other because with destruction comes a rebirth.

If the dinosaurs did not become extinct, he said mammals would not have been allowed to grow and therefore the his wife said with a smile, "that has been permission to begin excavating the area world would not have been the same. He chose to name the crater after the Indian deity of destruction, Shiva, for this reason.

was the god of destruction, but if you as a visiting professor. They then moved look at the history of everything, destruc- to Washington, D.C., where he was a tion brings a renewal," Chatterjee said. researcher at the Smithsonian Institu- dreds of specimens, many of them new nature cannot start."

Chatterjee presented his discoveries about the 500 kilometers-wide crater Oct. 18 at the annual meeting of Geological Society of America in Portland, Ore.

His research on the Shiva Crater and the link of the crater to the cause of the paleontologist's wife said she does not mass extinction of the dinosaurs is still a see her husband retiring from his work work in progress. He and another team anytime soon. are returning to India in December to collect more information about the crater. hard he works," she said. "That's his main Even so, his research has gained a lot of goal, to learn and to publish." media attention, which is something he said he did not expect.

have been working on this program for a and research in Antarctica, which was a genus and species of dicynodonts they and maintain research efforts. Not only

long, long time," he said.

Chatterjee, born and raised in Kolkata, India, said when he was a child, he never thought he would be doing what he is doing now. Because his father was a chemist, Chatterjee always mixed difto the mass extinction of the dinosaurs, ferent chemicals and made firecrackers said he led an expedition to was China when he was younger.

During his undergraduate studies, According to Sankar Chatterjee, Chatterjee said a British paleontologist came to India to find dinosaurs. He said at the time he was focusing on geology but the paleontologist said she could

"Ask any kid and they'll know any

His wife, Sibani Chatterjee, also of Kolkata, said she met Sankar Chat-All those things changed 65 million terjee when they were young. She said they married right after they graduated from high school, during her first year in undergraduate studies. They have been married for about 40 years, and she said the passion he has for his research in paleontology always has been evident.

> "Since I've known him for so long," his life and dream.'

Sibani Chatterjee said that after their marriage she moved with her husband to several places. She said from India they "People always thought that Shiva moved to Berkley, Calif., where he taught the move to Lubbock.

> Throughout the years, Sibani Chatterjee said she has accompanied her husband on several of his paleontology expeditions, such as trips to China, India, South Africa and Brazil. The

"I feel very proud because I see how

Sankar Chatterjee said the reason he came to Tech from the Smithsonian

dream of his. During his first years at Tech in the '70s, he and a team comprised of students completed four expeditions to Antarctica where they collected huge fossils

The next location Sankar Chatterjee in 1985, something he said was an honor. He said the paleontology team from Tech was probably the first allowed to dig by the Chinese government.

In about 1986, Sankar Chatterjee said is when the paleontology team from Tech began traveling to India. The reason he said they began their expeditions to India was to study the Deccan Traps in hopes of finding the last dinosaurs. What the team ended up finding and has been researching for the past 20 years is the Shiva Crater, which supports the meteor theory of how the dinosaurs became extinct.

Another place Sankar Chatterjee said the Tech paleontology department excavates fossils is located in Lubbock's backvard. Until he came to Tech, he didn't realize the amount of Triassic fossils that were in the area. He said after talking to a landowner in Post, Tech received and has been ever since.

Being able to dig in the area, Sankar Chatterjee said, led to several discoveries of fossils including new species of archosaurs, such as the postosuchus, which is named after the Post quarry.

'We collected hundreds and hun-"Without destruction, you cannot start; tion, before she said they finally made to science," Sankar Chatterjee said. "We tually got involved and got their master's and doctoral under me."

> Bill Mueller, a doctorate student studying under Sankar Chatterjee from Eastland, said he has worked at the museum as the collections manager in the paleontology division for about 10 years. He met Sankar Chatterjee in the early '80s on a West Texas geosciences field and later moved to Lubbock because of the impressive paleontology department sil rich." at the Museum of Texas Tech.

"This is beyond my dream because we Institution was the opportunity to travel co-authoring papers about a different



SANKAR CHATTERJEE, THE curator of paleontology at the Museum of Texas Tech, discovered an asteroid that may have exterminated the dinosaurs about 300,000 years before the Chicxulub asteroid, which was believed to have caused the mass extinction of dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

beneficial and a privilege.

"He's extremely knowledgeable and he is very innovative with some of his building this department and collecting future generations," Sankar Chatterjee works and his ideas," Mueller said. "He is highly respected in the paleontology came here, there wasn't a lot of Triassic all these things. That's the treasure of community."

Andy Gedeon, a Tech alumnus from Cleveland, has spent the past five years published it and many of the students ac- as the senior technician in the paleontology division at the museum. As a senior technician, he helps mount fossils and has assisted Sankar Chatterjee with his last research. He said he never expected there to be such a large collection of fossils at Tech.

> "I'm from Cleveland," Gedeon said. "West Texas is nothing to me. Yeah, I didn't expect to have a paleontology department and to have the area be fos-

Gedeon said he believes Sankar Mueller and Sankar Chatterjee are Chatterjee's research brings a lot of attention to the department, which helps gain

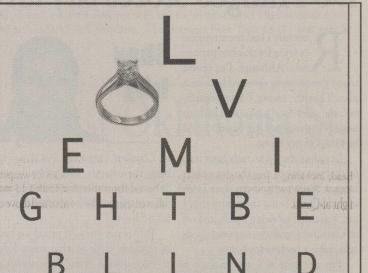
understanding of the Triassic period.

"He's done a tremendous job in fossils."

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found during excavations at Post. He said that, he said Sankar Chatterjee's work probably the best Antarctic collection in working with Sankar Chatterjee has been has led to many discoveries and a better the nation, something he said is a gift for future Red Raiders.

> "So, these are really deposited for the fossils," Gedeon said. "When he first said. "Young people will come study and Texas Tech. I'll be gone, but future stu-Sankar Chatterjee also said he be- dents will come, they'll study and they'll



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## Soldier mom refuses deployment to care for baby

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) - An man, said Monday that one of Hutchin-Army cook and single mom may face son's superiors told her she would have criminal charges after she skipped her deployment flight to Afghanistan because, she said, no one was available to care for her infant son while she was don my child," Sussman said. "She was overseas

she had no choice but to refuse deploy- to Afghanistan anyway and put her son ment orders because the only family she with child protective services." had to care for her 10-month-old son --- her mother --- was overwhelmed by the task, already caring for three other relatives with health problems.

