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VETERANS DAY

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Bears look to honor veterans by hosting events throughout week

STEPHANIE REYES
Reporter

Baylor will be holding several events this week to honor all veterans. Among the events held today will be a lunch held at the law school from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A ceremony at 5 p.m., followed by a social hour and a 24-hour vigil held all day by the Army and Air force ROTC. On Saturday there will be a tailgate two hours before kickoff behind the Mayborn Museum for all veterans.

Lacy Lakeview sophomore, Christopher Strange, president of Veterans of Baylor and Air Force veteran, said he encourages students and the rest of the Baylor community to attend the week's events.

"It's a way to get to know some of the people who are sitting next to you in class," Strange said. "Just to let fellow students know where we're coming from and who we are."

He said something he wants students to know is the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is where people think about those who gave their lives for the U.S., while Veterans Day

it is a chance to say acknowledge veterans. Strange said Veterans Day is important to him because it shows that the community still supports veterans.

"Not long ago, veterans weren't as well received as they are now and to keep that momentum that's been earned by military vets, to keep it alive spirit-wise," Strange said.

He said his most proud moment in the military is an incident that happened in 2012 when he was attached to a rescue unit.

"Before the all clear was given I'll never forget watching the medics run out of the area and go help these guys that were on this helicopter that was on fire," Strange said. "The really crazy thing about it was they didn't stop to make sure they were safe or anything, they went out there selflessly."

Strange said he misses the camaraderie the most from his time serving in the military.

"Everyone you work with, you had their best intentions at heart. Everybody wanted to help each other," Strange said. "It's almost family the way people work together."

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TIME TO HONOR Spectators salute the American flag as the national anthem is played before the Veterans Day Parade down Austin Street Nov. 11, 2014.

AWARENESS WEEK

Baylor looks to recognize school psychology

EMMA KING
Staff Writer

This week is school psychology awareness week, bringing attention to a field that a lot of students don't know exists.

Dr. Alexander Beaujean, Baylor's School Psychology Program Director, said school psychology is always one of the top social service professions in the nation. This year, the U.S. News' list of best social service jobs ranked school psychology No. 1.

Beaujean said the purpose of the week is to inform students, faculty and families of the skills and services that school psychologists have and provide.

"The main thing school psychologists do

is they help students in schools, and teachers and administrators in schools," Beaujean said. "Basically, it's that focus on academic, mental health and behavioral issues."

School psychology, in the educational psychology department, is not just clinical psychology in a school setting.

Beaujean said clinical psychologists have a larger focus on the mental health area and often times deal with more severe cases than a school psychologists would.

School psychologists consult with teachers and are a resource for both the school they work in and the school district, said Dr. Julie Ivory-Hatz, a Baylor associate professor of education psychology and the director and founder of the Baylor Autism Resource Clinic.

Hatz said a school psychologist is not a school counselor.

"School psychologists tend not to deal with vocational guidance or schedule setting. They tend to work more with students that are

struggling in the classroom," Beaujean said.

That means that they would be more likely to work with learning disabled or special education children than a counselor would, Beaujean said.

"You have some of those kids that you will never forget and I think that's what inspires our field," Hatz said.

Hatz said school psychologists would ask themselves something like, "What can we do to help them maximize learning?" or, "What can we do to help all students learn?"

Beaujean said most universities do not have an undergraduate school psychology program. At Baylor, it is a graduate program or a minor in the school of psychology. Beaujean said most

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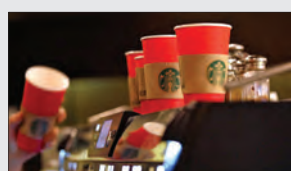
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GREEK LIFE

ATO's Bed Races and Chi-O's Chili Cook-Off pair up, again

REBEKAH WROBLESKE
Reporter

As the semester is coming to a close and Thanksgiving break is just around the corner, the members of Alpha Tau Omega and Chi Omega are hosting one of the largest events on campus for the whole university to partake in. Tonight from 6-11 p.m. on Burselon Quadrangle and Fifth Street the beds will be racing and the chili will be cooking.

The 11th annual Bed Races and the 17th annual Chili Cook Off has previously added up to 2,000 in attendance and the members of ATO and Chi-O are expecting similar numbers for their 2015 conjunction.

