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Meet Speed (aka Joel Filani). He's only one part of Texas Tech's Fantastic Four. Who are the other three members?

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Red Raiders try their hand at Casino Nights.

QUOTABLES

"He's having problems with, you know, his problem that he had. I was hoping we could get counseling and work it out, you know? Right after he came home from rehab, we started to have a few problems."

Kim Mathers, wife of Eminem, one day following the rap artist filed divorce papers about an apparent reference to the sleep-medication dependency for which he was hospitalized last summer. (AP)

"I am sorry that this misunderstanding happened at all and I regret its escalation, and I apologize. There should not have been any physical contact in this incident."

Rep. Cynthia McKinney, apologizing for an altercation in which she entered a Capitol building unrecognized refused to stop when asked by a police officer and then hit him. (AP)

STATE

FEMA to close last five help centers in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The last five Federal Emergency Management Agency help centers in Texas for hurricane victims will close April 15, the agency announced Thursday. The disaster recovery centers are in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Beaumont and Orange.

Refugees from hurricanes Katrina and Rita used the centers to apply for federal assistance, find housing and look for jobs. There were 27 centers simultaneously open at the height of the agency's response in Texas, FEMA spokeswoman Hannah Vick said.

About 420,000 people have visited the centers since Katrina swamped the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29. Katrina was followed by Rita, which hit the Texas coast Sept. 24.

NATION

NYPD detectives convicted of murders

NEW YORK (AP) — Two highly decorated former detectives were convicted Thursday of moonlighting as hitmen for the mob in one of the most sensational cases of police corruption in New York history.

Louis Eppolito, 57, and Steven Caracappa, 64, could get life in prison for their roles in eight murders committed between 1986 and 1990 while they were simultaneously on the payroll of both the NYPD and Luchese crime family underboss Anthony "Gaspipe" Casso.

Federal prosecutor Daniel Wenner described the case as "the bloodiest, most violent betrayal of the badge this city has ever seen."

WORLD

Cuban coast guard shoot at migrant smugglers

HAVANA (AP) — The Cuban coast guard shot at three suspected migrant smugglers from the United States who refused orders to halt their boat as it neared the island, killing one, official media reported Thursday.

The Communist Party daily Granma said the confrontation occurred Wednesday near Cuba's southern coast in the western province of Pinar del Rio.

The coast guard official in charge ordered officers to open fire after the three-man crew aboard the 40-foot boat failed to stop and instead launched "violent sudden attacks" on the coast guard vessel, damaging the craft, the report said.

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Libby testifies Bush, Cheney OK'd CIA leak

By PETE YOST
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney authorized Cheney's top aide to launch a counterattack of leaks against administration critics on Iraq by feeding intelligence information to reporters, according to court papers citing the aide's testimony in the CIA leak case.

In a court filing, Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald stopped short of accusing Cheney of authorizing his chief of staff, I. Lewis Libby, to leak the CIA identity of Valerie Plame.

But the prosecutor, detailing the evidence he has gathered, raised the possibility that the vice president was trying to use Plame's CIA employment to discredit her husband, administration critic Joseph Wilson. Cheney, according to an indictment against Libby, knew that Wilson's wife worked at the CIA as early as June 12, 2003, more than a month before that fact turned up in a column by Robert Novak.

Fitzgerald quoted Libby as saying he was authorized to tell *New York Times* reporter Judith Miller that Iraq was "vigorously trying to procure" uranium. Fitzgerald said Libby told

him it "was the only time he recalled in his government experience when he disclosed a document to a reporter that was effectively declassified by virtue of the president's authorization that it be disclosed."

In 2003, when the public furor erupted over the disclosure of a CIA operative's status, Bush said he wanted to get to the bottom of the affair. "I want to know the truth," he said at the time.

Libby's testimony also puts the president and the vice president in the awkward position of authorizing leaks. Both men have long said they abhor such practices, so much

so that the administration has put in motion criminal investigations at their behest to hunt down leakers.