Her civilian attorney, Rai Sue Suss-

#### to deploy anyway and place the child in foster care.

"For her it was like, 'I couldn't abanreally afraid of what would happen, that Spc. Alexis Hutchinson, 21, claims if she showed up they would send her

> Hutchinson, who is from Oakland, Calif., remained confined Monday to the boundaries of Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, 10 days after military police arrested her for skipping her unit's

> > Many teenagers with children do

"I just think that nowadays there's

they enter parenthood, Hotaling said,

ing a higher education because it is so

and not just herself."

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flight. No charges have been filed, but a spokesman for the Army post said commanders were investigating.

Kevin Larson, a spokesman for Hunter Army Airfield, said he didn't know what Hutchinson was told by her commanders, but he said the Army would not deploy a single parent who had nobody to care for his or her child.

"I don't know what transpired and the investigation will get to the bottom of it," Larson said. "If she would have come to the deployment terminal with her child, there's no question she would

that case, it's much easier for them to do

it, but it's harder to do your homework

cise and sport sciences major from

Houston, said although she has only

known Huston for about a year, she

has seen Zoey change her and is

Emily Gilchrist, a junior exer-

and do the social activities."

not have been deployed."

Hutchinson's son, Kamani, was placed into custody overnight with a daycare provider on the Army post after she was arrested and jailed briefly, Larson said. Hutchinson's mother picked up the child a week ago and took him back to her home in California.

Hutchinson, who's assigned to the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, joined the Army in 2007 and had no previous deployments, Sussman said. She said Hutchinson is no longer in a relationship with the father.

realize, there's an advantage of it because ability to successfully juggle multiple they qualify for financial assistance. In responsibilities.

"It must be really hard," she said. "I couldn't even imagine having to balance school and a child, and plus she is so young and wanting to do things she would normally do otherwise. But you can just tell she truly does want to be with her daughter and be around as she grows up."

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Babysitting is something else Hus- and she is proud of her daughter for ton must worry about. Placing her child taking action. in the care of someone she does not know and is not comfortable with is more younger women having babies, and not a decision she said she is willing to unfortunately most of them are not seekmake, and instead relies on her parents to watch Zoey when she cannot.

Despite the challenges parenting brings, Huston said she would not change a thing about her sometimeshectic life.

"I tell my parents, 'God makes everything happen for a reason," she said with a smile. "I just love her, and she is really loving (in return). If she is playing outside with her friends, she will run to the house just for a second to say, 'I love you, Mommy,' give me a kiss and run off again."

Before Zoey was born, Huston said she would go to parties with her friends most weekends, a practice which continued into the early days of Zoey's life.

"I used to be a social butterfly," she said. "I would go out all the time with my friends, and now its totally different because I actually have someone I have to finish school for. It's not just me anymore."

Terri Hotaling, Huston's mother, said she has noticed how Zoey indirectly made her partying habits virtually disappear.

"She didn't go for an education in high school, she went to socialize," Hotaling said. "And now, you can tell it's more for an education. She realized she's going to have to take care of Zoey



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**Protest with reason, not anger** 

he other day, I was walking across campus to have lunch with my wife. As I passed the Free Speech Area, I was assaulted with some sort of very vocal group. The group was protesting some sort of perceived injustice, claiming the civil rights of a "disenfranchised" group were being violated.

Did this assault on the peace of my whether their argument is correct. day affect me? Absolutely. It made me less sympathetic to their cause.

and the various means to change circumstances is an important topic. At Texas Tech, we have many groups and they all possess competing voices, trying to advance their perspectives on the crowd. So many voices es- change and it is almost always inefpouse truth, but some are blatantly wrong. The goal of these groups is are the Tea Parties, FOX News and to promote a dialogue, in which MSNBC, protest against Proposition students and others may dissect truth 8 in California, and PETA protests. and ethics from fiction and lie.

Those who protest in large demonstrations and angrily yell into microphones basically tell me their argument cannot be stated in logical, convincing terms. To me, at least, the reliance in emotion tells me the logic of their argument is relatively weak, so they must turn to other means to accomplish their goals, regardless of citizens called for social change, the simply bringing forth testimony of » roy.long@ttu.edu



the sidelines is a method to bring I think the effectiveness of protest attention to your message, but loud, vocal, angry calls of derision make most rational people cringe. It does not create effective conversation. Both left and right often use anger as a tool to promote radical social fective. Examples that come to mind Remember, the squeaky wheel

Protest is an appeal to emotion. may get the oil, but it is also the first to be replaced.

There is something to be said about patience. Effective social change must be drawn upon the lines of gradual change. Quick, radical change is almost always ineffective because it oversteps its bounds.

For example, in 1917, a group of

all. The change, however, occurred one's own life. so quickly and forcibly that no line was drawn indicating when the group had accomplished their goals. certain way certainly helps your The resulting revolution was the cause. Last week, a group passed Bolshevik Revolution, founding one out literature in this same area, of the most tyrannical governments promoting the ethical treatment of modern history.

Obviously, calling to others on If angry yelling will not cause your message to be received, what can we do? Logical dialogue will always help. Promoting intelligent, thoughtful communication about the issue at my signature because I do not hand will cause all to look at the issue with new eyes. Perhaps there are came to understand and apprecieffective compromises that will solve ate their argument more. Without the issue without raising objections the pressure of emotional appeals on moral or political grounds.

> will only be discovered through look at their arguments and depatient reasoning on the part of ob- termine whether I could agree jective observers, not from the ones with them. yelling angrily to the crowds.

> will bring your cause forward. If we may we all have peace with those can see an individual living his or who disagree with us. Otherwise, her principles in an ethical, con- we become hypocrites. structive manner, then certainly we will see some of the benefits to a differing side. Perhaps we could protest in the original meaning of the word,

> end to monarchy and equal rights to how the principle has benefitted

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Also, providing simple literature on why you believe a of animals. They were classy. So, what are the alternatives? Instead of yelling about how the poor cats were being mistreated, they simply passed out literature and asked for signatures.

I decided I would not submit completely agree. However, I and the annoyance I normally These compromises, however, feel rising in my mind, I could

Before we call for peace to the Living life in a credible manner world via our various philosophies,

> **E** Long is a junior Russian and area studies major from Lubbock.

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## Nation's largest gay and lesbian newspaper publisher closes

tion's largest publisher of newspa- itself, and that's a voice we should community has shut down and plans to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

Employees arrived at work Monsudden end to the newspapers owned by Window Media LLC. At the planned Chapter 7 filing. Unlanta, editor Lau-

ra Douglas-Brown said the locks were changed at her office and a note was posted on the door.

company's other publications including the Washington was a complete Blade, Houston Voice and South Florida Blade were also being LAURA DOUGLAS-BROWN closed.

