

Bears prepared for rematch with ULM

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

No. 20 Baylor football hosts its final non-conference game of the year against a familiar opponent in the University of Louisiana at Monroe at 3 p.m. at Floyd Casey Stadium Saturday. The Bears look to post a more impressive showing against ULM after squeaking out a 47-42 shootout win last season. Even in the hostile setting of Monroe, the Baylor win was a little too close for comfort.

Baylor comes into the game against ULM on a hot streak. The Bears have not lost a game since Nov. 10, 2012, against Oklahoma. Since that game, the Bears have won six straight games.

In the first two games this season, Baylor has been dominant offensively. The Bears have combined to beat opponents 139-16 through two games. The Bears rank at the top of college football in points per game, total offense per game, third in passing yards per game and eighth in rushing yards per game.

Junior quarterback Bryce Petty has led Baylor's offense so far this season. Petty has thrown for 650 yards and four touchdowns in two games, despite never playing more than a drive in a third quarter. Heisman hopeful junior running back Lache Seastrunk has rushed for 261 yards on 28 carries with five touchdowns. His 9.4 yards per rush attempt ranks him top five among running backs in the country.

The Bears' wide receiving corps has impressed early. Four separate receivers have caught touchdown

passes of 50 yards or more, led by an 83-yard sprint by junior wide receiver Antwan Goodley. Senior receiver Tevin Reese leads the team with nine receptions, 227 total yards and two touchdowns.

Baylor's defense has been surprisingly dominant this season. The Bears are second in the country in total defense and have held teams to only 8.0 points per game. The Bears defense has not allowed a single point after halftime this season. The defense has forced two or more turnovers in eight of its last nine games, including last week at Buffalo. Under defensive coordinator Phil Bennett, Baylor is 17-2 when forcing two or more turnovers.

ULM comes into this game coming off the programs first ever win against an ACC team after defeating Wake Forest last weekend. The win was their second win of the season, after a win against Grambling State the week before. In the season opener, ULM lost to then No. 16 Oklahoma.

Senior quarterback Kolton Browning leads the ULM offense. Browning has thrown for 614 yards and six touchdowns through three games, including two straight games with three touchdowns. In the win against Wake Forest last week, Browning threw the ball 68 times. He currently ranks third in all of college football in pass attempts with 132. Browning is not efficient. ULM is 79th in the country in passing yards with only 215.7 yards a game.

ULM's defense has held the last two opponents to under 30 points combined.

Last week, junior defensive end Joey Gautney was named College Sports Madness Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Week after posting two sacks and a forced fumble. In its one true test, however, Oklahoma put up 34 points behind 305 rushing yards and three touchdowns from Travis Knight.

Baylor played ULM last season in Monroe in their third game of the season. The Bears won the game 47-42, but the score was much closer than Baylor would have liked. Nick Florence had to lead Baylor to a come from behind victory in the fourth quarter, as Baylor trailed 35-34 early in the fourth quarter. Baylor allowed 262 total rushing yards last season against ULM. Browning had 321 all-purpose yards for the Warhawks and three touchdowns. ULM posted four rushing touchdowns total.

This year, Baylor's defensive line is a completely different animal than the one that struggled mightily against ULM last season. In the last three games, Baylor has posted 14 total sacks. Baylor also leads the nation in tackles for loss with 13.0 a game, led by sophomore defensive end Shawn Oakman and his 5.5 tackles for loss. Baylor has held opponents to 128.0 yards rushing per game despite playing two teams that run the ball constantly.

ULM caused problems for Baylor last season, but both teams are in a completely different place this year. Baylor's defense is much improved from last season, and will look to make a statement by containing Browning and the ULM offense. ULM likely will have trouble



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Junior running back Lache Seastrunk carries the ball against Buffalo en route to a 70-13 Baylor victory. Seastrunk carried the ball 17 times for 150 yards and three touchdowns.

finding an answer for Baylor's offense. Bryce Petty and the offense are looking to use tempo to overpower the ULM defense. Bar-

ring a meltdown, Baylor's offense will find a way to produce points against the Warhawks.

After the ULM contest, the

Bears will have another bye week before opening Big 12 Conference play against West Virginia on Oct. 5 at Floyd Casey Stadium.

BIG 12 FOOTBALL WEEKEND PREVIEW

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**Kansas (1-1) vs.
Louisiana Tech (1-2)**

So far this season, the Kansas Jayhawks have been decidedly poor. After taking care of business against a bad South Dakota team, Kansas was soundly defeated by Rice a week later. While Rice is not a bad team, it is not the type of team that should be beating Big 12 opponents. Kansas has struggled mightily throwing the ball with 140.0 passing yards a game.

Louisiana Tech has not been much better this season. Only a year ago, Louisiana Tech led all of Division I college football with 577.9 yards per game. This season, Tech ranks 94th with under 350 offensive yards a game. After finishing third in passing yards last year, they are 101st in the country with under 170 yards a game. While a loss to North Carolina State was expected, a loss to Tulane shows that this football team is a shell of what it was last season.

A year ago, Louisiana Tech would have blown Kansas out of the water. With both teams looking like one of the worst in their respected conferences, Kansas has an opportunity to get a win.

**West Virginia (2-1) at
Maryland (3-0)**

After struggling against William & Mary in week one, West Virginia kept things close against then No. 16 Oklahoma, before blowing out Georgia State last week. The story for West Virginia so far has been its defensive performance. Other than a seven point performance against WVU, Oklahoma has scored an average of 42.5 points per game. Over three games, West Virginia is 16th in the nation with 13.3 points allowed per game. The offense has been suspect, but the defense has been able to keep them competitive throughout the season.

After finishing second to last in total offense last year with 284.8 yards per game, Maryland is cur-

rently top ten in the nation with 554.7 yards per game. Quarterback C.J. Brown is currently 11th in the country in total offense with 363.3 yards per game. The Terrapin defense has held opponents to an average of 13.7 points per game.

