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STATE

Earth tremor felt in North Texas

CLEBURNE (AP) — Residents of a town in north-central Texas have reported hearing a clap of thunder that turned out to be an earthquake rather than stormy weather.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the tremor at 8:02 a.m. Monday registered 2.3-magnitude and was centered about 1 mile west of Cleburne.

City spokesman Charlie Hodges says that after the sound of a thunder clap, residents reported hearing a low rumble for about two seconds.

NATION

N Korea jails American journalists

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The sentencing of two American journalists to 12 years' hard labor in North Korea on Monday sets the stage for possible negotiations with the reclusive nation for their release — perhaps involving an envoy from the United States.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who helped win the release of Americans from North Korea in the 1990s, said he was "ready to do anything" the Obama administration asked. Another possible negotiator, if the U.S. government approved, is former Vice President Al Gore, who founded the TV venture that both reporters work for.

WORLD

Pro-western bloc wins Lebanon vote

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon's West-em-backed coalition defeated Hezbollah and its allies, according to official results Monday that dealt a stunning setback to the Iranian-backed militants and set the stage for renewed political deadlock in the volatile nation.

The winners celebrated in the streets, setting off fireworks and driving around in motorcades honking hours before the official results from Sunday's parliamentary vote were even announced.

The election was the first major political test in the Middle East since President Barack Obama called last week for a "new beginning between the United States and Muslims."

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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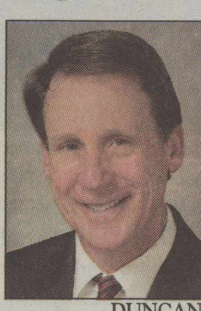
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Tier-one bill provides 'methods' to reach goals

By ALEX YBARRA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Even with a blueprint in place allowing Texas Tech and six other emerging research universities the chance to become national research institutions, the finish line could be years away.

But at least now the universities understand how to get there, thanks to the passing of House Bill 51, which specifically identifies how the universities can earn state money necessary to support top-notch research.



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The time frame for one of the seven state universities actually reaching this level has been estimated by school officials and Texas lawmakers to be anywhere from four to 10 years.

So it won't be easy, which is what Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, intended.



HANCE

"House Bill 51 was the most significant higher education bill that we've passed in many years, but this sets the bar," Duncan said.

"House Bill 51 defines what we want our research institutions to look like and to achieve."

The legislation was passed during the recent legislative sessions in

Austin, and has been sent to Gov. Rick Perry with a deadline of June 22 to sign or veto the bill. Perry also can let the legislation pass if he chooses not to sign it.

If Perry approves, then a constitutional amendment will need to be voted on and passed by Texas voters in November to replace the Permanent Higher Education Fund with the National Research University Fund — the most important of the four programs introduced through HB 51.

"If Texas Tech can meet the requirements in the next four to five years," Tech Chancellor Kent Hance

said. "That's gonna put a lot of pressure on us to do things and do them aggressively to make sure that we meet the criteria on the emerging university funds for the national research university fund legislation that passed."

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will administer how the benchmarks of the National Research University Fund are met. Those benchmarks include whether the institution has a Phi Beta Kappa Chapter, the number of doctor of philosophy degrees awarded, the amount

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Like father, like son

Shanon Hays leaves Lubbock Christian, takes over as Texas Tech softball coach

By ALEX YBARRA
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When talking about the possibility of coaching softball at Texas Tech, Lubbock Christian softball coach Shanon Hays had a simple, inexpensive contract request for Texas Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers.

For a coach who won the 2008 NAIA National Championship in the softball program's inaugural year at LCU, Myers probably would have done anything.

However, this wasn't that big a deal.

