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# THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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## Mayor DuPuy to talk on Waco operations

By Amanda Allen  
Reporter

Waco Mayor and Baylor alumna Virginia DuPuy will be speaking at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Kayser Auditorium as part of the Leadership Lecture Series.

"Mayor Dupuy is an insightful public leader and students will have a chance to interact with her as she shares her vision for the city of Waco," said Ramona Curtis, director for leader development and civic engagement.

Curtis said DuPuy will also address how she balances public life and what it's like to lead a diverse group of citizens who find a sense of community in Waco.

She'll also talk about how the city operates, leadership lessons she's learned and how she plans to continue to make Waco a valued partner of the Interstate 35 corridor.

"Some of the best practices in the city are how we bridge gaps and bring the city together," Curtis said.

Dupuy's speech will be followed by a question-and-answer session so students have a chance to speak with her.

"I think the lecture series itself is a wonderful opportunity to engage with leaders and it's



DuPuy

always great to listen to someone you always hear or read about," said Houston senior Nepten Osuan.

Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement, said he wanted students to have an up-close look at an expert in leadership and also said seeing female role models is important.

"Part of what we want to do is to provide our aspiring women leaders the opportunity to connect with women who are serving major leadership roles in our

city," Shushok said.

Each semester the academy for Leader Development hosts the Leadership Seminar Series to introduce students to the variety and complexity of leadership needs in contemporary society.

Each series is devoted to one of the Academy's leadership concentrations.

DuPuy is following Susan Craven, executive director of Texans Care For Children, who spoke on leadership in social issues in September, and Rep. Chet Edwards, who spoke

about leadership in public life in August.

Presenters were chosen who have a variety of expertise and experience in articulating the critical needs in each area of focus, public life, social issues and the church.

They each give a description of leadership in that area and reflect on the role of Christian leadership in meeting that need.

Jimmy Dorrell, pastor of Church Under the Bridge, will be speaking about leadership in the church in November.



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Ft. Worth sophomore John Walter drinks a cup of coffee during international coffee night, Tuesday at BSM.

## Missions Week celebrates world culture

By Kimi Willingham  
Reporter

This week Baptist Student Ministries is celebrating the work of missionaries from numerous countries.

During the annual Missions Week, several activities take place and students are invited to join missionaries for free food, conversations and colorful cultural presentations.

Missionaries are scheduled to speak in more than 100 classes on campus throughout the week and will educate Baylor's student population through Chapel lectures and instructive seminars.

Lynn and Jacqueline Harmon began an endowment to fund Missions Week in 2004 as a tribute to their daughter, Shannna, who served on the committee, and because of their own love of missions, Missions Week coordinator Curt Kruschwitz said.

One aspect of Missions Week is the Getterman Global Village, sponsored by Ted and Sue

Getterman, scheduled today from 12 to 4 p.m. today in at Fountain Mall, and if raining, in Marrs McLean Gymnasium.

"Global Village is a time for us to come together and celebrate cultures," Kruschwitz said.

Campus will be lined with tents hosted by missionaries, local charities and international businesses. Multicultural groups such as the Latin Dance Society and the Indian Subcontinent Student Association will be performing unique dances.

Kruschwitz said by providing such a colorful display through Global Village by means of clothes, food, interaction and people from diverse areas, "it allows the Baylor community to get a glimpse of the world."

For the first time from 12 to 1 p.m. in front of the Bobo Baptist Building, the BSM will host a missions picnic. There will be blankets stretched out on the grass, and missionaries will be

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## Financial legislation proposes cap on student credit

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

This month, Tennessee Rep. John J. Duncan Jr. and New York Rep. Louise M. Slaughter reacquainted the U.S. House of Representatives with legislation that would limit college students' ability to attain credit. They propose putting a cap on the credit limit of full-time students and requiring a credit card companies not to provide a card to unemployed students who already possess a card.

The House undoubtedly remembers these propositions as it has voted against the measures for 10 years.

Certified financial planner Tom Flowers said he thinks this legislation will probably be shot down once again.

"I don't know if that would be legal because you're discriminating against the unemployed. That should be up to the market," he said of the proposed credit card company restriction to not offer multiple cards to jobless students. "It should be

up to the students to limit their exposure (to credit cards)."

He said he thinks college students are adults and as such, it would be hard to regulate their financial behaviors.

Franklin Potts, associate professor of finance, thinks legislation like this is critical but will never become law.

