Stars adorn a tree near the former site of the West Rest Haven nursing, which was damaged by the West fertilizer plant explosion and later demolished. West is re-rolling out in 2016. (ILLUSTRATION BY CARLYE THORNTON)

A handful of concrete slabs occupy the space where various houses once stood in the town of West. The mostly irrelevant remains of these houses rise like wooden skeletons, waiting for flesh in the form of floors, walls and ceilings. Reconstruction continues one year after the devastating April 17, 2013, fertilizer plant explosion that left many surrounding homes and an apartment uninhabitable. Home property owners were forced to demolish existing structures and rebuild.

John Groessler, pastor of First Baptist Church of West, said the costs of reconstruction were often too high for owners to bear. Speaking in a passionate outpouring of supp for those affected via local recovery organizations, the Rev. Groessler said one of many organizations involved with reconstructing homes, has helped build seven homes for “We have been able to do quite a bit because so many folks were generous in their donations,” he said.

In the explosion firsthand, the Divisionary Central General of the Czech Republic for Texas, was about 480 yards away from the explosion, while his wife Clarice was home and felt a jolt. Two of Ray’s cousins, both volunteer fire-fighters, were killed in the blast. “You realize how precious life is — how fragile life is — only when you see it under these condition and these circumstances,” Ray said “You have the full impact of the hurt that follows and the devastation that causes the hurt”. The Snokhouses took that hurt and funded and designed a granite memorial plaque for the 12 first responders who lost their lives in the explosion. The plaque is in the Infant Jesus of Prague (SEE MEMORIAL, page 4)

College Board releases revised SAT questions

By Katherine Divine

WASHINGTON — Calculate the foreign exchange rate a vacationing American would pay in Indian Farimite from a range sample of the number of 16 to 36-year-olds who voted for a candidate. These are sample questions from the newly designed SAT, which aims for more readiness and success, “matter most for college and career and for, “said Smith Getterman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects. “Baylor is one of those examples across the country, Baylor’s highest national ranking to date. Overall our recycling program has matured to the point where we are composting with none of the schools that used to be examples we were setting at,” Smith Getterman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects. "Baylor is one of those examples being talked about now."

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Highway to Splitville? Despite rumors, AC/DC is still rocking out together as a band.

Rising from the ashes

Community remembers fallen with memorials

By Kat Worrall

One of the biggest changes is that relatively obscure vocabulary words such as “punctilious” and “lachrymosely" are unlikely to appear on the revised SAT questions. Test takers will see words more commonly used in day-to-day conversations in the workplace, like “synonym.”

Instead of a wide range, the math section will concentrate on areas that matter most for college and career success,“said the College Board.

The essay section is becoming more important. A student to read a passage and explain how the author constructed an argument. “Blessed are those who give their lives for a band. They build a team that is still rocking out in this weekend’s tournament. Baylor wins Big 12 in recycling competition

By Megan Grindstaff

Baylor found unprecedented success in the 2013 RecyclingMania competition after seven weeks of competition, the results are in, and Baylor maintained even its own record. Baylor’s main area of focus every year is the Pot Capita Classic, which measures the number of pounds of recyclables per person. According to recyclingmaniacom, in this category, Baylor clinched the first place spot in the Big 12, followed by Kansas State University and University of Oklahoma. Baylor finished third overall of all Texas schools, hosted only by The University of Texas Medical Branch and Baylor College of Medicine, and 121 out of 352 institutions across the country. Baylor’s highest national ranking to date. Overall our recycling program has matured to the point where we are composting with none of the schools that used to be examples we were setting at,” Smith Getterman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects. "Baylor is one of those examples being talked about now."

In the Gorilla category, which ranks participants based on gross tonnage of recycling, Baylor finished fifth in the Big 12, producing more poundage than the University of Oklahoma and Texas Tech.

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Common Core holds smart students back