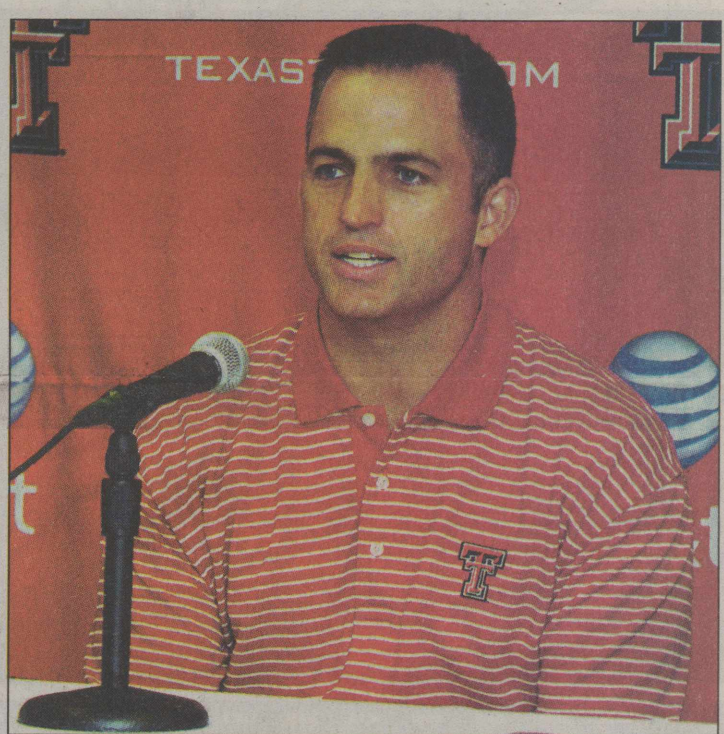
"I said, 'I just have one stipulation, that you pay for my moving expenses,' and he said he'd pay 100 percent," said Hays, who grew up in Lubbock, having graduated from Monterey High School in 1986. "So I appreciate that."

With the convenient location, softball facility upgrades and just a great opportunity overall, Hays said during a press conference Thursday that it was an easy decision to leave LCU and become the seventh softball coach in Tech history.

Myers said the search for a coach began after former



LARRY HAYS (ABOVE) left Lubbock Christian University to become the baseball coach at Texas Tech in 1987. He went on to become the fourth-winningest coach in collegiate baseball history.



SHANON HAYS, (ABOVE), new Texas Tech head softball coach, talks about the move from Lubbock Christian University at a press conference Monday.

coach Teresa Wilson resigned and left for Arizona in the fall, which made assistant Amy Suiter interim coach. The Red Raiders went 15-42 under Suiter in 2009, and went 23-36 in 2008 with Wilson at the helm.

"We've talked to several outstanding coaches throughout the country and had some candidates on our campus," Myers said, "but all the time I think in the back of our mind, we were thinking

about the fantastic job, the unbelievable job that Shanon did at Lubbock Christian University.

"After all that search, we had the best guy right here in our hometown of Lubbock."

Hays led the Lady Chaps to a 114-16 record in two seasons with Lubbock Christian, and he is the 2008 NAIA National Coach of the Year and a two-time Sooner Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

"I would be remiss if I didn't mention how much I appreciate Lubbock Christian and them giving me the opportunity to start that program there and the confidence they had in me," he said. "That opportunity obviously created this opportunity here. It sure is nice to be able to go from one great place to another and not have to move."

Hays is no stranger to Tech either. His father is former Tech

and LCU baseball coach Larry Hays, who won 1,509 career games, good for fourth all time in collegiate baseball, before retiring prior to the 2009 season.

Shanon Hays' move to Tech reinforces the old adage, "Like father, like son." Several years after winning a national title in 1983 as coach of the Chaps, Larry Hays left LCU baseball in

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Former first lady honored by Tech for advocacy of women's health

By HANNAH BOEN
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The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health honored former First Lady Laura W. Bush Monday in Dallas for her advocacy for women's health.

The luncheon, hosted by Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance and the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health, featured Bush as the keynote speaker.

"I believe that lifelong good health begins with advocacy and awareness," said Laura Bush, whose speech was streamed live on the Internet.

When it comes to women's health, she said, education is often the only means to prevention. The event showcased the ways Bush

has spread education and awareness to women throughout the country and allowed her to thank several individuals who have also made an attempt to advocate for women's health.

Dr. Marjorie Jenkins, founding director of the LWBIWH joined Bush to speak about women's health, along with two other women's health advocates: Ambassador Nancy Brinker, founding chair of Susan G. Komen for the Cure and Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the Heart Truth campaign.

Nabel spoke at the event about the process of raising awareness concerning women's heart health. The full story behind the progress of advocacy for the issue would take days to tell, she said, however, the tipping point of the campaign began

with Bush's efforts to draw attention to women's health issues.