It will be interesting to see whether West Virginia's defense is real and whether it can hold up against a high-pow-

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After being embarrassed by Oklahoma in week one, the Warhawks have

have a lofty challenge on Saturday against statistically the best offense in college football.

After a shootout against ULM last season in Monroe, Baylor should be looking to make a statement that they belong among college football's elite programs.

The Bears can take another step in that direction by beating ULM.

**No. 25 Texas
Tech (3-0) vs.
Texas State
(2-0)**

25. The defense has held teams to an average of 15.3 points per game.

Texas State's defense has been dominant this year, holding teams to 313.5 total yards per game and 9.0 points per game, but they have not faced anything close to Tech's offense. Their first two games were against Southern Mississippi and Prairie View A&M.

The Red Raiders are a whole different animal than those two teams. State's offense has also ranked 112th in the nation in total offense.

Tech is oozing with confidence after their win against TCU, and should take care of business easily against Texas State.

**Texas (1-2) vs.
Kansas State (2-1)**

The only conference game of the weekend pits a sliding Texas Longhorns squad against a Kansas State team looking for redemption. Kansas State lost week one to an FCS team, and hasn't really lived that down.

They have beaten Louisiana-Lafayette and Massachusetts since then, but the stigma of the loss to a FCS opponent is still there. After a wildly successful 2012 season, Bill Snyder may have run out of talent to be competitive in Manhattan.

The Longhorns are currently third to last in rushing yards allowed at 308.7 yards per game, and that is a stat that will follow them until they how to stop the run defensively.

Offensively, the Horns haven't been a whole lot better.

Against Ole Miss, Texas led early in the game before their offense completely shut down in the second half. At what point will Texas' management decide the lack of consistency is a coaching issue?

The one bright spot is that highly touted sophomore running back Johnathan Gray finally posted a good performance this season with 91 rushing yards and a touchdown. He will be key for the Texas offense to improve.

Texas is not as bad as it has played this season. The Longhorns will look to prove that in the first conference game in Austin against a mediocre Kansas State team.



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ered off - fense like Maryland. Whether or not that is true, West Virginia will have a tough time scoring enough points to beat Maryland.

**No. 20 Baylor (2-0) vs.
Louisiana-Monroe (2-1)**

Baylor comes into the game as arguably the hottest team in college football. Baylor ranks third in passing yards per game with 431.5,

per game. In his last game against Buffalo, junior quarterback Bryce Petty threw for the highest ESPN QBR of the season with a 99.7 rating out of a possible 100.

Baylor's defense is also top 20 in

played respectively for the past two weeks. They blew out Grambling State in week two, and showed poise in a two-point victory over Wake Forest last week.

ULM's defense has held teams to 21.0 points per game, but will

After the departure of Tommy Tuberville as coach, Tech brought in former Texas A&M offensive coordinator Kliff Kingsbury as the new head coach.

After naming walk-on true freshman Baker Mayfield as Tech's starting quarterback, Mayfield has gone on to lead a passing unit that is fifth in college football with 400.0 passing yards a game, despite the lack of a running threat.

The success culminated with a win over then No. 24 TCU last week and a berth in the AP Top

Johnson motivated by faith to run cross country

Standout junior named Big 12 Runner of the Week for second time this season

By Rayne Brown
Reporter

"I always read Psalms 18 before I go out and race," junior cross country runner Rachel Johnson said. "It talks about God giving us strength. It's a really good thing to read, I think, just to get focused and just see that I should be running for God and not myself."

Call it superstition, luck or simply faith, Johnson's ritual of preparing for a meet has worked.

Johnson was named Big 12 Runner of the Week on Tuesday for the second time this season.

Johnson achieved her latest victory after winning the Iowa Black and Gold Invite Sept. 13, finishing the 4k course in 13:56.28.

This is Johnson's fourth career conference honor.

"It feels great," Johnson said. "I feel like we train really, really hard in cross country and over the summer there's not a lot of work that's seen by a lot of people. It just feels great to be able to be recognized like that and to be able to represent Baylor well."

Running about 70 miles a week in the Central Texas heat is no easy task. Cross country head coach Todd Harbour said Johnson's mental capability has a lot to do with her success in running.

"She has a mental toughness about her," Harbour said. "Whatever is thrown at her, she's able to handle it."

Although she's experienced great success in running, Johnson believes she still has not reached her pinnacle.

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"You want to get better and you've accomplished something from last season, but you have higher goals you haven't achieved yet," Johnson said. "You don't want to go backwards."

Johnson's plan for improvement is simple. She wants to build on the foundation she's already created and set reasonable goals for herself while trusting her coach.

Johnson has surpassed the number of awards won by any other Baylor cross country runner,

male or female.

No matter how much she improves or how many awards she racks up, Johnson takes no credit.

"I just want to give God the glory," Johnson said. "He gave me this talent to run, so just recognizing that and giving thanks for that."

Johnson's success this season is making her goals of being an All-American in college attainable.

"She's very dedicated and passionate about being great," Harbour said.

Johnson is aware of her capability and remains confident in her belief that her faith has gotten her this far and will help her continue to excel. She knows she'll face obstacles in achieving her goal of becoming an All-American.

Johnson said one of the biggest challenges in her sports is "to continue to have a love for running because it's a hard sport and when you run 70-ish miles a week it's kind of crazy and hard at times."

Struggling in a sport is inevitable at one point for every athlete.

Johnson stays positive by remembering her faith and constantly focusing on her dreams and aspirations.

"Just keeping those goals in mind is a big part of achieving the goal," Johnson said. "When you start struggling in a race, think of everyone you're running for."

Baylor cross country next competes at the North Texas Invite on Sept. 28.



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Junior cross country runner Rachel Johnson competes in the 2012 Big 12 cross country championships on Oct. 27, in Austin, Texas. Johnson is the most decorated cross country runner in Baylor history.



