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Pleistocene site gets warm response



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The Waco Mammoth Site could become one of 15 other national parks in Texas, pending the approval of officials in Washington D.C. The National Park Service director, Jon Jarvis, said he will recommend the park.

National Park Service director to recommend Mammoth Site for national park status in DC

By REBECCA FLANNERY
STAFF WRITER

The Waco Mammoth Site is on its way to becoming internationally recognized after National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis toured the site Monday.

Raegan King, director for the Waco Mammoth Site, said Jarvis was overwhelmed with the public support Waco showed at Monday's citywide meeting held at the Mayborn Museum Complex.

"Jarvis touring and meeting with the city was one of the more important pieces of the puzzle in getting national recognition for the park," King said.

Jeff Goodman, program administrator for the Waco Department of Parks and Recreation, said after Jarvis was given an interpretive tour of the site, he was eager to hear what community members

had to say.

"There were over 200 people in the theater of the Mayborn," Goodman said. "When director Jarvis turned the program over to the audience, there was such a positive electricity in the room."

Goodman said the audience was 100 percent in favor of the site becoming nationally recognized. If approved by officials in Washington, D.C., the site would join 15 other national parks in Texas, which benefitted the state \$173.4 million from tourism in 2013, according to the National Park Service website.

"Getting the site recognized would provide resources to the park that we couldn't do otherwise," Goodman said. "Preservation, paleontological and scientific research would be gained from the certification."

Because the National Park Ser-

vice is an internationally recognized brand, the Waco Mammoth Site would be economically and visibly benefited, Goodman said.

"This would put us in the national park registry," King said. "It would bring our Waco site to a worldwide audience."

The city park has been considered for national park status since the early 2000s, King said.

"The park was created per the standards of the National Park Service in hopes it would one day gain national recognition," King said. "It's already set up and prepared to become certified."

Baylor's staff, students and volunteers excavated the site after the first bone discovery in the 1970s, a process that took over 30 years, according to the Mammoth Site website.

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Hemingway award for Hemenway

By KALLI DAMSCHEN
STAFF WRITER

Arna Bontemps Hemenway, assistant professor of English in creative writing, has won this year's PEN/Hemingway Award for Debut Fiction for his short story collection "Elegy on Kinderklavier."

Hemenway's "Elegy on Kinderklavier" was published in 2014 by Sarabande Books and includes both short stories and a novella. The PEN/Hemingway award is not the first to honor his work. The book was also a finalist for the Discovery Prize and was named a Barnes and Noble Discover New Writers selection for summer 2014.

"As a writer you always hope that your stuff is going to get out there somehow and be read and matter to people," Hemenway said. "It meant a lot that the judges and that the organization had read my work and thought it was worthy of being honored so hugely."

Hemenway describes the short stories in "Elegy on Kinderklavier" as "pretty formally experimental." Many of the short

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KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Winner gets a gold starr

President and Chancellor Ken Starr plays Connect Four with Waco sophomore Stanton Bain during Dr Pepper Hour in the Barfield Drawing Room on Tuesday. The weekly event was leading up to Dia del Oso next week and featured giant Connect Four, Jenga and checkers.

StuGov makes alterations to Student Body Constitution

By MADISON MILLER
REPORTER

Leaders of student government held a constitutional review for eight and a half hours Monday to alter, update and amend the Student Body Constitution, said Arlington senior Dominic Edwards, student body president.

"The process unfolded very systematically and I would say as democratically as possible," Edwards said. "We began with presentations from any member of student government on their respective articles."

There were two presentations per article, followed by a discussion, creation of new material and making edits.

The constitutional review will be submitted to the Senate to vote on Thursday.



FILE ART

Arlington senior Dominic Edwards, student body president, helped student government review the Student Body Constitution for eight and a half hours Monday.

Edwards said it was hard to say what changes were exactly made. Every article was revised because of issues or being outdated, said Katy junior Lawren Kinghorn, internal vice president. They also fixed things that have been misinterpreted for a decade.

Edwards said in light of the recent court

proceedings and the culture of Student Senate this year, he felt student government needed to look at the constitution and figure out how to serve the students in a more effective and efficient way.

"The constitution gives me liberty to rec-

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Young alum runs for Waco Council

By JENNA PRESS
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Jake Russell, a recent Baylor alum running for Waco City Council, is determined to make a difference in the city he now considers home.

Russell, who graduated in 2011 with a degree in entrepreneurship, started a T-shirt company, which he stayed with for a year before moving on to sell real estate. He now sells real estate for Magnolia Homes, a company started by Chip and Joanna Gaines, stars of



Russell

HGTV's "Fixer Upper."

Russell is running for a position on the council of District Two, which encompasses Baylor and downtown Waco, areas that all Baylor students are familiar with.

Russell's parents, an aunt and an uncle all went to Baylor. It was the only school he applied to. He knew Baylor and the business school was going to be a great experience, but did not know he would end up staying in Waco.

"I developed a love for the city," Russell said. "Within a year or so of being in Waco, I knew I had found a new home."

Russell said during his time in the Baylor Business School, the focus on group projects and presentations was important for where he is now. He cited Dr. Marlene Reed as a professor

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ASHER FREEMAN

Depression doesn't mean what you think it does

Editorial

Spence Jackson, the spokesman of former Missouri Auditor Tom Schweich, was found dead Sunday in his apartment in St. Louis. Police are investigating the death as an apparent suicide. He left a note stating that he could not handle being unemployed again.

About a month earlier, Schweich, who was running for governor of Missouri, committed suicide. He had been attacked by political opponents through disgraceful whisper campaigns and degrading campaign ads.