ATLANTA (AP) — The na- the gay community writing about

Steven Myers, co-president of Window Media in Washington, D.C., declined comment.

He said he'd be able to talk more day morning to find out about the about the closures later this week. Few details were available on

Southern Voice newspaper in At- like Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, which protect

companies from creditors as they We had all been reorganize and continue to optold that the erate, Chapter 7 involves shutting

She said the companies would be down and liquisold. The fact that dating assets. The company we were shut down had been strug-

shock.

EDITOR OF

SOUTHERN VOICE

Do Amigos stores say anything about immigration? ecently I had the strongest craving for chicken parme-Shav san. Although I'm proud to say I've recently reverted back to a rbv plan of healthy eating, I'd temporarily become a fast-food junkie and little to none of the required ingredients could

Dreading the 5 p.m. rush-hour traf- ol' Chicken Parmesan, but if you've been there lately, you probably understand the atmosphere is somewhat different from the Market Street on or do we as Americans break laws to done by domestic business owners 50th Street.

of Spanish skills is what caused me citizens who come to the United enter our country illegally. I'm not sure if I was in such a to take notice of my surroundings. States with no knowledge of English hurry because I was determined to Another part was a bit baffled. During to remain ignorant of our native complete Mission Parmesan as quickly the past few years, illegal immigration, tongue, or are they simply allowing as possible in hopes of avoiding the namely from our southern neighbor, Mexican-Americans to preserve parts Mexico, has all but dominated political discussion.



credit these same individuals for the your personal views and reasons continued existence and success seen why both Mexican-Americans in fields where Americans are said to and those here illegally who prefer be unwilling to work. Still there are shopping at these types of stores those who believe everyone is entitled hold those preferences. to pursue a better life regardless of laws that prohibit their pursuit.

ment can be logically disputed, but sidering all of the debate that goes other questions remain. Would we back and forth regarding the things pursue our own interests? Are chains that encourage the continued flow Part of me was a bit proud my lack like United encouraging Mexican and employment of individuals who

causes for their opposition, others depend on various things including

I'm unable to arrive at a solid conclusion myself, but I thought Obviously all sides of that argu- the topic was quite interesting con-

Though I don't understand the predicaments some must surely face to be compelled to break immigration laws, I understand some of the consequences we may incur if we don't make progress in this area. Yes, all men should be afforded the right to progress in all spheres of life just as many who defend illegal immigrants contest, but should this be allowed at the expense of the law? Ironically, as easy as it is for for a better life is not a valid reason for breaking laws, many U.S. citizens have found themselves fleeing in the wake of the ongoing health care crisis. If you were an uninsured American whose life could be saved by treatment only available by either waiting years to gain citizenship in India or sneaking in illegally, would your desire for a better life be enough to turn you into an illegal immigrant? If so, would you expect other countries to accommodate your desire? Again, I'm not quite sure what I think, but it's definitely worth considering before taking an unwavering stance either way.

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crowd, but my genius quickly turned to pure subordination. In my haste, I had somehow failed to realize I was in Amigos, and quickly found myself hard time finding common items.

fic that was sure to clog the three open

lanes at Wal-Mart (self-checkout lanes

included) and being the genius that I

am, I decided to swing by United off

of University, grab the required goods

and make a beeline for home.

be found in my home.

Although some who are strongly against this issue cite such reasons as person who agrees to place himself wondering why I was having such a the failure of certain individuals to acclimate themselves to American cul-Of course, this is still a United ture and the additional stresses added store with all the trimmings for good to our already weakened economy as



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of their heritage while simultaneously adapting to American culture?

One of my biggest pet peeves is a in a system that's new to him but routine to others with the expectation that things within that structure should change to accommodate his ability to comprehend the system. I certainly wouldn't move to China some Americans to say the desire and expect Chinese citizens to make the sacrifices many suggest the United States continues to make as a result of the increasing illegal immigrant to Canada and countries of the like population.

Still, this doesn't answer the question of whether chains like United are contributing to the problem or merely providing a bridge between two worlds. I suppose it may really



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"From my understanding, there was just no more money to

she said in a telephone interview Monday as she sat with her former employees outside their locked At- SBA does not expect to recover the lanta office. "We had all been told that the companies would be sold. The fact that we were shut down was a complete shock."

The company's financial trouble then hung up the phone abruptly. stemmed from a number of facsuch as Window Media's.

"Window Media long provided him of the company's demise. a very special outlet for the gay community to learn about itself to meet Tuesday to discuss startway before there were a lot of other ing another gay newspaper under places to find that type of thing," said Michael Musto, an openly gay Voice Media Holdings. "This was door about to open."

gling financially since last year. The company's majority stockholder, New York City-based Avalon Equity Partners, was taken over by

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keep these companies running," Business Administration in August 2008, administration spokesman Dennis Byrne said. He said the \$7 million that Avalon invested in Window Media.

> Avalon owner David Unger said he was "not involved any more,"

Just last month, the Washingtors. Besides an industrywide drop ton Blade, the oldest newspaper in in advertising revenue amid the the U.S. for gays and lesbians with economic meltdown, mainstream a circulation of 30,000, celebrated publications are writing more about its 40th anniversary. Former editor gay and lesbian issues, reducing Kevin Naff said he was greeted dependency on niche publications Monday morning by Window Media corporate employees who told

He said the staff was planning a new name.

"We are united," Naff said by writer for the Village Voice in New telephone. "It's sad what's hap-York, which is owned by Village pened but hopefully there's a new

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## Tech players recall 2008 loss at Oklahoma

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Marlon Winn compared the moment to "drinking the most spoiled milk in the world."

your mouth and it was just an awful feeling," said the senior Texas didn't cross its own 45-yard line Tech tackle.

He remembers "80-year-old women" standing out of their wheelchairs and dancing to the unofficial theme song - House of Pain's "Jump Around" — during a heartbreaking 65-21 loss in 2008 to the Oklahoma Sooners in Norman, Okla.

The consequences were drastic, and the memories still are brutal.

For example, Tech linebacker Bront Bird can't listen to that song anymore.

"I don't know what their stadium holds, 80,000 or whatever it is," he said. "When that came on, every single person in the stadium was jumping around. It was kind of one of those deals where they were just starting to pull away from us.

"It was definitely kind of demoralizing to say the least. Hopefully that never happens again. I hate that song by the way."

The undefeated season ended for Tech, emphatically crushing the Red Raider's dreams of a national championship and a Heisman Trophy for quarterback Graham Harrell.