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Hopkins emerging as rookie playmaker in Houston



Texans rookie receiver DeAndre Hopkins makes a game-winning touchdown catch on Sunday to solidify Houston's 30-24 victory. Hopkins caught seven passes for 117 yards and a touchdown.

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HOUSTON — The Houston Texans have grown accustomed to watching star receiver Andre Johnson make spectacular grabs.

Just two games into his NFL career, the Texans are already beginning to expect equally dazzling catches from DeAndre Hopkins.

Hopkins reached above a defender to pull in a 3-yard touchdown reception to give Houston a 30-24 overtime win over the Titans.

"If you're out at practice watching him, he makes a spectacular catch at least once a day and sometimes three times a day," offensive coordinator Rick Dennison said.

"So for us to put the ball up and him to make a play, that's great to see, but we kind of expected it. That's what he's here for."

Johnson was knocked out of that game with a concussion. And with his status uncertain for Sunday's game against Baltimore, the rookie could be needed again.

"He's been asked to do a lot since he's stepped into the building," quarterback Matt Schaub said. "He just continues to make plays and when you give him a chance, he's going to make you look good. It's just exciting to watch him grow each week."

The Texans have been impressed with the maturity of Hopkins since they selected him with the 27th overall pick in this year's draft. It was the first time Houston had drafted a receiver in the first round since taking Johnson with the No. 3 pick in 2003.

He sustained a concussion in the second preseason game and sat out until the opener. But he showed no signs of rust, grabbing five catches for 66 yards in his NFL debut. Hopkins finished with seven catches for 117 yards against the Titans. He also had another big play to set up the score when he caught a 25-yard pass on third-and-10 to get Houston to the

1-yard line.

A loss of 2 yards on a run backed Houston up to the 3 before the touchdown by Hopkins.

Hopkins said he hasn't paid much attention to the excitement over his big game among fans and tries to deflect attention about his performance.

"I feel like it's important to the team," he said when asked about his playmaking ability. "It takes some pressure off other guys that are making plays. When you're one-on-one you always want to win those matchups."

He feels as if his development was helped by the challenge of matching up against Houston's first-team defense in practice every day.

"My confidence has grown since the first day I came out here going against Johnathan Joseph," Hopkins said of Houston's top cornerback.

"You don't go against too many defensive backs that are as good as him. Going against him in the off-season I felt it prepared me for the season."

Hopkins arrived in Houston after catching 82 passes and setting Clemson records with 1,405 yards receiving and 18 touchdown receptions last year. His 24 catches of 20 yards or more last season were the most in the ACC and he averaged 17.1 yards a catch in 2012.

He had 206 receptions for 3,020 yards and 27 touchdowns in his three-year career, becoming the sixth player in ACC history with more than 3,000 yards receiving and the only player in conference history to gain that many yards in just three seasons.

The possibility that Johnson might not play this week isn't changing the way Hopkins is preparing for the game. But it looks as if he won't have to worry about playing without Johnson. Coach Gary Kubiak said he is doing much better and that he could return to practice on Thursday after sitting out on Wednesday.

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No. 9 Baylor soccer embracing tough schedule



Senior midfielder Larissa Campos dribbles the ball past the defense on Sunday in No. 9 Baylor's 0-0 draw against McNeese State at Betty Lou Mays Field. The Bears face North Texas today and then square off against Boise State on Sunday.

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI
SPORTS WRITER

It's another battle for No. 9 Baylor soccer versus North Texas at 7 p.m. today and Boise State at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"North Texas is extremely athletic," Baylor co-head coach Marci Jobson said. "They're fighters, and they're very good at their style of play, which is similar to ours. They're on kind of a hot roll this year. This is probably the toughest North Texas team I've seen, so it's going to be a really good game."

The Mean Green (6-2) has had its way with Big 12 teams, beating TCU 2-0 and romping Oklahoma 5-0. North Texas is getting offensive production from freshman forward Rachel Holden, who was Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week. Holden notched her second hat trick of the season against Oklahoma and has scored nine goals in eight games. Sophomore forward Amber Haggerty also adds a threat, having scored three goals this season. Four other players have scored twice and five more have scored at least one goal. The offense ranks 20th nationally at 3.13 goals per game.

The Bears' defense will have its hands full trying to defend a high-powered North Texas offense, which comes in the game with 25 goals scored. Baylor's defense has only allowed one goal this season and is second in the nation in goals against average at .118 and in shutout percentage at .875, both of which lead the Big 12. The Bears are also third in the nation in save percentage at .955. The defense also hasn't conceded a goal in the first half this season.

"They're going to have to definitely bring that on Friday," Jobson said. "They have three jets to play against, three really fast girls."

The Mean Green defense struggled early, giving up seven goals in its first four games, but in its last four games, the team hasn't conceded a goal. Two key reasons are the play of sophomore goalkeeper Haley Riley and senior defender

Shelly Holt.

Boise State (4-2-2) will also pose a challenge. The Broncos come in with a two-game win streak, after taking a program-high 37 shots in a 3-1 win against North Dakota. Sophomore midfielder Brooke Heidemann took nine shots herself. Heidemann leads the team with four goals and an assist. Senior forward Ashley Hruby leads the team with three assists. The team has outshot its opponent 127 to 68, but only capitalized with nine goals. Boise State head coach Jim Thomas is confident in the team's preparation.

"Same way as we prepare for absolutely for everybody," Thomas said. "It's going to become a dull message for our players at times, but every opponent offers the same potential for us. A potential loss, a potential tie or a potential win. We're prepared to beat the best teams in the country."

Baylor's defense versus the Boise State offense will be a key matchup in deciding which team has the advantage on the pitch. Baylor's defensive fortress makes it hard for even the best scorers to score, but the Broncos hope to frustrate the defense by creating shots. If the Baylor defense can limit shots, it will be a favorable matchup for the Bears.

