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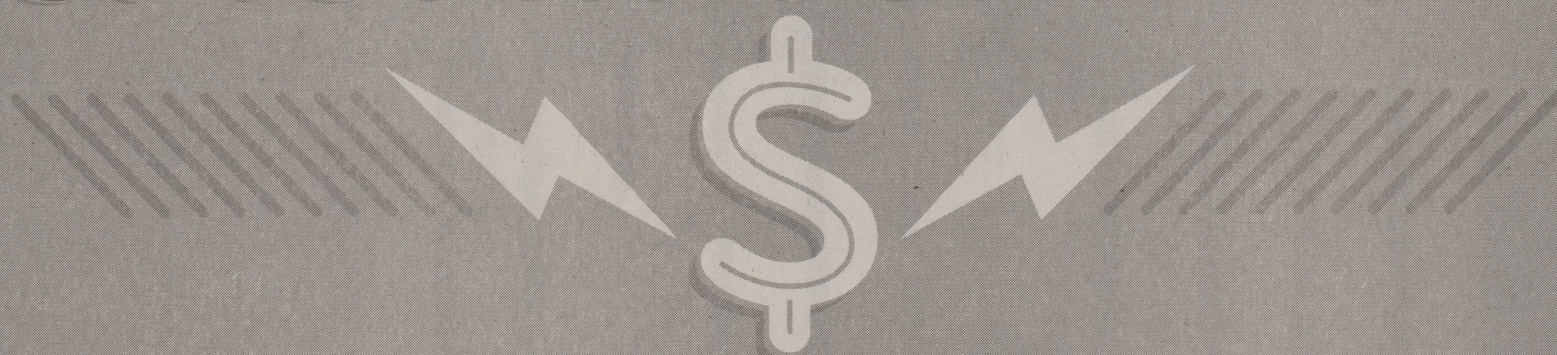
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MATT ANDERSON, A freshman civil engineering major from Houston, tries to block a shot by Bryan Timmerman, a freshman electrical engineering major from San Antonio, during a game of ball in their spare time before finals start Tuesday at the Leisure Pool.

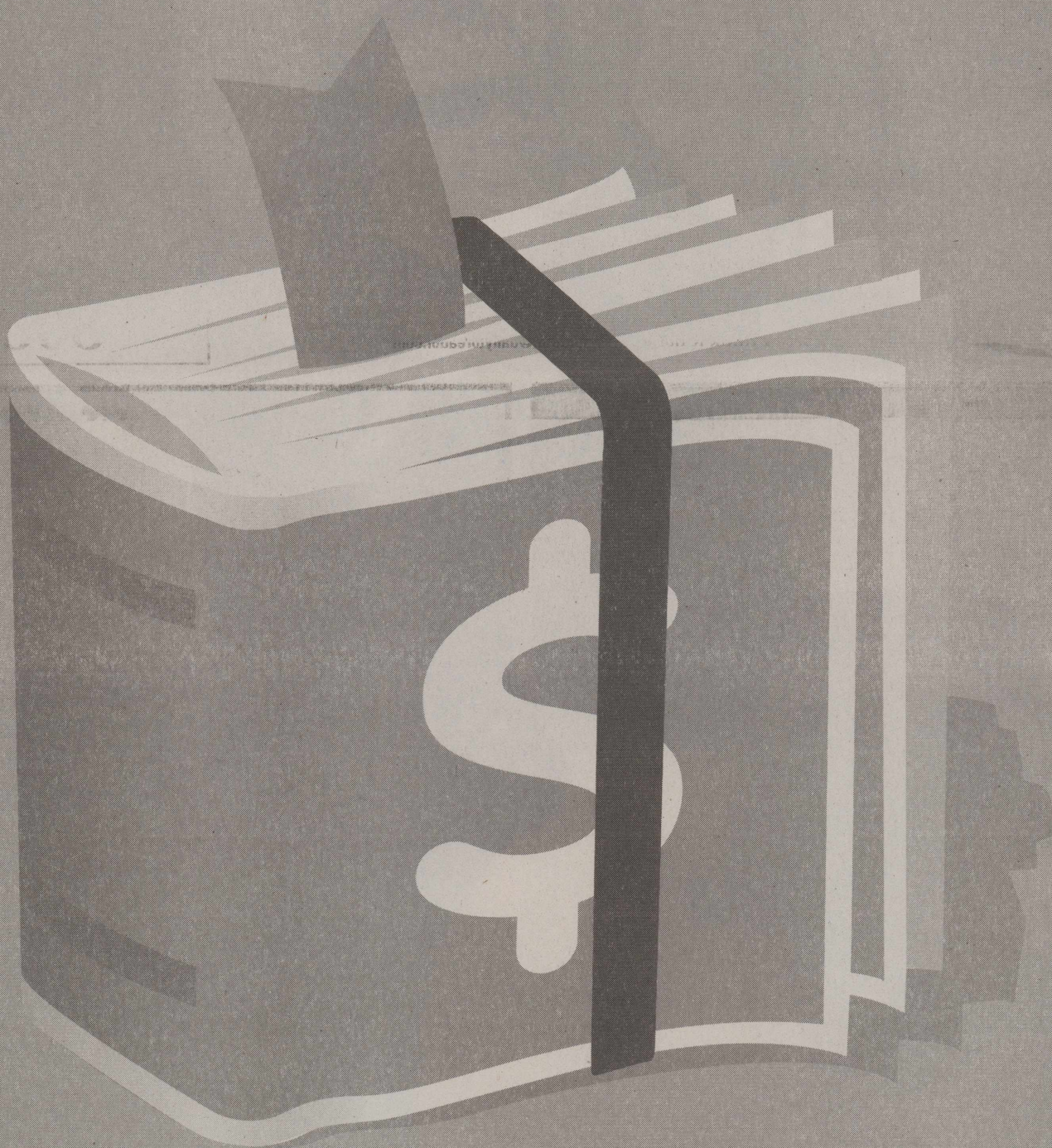
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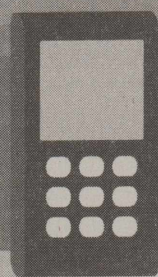


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StudyAids

Caffeine, pharmaceuticals help students with studying

By KASSIDY KETRON
STAFF WRITER

In the '70s and '80s, associate director of Texas Tech's Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery said alertness aids started with NoDoz, an over-the-counter drug, but have progressed to energy drinks and pharmaceutical drugs like Adderall.

George Comiskey said students who may have not kept up with their schoolwork during the semester end up having to do all their studying right before finals and use stimulants to focus and stay awake.

"I think anytime that you artificially introduce into your body chemicals that stimulate it," he said, "then whatever goes up has to come down."

"And when it comes down the crash can be hard."

Initially, Comiskey said he believes students try to be healthy when studying, but when their workload increases they will take shots of espresso, high caffeine drinks and other stimulants to keep up.

Energy drinks, Comiskey said, can cause students to have a caffeine high they cannot come down from. In turn, he said students will drink alcohol, a depressant, to come down from

the high, which is not good for the body.

"Even though they have these intense periods of being able to stay up and focus and get done what they need to get done, the stress that they're putting on their system, eventually causing a crash, can cause other ongoing health problems," he said.

Jessie Seidensticker, a senior exercise and sport sciences major from Burnet said she believes Adderall has become more popular among college students because it is easy to obtain.

Students who are not prescribed Adderall should not take it, Seidensticker said. People can develop long-term habits from the drug, she said, and may experience negative health consequences.

"Maybe it is just a matter of stress and just the way that they deal with it," she said, "but everybody is stressed out, let's face it, but not everybody chooses to take Adderall."

Junior nutrition major from Austin Lisa Cheney said before college she was oblivious to the negative effects that Adderall can have on people.

Cheney said she believes the problem begins in high school because students are not as educated about the risks as college students are.

"(In high school) I know whenever they came out with new advanced things, I wanted to try it like with my friends, so I think it has a

great impact on high school kids than college," she said.

Cheney said she does not use Adderall or other pharmaceutical drugs, but she does use an extra shot of espresso in her coffee to help her study.

She said she recommends students make sure to get a good night's sleep, eat good balanced meals and be more physically active if they have a hard time sleeping after studying for finals.

"I studied a week in advance just so I don't have to (study last minute). Because if you study hard now, you don't have to study hard later," Cheney said.

Cody Monnette, a sophomore accounting major from Red Oak said he drinks anything with caffeine to help him study and stay focused.

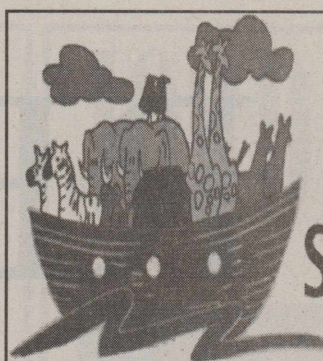
Because students do not know the effects stimulants may have on their bodies, Monnette said he does not believe they should take or use them.