"If (lobbyists) think this legislation is going to cut into their profits, they'll spend a lot of money lobbying Congress to defeat this bill," Potts said. He said credit card companies

lobby Congress, offering financial campaign support provided the politicians vote their way. If not, the lobbyist could threaten not to provide funding from credit card companies in the future, Potts said.

Flowers agreed that lobbying may play a part in the credit propositions relating to college students.

Also relating to the issue of college credit card debt are the efforts of the United States Public Interest Research Group, a consumer-advocacy group, to

have colleges restrict credit card companies' solicitation of students.

Chris Krause, assistant vice president for campus services, said Baylor has strict rules regarding on-campus solicitation.

According to rule seven of the Campus Facilities Use and Campus Solicitation Policy, organizations must apply by letter to Student Life within the student activities department or to the Division of Finance and Administration. These university divi-

sions then send the request to the Facilities Use and Campus Solicitation Committee. The committee, Krause said, probably wouldn't accept a solicitation request from a credit card company.

"I can't recall a time when (credit card companies) were on campus," he said.

He couldn't comment on the solicitation procedures of other universities.

Students can personally take

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### Death penalty under review

More than 1,000 persons have been executed in the United States since the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976. Now several states are considering abolishing it.

#### Death penalty status by state

■ Reinstated before 1976 ■ Reinstated after 1976 □ No death penalty



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## Group hopes to raise death penalty awareness

By Amanda Allen  
Reporter

The death penalty is reserved for criminals who have committed cruel, inhumane crimes-acts that give their victims and their victims' loved ones little room for compassion. But the members of Journey of Hope find room.

"No other group has power and authority to speak about forgiveness than (the members of Journey of Hope). They have no reason to forgive, but they do," Fernando Arroyo, chair of Waco Amnesty International, said.

Baylor National Association of Social Workers and Baylor Students for Social Justice in

association with Waco Amnesty International will join Journey of Hope to speak about death penalty alternatives on campus Thursday morning in Kayser Auditorium.

*Step by Step*, a documentary about Journey of Hope members will be shown from 8:30 to 10 a.m., and Journey of Hope members will speak from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Each session will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Family members of murder victims and the executed and exonerated lead Journey of Hope. They conduct public education speaking tours to address alternatives to the death penalty.

Amnesty International, an organization supporting dif-

ferent human rights issues, is the umbrella organization for Journey of Hope. Their main action for human rights is letter writing, but having an event on campus is something Arroyo, said he has always wanted.

Arroyo said Amnesty International has received a lot of help from Baylor students, especially in helping to promote two main campaigns - Journey of Hope and genocide in Darfur and Sudan.

Last semester Amnesty International held six film sessions in Waco that many Baylor students were involved in. This year, they hope more students will be able to take something away from Journey of Hope since they will be speaking on campus.

"We have the privilege of having the founders come," Arroyo said.

Executive Director Bill Pelke will speak to students and answer questions on behalf of Journey of Hope.

"It's a platform for family members of victims to share their story, and, in some cases, prove death row inmates' innocence," Arroyo said. "It puts a human face on the death penalty."

Journey of Hope is not a Christian organization because it's mission is to gather people of all belief systems who share in it's mission.

"It's their faith that's helped them overcome hatred and

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# In other news, the Velveteen Rabbit liked gophers...

I don't know if you've heard the news yet, but it turns out that everyone's favorite wizard headmaster was ... gay. No really, it's true. Albus Dumbledore apparently loved other wizards, according to a recent revelation by his creator, J.K. Rowling.

Finally, a reason for conservatives to hate the Harry Potter series.

What Rowling didn't say was that everyone else at Hogwarts and Company was hiding in a different kind of magic closet. I probably shouldn't break my nondisclosure agreements with Scholastic, but I think the literary public has a right to know.

Remember Fleur Delacour,

the pretty French witch with whom everyone in Book 4 was smitten? The truth is, she was secretly struggling with a cocaine addiction, and when she went to school, she left behind a 2-year-old daughter.

Then there's Hermione Granger, whose overachieving ambition actually stemmed from an anguished crisis of faith. Having been written into a world with no god and no Sartre, she was merely working to find validation of her little half-muggle soul.

And remember Dobby the house elf? Totally addicted to Valium. Why do you think he kept hitting his head against

## point of view

BY GRACE MAALOUF



everything? To numb the pain ... of numbing the pain.