In February 2003, Bush brought national attention to the Heart Truth campaign for prevention of heart disease by launching the red dress as the national symbol for women and heart disease, Nabel said. Awareness raised by Bush has, in turn, led to lives saved through awareness and research.

Jenkins said Bush has been instrumental in both the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Heart Truth Campaign.

"She's done a great many things to raise awareness that cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of females," she said. "And by speaking about heart disease, she's literally saved lives."

As Komen has expanded, Bush has been a global advocate for the

organization, Jenkins said.

The institute began 18 months ago, shortly after Jenkins put together a proposal for the institute, asking Bush for permission to use her name. The institute has been dedicated to research and educational programs since it was established, and have become successful, thanks to the name backing it and the determination to change women's health care.

"She's given a ton of her own energy for the sole purpose of helping save lives," she said. "Her roots are deep in West Texas and she also has a heart for women's health."

Jenkins said the institute is honored to carry Mrs. Bush's name, however, feels great responsibility to have her name attached.

"It carries an obligation to serve women and families," she said, "but also to educate and raise awareness

about women's health issues."

The institute was approved for establishment in August 2007 by Laura Bush. Since then, a multi-campus women's health institute has been established in not only Lubbock, but also in Abilene, Amarillo, El Paso and the Permian Basin.

Laura Bush said she was happy to support the goals of the institute and honored to have the institute bear her name.

Too many women, she said, have no idea that heart disease poses such a threat to their health. Her goal is to educate and empower women to take charge of their health, which she also believes is the goal of the institute, which is the only university research center in the state uniquely focused on solving a broad spectrum of women's health issues.

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spent in restricted research funds in each of two years, the average score on the SAT of entering freshmen, the percentage of entering freshman students who graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class and the aggregate value of the institution's endowment funds for educational and general use.

Tech already has a Phi Beta Kappa Chapter and a respectable endowment of \$700 million with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center included, Hance said, and for undergraduate, endowment has dipped to \$350 million because of the economic market after being as high as \$415 million.

"We hope that will be coming back," Hance said. "We have the most in endowment, along with Houston."

An integral part of a national research institute's portfolio is the amount of federal research grants awarded annually, which is at least \$100 million. Hance said Tech is at \$57 million with restricted research at about \$27 million at the moment.

"I want to make sure everyone understands Texas Tech is tops in teaching right now," he said. "We have excellent educational programs and teaching programs. Where we're trying to get to the tier-one status is in research. Research, we wanna get to \$100 million a year that we're doing in

research."

Duncan said the nearly \$500 million already in the fund is not enough, but with the universities taking at least four years before reaching tier-one status, he hopes the amount enters the \$2 billion realm by then.

"That fund will spin off about \$25 million a year, so we would be eligible for that," Hance said.

Texas has three national tier-one research universities: the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University and Rice University. Alongside Tech as the emerging research universities in

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the state are the University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas at Dallas, University of Texas at El Paso, University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Houston and University of North Texas.

"I believe Texas Tech, Houston and Dallas are probably, if you look at any of the criteria we could've selected or the criteria we did select, those three institutions would be running neck-and-neck with each other," Duncan said of the universities most likely to reach tier-one status first.

In comparison, California has nine tier-one schools, including private universities, and Virginia — with a population of 7 million people — has three tier-one schools, according to a legislative report.

The report shows that with a population of 24 million and only two public, flagship universities, Texas struggles with attracting and keeping top talent, which limits the research and total money brought into the state.

If Tech ends up reaching tier-one status, the result could benefit Lubbock's economy.

According to a bill analysis, economists estimate that every \$10 million in annual research spending creates about 334 jobs, adding \$8.6 million in wages to the regional economy. After drawing \$500,000 in added state and tax revenue and generating \$13.5 million in local sales, the total amount results in a 226 percent return on investment, according to the report.

"Texas Tech is the number one economic engine in this region of the state," Duncan said, "and when we bring in talent and research, we also bring in the ability to market that research."

The legislation established three other funding methods to help these schools achieve tier-one status as quickly as possible: the Texas Research Incentive Program, the Performance Incentive Fund and the Research University Development Fund. These funds would not be distributed until 2010 and 2011.

