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# THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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## Southern California fires rage on

### Disaster hits home for some



By Tessa Shockey  
Reporter

Some 346,000 homes in the San Diego area were evacuated Tuesday, while wild fires continue to ravage Southern California. Fires are not new to the state, and because of the frequency of wildfires in Southern California, some Californians at Baylor are not yet concerned or surprised. However, some Baylor students have already been directly affected due to the wild fires. *The Baylor Lariat* attempted to contact one such student for comment but received a voice mailbox message that said the student had already left for California after a wild fire had destroyed her home. Pasadena, Calif., sophomore Kym MacNeal attributed the fires to the low-humidity climate and wind. “When temperatures go up, it takes less to get to that ignition point,” MacNeal said. “It’s pretty normal for California to be burning,” MacNeal said. Union City, Calif., sophomore Veronica Schlachter said Southern California has been barraged with natural disasters ranging from mud slides to wildfires in the past several years. “It’s extreme, and it’s crazy what they’ve had to go through,” Schlachter said. She has recently contacted friends in the wildfire areas to make sure they were OK. Schlachter said in the past when residents lost their homes, insurance companies started backing out. “The insurance companies just left them,” Schlachter said. “The people didn’t know where to turn.” This led to homelessness, and California’s cost of living doesn’t make it easy to rebuild or look elsewhere to rent. Schlachter said she felt more could be done by firefighters and by the city to prevent and control fires. “I can’t be upset with them, but there needs to be more direction,” Schlachter said. MacNeal said she didn’t think there was much more to be done short of “pumping water into the atmosphere,” adding that the firefighters “are good at what they do.” Pollution and smoke from the fires are car-

A home burns from a wildfire Tuesday along Via Valle Vista in a neighborhood above the lake in San Diego, Calif. Faced with unrelenting winds whipping wildfires into a frenzy across Southern California, firefighters fail to control the unstoppable force that has chased an estimated 1 million people away.

Associated Press

## Firefighters forced to admit defeat

By Gillian Flaccus  
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Faced with unrelenting winds whipping wildfires into a frenzy across Southern California, firefighters conceded defeat on many fronts Tuesday to an unstoppable force that has chased an estimated 1 million people away. Unless the shrieking Santa Ana winds subside, and that’s not expected for at least another day, fire crews say they can do little more than try to wait it out and react — tamping out spot fires and chasing ribbons of airborne embers to keep new fires from flaring. “If it’s this big and blowing with as much wind as it’s got, it’ll go all the way to the ocean before it stops,” said San Diego Fire Capt.



Associated Press

David Jayne, of the Big Bear Lake Fire Dept., fights a wildfire Tuesday as a house burns behind him in Running Springs, Calif. Kirk Humphries. “We can save some stuff but we can’t stop it.” Tentacles of unpredictable, shifting flame have burned across nearly 600 square miles, killing one person, destroying more than 1,600 homes and prompting the biggest evacuation in California history, from north of Los Angeles, through San Diego to the Mexican border. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said the flames were threatening 68,000 more homes. “We have had an unfortunate situation that we’ve had three things come together: very dry areas, very hot weather and then a lot of wind,” Schwarzenegger said. “And so this makes the perfect storm for a fire.” In Rancho Santa Fe, a suburb north of San Diego, houses burned just yards from where fire crews fought to contain flames engulfing other properties. In the mountain community of Lake Arrowhead, cabins and vacation homes went up in flames with no fire crews in sight.

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## Harvard professor to speak on faith, friendship

By Jackie Hyland  
Reporter

The Institute for Faith and Learning’s inaugural symposium “Friendship: Quests for Character, Community, and Truth,” begins 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center and finishes 5 p.m. Saturday. All events are free for Baylor faculty and students except meals. The symposium consists of various panels of distinguished professors and lecturers from all over the nation

including Oxford University and Canada. They will be discussing a variety of topics on faith, friendship, morality and community. Dr. Robert Putman, distinguished Harvard University professor and author will be presenting “Faith and Friendship: Initial Findings from a New National Survey” 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Bennett Auditorium. “Friendships are essential to happiness and they’re essential to the good human life,” said Dr. Darin Davis,

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Abbie Rosen/Lariat Staff

Sprint Nextel and Helio customers can stay connected to their friends using GPS technology available on most cell phones.