The most recent instance is the administration's probe into who disclosed to the *Times* the existence of the warrantless domestic surveillance program.

On Thursday, Democrats criticized the roles of Bush and Cheney.

"President Bush must fully disclose his participation in the selective leaking of classified information," said Senate Democratic

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PART V: DRUG ABUSE

LUBBOCK IN THE DARK

By RUTH BRADLEY
FEATURES WRITER

A few days before his high school graduation, Cliff Holdridge decided to take a road trip. He often traveled to Lubbock from his home in Lake Travis to party with the fraternity he hoped to join one day.

Holdridge said he remembers the drive well, remembers "drinking and drugging the whole way." He also remembers the accident.

Holdridge crashed head-on into a single-cab pickup, totaling both vehicles and injuring the four passengers in the other vehicle.

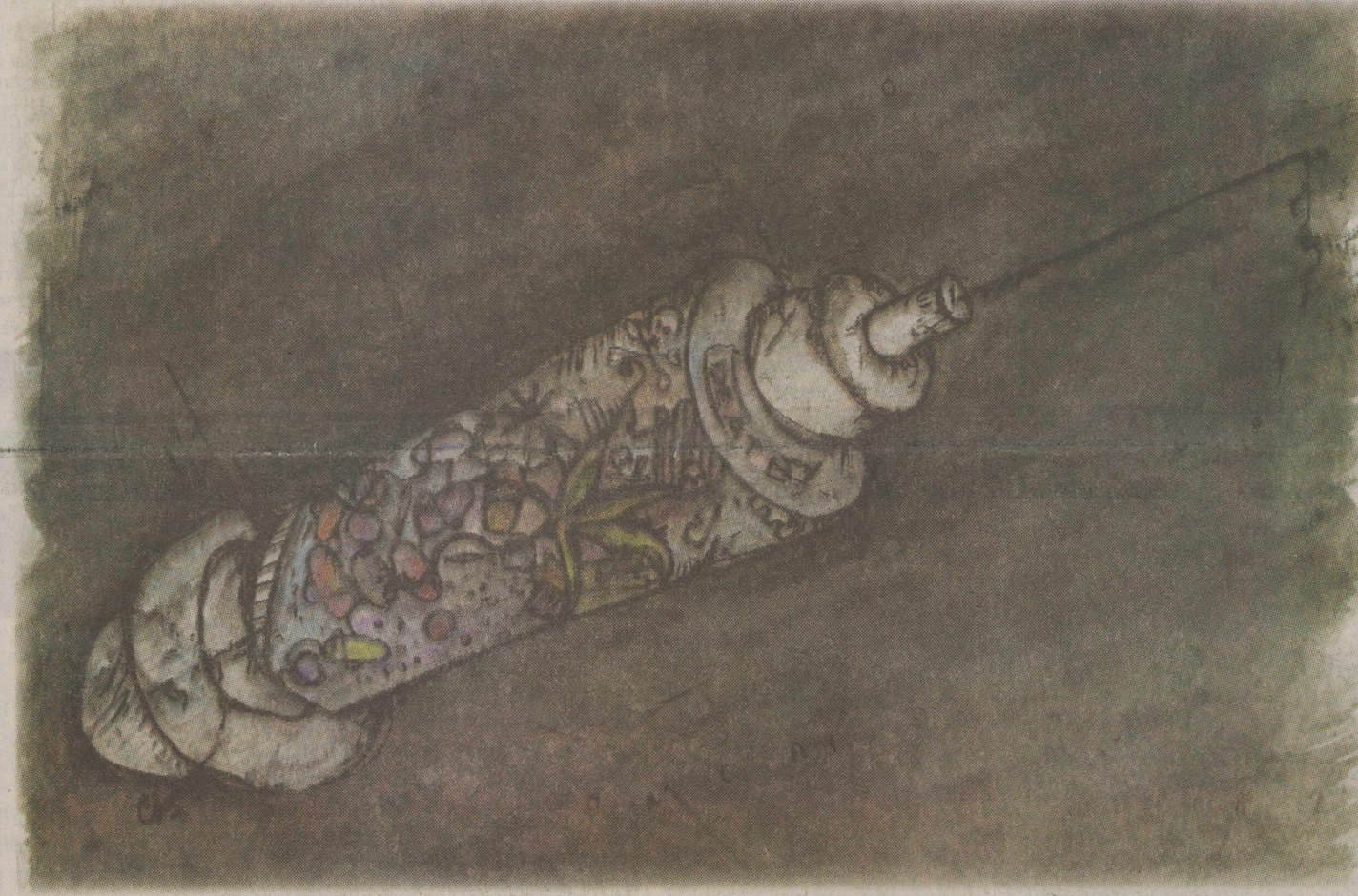
"When I got in the back of that cop car, I was crying," said Holdridge, a senior history and political science major. "It became real clear to me that there were serious consequences to your actions."