The Research University Development Fund includes money for emerging universities but also Texas and Texas A&M.

Performance Incentive Funding allows any university in the state to receive money when it graduates at-risk students and students in critical fields of work.

The Research Incentive Program, TRIP, allows the state to match private gifts received by the institutions under certain circumstances. For a total gift between \$100,000 and \$999,999, the state will match 50 percent. For a gift between \$1 million and \$2 million, the state will match 75 percent. Any gift above \$2 million will essentially be doubled with the state matching 100 percent.

"This long-term commitment to research growth will enable us to develop the world class research programs needed for Texas Tech University to achieve tier-one status," said Tech Board of Regents Chairman Larry Anders in a statement released by the university. "Now it's up to us."

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HEAVY HOPE



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

ALYSHA MCDONALD, A recent graduate from Anton High, graduates from Hope Chest for Foster Care and received a cart full of supplies for college from various donors after the graduation luncheon on Friday in the courtyard of Market Alumni Center.

Summer theater performances begin

By HANNAH MOORE
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Texas Tech students will perform Jack Heifne's "Vanities" in the Maedgen Lab Theatre at 7:30 p.m., June 9-13.

Directed by Shannon Hurleigh, "Vanities" is a 90-minute comedy following the life of three women from high school to adulthood.

Shannon Hurleigh, a graduate student, said the play is a relatable comedy that explores the variety of changes that occur in each individual's life.

Starting in 1963, the play follows three women, Joanne, Kathy and Mary, from high school cheerleaders to sorority girls and into their adult lives in 1974.

"It's a really interesting look at three different journeys that are about to take place," she said, "and then it's interesting to see them, in 1974, reunite and sort of talk about the paths they have taken and were there any regrets. So I definitely think the path undertaken is something everyone can relate to."

Through it features drastically different characters, Hurleigh said the play explores the different roles women played in society during the '60s and '70s.

"It's sort of a look at how at that particular time," Hurleigh said, "these three girls who had been inseparable since they could remember all of a sudden during this certain time period are thinking about heading in different

directions."

Kayla Fields, a junior theatre major playing Mary, said the audience will enjoy the play while still receiving a message.

"I think they'll think it's really funny, of course," Fields said. "I think a bunch of people will be able to identify because there are three different stages in our life. At one point we are in high school, then in college, then grown up."

"So anyone who watches it, whether in high school, or an older person will be able to identify with these girls through the troubles

they're going through. Jealously, wanting love — people will definitely be able to identify with that."

Echoing Fields's comments, Hurleigh said she hopes the audience will have an enjoyable experience.

"I hope they have a good time," Hurleigh said. "I hope that at least each audience member can find at least one moment where they can say I've been there or had that exact conversation or I can understand that."

Fields said the small cast has allowed chemistry on stage, mak-

ing the play light, funny and easy to watch.

"We each have different personalities," she said, "and the fact that each one of us is different ties the whole script together and makes it really funny and fun to watch."

Working to connect with the audience, Hurleigh said her actors have been easy to direct and have been able to bring the script to life.

"The three girls that I'm working with are really exceptionally talented, and it has made my job so

much easier," Hurleigh said. "It's been a fun process. Some of the lines can come off a little like Mean Girls as far as what their priorities are, but we're really trying to make these girls real people who have different priorities. Rehearsals have been really

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KAYLA FIELDS
JUNIOR THEATRE MAJOR
PLAYING MARY

great."

General admission tickets will cost \$10, and students tickets will cost \$5. Further information can be reached by calling the Maedgen Theatre Box Office at (806) 742-3603.

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Obama to spend more money on economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eager to show action on the ailing economy, President Barack Obama promised Monday to speed federal money into hundreds of public works projects this summer, vowing that 600,000 jobs would be created or saved.

Responding to persistently high unemployment figures and criticism that the stimulus was not worth its historic price tag, the president argued his recovery plan was on track. But his fresh promises were largely political theater: The jobs goal was set a month ago, and the list of projects Obama announced were already in the pipeline.

Surrounded by his Cabinet, Obama emphasized what has become a dominant issue of public concern — an economy that keeps bleeding jobs — on the day after returning from a week of diplomacy and sightseeing in the Middle East and Europe.