Despite his recommendation he said he does not believe it is always a bad thing to use stimulants when studying.

"I don't think it's extreme," Monnette said, "but whatever works I would go for it."

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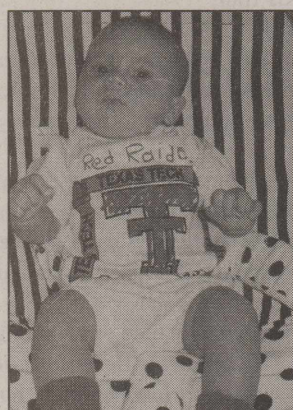
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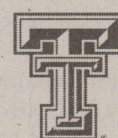
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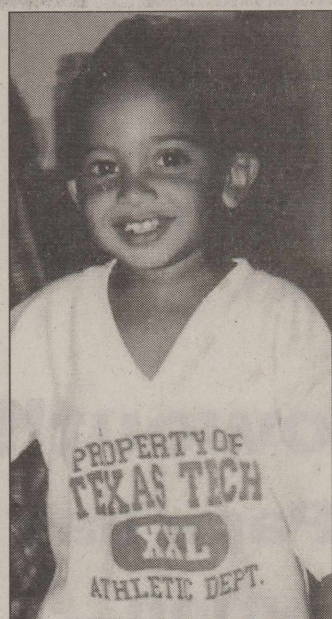
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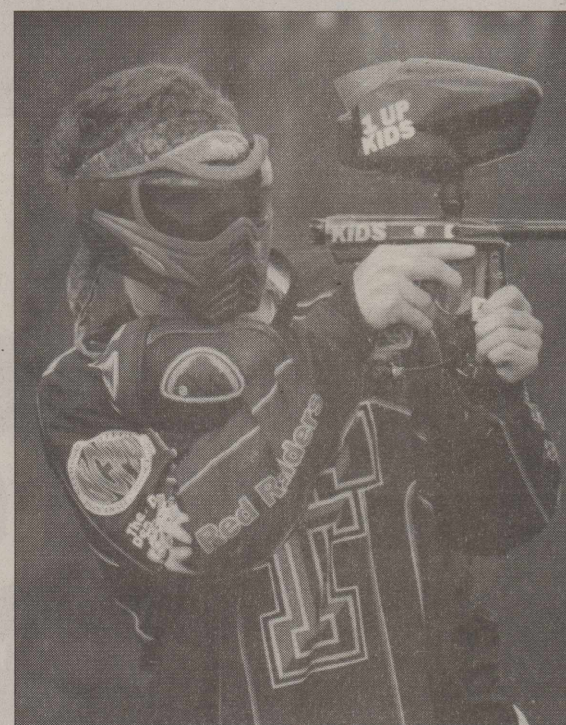
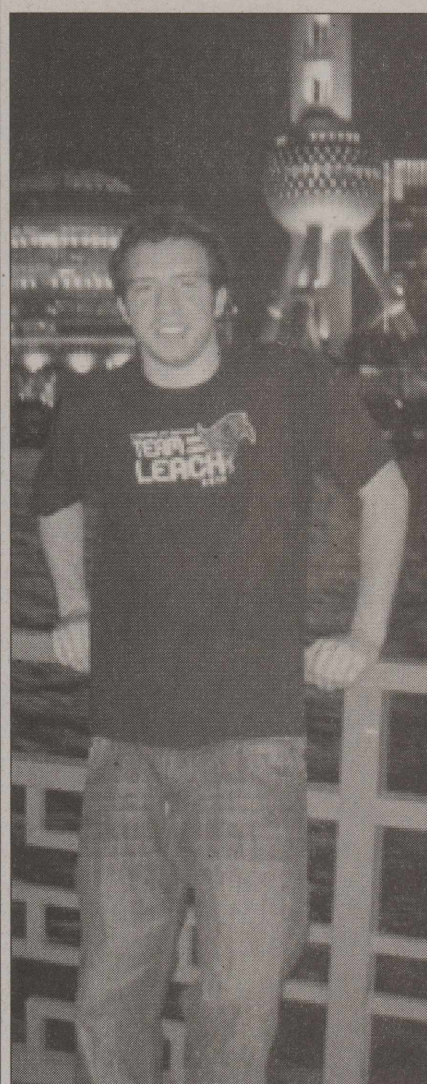
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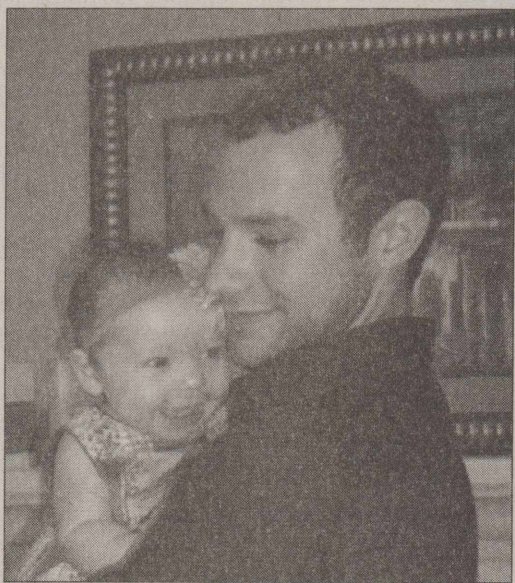
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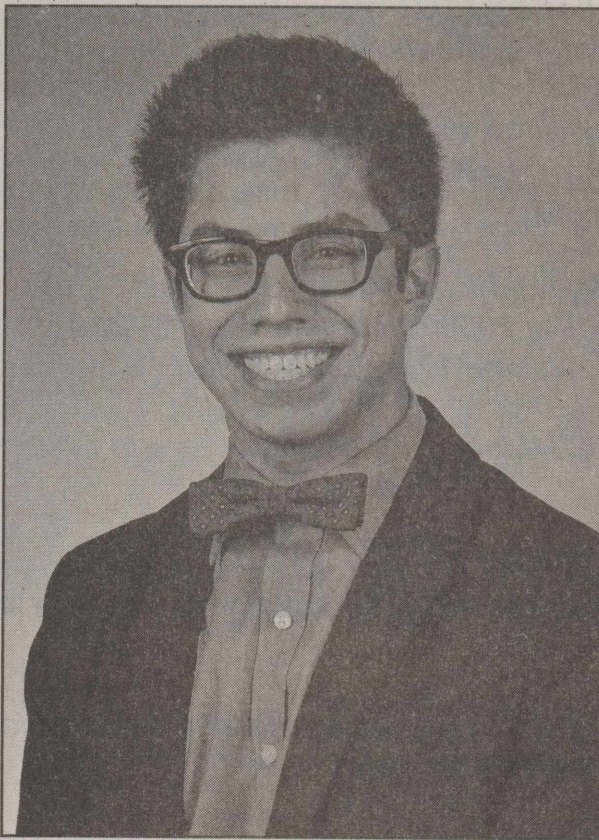


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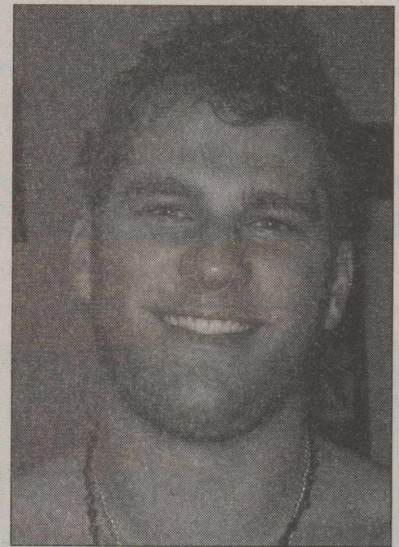
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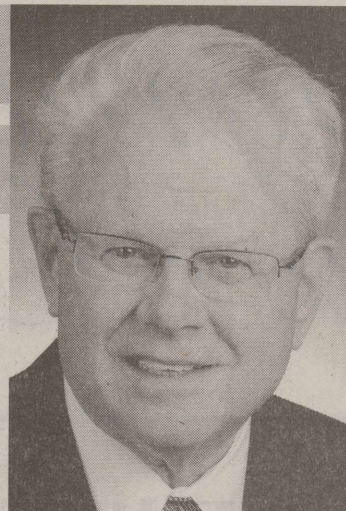
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Getting to know fellow Red Raiders

Catching up with Tech Provost Bob Smith



Bob Smith was appointed provost in 2009 and is a native of New York. Before coming to Lubbock, he held positions at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and University of Connecticut, among others.

What's the most played song on your iPod?

I listen, via the Internet, to classical, jazz and movie sound tracks, and have favorite stations in different states and different parts of the world.

What is the last movie you saw?

The 2010 version of "Alice in Wonderland."

Where could you be found on the weekend?

