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West two years later

Long after the fire, prevention measures see lack of progress

KALLI DAMSCHEN
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It's been two years since the deadly explosion in West, but lawmakers have yet to make the critical changes that would prevent potential recurrences.

On April 17, 2013, a fire at the West Fertilizer Co. storage and distribution facility spread to the company's stores of ammonium nitrate, a highly explosive chemical compound used as a fertilizer. The resulting explosion killed 15 people, primarily first responders, and left over 200 injured. More than 150 buildings were damaged or destroyed, including West Middle School, nearby apartment buildings, houses, shops and a nursing home.

"There were a number of displaced families," said Suzanne Hack, executive director of West Long-Term Recovery. "We dealt with a large number of homes that were completely destroyed. In addition to that, a number of homes that needed extensive repairs, moderate repairs and just things like windows blown out."

The West explosion brought the safety hazards of ammonium nitrate to national attention, but two years later, the system has made few changes regulating the safe storage of ammonium nitrate. The State Fire Marshal's Office has no enforcement authority, so if they discover fire hazards during voluntary inspections, facilities are not obligated to make the recommended changes.



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Two women mourn the tragedy that was the deadly West explosion at a memorial service that took place two years ago after the incident.

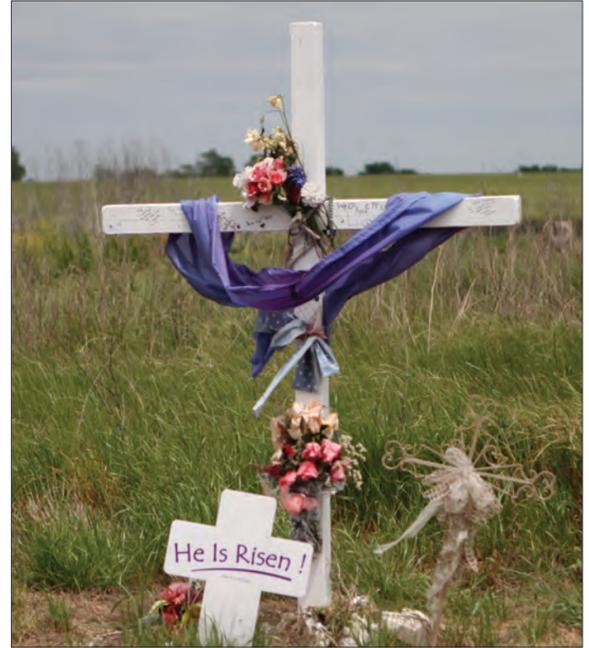
"There's not a state-wide fire code," said State Fire Marshal Chris Connealy. "Many of these facilities were built in the very few jurisdictions that have a locally adopted fire code. Those facilities were built prior to that fire code being adopted, so they don't have to meet the current standards associated with it. There's not a whole lot of present standards."

Although ammonium nitrate caused the explosion, the original cause of the fire is still unknown.

"The fire didn't originate in the

bins where they stored the ammonium nitrate near the fertilizers," Connealy said. "It originated in what we refer to as the 'seed room' that was adjacent to those bins. There were combustibles in that seed room. We still don't know what started the fire, and there's still an active fire investigation. But having those combustibles in there, the fire was able to grow and it ultimately reached the ammonium nitrate bins. That was catastrophic."

A few new standards have been



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A cross commemorating the West Fertilizer Co. explosion stands at the site near the incident occurred two years ago.

implemented through the Office of the Texas State Chemist, however. The OTSC regulates the sale of ammonium nitrate. In recent years, the Texas Administrative Code has expanded to include new regulations about the risk management of ammonium nitrate.

According to Title 4, Chapter 65, paragraph D of that code, a person that stores ammonium nitrate must provide evidence of compliance with the regulations, post warning placards outside the storage area and store ammonium nitrate at least 30 feet away from

any combustible material.

"I would just grill it down to separate and ventilate," said Dr. Tim Herrman, state chemist and director of the OTSC. "Having companies separate is well within our regulatory authority. We require separation of chemicals in the feed industry as well, separating pesticides from feeds and having drugs isolated at particular locations."

While the OTSC can regulate the separation of ammonium ni-

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SKYE DUNCAN | PHOTO EDITOR

"Extreme Couponing" participant Kelly Gibbs is set to speak today over coupons and savings from 3:30 and 7 p.m. today at the Bellmead Civic Center.

'Extreme Couponing' guest to talk savings at local event

BY REBECCA FLANNERY
STAFF WRITER

Coupons are reaching a different audience.

Kelly Gibbs, featured on the TLC show "Extreme Couponing,"

will be speaking at 3:30 and 7 p.m. today at the Bellmead Civic Center and 3:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday at The Barn in Hewitt about taking advantage of coupons.

Waco Tribune-Herald is sponsoring the free events, which

should be registered for in advance at wacotrib.com/coupons.

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Campus rooming set to change with new software

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Campus Living and Learning is looking to provide a new housing software for students to select their own roommates and possibly change rooms if they are not satisfied.

Baylor is deciding among multiple softwares to replace the current system, RMS Housing, which has been used by Baylor for about 10 years. Possible softwares include StarReZ, a system that allows students to search for and message roommates in addition to reporting maintenance issues and tracking incident management.

According to data collected last year by CL&L, about 60 percent of students are satisfied with their roommates. CL&L is working to improve low roommate satisfaction rates with the new software.

"As we go through this, we anticipate the roommate matching [satisfaction] to drastically increase from what we have now," said Ryan Cohenour, associate director for housing administration.

Cohenour predicts the new system will improve these numbers, which he said are often collected before students get to know their roommates.

Roommates are placed together based upon their room type preference and residential hall preference. Majors are not taken into account outside of specialized residential communities.

"Students are placed upon them wanting that hall or indicating that it's one of their preferences and the other student also indicating it," Cohenour said. "We put them in order and put them in without looking at any other data."

Students are able to select their

roommate only if the students mutually choose each other. Cohenour is looking to match students who don't know each other already.