Both men's actions prior to taking their respective lives – Jackson's note and Schweich's voicemails – indicate their mental instability, which is possibly linked to depression from their surrounding circumstances.

It's a powerful word, one we often throw around to describe anomalous activities. When adults act outside the norm and cause harm to themselves or others, even experts look to words like "depression" and "mental illness" for an explanation.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S., according to a Suicide Awareness Voices of Education study. To put it into perspective, suicide claims as many lives per year as the flu, pneumonia or nephritis. Experts and trends from the same study directly connect rises in depression with rises in rates of suicide.

Depression is a serious concern in American culture, where overwork, underpay and lack of sleep, which can increase the possibility of depression, are significantly growing trends. Using the word arbitrarily or outside of its definition, not only ruins its true meaning but diminishes the true concern needed to combat it.

When a word becomes common, society loosens its respect for the power specific vocabulary it carries. Think of "Ebola," "police brutality" and "school shooting." All very powerful words, but due to recent abuse in media coverage of each, society no longer respects their use.

The common phrase may very well be "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me," but it can be argued that Schweich's suicide proves this is not true. Every word has power, whether it is given recognition of that or not.

The power of words is slipping through the cracks as it becomes easier to broadcast them.

So when a pilot took down a plane in the Alps and killed 150, the media and politicians jump to use the word "depressed" in describing the pilot because it was recognizable and it made sense — at first.

French Prime Minister Manuel Vall's words on the

incident were: "everything is pointing to a criminal, crazy, suicidal action that we cannot comprehend."

Criminal, crazy and suicidal might very well describe this pilot's actions, but immediately labeling him without proof is dangerous. So why is this becoming the norm?

Culture teaches that answers to an anomaly is always necessary. We've eliminated room in life for mystery, so when something unknown occurs, there's a rush to label it. The 24-hour news cycle needs something to debate and analyze, and vernacular describing incidents is required for that.

But in relying only on what conveniently describes the event or what words are easiest to communicate the problem, the power and purpose of words such as "depression" has fallen to the wayside.

What is depression? It's a severe mental angst that impacts not only the afflicted but family and friends as well. It's suffering from an instability.

The actions of this pilot are not "depression." Someone's state of mind can influence their actions, but depression is not an act.

That's the only word that describes what the pilot, Andrew Lubwitz, did. He killed himself, yes an act of suicide, but more importantly, he killed every member on board the plane – mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, children, elderly. Yes, he had anti-depression medication in his home, but violent behavior that leaves dozens of people dead is not in the least bit the manifested actions of depression. It's an act of aggression. It's an act of terrorism.

Instead of continually muddling the understanding – or more likely misunderstanding – of true depression, we need to work on fixing the growing issue of depression. The appropriate label is secondary to comforting those with mental illnesses.

It is very possible that Lubwitz was depressed, but in mislabelling his actions as the results of his possible depression, it weakens the word even more. By passively labeling the pilot as "depressed," the true nature of who he was and what led up to him down the commercial flight is missed.

As the world watches and wades through the investigation of Lubwitz's actions, as many begin to mourn the loss of Jackson and as Missouri continues to wrestle with the death of Schweich, it must be remembered that words have power. We should respect that. We should honor that.

And honoring the words we use to describe those afflicted with mental illness begins with remembering their true meaning.

Accept healthier body types, ban thinspiration

As society debates issues like the false portrayal of body image, France made a strong declaration of its stance by outlawing any websites that promote "thinspiration."

The ban on "pro-ana" sites — websites promoting anorexia — will include fines up to 10,000 Euros, \$10,832.50, and up to a year in prison in an effort to hinder "excessive thinness."

Countries like Italy, Spain and Israel have already begun their efforts against unhealthy body standards by banning models that have been deemed "too thin" from the runway. Reasons for the ban include preventing the spread of damaging eating habits to impressionable minds, according to Reuters.

Although France will ultimately decide upon that type of legislation later this week, it did pass a law preventing fashion institutions from hiring emaciated models.

The French National Assembly said more than 30,000 citizens of France were anorexic and 90 percent of that number was women; however, the report the Assembly pulled the information from was published in 2008, when the country previously tried to prevent body-damaging websites. There was no mention



Amanda Yarger
Reporter

Photoshop on her legs.

A study published by Media Education found that the "body image shown in ads represented only 5 percent of the body types American women actually had."

The same publisher also reported that women in ads often have their hands placed over their mouths, unlike their male counterparts. The

undertones of this pose leave the remark that woman should be scrutinized strictly on what we see of their bodies — their voice and point of view is irrelevant.

When taking in these messages alongside a culture of anorexia, young women begin to see themselves as inferior and may resort to drastic steps to measure up to what they see in the media.

In an episode of the Emmy-award winning show "30 Rock," writers addressed body image when Alec Baldwin's character tells one of the women who had gained weight that she needs to gain more weight or lose it all — "there is no middle in television."

As society begins to accept healthier body shapes, we will hopefully begin to see that middle in television and all media.