## Cell phones using GPS make hiding difficult

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

Communication-obsessed, tech-savvy young people now have another venue for keeping in touch with friends. Sprint Nextel and Helio cell phone service providers offer special subscriptions aiming to keep young adults connected via Global Positioning System technology. Most mobile phones possess this technology but without a program that connects cell phone to cell phone.. With GPS, users can see the exact location of their friends from their cell phone, enabling them to meet up with or surprise a buddy. Safety has been addressed with this service. Loopt is an optional service with Boost Mobile, which markets to young adults, owned by Sprint Nextel. A subscription to Loopt allows users to set their GPS tracker to private when users do not want to be bothered.

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## Pavlo, former MCI executive, to speak on the reality of business ethics

By Kate Gronewald  
Reporter

This month’s Dale P. Jones Business Ethics Forum will focus on conflicts of interest and the ethical dilemmas leaders face. The ethics forum, which begins today and runs through Nov. 7, is designed to engage students, faculty, alumni and business leaders in discussions of today’s ethical business issues. Tonight’s opening keynote address will feature Walt Pavlo, a former MCI Communications executive who served two years in federal prison for embezzling \$6 million. “The ethics forum benefits students by demonstrating the importance of ethics through business professionals who have experience,” said Dr. Marty Stuebs, assistant professor of accounting. Students can learn from others’ ethical mistakes instead of making their own. “There are two ways you can learn ethics,” Stuebs said. “You can learn it in the classroom, or you can disregard that opportunity and learn through experience.” Stuebs teaches Business and Professional Ethics for Accountants, a course in which he tries to emphasize how students can integrate ethics into their decision-making and character. “The ethics forum re-emphasizes that when we’re instructing our students, it’s not just about concepts,” Stuebs said. “It’s about developing their values as well.” The ethics forum began in 1999 and originally revolved around a speaker and panel discussion. Forum Chair Dr. Mitchell J. Neubert, associate professor of management and entrepreneurship and the chairman of Christian Ethics in Business, said the forum is now designed to be more experiential for students. “We want to engage them in more opportunities to wrestle with ethical decisions,” Neubert said. This month, students will have the chance to learn about ethics through hands-on participation in three different competitions. Freshman and Students in Free Enterprise will compete in the Ethics SLAM! Competition on Friday. Participants will respond to business dilemmas in front of their peers, who will electronically vote for the best response. Undergraduate and graduate students will participate in the second annual Baylor Ethical Leadership Case Competition, an internal contest in ethical decision-making. The Baylor MBA Case Competition in Ethical Leadership, one of the highlights of this year’s forum, begins next week. In its first external business

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Editorial

# U.S. owes Arar an explanation

It's amazing how our government lacks a grasp of basic playground etiquette. Hitting doesn't help. You share the sandbox. You apologize for mistakes.



