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WACO (AP) — A former Baylor basketball player was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison Wednesday for trying to get \$1 million from Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III through extortion. U.S. District Judge Walter Smith also ordered Richard Hurd, 26, to pay a \$1,000 fine for threatening to release damaging information about Griffin last June.

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Win over Tech sends BU to bowl game

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor football clinched a historic third consecutive bowl bid this season by defeating Texas Tech in overtime 52-45 on Saturday.

The Bears are on a hot streak with three wins in the past four games. When it counts the most, Baylor is playing its best football late in the season.

In November and December of the past two seasons, Baylor is nearly perfect with a 9-1 record.

With the pressure to earn a sixth win mounting, Baylor head coach Art Briles is satisfied that his squad was able to earn bowl eligibility against Texas Tech, rather than leaving it to chance against Oklahoma State.

"We felt some pressure last week because when you get down there to the end, you better seize the moment, and that is what our guys did," Briles said. "That is what is so rewarding for them and for Baylor."

With No. 23 Oklahoma State looming this Saturday in Waco, Baylor will have to put together a complete offensive and defensive effort to earn the win.

Baylor has not defeated Oklahoma State since 2005, so no member of the current Baylor Bears squad knows what it's like

to come away with victory against the Cowboys.

"To beat them would be a great wrap up to my career," senior receiver Terrance Williams said. "OSU is a team that we as a senior class haven't beaten yet, so to beat them here would be a great wrap-up."

Defensively, the Bears seem to have turned the page on their early season struggles.

Baylor has been forcing turnovers on a consistent basis.

Against Texas Tech, the Bears forced four turnovers with three interceptions and one fumble recovery.

Baylor has back-to-back Big 12 Defensive Players of the Week. Junior cornerback Joe Williams won it two weeks ago with his performance against Kansas State and junior linebacker Eddie Lackey won it this week for the game against Texas Tech in which he had two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

Lackey scored a touchdown on one of his interception returns.

"It feels great," Lackey said. "It's a big accomplishment for our defense to have two consecutive defensive players of the week. All credit to our defense."

On the offensive side of the ball, the Bears have had no problem this year.

The Bears have the No. 5 scor-



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 5 linebacker Eddie Lackey takes off with the football after an interception on Saturday at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas. Baylor football defeated Texas Tech in overtime, 52-45, gaining a third consecutive bowl bid.

ing offense in the nation and they are one of only four teams in college football to average more than 300 yards passing and 200 yards

rushing this season. The Baylor offense simply will not be stopped. The Bears average 575.5 yards per game, which is

No. 2 in the nation. At the helm of the third-best SEE BOWL, page 6

Alum dispels popular myth

By MAEGAN ROCIO
STAFF WRITER

Baylor and "Beauty and the Beast" have a history, but not in the way many have heard.

A 1979 Baylor alum, Jim Hillin, who was the Computer Generated Imagery Supervisor of the 1991 animated feature, helped design the famous ballroom scene of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

"I was looking for a new gig," he said. "I got a call from Disney, from producer Don Hahn."

Hillin was working in Hollywood when he was hired as part of the CGI staff after interviewing with Hahn.

"He gave me the job to do the graphics," he said. "At the time, the department in 1990 was about 12 people. He wanted me to do two sequences: the fight scene at the end of the castle and the ballroom scene. There was so much work to be done to put it together before nine months that I couldn't



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Jim Hillin stands on the red carpet before attending the 2012 Oscar Awards Ceremony.

guarantee that we'd get it done, so we did the ballroom scene."

According to a Nov. 8 Baylor Proud Newsletter, the rumor is the famous ballroom scene from "Beauty and the Beast" was modeled after Baylor's Armstrong Browning Library.

Hillin said the rumor is not true.

"The design came from the art director, and I was just following his directions," he said.

Some Baylor students were disappointed to hear that the myth turned out to be false.

San Antonio freshman Rachel Hess said she heard the story from her tour group guide while passing the library.

"I guess it's just a little disap-

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Baylor honored for grounds management excellence

By REUBIN TURNER
STAFF WRITER

Students at Baylor have all walked by the Sadie Jo Black Gardens located on Founders Mall and noticed vibrant plants and flowers that add a hint of aesthetic beauty amid the hustle and bustle of undergraduates scrambling to class.

With the university's newest award, it seems there are others who have taken note as well.

The Professional Grounds Management Society awarded the University the 2012 Green Star Award last month.

The society was created in 1911 to unite professional grounds managers while promoting the education of grounds keeping among its members.

The university was one of seven to win the award among the universities who entered the 2012 competition.

Don Bagby, director of facilities management at Baylor, attended the national conference in Louisville, Ky., and accepted the award on behalf of Baylor.

The 2012 awards dinner was held in conjunction with the School of Grounds Management and GIE+EXPO.

Baylor, a city within a city that



FILE PHOTO

The Sadie Jo Black gardens in Founders Mall is one of the many gardens at Baylor that attribute to the Green Star Award that Baylor received.

boasts a population of approximately 15,000 students, has a 26-member groundskeeping staff that helps manage its 350 acres of land.

Bagby says that although that is a relatively small staff for the university's size, the staff does an excellent job of maintaining the grounds.

"Baylor is very proud of our grounds maintenance team for the diligence required to obtain this recognition," Bagby said in a university press release.

He also said it is through the leadership of ground managers Andy Trimble and Brandon Martin that the university was recognized as one of the best-looking campuses.

Martin says that many are not aware of the time and effort the staff puts into keeping up the university grounds.

"We spend at least 40 hours a week maintaining the university grounds," Martin said, which con-

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New law puts bulk of Medicaid costs on Feds

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — States will receive more than \$9 in federal money for every \$1 they spend to cover low-income residents under President Barack Obama's health care law, according to a nonpartisan analysis released Monday.