Violent incidents like this are highly correlated to drug abuse said Lisa Karnes, crime analyst for the Lubbock Police Department.

"When people use drugs, they don't think clearly and do other crimes," she said.

Tony Menchaca, a lieutenant in the criminal investigations department of the Lubbock Sheriff's Of-

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CRISTI BRINKMAN/Contributing Artist

Every day in Lubbock there are stories that go untold, pain that goes unheeded, cries that go unheard. This is the beginning of an answer to those cries. This is the final story in a daily five-part series about social problems in Lubbock, such as homelessness, prostitution and abuse. This is the side of Lubbock few people ever see, these are whispers barely noticed, lives lived out in the shadows. This is Lubbock in the Dark.

City downsizing prairie dog population

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock is viewed by many as a safe haven for prairie dogs. To accommodate these, what some think of as lovable animals, the city has Prairie Dog Town. Prairie Dog Town is Lubbock's fifth-largest tourist attraction. For many years, however, problems have arisen when the prairie dogs venture out and settle on the 10,000-acre farm the city has where effluent water is kept.

"We have a prairie dog town where they are en-

couraged to live, but we also have the farm where we keep treated water," said Thomas Adams, Lubbock deputy city manager.

Adams said prairie dogs are attracted to live on the farm because of the abundant water supply and also the availability of fresh grasses.

"The farm is mainly a grass farm used to grow grass used in livestock feed. So since we water there and keep the grass green, they are naturally attracted to live there," he said. "And they aren't skinny prairie

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Emotional impact of 9/11 attacks grows during Moussaoui trial

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The stories and photos of four young children, all of whom lost parents in the 9/11 attacks, brought witnesses to tears and visibly affected jurors Thursday at the death penalty trial of al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui.

The second phase of the sentencing trial — to determine whether Moussaoui deserves execution or life in prison — opened Thursday. Early on, prosecutors played videos of the two hijacked jetliners hitting the gleaming World Trade Center towers. They also showed videos of people plunging more than 80 stories to their deaths and punctuated their presentation with family photos of loved ones.

Each hour the emotional impact grew.

Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani retold the now-familiar tale of his own harrowing experience in debris-choked lower Manhattan on Sept. 11, 2001. But it was not until he spoke of the daughter of one of his closest aides, Beth Petrone Hatton, that Giuliani's voice quaked and broke. Firefighter Terence S. Hatton — who earned 19 medals in 21 years — died without knowing his wife was pregnant.

One female juror looked stricken. The rest hung motionless on Giuliani's every word.

Even Moussaoui, who had affected a look of boredom during the showing of video of falling bodies, watched the ex-mayor intently as he described Terry Hatton, who was born May 15, 2002. Her picture with Giuliani flashed on the screen.

"Terry's going to grow up without a father ... without a very special father," Giuliani said. "You can't replace that. ... There's no way that money, camps and scholarships, which is very important and which we raised, can replace that." Giuliani aides in the audience dabbed their eyes with tissue and sniffled.