"There's no way to openly search for another person that may be from a thousand miles away but may actually be the best roommate for you," Cohenour said. "We wanted to have a roommate matching suite where they weren't going to Facebook, they weren't going offsite, that we were able to offer it all for our students internally."

Weatherford sophomore Amy Davis said she would sign up for a roommate matching program to have more compatible roommates.

"I live in North Village so I have five roommates, and I can see how someone in my situation who

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Mock trial takes fifth at national tourney

DANE CHRONISTER
REPORTER

The Baylor Mock Trial Team won fifth place in its division and had three All-American award winners in the National Championship Tournament last weekend at the Hamilton County Courthouse in Cincinnati, Ohio.

This was the team's first trip to the National Championship Tournament where schools such as Cornell, Emory, Harvard and

New York University participated as well.

The team was in Ohio from April 17 - 19 and took 10 members of the mock trial team.

Illinois senior Taylor Hoogendoorn serves as the President of the Baylor Mock Trial and said he is honored he and his team members will receive these acknowledgments.

Even though Harvard's team won the National Championship with 15 wins and one tie, its one

loss was to against Baylor's mock trial team.

The three All-American Award winners included sophomore All-American witness Wimberly Dick and the All-American attorneys included Hoogendoorn and Waco senior Christopher Clark.

According to the American Mock Trial Association, these awards are considered the highest honor in college mock trials

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COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Baylor Mock Trial Team wins fifth place in the National Championship Tournament in Ohio.

Spanish websites assist campaigns

Editorial

Four months into the year and America already has four politicians who have announced their presidential bid for the 2016 elections. Although more candidates are expected to come forward later in the year, it is never too early to start analyzing political strategy. With this in mind, the upcoming presidential election will introduce the growing influence of one particular demographic: Hispanics.

Considered one of the fastest-growing ethnic groups in the United States, Hispanics are very well on their way to making up a sizeable chunk of the population. In fact, Census Bureau data estimates that there are around 53 million Hispanics living in America today. This is out of the 320 million people living in the U.S. as recorded by the Bureau at the beginning of the year.

With this number in mind, it is not hard to imagine why both presidential candidates Hillary Clinton, Democrat, and Sen. Marco Rubio, Republican, have chosen to make their websites available in Spanish. Both candidates' websites have a button that allows the page to be changed into its Spanish version. This is more than an action of courtesy for potential Hispanic supporters, but an effective push to garner votes from a population whose political voting tendencies leave much room for variation.

According to the Pew Research Center, numbers show that in the 2012 elections 68 percent of Hispanics voted Democrat. While it might seem like Hispanics have already indicated how they will vote in the 2016 elections, there is still an opportunity for either side to gain the majority of the Hispanic vote — or at least enough of it to win. The chance to sway the Hispanic vote is especially evident when compared to the black voter Democratic margin of 91 percent to a Republican 8 percent.

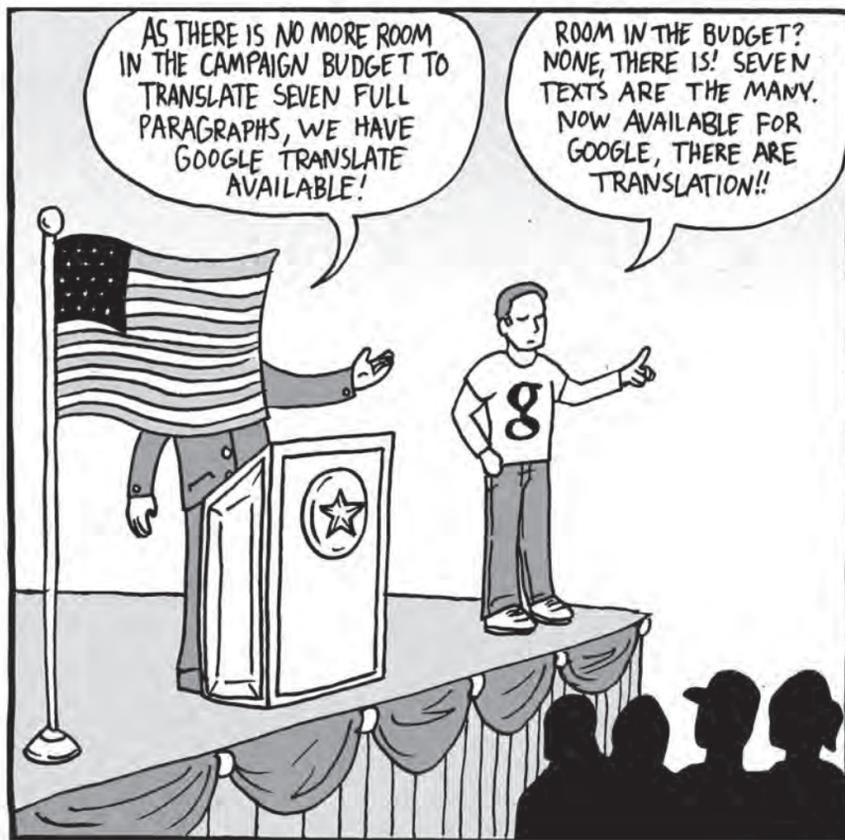
It must be noted that out of an estimated 53 million Hispanics living in America, not all are eligible to vote because of their legal status or age. In fact, only about 23.7 million Hispanics are able to vote. However, this group of voters must not be underestimated. A graph provided by Pew shows that since 1988 this number is the culmination of an incremental trend of more than 2 million Hispanics added to the electoral pool every four years. Not only is the margin between years increasing within the last eight years, but the graph indicates a positive trend that does not show any signs of a lag in the number of Hispanics gaining eligibility in years to come.

The main reasons for this growth is largely due to the aging of second-generation Hispanics as well as the naturalization of immigrants. In both cases, a presidential campaign page offered in Spanish would prove beneficial.

For the second generation of Hispanics, inability to speak English is not as big of an issue as it is for their parents, but studies show that they are still largely bilingual. In addition, it is often the role of the children of the second generation to help those in the first generation, who predominantly speak Spanish, to make sense of information in English. It is in this way that a Spanish option would be helpful in getting a political conversation started within their families — free of any linguistic barriers.