"It's something that has been going on for a while. We provide the entertainment while Chi-O provides the food. It's something that is really fun that a lot of people get really involved with," said Montgomery junior,

Brandon Buckalew, a member of the ATO fraternity. "Out of the philanthropy events on campus it's one of the most highly attended."

The members of Chi-O began their first Chili Cook-Off in 1998 as a fundraiser to raise money for their national philanthropy, Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Make-A-Wish foundation is an organization that gives children with life threatening conditions the opportunity to live their own dream, whether that be a trip, event, activity or whatever they would wish.

"Chili Cook-Off is all about Make-A-Wish and every cent that we make goes towards Make-A-Wish. It's also about raising awareness and providing a fun event for the university," said North Richland Hills senior, Madison Young.

Five years later in 2004 the men of ATO

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Lariat file photo

BAM! Students fill up their bowls in order to taste test some of the different chili that is available. This will be the 17th annual Chili Cook-Off.

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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EDITORIAL

Gospel on the Gridiron

Praying high school football coach's suspension violates freedom of religion

Last week, another blatant violation of religious freedom was on display in the national news. Joe Kennedy, assistant high school football coach at Bremerton High School in Washington, was suspended from his job for peacefully praying at midfield after football games.

Kennedy had done the same religious act after every game for seven years. He would not ask anyone to join him, nor would he refuse if anyone did join him. After finding out about Kennedy's post-game act, some students chose to join Kennedy in prayer.

Even the school district admitted it had no knowledge of Kennedy's ritual, despite its seven-year lifespan, until an employee of another district brought it to their attention. Evidently, Kennedy praying at mid-field was not against popular opinion, and, at the very least, was not substantial enough to be an issue for the school.

Although he is an employee of the school district, Kennedy was exercising his faith on behalf of his own conviction and not the school's. His midfield prayers would only happen after the games when the vast majority of players and fans had already left the premises. The only participation in Kennedy's prayers was voluntary. Kennedy's midfield prayers were both peaceful and, for the most part, private.

This suspension is the result of two anti-Christian legal doctrines developed by the our federal courts.

The first one is a perversion of the Establishment Clause, which was originally intended to prevent our country from turning into a European-style national church. Unfortunately, we've now become a country with an ever-growing oppression toward religious expressions.



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The Establishment Clause has been the main tool used in the process of removing things like the Ten Commandments monuments (despite its obvious and undeniable contribution to American law) and war-memorial crosses from the public eye.

The second one is an interpretation of standing laws, which allows citizens to sue public entities (including school districts) on the grounds of being "offended observers."

Again, it is not only Kennedy's constitutional right to pray after the game, but it is certainly the government's job to protect Kennedy's right

and, therefore, not suspend him.

Kennedy was exercising his religious liberty in a peaceful, discreet fashion. If the First Amendment does not protect Kennedy from getting suspended for peacefully praying in his private life, then what is the point of having the First Amendment at all?

Kennedy was not forcing anyone to pray with him, and his religious acts were not even an issue with the people around him in the first place. Simply put, the school violated Kennedy's right to religious liberty and should be ashamed of this unconstitutional suspension.

WE SAY YOU SAY

TUESDAY'S SURVEY QUESTION:

A high school in Illinois is making a transgender girl change behind a curtain in the girls' locker room. Was this the right decision?

80% said YES
20% said NO

YOUR RESPONSE

"They made every effort to accommodate both the student and her peers, and found a good solution."

"As a mom, I have a right for my child to be raised the way I want, not the government or the school or the way the transgender person decides. If I'm a conservative person, I have a right for my child to see, or not see, the genitals of the opposite sex. The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few."

Read the editorial?
Answer the survey.

Check on Facebook and Twitter each day to cast your vote.

COLUMN

Best way to thank a veteran? Think about the way you vote

TREY GREGORY
City Editor

Veterans Day is upon us, which means it's the time of the year that many people rack their brain for ideas about how to show their appreciation to those who served in the armed forces.

As a veteran, I often get asked about the proper way to show appreciation on Veterans Day. Is a simple "thank you for your service" enough? Yes, it absolutely is. Even then, it probably isn't completely necessary.

Overall the United States already does a good job of expressing gratitude to veterans every day of the year. We get great benefits like the GI Bill and free healthcare at the VA. American citizens provide veterans with a lot of services to show their appreciation.