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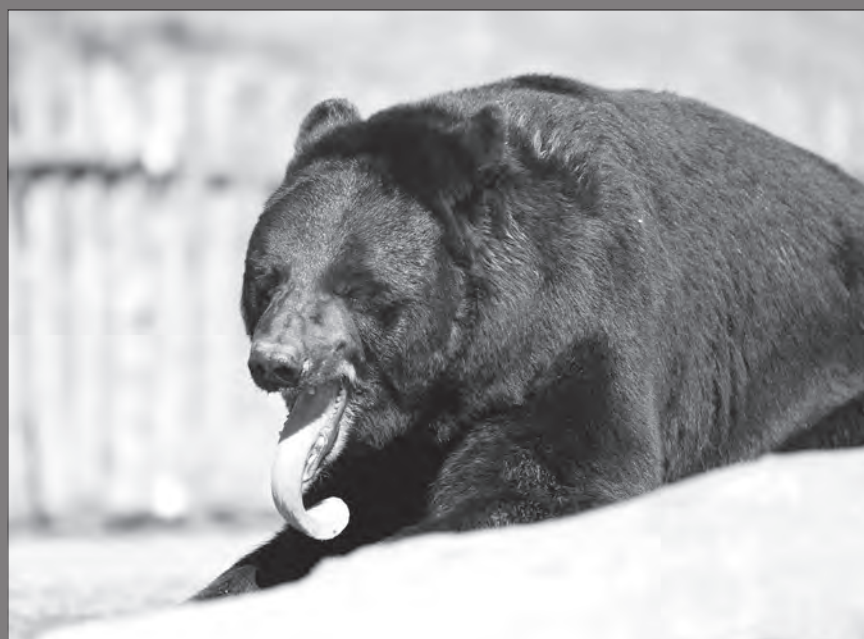
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Bear Briefs



Dodgeball event set to support cancer society

Beta Kappa Gamma's third annual dodgeball tournament in support of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held on from 6-10 p.m. Friday at the McLane Student Life Center. Teams need at least six players, but no more than eight. Player fees are \$10. There will be over \$500 in prizes, including a \$300 prize for first place. For more information or to sign up, visit <http://dfac.bkgbaylor.org/>.

Walk plans to celebrate, aid autistic community

The Heart of Texas Autism Network will work with the Baylor Autism Resource Clinic and Baylor University Center for Developmental Disabilities to host the 2015 Waco Walk for Autism and Family Fun Day from 2-4 p.m. April 19 at Fountain Mall. The event will celebrate the abilities and potential of people with autism. The fee for walkers 18 years or older is \$20 and is \$15 for participants under 18. Proceeds will go to the improvement of resources and programs for local families and individuals living with autism. The event will include live music, activities, games and a resource fair. To register, visit www.hotautismnetwork.org.

Island Party seeks to help in hunger relief

The Beta Upsilon Chi is hosting its annual Island Party at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union Building Bowl. There will be a free concert, featuring Green River Ordinance and Trannie Stevens. T-shirts are on sale for \$6 in the SUB and the Penland and East Village dining halls. Purchasing a shirt will make you eligible to receive three tickets for a drawing for a scooter. Everyone at the Island Party will also receive a free ticket for the drawing. Proceeds will go to World Hunger Relief Inc. For more information, go to baylorislandparty.com.

Pan-Hellenic Council to host kickin' event

The National Pan-Hellenic Council will host a kickball tournament from 3-7 p.m. April 24 at the Baylor Sciences Building. In addition to games, there will be free food, music and a silent basket auction. Teams are \$5 per participant. Organizations who are interested in donating a basket, would like to sign up a team or would like to referee can contact India_Fordham@baylor.edu.



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Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, speaks during a news conference Tuesday at the State Capitol in Austin. Lawmakers and business leaders vowed to kill two proposed constitutional amendments they say will promote anti-gay discrimination and lead to backlash.

Lawmakers oppose proposed religious freedom amendment

By EVA RUTH MORAVEC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers and top business leaders vowed Tuesday to kill two proposed constitutional amendments they say will promote anti-gay discrimination and could lead to backlash similar to recent reactions in Indiana and Arkansas.

Opponents say the proposals, sponsored by Republicans Rep. Matt Krause and Sen. Donna Campbell, would morph the business-friendly Lone Star State into a costly state for corporations and negatively affect tourism.

Texas' Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1999 allows a Texas resident to sue state and local governments if he or she feels that a government entity is burdening their religious beliefs or practices. Lauded as "carefully crafted" by gay rights advocates, the act explicitly states it cannot be used to undermine federal or state civil rights or take precedence over local ordinances.

The proposed amendments do not explicitly say the law can't be used to justify discrimination based on sexual orientation, mirroring the original language of the laws passed recently in Indiana and Arkansas that sparked boycotts and strong opposition. Those states' Republican-controlled legislatures both revised their laws last week.

Krause said his proposed amendment would give constitutional strength to Texas' law. It would also trump local laws, including cities' nondiscrimination ordinances already in place, such as Houston, Dallas, Austin and San Antonio.

Dozens of states have similar religious freedom laws, largely modeled after a federal law enacted in 1993 with broad bipartisan support. Texas is one of 29 states that have no protections for gays and lesbians in nondiscrimination laws. Similar debates are going on in other statehouses, as Republican governors in

Michigan and North Dakota are urging lawmakers to extend anti-discrimination protections for gays.

Flanked by Democratic lawmakers at a news conference, Texas Association of Business' Chief Executive Officer Bill Hammond called the GOP-backed measures "misguided legislation."

Dallas Democratic Rep. Rafael Anchia said that, like in Indiana and Arkansas, people in Texas are concerned about the economy. He added a bipartisan group of legislators "will stop this thing in the House."

Krause said he's still confident in his proposal. He said the amendments wouldn't change the protections already in the act. "Our system's worked well for 16 years," he said Tuesday.

But others fear that's not the case.

Under current law, a governmental entity facing a civil rights lawsuit cannot use religious liberty as a defense, according to Rebecca Robertson, legal and policy director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas.

"The constitutional amendments would sweep away that language," Robertson said.

If the amendments clear committees — neither proposal is set for a hearing yet — they would require approval by two-thirds of the Legislature and the governor. Finally, they would face approval from Texas voters.

Kathy Miller, president of the advocacy group Texas Freedom Network, said the amendments are dangerous, but 18 other bills would open the door for even more discrimination. Some proposals target local nondiscrimination ordinances, while others would prohibit ax dollars from being used to license, register or recognize same-sex marriage licenses.