In my home office writing professional articles (for "All Things Texas Tech" mostly) and books. My latest book, "The Oz Complex — A New Model for Personal and Professional Development," is written primarily for gifted and talented adolescents and will be published by TTU Press. I also love spending time with my wife and socializing with our friends.

What is your dream destination?

Greece, where my wife and I met and where we have visited seven times.

What is your favorite Lubbock restaurant?

Café J; the Texas Tech Club is a close second.

What book is currently on your nightstand?

I read several at a time. Here are the current ones: "Academically Adrift" by Richard Arum and Josipa Roksa, "The Next Hundred Million: America in 2050" by Joel Kotkin, "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire, and "Autobiography of Mark Twain, Volume 1" edited by Harriet Elinor Smith.

What is your favorite Texas Tech memory?

Working on the university's strategic plan for 2010-2020 (Making it possible . . .) and seeing it published in 2010.

Who is your celebrity crush?

I "loved" Gene Tierney (particularly her role in the great 1944 film noir classic "Laura") growing up. In my adult life, I have admired greatly the comedic talents of Woody Allen and quote lines from his films often.

What does Texas Tech mean to you?

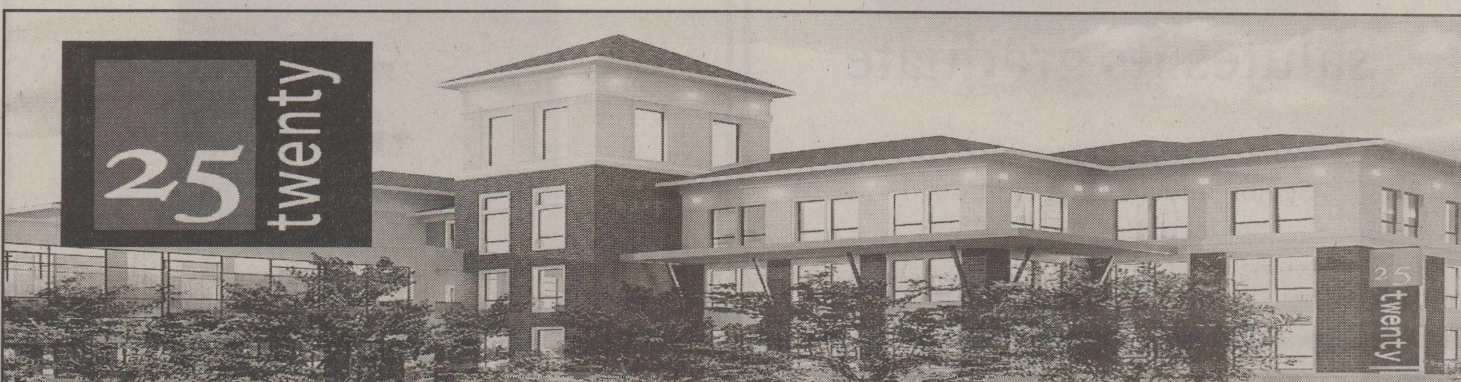
It is a remarkable up-and-coming research university that has a great and lasting tradition for excellence in undergraduate education. I am also proud that students "love Tech!"

Who is your favorite professional sports team?

The Dallas Cowboys (along with my wife who is a rabid fan).

Who is your role model?

There are many, many, but perhaps most prominent would be the physicist and Renaissance man, Carl Sagan (1936-1996).



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Future bright following last 10 months

The theory is the world is ending soon. Some of the crazy people like to say it's this month. Others like to point to December 2012.

They're both nonsense. But looking over the past 10 months, a lot has happened. More than the normal 10 months.

Between the failed classes, the rejected job interviews, the parties and the dumped partners, there was something exciting in the air which been missing in the American spirit for a long time.

There's been a lot of disappointment in the world since the world changed in September 2001. Two wars, a sinking economy and the loss of America's standing in the world. On the home front, partisanship hit a new high, which made our sinking economy a political toy.

A lot of it, certainly, can be aimed at President Obama. When times were rough following his election, we collectively complained to him. The sliding economy was his fault. The lack of true health reform was his fault. The budget cuts in Texas are his fault.

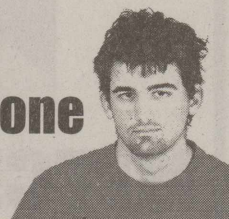
During the last 10 months, however, I feel like much has changed. Certainly, we're all older and wiser, and we may have 25 more college credits, but there's something different. There's a renewed sense of optimism.

The American spirit cannot thrive without optimism.

There's a lot of credit due to the president, at least on the national front. The economy, through all the battering and finger pointing, seems to be back on track. This is at least partially because Obama (and President Bush, to a small extent) had a plan, and stuck with it. Even though the echo chamber of the media, the plan slowly started to take shape, and the consumer has started to cycle back into the economy.

Our national image has also improved. We're not nearly as saintly as Vatican City, but the negative image America has endured for a long time appears to have slowly tapered off. That's what happens when a country doesn't rush headfirst into Egypt

Tony Cardone



or Libya, and instead focuses on the supposed mission of bringing peace to the Middle East.

The capture of Osama bin Laden is a culmination of years of work by the national security team, the military, and our commanders in chief. I'm certain the media will be able to twist this 10,000 different ways, but it doesn't really matter.

Nine years of turmoil and controversy have surrounded our mission in the Middle East. There are a couple of reasons why this is a big deal, but most importantly, it seems to be an incontrovertible, quantifiable victory. Not just for Obama, or Americans. It's a victory for the human race. One of the most brutal mass murders in recent history is nothing more than a wood box on the bottom of the ocean.

If we can do that much in the last 10 months, imagine what we can do in the next 10. Just imagine what we can do together. Not all changes will be good, but it doesn't mean they aren't necessary. Because the moral imperative of the human race is to march on, to push forward and to make society a better place. Not to stand still.

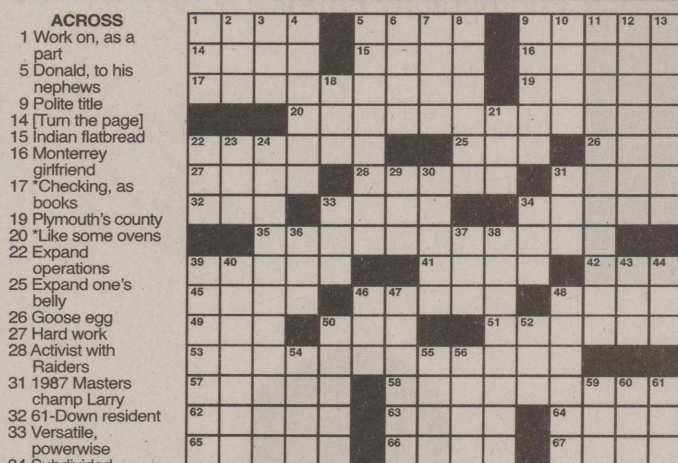
On an editorial note, this column has been brought to you for the last 18 months by more than just me and my slowly breaking laptop. It's been brought to you by a lot of hard working people in the newsroom, many of whom are retiring, that deserve my thanks.

Among them is my boss, Britton Peele. I would be remiss in not mentioning the hard work he's done on making me look presentable week after week, and making me a much stronger writer. It's the last time he'll be pulling hair out from tweaking my columns for The Daily Toreador. He's moving on, too, and I wish him all the best.

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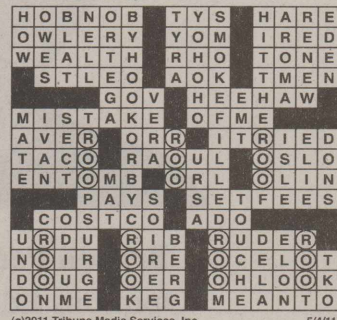
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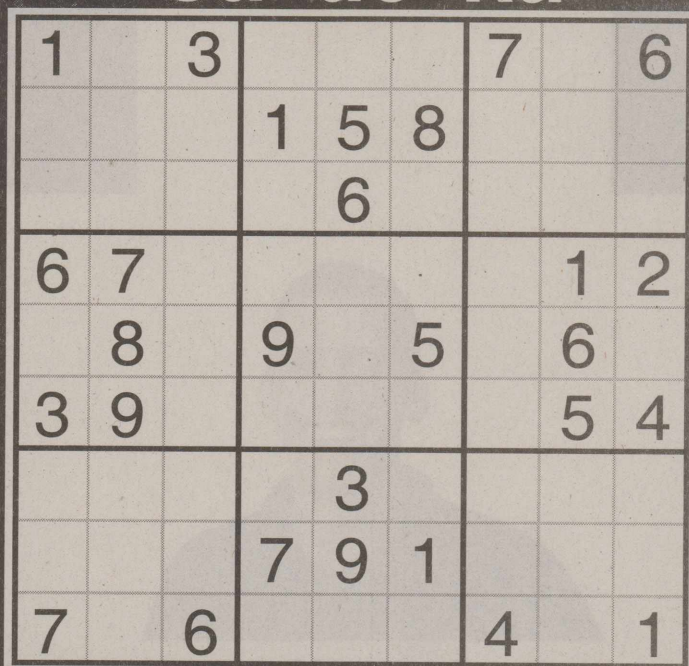
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Push to spur more drugs for deadly rare diseases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every other week, 7-year-old twins Addison and Cassidy Hempel have an experimental medicine injected into their spines in hopes of battling a rare, fatal disease.