Expanding Medicaid to cover about 20 million more low-income people will cost more than \$1 trillion nationally from 2013 to 2022, said the joint report from the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Urban Institute. But the analysis found that states will pay just



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Supporters of health care reform rally in front of the Supreme Court in Washington on March 28.

\$76 billion of that, a combined share of roughly 7 percent. The

feds will pay the other \$952 billion.

Republican governors have resisted the Medicaid expansion, saying it adds an unacceptable burden to already strained budgets. And the Supreme Court handed the governors a victory this summer, ruling that states are free to reject the Medicaid deal.

Medicaid is one of the two main ways that Obama's law expands coverage to most of the 50 million uninsured U.S. residents. As a broader Medicaid safety net picks up more low-income people, new health insurance markets called exchanges will offer subsidized private coverage to the middle class. Both parts of the

strategy take effect in 2014, at the same time that most Americans will be required to carry health insurance or pay a fine.

The new analysis was unlikely to change the minds of state leaders who have already rejected the Medicaid expansion, but it may help shape the debate in a majority of states still on the fence.

Among those refusing are Texas Gov. Rick Perry, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal. For most others, the choice will come into sharp focus early next year as

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Creeping Yuletide spirit a danger to turkey day

Editorial

As Thanksgiving season ends abruptly like it does every year, we are all reminded of the harsh consumerism that inevitably surrounds the Christmas season. But Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, right?

Wrong. Thanksgiving is the best time of the year. The meaning of Thanksgiving has not changed. Being thankful is in the forefront of people's minds as they joyfully join their family for a feast. Every American can celebrate because we all have things we're thankful for.

For Christians, Christmas is supposed to be about remembering and celebrating the birth of Christ. Unfortunately, Christmas is now about spending money. The meaning has been bastardized, and few think about the birth of Christ as they marvel at their new video games.

Sure, we are stimulating the economy, but the Christmas season means we have to go out and spend a lot of money on things for people we might not like a whole lot.

There is also a good possibility that your gift to someone will get re-gifted or put in a dusty attic. But it'll all be worth it when you unwrap your scented candle for

the third consecutive year, right? There's none of that nonsense on Thanksgiving.

Aside from cooking, there is no burden on Thanksgiving. You just meet with the family and pig out.

No useless cookbooks or coffee mugs that you have to unwrap, awkwardly smile at, and pretend to like. It's just you, your family, and your dog enjoying the blessings you have been given.

And let's not forget good ol' Thanksgiving football.

Does Christmas have football? No.

The closest thing Christmas has to the NFL is people getting sacked on their way into Best Buy.

It's as if everybody turns into Ndamukong Suh and is ready to blitz the store clerks just so they can get an overpriced toy that giggles when you touch it.

And nothing is worse than standing in the bitter cold for last minute Christmas shopping.

Snow is only beautiful and delightful if you're looking at it from inside your warm cozy home. Snow is dirty, cold, wet and miserable. If it gets in your shoe, then the rest of your day is completely ruined.

Thanksgiving has the beautiful fall leaves and the different colors of the trees. Jumping into a pile of fall leaves brings back happy childhood memories. Jumping

into snow is more closely associated with the common cold and frostbite.

This year, Black Friday actually started on Thanksgiving. Many stores started their sales and lines right after dinner time to try and lure the consumer who likes to sleep in.

And why wouldn't you avoid Black Friday shopping?

This year in Tallahassee, Fla., two people were shot after a fight broke out over a parking spot.

Last year in San Laredo, Calif., several people got pepper sprayed by a woman trying to push her way to a crate of Xbox games.

In 2010 in Florida, a man was arrested for carrying a handgun, two knives, a pepper spray grenade and drugs while doing some Black Friday shopping at Wal-Mart.

If sleeping in seems like a better option than shopping, that's because it is. But if you absolutely have to get those great deals, then you could have just shopped on Cyber Monday.

At least on Cyber Monday, you don't even have to get out of bed to do your Christmas shopping, and it's a safe distance from Thanksgiving on the calendar.

Black Friday is annoying enough, but now it's stomping on Thanksgiving's turf. This needs to stop.

The creeping consumerism



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that overwhelmed Christmas has planted itself firmly on the doorstep of one of the only true American holidays.

As Americans we need to find a way to separate the wholesomeness of family, football and food from the rash spending that the

Christmas season brings. Christmas, in the words of The Rock, "Know your role, and shut your mouth."

After Thanksgiving, try to be thankful for the '1 percent'

Guest Column

It may sound shocking to say that I'm thankful for the "1 percent." But I am. One of many wise things I learned from my parents is to always be thankful for the blessings you have, because you never know when they will be taken away.

It's easy to succumb to the temptation of demonizing rich people simply because they have more money, better seats for the football game and nicer cars. We are all guilty of it at some point.

The media does it when they talk about Mitt Romney as a "vampire capitalist," while claiming his millions in charitable donations were "ungenerous" because they mostly went to the

Mormon church.

The Occupy movement does it when they implore us to "eat the rich."

We do it when we scowl at friends with larger houses or new cars and say, "They don't deserve that."

Well, as we return from Thanksgiving break for a final week of classes, let's try a different approach. Let's give thanks to the people in our lives who have given us so much. Let's thank God for the blessings we have without envying the blessings we think we deserve instead.

Have you ever bought something from Amazon? Watched a Disney movie? Shopped at Wal-Mart? Used a computer? Then you too have benefited from the innovations and accomplish-



Danny Huizinga | Guest Columnist

ments of some of the top 25 richest Americans.

Here at Baylor, we are in the process of building a new \$250 million football stadium that would not be even close to pos-

sible without the extreme generosity of a few families of the "1 percent."

Think about your the building you're standing in. Most likely it has a name attached to it: Hankamer School of Business, Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Building, to name a few. The reason we can go to such a beautiful university is because the "1 percent" invested billions of dollars in universities across the country.