Still, if you feel the need to do more, I would encourage you to think about the way you vote. The willingness many Americans have to support military action overseas is something that has bothered me for years.

One of the most disturbing moments of my life came about a week after I got home from my second deployment to Afghanistan. The newly appointed Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, visited the base where I was stationed and wanted to talk to the Marines and sailors who just returned from Afghanistan.

During his talk, Amos outlined what he envisioned the Marine Corps would be doing

in the near future. He told us he thought the Marines would be conducting combat operations all over Africa, and that would be the next region of conflict in the world.

I thought to myself, "This war isn't even over, and they're already planning the next." It's like some sort of foregone conclusion that American troops must always be involved in some conflict.

The human cost of the war was very fresh in my mind, and I was horrified that our leaders seemed to be looking for more conflict, whether it was necessary or not.

Necessity is what I want to emphasize here. Everyone in the military raised their hand and swore to protect their country, and they will. They will go and sacrifice their lives to protect their nation, if that is required.

What they deserve in return, however, is to not be sent into a needless conflict. The troops deserve for the leaders at home to act responsibly and only send U.S. forces to battle as a last resort and for the public to not only elect leaders who will do that, but also express their dissatisfaction if that fails to happen.

A friend of mine, Gunnery Sgt. Robert Lee Gilbert, was killed in Afghanistan in 2009. We were deployed together to Afghanistan in 2007, and he told me if he died he knew he wasn't dying for his country, but for Afghanistan. At that point in the war, he no longer believed he was fighting to protect the U.S. but instead to help Afghanistan become a stable democracy.

Improving the quality of life for Afghans is

a noble cause, too. I grew very fond of Afghans and their culture, and I wanted to help them — I believe Gilbert did, too. I'm not convinced, however, that U.S. troops should be asked to sacrifice their lives for noble causes that have nothing to do with their nation anymore.

That is what bothers me: Do we really need to be involved in these conflicts? Or are they other nation's problems that don't actually present a threat to our national security? U.S. troops should know they're risking their lives for their own country.

The U.S. has essentially been at war for a century. There will always be conflict and someone we, as a nation, don't agree with. That doesn't mean we have to go fight them.

The U.S. did, at one point, support guys like Osama Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, Muammar Gaddafi, the Taliban and Bashar al-Assad. Let's not forget that the Islamic State started as a response to Assad's rule in Syria.

Amos didn't foresee the creation of the Islamic State, but that is the new evil force in the world that many Americans support going to battle with. I completely understand why, too. They are doing terrible things to people overseas that are hard to stomach.

What I would like people to consider, however, is if they're truly a threat to the United States. I know there are a lot of "death to America" statements being made, but there's

a chance that is all grandstanding just to gain support in the region. After all, our continued intervention in that region's affairs are the reason that is such a popular slogan.

As horrific as the Islamic State is, say we go and have success fighting them, then what? Does anyone honestly believe that will be the last evil group of people in the world? Will all injustice cease to exist after they're gone, or will someone else just pick up the mantle somewhere else? Where does it stop and how many American lives is it worth?

I want people to consider the human cost of war before being so ready to commit to another conflict because I do not believe sending American men and women to die for a fight we could have avoided is a good way to honor the troops.

This isn't an issue about what political party you support, and the U.S. armed forces are not a football team to root for. Just because we can go win a fight doesn't mean we should do it.

Sometimes a nation needs to solve their own problems without foreign intervention. I would like to propose that we make sure our troops go to war knowing that they're fighting for their own nation's security and not just a pipe dream that America can solve all the world's problems.

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Clinton pushes back on veterans' health issues

KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

DERRY, N.H. — Hillary Rodham Clinton outlined steps to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs on Tuesday, casting herself as a protector against proposals to privatize the sprawling health care system for those who have served in the military.

In a pre-Veterans Day event, the Democratic presidential candidate said she would seek to improve veterans' health care, modernize veterans' benefits system and address an unwieldy bureaucracy that was exposed in a scandal involving chronic delays for those seeking medical care or to have their claims processed. "These problems are serious, systemic and unacceptable. They need to be fixed," Clinton said at a Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

Clinton's plan for veterans would seek fundamental changes to veterans' health care

to ensure access to high quality health care in a timely fashion and address the backlog in claims. She said within the first 30 days of taking office she would convene the defense secretary and VA secretary for regular meetings and there would be "zero tolerance" for abuses and delays within the system.