While some might argue that an automatic Google translation could be done on a presidential page, its feasibility does not excuse its lack of prac-

ticality. For one, if a person who lacks the ability to speak English has trouble reading the page, it is less likely that the individual will be able to navigate through the Google settings necessary to activate the translation bar. Second, even if first- and second-generation Hispanics already have the translation bar enabled, the language used would vary. This is because Google translate is not designed to pick up context and meaning with its transla-



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tions. For example, on Clinton's page the phrase "Let's go!" is translated to "Vamos" by Google and although not an incorrect translation, the official Spanish version of the page translates it to "Hagámoslo juntos" (Let's do it together).

In this way, a Spanish option for presidential campaign pages is about reaching out to a key demographic in a way that allows each candidate to custom fit his or her message.

Although it might not be an official requirement for a candidate to translate his or her page to Spanish given the fact that the predominant language of the United States is English, actions often speak louder than words. With all four presidential candidates expressing interest in acquiring the Hispanic vote, a Spanish translation would be a show of good faith and an effort made by the candidate to appear more willing to fight for the collective group's values and interests in Washington, D.C.

Sen. Ted Cruz, Sen. Rand Paul and all potential presidential candidates should take note from the actions of Clinton and Rubio and offer a Spanish translation for their presidential pages.

Sitios en Español ayudan campañas

El Editorial

El año ya ha empezado y los Estados Unidos ya tiene cuatro políticos que han anunciado su candidatura presidencial para las elecciones del 2016. Aunque es posible que más candidatos van a anunciar su candidatura, nunca es demasiado pronto para empezar a analizar estrategia política. Con

podría parecer que los Latinos ya se han manifestado sobre el sentido de su voto en las elecciones del 2016, todavía hay una oportunidad para cualquiera de los dos lados para ganar la mayoría del voto Latino — o al menos lo suficiente para ganar. La posibilidad de influenciar el voto Hispano es especialmente evidente cuando se compara con el votante Demócrata Afroamericano margen de 91 por ciento a un 8 por ciento Republicano.

Aunque aproximadamente 53 millones de Latinos viven en los Estados Unidos, no todos tienen derecho a votar debido a su condición jurídica o su edad. De hecho, sólo 23,7 millones de Hispanos pueden votar. Sin embargo, este grupo de electores no debe ser subestimado. Un gráfico de Pew muestra que desde 1988 este número es la culminación de una tendencia de más de dos millones de Latinos en la piscina electoral cada cuatro años. No sólo es el margen de últimos ocho años mas y mas grande, pero el gráfico indica una tendencia positiva que no muestra signos de un rezago en el número de hispanos que van a poder votar en los próximos años.

Las principales razones de este crecimiento se debe en gran parte al envejecimiento de la segunda generación de Latinos y la naturalización de los inmigrantes. En ambos casos, una página presidencial ofrecido en Español sería beneficiosa.

Para la segunda generación de hispanos incapacidad para hablar Inglés es menos común cuando comparado con la situación de sus padres, pero estudios muestran que son todavía, en gran parte, bilingüe. Además, frecuentemente los hijos de la segunda generación ayudan a aquellos en la primera generación, que hablan principalmente Español, a dar sentido a información en Inglés. Es de esta manera, la opción en español sería útil para empezar discusiones políticas entre familias —sin una barrera lingüística.

Mientras algunos pueden argumentar que la traducción automática de Google se puede utilizar, no tiene sentido práctico. Por ejemplo, si una persona tiene dificultad para hablar Inglés, es menos probable que la persona sea capaz de navegar a través de la configuración necesaria para activar la traducción Español en Google. Si la primera y la segunda generación de Latinos ya tienen la traducción habilitado, el lenguaje utilizado es variable. Esto es así porque el traductor de Google no está diseñada para reconocer el contexto y significado de las traducciones. Por ejemplo, en la página de Clinton la frase <<Let's go>> se traduce a <<Vamos>> cuando se usa Google y aunque no se trata de una traducción incorrecta, la versión oficial en Español se traduce a <<Hagámoslo juntos (Let's do it together.)>>

De esta manera, una opción en Español para páginas presidenciales trata sobre llegar a un demográfico fundamental en una forma que permite que cada candidato adapte su mensaje.

A pesar que no es un requisito oficial que un candidato ofrezca su pagina en Español, las acciones hablan más que las palabras. Dado que los cuatro candidatos a la presidencia han manifestado interés en adquirir el voto Hispano, una traducción al Español sería una muestra de buena fe y un esfuerzo realizado por el candidato a parecer más dispuestos a luchar por los valores y intereses de los Latinos en Washington, D. C.

El Senador Ted Cruz, Senador Rand Paul y todos los futuros candidatos presidenciales deberían tomar nota de las acciones de Clinton y Rubio y ofrecer sus paginas en Español.

esto en mente, la próxima elección presidencial presentará el crecimiento de la influencia de un demográfico particular: Los Latinos.

Como uno de los grupos étnicos que han crecido mucho en los Estados Unidos, los Hispanos están en el camino para ser una parte considerable de la población. De hecho, datos de la Oficina del Censo calcula que hay alrededor de 53 millones Latinos que viven en los Estados Unidos actualmente. Este es de los 320 millones de personas que viven en los EE.UU.

Con este número en mente, no es difícil imaginar por qué ambos candidatos presidenciales Hillary Clinton y el Senador Marco Rubio han optado por ofrecer sus sitios web en Español. Los sitios de los candidatos muestra que hay un botón que permite que la página sea traducido en Español. Esto es más que una acción de cortesía a los posibles seguidores Latinos, sino la opción es un esfuerzo para conseguir el voto de una población con políticas tendencias relativamente variadas.

Según el Pew Research Center, los números muestran que en el 2012 las elecciones 68 por ciento de los Hispanos votaron Demócrata. Aunque

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Shaping up isn't as hard as you think

America the beautiful. Home of the brave, the free ... and the obese? The benefits of living in the U.S. are endless, and the opportunities and lifestyles people can create here make this land one of the greatest places to live in the world. So many choices, however, can lead to many regrets. Obesity is a monster that Americans have to fight, and the battle isn't any easier with the amount of resources that are at our fingertips.