"Our team is based off of defense a lot," Polley said. "Even from the four line all the way back, that's what we work on. It's a pretty big deal to keep. I think we've allowed one goal or so this season, so its pretty cool that our goal team is a solid defense like that. Kloss has been doing a good job. She's made two huge PK saves for us so it's been pretty big time."

Boise State's defense has given up six goals in eight games, but they did have a four-game shutout streak from Sept. 1-13. Similar to UNT, Boise State conceded most of its goals early in the year. The defense has a .088 shot percentage and allow 8.5 shots per game.

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Cowboys struggling to find running game

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IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys still see DeMarco Murray as the back who altered the future of their running game with a record-setting day against St. Louis two years ago.

They don't see him as a back who hasn't had a 100-yard game in more than a year and can't seem to invigorate a rushing attack probably best described as stale.

"DeMarco's a good football player," coach Jason Garrett said. "And we've got to give him more chances and we've got to run block for him better up front and on the edges and give him some chances to be successful."

This is probably a good week to keep trying, with the Rams set to visit the Cowboys on Sunday for the first time since Murray had a franchise-record 253 yards in his first start in 2011. He had a 91-yard touchdown on his first carry — the longest first career TD since the merger in 1970.

Murray had two more 100-yard days almost immediately, and Felix Jones was never considered the starting running back again.

But Murray missed nine games over two seasons, first with a broken ankle and then a sprained foot.

The Cowboys finished last season with the worst per-carry average in franchise history, and it didn't get much better when Murray returned for the final five games. He has averaged just 3.8 yards per try over the past seven

games, capped by just 25 yards on 12 attempts in last weekend's 17-16 loss to Kansas City.

On Dallas' first offensive play, Murray bounced back from the line like a rubber ball and lost 2 yards, which leads to several questions.

Is the line not blocking well? Is Murray not seeing the holes? Can running backs have slumps?

If there are any answers, they haven't come from Murray. He hasn't taken questions from reporters this week.

"I would tell you that we are definitely working at every end to get our run game up and going and it's not because we don't like to run," said offensive coordinator Bill Callahan, who took over play-calling duties from Garrett this year. "We'd love to run the football. But there were opportunities in the game where we tried to take advantage of the players we have."

Like the fourth-quarter stretch where the Cowboys ran 19 straight pass plays against the Chiefs. Dallas talked all offseason about easing the burden on Romo, who set franchise records for attempts, completions and yards last year when the running game floundered.

The Cowboys are getting their quarterback that "extra half a second" owner Jerry Jones talked about after they drafted center Travis Frederick in the first round.

Garrett says the pass protection has been the best he's seen in years with the Cowboys.

But they're not giving Romo much of an option to hand off and

enjoy the scenery from the backfield.

"I feel like I should be better in the run game and I should be a bigger part of it," Frederick said. "There's just this list of all these technique things that I need to get better at and I'm way better at than I was when I got here. But you've just got to continue working on it."

Even if there's something to the idea Murray's not seeing the field well, a baseball-like move to juggle the lineup is a bit problematic.

The primary backups, Phillip Tanner and Lance Dunbar, have a humble apiece so far, and fifth-round pick Joseph Randle hasn't shown the coaches enough to get on the field in the regular season.

"Obviously they have to secure the football," Garrett said. "That's a big part of earning that trust of the coaching staff and your teammates."

Meantime, the Cowboys are trying to rediscover the back who had 601 yards in his first four starts.

"I think he's done a terrific job," Callahan said of Murray. "He'll continue to get better as we move forward. We just have to give him more touches. He's a good back. He's physical and he has good eyes and good vision."

The Cowboys have seen it before, and think they will see it again.

NOTES: WR Dez Bryant (back), CB Morris Claiborne (shoulder) and DEs Anthony Spencer (knee) and DeMarcus Ware (neck) were limited participants in practice Thursday.



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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo hands the ball off to running back DeMarco Murray in the Cowboys season opening 36-31 victory over the New York Giants on Sept. 8.

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A Weekend in WACO A day guide to Bear Country

By TAYLOR GRIFFIN
A&E Editor

While there's plenty to see around Baylor's property, attractions await in the city that holds its campus. From local eats to stadium seats, the city of Waco is filled with enough Texan culture and history to please any visitor.

For Family Weekend, The Lariat has compiled a list of interesting things for visiting families to do and see around the city while enjoying the company of their Baylor Bear.

9 a.m. breakfast at Cafe Cappuccino 100 N. Sixth St. #100

A great start to a busy day in Waco begins at the affectionately-nicknamed "Cafe Capp." The frequenters rave about the bottomless coffee and sweet potato pancakes as big as the plates.

10:30 a.m. Waco Downtown Farmers Market 400 S. University Parks Drive

Hosting all local farmers and producers, this homegrown weekly event in the heart of downtown cultivates community involvement and healthy food.

11:30 a.m. Cameron Park Zoo or Dr Pepper Museum 1701 N. Fourth St.; 300 S. Fifth St.

Lions and tigers and Baylor Bears, oh my! The Cameron Park Zoo year-round houses dozens of animals and beautiful scenery. For the soda enthusiasts, families can also visit the Dr Pepper Museum, which commemorates the town where the famous 23 flavors began.

1:30 p.m. lunch at Vitek's 1600 Speight Ave.

A Waco staple, this barbecue joint offers an array of savory goodness from chopped beef to chicken. Their crowning glory, "The Gut Pak," is a meat-lovers' delight with Fritos, cheese, chopped beef, beans, sausage and condiments.

3 p.m. football game at Floyd Casey Stadium 3088 Burnett Ave.

Tens of thousands will join the Baylor Line at "The Case" to back the Bears as they battle University of Louisiana, Monroe. Tailgating is as necessary as wearing the green and gold.

7 p.m. dinner at The Elite Cafe 2132 S. Valley Mills Drive

While the name may be deceiving, this city favorite fulfills all kinds of appetites at a reasonable price. Their special concoctions include Dr Pepper Baby Back Ribs and the Elvis Sandwich, a gooey mess of bananas, peanut butter and bacon between two slices of Texas toast—a true homage to The King.