Clinton's campaign has pointed to plans circulated by the conservative Concerned Veterans for America that would restructure the Veterans Health Administration into a government-chartered nonprofit corporation to help it compete with the private sector.

Republicans say she has overstated efforts to privatize veterans' health care.

Responding to her proposals, GOP officials said Clinton was offering hypocrisy, noting that her plan would allow the government to contract with the private sector for certain services



Associated Press

VETERANS' AFFAIRS Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton acknowledges supporters on Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, in Concord, N.H. She is proposing changes that aim to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs as well as veterans' health care and benefits.

such as special inpatient or surgical procedures and access to mental health and substance

abuse treatment when the VA couldn't provide timely access to care.

"For her to accuse me and my Republican colleagues of wanting to 'privatize' the VA

is, of course, inaccurate and offensive," Arizona Sen. John McCain said in a statement. He pointed to a veterans' bill signed into law last year by President Barack Obama that included an expansion of private care options.

Clinton was forced to backtrack last month after she said in an interview with MSNBC that the veterans' health care scandal was not "as widespread" as suggested, and accused Republicans of politicizing the agency.

Republicans, led by McCain, responded that Clinton lacked an appreciation for the crisis facing veterans' health care and urged her to apologize. Phoenix was the epicenter of the wait-time scandal that led to the resignation of former VA Secretary Eric Shinseki and a new law overhauling the agency and authorizing billions in new spending.

Social media claims Starbucks' new cups are 'war on Christmas'



Associated Press

CHRISTMAS CONTROVERSY Starbucks' minimalist new holiday coffee cup has set off complaints that the chain is making war on Christmas.

MAE ANDERSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Starbucks' stark new holiday coffee cup has set off complaints that the chain is making war on Christmas.

The outcry illustrates the fine line companies must walk during the all-important holiday season: They want to stand out from their competitors, but not go so far as to offend or unsettle.

Since 1997, Starbucks has offered holiday drinks in a festive red cup adorned with such things as Christmas ornaments, reindeer and snowflakes. This year's design is minimalist:

vivid red, with nothing but the familiar green Starbucks logo.

Starbucks executives said they wanted to embrace "simplicity and quietness" and show that the coffee shops are a sanctuary during the holidays. The company also reminded customers that it is selling its Christmas Blend of coffee as usual this year.

But some religious conservatives saw the new cup as an affront to tradition and yet another example of what some have called the "war on Christmas": the taking of religion out of the Yuletide season by doing such things as greeting customers with "Happy holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas."

Donald Trump weighed in on Monday by saying, "Maybe we should boycott Starbucks." Kit Yarrow, a professor of psychology and

marketing at Golden Gate University in San Francisco, said some people seized on the cup for the same reason many Americans have been captivated by Trump's "anti-PC" stance.

"A lot of people are really just constantly on the lookout for some vehicle to express anger and dissatisfaction, and this is the vehicle du jour," she said.

In part, the outcry has to do with the unexpectedly plain design, which proved to be too much change for some people, said marketing consultant Laura Ries.

"Over the years, they had some whimsical holiday designs, and that's what people got accustomed to seeing," she said. "They chose a modernistic, blank, stark look to the cup that was such a departure it got people anxious."

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DANGER ZONE Firefighters work at the scene where authorities say a small business jet crashed into an apartment building in Akron, Ohio, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015. Investigators were trying to determine how many people were on the 10-seater jet, but they confirmed two deaths, said Lt. Sierjie Lash, an Akron fire department spokeswoman.

Occupants of plane die after crash

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AKRON, Ohio — Authorities say the crash of a 10-seater small business jet into an apartment building in northeast Ohio has killed those aboard but they don't know

how many people that was.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Lt. Bill Haymaker says the jet clipped a utility wire on the way down Tuesday afternoon and crashed into the building, which was destroyed by a subsequent fire. The plane

then hit an embankment beyond the building, causing a nearby house to also burn.

The plane burst into flames and disintegrated after impact.

Haymaker says no one was at home in the building that was

destroyed and there are no known injuries on the ground.

Witnesses reported hearing explosions when the plane hit.

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Norfolk, Va., sophomore, Boris Moring, an Army veteran said students should come to the Veterans Day events so they can get to know the people who are a part of the veteran community.