This isn't some new phenomenon. Andrew Carnegie is most widely known for being a "robber baron," a ruthless businessman who controlled the steel business in the late 19th century. A lesser-known fact is that Carnegie funded 2,507 libraries across the country.

This doesn't mean rich people should be worshipped. God calls us to treat all people equally, regardless of their economic status. The point is, someone is not automatically "evil" or "spoiled" just because they are wealthy, for the same reason being poor does not mean someone must be considered "lazy."

In fact, vilifying the rich can often have unintended consequences. A few months ago, the Economist reported on one such occasion in Italy. In an effort to restrain the excesses of the wealthy, Italians imposed a new tax on yachts, supposedly only affecting those who didn't pay their "fair share."

Unfortunately, with the new tax campaign, business at marinas, fuel stations and yacht-

service companies dropped as well. Thousands of yacht owners moved their boats elsewhere. Restaurants and bars that drew many of their customers from boat tourism took a hit. The new tax policy, though well-meaning, hurt hard-working employees as these other businesses were forced to cut costs or go out of business.

As Thanksgiving is still fresh in our minds, let's all remember to be thankful to God for the blessings we have been given. Even if some of them come from the "1 percent."

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Bowl Championship Series not long for this world

Viewpoint

Finally, an end to the BCS system. May it rest in peace.

Playoffs have crowned a champion and marked an end to seasons from sports like baseball to curling.

Until a solution was formed in June, college football was the exception. It took commissioners less than three hours to deliberate the decision to have a playoff system. That's how bad our current system is.

This is huge for college football. The result is a manageable, logical and long overdue playoff system that fans have waited on for years.

The premise of the BCS system makes sense, but the application of the current system is a bit problematic. The stated goal is to have the best teams play in the BCS bowls, however, that doesn't

always end up happening.

The change will begin in the 2014 season and continue through 2025. The existing system places the top two teams in the final BCS standings against each other for a national title game.

College football's new playoff system will feature six bowl games, and will guarantee access to a team from the five non-power conferences including the Big East, Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West and Sun Belt.

Instead of the No. 1 and No. 2 teams matching up for a championship game, the new format will include a pair of semifinal games. The winners of the semis will then advance to the championship game on the first "Championship Monday."

It seems to be a win-win solution. The bowl system survives. The regular season is still as exciting as ever. Tradition lives on.

It's only unfortunate that we can't impose it this season.

The majority of fans will find the playoff system to be a solution they've been hoping for. Sure, it may still have some kinks in the system. But it has to be better than our current situation.

Under our current system enacted in 1998, the BCS has been criticized for institutionalized bias toward the six Automatic Qualifying (AQ) conferences and Notre Dame, an independent team in college football, at the expense of the non-AQ conferences. Since 1998, 11 non-AQ conference teams have finished the season undefeated without getting the chance to play in the national championship game.

To "Baylorify" some of the frustrations, let's look at last year's bowl situation. Baylor went 9-3 and got a bid to the Alamo Bowl. Not too shabby.

West Virginia also went 9-3,

but got to play in the Orange Bowl, a BCS game. West Virginia got destroyed in the bowl by LSU, showing that they weren't one of the top teams. There were other teams playing in BCS games with three losses, just like Baylor. So how do you know who's better?

Boise State probably hates the BCS more than any other team. They've been shafted after undefeated seasons in 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2009. After finishing 11-1 last season and seventh in the final BCS standings, they were snubbed once again in favor of Michigan and Virginia Tech for the Sugar Bowl.

Teams like Boise State, Arkansas, Kansas State and Baylor were all overlooked because of the amount of ticket sales Michigan and Virginia Tech could bring in.

With the new playoff system, these teams might have a chance now to compete in BCS bowls. Only time will tell if the new sys-

tem will work as well as it sounds. College football fans can only hope.

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Christmas on Fifth to host foreign language students

By CAROLINE BREWTON
CITY EDITOR

This year marks the third year modern foreign language students at Baylor will practice for and perform in a concert during Baylor's annual Christmas on Fifth Street event.

Students studying various foreign languages, including Italian, Spanish, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, German, Japanese, French, Arabic and Chinese, will sing carols in their language of study from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Bowl.

Rosalie Barrera, a senior lecturer in the Spanish department, has been participating in the concert since it began in 2010.

Barrera wrote in an email to the Lariat that if this year is anything like the last two years, she predicts about 500 student singers, 15 Global Community volunteers and more than 20 modern foreign language professors will participate.

Barrera is also the faculty director of the Global Community Living-Learning Center, an organization that provides housing and global-oriented events for students.

Barrera will serve as a coach to the Spanish students for their performance and will organize the Global Community volunteers.

Students from the Global Community group will organize the singing groups.

Yoshiko Gaines, a lecturer in the Japanese department and a member of the committee who organized the event says, due to the size and number of participants, each language group must organize itself.

"Professors who are willing to

participate will coordinate with their fellow professors regarding the song choice and the practice. Everything is left to the individual professor or each language group. It is up to the professors if they want to incorporate this singing into their class," Gaines wrote in an email.

Some have.

Barrera said the Spanish students have been practicing in class and will be offered the chance to practice more outside of class for one hour each day this week — even though finals and term projects are looming ahead.

"It has been heartwarming to see more and more people see the great value of this event, especially since it occurs during an extremely busy time of the semester," she wrote.

Others chose to hold practices outside of class time.

Alexandre Thiltges, a lecturer in the French department said on average, about 50 French students from all levels, from beginner students to French majors, showed up for practices even though they were held outside of class.

Thiltges is also co-coordinator of the French performance along with Marie Level.

Thiltges said he wants to thank his students for spending their time contributing to the event.

Several practice sessions were held for the French student singers to learn the song "Il est né, le divin enfant." In English, this translates as, "He is born, the Holy child."