And it's their mom who made that possible.

From her home in Reno, Nev., Chris Hempel persuaded scientists to share their research and managed to get the government to sign off on her daughters' unusual experiment. Hempel says getting help to fight a rare disease shouldn't be so hard.

But it's a huge challenge to generate drug company interest in the expensive testing of medicines for diseases so rare — like her girls' Niemann-Pick Type C — that the market is only a few hundred or few thousand people a year.

There are treatments for just 200 of the roughly 7,000 rare diseases, illnesses that affect fewer than 200,000 people, often far, far fewer. Yet add those diseases together, and more than 20 million Americans have one.

Now a movement is beginning to spur more rare-disease treatments: The National Institutes of Health this fall will open a center to speed genetic discoveries into usable therapies, doing some of the riskiest early-stage research in hopes companies then will step in.

A new International Rare Diseases Research Consortium is pushing for at least 200 more treatments by 2020, in part by pooling the work of far-flung scientists and families.

Rather than starting from scratch, the Food and Drug Administration is pointing the way for manufacturers to "repurpose" old drugs for new use against rare diseases, publishing a list of those deemed particularly promising.

And bipartisan legislation recently introduced in the Senate, called the Creating Hope Act, would offer drug makers another financial incentive — a voucher promising fast FDA evaluation of their next blockbuster drug in return for developing a therapy for a rare or neglected disease that disproportionately affects children. It's unclear what the prospects for passage are.

"We have to give drug companies a reason to go into this market," says Nancy Goodman of Kids v Cancer, a group pushing the legislation. Her son Jacob died at age 10 from a type of brain cancer that has no good treatment.

"My kids may not be curable, but they are treatable," adds Hempel, the Nevada mom. "Who's going to take this over?"

Pharmaceutical giants are starting to show some new interest in rare diseases, traditionally a niche market for small biotech companies. The practical reason: Blockbusters are drying up, says Dr. Ed Mascioli of Pfizer Inc., the world's largest drug company.

"The industry as a whole has a

pipeline problem. It's increasingly difficult to develop drugs for common diseases," says Mascioli. He heads a separate research unit that Pfizer opened last year to search for medications for certain distinctively gene-based rare diseases, such as muscular dystrophy and hereditary emphysema.

Some other companies, including Novartis AG and GlaxoSmithKline PLC, also have begun rare-disease programs.

But NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins says all the activity also reflects a larger promise. "Getting a home run with a rare disease sometimes points you in a direction that will be beneficial for common diseases," he told The Associated Press.

That's Chris Hempel's argument: Niemann-Pick Type C, or NPC, causes cholesterol and other fats to build up to toxic levels inside cells, harming various organs and especially the brain until patients lose the ability to talk, walk and swallow. Only 500 children worldwide are known to have it. But a drug that could flush out that build-up, Hempel contends, just might point to a new route to fighting heart disease or Alzheimer's.

For NPC, Hempel hopes to repurpose cyclodextrin, a sugar-like compound that's already used in numerous products. But by itself, it wasn't deemed to have any drug effects — until scientists at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center made the surprise finding that cyclodextrin helped mice with NPC.

When her daughters were diagnosed in late 2007, Hempel desperately searched scientific journals for any hint of a treatment and ran across the Texas research.

What works in mice often fails in people, and it can take years of additional research before animal experiments lead to human studies.

"They don't have years," says Dr. Caroline Hastings of Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland in California, who leads the twins' cyclodextrin treatment. "They really had nothing to lose."

Subsequent studies in cats at the University of Pennsylvania show promise, too. Hempel found a Florida

supplier of cyclodextrin, and worked with Hastings to file FDA applications for "compassionate use" testing of cyclodextrin in the twins. She even persuaded Johnson & Johnson, which uses cyclodextrin as an inactive ingredient in an anti-fungal medicine, to share proprietary data about the compound's human safety and other issues to address FDA questions.

Addison and Cassidy already have serious symptoms; they'd quit talking. The cyclodextrin was first infused into their bloodstreams in 2009, but Hempel says it wasn't penetrating the brain. So late last year, FDA allowed injections into the spinal fluid, which bathes the brain. It's too soon to know how they'll fare, but the family thinks the girls are more alert, and Hastings says tests show their hearing has improved.

Now, the NIH is planning a formal study of cyclodextrin in a number of NPC patients, to begin within about a year.

Hempel isn't alone in her quest to repurpose common drugs. Consider progeria, a disease that rapidly ages children until they die of a heart attack or stroke, usually before their teens.

Collins' lab at NIH uncovered the gene defect behind progeria, research that he says he pursued only because of meeting another mom, Dr. Leslie Gordon, founder of the Progeria Research Foundation, and her son, Sam, who has the disease. Today, clinical trials are under way using a failed cancer drug named lonafarnib that promises to block some of the progeria mutation's effect.

"We're very excited about the

opportunities in progeria," says Dr. Gary Gilliland of Merck & Co., which donates the drug and is watching carefully to see if the studies make further pursuit worthwhile.

There are an estimated 150 progeria patients worldwide, but Gordon points to growing evidence that the culprit protein may play a role in the heart disease that comes with regular aging, too.

However, progress is slow. Just because initial research shows a drug looks promising doesn't guarantee broader testing. For example, a National Cancer Institute-funded team is pushing to test a certain class of drugs against a childhood cancer, Ewing's sarcoma. But none of half a dozen manufacturers has yet agreed to provide the drugs, says Dr. Peter Adamson of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The reason, he says: They're not showing enough promise in more common adult cancers.

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CDC: Smoking bans in bars could come in next decade

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention news release, by 2020 the entire nation could have laws banning smoking in all indoor areas of private sector worksites, restaurants and bars.

In the past 10 years, 25 states

have enacted smoke-free laws in worksites, restaurants and bars, according to the CDC report. The report also lists 10 states that prohibit smoking in one or two of the venues. There are eight states that have less restrictive laws with designated areas for smoking and areas with ventilation. The report also lists the seven states with no

statewide smoking restrictions, including Texas.

According to the CDC, approximately 88 million non-smoking Americans aged 3 and older are still exposed to secondhand smoke.

"Eliminating smoking from worksites, restaurants and bars is a low-cost, high-impact strategy that will protect nonsmokers and allow them to live healthier, longer, more productive lives while lowering healthcare costs associated with secondhand smoke," said CDC director Dr. Thomas Frieden in the CDC news release.

Dr. Fransico Garcia-Garcia, a cardiologist at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health in San Antonio, said he believe smoking bans are beneficial and can improve the nation's health and help the environment.

Garcia-Garcia said the nicotine from cigarettes causes vascular problems from increased carbon dioxide in the blood vessels. Also, he said the smoke damages the lungs and can cause emphysema or lung cancer.

Garcia-Garcia said it is harder for an individual to quit smoking than it is to quit drinking

because of the nicotine addiction.

"The only way a person can quit smoking," Garcia-Garcia said, "is if they want to quit. Medications and support groups can help, but they won't work unless that individual chooses to quit."

Josh Perry, the owner of Bash Riprock's in the Depot District, said bar owners in Lubbock will not agree with smoking bans in Texas.

"When people choose to go to a bar," Perry said, "they know people are going to smoke there. If they don't want to be around smoke they can not go."

Perry said the smoke-free bars in Lubbock could have better business if they allow smoking in their establishments.

"If I didn't allow smoking in my bar," Perry said, "I wouldn't be able to run my business."

Perry said smoking bans infringes on the rights of bar

owners.

"It is a private place where business owners should be able to make their own decisions on what they want to allow and not allow," Perry said. "The government should not intervene with this."

Perry said he believes secondhand smoke does not affect individuals as much as people think it does. He said someone would have to be a very confined area with a heavy smoker and inhale enough smoke to damage his or her lungs.

Sidney Dean Bernard Egan, a junior English major from Garland, said some states might not

agree to smoking bans because it affects the personal rights of its citizens.

Egan said people should be allowed to do what they want as long as it does not hurt others. He said he has not seen enough conclusive research that secondhand smoke is harmful to others.

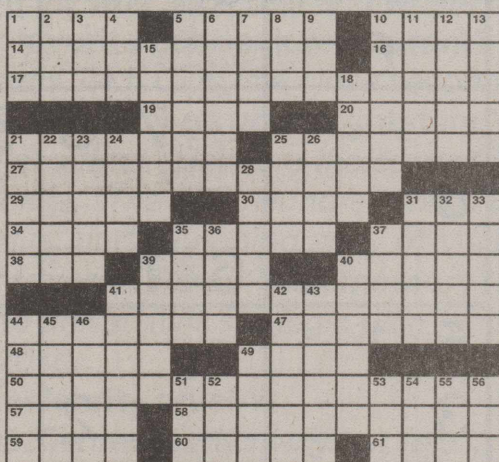
"I know people are sensitive about smoking, but I'm not," Egan said. "It doesn't offend me or disgust me, and I don't expect to get cancer from secondhand smoke."