Editorial

Thinking back to our K-12 education system, I think about the diverse types of students we encounter. To me, the Common Core is one of them. Some of the students were the "star" and others, the "bored". To me, I thought that if we try to combine these, many students have started implementing the Common Core approach to education. This method asserts that there are three different student types. Students should learn at the pace of their total abilities. There is nothing wrong with this, but there is something wrong with asking the student who is able to do advanced coursework to work while other students cannot. In an ideal setting, "star" or "bored" and directly affects learning. Take a student who exhibits great study habits from a young age and is able to comprehend in the level of students several years older. It is far too easy to not use these skills and instead be lim- ited to material they do simply keep everyone at the same level. The fact of the matter is students do not have the opportunity to utilize their study skills, they'll forget them, some won't learn them and be better than when they actually had them. Some students need to go to regular school in order to get their education in a very specific way. Under Common Core, public schools would not want to have specialized, accelerated education because it would be against the Common Core theory. Using the Common Core approach, students are learning tech- niques to reach the same study level while being very different from how they were taught or even if they thought learned them. And they're being held down by this approach. For example, several weeks ago a post from a father frustrated with the common core went viral. He was helping his child with a common core math worksheet on sub- traction. He wrote, "Dear Jack, I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Elec- tronic-circuitry, which included an extensive study in differential equations, and I still can't understand any of the Common Core methods. Not to mention the fact that I still can't understand common core, nor get the answer cor- rect. In the real world, simplification is valued over complication. Therefore, 421 must be over 352 because 352 is in over in hundredths while 35.2 is in tenths. The process would be much more useful and would result in termina- tion said." Students look at subjects in many ways, and sometimes something that needs to be done is cut down so that all students can understand it. This brings me to my main point. Many states are beginning to take the Common Core approach out of their education and Texas never accepted it in the first place. Other states should continue phasing out the Common Core approach in order to ensure students are being educated to their pote- ntial and not students are learning in a way that best suits them.

Athletes earn ‘free’ gear from Baylor

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Pledging should be removed altogether

Regan Maggie Greenfield's April 15 column is that "Greek organizations should have pledges," perhaps it is easy to see why this is appealing to many. With all 18 hazing deaths since 2008, separating hazing from fraternity and sorority life is no longer a realistic option. A Greek organization headquarters known prominently for sharing the distinction between Rush Week and Death Week. This would be for new pledges and so-called ex- pertized members still observed with the old way of doing business. Animal House is way too past. Producing a new baby with freshly dried bath water, while putting tradition-based pledging on the Ridge mirror would truly unravel whether fraternities can regain their value, impetus, and priorities. Now this would really, truly be a new chapter of honor and self-esteem. George Stoba Anti-fraternal advocate

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Injuries on the homefront

PTSD affects veterans physically, socially

By Rebecca Fiedler
Staff Writer

Many veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, known as PTSD, aren’t receiving the treatment they need, said panelists yesterday at the Mental Health Symposium downtown.

The symposium was hosted at the Heart of Texas Region Mental Health Mental Retardation Center on South 12th Street, and featured talks about the complications suffered by veterans with PTSD and traumatic brain injuries.

Speakers informed the audience about the struggles military veterans face upon their return from service, noting that many veterans are impaired because they never seek treatment for mental and physical wounds.

“One study has found that 85 percent of people who have PTSD also have at least one or more mental health disorders,” said Dr. Mike Hauser, a counselor at the Killeen Heights Veteran Center.

People suffering from PTSD may have difficulty maintaining relationships or going to work on a regular basis, Hauser said. However, he said he feels the media has done PTSD survivors a great disservice.

“Many veterans avoid mental trauma treatment, Hauser said. Many think they can solve their own problems and reintegrate into society on their own. Others avoid treatment because of guilt. Some, he said, avoid treatment because they feel guilty, fearing they may be taking up too much advantage of resources offered.”

Lt. Col. David Tharp, an Air Force veteran, previous advisor to the U.S. Army mental health team and medical advisor to the Kandahar Air Field, spoke on the personal struggles of veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

“You are trained over and over again to respond to different things,” Tharp said. “When you come home, you don’t train back down.”

Tharp said veterans can struggle with adjusting to the context of the home they return to after having been overseas. Those in the military are trained repeatedly to be vigilant of danger and attack, and it can be difficult to undo that training, he said.

“You don’t have time to heal,” Tharp said. “Time gives you the opportunity to do things that will help you heal.”

Tharp shared multiple online resources for veterans’ health, including programs providing post-deployment assistance, and a program called the Sesame Street Workshop. The workshop is designed to help children of military families process and understand deployment and military service.

“I love that our country is supportive of our military,” he said. “There are a lot of resources and things you can get involved with.”

Waco graduate student Sarah Martindale, a psychology doctoral candidate at Baylor, also spoke at the panel, explaining what traumatic brain injuries are and how they affect people today.

Traumatic brain injuries can include things like concussions, Martindale said, and can be reported by people like athletes and those in military service.

Martindale said deployed individuals can receive traumatic brain injuries from blast injuries, improvised explosive device injuries, and motor vehicle accidents. Only a small percentage of people who suffer traumatic brain injuries are hospitalized, and 52,000 people die a year from them, she said.

“TBI and PTSD are very frequently diagnosed together,” Martindale said.

“Some vets suffer an increase in emotional reactivity when someone with PTSD has a traumatic brain injury, and there is a large overlap in cognitive symptoms between PTSD and traumatic brain injuries,” Martindale said.

Speakers encouraged the public to be aware and mindful of how they affect people and those suffering from PTSD and injuries.