"They go further than the irresponsible bills that sparked the backlash in Indiana and Arkansas," she said. "These bills are bad for Texas."

Model UN takes New York; position paper wins award

By DANE CHRONISTER
REPORTER

The Baylor Model United Nations team was recognized as an "Honorable Mention Delegation" and given "Outstanding Position Paper" for one of their policy position papers at the National United Nations Conference that took place between March 28 and April 3 in New York.

These awards are for the research that each team does prior to the conferences and demonstrate how the students are taking new and innovative solutions to contemporary issues in the world today.

In order to participate in the conference, each school's team is required to write several position papers addressing a topic from the eight committees. The position paper is a short policy memo researched and prepared before the conference.

The General Assembly Second Committee paper was created by Honolulu, Hawaii senior Carissa Carlson, Norcross, Ga. senior Laurabeth Hooper and Tulsa, Okla. senior Elisa Jelley. All are international studies majors.

This position paper that is required for the NMUN announces what position the team will take on behalf of the country they are expected to represent.

The NMUN website lists all of the topics that can possibly be spoken on for position papers. Some topics included the control of biological weapons, the right to privacy in the digital age and strengthening women's political participation.

Faculty adviser and lecturer in the department of political science, Dr. Rebecca Flavin, said the experience gives students the opportunities to learn about other



COURTESY PHOTO BY REBECCA FLAVIN

Members of the Baylor United Nations team competed in the National Model United Nations Conference from March 28-April 3 in New York.

cultures and areas of the world while being a part of the team.

"These conferences offer our students a unique opportunity to take the knowledge and skills they acquire in the classroom and apply them to simulated experiences similar to those they will encounter in their post-graduate careers," Flavin said.

Baylor's team was in charge of simulating what the United Nations does by writing resolutions on behalf of diplomats from specific countries. Baylor was tasked with representing the African state of Burundi, located in the African Great Lakes region, this semester.

"Every nation we get to represent is important to give that nation the respect they deserve by learning about each nation politically and culturally and learn as best as we can about what their diplomatic position is in terms of decisions that they make," Flavin said.

More than half of NMUN

Conference consisted of attendees who hailed from outside of the United States.

Hooper, head delegate and student leader, has been a part of the Model UN team for three years and plans on attending The Graduate Institute in Geneva, Switzerland, to work on issues of women in development.

"It's because of Model UN that I have decided on the career path that I have chosen for myself, and because of doing this I can for the first time really understand the magnitude of challenges facing the world," Hooper said. "There are real solutions out there and that there are people willing to work toward those solutions."

In the fall, the team will prepare to head to Chicago to participate in the American Model United Nations Conference.

"We owe our success to the dedication of our faculty and Dr. Flavin, who have helped us get to where we are today," Hooper said.

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stories are about soldiers in Iraq, but the novella is about a young couple whose child has a terminal brain tumor.

Hemenway's other fiction writing has been published in Alaska Quarterly Review, The Missouri Review, The Seattle Review, Storyville, Meridian Literary Review, Bat City Review and Epilogue Magazine, among others, and has been named a Notable/Distinguished Story of the Year in both the Best American Short Stories and Best American Nonrequired Reading anthologies.

"When we were interviewing him for this position in creative writing, all the candidates submitted samples of their writing," said Dr. Dianna Vitanza, English department chair and associate professor. "His was so much above everyone else's, both in content and style. Every aspect was superior. He's a really impressive writer."

Hemenway works with Baylor students to help them improve their creative writing. He said he

loves teaching because of the opportunity to experience the wonder of reading anew through his students and to watch their writing improve.

"It keeps things really fresh and new, and it energizes me in my writing," Hemenway said. "I love seeing students' work improve, seeing students come up with entirely new avenues of imagination."

Hemenway received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Iowa and his Master of Fine Arts from the Iowa Writers' Workshop. He taught creative writing at the University of Iowa before coming to work as an assistant professor at Baylor.

"I'm really delighted to have him here working at Baylor and sharing his talents with us," said Dr. James Bennighof, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Policy.

Bennighof said Hemenway's awards are "a reflection, on the national level, of the quality of faculty that we've got teaching here."

Vitanza said Hemenway's award-winning work will reflect well on both the English department and Baylor as a whole.

"Any time a faculty member wins something as prestigious as these awards, it's good for us," Vitanza said. "It not only helps the English department. It helps Baylor and raises our profile."

The PEN/Hemingway Award was founded in 1976 by Mary Hemingway, American journalist and wife of writer Ernest Hemingway, to recognize distinguished debut works of fiction. The prize includes \$20,000 and a one-week residency in The Distinguished Visiting Writers Series at the University of Idaho's MFA Program in Creative Writing, as well as a Ucross Residency Fellowship at the Ucross Foundation in Wyoming, a retreat for artists and writers.

Hemenway will attend the awards ceremony in Boston on April 19, where his award will be presented by Ernest Hemingway's son Patrick.

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who had a positive influence on his education at Baylor.

"I'm thrilled that he's running for city council," said Reed, a senior lecturer in the business school. "He's really made a contribution in the community," "He's very bright and passionate, always looking to make a contribution."

Russell started his T-shirt business while still in college, and used plans from classes like Reed's to help his business get started.

"I had him in he beginning entrepreneurship course, and I could tell he really wanted to be an entrepreneur and start his own business, and he did," Reed said. "We try to get students thinking very early about the kinds of business they might want to start."

Reed said he is confident that Russell could have a very positive impact on Waco, as his passion isn't just limited to business.

"I know he'll make a difference, he's so involved," she said. "I don't see that many young people as involved in the community as Jake was."