Look around. The number of food choices that a Baylor student has on the other side of Interstate 35 is ridiculous. From Chick-fil-A to Torchy's Tacos, the smell of grease and fried foods fill the air. There are little to no healthy meal choices on all of the restaurants' menus combined, so how is an American supposed to live a healthy lifestyle like that?

College students are known to eat very late at night, which doesn't help. Even then, Subway is the only location near campus that can satisfy any type of healthy cravings, but one choice is not enough after 10 p.m. Students have to drive miles away in order to find anything healthy to fit into their meals, and this forces us to eat unhealthy more often



than we would like to. A huge problem with eating out can be solved with one task: cooking for yourself. However, students are still not able to catch on to this concept. Time is of the essence, and with the busy lives that college students all lead, this task is almost impossible to accomplish. People need time to cook something, and with a world that is constantly moving, it becomes a hassle. Not only is cooking and eating healthy difficult, but one of the most neglected activities en route to staying healthy: working out. The gym has become a dreaded place for some people, and the thought of working out can make people physically sick. However, that's one of the only ways to fight obesity.

We do not do enough physical activity as college students on a normal basis, so we need to head out to the McLane Student Life Center and get some fun exercise in during the crazy, stressful week. It doesn't have to strictly be a weight lifting or cardio session. The SLC has a huge rock climbing wall, an indoor swimming pool, racquetball and wallyball courts, and basketball and sand volleyball areas.

There's no reason not to want to get in shape at the SLC. It can be done in a unique way, so it's time to realize that. I've been able to slowly get back into shape after gaining some weight after high school, and now that I am seeing results, it's motivating me to keep working hard. That's how so many people get into shape, so why not try and see what results you can get?

Eating right and working out are two of the easiest ways to fight this phenomenon that has swept over our nation. It's as easy as going to play volleyball with friends and eating a healthy meal every day. Everything helps, and with everyone banding together, obesity could be a distant word in our vocabulary in the future.

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Blue Bell still trying to pinpoint listeria cause

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HOUSTON — A massive recall has brought more attention and put more pressure on a century-old Texas ice cream company that has been searching to discover how its products became linked to a deadly string of listeria cases.

Blue Bell Creameries said Tuesday, a day after recalling all its products, that it is getting closer to pinpointing the cause of the contamination. Amid those efforts, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday that the number of illnesses linked to the company's products has increased to 10.

"As each day passes, we are getting closer and closer to figuring out how this listeria was introduced into our facilities. ... It's a matter of doing the work and not making excuses," said Blue Bell spokesman Joe Robertson. He said consumers "are our No. 1 concern."

The company said a team of microbiologists it hired is working with federal officials at its four facilities in Texas, Oklahoma and Alabama to identify the cause of the listeria. Blue Bell is also expanding its cleaning and sanitization system, beefing up its employee training, expanding its swabbing system by 800 percent to include more surfaces and is sending daily samples to a microbiology laboratory for testing.

Blue Bell, which has been in business for 108 years, also said that under a new policy, it will test all products produced at its facilities before sending them out to retailers.

Listeria primarily affects pregnant women and their newborns, older adults and people with immune systems weakened by cancer, cancer treatments, or other serious conditions. Two more illnesses



Brett Smith, owner of Scoops Ice Cream, looks over the empty ice cream case on Tuesday in Brenham. In compliance with the Blue Bell Ice Cream recall, Smith pulled all Blue Bell ice cream from his freezers.

have now been confirmed in Oklahoma and Arizona. The CDC had previously reported eight illnesses in Kansas and Texas, including three deaths in Kansas linked to ice cream contaminated with listeria. Those sickened fell ill between January 2010 and January 2015.

Dr. Robert Tauxe of the CDC said the cause of an outbreak is almost always dirty equipment. Listeria occurs naturally in soil and water, and it could be tracked into a

plant on an employee's shoes, introduced through animal feces or spread by employees not washing their hands. It can grow at room temperature or in cold temperatures. It can survive forever if it's not cleaned up.

Tauxe said this outbreak is unusual because it's lasted so long and because it's in ice cream, which hasn't usually been associated with listeria. The pathogen is more commonly found in processed meats, unpasteurized cheeses and unpa-

sterized milk. It has also been found in fruit in recent years — listeria in cantaloupes was linked to 30 deaths in a 2011 outbreak. More recently, Sabra Dipping Co. announced a recall of 30,000 cases of its Classic Hummus, also due to possible listeria contamination. No illnesses have been linked to that recall.

Blue Bell said its recall, involving about 8 million gallons of ice cream products, will take two to three weeks to complete

and that it will be at least that long before products are back in stores. The recall includes ice cream, frozen yogurt, sherbet and frozen snacks distributed in 23 states and abroad.

The company had 6.4 percent of the U.S. ice cream market in 2014, with \$881.8 million in sales, ranking it third in the country, according to market-research firm Euromonitor. Robertson said Blue Bell is not laying off any of its 3,800 employees, as all of them will be needed to help with the recall.

Matthew D'Uva, president of the trade organization the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals in Business, said while Blue Bell's preference would be finding the source of the listeria as quickly as possible, "you also want to get it right."

"The consumer will look at the entire process and positively judge a company who is getting information to them correctly," he said.

The illness was initially tracked to a production line in Brenham, Texas, the company's headquarters, triggering an initial recall of some products. Listeria was later linked to a facility in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, which has been shut down. Monday's recall was initiated after samples from another production line in Brenham tested positive. While no samples from a plant in Sylacauga, Alabama, have tested positive, products produced there have also been recalled. The company also has 62 distribution centers.

Monday's recall extends to retail outlets in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wyoming and international locations.

Study links Texas earthquakes to natural gas drilling

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON — With real-time monitors, scientists have linked a swarm of small earthquakes west of Fort Worth to nearby natural gas wells and wastewater injection.

In 84 days from November 2013 to January 2014, the area around Azle shook with 27 magnitude 2 or greater earthquakes, while scientists at Southern Methodist University and the U.S. Geological Survey monitored the shaking. It's an area that had no recorded quakes for 150 years on faults that "have been inactive for hundreds of millions of years," said SMU geophysicist Matthew Hornbach.