The students will sing a capella, without music or instrument to accompany them.

Thiltges, who chose and arranged the song with Level, said contrary to other years, they didn't

choose a song that everyone will know, like a translation of Silent Night.

However, he said, it is "a song every French person will know" because it is traditional.

Thiltges said the event is important to him and he wanted his students to participate — even without the possibility of extra credit to motivate them.

"We can all do something together for this beautiful event, and I hope they don't need to think about extra credit," he said.

Thiltges said he has received positive feedback from students this year and in the past.

Westlake Village, Calif., freshman Hayley Nelson, who will sing with the French group, said she is not nervous and wanted to participate because she enjoys singing.

Nelson said she is currently planning to switch her major to vocal performance.

"I think it's fun. It's just kind of a nice experience, having Christmas in a French way," Nelson said.

Nelson, who attended two practices, said she wasn't inconvenienced by the out-of-class practice times.

"They were before finals and I didn't have class at the time," she said.

Thiltges said he believes spectators will be stunned by the beauty of the songs in languages they may not hear often.

"I think it's incredible that singing songs in all these different languages, we all understand each other" because of the Christmas spirit, he said.

Gaines echoed his sentiment. "We would like the audience to join in as celebrating Christ's birth in a universal way that is singing, good or not so good," she wrote.

Gaines added that she hoped the audience would sing along if they knew the words.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Westboro Baptist brings controversy

El Paso junior Dagmar Galvan dresses up in a Darth Vader mask and joins in the anti-protest of the Westboro Baptist Church. Their members protested the Baylor vs. Kansas State game on Saturday at the corner of the H-E-B parking lot on Valley Mills Drive.

Renowned philosopher to speak about faith in modern era at BU

By LINDA NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

He's the greatest philosopher in the world, according to some.

Dr. Charles Taylor, professor of philosophy at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, will speak at 7:30 p.m. today in the Meditation Room in the Armstrong Browning Library as part of the Roy B. Albaugh Lecture series sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa.

His lecture, "21st Century Religion: Faith in the Age of Authenticity," is free and open to the public.

Dr. Michael Foley, chair of the Albaugh Lecture Committee of the Phi Beta Kappa chapter of Baylor

University and associate professor of Patristics in the Honors College, said the annual lecture series has been going on for several decades.

"The goal is to bring a prominent intellectual figure to Baylor for the benefit of the university and the Waco community," Foley said. "We've had very impressive speakers in the past. This year will be no exception."

Foley said Taylor is considered one of the world's greatest living philosophers.

"We chose him because, not only is he considered to be one of the world's greatest living philosophers, but also because we were convinced he would contribute to conversation at Baylor, especially

regarding matters relating to religious faith," Foley said.

"Dr. Taylor is a very intelligent commentator about faith in the modern age."

Foley said the lecture will build upon one of Taylor's most famous works, a book titled "A Secular Age."

"In it, he talked about faith in an age of secularism," Foley said. "He's further reflecting about this theme as we continue going forward into the 21st century. It will be really interesting to people interested in Dr. Taylor's works, and it will also be very interesting to people who are new to Dr. Taylor's thought."

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Get to know The Rocket Summer's Bryce Avary



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The Rocket Summer is the solo project of Bryce Avary. Avary, who started playing music at age 12, performed Nov. 15 at Waco Hall.

BY JAMES HERD
REPORTER

The Rocket Summer, the stage name for solo artist Bryce Avary, is the prime definition of a self-made musician.

Getting the name of the solo project from a chapter title of Ray Bradbury's "The Martian Chronicles," Avary has been recording and performing since age 12.

Sitting down with Avary before a recent performance in Waco Hall, the Lariat learned more about Avary's entry into the music scene and his life experiences so far.

Q: Tell me a little bit about yourself. You started off as a solo project, The Rocket Summer, and it kind of grew into this full band thing. How did you start?

A: I think when I was 12 I started playing guitar and drums, and I just fell in love with it. I recorded the first Rocket Summer CD a couple of years later. I've been doing this for a long time. I love music and I love playing a bunch of instruments, and The Rocket Summer has kind of always, and it actually still is, the same thing it always was. I mean, I play all of the instruments on the record, and I get to tour with really great dudes....I'm really blessed to do it, and I'm going to play music forever, I hope.

Q: How does it feel to have such success? Starting off from a solo project, and slowly going up and up, how does it feel to be at this point in your career?

A: It feels good, you know? You can never get entitled because one night we'll play a really big show, and we'll drive somewhere else the next night and play a really small show. There's never really this feeling of, 'Oh my gosh, man, I've made it!' It's not really like that, but what's good about that is that I'm just so grateful for any time that it's good... It's not even that, I'm grateful of the fact that anybody cares and listens, especially because I have been doing this for quite a while now — in rock 'n' roll years I guess — you can say it's kind of a long time to be putting out records and touring every 10 years. So yeah, I mean it feels good. If I ever come off of the ground, life has a way of pulling me back with the next show.

Q: What would you say is your genre?

A: Probably a really bland, watered-down way of putting it is 'pop-rock,' because I don't even know how to explain it. It's rock 'n' roll, it's melodic and emotional. I just try to make the music. When I write songs I just think about

the life that can come from music. There's kind of [a] celebratory, joyful vibe in a lot of the music. Even when it's heavy, like heavier topics, there's kind of a hopeful common thread throughout the whole thing.

Q: Are there any particular recording rituals that you may have, that you have to do each time you go into the booth?

A: Not really, since I do it all on the records, like every Rocket Summer record if you've ever heard a song, everything is actually me playing those parts. I'm never not working, so if I had a ritual before everything, it'd probably take a really long time. I certainly try to pray before I make a record, and during the process, because I just feel like everything good that exists is because God was working through something. Without his favor, I just feel like I would end up just sounding like a hack on whatever I'm playing.