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
1 Make sound
5 Fictional elephant
10 Pine
14 Capital at the foot of Mount Entoto
16 Gambler's marker
17 Moving like a dog in a narrow tube?
19 Spots on cates
20 Straight opening?
21 Kennel worker
25 Greek sphinx, from the neck down
27 Dud sparklers?
29 Good for growing, as soil
30 Traps
31 Pick up
34 Razor brand
35 Contempt
37 Stadium level
38 Sign relative
39 Othello, for one
40 Wonder Woman weapon
41 One solving several crosswords simultaneously?
44 Anniversary gala
47 Haagen-Dazs array
48 Words after take or save
49 Z-zebra link
50 Brilliant bees?
57 Performer of many Dylan songs
58 San Diego Zoo attraction
59 breve
60 Folklore threats
61 Not at all bleak



By Peter Koettters

5/6/11

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

EROTICA ALGEBRA
LEXICAL NEEDLER
KEEP IT UNDER YOUR
SSNS FLYER SOSO
SILESIA PEZ
STASIS NTH
TALK THROUGHONES
ELLIE URL ERODE
WEARMORETHANONE
TAN ARENAS
ECO PAGEANT
NOUS NESTS TSKS
ATTHE DROP OFAHAT
MATADOR ALIMONY
INAGONY ROXETTE

35 Exude
36 Nap
37 Branch
39 Media lead-in
40 Source of some greens
41 Italian square
42 Aspetic of yore
43 Articulations
44 Sluggish alien
45 Standard
46 Chisel's edge
49 Bacteriologist's supply
51 IHOP
52 Short job
53 Syr. seceded from it in 1961
54 -cone
55 Money VIPs
56 Mention

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Fire on the Roof of Murdough Hall

April 25

3:10 p.m. — A Texas Tech police officer documented information concerning a fire on the roof of Murdough Residence Hall. The fire started in a rain gutter on the north side of the building. The Lubbock Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire.

April 26

8:19 a.m. — A Tech officer investigated graffiti at the Chemistry building. Spray paint was used to write on the building.

2:48 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated a theft at the English-Philosophy building. A blue Mon-goose bicycle was taken.

April 27

3:24 a.m. — A Tech officer documented information on a verbal disagreement at Gates Residence Hall. A male student and a female student got into a verbal argument.

April 28

1:56 a.m. — A Tech officer arrested a student for driving while intoxicated on 2nd Street. The passenger was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor. Both students were taken to jail and the vehicle was towed.

Friday

8:12 a.m. — A Tech officer arrested a non-student for driving

with an invalid license on Texas Tech Parkway. The non-student was transported to jail and the vehicle was impounded.

Saturday

8:26 p.m. — A Tech officer documented information in reference to the theft of a City of Lubbock population sign following a traffic stop on Broadway Avenue.

Sunday

11:01 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, on 19th Street. A vehicle struck a pole, and the student driver attempted to flee the scene. The student was then arrested for driving while intoxicated and

possession of Adderall without a prescription. The student was transported to jail and the vehicle was towed.

Monday

3:58 a.m. — A Tech officer arrested a student for driving while intoxicated on Broadway Avenue. The student was transported to jail and the vehicle was towed.

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NYC taxis to get suburban look

NEW YORK (AP) — It looks like something you'd see on a suburban cul-de-sac, not inching through Times Square.

A boxy minivan made by Nissan will be the next iconic yellow cab in New York City, Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced Tuesday.

The model, selected from among three finalists in a city competition, is designed so that it could eventually be updated with an electric engine. The city is exploring the possibility of ultimately replacing the city's entire fleet of more than 13,000 taxis with vehicles powered by electricity.

Bloomberg conceded at a City Hall news conference that the minivan — which offers extra passenger legroom and enough trunk space for the lug-

gage of four people — might make some think of suburbia, but he said the distinctive yellow paint job will make them New York icons.

The minivan features a panoramic overhead window that will give tourists a view of the city's skyscrapers and onboard outlets and charging stations that will allow professionals to treat the cabs as mobile offices. With such amenities, city Taxi and Limousine Commissioner David Yassky said he believed the vehicles could become as beloved as the Checker cabs of yesteryear.

"Not a week goes by when somebody doesn't say to me, 'Why can't you bring back the Checker?'" he said. "The cars that are on the road today just have not generated the same type

of affection and passenger loyalty."

The anchor of the city's current fleet of more than 13,200 taxis is Ford's Crown Victoria, which was recently discontinued.

The Nissan van, which beat out proposals from Ford Motor Co. and Turkey's Karsan, will be phased in as older taxis age out of service. All current taxis, including the city's hybrid cabs, will be off the streets by 2018.

Although the city was not legally allowed to make its decision based on fuel efficiency, Nissan's vehicles would double efficiency to 25 miles per gallon from the Crown Victoria's 12 to 13 miles per gallon, the mayor said. The Nissan was the most fuel efficient and the cheapest of the three finalists, and is expected to cost about \$29,000.

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SmartFashion

Fashion sites offer tips, ideas, convenience for summer style

While recently shopping for a springy sundress to wear to multiple end-of-the-semester events, I snapped a quick photo in the dressing room of a potential dress to get feedback from my favorite shopping partner, about 160 miles away.

With her insistent approval, the purchase was a no-brainer, and I left with a perfect mid-thigh length white eyelet lace dress with spaghetti straps and a sweetheart neckline — and bonus — it was 30 percent off.

This experience got me thinking about how technology makes even the simplest tasks easier and I remembered some of my favorite helpful fashion websites I turn to for inspiration.

Fashism, an interactive site for fashionistas around the world, offers the same approval I needed in the dressing room a couple weeks ago, at any time. The website allows its 65,000 users to upload photos of any fashion item, from a complete outfit, to a pair of shoes, to a new haircut and ask other users to “love it” or “hate it.”

Users can also ask questions such as “Would plain black bikini bottoms go with this top?” or “Could I wear this to a team banquet?” and others can leave constructive criticism and advice.

Brooke Moreland, co-founder and CEO of Fashism studied journalism at the University of Texas and currently lives in New York. She said Fashism can help out college students during the summer when they’re away from their usual social setting.

“You might be stuck at home with your parents or family, or you might be traveling and you want to get advice,” Moreland said. “It’s kind of like an instant community to tap into, so if you have a wedding to go to or a big event in the summer, you upload (a photo) and get advice.”

“You can get a lot of opinions quickly from diverse sources, not just a few people who live near you or are your friends, but people from all over the world can give you perspective.”

A site perfect for the broke college student who wants to stay in style this season is Penny Chic. Run by 25-year-old Shauna Miller, the site puts Walmart, America’s cheapest discount store, on a fashion pedestal and aims to make fashion-forward looks for various occasions with the store’s selection.

One of my recent favorites, “Easter Brunch Chic,” posted on April 24, featured a pale yellow floral one-shouldered sundress for \$16, an aqua necklace for \$5 and cream peep toe shoes for \$14.

But not all the looks on the site are super feminine or formal.

The “audition chic” outfit, posted April 28, is perfect for a day at the park or a coffee shop, and pictured a model in a zebra print top for \$14, belted for \$8 with \$5 black and white polka-dot shorts and \$20 gladiator sandals.

The blog also posts links to the



Brittany Hoover

items, or similar ones on Walmart’s website.

Miller grew up in Los Angeles and currently lives there. She said after graduating from New York University, she quickly realized her dream of being a stylist or a fashion writer at a magazine would be much more difficult than she expected with the country’s bad economy.

She wanted to create a portfolio to display her skills as a stylist, so she came up with the idea for the blog and launched Penny Chic on Dec. 1.

“I wanted to embrace what was happening in the economy and in people’s budgets and see how we could dress in a way that wouldn’t sacrifice our budgets, but wouldn’t compromise our style,” Miller said.

The blogger said she purchases all the items for her “Frugal Fashionista” blog online or at Walmart stores and her mother photographs Miller, friends and family members modeling the selections. If she really likes a piece, she’ll keep it, or if a model does, she’ll give it to them, or let them buy it from her. She returns everything else back to Walmart.

Miller said summer shopping doesn’t have to be expensive.

“You want the materials to breathe, to be light, airy,” she said. “It’s not the season you’re going to want to break the bank. It’s a great time to explore different trends like floral prints, different styles of tank tops and sandals. These things are seasonal and trendy, you’re not going to wear them for rest of your life.”