Professor McGonagall, seemingly stern and rule-abiding, actually once started and ran an underground betting ring at Hogwarts.

She shut it down when professors started calculating odds of whom Voldemort would kill next, but before that, she was

really raking in the galleons.

And let's not even get into what kind of closets all the Weasley children were involved in. Suffice it to say, if they were American they all would have been in favor of lessening the authority of the DEA.

I'm not sure why J. K. Rowling is hiding all of this. These characters' actions aren't the same as sexual orientation, but their backgrounds all shed light on where everyone was coming from. Readers would have loved to know all of this sooner.

Rowling revealed Dumbledore's secret in response to a question during her book tour. But what if no one had ever

asked? These are things ardent fans need to know.

After all, Rowling called her novels a "prolonged argument for tolerance" and urged her fans to "question authority," according to the BBC. In response, her fans defiantly let go of their parents' hands and declared they were going to the sixth Harry Potter movie with their grandparents instead.

A gay rights campaigner told the BBC he was disappointed Rowling didn't "make Dumbledore's sexuality explicit in the Harry Potter book."

But Rowling obviously didn't do this to keep kids intolerant. Realistically, she just couldn't

bring up Dumbledore's history because then the Ministry of Magic would have started conducting investigations into his relationships with all the little boy wizards, and uptight ministry employees like Dolores Umbridge would have set in motion a slanderous job-ending witchhunt. Or wizardhunt.

Then Harry wouldn't have been able to train at Hogwarts, and then the Dark Lord would have prevailed in our imaginations.

And then, the terrorists would have won.

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## Editorial

# Endowment spending showing positive signs

We all know Baylor likes to spend money, but for once the spending may be a good thing.

The Baylor Lariat recently reported on an endowment spending recommendation that went before the U.S. Senate finance committee. The recommendation would require private universities to spend 5 percent of their endowments annually, with a goal of alleviating ever-rising tuition costs.

According to university officials, Baylor currently spends 5 percent of its endowment annually. Scholarship expenditures are even better, amounting to \$88 million for the next year – considerably more than the recommended portion of the endowment would produce. The endowment's designations are divided by donor preference, and the designation for scholarships currently has the highest percentage, at 36 percent.

Many students at Baylor can attest to the financial strain a private university education brings. With Baylor's tuition costs already at some of the highest rates in the state, students and their families are often thrown into debt by the price of education, and it doesn't seem to be getting any better. Just this September, the Baylor Board of Regents approved yet another tuition increase. Baylor officials said the tuition costs will continue to rise "as long as people get raises and costs continue to rise."

We can be proud Baylor has taken the initiative and spent the endowment money in a manner that will truly directly benefit students and their families. Equally impressive is the university's considerable designation for scholarships, which is crucial to many students' ability to attend a university like Baylor. Another important factor is the exceptional investment decisions made by Baylor's investment team,

which have led to good returns for the endowment.

Though the university's spending on other things may raise issues or prompt concern, we do recognize Baylor is actively working to make education more accessible and affordable for all students.

We commend Baylor on its efforts in this area – particularly the fact that the university is actually ahead of the curve for private universities. Private universities around the country may soon be required by law to do something that Baylor has already accomplished and exceeded, and for this we are proud.

However, if Baylor is to stay ahead of the curve, there must be an emphasis on curbing the hefty spending habits it has grown accustomed to – particularly in the pursuit of Baylor 2012.

There have been millions of dollars poured into many elaborate new buildings on campus, with the purpose of molding the university into a tier-one school. Baylor should focus on other ways to reach its goals for a while in order to maintain the success of spending toward scholarships. There must also be a focus on capping spending in other areas as well.

Many times a scholarship can be the determining factor as to which school (if any) a person is able to attend. Baylor is obviously not cheap, but the scholarships students are offered give them the chance to get an excellent education and college experience which might not have been attainable otherwise.

Students are undoubtedly concerned about the issue of tuition and scholarships, and we are happy to report Baylor is coming through for us. Scholarships, particularly at Baylor, where tuition costs continue to skyrocket, are a necessity to ensure students have access to an education here.



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# Students should keep UT and A&M out of campuswide fashions

As students at Baylor University, we often see people walking around campus wearing green shirts labeled, "I know where I'm going."

Apparently we have a lot of students going to Texas A&M, Texas, Harvard and Yale.