Russell said he thinks that, if

elected, he could really help the city in two areas: education and decreasing poverty.

"I want to help Waco Independent School District and the students reach their full potential," Russell said, "and working on poverty in Waco and childhood hunger in Waco is super important."

He said he wants to focus on increasing communication to get students on career paths they may not have known about, outside the traditional jobs such as doctor or lawyer.

"I think Waco has a ton to offer. I want to bring my excitement and enthusiasm to the board," he said.

Russell comes from Hardin, a small Texas town with only 700 residents. "When people said there's nothing to do in Waco, I was very surprised," he said. "For me, it was an incredible town with a lot of history."

If elected, Russell would serve for two years.

"Waco is at the start of something really spectacular," Russell said. "I want to give back in some

regard."

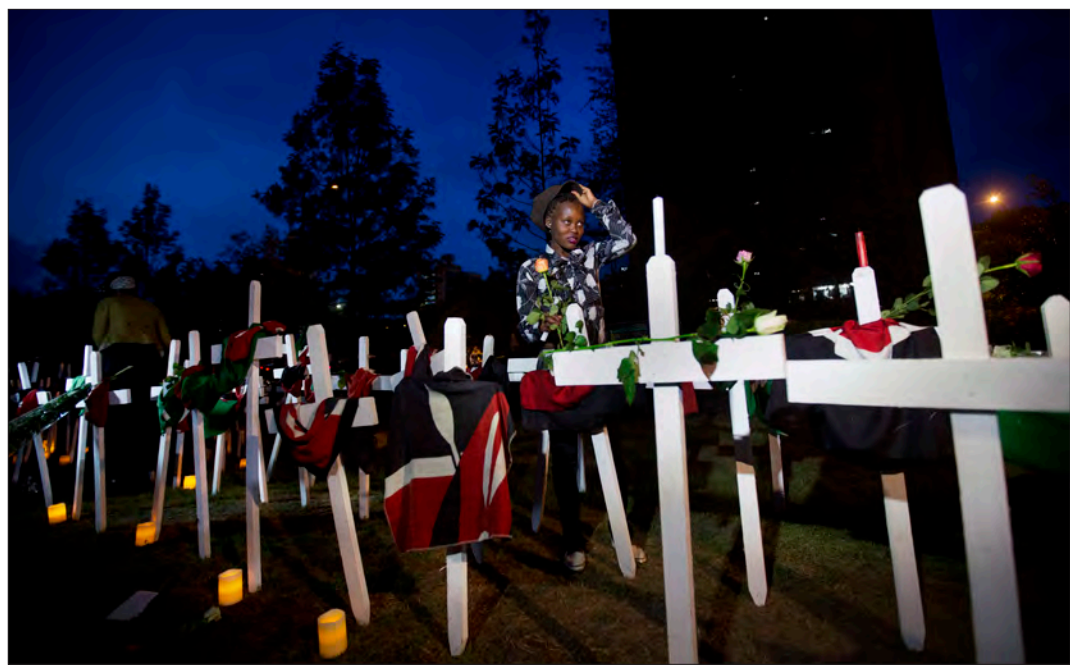
Students can register through this Thursday to vote. The election is on May 9. Voting takes place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Vote Centers around Waco. One convenient site for students is the Waco Convention Center.

"I have no question Jake could be a great spokesperson for the people of Waco," Dr. Reed said.

Russell said he hopes students will vote in higher numbers in this election than in years previous.

"I would encourage students to get out and vote, get involved in the local politics," he said. "This is where you live, this is where you go to school, so it makes a lot of sense to know what's going on."

Dallas senior Holly Carpenter, who works at Highlands college ministry with Russell, said, "I absolutely think he would be an amazing fit for the role. He loves helping people, and has such a servant's heart. He puts others before himself and is concerned for the greater good."



A Kenyan woman holding a rose removes her hat Tuesday as she lights candles next to a white wooden cross for each of the victims of the Garissa attack, during a vigil at Uhuru Park in Nairobi, Kenya.

Kenyan angry over delayed police response to attack

By TOM ODULA AND CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAIROBI, Kenya — Public anger spilled into the streets of the Kenyan capital Tuesday, a fury stirred by the seven-hour delay between the time authorities learned of a deadly attack by gunmen on a college and when police commandoes finally arrived at the scene.

Authorities were informed of the assault just before dawn Thursday at Garissa University College in northeastern Kenya, where four militants killed 148 people before being slain by police in the early evening.

Questions have arisen that the delayed arrival of the police could have contributed to the high death toll as the country confronts the threat from the Islamic extremists from the Somalia-based al-Shabab militant group.

During a demonstration by about 250 students, they passed a truck carrying security forces with red berets and rifles and shouted at the troops: "Where were you?"

The troops did not respond. The students also banged on the sides of a police vehicle and converged briefly outside Kenyan police headquarters, again demanding: "Where were you?"

The Kenyan military, which has a barracks in the town of Garissa, was the first to respond with some help from local police, the government has said. The police department's paramilitary tactical unit, known as the Recce Squad, was briefed about the attack but put on standby because the military said it could handle the attack, said a senior police officer who was involved in Thursday's actions.

It was only after hours had gone by and the military had suffered casualties that a decision was

made to send in the Recce unit, which is trained in close-quarters combat and hostage rescues and is based in Nairobi, he said. The official spoke only on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to talk to the press.

Military spokesman Col. David Obonyo did not immediately answer phone calls seeking comment.

With police helicopters not operational because of mechanical problems, the Recce Squad flew the 200 miles to Garissa on two small planes that could not carry the whole unit, forcing other members to travel by road. Once the tactical team went into the besieged campus at 5 p.m. — almost 12 hours after the attack began — its members killed the gunmen and secured the site within a half-hour. By then, 148 people were dead.