He concentrated on the billions of dollars from a taxpayer-funded plan that will be disbursed this summer, spurring new debate about just how much the \$787 billion stimulus plan is helping.

"We've done more than ever, faster than ever, more responsibly than ever, to get the gears of the economy moving again," Obama said. Based on the work done across a broad spectrum of federal agencies during the first 100 days of the administration, the president said, "we're in a position to really accelerate."

He said he was pleased the economy lost fewer jobs in May than experts anticipated, asserting that was a sign things were moving in the right direction. But he said the 345,000 losses were still too many, and he cautioned bluntly that "we're still in the middle of a very deep recession" and "it's going to take a considerable amount of time for us to pull out."

Discovery Institute provides plenty to talk about

The Texas state senate has blocked the reappointment of young earth creationist Don McElroy, to head the Texas School Board of Education. This move was ostensibly in response to his role in the unsuccessful push to keep the "strengths and weaknesses" clause, in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), the state mandated curriculum for high school biology. This and other changes to the TEKS will potentially allow creationist teachers to cast unwarranted doubt on evolution in the minds of students.

Casey Luskin, an attorney at the Discovery Institute—the hub of creationism—has issued a press release that called the senate's action "censorship." In early statements, he has referred to efforts of various state governments to legally prevent discussion of Intelligent Design (ID) in public schools as a violation of "academic freedom."

Creationists frequently claim that a conspiracy exists among the scientific community as well their government sponsors, preventing creationist "evidence" to come to light. This conspiracy is so vast according to creationists that it has even taken in conservative judges. In the Kitzmiller vs. Dover case in Pennsylvania, in which the litigants called into question the constitutionality of



Jason Hoskin

teaching ID in public schools, Judge James Jones, a Bush appointee, ruled that ID is disguised creationism and is thus a violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. This is one more reason why ID has been described as "creationism in a cheap tuxedo." The "right" that the creationists are seeking is the right to violate the religious freedom of others.

A near consensus exists among professional biologists that evolution is not only true, but constitutes the backbone of biology. Evolution is even more central to biology than the sub-disciplines of genetics or cell biology. As Theodore Dobzhansky puts it, "Nothing in biology can be understood in biology except in the light of evolution."

Biological research, thanks in large part to the evolutionary theory has had tremendous success in the last 150 years, producing vaccines, antibiotics and other treatments that have tripled the human life span, as well as improved the quality of life. Given these facts, it seems

quite implausible that a vast conspiracy exists to suppress the alleged evidence of creationism or evolution's weakness.

Intelligent Design Creationism is religion, not science. Not one creationist "scientist," including those of the Discovery Institute, has published a peer-reviewed article providing empirical evidence supporting ID or casting doubt on evolution.

Creationists are nevertheless undeterred. They argue that evolution is fundamentally flawed and that ID is a legitimate scientific competitor to evolution. For the moment, let us indulge creationists, and consider that their conspiracy claims are plausible. There is a way to determine if the Discovery Institute are sincerely concerned with "academic freedom," as opposed to stifling the freedom of proponents of evolution. I propose the privatization of education—the removal of government influence or expenditure in all American schools. Creationists will be able to send their children to schools where ID is taught. Likewise, parents who accept evolution will be able to choose schools for their children accordingly. Under privatization (or some limited version of it), creationists will no longer be able to plausibly claim that ID is being "suppressed" by the "establishment."

Privatization of education is not a

novel idea. John Stuart Mill, suspicious of government power particularly in the realm of ideas, argued in "On Liberty" that government meddling would lead to politicization of education. Each political faction will attempt to seize control of educational institutions and stifle dissent of opponents. Indeed, conservatives frequently lament the left's domination of academia—particularly their indoctrination of students with notions of multiculturalism, radical environmentalism, and "social justice." For this and other reasons, conservatives were only a few years ago discussing in earnest privatization of education, or at least implementing a system of "vouchers" or tax credits for parents in order to give them more choice in the education of their children.

If creationists are correct about their view of biology, privatization of education would be a means for creationists to vindicate themselves. Drug companies and research institutions have an incentive to produce useful and profitable technology and research, would see fit to hire Ph.D.s trained in creationism. Graduate schools would in turn give preference to graduates of institutions such as Liberty University, which offers courses in "Advanced Creationist Studies."

