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To get her dressed, **Lucy's mom was there.** To get her to campus, **Lucy's**

**mom was there.** To open doors and carry her books and backpack, **Lucy's mom was there.** During her engineering classes, labs and study sessions, **Lucy's mom was there.**

And when she graduates from college Saturday after six hard years, **Lucy's mom will be there.**



In their Cicero home, Rosa Trevino massages her daughter Lucy's feet as they relax after a long day at the University of Illinois in Chicago, where Lucy is an engineering student.

By **Barbara Mahany** Tribune reporter | Photos by **Antonio Perez** Tribune photographer

Lucy Trevino's mother cuts peanut-butter-on-whole-wheat into bite-size squares, unscrews a strawberry-kiwi juice and holds both to her daughter's lips so Lucy can get through lunch and make it back to class.

And before all this, she has slipped her into jeans, tied her shoes, smeared toothpaste on her toothbrush and combed her thick black hair into a perfect pony tail. Lucy Trevino's mother pushed her firstborn daughter through college—sometimes through mounds of snow, or up icy ramps if her motorized wheelchair balked. When they got stuck, her mother pulled out her cell phone to call maintenance and ask if someone could please come clear the walks. Over

the last six years, Rosa Trevino also became fluent in the CTA's Blue Line and Pink Line, as the mother and daughter made their way five days a week from home, a red-brick two-flat in Cicero, to the University of Illinois at Chicago. Lucy Trevino graduates Saturday from UIC with a degree in bioengineering, and a dean says the hardest part of the day will be to get through his telling of the Trevinos' triumph without dissolving into tears.

For the six years it took to get through one of the most rigorous programs in the College of Engineering, it was Rosa—a tad shy and always thinking two steps ahead—who got her daughter to every class, lab and study session. She knew which text and notebook to lay on Lucy's desk. And she turned the pages when a heavy book tired Lucy's hands.

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## Trapped by Web loan with the 842% interest rate

By **Stephen Franklin**  
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Rochelle Parker needed money for Christmas gifts and medicine, so she went online and found a Web site promising easy money. After a few key punches she was zapped a \$300 loan, but one that charged an astonishing 842 percent annual interest.

The recently retired fingerprint technician for the Chicago Police Department had several other online loans that drained her finan-

### CASHED OUT

First in an occasional series reporting on the growing number of Americans who, for the first time in decades, can't make ends meet, let alone get ahead.

cially and forced her to move in with her daughter. But getting another loan was so easy on the Internet.

"As my mother said, I'm robbing Peter to pay Paul," Parker said with

a shake of her head and a sigh of regret.

People like Parker are falling through one of the newest traps—in the cash-strapped economy—online payday loans. Such loans typically were the province of payday loan storefronts that cater mostly to the working poor and low-middle-income workers, short on cash until payday. Now online loans are spreading to the middle class as a result of rising gasoline

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Tribune photo by Alex Garcia

**Chicago resident Rochelle Parker is trying to figure out how to pay off at least five payday loans.**

## World's giants to alter food equation

As China and India rise, diets change and demands soar

By **Evan Osnos** and **Laurie Goering**  
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BEIJING — Nothing about the lunch rush at a McDonald's in China would feel out of place in America: Students huddled around video games and fries; a computer salesman scarfing a chicken sandwich; a teacher lingering over a hamburger and coffee. And in that all-American scene lies the next great challenge to the world's food supply.

"It was impossible for my parents' generation to have meat all the time," said 42-year-old teacher Xue Wei, polishing off a piece of pie. "Now, we can eat meat every day."

The roots of today's food crisis span the globe, from sky-high oil prices in the Middle East to the diversion of crops from food to biofuel in the U.S., to drought-stricken harvests in Australia. But the crisis also has focused attention on a longer-term trend: the growing, evolving appetites of developing giants such as China and India.

"Population is increasing, and the income of the poor is increasing, but production is not increasing," said Usha Tuteja, head of the Agricultural Economics Research Center at the University of Delhi.

Rising consumption in China and India is not the prime cause of today's food-price shocks; both countries are largely self-sufficient in rice and wheat, staples that have fallen short in other developing

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### CAMPAIGN 2008

## Obama's 2-front battle has given McCain an edge

By **Jill Zuckman**  
WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Three months ago, Sen. John McCain made a calculated decision to begin painting a not-so-pretty picture of Sen. Barack Obama.

Although Sen. Hillary Clinton was — and still is — battling Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination, McCain began preparing his case against the Illinois senator early on. McCain's advisers, like other observers, had concluded that Obama was the likely nominee and wanted to begin shaping Obama's image while the Democrat was still consumed with fighting Clinton.

Defining one's opponent is a key task of any campaign, and simply put, McCain has had a long head start. As early as Feb. 12—the day McCain and Obama each won primaries in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. — McCain suggested Obama was guilty of hollow

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### WEATHER

Heavy rain, thunderstorms. High 51, low 39.  
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