For summer, Miller suggested a few essentials for college-age women including floral dresses that are easily dressed up with pumps or down with flip flops and plenty of accessories like bangles, chandelier earrings and costume jewelry with large, colorful stones.

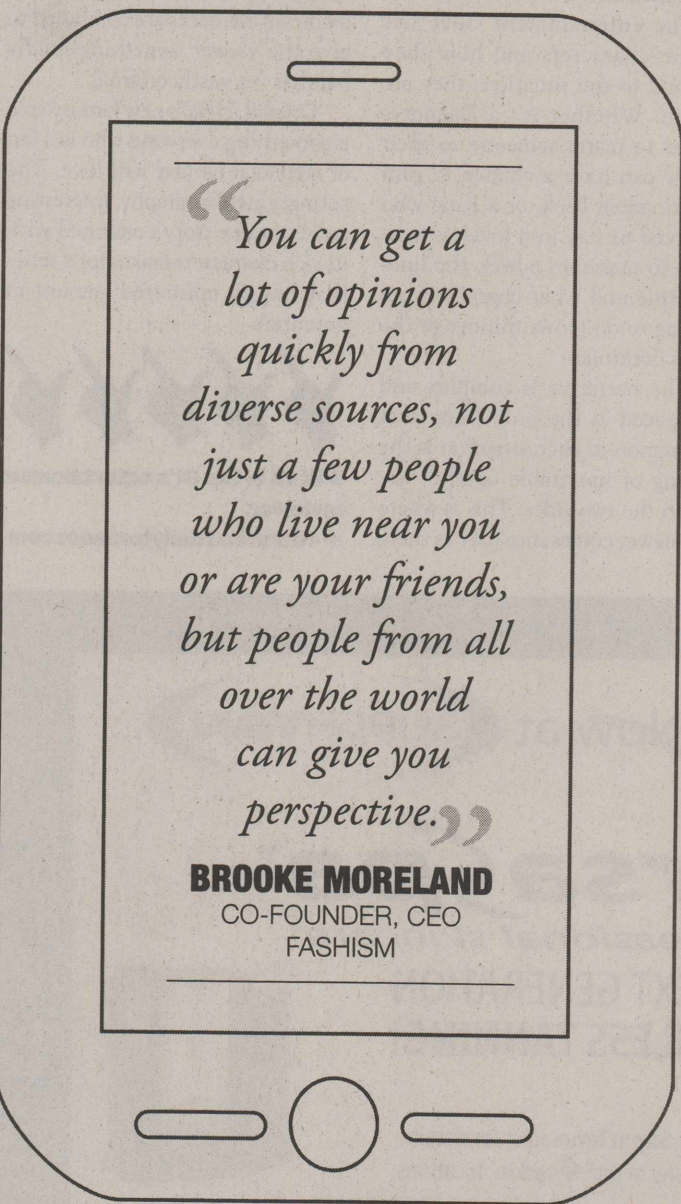
Miller’s future plans are to start a blog using other retailers and adding video segments onto the site.

“I feel like I proved my talent as a stylist using something no one would have ever thought would be chic,” she said.

The third website I want to share, Wearever The Weather, is newer and is run by 30-year-old Texas native Renae Virata. The concept is unique and great for summer travels.

Basically, a user can enter a location, date and occasion ranging from “polished but relaxed” to “black or white tie” and a selection of outdoor, tops/dresses, bottoms and shoes are displayed. Users can save outfits to a “closet” or find more information about how to purchase items.

For example, enter “Lubbock,”



“You can get a lot of opinions quickly from diverse sources, not just a few people who live near you or are your friends, but people from all over the world can give you perspective.”

BROOKE MORELAND
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FASHISM

Thursday’s date and “hanging out” and click “dress me” and you find an abundance of cardigans, tees and skirts with sandals. Enter “Dallas,” Friday’s date and “cocktail,” and choose from boyfriend blazers, corset tops and pencil skirts with pumps — it’s perfect for planning a quick weekend trip or a weeklong summer vacation.

“I think a lot of kids like to take trips,” Virata said, “so whether that’s to a small town, 100 miles away from where you live, or on the other side of the world, Wearever The Weather can actually help them get a better handle on what to wear based on the weather in that area.”

“A lot of specific weather details are taken into consideration and the pieces are specifically coded to those so you can see pieces maybe you’re not familiar with because you don’t know these specific pieces exist because

you’re not used to that weather.”

The site also features user photos from around the world and a fashion forum — blogs by avid travelers on fashion and the elements, travel tips, and how to dress for different occasions, specific events and in different regions, perfect for a leisurely read.

So go out there, fashionistas, and don’t be afraid to seek guidance. You can find inspiration for fashion anywhere, and a great place to start, or end up, is the web.

Maybe Coco Chanel said it best: “Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the street; fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening.”

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Whoopi's funky footwear gets laughs in Austria

VIENNA (AP) — Whoopi Goldberg is in Austria to promote “Sister Act,” with her trademark slapstick humor.

She slipped off her high-heeled sandals at Vienna’s Ronacher Theater on Friday when she realized she would have to stand during a media preview of the musical, which opens there in September.

“I thought I was going to look good coming in and sitting down,”

Goldberg told a laughing audience.

She stood in her white socks until Vienna’s cultural affairs official, Andreas Mailath-Pokorny, came on to give her a gift. “Hold on, hold on. I’m going to put them back on ‘cause you’re too tall for me,” Goldberg said.

“They look great ... just like you,” Mailath-Pokorny quipped.

Goldberg starred in the 1992 movie version of “Sister Act.”

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ACROSS
1 Some graphic works
8 It often involves x's
15 Of words
16 One doing a lot of riding
17 "Don't tell a soul!"
19 Fishing targets: Abbr.
20 Handbill
21 Nothing special
22 Wrocław's region
24 Refillable candy
25 Equilibrium
29 34-Down degree
31 Spout nonsense
38 Car's sweetheart, in "Up"
39 Double-slash container
40 Deteriorate slowly
41 Moonlight, say
44 Black and two-beer drink
45 Pugilism venues
46 "The Island of the Day Before" author
49 Event with a queen
53 Entre
55 Tanager homes
56 Impatient sounds
60 Instantly ... or how this puzzle's other three longest answers came about?
63 Cape user
64 Ex claim
65 Suffering terribly
66 "Listen to Your Heart" pop duo

DOWN
1 Horned game
2 "Cheers" actor
3 Paddy animals
4 Inside information
5 Here, in Haiti
6 Cajun entrée
7 _ in the conversation
8 Range along the Ring of Fire
9 Wolf's activity
10 Lux. neighbor
11 Breyers alternative
12 It barely gets beyond the infield
13 Conserve, in a way
14 _ con pollo
18 Science educator
22 Display of links
23 Really
25 Worry
26 "The Handmaid's _": Atwood novel
27 _ puttanesca: with a spicy tomato sauce
28 Avoid
30 Mezzo Marilyn
32 Capek play
33 Refinable rock
34 Like z: Abbr.
35 When two hands meet?
36 Author Buchanan
37 Dates

By Julian Lim 5/5/11

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

COMB UNCA MADAM
OVER NAAN AMIGA
BALANCING DEVON
SELF-CLEANING
UP SIZE EAT NIL
MOIL NADER MIZE
PIG ACDC ZONED
HIGH JUMPING
BUTTE PORT RAP
ONUS AISLE EONS
NAN IMP MID DAY
DISAPPEARING
ARENA CATSKILLS
GEEKS ABEE NEAT
EDNAS CASS GAMY

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42 With no end in sight
43 His co-pilot was a Wookiee
46 As a friend, in Marseilles
47 Tug function
48 " _ sight!"
50 Elbridge _ governor famous for redistricting
51 Peruvian pronoun
52 How some stocks are sold
54 Woolly rug
56 Far from titillating
57 Recorded on film
58 Key figure in epistemology
59 Eyelid nuisance
61 Japanese capital of yore
62 Quandary

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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1	4	3	9	8	2	6	5	7
9	2	7	5	4	6	1	3	8
5	6	8	7	3	1	4	2	9
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HBO's new series 'Game of Thrones' creates great medieval fantasy epic

HBO's new series "Game of Thrones" is a visually stunning series that is set in a quasi-medieval world with a mythic history driven by conflict.

Based on the best-selling series of novels by George R.R. Martin, "Games of Thrones" blurs moral lines with one main theme power.

"Game Of Thrones" is a complex narrative that centers on power. Through the first few episodes all characters are finding a way to gain more by either scheming for power, keeping it or suffering from the lack of it.

King Robert Baratheon of Westeros (Mark Addy), who enjoys the title of King rather than the responsibilities that goes with it, calls on war hero Eddard Stark (Sean Bean), the lord of the castle of Winterfell, in the forbidding north to replace his right-hand man after he dies suspiciously.

Tyler Ware



Ned reluctantly agrees, moving his family to the capital, King's Landing, where he begins to uncover a mystery of spies and intrigues that test his loyalty to the crown.