"I feel like we have a large amount of knowledge and experience that we can share with the students. I think it would benefit us both in supporting each other," Moring said.

Moring said he wants students to know the sacrifice veterans have gone through and how hard it is for a veteran to be on Baylor's campus as a student.

"You really gotta get used to transitioning back to a civilian from the military standards," Moring said. "We're used to someone telling us what to do, now you have the university where it's like you know you do it or you don't."

He said Veterans Day is important to him because he comes from a long line of military family members who have inspired him to become the person he is today.

"For me, I shadow a lot of my uncles because I like their professionalism, their form of thinking and their wisdom," Moring said. "That inspired me to do it, so I pay a lot of respect to those that have served because that's what got me out of the situation I was in."

Moring said his most proud moment from his time in the military was the first time rescuing kids from a bad situation in captivity.

"For once the love they shared wasn't about the uniforms. You just felt like 'hey this is what we really are here to do to get them out of situations like this,'" Moring said.

Grand Prairie junior and Army veteran Mandy Hinshaw said students and the Baylor community should come to any of the events planned this week so they can get a good understanding of the brotherhood and sisterhood that comes with being in the military.

"It's a good opportunity for students to see both the hardships and blessings that the military can bring," Hinshaw said. "If you're not affiliated with the military in anyway, it's a good idea to go and just educate yourself. There are veterans on campus and interacting with them is not the same as interacting with other students on campus. They have life experiences they can share. They are great people."

Hinshaw said Veterans Day is important to her because she still has a lot family that serves

and it helps her to remember friends she has lost.

"In appreciation for everything that they do and everything that they did do and the sacrifices that their families had to make," Hinshaw said.

She said her most memorable moment in the military is when she had the opportunity to build camaraderie with the teams she was on.

"A couple of years ago I had one of the guys I worked with wish me a happy Veterans Day and say that I was the best medic he has ever had, which is awesome because its kind of hard to be a female in the military," Hinshaw said. "Being able to do my job and save somebody to me there's nothing more rewarding."



Lariat File Photo

HARD SPRINT Students race to the finish line while competing for first place during the ATO bed races. This is the 11th annual Bed race for the fraternity and Baylor's campus.

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joined Chi-O in raising money for Make-A-Wish by adding their own event, of the Bed Races. Since then ATO and Chi-O have worked together to provide their proceeds to the North Texas Make-A-Wish Foundation to help give multiple children their very own wish.

"The make a wish foundation is something that Chi-O always gets excited about," Young said. "Each spring we get to through a party for a make a wish kid and we get to kind of do a send of party for whatever trip or experience. It's just really cool because Chili Cook Off is kind of the big celebration of it all and raising money so that we can grant wishes. It's a joy to be able to do."

This year a new addition to the event is the Wish-Walk. Chi-O is paired with the North Texas Make-A-Wish Foundation who will be bringing in large blow up posters of different children, their stories

and their wish that was granted for them for everyone to walk through and read.

ATO and Chi-O have raised money through T-shirt sales, sponsors, admission fees and donations.

"We cover the entire cost of the event as a chapter and so any outside donations we get go straight to Make-A-Wish" Austin senior, Brian Stanley.

Check-in for both the teams of the Chili Cook-Off and the Bed Races will start at 5:30 p.m. The teams consist of five members with a \$25 admission fee per team. Chili Cook-Off T-shirts are \$17. There will be prizes for the first, second and third place winners.

"We have a mix of professors and advisors and people on our exec that will be judging the Cook-Off," Young said.

Potbelly will be catering chili as well as the teams participating in the Chili Cook-Off. The admissions for the Chili

Cook-Off is \$7 which allows you to try at your own risk the competition chili and Potbelly's chili. Cornbread and Fritos are provided.

The Bed Races are free and open for everyone to come watch their teams of five race against each other. The teams will be pushing one member on a hospital bed to the end of the lane where a blow-up obstacle course will be. Once the obstacle course is finished the member is pushed back to the starting line, whoever gets their first wins and proceeds on to the next bracket.

"It's an event that brings a lot of students together on campus for a fun night of groups participating racing beds down fifth street and if you're not doing that then getting cotton candy and seeing people dressed up in costumes with the goal of raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation," said Stanley.

PSYCHOLOGY

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of the students in the program come from psychology or education backgrounds, but there are some exceptions.