9 p.m. late movie at Starplex Cinema 333 S. Valley Mills Drive

Taking in a late night movie with the family winds down a full day in Waco. Students can take advantage of their special ticket prices with a valid ID. Topping the box office, "Insidious Chapter 2" chillingly continues where its predecessor left off and is sure to incite frightful fun. (See this movie's review on Page B8)



>>>in review

Insidious:
Chapter 2

★★★★☆

New chapter spooks but doesn't spark



By TAYLOR GRIFFIN
A&E EDITOR

A collective sigh of contempt among horror enthusiasts is the best mental picture to describe this new scare flick. Another notch in the proverbial bedpost of horror flicks, “Insidious Chapter 2” was essentially nothing more than a collection of the first film’s outtakes and deleted scenes that never made it into the movie.

The film picks back up with the Lambert family and their life post-possession, or so they think. Delving into the father’s forgotten past, the film reveals that everyone must deal with their own demons, no matter how delightfully creepy.

The title should present a bold-faced clue about its style: lazy and underwhelming.

All of the familiar horror devices show up at one point or another. The squeaky floors, creepy baby dolls, a lady in white traipsing about the Lambert house: the list continues.

It doesn’t necessarily devalue the original, but its pointlessness is evident from the start. Not only does it reiterate information and scare tactics, it fails to headlock the audience in a mind-numbing state of fear synonymous with the franchise.

Without spoilers, the aforementioned women in white, for example, is more ghastly than ghostly and resembles a snotty baby sitter, not a “mother figure.”

While it’s easy to dog on this movie, glimmers of light peak through

the rubble. What sets the franchise apart is that it channels the essence of horror movies past. Rather than conform to today’s cheap standards, “Insidious” recognizes the potency of slow camera zooms, high-pitched violin tremolo and compelling dialogue.

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Yet despite the strong-willed performances echoed from the first installment, the plot settles into soft instead of spooky. Then again, what great and powerful shocks did audiences expect from a story that sufficiently wrapped up the first go-round?

Though the cleverness in juxtaposing and intertwining with important elements from the first film, it never reaches the frightful impressiveness that was expected. A few simples jolts here and there are all that were conjured.

Production companies—particularly with their horror flicks—have an undeniable problem with overconsumption: if they like it, then they put a sequel on it.

This movie gets props for rounding out a story (albeit unwarranted), but it can’t redeem itself from the “follow-up fate.” On a lighter note, not a chord of “Tiptoe through the Tulips” is plucked.

“Insidious: Chapter 2” stars Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne and is rated PG-13 for sequences of intense terror and violence.

what's coming up?

>> Ansel Adams Photography Exhibit

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“Ansel Adams: Distance and Detail” exhibition will display iconic black and white photography.

>> Baylor Theatre’s “Legally Blonde”

Sept. 25-29
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Cable park eclectic mix of sports, relaxation

By MALEESA JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Lemur watching and wakeboarding await students less than 20 minutes away from campus at the BSR Cable Park.

The BSR Cable Park opened last summer and is part of the growing Barefoot Ski Ranch. The owner, Stuart Parsons, built the place out of his passion for water sports. Prior to opening the park, he was a competitive barefoot water-skier for 20 years.

“Cable parks just started popping up,” Parsons said. “I think there are about 13 in the United States, so I just decided I was going to build one. I’ve got the place to do it, and it gives people something to do.”

Baylor alumnus Ary Wellborn has visited the cable park twice this fall and experienced wakeboarding for the first time. He said if it weren’t for work, he would have gone out there more by now.

“It’s really enjoyable,” Wellborn said. “It was my first time that I had ever been wakeboarding, but I have had snowboarding experience in the past. They’re really nice about helping you get up and they’ll show you how to get up and start. Then once you have that down, they will send you to the large lake.”

In addition to time on the water, the price of admission includes instruction from experienced wakeboarding staff.

“It took a couple times of getting ripped off the deck and dragged through water with my mouth open to get it down, but they’ll help you out,” Wellborn said.

Parsons started in the water sport business by buying property where he built private ski lakes for boats. According to BSR Cable Park’s , the main ski lake has 3,500 feet of water and two 2,700-foot lakes that can handle multiple skiers. The water of the main lake surrounds an island where five lemurs swing from tree to tree.

“We had national barefoot championships for two years and we

had the 2012 World Barefoot Championship,” Parsons said. “That was kind of a long-term goal, to have about 20 different countries come to our place. So it kind of evolved into ‘what else can we do out here to grow the sport?’”

The sport is growing at Baylor with the Baylor Wake Club. The club has teams that compete, but not all members of the club attend competitions.

Austin senior Reagan Strickland, the president of the club, said they have practiced at the cable park.

“The cable is more friendly for beginners because the cable is higher up than the boat is, so it pulls you up more out of the water,” Strickland said. “It’s also a little bit cheaper, so you don’t have to pay for the gas or the boat.”

Specials are often advertised on the BSR Cable Park Facebook page. These include girls-ride-free every Thursday and college specials. Monday through Friday for this month and October, college specials include \$20 for two hours including equipment, \$30 all-day passes, first timers ride free and bring a friend to BSR and you ride free. The Fun lake is \$7. These specials are Monday through Friday, September and October. Another special includes \$70 a month ride all you want, excluding weekends.

The cable park is one of many additions to Parsons’ property. The cable system has a tower with a

60-horse power motor. This motor pulls the cables in laps around the lake. There are enough cables to allow seven riders at one time. Parsons said this opens up the sport to more people because they do not have to pay for the added expenses of owning and operating a boat.

BSR Cable Park has equipment ready to rent out to customers who do not have their own. This includes helmets, life jackets and beginner or advanced boards that can be rented for different time intervals. Likewise, admission passes are available for two hours, four hours or all day.