Furthermore, conservatives are os-

tenably in favor of reducing the role of government in the private lives of citizens. For these reasons, one might think that a conservative think tank such as the Discovery Institute would be in favor of privatization. One would be wrong.

In an email correspondence, I asked Casey Luskin how the Discovery Institute would stand on such a proposal. Mr. Luskin opposes privatization of education and vouchers. According to Luskin, these notions are "too radical for our tastes" and they do not "fit within Discovery Institute's goals." He even supports maintaining the controversial TEKS, which standardizes the curriculum of all public schools in the state of Texas, limiting the flexibility of teachers to determine what is taught in the classroom. It is true that opponents of privatization or vouchers cite many reasons for their views. They argue that there would be no means to ensure that teachers are competent, that genuine learning is taking place in private classrooms, or that the children of wealthy parents would have an unfair advantage over poor students. However, the Discovery Institute has no problem with homeschooling children, perhaps because many parents choose this alternative for religious reasons. In an article posted on the Discovery Institute website, author Patricia Lines waxed approvingly of

the efforts of home-schooling parents "to wrest control from the education bureaucrats and reestablish the family as central to a child's learning." It is difficult to see why creationists would oppose privatization or vouchers while simultaneously supporting homeschooling, other than that the former does not promote their religious agenda, while the latter does. Virtually all arguments against privatization could also apply to homeschooling.

Mr. Luskin was careful to state that his views regarding privatization and vouchers were "unofficial," and do not necessarily represent those of the Discovery Institute. In that case, I call upon the Discovery Institute to publicly support privatization or vouchers, while pursuing policies consistent with this end. I am not holding my breath. I believe that the true goal of the Discovery Institute is to stifle the freedom of those who want to maintain the integrity of science, and ram their religious views down the throats of impressionable students. One does not have to be in favor of privatization of education to see the hypocrisy of the Discovery Institute on this issue.

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'Up' adds new dimension to animation

"The oldest hath borne most; we that are young shall never see so much, nor live so long."

This famous line from Shakespeare's "King Lear" echoes the flaw of an increasingly materialistic society. The American youth faces greater challenges as international competition increases. With these challenges, children are forced to deal with issues never seen before.

In comes Pixar's "Up," a simple tale of an old man's last hurrah: A journey to his South American dreamland with an unexpected 8-year-old in his balloon-driven house.

But with Pixar's 10th film, it brings so much more. Like the enormously successful and award-winning "WALL-E" before it, Pixar has managed to hit a note that everyone can listen to.

From the beginning, "Up" shows it is not an ordinary animated movie, pounding eager viewers with death. Think of it as "Bambi" meets "To Kill a Mockingbird," emotionally draining yet anxiously optimistic.

Throughout the film, "Up" continues to touch every emotion, spinning the simple little story into something so much deeper than 3D glasses could ever show.

At its heart, "Up" brings an altogether new (and surprisingly controversial) protagonist, a 70-year-old, partially-deaf grouch.

While Carl Fredricksen certainly doesn't bring the same attention as Buzz Lightyear or Shrek, he brings exactly what is needed. With divorce rates at an all-time high, and Americans entering uncharted territory for the future of retirement and health care, Mr. Fredricksen (beautifully voiced by Edward Asner) brings a youthful vigor to an adult subject: aging.

While "Up" doesn't pretend to be anything it is not, it represents the Shakespeare of our time. The storyline is quickly lost as the audience begins to develop a bond with Fredricksen, 8-year-old Russell, and Dug, the clueless (and talking)



Ben Jones

dog. Like King Lear, Fredricksen leaves his home—kind of—and finds his own "Poor Tom" in Russell.

Although Fredricksen never has children he—like Lear—finds his namesake in Russell. Though Fredricksen's deceased wife Ellie is the spirit of the adventure, her lasting influence on Fredricksen and Russell's journey connects on a deeper level with audience members.

Ellie shows that as we age, we develop rich bonds with people and things around us. And when those attachments no longer are there, Fredricksen shows they can be replaced, for it is the bond itself that is important.

Although Pixar never has recognized King Lear as the basis for the plot, it goes to show that story telling is never original, never authentic and never gets old. The film's masterful balance of delicate seriousness and comical playfulness makes it the perfect match for younger and older audiences.