As a part of school psychology awareness week, students from Baylor's graduate program will be visiting some Baylor classrooms and organizations to tell them about the field. Some Baylor professors will be going to other universities to spread information about school psychology, as well.

This week of awareness is part of an effort by the National Association of School Psychologists, an organization that both Beaujean and Hatz are members of.

Before coming to Baylor to teach, Hatz spent time as a practicing school psychologist in four different states and worked with student populations ranging from pre-kindergarten to age 22.

"I'm very passionate about what I do and I feel like it's very important to bring these experiences to the students in the classroom," Hatz said.

She said students in the educational psychology department get hands on experience in their first semester.

Hatz said a passion for children is a must-have in this field and that school psychologists will wear multiple hats at work and must be very flexible.

"As we counter so many challenges in the school its important to have personnel that can help," Hatz said. "That's why I love what we do."

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Top 10 Movies to see this season



STARS ALIGNED From the top: "Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens" (Lucasfilm); "The Good Dinosaur" (Pixar); Leonardo DiCaprio stars in "The Revenant" (Twentieth Century Fox); Jennifer Lawrence stars in "Joy" (Twentieth Century Fox).

Anticipated blockbusters head to theaters before award season

MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

Earlier this month news came down, hard, on the "Star Wars" fanatics who are counting the days until the premiere. From the AMC corporate office: "Guests are welcome to come dressed in costume, but we do not permit masks. In short, bring your lightsaber, turn it off during the movie, and leave the blaster and Darth Vader mask at home."

The good news? A month prior to "The Force Awakens," one of the best films of the year, "Spotlight," opens and there's no ban on attending "Spotlight" disguised as a style-neutral, unglamorous investigative journalist. Here are 10 to watch this season. Dates reflect national release openings, and are subject to change:

1. **"Spotlight," wide release Nov. 13.** The most affirmative newspaper movie since "All the President's Men" stars Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams and Brian d'Arcy James as the four-person Boston Globe investigative journalism unit that exposed the scarily wide-ranging Catholic archdiocese sexual abuse scandal.

2. **"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay _ Part 2," Nov. 20.** The trilogy (expanded to four, because the movies have made a tremendous amount of money) concludes with Jennifer Lawrence proving, once and for all, that Donald Sutherland does not know how to run a country! Directed by Francis Lawrence, who did the previous two.

3. **"Creed," Nov. 25.** Sylvester Stallone's Rocky Balboa eases into the Burgess Meredith gruff-

but-wily mentor position in this story of Rocky training the son (Michael B. Jordan) of Apollo Creed for a title shot. Directed and co-written by Ryan Coogler, who did the excellent "Fruitvale Station."

4. **"The Good Dinosaur," Nov. 25.** Disney/Pixar's latest ruthless assault on our emotions tells the tale of Arlo the Apatosaurus, his kindly preteen human savior and the value of interspecies friendship in a world of predators as well as wonders. The voice cast includes the stalwart Jeffrey Wright and Frances McDormand.

5. **"Chi-Raq," Dec. 4.** It's already notorious and nobody's seen it yet. Spike Lee's brash update on the ancient Athenian anti-war comedy "Lysistrata" takes place in modern-day, bullet-strewn Chicago, where the "gorgeous Nubian sistah" Lysistrata (Teyonah Parris of "Dear White People") organizes a sex strike in response to an epidemic of gun violence. Following a limited theatrical release "Chi-Raq" will stream on Amazon Instant Video.

6. **"Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens," Dec. 17.** Our national space folk tale continues with new characters, new lightsabers and good ol' Harrison Ford and Chewbacca.

7. **"Joy," Dec. 25.** The woman who invented the Miracle Mop doesn't sound like ripe biopic material. But writer-director David O. Russell told the Abscam story his own way, wonderfully, with "American Hustle," and he's reteaming with key collaborators with whom he's scored in the past. Jennifer Lawrence, for starters. Robert De Niro, for seconds. Plus Bradley Cooper, hoping to put the flameout of "Burnt" behind him.

8. **"The Revenant," Dec. 25.** Last year, "Birdman" co-writer and director Alejandro G. Inarritu gave us an egocentric movie star in crisis, and on Broadway. This year he's going back to the wilds of early 19th century America, for a fact-based tale of frontiersman Hugh Glass (Leonardo DiCaprio), left for dead after a bear attack, and his vengeance on the trapper (Tom Hardy) who forged on without him.