When the volume of injections decreased significantly, so did the shaking.

The scientists concluded that removing saltwater from the wells in the gas production process and then injecting that wastewater back underground "represent the

most likely cause" for the swarm of quakes, according to a study published Tuesday in the journal Nature Communications.

The scientists determined this based on where and when the earthquakes happened; computer models that track pressure changes; and company data from nearby wells. Hornbach said the timing and location of the quakes correlates better to the drilling and injection than any other possible reason.

"There appears to be little doubt about the conclusion that the earthquakes were in fact induced," USGS seismologist Susan Hough, who wasn't part of the study team, said in an email. "There's almost an abundance of smoking guns in this case."

This adds to other studies that linked injecting wastewater from energy wells to a tremendous jump in earthquakes in Oklahoma and southern Kansas, where there have been more than 950 magnitude 2 or higher quakes so far this year,

according to the USGS.

On Tuesday, the Oklahoma Geological Society said it is "very likely" that most of the earthquakes that have shaken the state in recent years have been triggered by the subsurface injection of wastewater from oil and natural gas drilling operations. The society released a statement following an investigation into dozens of earthquakes recorded in central and north-central Oklahoma.

Unlike other research that linked quakes to the injection of wastewater, the SMU study also sees a secondary link in another part of the drilling process, when massive amounts of brine is taking out of the ground with the gas, said study co-author William Ellsworth of the USGS. Removing the saltwater changes the underground pressure, Hornbach said.

But the deep injection of the wastes still is the principle culprit, Ellsworth said. The controversial method of hydraulic fracturing or fracking, even though that may be



SMU associate professors of geophysics Matthew Hornbach, left, and Heather DeShon respond to questions Tuesday regarding the cause of earthquakes in the Azle area, during a news conference in Dallas.

used in the drilling, is not physically causing the shakes, he said.

The findings come amid heightened debate over oil and gas regulations, including efforts in some communities to ban drilling. In Texas, lawmakers are considering bills that would limit cities' abilities to do so.

The Texas Railroad Commis-

sion, the state's oil and gas regulator, hired its first seismologist last year to investigate potential links between quakes and fracking after Azle residents asked the agency to halt oil and gas activities. The seismologist has not offered any conclusions.

Meanwhile, SMU seismologists are still examining the cause of

ongoing earthquakes in suburban Dallas. In February, researchers released preliminary results that showed a narrow fault line extending from Irving to West Texas. Researchers previously identified disposal wells as the source of seismic activity at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

California water districts forced to review rates

By BRIAN MELLEY
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LOS ANGELES — An appeals court decision striking down punitive water pricing that was intended to encourage conservation had water agencies reviewing rates Tuesday and some residents exploring whether to bring similar challenges.

The ruling Monday that found San Juan Capistrano's water rates unconstitutional came amid a severe drought as agencies try to meet the governor's mandate to cut water use statewide by 25 percent.

The 4th District Court of Appeal said charging heavy users incrementally more per gallon without showing it cost more violated a 1996 voter-approved law that prohibits government agencies from overcharging for services.

The decision that Gov. Jerry Brown said puts a "straitjacket" on local government makes it harder

for cities to adopt similar billings and may bring down some of the higher rates, said Ken Baerenklau, an associate professor at the University of California, Riverside who has studied tiered water rates.

Water departments are being pulled in different directions by Brown's administration that demanded hitting residents in the pocketbook to save water and the legal uncertainty of charging guzzlers higher rates.

"If you have courts telling you one thing and the governor telling you something else, maybe that's a reason to sit tight," he said.

Tim Quinn, executive director of the Association of California Water Agencies, said the ruling would be a significant concern to water managers across the state if it hampers agencies from using rates to promote conservation.

State regulators are still trying to figure how to direct local water departments to charge customers in a way that encourages saving



In this April 17, 2015 photo, Jim Reardon, who is awaiting a ruling from a California appeals court regarding his suit over tiered water rates, stands outside his home where he installed drought-tolerant landscaping in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

water and is legal.

Max Gomberg, a State Water Resources Control Board scientist, said the agency will address water rates after it finishes setting mandatory water reduction targets for communities in early May.

Meanwhile, water districts were carefully going over the ruling to figure out if their rates were in jeopardy or how they could develop a pricing scheme that would encourage conservation but not violate the ruling.

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Yellow caution tape blocks the empty field where the West explosion took place. Little remains two years after the incident.

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trate from combustible material, their scope of authority is limited and they are unable to impose other safety regulations. Connealy says the requirement that ammonium nitrate be stored 30 feet from combustible material is a "significant improvement," but some state legislators are concerned that this isn't enough.

Three bills have been proposed that would expand the government's authority over facilities storing ammonium nitrate. One, proposed by Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, would require the Texas Department of Insurance to review the risk level of ammonium nitrate facilities and determine what their liability insurance should be.

Rep. Joe Pickett proposed another bill which would give the State Fire Marshal's Office inspection authority, require facilities to address violations within 10 days and allow the office to write new regulations for ammonium nitrate facilities. The third bill, proposed by Rep. Kyle Kacal, would also give inspection authority to the State Fire Marshal's Office but would not allow the office to write new regulations.

The bills have until the end of the current legislative session on June 1 to pass.

In addition to improving the safety of ammonium nitrate facilities, other efforts have attempted to better inform the community

and first responders. An app on the website of the State Fire Marshal's Office allows users to input their zip code and discover if there is an ammonium nitrate facility nearby.

Connealy said one priority is to ensure that first responders are cognizant of ammonium nitrate facilities in their area and know how to respond in the case of a conflagration like that in West, where the explosion claimed the lives of 11 fire fighters.

"We see fire, we want to fight it," Connealy said. "Some fires we shouldn't fight. This is an example of one. And so we want the local officials and fire departments, those that are going to be responding to these facilities, to be prepared."

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said there are still several spots left in each seminar. Ivey said the seminars would benefit any student looking to save money.

"I was a college student once so I know how money can get kind of tight," Ivey said. "This will provide students a way to get the process of saving money down to a science."