The teams switched roles. OU

went to the national championship game while quarterback Sam Bradford won the Heisman Trophy. Tech's miracle season fizzled as the Red Raiders needed a comeback to beat Baylor one month before losing "It kind of tasted like that in to Ole Miss in the Cotton Bowl.

And it all happened so fast. Tech until the sixth offensive possession. The Red Raiders finished with one third down conversion all night. The Sooners had 299 rushing yards and led 52-7 midway through the third quarter.

"Over and over again people were up having nightmares about that I would assume," Winn said. "It was one of the worst feelings that you could ever have.'

But now the Red Raiders have a chance to redeem themselves when they take on Oklahoma at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

With Winn and Bird discussing last year's loss to the Sooners and how it's been a point of reference among the team, coach Mike Leach said it shouldn't even be on players' minds.

"They need to not worry about it," he said. "They need to forget it. All that counts is the next game. Nothing from that game impacts this game. There's not one play that we made or they made that affects this game. Any reflection on that is a complete waste of time."

The Sooners are coming off a 65-10 win against Texas A&M, but have been riddled by injuries all sea-

son - most notably Bradford, who declared for the 2010 NFL Draft after settling for season-ending should surgery.

They also lost 2008 All-American tight end Jermaine Gresham, offensive lineman Brody Eldridge, Jarvis Jones and defensive end Auston English.

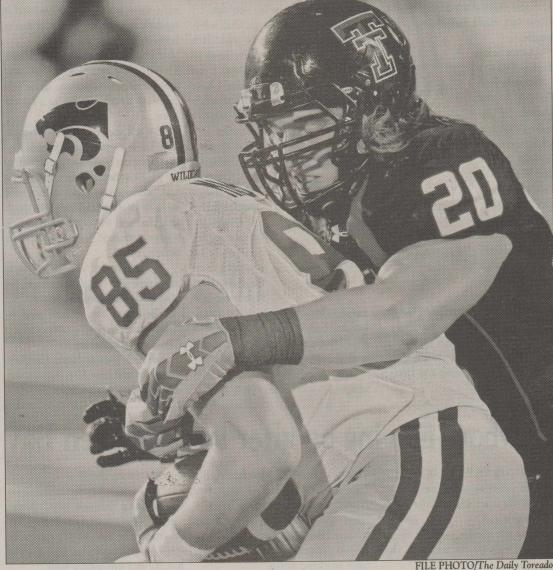
A mainstay in the polls, the Sooners were dropped from the Top 25 rankings after a loss to Nebraska two weeks ago. It marked the first time since 2005 that coach Bob Stoops didn't have his team in the polls.

Coming off a missed opportunity to steal a road win against Oklahoma State, the Red Raiders still need one more win to become bowl eligible. Despite the Sooners not winning in Lubbock since 2003 and having a down 2009 campaign, Bird said counting out a team with that much talent wouldn't be a good idea.

But it would still be nice to find a way to forget about that loss in 2008, even if just for a night, he said.

"That was embarrassing and probably the most embarrassing loss I have ever been a part of, and I am sure the rest of the team feels the same way," he said. "So, like I said, getting a win this week would get that out of our memories and get that sour taste out of our mouths. So, that is what we are working on for this week.'

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TEXAS TECH LINEBACKER Bront Bird and the Red Raiders will try to become bowl eligible with a win against Oklahoma at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. The Sooners beat Tech 65-21 last year in Norman, Okla.

## **RED RAIDER FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK** Leach says staying with Potts was right move against Oklahoma St.

#### **BV ALEX YBARRA** MANAGING EDITOR

During Monday's weekly press conference, Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said he shuffled quarterbacks picked off a pass and returned it 21 too much against Oklahoma State, yards for a 24-10 lead that proved adding that he should have stuck with starter Taylor Potts. "I probably should've kept Potts in the game," he said. "I should've played him the whole game." Potts had thrown two interceptions by the end of Tech's fourth possession, when OSU led 7-3. That prompted Leach to insert Steven Sheffield in hopes of sparking the offense. It was Sheffield's first action since injuring his left foot during a 31-10 win against Nebraska on Oct. 17.

Sheffield led Tech to a touchdown and 10-7 lead after throwing an interception on his initial drive, but he sputtered in the second half. OSU linebacker Patrick Lavine give a guy perspective, but there's a disruption to it too. I got a little fancy with that. That would probably be the last time."

Leach's decision to play Sheffield just er Bront Bird said. "If you could tell, because of his injury, which didn't his shoe looked like a clown shoe. look completely healed considering how much he was limping. Prior to the game, Sheffield couldn't even run out of the locker room in conjunction with the team unless he paused and skipped to keep pressure off the foot.

avoid traffic and ended up pitching the football to running back Baron Batch, who made a play.

"To go out there on a broken foot Some fans were disappointed at that says a lot about a guy," lineback-

Chris Todd. Part of it is you want to one occasion, Sheffield scrambled to he said. "We got five to pick from, so hang on."

#### Leach on Pats play

Leach has been known to go allin and see if his offense can convert on fourth down, regardless of field position.

ning leads the Colts to a 35-34 win with a touchdown pass to receiver Reggie Wayne with 13 seconds remaining.

So what was Leach's assessment?

"I didn't see it," he said. "I don't know the situation. It probably was a good call. The people closest to

too much for Tech to overcome late in the fourth quarter even with Potts back in the game.

"I don't need to mess with a bunch of shuffling around," said Leach, who acknowledged that the last time he fumbled through quarterbacks in this particular manner was with Chris Todd and Graham Harrell in 2007.

"I should've just kept Graham in," he said. "There were several series that I played with Chris Todd, not to take anything away from

After the game, Leach said he didn't know how much of Sheffield's limping was because of a remedial shoe.

But players were impressed with Sheffield's will to make a play. On It was like a size 16 with all kinds of padding inside and stuff like that. So he is hobbling around. I have a lot of respect for that guy for what he did and if he has to do it again this week we fully support him and if not we fully support (Taylor) Potts."

Leach didn't say whether the decision of who starts against Oklahoma on Saturday will be made at gametime, which has been the norm in recent weeks.

"You never know, there may be,"

So it came as no surprise that someone would ask him his thoughts on the most talked about fourth down call in recent NFL memory

New England coach Bill Belichick and the Patriots led Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts 34-28 late in the fourth quarter. Yet on fourth down, positioned deep in their own territory, the Patriots try to convert the first and run the clock. But they come up short and Man-

the situation made the call, (Bill) Belichick and his staff. If Belichick and his staff cared what I thought or anybody else thought about it, we would have been asked earlier in the week or asked to their meetings.

"I would doubt that they regret going for it. They may have wished they called a different play or executed differently. I doubt they regret doing it."