Then came retired firefighter Anthony Sanseviro, whose co-worker and friend Danny Suhr died after he was hit by a body falling from one of the towers: "It was like a missile coming in."

As a photo was shown of Suhr with his daughter, Briana, Sanseviro described how Suhr's wife and childhood sweetheart, Nancy, has struggled to bring her up without him.

He was followed to the stand by James Smith, a 21-year veteran of the New York Police Department with a 6-year-old daughter, Patri-

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KICKING UP DUST



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Toreador

THE SKY NORTH of the National Ranching Heritage Center filled with dirt Thursday afternoon.

Psychology conference attendees getting ready to pick their brain

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

Although the 2006 NCAA tournaments are over and the Texas Tech basketball teams had to watch at home, other Red Raiders have a chance to restore bragging rights to the school in psychology.

About 70 to 80 students from Tech and other students from schools around the state will come together for this weekend's Llano Estacado Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference, where the students can win in various contests, whether it is from previous research they conducted before the event or at a psychology bowls.

LeTourneau University, Texas A&M-Commerce, Texas State University and the University of Texas at El Paso will be some of the schools represented at the conference.

David Rudd, professor and chairman of the psychology department, said the event gives people a chance to discuss psychology, and is not all about competing.

"It's not so much the competition but the opportunity to discuss interesting ideas and research findings in a stimulating and collegial environment," he said.

Aside from the competition, there also will be guest speakers.

Today, Robert Helmreich from the University of Texas will speak about "danger in the cockpit and the operating room," while Tech's Christine Robitschek will discuss stories, statistics and strategies of personal growth Saturday.

The students also will give presentations from the research they have conducted.

Some of the topics Tech students will speak about will include a report of feature binding errors when recreating display, which will be about recreating display patterns with letters, and the relationship between acculturation and attitudes toward spanking among mothers of Mexican origin, which will focus on the way some parents of Mexican-origin discipline their children, according to the event's program.

Linda Stracener, office assistant for the psychology department, said the conference aims to raise the undergraduates' interest in psychology and enhance their knowledge on different topics.

"It's a conference for undergraduates to familiarize themselves (in psychology)," she said.

The undergraduate research conference is something the psychology department looks forward to annually, she said.

"I believe it's pretty successful," she said. "Everyone seems to enjoy it and learn a lot. We keep doing it every year."

After four years, Rudd said the event has had "improving recognition and visibility."

He said the conference is a forum for undergraduate students to discuss psychology with other people from schools across the Lone Star state.

"It provides a unique forum for undergraduates to present their own research, learn more about graduate training in psychology, and discover what it might be like to pursue academic and professional psychology careers," he said. "Aside from the formal presentations and poster sessions, attendees have the opportunity to talk informally with some wonderful graduate students and faculty from around the state."

Kay Hill, senior business assistant for psychology, agrees.

"(There is) more experience from undergraduates with the research presented," she said.

Registration will be 11 a.m. today at the Escondido Room in the Student Union Building, and the conference will end at 4 p.m. Saturday.

To register, the cost is \$45, which covers two meals, an event souvenir and a program guide, according to www.psychology.ttu.edu. The meals will include a barbecue Friday at Cagle's Steak House, and a breakfast Saturday morning.

Rudd said the event is not just for psychology majors.

"Psychology is a field with broad appeal," he said. "The research presented (at the conference) cuts across a wide range of topics."

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DANNY GONZALEZ, A junior theater major from Rio Grande City, gives Millie Casillas, a freshman theater major from La Feria, vital information about their mission as she sits on her "jet pack," Jimmy Darden, a freshman English major from Houston, during a game of prop comedy at Jake's Sport's Cafe on Wednesday night. The three are members of Alternative Fuel, a comedy group from Texas Tech that preform "Whose Line?"-esque stand up.

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leader Harry Reid. "The American people must know the truth."