I knew there were some smart people at Baylor, but I never thought that 12 people in my intro to political science class were joining the Ivy League.

I must admit, I haven't been to many other college campuses, but I dare to say Baylor has a problem.

You're probably waiting for class to start right now, so put down the pencil and hear me out – I know the only reason you're on this page is for the sudoku

puzzle. It will still be there when your professor begins droning about the Nicene Creed.

Look around really quickly – I'll wait.

How many people are wearing the interlocking BU? How many Aggies do you see? How many Longhorns? How many people are kidding themselves about their intellect with Ivy League sweaters?

You know the type of person I'm talking about – the one that proudly wears his Baylor spirit on his sleeve, yelling at the other team with slightly off-color, witty comments that you laugh at during the game.

But the moment his favorite university's team shows up in Waco, he has thrown away his

## sports take

BY BRIAN BATEMAN



green and gold and is decked out in maroon or burnt orange (which, ironically enough, looks a lot like the former color when it rains. See the Kansas State victory in Austin if you're still wondering).

Since when has it been this way? My mother, uncle and a couple of relatives all went here quite a while ago, and no one wore other school's shirts then.

So why now? Maybe it's because students back then wore suits and dresses to football games, or maybe Baylor just needs a wake-up call.

Fellow students, this has got to stop. At our first home game this year, two-thirds of us were present, which is great for supporting the team on Saturday. But what about that class you have with that offensive lineman? Or that 6-foot-5 transfer that you didn't recognize until he took snaps on Saturday?

Neither knows you as a fan in the crowd, they know you as the guy or girl that sits three seats in front of him in history. To them, you're not just an indifferent fan; you actually made a conscious effort to flaunt your

allegiance in his face. And that's a problem.

Now, I'm sure no one intentionally dresses to insult players, but the result is the same. We may not have the best football team in the state, or even in the Blackland Prairie. But Baylor has 14 other varsity sports that deserve respect.

Now, I'm not saying you need to throw away all your gear for another school. I'm not even saying you need to buy seven outfits from the bookstore so you can support Baylor every day. Just don't wear that stuff on campus.

My father is a stout Longhorn fan, so I have been indoctrinated into Longhorn legacy. I even own a U.T. hat and an "O-who?"

shirt for Texas/OU weekend.

But you won't ever see me wearing it until I graduate in May.

Call me a "t-sip" or a T-shirt fan, but my point remains the same. Athletes are athletes even when they aren't on the field.

If you're going to support them on Saturday, then don't insult them on Wednesday. A good team needs good support, and good support comes every day – not just when it's convenient.

So next time you pull a random T-shirt out of your drawer 12 minutes before class, make sure it's not maroon.

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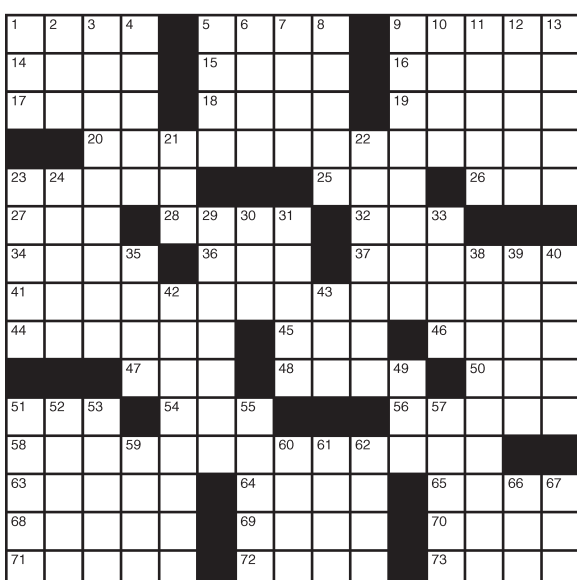
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# Bears lose 10th straight Longhorn matchup

By Justin Baer  
Sports writer

Similar to last year's game against the University of Texas, the Bears came out battling strong Saturday against the No. 19 Longhorns. Down only a touchdown with nine minutes left in the game, it seemed as if the Bears had a chance to defy odds and achieve one of the most shocking upsets in recent Baylor history.

Unfortunately, Baylor (3-5, 0-4) was unable to write a fairytale ending to this year's game, as the Bears let one slip away late in the game once again in a 31-10 defeat at Floyd Casey Stadium.