Pixar goes up and away with its latest adaptation, scoring high with precisely written dialogue and an intensely moving plot. The film's 87 minutes were brisk, and one leaves it still stunned by the film's shocking suddenness.

Pixar has managed to create a success. While not quite the film "WALL-E" was, it isn't meant to be. In an age when box office sales are king, "Up" does its job.

There are no other films that face such issues with the forcefulness and energy that "Up" brings. "Up" tells it like it is, doesn't hide in obscurity, or politicize controversial issues.

Fredricksen and Russell's voyage is so improbable, that every child in America will soon be devising plans to float their own house by balloons.

Just as Shakespeare revolutionized the art of entertainment, "Up" shows us that America's youth is not being forced into a media-driven materialism. It shows that we must all recognize our fate, connect with our peers and live on the "boring stuff."

After all, those are the things we remember the most.

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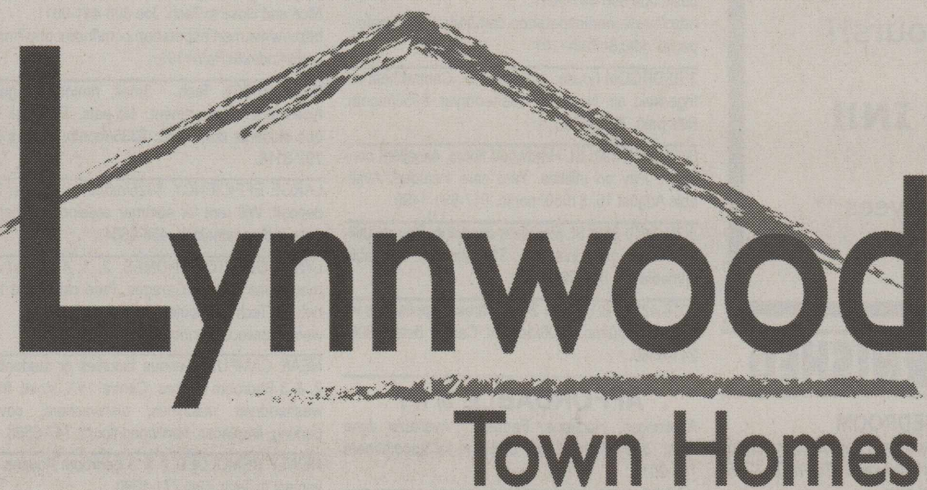
Apple unveiled a new model of the iPhone — the 3G S — that looks the same but will sport a faster processor, longer battery life and sought-after features like an internal compass, a video camera and a photo camera with better resolution and auto-focus. A 16-gigabyte version of the 3G S will cost \$199 and a 32-gigabyte version will be \$299.

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Hays

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1987 to coach at Tech. "I never have thought of it that way," he said of the similarities in the hirings. "I mean to me, it's totally different. His career, he's gone a lot of different places and to see him settle in this, that's the thing I'm excited about. "I hated to see him leave Lubbock Christian," Larry Hays said. "But I'm excited to see him coming here, so he's going from one good place to another."

Shanon Hays even played baseball for Larry Hays in 1987. "I did come from a baseball background," Shanon Hays said. "I did play for dad. Hopefully I can overcome that part of it, but I'll do my best for that." However, with the recent struggles of Tech in the past, he seems confident in his ability to turn this team around. "I'm certainly not expecting any miracles right off the bat, and I don't think anyone is," he said. "It's gonna be a process for us to build." >> daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

Track team travelling to national championship

By **CHRISTOPHER MARTIN**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech track team is preparing to compete in the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. which begin Wednesday.

Tech qualified a total of 12 athletes along with the men's 4x400 meter relay for the national meet and after both the men and women finished in the top three at the regional level, the team is poised to have some success this week.

Tech coach Wes Kitley said his team is ready to compete in the national championships and represent Tech on a national scale.

"We have been waiting for this day for a long time and we now have the opportunity to compete against the best in the country," Kitley said. "We have had success in big competitions this year, and I think we will perform well."

The highest ranked Tech athlete coming into the national championship meet is Gil Roberts, who is ranked second in the 400-meter dash.