"The president and the vice president must be held accountable," Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said from the Senate floor. "Accountable for misleading the American people, accountable for the disclosure of classified material for political purposes. It is as serious as it gets in this democracy."

Presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said the White House would have no comment on the investigation. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said the president has the "inherent authority to decide who should have classified information."

Libby faces trial next January on five counts of perjury, obstruction and lying to the FBI about how he learned of the CIA identity of Wilson's wife and what he told reporters about it. The indictment says Cheney told Libby in June 2003 that Wilson's wife worked at the CIA.

The authorization by Bush and Cheney in July 2003 for disclosing sensitive prewar intelligence assessments came amid a growing public

realization that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction. The failure to find such weapons undermined the primary rationale Bush and Cheney had used for taking the country to war.

According to Fitzgerald's court filing, Cheney, in a conversation with Libby, expressed concerns on whether a CIA-sponsored trip to the African nation of Niger by Wilson "was legitimate or whether it was in effect a junket set up by Mr. Wilson's wife."

After Wilson's 2002 trip, the former ambassador said he had concluded that Iraq did not have an agreement to acquire uranium yellowcake from Niger. The subsequent embrace of information that Iraq and Niger did have a deal for uranium was evidence that the administration had twisted prewar intelligence to exaggerate the Iraqi threat, Wilson said.

Wilson's public criticism on July 6, 2003, "was viewed in the office of vice president as a direct attack on the credibility of the vice president, and the president, on a matter of signal importance: the rationale for the war in Iraq," Fitzgerald stated.

Fitzgerald's court papers are an effort to limit Libby's demand that he be given voluminous amounts of classified information to defend himself in his criminal case.

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RED RAIDER SPRING PRACTICE REPORT

The Fantastic Four

INDIVIDUALLY — THEY'RE DANGEROUS. COMBINE THEM — AND THEY'RE POTENT. A SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT ENEMY DEFENSES HAVE TO FEAR — AGAIN.

By **TRAVIS CRAM**
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Speed, hands, agility and jokes.

Those are four ways to describe the powerful lineup of wide receivers Texas Tech will show off this next football season, and they could be considered the best group in the country.

Tech football continued its string of practices this week, moving closer to the annual Red-Black spring game Aug. 15 at LISD's Lowry Field.

One reason to watch is actually four reasons: Jarrett Hicks, Joel Filani, Robert Johnson and Danny Amendola.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Graham Harrell said the flock of Raider wideouts is a pleasure for any quarterback to have, and displeasure for any defense to have to face.

"They're a special group," he said. "For the defense it has to be intimidating, but it's an advantage for you, as a quarterback, to have those guys to throw at."

The corps of receivers are coming off another season as the reigning top passing offense in the country, as well as one of the top scoring offenses.

Since coach Mike Leach's arrival in West Texas, the Tech offense has refused to sputter and seems to breed a new receiver each year.

Hicks became a standout his freshman and sophomore seasons at Tech, becoming a constant target for quarterbacks B.J. Symons and Sonny Cumbie.

Last season produced two more receivers familiar with the spotlight of the endzone in Filani and Johnson.

Filani had his most memorable experience in the closing seconds of Tech's win against Nebraska this season in Lincoln, Neb.

After Amendola kept the game alive by causing a fumble when the ball was intercepted by a Husker defensive player, then-Tech quarterback Cody Hodges found Filani in the back of the end zone for the game-winning touchdown.

Filani followed it up with a 255-yard performance the following week against Kansas State.

Johnson was a junior-transfer quarterback from two years ago but chose to sit out the 2004-05 season before mov-



ing into the receiver role, becoming an instant threat for defenses to keep an eye on.

In his first performance against Florida International last year, Johnson pulled in nine receptions for a game-high 129 yards, including a 47-yard bomb from Hodges for his first touchdown as a Raider.