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"Though the first bones were discovered in the 1970s, the site remained closed to the public until the end of 2009," according to the website.

Both King and Goodman said they don't know how long the process will take to become certified, but are confident it will certainly happen.

"It could be a month, it could be three months," Goodman said. "At this point, it's like playing darts in the dark, but we're very optimistic and encouraged by the community."

Jarvis said at the city meeting he will be going back to D.C. with a high recommendation for the Waco Mammoth Site.

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commend to the Senate, measures I deem to be both necessary and expedient," Edwards said. "For me, this is more than necessary and expedient, so I take it upon myself to be the chair of the committee and also to make sure the work got done."

Edwards said the interpretation will be more streamlined and that the execution will be more clear with a guiding document that tells what to do instead of leaving room for interpretation.

Kinghorn said she thinks that it will help decrease controversy, but that there will always be someone upset about something.

"After that, it is put before the entire student body on Dia, whenever everyone else votes for elections," said Houston sophomore Steven Newcomb, chief of staff to the external vice president, who is running for external vice president.

During voting, students will be given a link to the changes and will be able to vote yes or no.

Edwards said the document will allow student government to be more accessible and for them to serve the student body better after the revisions are passed.

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Theatrical feat

Students to create, cast, perform five original plays in single day

BY ALLIE MATHERNE
REPORTER

Would Romeo and Juliet have died if Shakespeare only had nine hours to write the play? Maybe he would have fallen asleep writing and left them a trivial entangled love story.

Innovation and grueling time crunches meet in Baylor Theatre's newest endeavor: the 24-Hour Play Festival. And no, this doesn't mean attendees will be sitting in the cloth seats of Jones Theatre for 24 hours.

From concept to full realization, playwrights, directors and actors will attempt to create five plays in just 24 hours on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets, available at the door, will be \$5 to see all five plays, and the proceeds will go toward theater scholarship funds.

This student-run event will challenge five playwrights to write a play in nine hours, collaborate with a randomly selected student director and fully flesh out a play with actors in time for audiences to see beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday in Jones Theatre. The plays will run back-to-back.

There will be five playwrights, five directors and a number of actors to ensure that the playwrights and directors have complete artistic freedom, said Houston senior and festival coordinator Bethany Roberts.

"We want to keep it super open-ended for playwrights," Roberts said.

The accelerated timeline will give playwrights an opportunity to trust each other and their own instincts,

said Brenham senior Zachary Jenkins, who is also a festival coordinator.

"From what writing I have done, I think this is going to help playwrights streamline the flow of ideas — when you're under pressure to write something that fast, it'll help them learn something about how they develop their ideas," Jenkins said. Roberts said she agreed.

"You don't have time to think about it being good. People hold back because they're afraid failure, but this is going to force it out," Roberts said. "You trust your instincts more than you would if you didn't have this time crunch."

Abilene senior Seth Monhollon said the concept is completely new to Baylor Theatre and will challenge the department in a new way. Monhollon will be writing one of the plays.

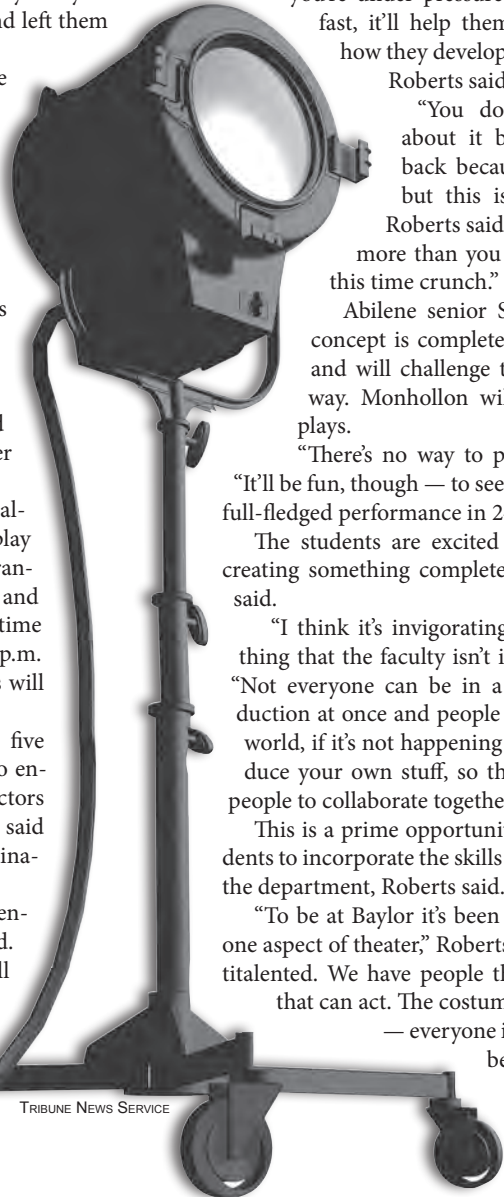
"There's no way to prepare," Monhollon said. "It'll be fun, though — to see a play go from concept to full-fledged performance in 24 hours."

The students are excited about collaborating and creating something completely on their own, Jenkins said.

"I think it's invigorating for people to do something that the faculty isn't involved in," Jenkins said. "Not everyone can be in a main-stage theater production at once and people are hungry — in the real world, if it's not happening for you, you have to produce your own stuff, so this will be a cool way for people to collaborate together on that."

This is a prime opportunity for Baylor Theatre students to incorporate the skills they have gained through the department, Roberts said.