“Even a two-hour pass is worth it,” Wellborn said. “That’s the minimum amount of time you

can go for and that’s really all you need. You’re going to be really sore and tired anyways.”

For a more relaxing time, the property also has a lazy river. According to the website, it is the world’s longest lazy river. It costs \$20 per person for an all-day pass. Cooler tubes can be rented for \$5.

“It’s real popular with the little kids,” Parsons said. “The whole place is really family oriented.”

The Barefoot Ski Ranch also has the BSR Bar and Grill, a hot tub, sand volleyball pit, cabins and a pavilion that can be rented out. The hot tub costs \$5 per hour and the pavilion can be rented for \$100 for an hour. Half day and all day rentals of the pavilion are also available for \$400 and \$700 respectively.

“We were just voted cable park of the year,” Parsons said. “That was a really big honor. You can see the hard work. The vision is becoming reality and we’re getting the kudos for it.”

Parsons still has more visions for the ranch. He said he hopes to someday have a giant slide and zip line course.

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Parrots, exotic birds galore

By MICHAEL DAVIDSON
REPORTER

Tucked away in a small building off Interstate-35 in Waco is Ramona's Parrots: a small, locally owned pet store that offers a unique and specific service to its customers. As the name suggests, the store is in fact owned and operated by a woman named Ramona Parker, and yes, she loves parrots.

"Why did I decide to open a parrot store?" Parker said. "A long time ago, I got an African Gray parrot and I fell in love with him. I loved him so much that I decided this is what I want to do."

That is just what she did, and to Parker, like many who turn a hobby into a job, her business means a lot more than just selling a product. Comparing parrots to children, Parker explained why this trade in particular means so much to her.

"I like to watch things grow," Parker said. "Like trees: you plant a seed in the

ground and look at what it does." Parker began her adventure in pet sales almost 20 years ago, initially working from her home in Waco.

There, on a three-acre plot of land she owns with her husband, she started not only selling parrots, but also offering grooming and boarding services.

About five years ago, however, she decided to move her business to a commercial storefront where she operates today.

The shop acts primarily as a "parrot specialization store," selling many different species of the exotic bird.



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Ramona Parker | Ramona's Parrots

there are many species of the bird, each with their own unique traits and behavior types.

"When you come in the door looking for a bird, the first thing I want to know is what you expect of that bird," Parker said. "Some birds are better with talking, and some are better with things like tricks. Most people want their bird to do it all, but that's just not the way it works." Parker's extensive knowledge

and unique style of customer service has also built her a reputation in Waco, with her local customer base including Baylor students and Wacoans alike, all who trust her to treat their bird with care and respect.

"I've had my bird for three to four years now, and I always bring it to Ramona," said Juana Rodriguez, a parrot owner and regular at Parker's store. "She really knows how to groom and take care of the birds that come in."

The store also offers much more than just the selling of parrots themselves.

In addition to selling other animals like puppies and hamsters, you can also find essential pet products, such as manuals on how to care for the animals, and basic supplies like food, cages and toys, many of which are custom made by Parker herself.

"I make about 75 percent of what I sell," Parker said. "And if somebody wants a specific thing, they can tell me what they want, and we can try to make it."

In addition to these products, one of the most valuable things Parker has to offer is her knowledge, which has come through almost 20 years of experience.

Though she is not a veterinarian, a point she stressed heavily, she is always willing to offer her help and advice to anyone who may need it.

"The store is open five days a week, but my phone is open seven days a week," said Parker. "I've had a lot of experience with this in the past 20 years, and I will always do my best to offer what I would do in a certain situation if it were my bird."

Ramona's Parrots is located at 2420 South Jack Kultgen Expressway and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Prescott, Ariz., junior Mariah Franklin performs a routine at last year's After Dark on Oct. 11, 2012

After Dark acts take center stage tonight

By KRISTIN BURNS
REPORTER

It's not all "song and dance" for Student Productions' After Dark variety show coming today to Family Weekend.

Cheryl Mathis, assistant director of Campus Programs, said After Dark will feature numerous acts with diversity and originality.

"We have specific points that we look for in the talent to ensure that the show will be very dynamic and keep the audience engaged," Mathis said.

After Dark has been a tradition at Baylor for decades. The show began as

a simple talent show and has recently grown into the variety showcase. A variety showcase differs from a talent show by displaying unique acts that are very different from each other.

"There's just no way to showcase all of the same kind of talent," she said.

The show is open to families and students as a Family Weekend event. Tickets are on sale at baylorbears.com for \$14 for general admission and \$10 for students.

"After Dark is such a unique experience to see the types of talents that our student body has that would never have the opportunity to experience in any other venue," Mathis said.

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New Miss America: ‘First and foremost American’



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Miss America Nina Davuluri poses for photographers Sunday following her crowning in Atlantic City, N.J. For some who observe the progress of people of color in the U.S., Davuluri’s victory in the pageant shows that Indian-Americans can become icons even in parts of mainstream American culture that once seemed closed.

WAYNE PARRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Nina Davuluri isn’t the first Miss America of color. She’s not even the first Asian-American to wear the crown. But her victory has clearly struck a chord in some quarters.

At a news conference held after her name was announced Sunday night, the first question was about social media users apparently upset that someone of Indian heritage had won. Some tweets called her Arab and a terrorist.

“I have to rise above that,” said Davuluri. “I always viewed myself as first and foremost American.”

She said she’s delighted that the nearly century-old pageant sees beauty and talent of all kinds.

“I’m so happy this organization has embraced diversity,” she said. “I’m thankful there are children watching at home who can finally relate to a new Miss America.”

Her pageant platform was “celebrating diversity through cultural competency.” Her talent routine was a Bollywood fusion dance.

Davuluri, a 24-year-old native of Syracuse, N.Y., wants to be a doctor and is applying to medical school, with the help of a \$50,000

scholarship she won as part of the pageant title. She’s the second consecutive Miss New York to win the Miss America crown, succeeding Mallory Hagan, who was selected in January.