Rojo's top performance came in his next outing against Sam Houston State, racking up 208 yards on eight receptions — the seventh best performance for a wideout in school history and the first receiver with more than 200 yards since Hicks' 211 yard performance in a 70-28 win

TCU in 2004. Johnson received 2005 Big 12 Newcomer of the Year honors but said he still is not happy and he believes he has room to improve before Tech's first Sept. 2 date against SMU.

"Last year was more of a learning experience for me," he said. "I want to slim down, get healthier, get faster, and help this team click like we're supposed to."

One guy who seems to be clicking is Hicks.

The All-Big 12 first teamer became the leading touchdown reception holder last season when he hauled in No.

27 late in the fourth quarter of Tech's 13-10 loss to Alabama in the AT&T Cotton Bowl.

Hicks said the loss should be great motivation for the team to bounce back this year, and knows the knowledge this group brings to the field gives them the upper hand on a number of opponents.

"We've got the experience on our side," he said. "The best thing we can do is improve not just as receivers, but as a team and keep doing what we've been doing."

One player lacking the experience the receivers have is Harrell, but Hicks said there is not a receiver on the field who thinks this quarterback is not ready.

"He knows how to pick it up already," he said. "You watch on the field and how he's directing plays, and it just seems he's on the same level in his second year as some of the other guys were in their fourth or fifth year."

Although Leach has not made an official decision on the new general of the Tech air attack, Harrell is one of the better quarterbacks Amendola has seen.

Harrell and Amendola spent last summer playing together and Amendola said the redshirt quarterback is making improvements everyday.

"All the past quarterbacks are different but a lot alike at the same time," he said. "They know how to make plays and Graham can throw a great ball just like anyone else."

Jokes always are a popular topic for the receiving corps on the field, but Hicks said come game time, these guys know when to focus.

"You gotta have jokes and keep it fun out there," he said. "But when we need to concentrate and get down to business, we know what time it is."

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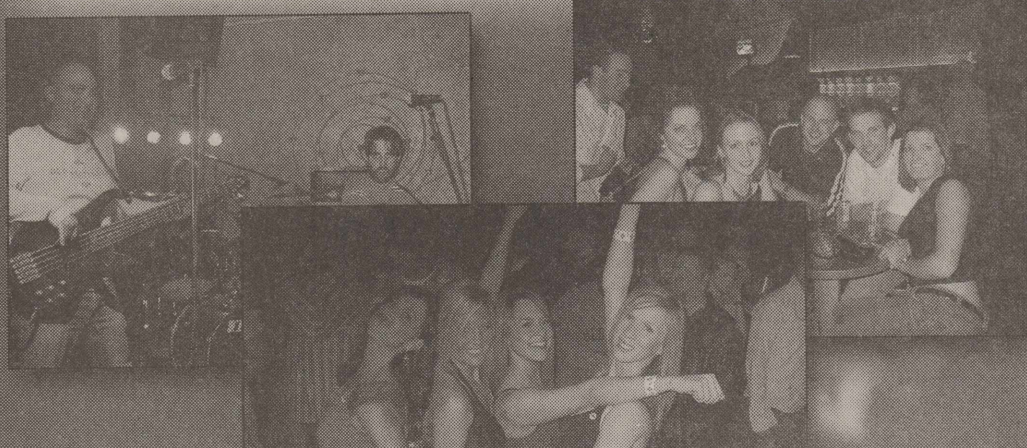
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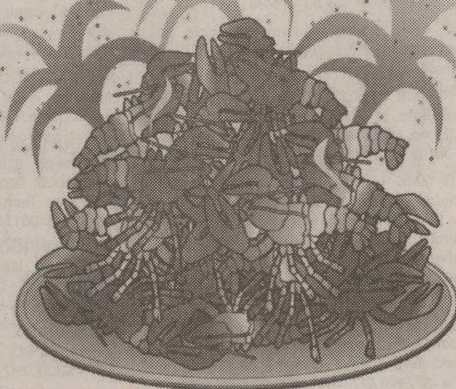
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