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## Titans want to be in playoff talk 1 way or another

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -Listen to the Tennessee Titans talk, and it's clear their swagger is back. So what if they're 3-6?

Chris Johnson talks about Tennessee winning out after an 0-6 start. Linebacker Keith Bulluck says the team once again feels it can beat anyone in the NFL, the same feeling it had when it started last season 10-0.

All the Titans know for sure is they've won three straight, and they want to keep running behind the NFL's top rusher and see if they can spoil the postseason hopes of other AFC teams. And maybe, just maybe, they can play their way into the conversation.

"Right now we are in a situation where we just have to play the rest of our games and if we win them all, maybe something good will happen," Bulluck said. "We're trying to stand in anyone's way who is trying to go to the postseason, so it makes it fun for us."

No NFL team has ever started 0-6 and reached the playoffs. Shoot, no 0-5 team has ever made that kind of recovery. The best anyone has ever done was San Diego bouncing back from an 0-4 start in 1992 to reach the postseason.

But these Titans remember how they made franchise history just last season with that 10-0 start.

"Our goal is to try to go 10-0 in these last games," Johnson said.

It's about to get a little tougher. The Titans beat Buffalo 41-17 on Sunday to run their winning streak to three, but Jacksonville is the only team from the surge with a winning record. Now, they have to go to Houston (5-4) on Monday night, before

hosting Arizona (6-3) and visiting undefeated Indianapolis (9-0).

Coach Jeff Fisher is keeping to the basic approach of one opponent at a time. It's what he preached during the at home, and the trip to Houston is 10-0 and 0-6 starts each of these past two seasons. He said Monday that's exactly what the Titans need to do as they prepare for an AFC South team that beat them 34-31 on Sept. 20.

Asked about his team's positive mood, Fisher said players will talk and have high hopes.

"But the bottom line is this. When we get together as a team, when they return back here, it's all about the next game," Fisher said.

The confidence stems from the Fisher said. Titans getting back to what they do best — running the ball and playing opportunistic defense.

Johnson is the first running back in the NFL to reach 1,000 yards this season, joining an exclusive club. With his 1,091 yards rushing, Johnson, Jim Brown (1963) and Vikings star Adrian Peterson (2007) are the only players in NFL history to reach 1,000 yards and average 6.4 yards per carry through the first nine games of a season.

"I would say I'm the best back in the league, but that is not my situation to argue about that," Johnson said. "I just got to go out there on the field and prove that and other people will say who is the best back."

The defense has 10 sacks and eight turnovers in the winning streak. Vincent Fuller and Rod Hood each picked off passes and ran them back for touchdowns to seal the win over Buffalo.

"We're just clicking on all cylin-

ders," linebacker Stephen Tulloch said. "The defense is making plays, and we're doing good right now."

Four of the final seven games are a visit home for Vince Young, who looks more comfortable with each start. Young has recorded a passer rating of 90.4 or better in three consecutive games for the first time in his career.

Fisher noted it's a first for a quarterback with this franchise since the late Steve McNair did it in 2003, and McNair was co-MVP of the NFL that season.

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(AP) — An opening week in poll. which only one ranked team lost poll of the regular season.

among the top 14 teams, while Ohio State moved up one spot to join Michigan in a tie at No. 15.

in its only game and was the runaway No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, just as it was in the preseason Top 25. The Jayhawks received 58 first-place votes from the national media panel, three more than in the preseason

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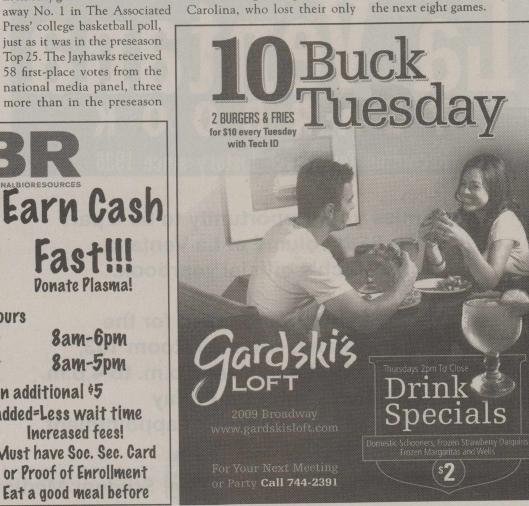
and was again No. 1 on five ballots to hold second.

Texas, which again had one first-place vote, Kentucky, which dropped from three No. 1 votes to one, and Villanova remained third through fifth.

Defending champion North

first-place vote from the pre-Michigan State beat Florida season poll, won its games against Florida International, North Carolina Central and Valparaiso last week by an average of almost 25 points.

This week the No. 6 Tar Heels will see the quality of their competition pick up considerably with the possibility of facing five ranked opponents in



meant few changes in the first Gulf Coast 97-58 in its opener

In fact, there were no changes

Kansas beat Hofstra 101-65

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## **Goehry balances volleyball with married life**

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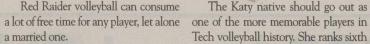
Jenn Goehry already has to perform a balancing act that involves graduating ally every other match, little time is left top collegiate volleyball teams in the nation.

Some might think adding marriage to the mix would make things a little tougher.

But for Texas Tech's Goehry - formerly Jenn Harrell - the obstacle of balancing marriage, school and volleyball is one that couldn't be hurdled without the help of her husband, Doug Goehry.

"I honestly don't know what I would have done this semes-

a challenge like any sport and Doug is really encouraging.'



With the team having to travel virtucollege and playing against some of the for Jenn to deal with life at home. Despite being away, she said she does her best take care of school and volleyball in order with her teammates, Doug tends to be to have more time for her marriage.

"As far as priorities go, God is No. 1, and Doug is two," she said. "It is home matches to cheer her on.

really hard to

balance. I just

do what I have

to do, which is

I have practice

everyday and

time. During this

my homework

done while he

is working or on

Being married has not added any stress, it has taken away stress. **JENN GOEHRY** 

LIBERO TECH VOLLEYBALL

ter if I didn't have Doug," said Goehry, just about him and I. "Everything else folwhose wedding was in August. "Being lows and because of my No. 1 and two, I classes and afternoon practice, which married has not added any stress, it has am able to get everything done, stay sane, takes up most of the day. taken away stress. Volleyball is always and even have time to cook dinner."

year, which is hectic enough in itself.

The Katy native should go out as Tech volleyball history. She ranks sixth all-time in career digs with 1,199 as a Red Raider. This season she has switched between libero and defensive specialist.

While Jenn is on the court playing right there with her. Her husband is regularly in attendance for Red Raider

Although such a lifestyle might take a toll on some people, Jenn's faith and love for God is something Doug said continues to enhance her as a human being.