Roberts consistently has improved his times throughout the

year and Kitley said Roberts has a good chance of bringing a gold medal home to Lubbock.

"I would love to have a national champion out of this group and that is a very real possibility," he said. "With Gil being ranked number two and our girl throwers ranked so high I think it is very possible for us to bring a national champion home."

The women's track team has featured three prominent throwers throughout the entire season, Patience Knight, D'Andra Carter and Ozie Okolie, all of which Kitley hopes perform well in this week's meet.

"Our girl throwers have been leading us all year long and I expect big things out of them," he said, "and they have all really hit their peak this week leading up to this meet so you can't ask for anything better than that."

In addition to some promising individual competitors, the men's 4x400 meter relay is entering this meet ranked third in the nation. The relay placed second at the regional meet after losing to Baylor by .03 seconds in a photo finish decision.

The team traveled to Arkansas



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador
Travon Hill-Chadwick completes a long jump at the Big 12 Championship at the Terry and Linda Fuller Track.

Monday in order to settle in and view the facilities and Kitley said traveling to the meet a few days early should help ease any nervous feelings that come with competing on a national level.

"I'm sure there are some nerves, but we have a lot of kids who have been there," Kitley said. "It will

help that we are traveling down there a few days before the meet so our kids can get familiar with their surroundings."

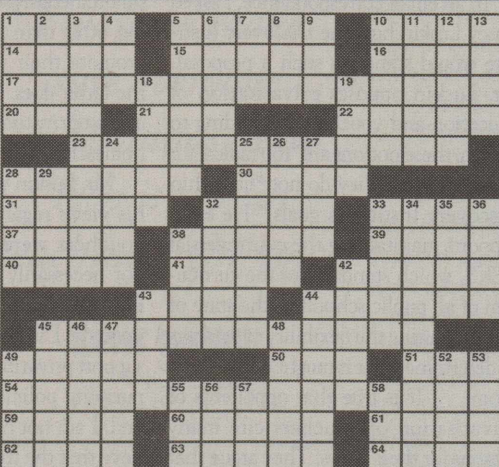
The national championships will be a 4-day meet that will take place from Wednesday to Saturday at the University of Arkansas.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sitcom set in Korea
 - 5 Pub diversion
 - 10 Late-night talk pioneer Jack
 - 14 Spots in high school?
 - 15 Group cultural values
 - 16 Funny Bombeck
 - 17 Horse racing coup, literally
 - 20 Work on seams
 - 21 Moo goo - pan
 - 22 Draw a bead on
 - 23 Baseball rarity, literally
 - 28 Strait of Dover port
 - 30 Prefix with -synchronic
 - 31 University of Maine town
 - 32 Each
 - 33 Gag response
 - 37 Lecherous
 - 38 Book in a hotel room
 - 39 Apple MP3 player
 - 40 Lad's love
 - 41 Bakery buy
 - 42 More than sufficient
 - 43 Hood's gal
 - 44 Chevs out
 - 45 Rhythm for waltzing, literally
 - 49 Aptly named Renault
 - 50 Blazed a trail
 - 51 McDonnell Douglas product
 - 54 Text layout specification, literally
 - 59 Prefix with dynamic
 - 60 Fanatical
 - 61 Flu symptom
 - 62 Reader of Seventeen
 - 63 Coasters with runners
 - 64 Refs' fight-ending decisions
- DOWN**
- 1 Computer choices
 - 2 Meadow measure
 - 3 Drift removers



By Joy C. Frank

- 4 Cut with an ax
- 5 Turns to compost
- 6 Just free of the bottom, as an anchor
- 7 Letter after pi
- 8 Pull off the road
- 9 Nine-digit ID
- 10 Jeopardy
- 11 Coffeehouse lure
- 12 Big name in multilevel marketing
- 13 Vehement speech
- 18 Mystery writer
- 19 Guitarist's gadget
- 24 Comes down to earth
- 25 It might be applied while ducking
- 26 German violinist
- 27 Cry of surprise
- 28 Prot's employer
- 29 Length times width
- 32 Garlicy mayo
- 33 Mouthed sidelines greeting
- 34 Brandy distilled from cider

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- 46 Sympathetic words
- 47 City SE of Atlanta
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