Ivey said Gibbs travels around the country speaking about her experience with coupons. On the show, she said she was able to cut her grocery bills down by 50 percent thanks to the coupons she used.

Waco senior Shannon Findley said she thinks people featured on the TLC show take the coupon situation too far.

"I always thought people on the show were kinda crazy," Findley said. "I think in moderation coupons can be helpful for students. The ones they have out at H.E.B. always help me think of meals to put together."

Findley said she would be interested to go to the seminars to hear the logic behind some of the more extreme parts of the television show.

Those featured on the reality show have first-rate shopping skills, according to imdb.com.

"They use those clippings to stockpile thousands of dollars in merchandise for a fraction of the cost," according to the website.

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is less understanding could have problems," Davis said.

Schools such as University of California Berkeley, New York University and Ohio State University use StarRez for managing student housing and roommate matching.

Davis said Baylor should include questions focused on cleanliness and if a student will frequently have visitors.

Cohenour said he wants to include questions that are focused on study and living habits to better match roommates.

"Students don't fail at roommates for not being not the best friends," Cohenour said. "They fail at roommates at some of those things like they play their music late."

Cohenour will not propose questions such as religious or music preferences in order to reduce segregation of students.

"They don't necessarily get into that social aspect, but they get into can you be a good roommate," Cohenour said.

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Fair Oaks Ranch junior Alex Oestreich said the mentality of the team and how hard they all had to work to get to this moment.

"We saw people there say 'Oh Baylor they don't deserve to be here, they've never been here before' and we wanted to prove them wrong," Oestreich said. "After my freshman year and barely being able to fill one team, I have seen such a huge change up to now with just the magnitude we have grown to in order to place that high."

Hoogendoorn said his appreciation for their coach and the coordinator of Pre Law, Elizabeth Coats.

"In her first full year of active coaching Elizabeth propelled the team seen by few mock trial teams in the country, we are so blessed to have her," Hoogendoorn said. "She has been a coach, a mentor and a friend."

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Bibbidi-bobbidi-buy a ticket soon 'Cinderella' brings new facets to familiar fairytale faces

By RAE JEFFERSON
A&E EDITOR

"Cinderelly, Cinderelly!" I entered the movie theater with this song in my mind, not sure of whether I'd be impressed by the live-action remake of a Disney classic. I'm a huge fan of the Disney and fairytale remakes that have been flowing out of Hollywood for the past five or so years. I was blown away after watching "Maleficent" and "Into the Woods," and although I knew these were written and directed by different people than

MOVIE REVIEW

"Cinderella," I had high expectations for the film.

The family-friendly movie deviates slightly from the animated version of "Cinderella," but not so much as to include the grotesque toe-cutting scene of the Grimm Brothers' version.

Ella (Lily James) finds herself orphaned after her loving parents die on separate occasions and is forced to live under the rule of her progressively cruel stepmother (Cate Blanchett) and stepsisters Drisella (Sophie McShera) and Anastasia (Holliday Grainger). The terrible trio dubs her Cinderella because of the ashes that collect on her face and clothes after they demote her from proper family member to scullery maid. Unlike traditional versions of the story in which Cinderella and the Prince (Richard



Madden) do not interact until the evening of the ball, the two meet fairly early on in the movie.

As the film began to play out, I was immediately worried the characters would remain as flat as the 1950s versions of themselves. I was partially correct.

Cinderella's mantra throughout the film is, "Have courage and be kind," and she remains as predictable as this phrase might suggest she would. Cinderella's character feels too perfect, which makes her seem weak and naïve. She lives under horrible circumstances, but her frustration doesn't seem to be conveyed well beyond her crying a little.

Perhaps I'm just spoiled by the Hollywood trend of reinventing classic stories and characters. Nonetheless, I'm torn between explaining Cinderella's permissive actions as an indication of her sweet nature or the result of poor character development.

Alternatively, the film's writer, Chris Weitz, did an unexpectedly good job of making other characters more dynamic.

The Prince, who has a name in the film (Kit), must decide whether to follow through with a politically advantageous marriage or to pursue Cinderella despite her inability to advance the kingdom.

My favorite character in the film was the stepmother. Although she is traditionally a despicable person, I almost pitied her. She was wounded from the successive loss of husbands, and maybe even subtly felt rejected by Cinderella's father, who so obviously continued to love his first wife until the moment of his untimely death. Cinderella served as a constant reminder of all that had been lost in her life.

Overall, the film was enjoyable. The costumes and set designs were impeccable, nailing the fairytale atmosphere. The film brims with color and pattern, which I'm sure will please kids and adults alike. Although the mice and other supporting characters did not sing and were not as fantastical as in the animated version of "Cinderella," their presence was endearing and more properly suited to a live-action film.

The film honors a longtime Disney favorite, adding few new characters and plot developments, but all in all, it remains a fresh salute to a centuries-old story.

'Full House' reborn online

By SCOTT COLLINS
LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

It's official: "Full House" is coming back to TV. Or more accurately, to Netflix.

The streaming giant confirmed that it has ordered 13 episodes of "Fuller House," a reboot of the 1987-1995 ABC family sitcom about a widower (Bob Saget) trying to raise three daughters with the help of two male friends.

John Stamos, who played Uncle Jesse in the original "Full House," will reprise his role, as will Candace Cameron-Bure, who played eldest daughter D.J. Jodie Sweetin is also coming back as middle daughter Stephanie Tanner.

Jeff Franklin, who created the original series, is likewise returning.

Stamos also confirmed the news on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" Monday night, saying he had just "sealed the deal" minutes before he went on the show.

We were trying to do some sort of spinoff, we wanted to give credit to the legacy, we didn't want to just sort of throw it away," he said.

"It starts off as a reunion that then spins off."

He told Kimmel the idea has been in the works for years: "We've been literally trying for so many years to do it right, and I think we finally got it perfect."

But not everything is nailed down. The Netflix news release says that talks "are ongoing" with Saget for guest appearances on the new series, as well as with Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, the twins who divided the role of saucy tot Michelle, and other regulars.