"I think the greatest strengthening. class at the same of all has come from her optimism that has sprung out of the struggle of balanctime, Doug is ing school, volleyball, and marriage," he working and in said. "Jenn is almost always quick to seek class as well. I try the comfort of the Lord during the tough really hard to get struggles, and the outcome is always a more optimistic, loving and spunky woman of God."

Her teammates, who spend just as the road so when much time with her as her husband, get he is home, it is to see what she goes through.

The players tend to have morning

So Tech outside hitter Caroline daily routine is extraordinary.

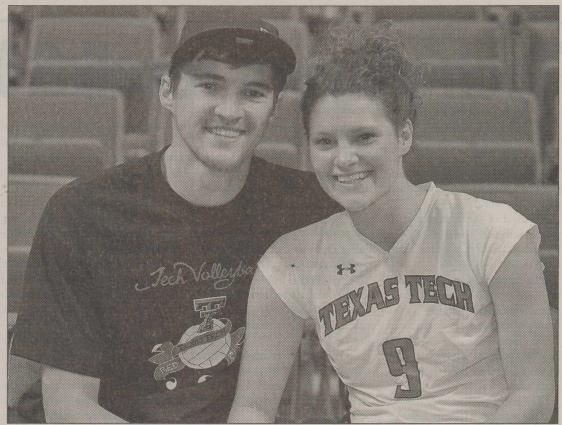


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TEXAS TECH LIBERO Jenn Goehry, right, and her husband Doug help each other daily through life as a married couple in college.

Not to mention it is Jenn's senior Courtney said how Jenn handles her times," she said. "She has quite a large six in the morning, then practice, and husband. It's pretty impressive to me." course, like 18 hours or something. She immediately goes home and the first *>>>jose.l.rodriguez@ttu.edu* 

"I don't know how she does it some- has class in the morning starting at about thing she does is cook dinner for her

## Cowboys moving on after loss at Green Bay

James and the defense will have

IRVING (AP) — When the what it's about," linebacker Bradie out his return this season. Dallas offense disappeared in James said Monday. "I wish you Green Bay, so did a four-game could win every game in the that's going through this," James winning streak.

another run going without two it, you get grounded and you start ups come in and play like they're starters.

At least they won't have to wait long. Thanksgiving looms next to do that without safety Ken Ham- season worth of beats against week, which means the annual three-games-in-12-days stretch sprain against the Packers and will in the NFL in offense going in, comes at a good time for an offense miss 3-4 weeks. that wants to eliminate the stench of three bad quarters in Sunday's starting tackle Marc Colombo even 17-7 loss to the Packers.

game and barely avoided their first shutout in six years.

"We won't be the only team

league, and you don't ever want said. "When your No. 1 guys are Now the Cowboys have to get to lose. But you just learn from down, you've got to have the back-No. 1s and not miss a beat."

> The Dallas offense missed a lin, who sustained a high ankle Green Bay. The Cowboys, third went nearly two quarters without The offense will be missing a first down.

Receiver Roy Williams fumbled longer. His streak of consecutive at the end of a 42-yard gain late in The Cowboys had 131 yards starts will end at 57 after he broke the second quarter when the game with about 10 minutes left in the his left leg and sustained ligament was scoreless. In the third, he was damage in his ankle against Green open for a first down but let Tony Bay. Colombo had surgery Monday, Romo's pass go through his hands "Let's start a new streak. That's but coach Wade Phillips didn't rule and hit him in the face mask.

## Coghlan picks up NL Rooke of the Year award, Oakland's Bailey wins AL honor

their chance in the majors. Now to All-Star reliever in a year. each has a rookie reward that will last forever.

off hitter, won the National League Rookie of the Year award in a close vote Monday and Bailey took the AL Oakland's closer.

call.

A second baseman in the minors, Coghlan made a hasty shift to left field

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris in May and found a home atop Florida's ERA this season, was selected first on 13 Coghlan and Andrew Bailey both lineup. Bailey also switched successfully, of 28 ballots and finished with 88 points. agreed to change, then quickly got going from struggling Double-A starter

"I think the move to the bullpen Detroit pitcher Rick Porcello. allowed me to get back mentally to who Coghlan, the pesky Marlins lead- I was," Bailey said, explaining that he be- driving when he got word that he won. gan challenging hitters again. "Just took the opportunity and ran with it."

Coghlan edged Philadelphia pitcher honor after an outstanding season as J.A. Happ, receiving 17 first-place votes to take my eyes off the road." and 105 points in balloting by the Base-"I couldn't have written it better," ball Writers' Association of America. Coghlan said during a conference Happ, the only player picked on all 32 ballots, garnered 10 first-place votes and 94 points.

Bailey, who had 26 saves and a 1.84 slump and had a superb second half.

Texas shortstop Elvis Andrus was the runner-up with 65 points, one more than

Bailey, a surprise All-Star in July, was

"At first I thought it was a prank call. Which one of my friends is playing a prank on me?" he said. "I didn't want

Once he realized the news was legit, Bailey passed it along to his family. "My mom was crying and my dad was

stoked," he said.

Coghlan dug himself out of an early

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back working again."

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Now follows wins like this one. that Indianapolis has won its annual traditional quest.

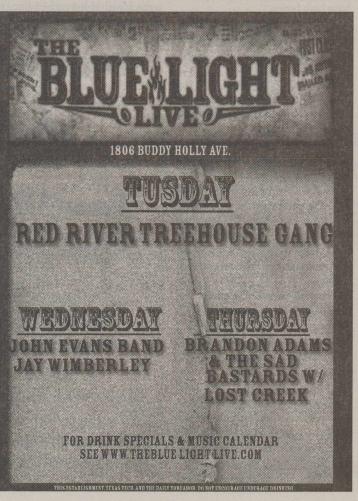
Chasing perfection. Colts are 9-0

and need to pull out those Teams in our rehearsed division are "It is a huge win," winning. That's three-time MVP Peyton what we are trying Manning said to do, stay ahead of after rallying the Colts for those teams. a 35-34 victory Sunday night. "The main reason **PEYTON MANNING** is it's an AFC COLTS QUATERBACK team. Teams

lines.

in our division are winning. That's what we are trying half of the players on this year's roster to do, stay ahead of those teams."