Avary performed alongside David Dulcie and Layne Lynch on Nov. 15 in Waco Hall, with many of his fans in the audience singing along to the words like they've known them for years.

For more information on Bryce Avary and The Rocket Summer, visit www.TheRocketSummer.com.

'Psycho'-babble: 'Hitchcock' tries hard but lacks interest

By KENNETH TURAN
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

MOVIE REVIEW

Few directors put up as convincing a mask as Alfred Hitchcock or were as adept at using that public face to sell their work to the wider world. But what was the master of suspense really like in his private moments?

With Anthony Hopkins as the great helmsman and Helen Mirren as Alma Reville, his wife of more than 50 years, "Hitchcock" puts major league star power at the service of its peek-behind-closed-doors premise. But whatever that relationship was like in real life, this is one cinematic portrait of a marriage we could have lived

without.

That's not to say that "Hitchcock" is without its points of interest. Its pair of stars have their moments — a scene of the great man pitching a fit as he cleans leaves out of his pool is hard to resist — and the film buffs in the audience will enjoy having movie history circa 1959 come to life as Hitchcock simultaneously worries about his marriage and his chances of getting the groundbreaking chiller "Psycho" off the ground.

But, as directed by Sacha Gervasi from a script by John J. McLaughlin based on Steven

Rebello's book, "Hitchcock" is unable to overcome a pair of linked problems: Its protagonists turn out to be not especially interesting and the audience is not presented any convincing reason to care about what happens in their lives.

"Hitchcock" tries a number of strategies to make him a person of interest, including emphasizing his voyeuristic, Peeping Tom tendencies, presenting him for instance peering through a tiny hole to spy on actress Vera Miles (Jessica Biel).

Fearing this was not enough, the film dragoons the spirit of murderer and necrophiliac grave robber Ed Gein (Michael Wincott), one of the real-life inspirations for

Robert Bloch's original "Psycho" novel, into the proceedings, positing him as a kind of alter ego for Hitchcock, appearing to the director in visions and dreams. It's about as appealing as it sounds.

The Gein business only serves to underline Hopkins' rare inability to make a character come fully to life. Perhaps feeling constrained rather than freed by the considerable makeup he has to wear, Hopkins is unable to push his Hitchcock past the point of impersonation and turn him into a character we have an interest in spending quality time with.

Similarly, aside from some vivid moments of pique at her husband's peculiarities, Mirren's Alma is


more a cipher than a compelling presence. "Hitchcock" tries to liven her story up with a flirtation with writer Whitfield Cook (Danny Huston), but to no avail.

What is diverting, at least for classic movie fans, is the film's recreation of the Hollywood of the time, with effective cameos by Michael Stuhlbarg as Hitchcock's savvy agent (and later studio head) Lew Wasserman, Richard Portnow as Paramount topper Barney Balaban and Kurtwood Smith as Production Code enforcer Geoffrey Shurlock. Giving the film's most alive performance is Scarlett Johansson as "Psycho" costar Janet Leigh.

What "Hitchcock" can't convey

is any sense of urgency about its characters' predicaments. It's hard to get worked up about whether "Psycho" does or doesn't get made, and the potential fiscal sacrifices the Hitchcocks have to make, including giving up foie gras flown in from Paris in favor of some produced in Barstow, do not compel us either.

Though the official line is that "Hitchcock" is some kind of a love story, its sensibility is too decidedly odd to make that old-fashioned aspect of the story convincing. There is a listless quality to this production, and invasions of privacy aside, Alfred Hitchcock would definitely not approve.



This Week on campus

Today:
Movie Tuesday: Home Alone. 7 p.m. Common Grounds. No charge with purchase of a drink.

Thursday:
The Baylor Bronze. 5:30 p.m. Roxy Grove Hall. No charge. Christmas on 5th Street.

6 p.m. Bursleson Quadrangle

Christmas at the Mayborn. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Regular prices from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and no charge from 5 to 9 p.m.

Christmas at Baylor. 7:30 p.m. Jones Concert Hall. Tickets sold out.

Friday:
Christmas at Baylor. 7:30 p.m. Jones Concert Hall. Tickets sold out.

Shane & Shane with Phil Wickham. 8 p.m. Common Grounds. Tickets \$20 pre-sale and \$22 at the door.

Saturday:
Waco Arts Initiative Christmas Benefit. 8 p.m. Common Grounds. \$3.

Sunday:
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker." Waco Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Austin. 2 p.m. Waco Hall. Tickets range from \$20 to \$35.

Christmas carillon recital. 6 p.m. Pat Neff Hall tower. No charge.

Carols of Christmas with Chamber Singers and Bella Voce. 7:30 p.m. Armstrong Browning Library. Tickets sold out.

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23 Man, in Milan

24 Chili spice

26 Star footballer

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50 French cathedral city

51 Job listing of a sort

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60 K thru 12

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62 Letters on a phone button

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8 Start of summer?

9 Access illegally, as computer files

10 "___ me, you villain!"

11 Agree to another tour

12 Former Atlanta arena

13 Christmas quaffs

21 Holy terror

22 Gulf State resident

25 Loan shark

26 Immortal PGA nickname

27 Thick

29 Control freak in a white dress

30 Syrian leader

31 "CSI: NY" actor Sinise

32 Bunch of beauties

34 Andalusian article

37 Rose-colored glasses wearer

38 Wet behind the ears

42 "Who are you kidding?!"

44 Tropical lizard

46 Ewing Oil, e.g.

47 Notice

49 Sends regrets, perhaps

51 Pealed

52 River of central Germany

53 Gin flavoring

55 Direction reversals, in slang

56 "Yeah, what the heck!"

57 Communion, for one

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Robert Griffin III returns to Texas

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A sea of burgundy and gold overwhelmed Cowboys Stadium and waves of "RG3" chants poured out of the hole in the roof.