“They need the right treatment because they never know what traumatic brain injuries are and how they affect them,” Tharp said. “I firmly believe that.”

Holy Week in Spain

Penitents take part in the “Procesión del Silencio” by the “Cristo de las Injurias” brotherhood during the Holy Week on Wednesday in Zamora, Spain. Hundreds of processions take place throughout Spain during the Easter Holy Week.

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It was satisfying to be a participant," said Rogers. "It's wonderful," she said, referring to the continuous flow of volunteers helping the organization. "It's wonderful, " she said, referring to the continuous flow of volunteers helping the organization. "Nobody else will go out of their way to do something for other people," Rogers said. "Nobody else will go out of their way to do something as astounding as this. It might bring some people some peace of mind." Rogers encourages anyone to come and visit and even have two parking areas for visitors. The cost to add a plaque to the firefighters wall is $10. "I don't think it will take a lot to help out and provide some comfort to those who lost loved ones, it is a different experience," he continued. "I can't say for sure when we'll be done, but as long as there are needs, we're going to be doing it," he said.

A memorial service will be held to-night (7:30 p.m.) at the West Rusk and Roundwood Gardens on Main Street. West Mayor Tonika Marks and the fire marshal will celebrate the lives of local men lost in the explosion, as well as the progress made by the town during the past year. Attendees can expect to hear supportive speaking given by Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Ferrin and a vocal performance by the Baylor Senior Choir. All West ISD school will be closed in remembrance of the explosion.

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Tommy Munsie, mayor of the city of West, said the town’s response to the fertilizer plant explosion on April 17, 2013, was a demonstration of how communities cope with situations like the one in West.

"The way we’ve let the people know what happened, the way we’ve let the public see behind the yellow tape what happened that day, the way we’ve let the public on record with The Texas Tribune about the days, weeks and months— it felt right what I was doing," Munsie said.

 rather than just the back of the bike where they had a horse they were used to calling at 4 a.m. to go running with.

"It was me that I, with that someone would be caring for and loving any animals as their own," Russo said. "Those animals were not just a part of the community, but if you said someone or your daughters weren’t going to be looking after and you wanted someone to be a safe place for them to be going to."

"They were used to their jobs, and they were used to their routines," Russo said. "But there’s an awareness among our employees and all the animals who are there that they are used to coming to work on time, and they’re used to being fed and watered, and they’re used to going out for walks and playing in the yard."

"It’s a big honor and a big responsibility to be the one who makes sure that all those pets are taken care of," Russo said. "And that’s where it all starts, because we have to make sure that all those pets are taken care of."

"We didn’t really have a lot on my mind at that point in time," Munsie said. "I went in disaster mode. I was thinking about what was happening, what was going on, what was happening to the people."

"Then for the first time, the emotions start to well up, you feel the weight of what happened, the weight of what they’re thinking, what they’re feeling," Russo said.

"You have to let the public see, you have to let the public know what happened that day," Munsie said. "Because if you don’t, then there won’t be any closure."
Diabetic heart attacks and strokes falling

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Each day is a new Adventure

“A typical day starts out with there is nothing typical about a day,” Manda Butler said.

Working from the Cameron Park Zoo petting zoo 17 years ago, Butler is now the mammal animal care manager. The day starts at 8 a.m. sharp, and Butler begins work by talking with the other handlers about things going on at the zoo. Her day includes anything from caring for the animals, doing paper work or answering emails.

“I am also the one that over sees all the training of the staff in the area,” Butler said.

Butler has been overseeing Luke Thornenburg on the big cats now for 14 days of the 15-day training program. The program includes five days of the trainee shadowing a handler, five days of the trainee working under a handler with little of no help.

Photos and story by Richard Hirst
LOS ANGELES — Rapper Jay-Z’s Made in America music festival is coming to downtown L.A.’s Grand Park despite concern from one City Council member that the influx of thousands of people attending multiple stages with access to beer could create a nightmare.

The rapper joined L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti on the steps of City Hall on Wednesday to make the announcement, saying two years ago, "This was a dream." He also called Garcetti an "incredible mayor," noting he "pulled this thing together in record time."

The Budweiser Made in America festival had drawn opposition from those worried about multiple street closures that will be in place for five days to accommodate the crowd.

No music lineup was announced at the news conference, but acts including Phoenix, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and Jay-Z’s wife, Beyonce, have appeared at what’s billed as a festival that is the city and downtown Los Angeles community getting in on.

"Los Angeles is the perfect place, the perfect West Coast home for Made in America," he said.

He announced the festival, which will run Labor Day weekend Aug. 30 and Sept. 1, will "shine a spotlight on Grand Park" and celebrate the "best neighborhood anywhere in America."