"To be at Baylor it's been cool to not just focus on one aspect of theater," Roberts said. "We are all so multitasking. We have people that can write and people that can act. The costume people, the light people — everyone is so excited and willing to be there and put in the time and effort. This is what we were made for."



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A bronze sculpture of Lucille Ball is displayed in Lucille Ball Memorial Park in her hometown village of Celoron, N.Y. Since the sculpture was unveiled in 2009, it has been blasted by critics who say it bears little or no likeness to the popular 1950s sitcom actress and comedian.

'Scary Lucy' statue to get face-lift from new artist

BY CHRIS CAROLA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. — A much-maligned statue of Lucille Ball will get a face-lift after it drew worldwide attention as "Scary Lucy," according to the mayor of the western New York village where the 1950s sitcom actress and comedian grew up and her life-size bronze has stood since 2009.

Scott Schrecengost said Tuesday that his village will be starting a fundraising campaign on the crowdfunding website Kickstarter to collect donations to rework the Lucy statue from the shoulders up. Schrecengost said he has spoken to a sculptor who agreed to fix the statue for less than the \$8,000 to \$10,000 quoted previously by the original sculptor, Dave Poulin.

"We'd like to have better representation of Lucille Ball in her hometown," Schrecengost said.

The mayor's comments came only hours after Poulin told the AP he was willing to create a new statue for free. But after Schrecengost said he doesn't want Poulin to redo the work, even for free.

Poulin said he was "fine" with that decision.

Celoron, a village of about 1,300 on the southeastern end of Chautauqua Lake, found itself drawing national and international attention when a 2012 statue replacement campaign launched on Facebook.

Poulin released a letter Monday evening apologizing for the statue, calling it "by far my most unsettling sculpture."

Poulin said he was on a family vacation last week when the controversy erupted. By the time he returned last weekend to his home in the area, his work was being vilified online as a "nightmare" resembling a drunken zombie.

He said he has received "hundreds and hundreds" of angry emails and phone messages, including some death threats.

"It's totally insane," Poulin said. "There's a lot of nasty, nasty, nasty things being said about me as an artist and about my work."

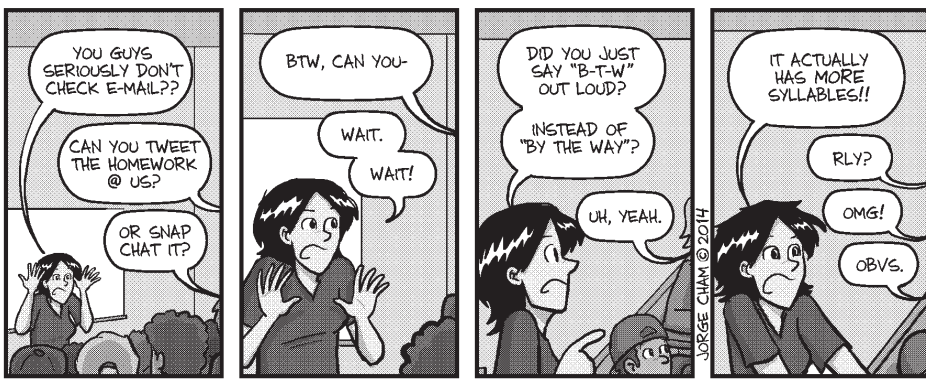
Poulin, who is in his 50s, said that body of work includes creating more than 120 commissioned public sculptures installed across western New York and Pennsylvania.

None of those have ever resulted in similar criticism, he said.

Schrecengost said there was displeasure with Poulin's Lucy statue, which was created a decade ago, from the moment a local couple donated it to the village and it was unveiled in Lucille Ball Memorial Park in August 2009.

"Everyone was shocked and agreed it wasn't Lucy," the mayor said.

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Baseball tops UTA

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The Bears claimed it first win in six games after a revival of the team's offensive power Tuesday night at Baylor Ballpark, beating UT-Arlington 10-7.

After getting swept by Texas State over Easter weekend, Baylor (13-19) needed a boost in team morale. Head coach Steve Smith said the team's practice session on Monday was probably the biggest factor into the Bears' return to form Tuesday night.

"We had a good day of work [Monday] offensively, and I don't say that often," Smith said. "[Monday's practice] was a different day that I haven't seen this group of guys have in a practice. You usually don't see it during the season, but I thought there was definitely some carryover [against UTA]."

The win turned out to be a convincing one for the Bears Tuesday night, but it started out looking like Baylor would be having more midweek mediocrity. Freshman pitcher Troy Montemayor gave up five hits and three runs in the first two innings. Smith said he was having second thoughts about Montemayor as his started after the breach of defense early on.

"Montemayor had fooled me," Smith said. "I thought he was ready for that start, but I guess it was nerves. That's never how he

pitches, but he got out of it."

Junior right-hander Kody Hessemer relieved Montemayor in the third inning, pitching three innings and giving up just one run and in the fourth inning. Hessemer allowed four hits overall in his winning effort, giving him a 2-1 record in 2015.

Baylor's hitting was too effective for a rocky start to bring them down. The Bears earned 12 hits Tuesday night, equal to UT-Arlington's 12 hits.

Freshman outfielder Kameron Esthay's three-run home run proved to be the play that tipped the scales in Baylor's favor.

"I'd say the guys in front of me had really good at-bats and they got on base of course. I was just ready to hit anything really," Esthay said. "That was the same with the first home run I hit [this season]."

UT-Arlington came close, but never recovered after Esthay's homer. The Bears followed up their four-run fifth inning by adding two more runs in the sixth, making it 9-4 with just three innings to play.

Healthy contributions to the offense from senior third baseman Duncan Wendel, sophomore shortstop Hayden Ross, freshman second baseman Steven McLean and designated hitter West Tunnell put the pressure on UT-Arlington's pitching staff.