Thursday was a homecoming for former Baylor and Heisman-winning quarterback Robert Griffin III as he returned to the Lone Star State as a member of the Washington Redskins.

"It was good to be back in Texas, where I have that feeling of being home and where I spent so many years," Griffin said.

Arlington was Redskin country, if only for a few hours.

"I'm excited to see him back in Texas," Temple resident Kaitlyn Rogers said. "My husband saw him play in high school and we have followed ever since. Can't wait to see him back on the field again."

The feeling was mutual as fan after fan entered Cowboys Stadium, donning the No. 10 in their selected home- or away- colors.

The jersey of the Redskins' No. 1 pick is now the second-most purchased in the NFL.

"I ordered my jersey a week after he was drafted and didn't wear it until today," Fairfax, Va., native Jessica Rapore said. "We come here every year and this year we have RG3. It's our year."

Griffin didn't disappoint the D.C. fans who made the long trip or the growing number of fans in Texas. By the end of the game, Griffin had brought another first to Redskin fans.

Washington left Dallas with its first-ever Thanksgiving Day victory against the Cowboys, and the rookie became the first Redskin to throw four touchdowns in back-to-back games.

"Finally, the future is bright," said Hubert Rodriguez, a Dallas native who has been a Redskins fan for more than 20 years. "We've been waiting for a quarterback for so long, and finally we have one."

After Griffin's third touchdown pass of the second quarter, Cowboy fans let out a sound of disgust and followed with a cheer so familiar to the rookie quarterback.

"RG3. RG3. RG3."

Griffin provided plenty of reasons to cheer with his play on the field, and the rookie admitted to hearing the chants.

"I played here for a long time," Griffin said. "I know there are fans of me and my family, of what I've been able to do at Baylor and Copperas Cove, Texas. It feels good that they can chant your name and whatever because they feel like, at that point, the game was over."



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Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III, right, and Baylor quarterback Nick Florence (11) smile on the field after the game against Texas Tech Saturday in Arlington. Baylor won 52-45 in overtime.

Baylor Nation excited for third straight bowl

BY ALEXA BRACKIN
AND LINDSEY MINER
NEWS EDITOR AND REPORTER

Baylor's dramatic 52-45 win on Saturday over Texas Tech wasn't easy.

After three missed field goal attempts going into overtime, the Bears' chances at a bowl game appearance looked grim.

"Baylor's kind of like the Israelites that wandered in the desert for 40 years," Houston senior Matthew Morgan said. "So based on history, I wouldn't [have been] surprised if we didn't make it because our defense is more lame than Congress right now and doesn't usually get anything done. So I really thought we were done. Doneskis. Put a fork in us."

All in all, the defense pulled it together to clinch a spot in one of the 35 bowl games that will be played from Dec. 15 to Jan. 7.

"I just saw this as a rebuilding year, I didn't see us as being competitive," Plano senior Landen Ellis said. "We were a strong team and just because you lose RG3 doesn't mean everything goes down the toilet. I thought it was going to be a bit more of a struggle, so I was pleasantly surprised."

After leading Baylor to its last two bowl games, RG3 had to take a step back and cheer on the Bears as they took on Tech and solidified their bowl game status.

"It was a dog and pony show," Morgan said. "He's good publicity...don't get me wrong, he did well for the Baylor public image. But hey, it put a smile on people's faces and improved his public image and ours, so it was a win-win."

It's currently undecided which bowl game Baylor will play in, but



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

No. 8 running back Glasco Martin carries the ball for a Baylor first down against Texas Tech on Saturday at Cowboys Stadium. The Bears celebrated a 52-45 bowl clinching victory over the Raiders.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

No. 2 wide receiver Terrance Williams catches the ball for a Baylor first down against Texas Tech on Saturday in Cowboys Stadium.

the Bears have a chance to go to the Heart of Dallas Bowl, the New Era Pinstripe Bowl or the Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas. The rest of the Big 12 teams have a shot at the Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl, the Valero Alamo Bowl, the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl or the AT&T Cotton Bowl are up for grabs for the rest of the Big 12.

"I just don't feel like it's a big deal to go to a bowl game anymore because there's so many, but I'm excited for Baylor nonetheless," Ellis

said. "There's bowls left and right I've never heard of anymore. Every team in the Big 12 is bowl eligible except for Kansas. I feel like every team is eligible except for the worst team in each [conference]."

The impending appearance will mark the third consecutive trip to a bowl game for Baylor football, a first in program history.

"We have to win if we go to a lower-class bowl game," said Dallas senior Caleb Powell. "We have to absolutely dominate."

This will be the Bears' 19th

bowl game since its first showing in 1948. There have been only four other times in Baylor football history that they've played back-to-back bowl games. In 1960-1961, Baylor played in the Gator and Gotham Bowls, in 1979-1980 it played in the Peach and Cotton Bowls, in 1985-1986 it played in the Liberty and Bluebonnet Bowls and in 1991-1992 it played in the Copper and Sun Bowls.

"It's a huge recruiting tool and it proves that we have an actual program now instead of just a one-hit-

wonder with RG3," Waco senior Drew Carini said.

Despite the claims that numerous bowl games seemingly decrease the prestige of appearing in one, it does add to the overall success of a school's football program.

A school's bowl game legacy is a great recruiting tool for both sports and academics.

"I think it does water it down, I think it makes going to a bowl game not such a big deal," Argyle senior Tally Blair said. "Yes I'm happy we're going to one, but with

an 0-4 start and still making it to a bowl game, that not exactly elite status."

This bowl game is proof that Baylor football can still make history without RG3.

"I think it kind of defines us as a prestigious program even without RG3," Dallas senior Dave Turner said. "I think that was a big question going into this year, if we can uphold what we did in the past. And moving on, I think we'll get better recruits and I think the future is bright for Baylor football."