Davuluri’s grandmother said she cried when she saw the news on television.

“I am very, very happy for the girl. It was her dream, and it was fulfilled,” 89-year-old Vege Koteschwaramma said by phone from her home in Vijaywada, in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.

There are numerous doctors in the family, in the U.S. and India, she said, and if her granddaughter wants to become one, “I am sure she will do it.”

Asked about her granddaughter appearing in a bikini, given the conservative attitudes in India, Koteschwaramma said: “I haven’t seen any such thing. This must be all part of the competition.”

Davuluri is the second Asian-American winner, after Angela Perez-Baraquo, who is of Filipino descent and won in 2001.

She now heads to New York City to prepare for TV talk show appearances and plans to take in Broadway musicals over the next

several days.

On Tuesday, she’ll see “Pippin.” On Wednesday, she’ll meet former Miss America and fellow Syracuse native Vanessa Williams and see “The Trip To Bountiful,” in which Williams appears.

Williams became the first black Miss America in 1984 but resigned after Penthouse magazine published nude photographs of her.

Monday morning, Davuluri took the traditional ocean frolic dip in the surf in front of Boardwalk Hall, where she won the title hours earlier. The pageant, which originated in Atlantic City in 1921, spent the past six years in Las Vegas before returning to New Jersey.

“Welcome home, Miss America!” Davuluri said as she stood barefoot in the shallow surf, wearing a lime green Miss America T-shirt and white shorts. “We’re back in Atlantic City!”

Davuluri had planned to go to the scene of a devastating boardwalk fire in Seaside Park and Seaside Heights on Monday. Pageant officials canceled the visit after learning Gov. Chris Christie was making cabinet officials available at that time to business owners victimized by the fire and said Davuluri will visit later.

Emmys are expanding ‘In Memoriam’ segment

By YVONNE VILLARREAL
LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

LOS ANGELES—The “In Memoriam” segment at this year’s Emmys will be extended, with several actors and a producer receiving special recognition.

Among those to be spotlighted are James Gandolfini, whose “Sopranos” costar Edie Falco will speak; “Glee” star Cory Monteith will be paid tribute by costar Jane Lynch; Robin Williams will remember his “Mork and Mindy” friend Jonathan Winters; Rob Reiner will say some words about his “All in the Family” mother-in-law Jean Stapleton; and Michael J. Fox will pay tribute to “Family Ties” producer Gary David Goldberg.

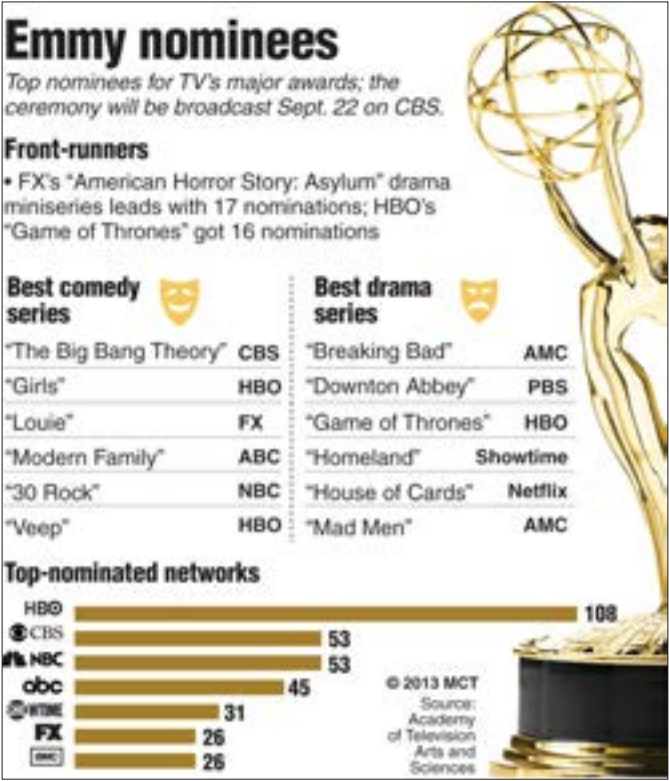
“The ‘In Memoriam’ is a very

emotional and evocative segment for the Emmys, or any annual awards program,” said the ceremony’s executive producer Ken Ehrlich. “These five individuals brought us such great entertainment and joy, so having their close friends share personal remembrances is something that will be very meaningful for television audiences across the country and across the generations. And our traditional ‘In Memoriam’ segment will be presented in a unique new format that will give added importance to an already much anticipated segment of the Emmy show.”

The ceremony will take place Sunday at the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live in Los Angeles, with the broadcast airing on CBS beginning at 8 p.m. EDT.



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Pre-Emmy party celebrates diversity

By DERRICK J. LANG
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Before celebrating the Emmys, Kerry Washington and other TV insiders took a moment to toast diversity.

Washington was among the honorees at a pre-Emmy reception hosted Tuesday night by the television academy and the SAG-AFTRA actors union. The academy’s headquarters in North Hollywood were transformed into a jet-setting soiree complete with 1960s-era furniture and mid-century modern wall sculptures.