While this is all going on, across the sea, two exiled Targaryens plot a return to the throne that was taken away from them by King Robert. Viserys (Harry Lloyd) gives his sister, Daenerys (Emilia Clarke) to Khal Drogo (Jason Momoa), a chief of Dothraki, a clan of Mongols, who together will help him the Targaryens regain their rightful place on the throne.

Through the first few episodes

of "Game of Thrones" the viewer witnesses everything that is being set up. The audience sees scheming, alliances and "forbidden" truths that could be the end to a character's power and position, or even their life.

The entertainment value lies in the characters and how they respond to the situations they are put in. Whether it's a Daenerys forced to marry someone so their family can have a chance to gain the kingdom back, or a King who is forced to stay in a loveless marriage to maintain power, the lines of virtue and what characters are willing to do grows thinner as the series continues.

The narrative is complex and fast paced as the only thing that is common in each situation is the feeling of inevitable conflict between the two sides. This is where the viewer comes into play as there

is no 'bad' side; there are villains and people to root against, but they lie on both sides of the narrative.

The cinematography in the show is cinema quality, as the viewer feels like they are taken into another world in which fantasy and medieval elements are combined to give the viewer something mildly familiar yet vastly original.

Overall, HBO's new fantasy epic is something everyone who is a fan of medieval fantasy will love. The acting, cinematography, interesting and complex story combined with its rich characters makes for a series that has an unlimited amount of potential.



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Charlie Sheen tours tornado damage in state of Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Actor Charlie Sheen toured an Alabama neighborhood leveled by tornadoes and said Monday he wants to organize a relief event for victims in the state.

After going through the decimated Alberta City neighborhood in Tuscaloosa, Sheen told The Associated Press he was working with local officials to organize a benefit. He said a date has not been set.

"I want to bring some money, hope, faith and healing to the area," said Sheen, the former star of the sitcom "Two and a Half Men."

Sheen was fired from the show in March and has been in a bitter dispute with executive producer Chuck Lorre and Warner Bros. Television. Since then, he's launched a stage tour that has captured attention.

The actor, wearing a University of Alabama baseball cap, said he decided to visit after receiving an invitation via Twitter from a University of Alabama student. David Harris of Mobile had asked in a tweet April 30 if he would be willing to perform a relief show in Alabama, Sheen said.

Sheen spent the day in Tuscaloosa meeting with storm victims and first responders. He posed for photographs with police officers and National Guard soldiers, accompanied by one of his so-called goddesses — marijuana magazine

model Natalie Kenly — and former major league baseball player Todd Zeile.

At each stop, he was swarmed by dozens of people asking for autographs and photographs. Sheen also stopped by an area Kmart to buy flashlights for some of the thousands still without electricity. He paid the \$324.07 tab with his own Visa card, and then brought them to a relief center amid loud cheers and applause.

"I'm astounded," said one of the people at the center, Adrian Norfleet. "I just can't believe someone would care so much."

Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox said he welcomed Sheen's visit, which likely would focus even more national attention on the city of about 83,000.

"I hope he's sincere when he says he'll come back," Maddox said. Sheen said he is planning to return for the benefit show and hopes to hold it at the Tuscaloosa Amphitheater.

One of Sheen's stops was at a destroyed Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant. He walked through the rubble amid the pungent odor of rotting food, and left through an opening in what had been a walk-in freezer. Later, while going through the ruins of an apartment complex, he said he hoped people could find sentimental possessions.

"Little personal items mean so much in this kind of devastation," Sheen said.

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ACROSS

1 Peace offering?

11 June

15 Subversive

16 Orthodontic challenges

17 Modern era

18 The Sakmara flows into it

19 Party follower?

20 The Musketeers, e.g.

21 Venetian marketplace

23 Big name in China

25 Cottonpickin'

27 "Dracula" director

29 Contrarian

32 Eco-friendly border

36 Produce

37 "The Professor and the Madman" subj.

38 Not seasonal

41 "Collages" novelist

42 Oscar-winning Whitaker role

44 Read the wrong way

46 Ledger entry

49 Grooved whale

50 Small Australian omnivore

52 Place for boarders

56 1998 NFL Comeback Player of the Year

58 Prattle

60 Heavy wind

61 Infrequently spotted

62 Official report

65 GM worker

66 Apple that's Minnesota's state fruit

67 Morse morsels

68 Teases too much, maybe

DOWN

1 Jog

2 With 3-Down, deli order

3 See 2-Down

4 Qatar, for example

5 Umpire's cry

6 London pusher's vehicle

7 Worked (up)

8 "It seems unreal to me!"

9 Bit of evasion

10 What some bars supply

11 Dewlapped

12 Negotiating during a truce

13 Gatter relative

14 Vigeland Park city

22 Cyclades island

24 New York college whose team is the Gaels

26 Bill for software?

28 Hotel rm. option

30 Presque Isle State Park's lake

31 Tear

32 SportsCenter highlight

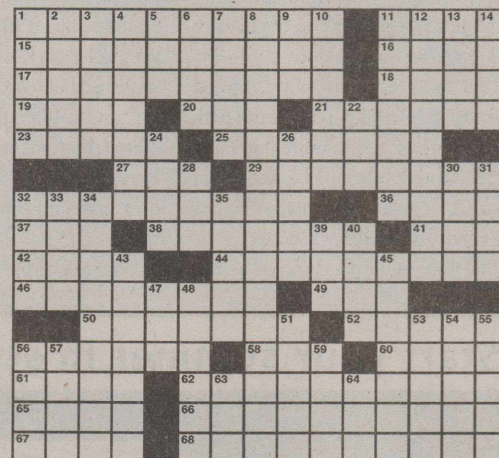
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34 City nicknamed "Auld Reekie"

35 Dramatist Rice

39 Foyt and Cronin

40 Felt remorse for



By Peter A. Collins

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

HEAL BABAR ACHE
ADDISABABA CHIT
MUZZLING THROUGH
FILES ORTHO
GROOMER LIONESS
FIZZLESTICKS
LOAMY WEBS GET
ATRA ODIUM LOGE
TSK MOOR TIARA
PUZZLE JUMPER
JUBILEE SORBETS
ASEAT ASIN
BUZZING GENIUSES
BAEZ GIANT PANDA
ALLA OGRES ROSY

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43 Fixes

45 Regarding what's taken in

47 Grammar best-seller "Woe"

51 "Tommy" rockers go after?

53 Learner

54 Like some with sedentary lifestyles

55 Painters' protection

56 "High Noon" director

57 Lang of Smallville

59 Ottoman governors

63 lane

64 Agt.'s cut

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Mohja Jerbi was pleasantly surprised at the community she found away from her home in Chebba, Tunisia, when she first arrived at Texas Tech nine months ago.

"It's mainly before I came here, a lot of people told me, 'Oh, you're going to Texas — they're a little bit conservative and you'll suffer a lot from this and this,'" she said. "I was a good surprised — impressed by how nice people are here. They're always cheerful and everybody laughs."

Jerbi is a foreign language teaching assistant at Tech through the Fulbright program to teach and be a representative of Tunisia, Jerbi said.

"I spread mutual understanding," Jerbi said. "Many people don't know anything about my country, so this is my duty to represent my country — be the ambassador of my country."

Amani Zaier, a professor of Arabic and Jerbi's adviser, said Jerbi has been beneficial to the Arab program because of her aid as a teaching assistant and her help developing new programs, such as the Arab Club.

"She's a Fulbright scholar," Zaier said. "(Jerbi is here to) bridge the gap between the stereotypes and misconceptions between what Americans think about the Arab country and Arab women, Arab students, and for her to come here and learn about the American culture and institution and how it functions."

Jerbi has been asked questions about her life in Tunisia from students and colleagues, which gave her the opportunity to clear confusion about how diverse Africa is, said Jerbi.

"There are some funny things like, for example, 'So, where are you from?' I would say, 'I am from Tunisia,' (they ask) 'Where is it?' I would say, 'It's North Africa,' so they would say 'Hmm, so you are not black,' I would say,

'Okay, yeah, not everybody there is,'" said Jerbi. "A lot of things about camels too — 'Do you go to work by camel?' These types of things."

During Jerbi's stay in the U.S., Tunisia had a revolution in January.

"I was very worried about my family and what's happening there — all the changes and riots and all these things, but they're thinking now it's better," Jerbi said. "I'm worried about some of the safety matters, but I'm very happy to meet my family again and my friends."

Jerbi is conscious about her work as a Fulbright representative and is excited to tell her friends and students about her work.

"I'm different now," she said. "I'm not the same person who came here in July nine months ago."

"I've learned a lot of things and I'm proud of what I did."

Holly Ellington, a graduate student in German and a fellow

teaching assistant said Jerbi is respected in the teaching community as a Fulbright scholar but is a modest person.

"It's very, very competitive and if you receive one in the linguistics world it's pretty well respected," Ellington said. "To get that, it says something about your abilities."