Clearly, the veterans want to season with nine straight wins, in 2006, so downplay the distractions that typically coach Jim Caldwell and the veterans will



Sports talk shows, analysts and blog-

November showdown with New Eng- gers will break down every Colts flaw land, players can embark on their next and question how good the Colts really are. They'll again debate Indy's strength of schedule and may contend the Colts

For the third time in five years, the wouldn't still be perfect if Bill Belichick hadn't decided to

weren't around when Indy last opened the

go for it on fourthand-2 from his own 28 with 2:08 left Sunday. Others will ar-

> gue about which unbeaten team is better, New Orleans or Indy.

And each ensuing victory will bring more reporters, more questions and the Colts' locker room.

The Colts go to their former home-

### Casey will return against Tennessee

HOUSTON (AP) - Joel Dreessen and rookie Anthony Hill filled in at tight end last week in Houston's first game since a season-ending knee injury to star Owen Daniels.

When the Texans return from their bye with a game against Tennessee next Monday night, they hope to have versatile rookie James Casey back to contribute at the position after arthroscopic knee surgery.

"There's no doubt in my mind that I'll play," Casey said Monday after returning to practice exactly two weeks since surgery on his right knee. "It's going to take something very severe to keep me from playing.'

While most of the Texans spent their bye week traveling and relaxing, Casey was at Reliant Stadium rehabilitating his injured knee. The fifth-round pick spent 3-4 hours a day in the training room, doing everything he could to get his knee back into playing shape.

try to prepare the youngsters for the challenges ahead — on and off the field.

"For the older guys, they've been through this before," said Caldwell, who still has not lost a game as head coach. "But our young guys are catching on pretty quickly. I think they've learned their lesson."

If the young players learned anything Sunday night, it was this: Never give up with Manning on the field. For the second time this year, he orchestrated an improbable fourth-quarter comeback against an AFC East foe.

He did it despite several drops by new receivers Pierre Garcon and Austin Col-

lie, despite tight end Dallas Clark being held to four catches for 65 yards, despite Tom Brady's proficiency at exploiting holes in a Colts' secondary that started two rookie quarterbacks and despite trailing by 17 points early in the fourth more hype to quarter against a team with three Super Bowl titles this decade.

Now the focus shifts back to Indy's More than road to perfection.

town, Baltimore, this weekend. Indy has won six straight in the series including three in a row on the road.

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## Lady Raiders up against storied, accomplished Tennessee program

#### **By ZANE TURNER** STAFF WRITER

A coach amassing 1,006 wins in 36 seasons in Pat Summit, 27 Southeastern Conference championships and eight national titles - Tennessee women's basketball is as good as it gets.

So even Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry knows her team must be flawless when facing its next opponent.

"Obviously when you play a team like Tennessee the margin for error is very small," she said. "We're gonna have to play our best basketball. It's a great opportunity for us we're gonna embrace that. We're excited about the challenge.

"When I got the phone call that we'd play Tennessee in San Antonio, I said, 'We'll walk to San Antonio."

Despite a 91-52 victory against Sam Houston State, the Lady Raiders face a giant of an opponent in the Lady Volunteers.

Tech takes on No. 6 Tennessee at 6 p.m. today in San Antonio in the AT&T Center as a part of the ESPNU Road to the Championship.

The matchup gives Tech a highranked opponent early in the season and a chance to turn heads among women's basketball spectators. It may be one of the few times Tech has to impress voters in the rankings, as the game against Tennessee also is the only one against a ranked opponent in nonconference play at this point in the season.

are going up against a tough opponent, Arena. players on the roster.

Against Sam Houston State on Saturday, the Lady Raiders started two freshmen -point guard Monique Smalls and guard comers who are playing solid minutes.

However, the Lady Vols are also a for San Antonio. young team with no seniors on the squad. But Tennessee is led by this week's SEC 14 rebounds, five assists and three steals in such a storied program. a 74-65 win against No. 7 Baylor Sunday.

man of the Year last season by the U.S. along with it.

Lady Vols undefeated in the series. The forward to coming out, play hard and do *mathematication commended* 



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreado

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Ashlee Roberson tries to make a pass dur-As much as it seems the Lady Raiders ing the game against Sam Houston State on Saturday in the United Spirit

> took down the Lady Raiders 75-59 in the it done.' 2005 NCAA Sweet 16 on March 27 in

Philadelphia. Chynna Brown — and feature four new- turnaround for the high-profile match up. ing forward Jordan Barncastle tying her After Saturday's game, Tech left Monday career-high for the third time with 14

a San Antonio native, said the match up Lady Raiders shot 53 percent from the field Player of the Week Shekinna Stricklen, will be a great experience for her in front of and created a lot of second chance and fast who scored 25 points, grabbed a career-best her family and for the team to play against break points.

Stricklen also was named Fresh- going to be there and this is going to be a see features a team with 10 of its 13 players once in a lifetime chance to actually go six feet or taller. Basketball Writers Association and had and play in front of your family in your an All-SEC second team selection to go hometown," said Roberson, who recorded to the Championship features another her fourth career double-double at Tech battle between ranked teams with No. 1 Tennessee and Tech have met five with 14 points and 11 rebounds against Connecticut and No. 12 Texas taking the times prior to this matchup with the Sam Houston State. "I'm just looking floor after the Tech-Tennessee game.

both teams enter the game with young last time the two teams met, Tennessee what we need to do on the floor and get

Tech has some positives heading into the Tennessee game with five players The Lady Raiders also had a quick scoring in double figures Saturday, includpoints against the Lady Bearkats. Tech Tech forward Ashlee Roberson, who is also was tough to stop from the field, as the

Tech players also hope they can keep "It's just pretty exciting. My family is up with the Lady Vols on the glass. Tennes-

The second game of the ESPNU Road

## Tech's David Tairu earns Big 12 honor

**By MIKE GRAHAM** STAFF WRITER

The Big 12 Conference awarded is helping me Texas Tech guard David Tairu its Phillips 66 Big 12 Rookie of the Week award cess." for the week of Nov. 9 through Nov. 15 on Monday.

It was Tairu's - a South Plains earned the Big College transfer — first weekend of Division I basketball.

"That's why I recruited David," said averaging 30.5 Tech coach Pat Knight after Sunday's points in Baylor's win against Oregon State. "I wanted to first two games on get more athletic at the guard situation. the season. I'm not surprised because that's how he played in junior college."

Tairu finished the weekend as the ed on by a panel Red Raiders' leading scorer in two of of media members their first three games and trails Mike that cover Big 12 Singletary for the team best in points basketball. scored with 42. Most importantly, Tairu kept Tech out in front Sunday with Northwestern 17 second-half points in a 64-60 win (Louisiana) State against Oregon State.