With quarterback Blake Szymanski inactive for Saturday's game due to a mild concussion he suffered against the University of Kansas last weekend, Michael Machen, a 26-year-old former professional baseball player, took the reins in his first career start for Baylor. Despite throwing three interceptions, Machen impressed head coach Guy Morriss with his ability to march the Bears down the field.

"I think our kids really believed in him," Morriss said. "That may be the biggest plus of the afternoon for Michael Machen. I am more happy about somebody stepping up and leading this football team. His leadership and maturity really showed today."

Machen, a senior transfer from Kent State University, finished the afternoon completing 25 of 44 passes for 231 yards and a touchdown. Machen, who didn't even make the trip to the University of Kansas last week, has given the Bears hope at the quarterback position for the remainder of the season.



David Poe/Lariat staff

Bears wide receiver Thomas White (3) dodges Marcus Griffin (26) and Matthew McCoy (13) Saturday in Baylor's matchup with the University of Texas Longhorns at Floyd Casey Stadium. The Longhorns defeated Baylor 31-10.

"Throughout this whole season my team has supported me completely," Machen said. "I am just glad that the coaches gave me the opportunity to play. And I hope next time I go out there, I play a lot better."

The Bears' loss to Texas is their 10th straight against the Longhorns, and it has now been eight games since Baylor has registered a victory in Big 12 conference play dating back to last season's epic 36-35 homecoming victory against Kansas.

Baylor's 303.2 yards per game and five offensive touchdowns in conference play each rank 11th in the Big 12, with a key reason for Baylor's lack of offensive success being the plague of dropped passes by its receivers and running backs.

Saturday alone, the Bears had seven dropped passes, with two of those coming on crucial third down plays.

"It's a little frustrating," Deer Park sophomore tight end Justin Akers said. "But I am not going to get my head down on that, because I drop balls too. That's

just the way the game goes. They are out there giving 100 percent, and that is all you can really ask for."

With Szymanski healthy again, it seems as if the Bears have a small quarterback dilemma on their hands. After Machen's improved performance from recent games at the quarterback position, Morriss said he is leaning toward Machen to make his second consecutive start this weekend when the Bears travel to the Sunflower State to take on the Kansas State University Wildcats.

# Committee formed to foster political education

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff writer

In order to increase awareness about political issues, Student Senate has created a legislative relations committee within the executive branch. The committee aims to educate students about issues affecting them while remaining completely bipartisan.

"Our overall vision for this committee is to make Baylor a politically active campus," committee chair Nicole Yeakley said. "We feel that if Baylor students become a significant part of the voting population, legislatures will be more apt to help us achieve the changes that students want."

After working on the state-

wide tax-free textbook campaign last year, the Lindale sophomore decided political activism among college students was of the utmost importance.

"We are the future of our nation, and politicians really care about what we want," she said.

The committee will focus on familiarizing students with candidates running for office and making students aware of federal loan and grant bills coming before Congress. Members of the committee hope education about upcoming elections on all levels of government will encourage students to transfer their voter registration and vote.

"Getting out there and voting is one of the most important things we can do," said Plano sophomore Jessica Liu, a com-

mittee member. "It doesn't take long to do it, and your voice does count. Every decision they make on Capitol Hill affects us."

Even if students don't transfer their voter registration to McLennan County, the committee wants to take whatever measures necessary to help students participate in the voting process.

"We will help students in whatever capacity they may need, whether they need to register in general, vote by absentee ballot or transfer voter registration," Yeakley said.

In addition to voter awareness, the committee has special projects that will focus on equipping students with the knowledge necessary to make informed decisions about other issues.

"We have a lot of great ideas

we are working through right now," Yeakley said. "In the next few weeks, there will be flyers out to let students know about the amendments to the Texas Constitution that will be on the Nov. 7 ballot. Additionally, we hope to include state legislation that would decrease the cost of textbooks."

Yeakley said the creation of this new committee will enable students to engage in an active learning process that will assist them in becoming better rounded and informed individuals.

"I think every issue is important for students to know about, but it is up to them to decide what issues mean the most," she said. "This committee is simply here to give people the necessary facts to make that decision."

# Turkey sends additional troops to Iraq border

By Volkan Sarisakal  
The Associated Press

SIRNAK, Turkey — Dozens of Turkish military vehicles streamed toward the Iraqi border with heavy artillery and ammunition Monday after Kurdish guerrillas killed a dozen soldiers and claimed to have captured eight in an intensifying crisis threatening to spill into Iraq.