"She really has the passion to serve and help teach her language."

Jerbi teaches English in Tunisia and wants her students and others to travel in order to learn things aside from books and television.

"You have to be there to have a real insight, to talk to people, to meet them, to go to places," Jerbi said. "So, this is what I'm going to tell them because I think a lot of people have the wrong idea, have stereotypes about each other—about Americans."

"And what I noticed, what I've experienced is very impressive and I'm happy to be here."

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Chrysler turns first profit since bankruptcy

DETROIT (AP) — For the first time in nearly seven years, Detroit's car companies are all making money.

Chrysler, the last of the three to return to profitability, said Monday it earned \$116 million in the first quarter on revenue of \$13.1 billion. The company, which emerged from bankruptcy protection a little less than two years ago, hadn't reported net income since 2006.

General Motors Co., which also went into bankruptcy in 2009 and took billions in government aid, has reported four profitable quarters and held an initial public offering in November to help repay its loans. Ford Motor Co., which didn't take bailout money but nearly filed for bankruptcy five years ago, recorded its eighth consecutive quarterly profit last week. Ford's 2010 profit of \$6.6 billion was the highest in a decade.

"It's kind of miraculous," said Van Conway, a consultant and

funder of turnaround firm Conway MacKenzie. "If all of us were to put ourselves back in 2009, could we imagine that GM could have done an IPO and these companies would be enjoying this level of profit? I don't think so."

It's the payoff for cutting staff, plants, car brands and wages during the recession and bankruptcy. At the same time, car sales are rising as the economy improves. Detroit is also taking away customers from Toyota Motor Corp., which was hurt by safety recalls last year and the recent Japanese earthquake.

The results are a triumph for Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne, who bet that he could remake the company the same way he turned around Italian automaker Fiat SpA six years ago. But he remains wary of declaring victory.

"Success is incredibly temporary. The first quarter is done, but we've got a lot of quarters to do," he said.

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Tech tennis
heading to
NCAAs

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

After an early exit from the NCAA Tournament last season, Texas Tech tennis hopes to make a deeper run this year.

The No. 22 Red Raiders earned their fifth consecutive tournament bid Tuesday after concluding their season 16-9 overall and 3-3 in Big 12 Conference play.

This is the 11th time in school history Tech has gotten a nod from the selection committee, and all of those have come under the direction of coach Tim Siegel.

The Red Raiders face No. 43 Rice (17-9, 4-1 in Conference USA play) in the first round on May 13 in Waco.

"We know them well; we have not played them in a while, but we see them a lot in the fall," Siegel said. "Their assistant coach was my assistant coach a few years back, and we talk a lot. They're

a very strong team. I think they're more dangerous and probably more talented than their record.

"So there's no question that we'll be ready for Rice, because they're going to present a big challenge."

The Red Raiders are eager to get off to a good start and erase the memory of last year's disappointing finish in the tournament.

The team suffered an early exit from the NCAA Tournament, falling in the second round to a team they had defeated three times earlier in the season — Oklahoma.

One noticeable difference in Tech's singles lineup that day was the absence of junior Raony Carvalho in the No. 1 spot.

Carvalho said after playing doubles his back was causing him too much pain and he was not able to continue, forcing a lineup change.

"Last year was a tough loss, we beat Oklahoma, I don't know six times, and the most important time we lost," he said. "We're well prepared, and we want to make the Sweet 16, so we're just going to fight, give 100 percent and be ready for anything."

Despite the Owls being ranked lower than Tech this time around, the Red Raiders might have some trouble considering another top player is hurting.

Tech junior Rafael Garcia has sat out the previous two matches, including the squad's loss against Oklahoma at the Big 12 Conference Championships on Friday.

Siegel said with or without Garcia they will have to be ready to take on Rice and claim a victory without their No. 3 player, which they were able to do once already this year. Tech defeated No. 38 Nebraska 4-3 in Lincoln, Neb., without

Garcia in the lineup.

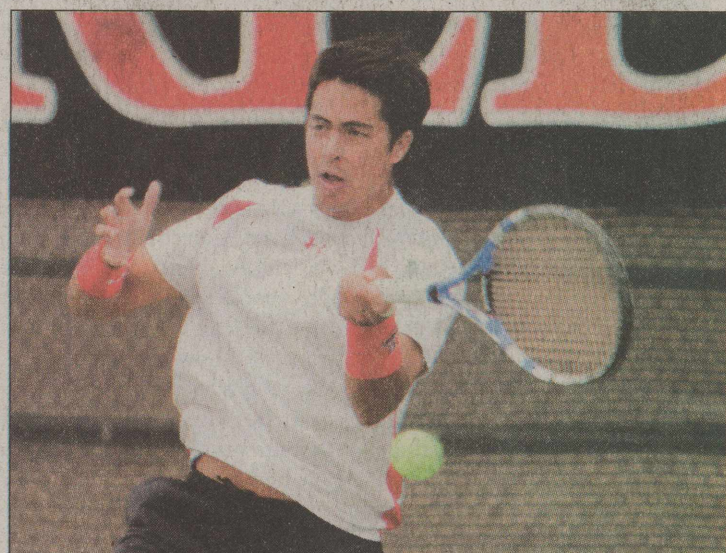
Gonzalo Escobar, playing in the No. 2 spot, will have to step up for the Red Raiders. The junior has been struggling lately, losing four of his last five duels.

Escobar said the team is familiar with Rice since team members have competed against them individually or as a team before in matches.

This trip will mark Escobar's third NCAA Tournament. He said it's an honor to be back in the tournament, but accomplishing the goals the team has set for themselves will not come without some obstacles to overcome.

"It's just a privilege for us to be there again," he said. "This the most important thing as a team for us, and we're going to have a really tough challenge ahead. So, we'll see how it goes."

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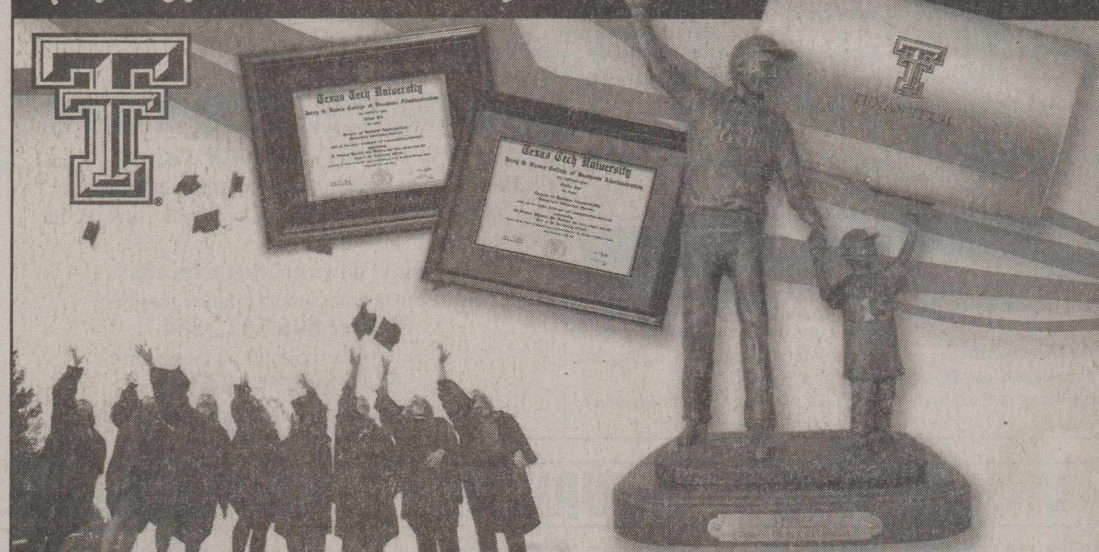
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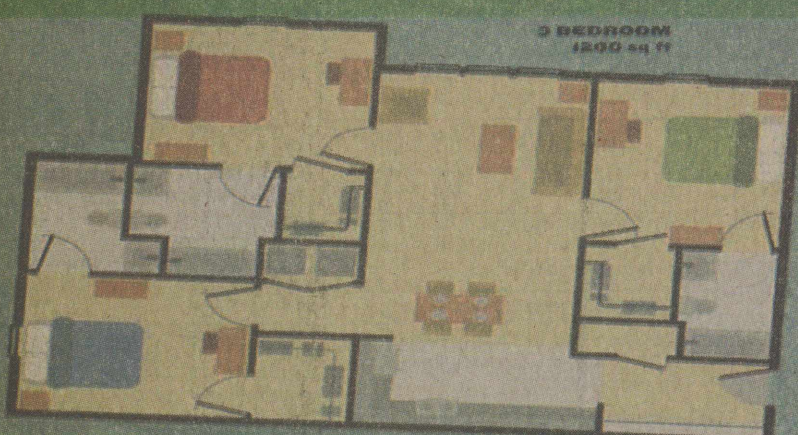
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