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## Take a look at the new hippies

I was a child in the '60s but not of the '60s.

We weren't all that hip, out where the wind really does come sweeping down the plain. Sure, we had our eight-track tapes and our generational arguments about long hair and short skirts. Pot and pills were easy to come by for those so inclined.

But we didn't have sit-ins or love-ins or teach-ins. We didn't march or burn things.

We didn't go to Canada — although we did go to college, which was good for a deferment.

So, except for the day Bob Muncy came home from Vietnam in a box, we were mostly spectators to the Age of Aquarius.

There was a lot about the '60s we didn't understand. Paisley ties and bellbottoms, for two. "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" for another.

Mostly, we didn't understand all that anger.

Hell no, they wouldn't go. One-two-three-four, they didn't want no stinkin' war. They shouted "baby-killer" and spit on people they didn't know. A few blew up buildings and robbed banks in the name of liberty and equality.

SDS, they called themselves. Weathermen. Black Panthers. We didn't know much about them, except they weren't like anybody we knew.

For awhile now, it's felt like the '60s again. An alternate universe '60s.

Instead of angry young liberals mad at the government, we have angry mostly-not-so-young conservatives mad at the government. War is OK now; it's health insurance that has them takin' it to the streets. Instead of draft resisters, we have individual mandate resisters.

(Which, if you think about it, the draft was pretty much the ultimate individual mandate.)

Nobody's robbed a bank or blown up a building, so that's good. Better yet, no one's been killed, although recent developments suggest we might have been headed in that direction.

Clearly, a sizable portion of the American citizenry is angry. People don't get that angry for no reason, as even the person they're angriest at, President Barack Obama, has said. But playing with mass anger is like playing with nitroglycerin. It's dangerous and it's fickle. The potential for unintended consequences is high.

The anger of the 1960s begat Richard Nixon's presidency, a result that probably did not suit the loudest and angriest of the '60s young liberals. And then, in short order, Nixon's administration begat Ford's, and Ford's begat Carter's, and Carter's begat Reagan's.

Definitely not what the angry young liberals of the '60s had in mind.

So what, you ask. This ain't the '60s.

Maybe you're right. Except I can't get "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" out of my head.

And it's playing backward.

# Edison, iPhones may connect

Two of its alumni have developed a school application for mobile communications devices.

BY ANDREA EGER  
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Don't know the time or place of your son's graduation or when your daughter's fall class schedule will be available? How about learning about volunteer opportunities at your neighborhood high school?

Edison Preparatory School will soon be able to answer: "There's an 'app' for that!"

Two local business leaders who graduated from Edison in 1982 are about to launch what is believed to be the first ever public high school application for iPhones and other mobile devices.

"This is a quick way to market this

place, and apps are the way to do that now. These kids in the school today do not communicate any other way but with a mobile device," said Clint Parr, the president and CEO of MacroSolve, a Tulsa company that develops applications for mobile devices.

The school board is expected to approve the Edison application May 3. That means it could be available to iPhone users as early as May 4 because Apple Inc., which makes the iPhone, has already approved it. Access for users of other mobile devices will be phased in, Parr said.

Barrett Waller, the president and CEO of Waller and Company Public Relations Inc. and one of Parr's best buddies from high school, helped develop the content.

Both graduates knew exactly how to tailor the Edison application to the needs of parents because they are fa-

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Clint Parr (left), the president and CEO of MacroSolve; Barrett Waller, the president and CEO of Waller and Company Public Relations; and Stacey Vernon, the principal of Edison Preparatory School, are developing an iPhone application for Edison, which might be the first school in the world to get one. The Edison mascot is Paddy Peagle.  
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## AT LAST: GETTING A LIFE BACK

# 'Suicide disease' relief



Cancer patient Richard Elias of Pawhuska awaits treatment from a CyberKnife machine, which is used to treat tumors and trigeminal neuralgia, a rare disorder of the cranial nerve that causes recurring severe pain spasms on one side of the face. JAMES GIBBARD/Tulsa World

BY KIM ARCHER  
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## Treatment helps those with pain disorder

Just a whisper of wind would set off a shooting pain on the right side of Mary Haugh's face so searing she would grit her teeth and clench her fists until it was over.

"Cold and wind were my enemies. It was really pretty terrible," the 76-year-old Oologah woman said.

Years ago, a neurologist diagnosed her with trigeminal neuralgia, a rare disorder of the fifth cranial nerve that causes recurring severe pain spasms on one side of the face. It typically af-

fects women more than men and is more likely to occur in people older than 50.

"I took a lot of medication. It helped, but I was like a zombie," Haugh said.

Finally, she and her husband heard about treatment of the disorder at Oklahoma CyberKnife — a service of Hillcrest Medical Center.

The radiation treatment took less than an hour with no anesthesia and no pain.

"It was absolutely a miracle. There was no recovery and no sensation," Haugh said. "It was expensive. It costs \$50,000, but my insurance paid most of it."

"To me, it's worth a million dollars. I got my life back."

The exact cause of trigeminal

neuralgia isn't known, although doctors believe a factor is compression of the trigeminal nerve by a blood vessel or tumor. It is common among patients with multiple sclerosis.

The disorder is frequently misdiagnosed as a dental problem, such as an abscess.

"It's often called the suicide disease. That's how painful it is," said Dr. Diane Heaton, medical director at Oklahoma CyberKnife. "I've had patients who haven't eaten in days because of the pain. Someone once told me it's like somebody hit you with a

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Bryan Johnson (left) and David Palmer, Tulsa Community College students who recently returned from the National Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, are looking forward to a future in theater. CORY YOUNG/Tulsa World

## TCC students are making magic

Their theatrical sleight-of-hand earns them a return trip to a Kennedy Center festival.

BY SARA PLUMMER  
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Bryan Johnson knew at age 5 that he wanted to be a magician.

"I really thought that's what I would be doing when I grew up," he said.

He's not far from that dream. As a theater student at Tulsa Community College, he has made his fellow students into monsters with makeup and changed empty stages into faraway

places by designing lighting and props for stage productions.

A fellow theater student, David Palmer, has taken his experience lighting dance floors at Tulsa nightclubs to the stages at TCC.

Both recently returned from the National Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Washington, D.C. This was the second time for both students to earn a place at the national competition.

Among thousands of entries from college students in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico and Texas in the regional competition, one winner from each category was chosen to go to the national festival. Johnson and Palmer represented Region 6 again

this year, in makeup design and lighting design, respectively.

J.C. Laucks, an assistant professor and coordinator of design and technical theater at TCC, said the two were competing with students not only from other two-year schools, but four-year university and graduate program students.

Laucks said TCC sent three students, including Johnson and Palmer, to the national festival last year.

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