Arab nations joined the U.S. and Europe in urging Turkey's government not to attack suspected guerrilla bases in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq, while Turkish citizens rallied across the country demanding

action against the rebels.

Iraq's president claimed the guerrillas would announce a cease-fire. But the rebels denied that, saying a cease-fire they declared in June was still in place.

With tensions worsening, the Turkish foreign minister said his government was pursuing a diplomatic solution to halt rebel operations out of havens in Iraq, but warned that it wanted to see results soon if an escalation in military action was to be avoided.

An AP Television News cameraman saw a convoy of 50 Turkish army vehicles, loaded with soldiers and weapons,

including 155-mm howitzers, heading from the southeastern town of Sirnak toward Uludere, closer to the border.

Trucks towing artillery pieces covered with camouflage tarpaulins were trailed by khaki-colored trucks that appeared to be loaded with ammunition. Armored personnel carriers with helmeted Turkish soldiers manning heavy machine guns escorted the trucks.

It was unclear if the vehicles were joining troops fighting with rebels on Turkish soil or were preparing for a possible cross-border offensive, which was authorized by Turkey's parliament last week.

At least five U.S.-made transport helicopters ferrying soldiers and Cobra helicopter gunships also were seen flying toward the frontier.

The Pentagon has said 60,000 Turkish soldiers have deployed along the border. The north is one of the few relatively calm Iraqi regions, and the U.S. fears an incursion by its ally Turkey could worsen the Iraq war.

After weeks of stepped-up clashes between Turkish troops and rebels, tensions ratcheted even higher after a guerrilla ambush Sunday killed 12 soldiers and left eight missing. The army said 34 rebels died in a counterattack.

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# Quarter-million people urged to flee as fires menace Southern California

By Allison Hoffman and Gillian Flaccus  
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Wildfires blown by fierce desert winds Monday reduced scores of Southern California homes to ashes, forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee and laid a hellish, spidery pattern of luminous orange over the drought-stricken region.

At least one person was killed in the fires, and dozens were injured. Nearly 130 homes had burned in one mountain town alone, and thousands of other buildings were threatened by more than a dozen blazes covering at least 310 square miles. "The sky was just red. Everywhere I looked was red, glowing. Law enforcement came barreling in with police cars with loudspeakers telling everyone to get out now," said Ronnie Leigh, 55, who fled her mobile home in northern Los Angeles County as smoke darkened the sky over the nearby ridge line.

Firefighters — who lost valuable time trying to persuade stubborn homeowners to leave — were almost completely overwhelmed as gale-force winds gusting to 70 mph scattered embers on the dry brush. California officials pleaded for help from fire departments in other states.

A pair of wildfires consumed 128 homes in the Lake Arrowhead mountain resort area in the San Bernardino National



Los Angeles County firefighters monitor the progress of the fires in Las Flores Canyon from the back yard of a home on Rambla Pacifico in the Santa Monica Mountains as fire continues to burn in Malibu, Calif., Monday.

Forest east of Los Angeles, authorities said.

At least 14 fires were burning in Southern California, said Patti Roberts, a spokeswoman for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

From San Diego to Malibu, more than 150 miles up the coast, some 265,000 people

were warned to leave their homes. More than 250,000 were told to flee in San Diego County alone, where hundreds of patients were moved by school bus and ambulance from a hospital and nursing homes, some in hospital gowns and wheelchairs. Some carried their medical records in clear

plastic bags.

A 1,049-inmate jail in Orange County was evacuated because of heavy smoke. The prisoners were taken by bus to other lockups.

In San Diego County, where at least four fires burned, more than 194,000 reverse 911 calls — calls from county officials to residents — were made alerting residents to evacuations, county Supervisor Ron Roberts said.

Many of those told to evacuate ended up at Qualcomm Stadium, home to the NFL's Chargers, where thousands of people huddled in eerie silence on the bleachers, staring at muted TV news reports of the wildfires. A lone concession stand served coffee and doughnuts.

Many evacuees gathered in the parking lot with their pets, which were banned from the stadium.

The sprawling Del Mar Fairgrounds on the coast was also turned into an evacuation center, along with high schools and senior centers.

At least one of the fires, in Orange County, was believed to have been set. And a blaze threatening the homes of the rich and famous in Malibu might have been caused by downed power lines, authorities said.