"Fuller House" is part of Netflix's ambitious expansion into original series, which has cable and broadcast rivals feeling the pressure.

The streaming service has gotten plenty of coverage with new series such as "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" and "Daredevil."



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Memorial's Ms. Mei

(Left) Ms. Mei places chocolate chip cookie dough on a cookie pan Tuesday afternoon at RFOC @ Memorial. (Top right) She made fruit-flavored kolaches for Palooza, a themed lunch at the dining hall. (Bottom right) Ms. Mei, known around campus for her cookies, serves the treats to a student.

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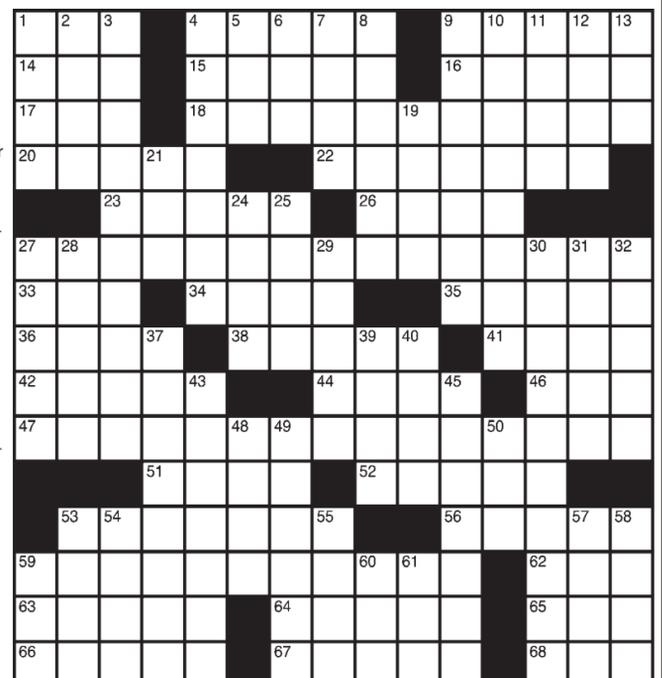
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- 9 Call to mind
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- 18 Controversial coal-extraction process
- 20 Long gun
- 22 Really mad
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- 26 Bagpiper, often
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- 33 "2001" computer
- 34 Cinematic shootout time
- 35 Monica of tennis
- 36 Allowed to ripen, as cheddar
- 38 Kind of card or drive
- 41 Senate slot
- 42 Rose (up) on hind legs, to a cowhand
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- 46 Doctor's org.
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- 51 "¿Qué ___?"
- 52 Jazz singer Krall
- 53 Curse-inflicting stare
- 56 Some Balkanites
- 59 Opera house section
- 62 Kit ___: candy bar
- 63 Everglades wader
- 64 Pro basketball player, briefly
- 65 H-like letter
- 66 "Think again!"
- 67 Decent chaps
- 68 "Give ___ thoughts no tongue": "Hamlet"

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- 2 Aptly named fruit
- 3 Horseplay
- 4 Infielders
- 5 Autumn mo.
- 6 Fraternity counterpart: Abbr.



- 7 Nursery bed
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- 10 Makeup tables
- 11 "Chocolat" actress Lena
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- 19 Wisc. neighbor
- 21 Stuck-in-the-mud gear
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- 25 AFB truant
- 27 Broken pottery piece
- 28 Helga's Viking husband, in comics
- 29 Extremely impressed
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- 31 Spanish "I love you"
- 32 Astronomical red giant
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Baseball outlasts Lamar

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

For Baylor baseball, it's good to be home. Behind junior right-hander Kody Hessemer four shut-out innings and freshman outfielder Kameron Esthay's solo home run in the fourth, Baylor took a 8-6 victory over Lamar University at Baylor Ballpark on Tuesday.

The Bears scored all eight of their runs across the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. Lamar left the Bears with enough to think about after smashing a three-run homer in the sixth inning, making it an 8-3 game after six innings.

"I thought we competed really well as a team," senior outfielder Logan Brown said. "Pitchers did a really good job competing, and the hitters did a really good job competing. Overall, it was really good day for us. We seem to play better at home, so that's always good."

Hessemer (4-1) pitched five innings, allowing two runs and five hits before being replaced by freshman pitcher Troy Montemayor. The freshman pitched 3.1 innings and gave up the most runs (4) and hits (7) of any pitcher on the day.

"He doesn't seem to be a guy that really needs a lot of a routine," head coach Steve Smith said. "He threw in the game on Saturday up in Stillwater, and usually that will take the edge off a guy the next time you ask him to start, but for him it didn't. He had a little life on his fastball today and good command on it. He was really able to throw his breaking ball for strikes and eat up some innings for us."

Baylor carried a comfortable 8-4 lead going into the ninth, but Lamar nearly drew even as a couple mistakes put the Bears in tough spot. Lamar made it an 8-6 game with the bases loaded and two outs in the ninth. It was up to senior pitcher Joe Kirkland to make the difference for the Bears.

Though it took him some time and sweat, but Kirkland earned his first career save after coming in for relief in the ninth inning. Kirkland threw two strikeouts and allowed three hits in his last inning effort for the Bears.

Baylor's heavy hitters had a big day on Tuesday. Senior outfielder Logan Brown led the Bears, hitting 3-4 with two RBI and a double to show for it.

"I was seeing it pretty well, felt pretty good today," Brown said. "I decided to take some swings and it worked out."

Esthay posted two RBI in addition to his solo home run in the fourth. Freshman catcher Cameron Miller also finished with two RBI and a double.

The Bears are fighting for their lives in the Big 12 Conference standings. The Big 12 Conference tournament has eight spots for the nine teams in the conference. The Bears have never failed to make the conference tournament since the conference's inception in 1994.

"A bunch of us in the Big 12 are in that spot," Smith said. "Nobody wants to be that team that doesn't get into our conference. At this point in this season, that's kind of what several of us are playing for, and I know that's what we're playing for."

The Bears have an opportunity to get ahead on the league's other bottom-dweller as they host Kansas at Baylor Ballpark this weekend.

"I don't think this wants to be that team in Baylor history or that team in the Big 12 that doesn't make it," Smith said.