However, Huizar’s spokesman, Rick Coca, said in an email Tuesday his office had questions over whether the festival is the best use for Grand Park, “the so-called ‘people’s park.’”

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Johnson also said the Tele- graph, “AC/DC is such a tight team. We’re so much to go through the Eighties and Nineties when people were saying we should change our clothes and not style. But we didn’t and people got it that we are the real deal.

American hip-hop artists mocked out.

Several world tours fol- lowed. And across the region young Palestinians continue drawing in happy clothes and hip hop attitudes.

Today there are dozens of Palestinian rap groups inside and out the West Bank and Gaza.

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Equestrian prizes for NCEA title meet
By Cameron Learmont Riosnavia
The Baylor equestrian team kicks off the NCEA National Championships as No. 10 on April 17 at Extraco Events in Waco, Texas, and for the first time will be determined by a combined score of the hunter seat and western disciplines. The team is coming off of its Western team title in 2015 for the hunter seat.
“I really like it with the two combined because it will bring the two teams together and have the unity and camaraderie,” first team All-American rider Bria Lindsay said.
“I said we will have to be both because both combined because that is normal.
The Bears will face the No. 11 seed, Tennessee-Martin, who they beat 11-5 earlier this season, and the championship round takes place today through Saturday at the Extraco Events Center.
Junior Mate Zsiga steps up to help lead men’s tennis QA
By Brian Hawkins Eerreur
The No. 7 Baylor men’s tennis team is 19-4 on the season. The Bears have had a successful beginning of the season, finishing with a 13-2 record against nationally ranked teams.
Junior Mate Zsiga has played in a variety of positions for the Bears, filling in anywhere from the No. 2 spot to his No. 5 position in the lineup. Despite being moved around most of the season, Zsiga has been a consistent contributor, helping the Bears to a 23-12 record and seven-match winning streak.
Q: How did you get your start in tennis?
A: Well, my family is really tennis based. My parents, my brother, they have all played tennis. My dad was my coach when I was 2 years old. That’s pretty much how I got a tennis racket in hand. Growing up, when my brother got done with practices, then it was my turn.
I played other sports, but tennis was always my main focus because my dad was the coach. He coached for about 30 years or so and he taught me everything.
That’s why I got into tennis, because my dad was the coach. I had my brother to play with. It was a big help in that he and the training and everything was going to be if you work hard, more specifically ready to go out there and play this game. Q: Growing up, who were the tennis players that you idolized and wanted to emulate?
A: Definitely (Roger) Federer. I think he had a lot of good things he done on the court. I think you have to be able to learn and lean from him to be able to play, but I don’t play like Federer. I do a different thing completely.
Two players that I can say play similar to me are Fernando Verdasco, who was a lefty Spanish guy that I learned to play like.
The other one is David Ferrer, who is another guy from Spain who does a lot of the same things I do. I really like it with the two.
I think if you take the top six people, that’s it. I think we can really do it because we have the top six team. Even though the rankings can change, you could throw them up in any order and it could be anybody in the one thing I focus on. That’s how I see everything.
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Q: How far do you think you can go this year?
A: I don’t think there is an upperclassman that’s probably the top team. Even though the rank might not say we are the top team, even though the conferences might not say we are the top team, even though the conferences might not say we are the top team, even though the conferences might not say we are the top team.
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Sophomore Julian Lenz returns a shot in No. 6 Baylor's 5-2 victory over No. 7 Texas on Wednesday at the Hurd Tennis Center. Baylor men's tennis is second set, but Hess-Olesen then stunned Pradella. Sen stormed back to take the first breaks. Him back into the match after both down the first set. Although won all their first sets except Bay set. It was match point at 40-30 and Zsiga knew exactly what he wanted to do to end the night — ace Goldhoff with a serve right on the 'T'. It was just a great night, Baylor No. 4 Mate Zsiga dropped his racket to the ground. We've got to take care of our business, we still feel we have a shot at the Big 12 Tournament in Fort Worth next weekend. "I know we didn't come out and win the series, but I think the team was very important, " Baylor No. 6 Michael Dornbusch won his match (6-3, 6-4), making it 3-0. It was only a matter of time before the postseason party began for Baylor. Zsiga had an emotional two sets against 12th No. 1 George Goldhoff, but the emotion and fight would show us. Zsiga dropped his racket to the floor and turned to the fans with his arms spread out. "The Big 12 title is in our hands, we have the conference title. "It was a blast to be out here in front of a big crowd playing your rival with something on the line. It's a day that you circle on your calendar every year and I have a lot of fun on the day and to have the season we had was really special. "The vocal home crowd erupted, Zsiga dropped his racket to the floor and turned to the fans with his arms spread out. Baylor will play Oklahoma to - The Bears now have a couple days off prior to the Big 12 Tournament in Fort Worth next weekend.