"It was very big [to get a win] after getting swept by Texas State

obviously," Wendel said. "To get 10 runs and start hitting again; everybody did their job. It was good to see. I think every single person had the approach of 'I want to hit this hard, hit it the other way.' I didn't the ball particularly well, but they all fell through. You've got to have some of those nights sometimes."

As the rest of the midweek games have played out, Smith rotated in a big chunk of his pitching staff throughout the course of Tuesday's game. Baylor saw six pitchers for them on the mound, including senior Joe Kirkland, freshman Kyle Ott, sophomore Case Smith and senior closer Sean Spicer. Spicer earned his fourth save of the season after Case Smith gave up two runs in the eighth inning.

The Bears are 4-5 in Big 12 Conference play, having won every series except against TCU. Though the season has exposed weaknesses in Baylor's young roster, the Bears are still right in the thick of the conference standings. Nothing is out of reach for them at this point.

"We know we're in the middle of it, but we also know each team coming up is going to be pretty hard," Wendel said. "We're just going to take it one game at a time and go from there."

Baylor travels to Lubbock this weekend to face Texas Tech at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.



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Redshirt freshman first baseman Cameron Miller steps up to bat on Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark. Baylor baseball played UT Arlington and beat them 10-7.

No. 14 Baylor softball sweeps Red Raiders

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

No. 14 Baylor softball picked up its first Big 12 series sweep of the season as it knocked off Texas Tech in three straight games over the weekend.

The Bears (27-7, 5-1 Big 12) used a balanced effort from several players in the weekend matchup in order to run away with the sweep. Freshman outfielder Jessie Scroggins was the highlight of Friday night's brawl as she collided with the center field wall to make a near over-the-fence hit from Texas Tech's Kristi Belshe at the top of the seventh inning.

With Scroggins' catch and junior pitcher Heather Stearns' 10th shutout of the game, the Bears blanked Texas Tech 3-0.

"One of the best catches I've ever seen in my life," head coach Glenn Moore said. "She was playing somewhat in and had to turn and run and get it. (Texas Tech) certainly had the momentum in their favor, if they get a couple of runs right there, it was going to be tough to come back from."

Less than 24 hours later, the Bears and Red Raiders met back at Getterman Stadium. Freshman pitcher Kendall Potts came out of the bullpen and threw a no-hitter from the pitch-

ing mound. Senior shortstop Jordan Strickland and freshman infielder Caitlin Charlton hit back-to-back home runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to take the quick 2-0 Baylor lead.

Charlton hit another home run in her second time at bat on Saturday for another RBI, and with runs from freshman pinch runner Kina Cummings and junior designated player Linsay Hays clinched the series over Texas Tech with a 5-0 shutout.

Although the Bears already clinched the series on Friday and Saturday, the Red Raiders were not going away quietly, and they showed that in the Sunday finale. Although Texas Tech is 0-for-6 in conference play, the team has the potential to pose a threat to any team.

"In conference three wins is tough. (Texas Tech) is kind of like a wounded animal, they need a win," Moore said. "They were fighting hard. I thought Cara Custer threw the ball well Thursday and she came back today and threw the ball well again."

Baylor jumped out to an early 3-0 lead at the bottom of the first inning when senior outfielder Kaitlyn Thumann, senior outfielder Lindsey Cargill and sophomore infielder Ari



HANNAH HASELOFF | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 24 junior infielder Sarah Smith sees the ball during Baylor softball's 1-0 loss to Oklahoma State on March 29. The Bears picked up their first sweep of the 2015 season against Texas Tech over the weekend.

Hawkins each scored a run in the inning.

All looked well for the Bears until the Red Raiders made a game-tying run in the top of the seventh inning to force the game into extra innings. Hawkins ended the game with the

game-winning double to bring home Cargill for the tight 6-5 win.

The Bears will now play five non-conference games in four days before returning home on April 14 to host Houston Baptist. Baylor faces Texas State in San Marcos at 6 p.m. today.

Avery Johnson hired at 'Bama

By JOHN ZENOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — New Alabama coach Avery Johnson wants to make the Crimson Tide "the leader of the college basketball world."

Johnson will be introduced at a news conference on Wednesday, a day after arriving in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He said that coaching in the college ranks was "a lifelong dream" and arrived with lofty ambitions for the program.

"Our goal is to make Alabama the leader of the college basketball world," Johnson said in a statement released by the university. "Our fans can expect a team that is going to be very exciting to watch, on both the offensive and defensive ends. A team that's well-prepared and plays with passion, with high energy. The type of team that our fans can support with a lot of enthusiasm. We're going to recruit at the highest level, both in-state and out of state. Recruiting in the state of Alabama is a high priority."

Alabama is paying him almost \$1 million more than his predecessor, Anthony Grant.

A person with knowledge of the negotiations said Johnson is receiving a six-year contract worth some \$2.8 million annually plus incentives. The person spoke to The Associated Press Tuesday on condition of anonymity because Alabama hasn't released the contract details.

Johnson has had stints as an NBA head coach with the Dallas Mavericks and New Jersey Brooklyn Nets. He had a 16-year playing career in the NBA, where he was nicknamed "The Little General."

He's 254-186 as a head coach, all in the NBA, and had been working as an ESPN analyst.



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Stearns named Big 12 Pitcher of the Week

Junior pitcher Heather Stearns winds up to pitch during Baylor's 2-1 win over Oklahoma State on March 27 at Getterman Stadium. Stearns was named Big 12 Pitcher of the Week for her performance in Baylor's sweep of Texas Tech. Stearns allowed just 12 hits and struck out 19 in two starts over the weekend.

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