D1 brings elite training to Waco

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

REVIEW

The shriek of the whistle started it all. It was 5 a.m. and I had already been up for 45 minutes. I had no idea what was to expect for the next hour, but I knew it was not going to be easy.

D1 Sports is a brand new training facility on Franklin Ave. The new location is less than two months old, and the new branch of D1Sports brings familiar faces to Central Texas. The facility is co-owned by 2011 Heisman winner Robert Griffin III and former San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson. Clients will also see another notable Baylor great around D1: former Baylor linebacker Eddie Lackey. He serves as the facility coordinator in Waco.

The name of the facility doesn't do it justice. While D1Sports focuses on helping train athletes and boost their abilities to an elite level, it's not just for their benefit. D1Sports offers programs to people of all ages: elementary and middle school children, young teenagers, high school athletes, college students and working adults. Walking into the workout area at 5 a.m., there was a variety of people ready to work.

Going to the gym to lift weights and get a good workout in can be intimidating sometimes. Many athletes and individuals to devote themselves to a fitness lifestyle can make someone uncomfortable because he or she is not able to perform as well as the fitness buffs. D1Sports does not make its clients feel that way.

The staff recognizes that each person is at a different level. Although the trainer encourages the client to push themselves, the person is not required to do anything that they do not feel comfortable doing. Each person knows their limits, and the staff at D1Sports embraces that concept.

Facility quality is important in deciding what workout program to go with, and D1Sports is the cream of the crop. A 30-yard football turf blankets the floor of the workout area and weights surround the outskirts of the field. Clients can look around and see the words discipline, accountability, and the biblical reference "iron sharpens iron" plastered on walls.

Along with the encouraging words, the atmosphere is electric. This is a big factor in determining whether or not someone will continue going to the facility. The sound of hard work is combined with music in the air, and the doubt of completing the workout disappears. The work ethic of clients can be credited to the staff. Each trainer has a background in the fitness industry, ranging from dance to individual sports, so a client is in good hands.

The positive reinforcement and encouragement during a workout makes a difference. Although they



CODY SOTO | SPORTS WRITER

Former Baylor linebacker Eddie Lackey performs crunches at the new D1 Sports training facility in Waco.

want you to see results, they want you to want to get in shape. They care about their customers, and that individual attention is not felt in other workout facilities.

Participating in a 5 a.m. boot-camp workout tested both my physical and mental ability. After a few days of hard work with the D1Sports training staff, my mentality began to change. It no longer became a question of, "Can I do this?" It switched into a question of, "Will my body let me do this?" With that mentality, it can make someone a strong athlete.

The biggest problem with joining a new, elite sports training facility is the cost. Yes, D1Sports is not accepting pennies for its services. Just like any fitness business, the price tag to maintain or develop a healthy habit is not going to be cheap. Customers don't have to go in blind though. A free one-day trial for the strength and boot camp programs are available to potential clients, so if you really want to try it out, go for it. The money spent

with a membership or for personal training will be worth it.

The mentality of "no routines" may not suit some people who like knowing what they will work out that morning or afternoon, but for someone that is willing to be surprised on a daily basis, a D1Sports workout is perfect.

Overall, the quality of staff service, the training facility and the mental and physical challenges presented each day provides clients with a good workout experience. D1Sports may not be for everyone, but for the people that are willing to work for it, they can see some good results.

After each workout, I stayed around for 10 minutes to catch my breath and try to stop sweating before heading home. I had just finished an intense one hour workout, and although I was completely exhausted, no amount of sweat can take away the amount of work I put into the program. D1Sports is the real deal, and it's here to stay in Waco.

Most QB jobs remain undecided in Big 12

By LUKE MEREDITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A host of young and inexperienced quarterbacks are hoping to help the Big 12 Conference regain some momentum after being shut out of the College Football Playoff last season.

The search for a new starter has been the talk of spring camp at a number of Big 12 schools. Only two of the 10 teams have experienced starters that have the job locked down for next season.

"In this league, you're going to have some decisions to make at (quarterback) because you're going to get a lot of great prospects, a lot of kids that deserve playing time," said Texas Tech Kliff Kingsbury, who won't decide between Davis Webb and Patrick Mahomes until August.

TCU will be the presumptive favorite in the Big 12 thanks in part to senior Trevone Boykin, who blossomed into a star in 2014.

Baylor, the team most likely to be picked second in the pre-season, will turn to junior Seth Russell to replace departing star Bryce Petty. Russell, who will inherit an offense loaded with play-makers, averaged nearly 10 yards an attempt as the backup in 2014.

Spotty quarterback play was one of the reasons the Big 12's more storied teams, Texas and Oklahoma, failed to look like powerhouses in 2014.

Longhorns quarterback Tyrone Swoopes had his moments

as a freshman last season. But he was dismal in a bowl game loss to Arkansas, throwing for just 57 yards on 25 passes.

Swoopes was pushed by red-shirt freshman Jerrod Heard during spring ball. While Swoopes did what he could to hang onto the job, it appears as though Heard still has an outside shot at starting the season opener at Notre Dame.

"It's a great problem to have that competition. But at some point the decision has got to be made," second-year Texas coach Charlie Strong said. "I don't spend too much time wondering who it's going to be because at the end of the day, somebody's going to step forward."

The Sooners struggled behind Trevor Knight, whose hold on the starting job slipped after an injury and a terrible bowl game performance to close out 2014.

He's not the only Big 12 veteran angling for the top job in Norman.

Texas Tech transfer Baker Mayfield threw for a team-high 176 yards in Oklahoma's spring game, though he was also picked off twice. Cody Thomas, who started three games in Knight's absence a year ago, also remains in the mix.

"I still believe in the system we have offensively, that it'll be quarterback friendly and these guys will be capable of doing really well in it," said Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops about what might be the most wide-open competition of his long tenure.



CODY SOTO | SPORTS WRITER

Lenz earns Big 12 honor

Junior tennis player Julian Lenz was named Big 12 Player of the Week after helping Baylor clinch a Big 12 title. For his effort, Lenz also assumed No. 1 in the national tennis rankings.

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