Mel Gibson, Kelsey Grammer and Victoria Principal were among the celebrities forced to abandon their homes over the weekend, their publicists said.

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revenge and it's what has helped them overcome the bitterness creeping into their heart," Arroyo said. "They find healing and the miracle of forgiveness in their hearts and want to pass it around in the lives of victims and their perpetrators." McGregor senior Flor Avellanedo, president of Baylor's social work association helped

to organize the event. "It's a miraculous thing — that God gives people the power to forgive and speak on behalf of them," she said.

Members of Journey of Hope said they believe there's only an allusion of closure when a murderer is executed.

Arroyo said family members end up destroying true reconciliation that could take place after the murder of a family member.

"It's so sad to think how many innocent people we've sent to death row," he said "Even if it's one, it's too many."

Acknowledging that the death penalty is a controversial issue, Avellanedo said, "We all have our opposing views of the death penalty, but it's always good to be aware of other views so we can reflect and think twice about what we think."

Andrea Brashier, Carrolton senior and association member,

said she will attend the event because she wants to support awareness of the justice system.

"I think we have a lot of room to grow in that area so I think this program will open our eyes to thinking about other options, especially as students of a Christian school," she said.

Arroyo hopes the event will start more dialogue about the issue and prompt action.

## CREDIT from page 1

measures to avoid mail offers from credit card companies by visiting [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com). By filling in some information, students will no longer receive pre approved credit card offers. Potts, personal finance professor, attested to the "sneakiness" of credit card companies and America's love affair with plastic in spite of the cards underhanded fine print. He urges card holders to read the fine print near the end of their card agreements because that's where the company puts all the information they don't want consumers to know. Companies have "sneaky ways of tacking these charges

on that they don't call interest," he said. He cited the "universal default clause" as an example. Credit cards including a clause such as this could significantly raise an interest rate if the cardholder pays a bill one day late, Potts said.

"They really are out to get you," he said of the companies.

Instead of Americans, "credit cards are to blame themselves," he said, noting that credit card companies, like mortgage lenders, should consider a person's total debt before offering them a service.

He also provided a word of wisdom concerning bonuses and freebies designed to lure students. "Nothing's ever free. Somebody pays for everything," Potts said.

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present for informal conversation. Each section will offer free cultural food and the picnic is open to the entire campus.

"The BSM front yard will be divided into parts of the world," Rowlett senior Stephanie Cantu said.

Cantu is a codirector of the student steering committee, which has been planing the picnic and other events since the spring.

Jordan Belt, Layfayette, La, junior and Global Village cochair, said Missions Week isn't just an opportunity for missionaries to speak to students, but it's a chance for Baylor students to see the world from an outside perspective.

"In the global community we live in it's important to be able to speak and work in this environment," Belt said.

Matt Mancinelli, director of external relations for the Dalit Freedom Network, is one of the many missionaries who have dedicated their lives to helping others overseas. He works with an organization that serves as a Christian educational aid to the Dalit people of India. The Dalit are known as the "untouchables" in the Hindu caste system.

Mancinelli said the idea that all men were created equal does not exist in India. The Dalit Freedom Network works to aid the poorest of India in the areas

Missions Week Schedule of Events	
<b>Today</b>	
•	Getterman Global Village 12-4 p.m. in Fountain Mall
•	Monolingual Language Demo, 5 p.m. at the Bobo Baptist Student Center
•	International Table, 6-7 p.m. in the Bobo Baptist Student Center
•	Women in Missions, 7 p.m. in Rogers 109
•	Missions and the Middle East, 7 p.m. in 120 Umphrey School of Law
<b>Wednesday</b>	
•	Missions Fair, 10-11:30 a.m. & 1:30-3 p.m. in the Bill Daniel Student Center Bowl
•	Missions Picnic, 12-1 p.m. at the Bobo Baptist Student Center
<b>Thursday</b>	
•	Missions in Latin America, 5 to 6:30 p.m. in 116 Draper Academic Building

of education, economic development, health care and social justice. In a society where the privileged classes drink out of glass or metal cups, one of the many things that set the Dalit people apart from the rest of India are the clay pots they drink out of daily, Mancinelli said.

"Every time they drink out of these clay cups, they are reminded of their status," he said.

Monday night, in the Bobo Baptist Student Center, chai tea and coffee was served in these clay cups as a reminder to students of the inequality in India.

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