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Cyber Monday projected to be biggest online sales day of year

Cyber Monday expected to raid pocketbooks of Americans

By MAE ANDERSON
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NEW YORK — Americans clicked away on their computers and smartphones for deals on Cyber Monday, which is expected to be the biggest online shopping day in history.

Shoppers are expected to spend \$1.5 billion on Cyber Monday, up 20 percent from last year, according to research firm comScore. That would not only make it the biggest online shopping day of the year, but the biggest since comScore started tracking shoppers' online buying habits in 2001.

Online shopping was up 28.4 percent on Cyber Monday compared with the same time period a year ago, according to figures released late Monday by IBM Benchmark, which tracks online sales. Sales from mobile devices, which include tablets, rose 10.1 percent. The group does not track dollar amount sales.

The strong start to Cyber Monday, a term coined in 2005 by a shopping trade group that noticed people were doing a lot of shopping on their work computers on the Monday following Thanksgiving, comes after overall online sales rose significantly during the four-day holiday shopping weekend that began on Thanksgiving.



Packages ready to ship move along a conveyor belt at the Amazon.com 1.2 million-square-foot fulfillment center Monday in Phoenix. ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Online's piece of the holiday pie is growing every day, and all the key dates are growing with it," said Forrester Research analyst Sucharita Mulpuru. "The Web is becoming a more significant part of the traditional brick-and-mortar holiday shopping season."

It's the latest sign that Americans are becoming addicted to the convenience of the Web. With the growth in smartphones and tablet computers, shoppers can buy what they want, whenever they want, wherever they want. As a result, retailers have ramped up the deals they're offering on their websites during the holiday shopping season, a time when stores can make up to 40 percent of their annual revenue.

Amazon.com, which started its Cyber Monday deals at 12:01 a.m. Monday, is offering as much as 60 percent off a Panasonic VIERA 55-inch TV that's usually priced higher than \$1,000. Sears is offering \$430 off a Maytag washer and

dryer, each on sale for \$399. And Kmart is offering 75 percent off all of its diamond earrings and \$60 off a 12-in-1 multigame table on sale for \$89.99.

How well retailers fare on Cyber Monday will offer insight into Americans' evolving shopping habits during the holiday shopping season. With the growth in high speed Internet access and the wide use of smartphones and tablets, people are relying less on their work computers to shop than they did when Shop.org, the digital division of trade group The National Retail Federation, introduced the term "Cyber Monday."

As a result, the period between Thanksgiving and Cyber Monday has become busy for online shopping as well. Online sales on Thanksgiving Day, traditionally not a popular day for online shopping, rose 32 percent over last year to \$633 million, according to comScore. Online sales on Black Friday were up 26 percent from last year,

to \$1.042 billion. It was the first time online sales on Black Friday surpassed \$1 billion.

For the holiday season-to-date, comScore found that \$13.7 billion has been spent online, marking a 16 percent increase over last year. The research firm predicts that online sales will surpass 10 percent of total retail spending this holiday season. The National Retail Federation estimates that overall retail sales in November and December will be up 4.1 percent this year to \$586.1 billion.

But as other days become popular for online shopping, Cyber Monday may lose some of its cache. To be sure, Cyber Monday hasn't always been the biggest online shopping day. In fact, up until three years ago, that title was historically earned by the last day shoppers could order items with standard shipping rates and get them delivered before Christmas. That day changes every year, but usually falls in late December.

Feds seize 132 domain names

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUFFALO, N.Y. — More than 100 domain names were seized in an international crackdown on websites that sell counterfeit merchandise, federal authorities said Monday, just in time for the biggest online shopping day of the year.

It was the third consecutive Cyber Monday that websites selling knockoff sports jerseys, DVDs, cologne and other goods were blocked from doing business. This year, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations coordinated the 132-site effort with Europol and police in Belgium, Denmark, France, Romania and the United Kingdom.

"This is not an American problem, it is a global one, and it is a fight we must win," ICE Director John Morton said in a statement.

At a news conference in Buffalo, investigators displayed tables full of knockoff Buffalo Bills jerseys, cologne and baseball caps purportedly made by Buffalo-based New Era Cap Co., all of which they had ordered online from mostly legitimate-looking websites with addresses such as newerasonline-shop.com.

"Intellectual property theft is not a victimless crime," said James Spero, special agent-in-charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Buffalo.

Homeland Security field offices in Buffalo, New Jersey, California, Maryland, Colorado and Texas were among those that investigated. Agents worked with copyright

holders to confirm that products purchased from the targeted websites were illegal.

"When IP rights are violated, American jobs are lost, business profits are stolen and, ultimately, consumers are cheated," Spero said.

Most of the counterfeit goods are produced in and shipped from China, authorities said.

U.S. Attorney William Hochul, whose office is prosecuting the lone arrest made in the investigation, said consumers "particularly on days such as today, need to be aware that when they go online to make purchases, such purchases can come with risks."

The arrested person, Gary Hammer, was charged with trafficking in counterfeit goods, accused of producing and selling counterfeit Microsoft software on Craigslist. He is due in federal court Dec. 12 after pleading not guilty at an initial appearance last week.

Reached by phone Monday, Hammer, of suburban Cheektowaga, denied he'd done anything wrong and called the case "a big misunderstanding." He said he rebuilds and recycles computers and has occasionally sold what he assumed to be genuine software obtained in trades, given to him or discarded.

"I would never willingly defraud anyone," Hammer said. "I live by high standards."

Authorities offered tips for consumers to avoid counterfeit merchandise, advising against buying goods that seem to be priced too low or have been offered through a bulk emailing.

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passing offense in the nation, senior quarterback Nick Florence is responsible for the fourth most points per game in college football with 20.9 points.