For his efforts, Tairu was named the in the United 2009 Duel in the Desert's Most Valuable Spirit Arena and Player, while Tech came away with a Tech players are 3-0 record.

from Tech to earn rookie honors in Tairu. Big 12 history. The 6-foot-3 junior also is averaging 14 points per game and is that he was go-10-for-20 from beyond the three-point ing to be a big line.

Despite his early impact on the coming into the team, Tairu has remained humble.

ter being awarded the MVP award. "That's what through this pro-Baylor's Lace-Darius Dunn

12's Player of the Week award,

The weekly honors were vot-

Tech will play 7 p.m. Thursday expecting more Tairu became just the sixth player of the same from

> "We knew part of this team

beginning of the year," Singletary said starting to see all that he can do, and it's "I keep my head level and keep my after Sunday's game. "But I didn't think we really going to help us out." mind focused on Christ," Tairu said af- knew to what extent. Now I think you're michael.graham@ttu.edu



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH GUARD David Tairu fights off two Oregon State defenders during the game against the Beavers on Sunday.

## UConn keeps up run at No. 1 in women's poll

looked every bit like the No. 1 team in women's basketball.

If the Huskies can win their first five. next game — and not much slapstick expected at No. 10 Texas quite a while.

votes Monday from the national Longhorns in San Antonio. media panel. The Huskies have unanimous choice.

The first weekend in the regular

(AP) - With a 70-point laugh- after winning at Old Dominion and dismantling of Centenary. The Tier in its opener, Connecticut Rutgers. Ohio State was No. 3 while gers will face Middle Tennessee next North Carolina and Notre Dame on Wednesday. Baylor fell a spot to switched places to round out the eighth.

to score the first 28 points on its way history. there may be no stopping them for to a 105-35 demolition of Northeastern on Saturday. The Huskies, who after losing at Texas A&M on Sun-UConn remained a unanimous won by an average of 30 points a game day. The Blue Devils were followed top choice in The Associated Press last year in a perfect season, may face by fellow ACC schools Virginia and poll, receiving all 40 first-place a stiffer test Tuesday night against the Florida State.

been the top team the past 26 through its schedule after that game, before heading to Xavier for a showpolls, including the last 17 as the with six of its next seven at home down with the Musketeers. before facing Stanford on Dec. 23.

Tennessee moved up two places season produced several blowouts after beating then-No. 7 Baylor at Devils 95-77. It's one of the biggest and few changes near the top of home Sunday. LSU climbed two leaps ever in the Top 25 over the last the poll. Stanford was second again spots to seventh after a 73-point decade.

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Xavier was ninth — cracking the It took only 5 minutes for UConn top 10 for the first time in school

Duke dropped five places to 11th

Arizona State moved up two spots UConn should be able to breeze to 14th. The Sun Devils visit Yale

Texas A&M jumped into the poll at No. 15 after beating the Blue

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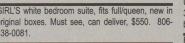
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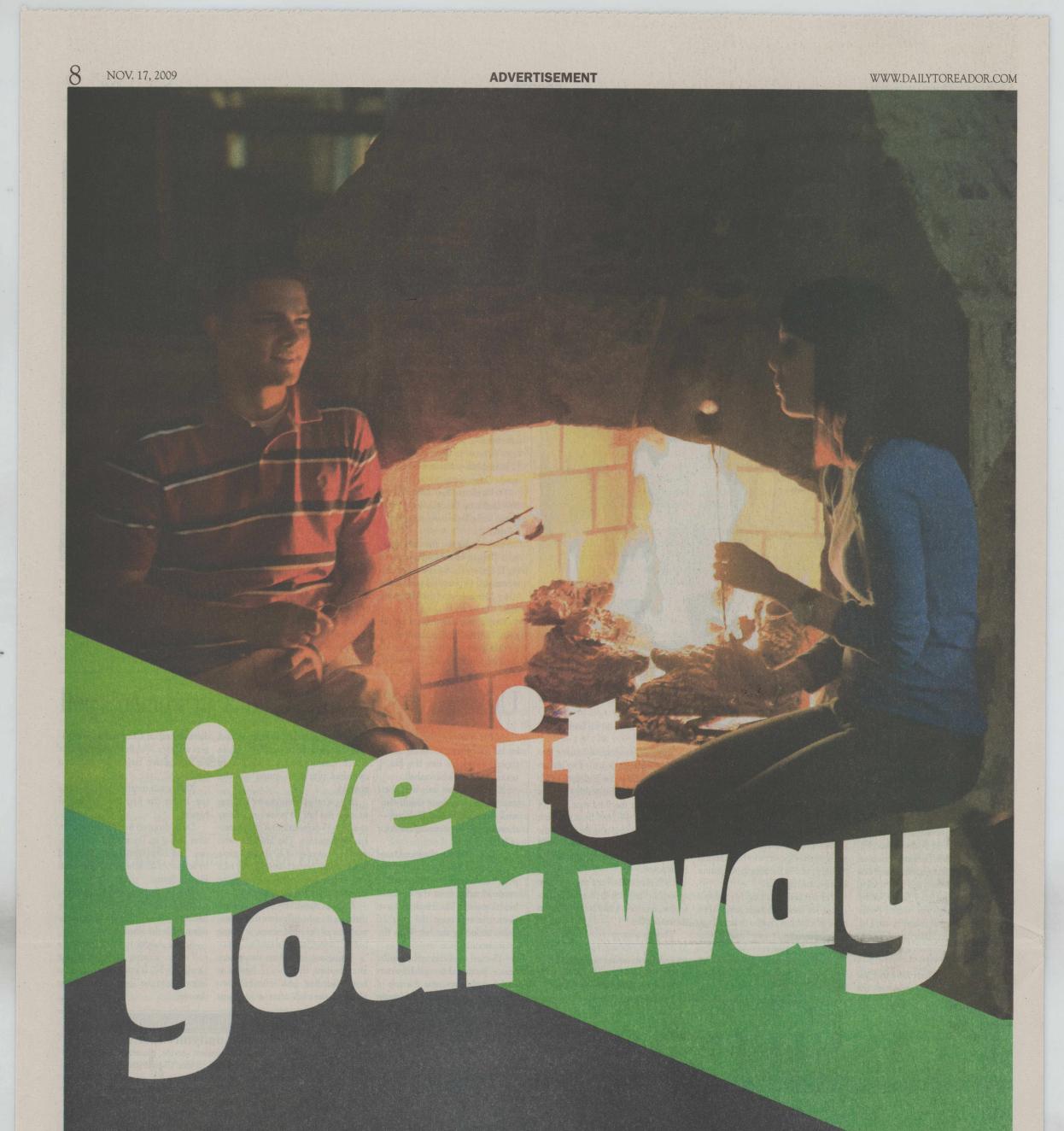
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