9. **"The Hateful Eight," limited release Dec. 25, wide release Jan. 8.** Quentin Tarantino's latest, shot in old-fashioned widescreen 70 millimeter on the substance formerly known as "film," reportedly mashes up elements of Agatha Christie, "Bonanza" and half of everything else once commonly sharing the same video store shelf. It's a post-Civil War tale, set among a shifty cadre of snowbound characters with secrets, starring Samuel L. Jackson, Kurt Russell, Bruce Dern, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Tim Roth and Channing Tatum.

10. **"Anomalisa," limited release Dec. 30, wide release January.** Wonderful, sad, trenchant, delicate. It's also a more interesting animated achievement than "Inside Out," though this is not for kids. The Duke Johnson/Charlie Kaufman collaboration, based on a stage project, tells of a customer service expert and his travails on the road, specifically his time spent in a Cincinnati hotel named after a delusional paranoid condition. If you appreciate Kaufman's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," "Adaptation" or "Being John Malkovich" scripts, you know how useless a conventional narrative description can be with his searching brand of human comedy.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

11 a.m.-2 p.m. — Veterans Day Parade, Downtown Waco

8-10 p.m. — Open Mic Night, Common Grounds

>> Thursday

8 p.m. — Green River Ordinance concert, Common Grounds

>> Friday

12-7 p.m. — The Peddler Show, Waco Convention Center

8 p.m. — Dueling Pianos, Waco Hippodrome

>> Saturday

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Waco Downtown Farmers Market

>> Sunday

6 a.m.-5 p.m. — Treasure City Flea Market, Circle Theater (LaSalle)

8 p.m. — Patio Jams, Waco Hippodrome

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Today's Puzzles

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 - Edit, as a soundtrack
 - "Be right there"
 - Dior style
 - Window-adjusting tool
 - Sheep or goat
 - Two after love?
 - Aria from "Carmen"
 - Some drills
 - Champagne toast
 - English lit pseudonym
 - Father of Phobos
 - Bounty maker, briefly
 - R&B's ___ II Men
 - Murky milieus
 - ___ cracker
 - Facing dauntlessly
 - Like sparkling wine
 - Real estate pioneer with a Long Island town named for him
 - Clan member
 - Ruler of Asgard
 - American Leaguer since 2013
 - Ray
 - 1975 ABC debut, for short
 - Like music to one's ears?
 - Skater Harding
 - Best ever
 - Evil
 - Splatter catcher
 - will.i.am, for one
 - Baggage carousel feeder
 - Eatery serving 47-Downs
 - State with a red, white and blue flag
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- 1964 World's Fair giant tire Ferris wheel creator
- Enchant
- Cause of worry
- Blabbed
- Compound with five carbon atoms
- Crab house accessory
- In good shape
- Fruit served with a cracker?
- Online clip
- Colorful fall tree
- Anne Morrow Lindbergh, but not

- Charles
- Café quaff
- "___ in the Dark": 1988 Neill/Streep film
- Noah's predecessor
- Hybrid apparel
- Rear end
- Complete
- Bos'n's response
- Large rays
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- 55-Across dessert
- ___ cracker
- Assign value to
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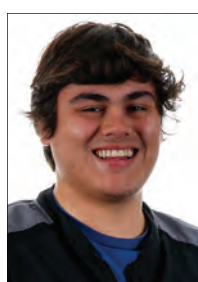
Playoff Committee got rankings wrong

TYLER CAGLE
Sports Writer

An absolutely crazy week of football has ended and the College Football Playoff Committee has spoken.

The committee has assessed the games and came out with its rankings, which will determine the fate of college football.

The committee and I, once again, are in disagreement:



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No. 4 OHIO STATE

While the Buckeyes have been playing excellent football the past couple of weeks, their strength of schedule hurts them in my rankings.

While I believe the Buckeyes have the most talented team in America on paper, they have not played that way week in and week out.

Ohio State could use its final two games against Michigan and Michigan State to bolt back to the top of the standings.

No. 3 ALABAMA

Yes, they lost at home to an Ole Miss squad that lost to Memphis. While the one loss complaint is legit against Alabama, they showed that they are indeed a top team this weekend.

The Crimson Tide completely shut down Leonard Fournette, the Heisman Trophy frontrunner prior to Saturday's game.

