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OLD	ODE	
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IRANI	TOUR	ABLE
PESTO	ENDS	MESA
AKIN	DOSE	STEM

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also guarantees their longevity. "We purchase blank, pre-cut copper bands, stamp, antique, shape and then seal each bracelet completely by hand and made by just the two of us," Batarse said. "They're actually really fun to make, but our roomies might not think so. The hammer necessary to make the indentation makes a really loud sound. We like to think we hand-Picasso these bad boys."

The duo, which provided 40 children education for three months in the first two weeks of operation, credit Startup Aggeland for much of its success.

"Startup Aggeland has had a monumental impact on our success," Batarse said. "They have provided us with mentors who advise us daily and give us access to resources we would otherwise not have."

While the two have consistently focused on empowering refugees, Carley said they went back and forth on how to accomplish this goal multiple times.

"We like to think that with each change in idea, rather than scrap the idea completely, we save it for later," Carley said. "So, we've learned to write everything down, big or small, you know, just in case. From programs to shoes to shirts to backpacks, we made bracelets. We never imagined we would be transforming little strips of copper into our new favorite jewelry, but we love it."

Burl Haigwood, the group's mentor and director of public affairs at the BCS Chamber of Commerce, said his goal with the Refuge team is to be a coach and offer his expertise.

"To use my business experience to accelerate their learning process and the development of their business plan



Allison Bradshaw — THE BATTALION

Within two weeks of operation, Refuge founders **Andrea Batarse** and **Lexi Carley** raised enough money to provide three months of education to 40 children.

— to the point of execution," Haigwood said. "I listen, ask questions and guide them toward a particular business goal or understanding so they can experience learning. They have to understand and own their decisions."

Brooke Wooten, student fellows coordinator for Startup Aggeland and

friend of Refuge founders, said she sees promise in the Refuge project.

"When they first started they were criticized greatly and have pivoted a lot since their starting point," Wooten said. "Watching them grow has been incredible and I'm excited to see the fruits of their labor."

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approved for funding. According to the CPRIT website, in 2007 Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment establishing CPRIT. This authorized the state to issue \$3 billion in bonds to fund groundbreaking cancer research and prevention programs and services in Texas. The website states the goal of CPRIT is to improve innovation in cancer research and development, as well as improve prevention programs in the state.

In keeping with the goal, Sczepanski plans to conduct research using ribonucleic acid to improve cancer diagnostics. "My goal will be to utilize a new class of ribonucleic acids to target cancer related molecules," Sczepanski said. "Using this approach, I hope to develop tools for cancer diagnostics, as well as novel cancer therapeutics."

Francois Gabbai, head of the Department of Chemistry, said Sczepanski's research program will complement ongoing efforts at Texas A&M.

"With an exceptional track record in DNA repair and aptamer RNA library synthesis and screening, Dr. Sczepanski will bring to Texas A&M — and indeed to Texas — a unique set of expertise and insight in nucleic acid chemistry as it relates to cancer research," Gabbai said.

This field of study has inter-

ested Sczepanski since graduate school.

"As a graduate student studying DNA damage, I found myself amazed by the number of challenges our bodies must overcome every day in order to avoid carcinogenesis," Sczepanski said. "This pushed me to look more closely at the pathways through which cancer forms and ask how these processes could be mediated using chemistry."

Sczepanski said the decision to come to A&M was not a difficult one, and he looks forward to beginning his independent research at A&M.

"The Department of Chemistry at Texas A&M University is one of the best in the country," Sczepanski said. "Furthermore, I received a great deal of support from both the faculty and staff following my initial interview at A&M. By recruiting me via the CPRIT grant, I know that the Department of Chemistry believes in my research goals and will offer me the best opportunity to be successful."

Gabbai said Sczepanski will work independently from other professors with select students.

"He will start his own research group and will be given access to prime research space," Gabbai said. "He has generous funding from CPRIT, which should allow him to quickly assemble a team of qualified graduate students and postdocs."

BATTASKS

What did you give up for Lent?



"I gave up chocolate. It was really hard because everything that I like is chocolate in some way, shape or form. It was really difficult, but Jesus died for our sins so that is a lot harder than giving up chocolate."

Ricardo Astorga, biomedical sciences freshman



"I gave up coffee and candy. I don't eat candy every day, but coffee, I drink at least one or two cups a day so that was harder I guess. I wasn't having withdrawals or anything, but I definitely have been craving it."

Audri Arreola, construction science sophomore
Cassidy Hudson — THE BATTALION

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