Washington, who is up for the outstanding lead actress in a drama series trophy for “Scandal” at Sunday’s ceremony, is the first black actress in nearly two decades to be nominated in the category since Cicely Tyson was in 1995 for “Sweet Justice.” She was joined



Harris

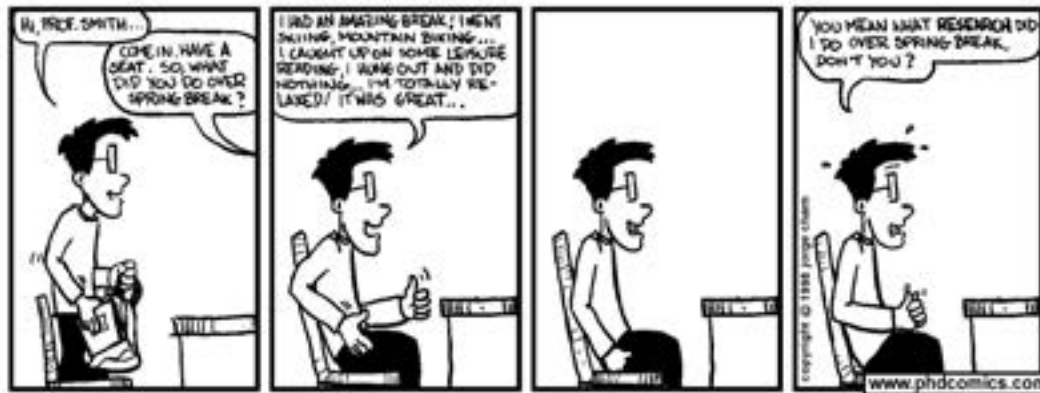
at Tuesday’s affair by her “Scandal” co-stars Joe Morton and Dan Bucatinsky, who nabbed the outstanding guest actor in a drama Emmy at Saturday’s Creative Arts Emmys.

“We all know what the Emmys mean,” said Jason George, the “Grey’s Anatomy” and “Mistresses” actor who serves as the chair of SAG-AFTRA’s diversity advisory committee. “They are the aspiration for all actors who work in this medium, but tonight we’re shining a light on the diverse aspects of that.”

Other attendees who sipped vintage cocktails and noshed on mini gyros and stuffed grape leaves included Wilson Cruz, Ron Glass, Sharon Lawrence and Lisa Vidal.

The 65th Primetime Emmy Awards will air live Sept. 22 from the Nokia Theatre with Neil Patrick Harris serving as host.

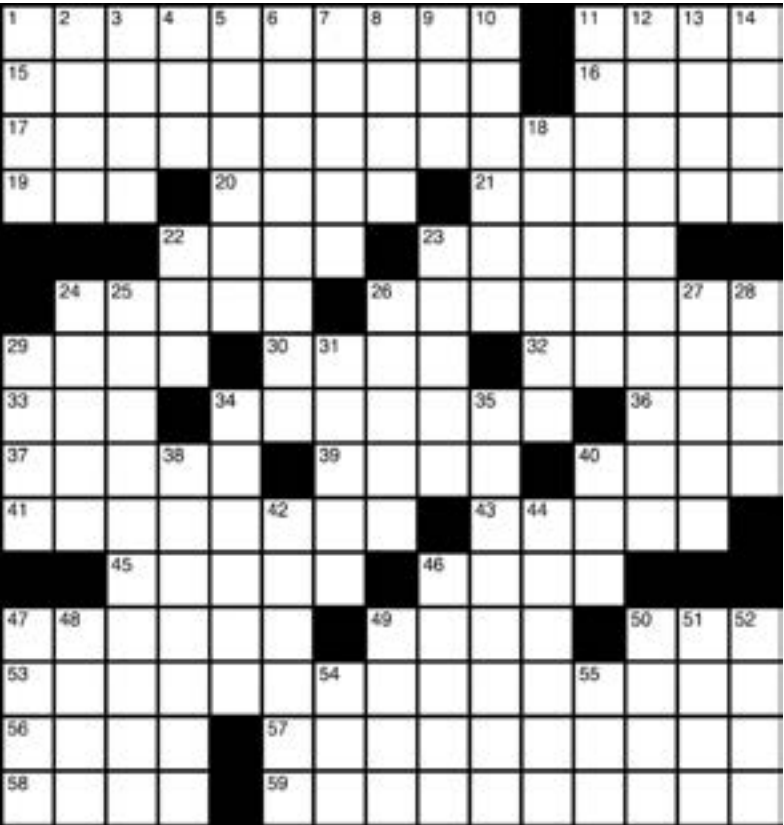
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 - 17 It’s hard to write with one
 - 19 Cub games setting: Abbr.
 - 20 Hidden Valley competitor
 - 21 “Hah!”
 - 22 Small-screen princess
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 - 24 Word in a Le Pew address
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 - 34 In reality
 - 36 Cutting remark
 - 37 Don’t bother
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 - 40 They’re built on benches
 - 41 Pretends
 - 43 Yupik craft
 - 45 Thomas who co-created “Free to Be ... You and Me”
 - 46 Spanish autonomy Castile and
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 - 47 Astronomy Muse
 - 49 Stick with a spring
 - 50 Brief black-and-white flash?
 - 53 Hunter’s companion
 - 56 Singer of the children’s album “Camp Lisa”
 - 57 Prevented from getting unruly
 - 58 Minute
 - 59 Biological cooler
- Down**
- 1 What collaborators should be in
 - 2 Garment feature that’s sometimes detachable
 - 3 Family title
 - 4 Like some news
 - 5 Stock character?



- 6 Dweller on the Red Sea
- 7 Hutch contents
- 8 European trio in a Christmas song
- 9 Soc. Sec. supplement
- 10 Rogers __: Toronto stadium
- 11 Cheesy stuff
- 12 “Color me surprised!”
- 13 Shot glass
- 14 Bar supply available at the touch of a button
- 18 Pretentious
- 22 Check alternatives
- 23 “Welcome to the human network” tech giant
- 24 Desert mount
- 25 “GET FIRED UP!” candy
- 26 Passes out
- 27 Phil Jackson, for most of the ‘70s
- 28 Early birds?

- 29 It may wash up onshore
- 31 Leaving for
- 34 Toots
- 35 2010 Western remake that garnered 10 Oscar nominations
- 38 Presently
- 40 Success on a mat
- 42 Haunted house sounds
- 44 Farm sound
- 46 Ton o’
- 47 Jamaican hybrid fruit
- 48 Act like a pig, in a way
- 49 Star of Looney Tunes’ “for Scent-imental Reasons”
- 50 Fitness brand
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