Quarterback Jake Coker has improved tremendously and the old school Alabama rush offense is back in form.

With the Tide's excellent play on both sides of the ball combined with their strength of schedule, Alabama takes the third spot for me.

No. 2 BAYLOR

Last week the Bears took a hit in the rankings due to the uncertainty of their quarterback situation. Freshman quarterback Jarrett Stidham quieted any doubters he may have had by performing about as well as a true freshman could possibly perform.

With three huge games remaining, starting against the Sooners this weekend and followed by road contests against Oklahoma State and TCU, the Bears could seal up the No. 1 rank in the nation when it is all said and done.

No. 1 CLEMSON TIGERS

After finally getting over the hump against Florida State this past weekend, the Tigers are in control. The Tigers' offense led by quarterback Deshaun Watson is one of the best in the nation.

The real strength of the Tigers' lies in their defensive play, though. The Clemson defense is fast and aggressive upfront and heady in the secondary.

The Tigers earn the top spot in my rankings due to their consistently excellent play on both offense and defense.

FIRST TWO OUT: NOTRE DAME, OKLAHOMA STATE

CFP Committee Rankings

1. Clemson (9-0)
2. Alabama (8-1)
3. Ohio State (9-0)
4. Notre Dame (8-1)
5. Iowa (9-0)
6. Baylor (8-0)
7. Stanford (8-1)



Sarah Pyo | Lariat Photographer

OFF TO THE RACES Senior receiver Jay Lee prints away from defenders to score a touchdown during a football game between Baylor and West Virginia on Oct. 17 at McLane Stadium. The Bears won 62-38.

No Way Back

Bears face Big 12 gauntlet in last four games

JOSHUA DAVIS
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It's no secret that Baylor owns the longest home-winning streak in the nation. And another well-known fact is that the Bears have the No. 1 offense in college football.

But one uncertainty in Waco is how Baylor will handle one of the toughest remaining schedules in college football.

With a home game against the soaring No. 12 Oklahoma Sooners, followed by two tough road matchups versus No. 5 Oklahoma State and No. 13 TCU, the Bears are being asked to run the Big 12 gauntlet.

"I wouldn't ask for it any other way to be honest," said junior wide receiver Corey Coleman. "It's a great feeling, playing some great programs. This is where champions rise, when there are hard times, because not everything is going to be easy."

Head coach Art Briles has embedded the attitude of taking the season one day at a time, and that appeared evident after players met with members of the media on Monday.

"There's always going to be some [negative] stuff, but we can't worry about that," Coleman said. "We have to worry about our goal, and take one game at a time."

Briles' players are chomping at the bit with the fourth toughest remaining schedule in the nation on their slate.

"We're excited about it," said senior

left tackle Spencer Drango. "We know we're going to get everybody's best shot being back-to-back Big 12 champions

"We're in a really good spot right now to go for a third, which really is historic in the conference, but it's going to be a lot of fun. We expect nothing easy here on out, and we're prepared for that."

Briles advocated the mantra stating,

"We expect nothing easy here on out, and we're prepared for that."

Senior tackle Spencer Drango

"for one to be the best, one must beat the best."

He's confident ahead of Baylor entering a stretch where they will play three top 15 teams in the span of 14 days.

"We've been in a bunch of big games since 2010," Briles said. "And we've

done pretty well in our share of them. You kind of look at past failures and productions and try to pull from the productions more than the others."

A player who hasn't been a part of any of those marquee games is true freshman quarterback Jarrett Stidham. Furthermore, none of Baylor's big victories were won by a freshman quarterback.

Stidham shows no concern over the task ahead of him, though. He said the Bears aren't worried about the tough stretch, but they must treat every game like a must-win, though.

"I think every game you play during the season, you have to go in with that mentality," Stidham said. "You don't want to go into a game knowing you are going to win or going to lose. You've got to go in and fight each week no matter who the team is."

Stidham has the luxury of throwing to one of the best receivers in college football - Corey Coleman.

The All-American WR said the journey starts on Saturday when the Bears take on Oklahoma at 7 p.m. at McLane Stadium.

"When you come into our house, we have a lot of fans who want to see us do great," Coleman said. "When you come in here, we're going to lock the doors and it's going to be a war. We try to keep it like that - keep it ugly, keep it physical, and protect our crown. We take pride in that."

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