The major improvement in the Bears offense lately has been the emphasis on the rushing game. Against Texas Tech, sophomore running back Lache Seastrunk rushed for 136 yards on 19 carries and junior running back Glasco Martin had 23 carries for 98 yards.

Baylor's rushing attack is No. 1 in the Big 12 by averaging 217.0 yards per game.

Baylor's offense can move the ball through the rush and with the pass. Senior wide receiver Terrance Williams is on pace to become only the second 2,000 yard receiver in NCAA history.

Williams leads the nation in receiving yards with 1,693. With 175 yards against Texas Tech, Williams surpassed Kendall Wright for the most single season receiving yards in Baylor history.

With a guarantee of two games remaining, Baylor has a chance to have an eight-win season.

Terrance Williams has a chance to have one of the most prolific seasons ever by a wide receiver.

Baylor has already made history by getting the bid for a third consecutive bowl game, but winning back-to-back bowl games would be an even greater prize.

There's still more football to be played and Baylor has a chance to end the regular season strong against No. 23 Oklahoma State.

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pointing, but still it was a nice thought because our library is really pretty," she said.

Tatum sophomore Emily Roberson said she heard the rumor from her roommate and despite being told the rumor is false, she said the news hasn't changed her positive perception of the library or the movie.

"I think she heard it on a campus tour and then she told me about it," Roberson said. "I was really excited like, 'Oh, that's so cool!'"

Hillin has a long history working in the film industry.

Born on Oct. 29, 1955, Hillin lived in Corpus Christi with his family until they moved to Hous-

ton, where he completed his first-through eighth-grade schooling before moving back to Corpus Christi to finish high school.

Hillin said he has had an interest in animation and film since he was a child, but instead chose to study music at Baylor.

After graduating from Baylor, Hillin attended California State University at Northridge where he earned his master's in composition for television and film.

Hillin said he began his film and animation career when he worked as a composer for the 30-minute film adaptation of "Pickman's Model," a short story written by H.P. Lovecraft.

Besides working as the CGI

supervisor for "Beauty and the Beast," Hillin has also worked on other well-known films.

While with Disney, he worked on "Aladdin" in 1992 as the CGI Modeler/Renderman Consultant, then later in 2000 on the Disney film "Dinosaur."

He was offered a job to work on "The Lion King," but declined to find work at another film company.

Since then, Hillin has worked for six film companies, including Metro Light, Digital Domain Productions, Warner Bros. Entertainment and Sony Pictures Entertainment.

Hillin has also been on staff for special effects companies, such as Entity FX and Gradient Effects

where he worked on big name films such as "Spider-Man 2," "Beowulf" and "Speed Racer."

Hillin was inducted into the Motion Picture Academy for his special effects work on "Dinosaur" in 2002.

He is also a member of The Animation Guild, The Visual Effects Society and the Visual Effects Branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Hillin worked on the movies "Bullet to the Head" and "Jack the Giant Slayer" last year and is currently working on a horror film called "Home."

Hillin said he has had a good time working in the animation and film industry since 1984.

"Computer graphics is what I do," he said. "That's my specialty."

Hillin is willing to help any students that are interested in finding professional work in the animation and film industry because he had trouble finding work opportunities after graduating from school.

He said social media and Internet now make this task easier.

"Students can ask me about the business if they are interested in that kind of work," he said. "They can get in touch with me."

Hillin has both a Linked-In account and a Facebook account.

He can also be reached via email at jimbo@wire-heads.com.

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sists of approximately 10 and a half million square feet."

Martin also said during special events on the campus such as homecoming and graduation, they spend at least two weeks prepping.

During the course of the school year, Martin said, there are two major color changes of the flowers, which include the change-outs of 1,000 flats of flowers.

He added that there is one major chrysanthemum change each year before homecoming, which includes 700-1,000 mum changes.

"There is never a dull moment," Martin said, adding that throughout the summer and the mowing season, they mow the entire campus weekly.

One of the most well-known gardens on campus, the Sadie Jo Black Gardens, was created in 2005. Black, a Baylor alumna who taught at Baylor for 35 years, established the Sadie Jo Black Gardens Endowment Fund to enrich the attractiveness of the university.

Two benches sit by the gardens to give visitors and students the opportunity to sit and enjoy the garden.

Childress Freshman Joshua Caldwell said the various colors of the flowers and the abundance of trees on campus create a peaceful, calming effect.

"It's more difficult to be stressed when surrounded by such beauty," Caldwell said.

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state legislatures meet.

"It's hard to conclude anything other than this is pretty attractive and should be pretty hard for states to walk away from," said John Holahan, head of the Urban Institute's Health Policy Research Center and the main author of the study, which used computer models of population, income and insurance coverage.

Under the law, Medicaid will be expanded to cover people up to 138 percent of the federal poverty line, or about \$15,400 for an individual. It's mainly geared to low-income adults with no children at home, who currently cannot get Medicaid coverage in most states. Washington pays all of the cost

for the first three years, gradually phasing down to 90 percent.

Some of the main findings:

— States that reject the expansion could still face a substantial increase in their Medicaid costs, as people already eligible for the program but not currently enrolled are prompted to sign up.

— States will save \$18 billion from no longer having to offset the cost of charity for low-income uninsured people.

— Some states will actually come out ahead. New York, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and others that already cover low-income childless adults will be able to reap a more generous federal matching rate than they currently get.

— Texas, the state with the highest percentage of uninsured residents, would see a 6 percent increase in Medicaid spending. About 2.4 million residents would be added to the Medicaid rolls.

Medicaid is a federal-state partnership that varies from state to state. So the consequences for state budgets will be different in each case.

Not so for the uninsured, said Alan Weil, executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy, an independent research and policy group. "This is more than a fiscal exercise," said Weil. "There is a human dimension that needs to be part of the discussion far beyond just the dollars."

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