Arar

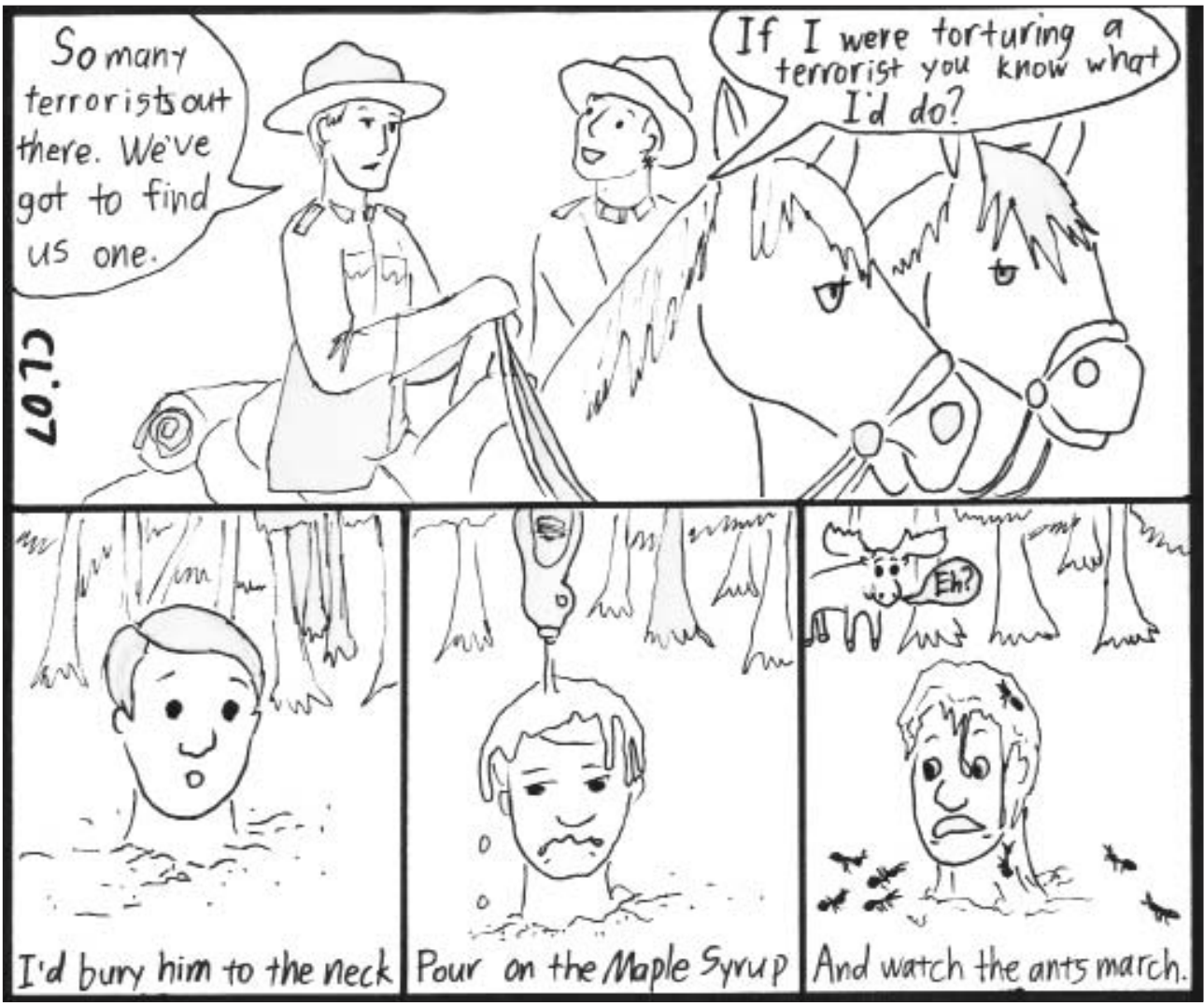
So far they have hoped in vain. The American government not only refuses to apologize for the particular case, but is also giving no comment on the program of extraordinary rendition, of which Arar is just the most visible participant.

Arar, a Canadian engineer of Syrian descent, was in New York City's John F. Kennedy airport on a layover on his way home when U.S. officials seized him and put him on a private plane to Syria, where according to Canadian officials and Arar himself, he was tortured.

Arar was in Syria for 10 months, and now that he is back in Ottawa, the Canadian government is apologizing and paying him \$10 million in compensation.

According to the Associated Press, the Canadian investigation that cleared Arar of ties to terrorism found that "the Royal Canadian Mounted Police wrongly labeled him an Islamic fundamentalist and passed mislead-

When members of Congress apologized Thursday to Canadian citizen Maher Arar, who was seized by U.S. officials and taken to prison in Syria, they voiced their hope that the U.S. government would apologize as well.



ing and inaccurate information to U.S. authorities."

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., said the Arar case is "no excuse to end a program which has protected the lives of hundreds of thousands if not millions of Americans."

Since the government won't speak about this program, we are presumably supposed to take Rohrabacher's word on the matter and trust that the government really is conducting itself in the best interests of its citizens, those of Canada and those of who-knows-what other countries.

But its citizens are not the only ones listening to the stubborn silence.

The actions of our government are

being watched around the world, and every time we assert our unfounded sense of superiority to international laws or any executive accountability, we alienate not only foreign governments, but also their citizens.

They read newspapers, too. They understand what our government is not saying.

What they are saying is that they "do not turn over suspects to other countries without diplomatic assurances that they will not be tortured."

But are we really supposed to believe that the U.S. government now trusts the diplomatic assurances of Syria?

What did they think Arar would be

subjected to in a Syrian jail – *Seinfeld* reruns?

More importantly, where does the power we concede to our government stop?

It basically kidnaps a Canadian citizen on faulty intelligence and feels under no obligation to say anything in defense of its mistake or the program that caused it.

But the U.S. government doesn't just owe Arar an apology.

It owes its citizens an explanation of the practices it undertakes on their behalf. It also owes citizens explanations of what, if any, provisions are in place to limit the scope and power of these undertakings.

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# Somatic stem cells solve debate

In the quest to extend human life and seek the cures for various diseases, scientists have made monumental breakthroughs over the years.

The discipline of science is carefully intertwined with a system of ethics, which in the case of embryonic stem cells, has lead to significant controversy on Capitol Hill.

Within the human body there are cells that are similar to blank slates, designed to replace or repair dying cells.

These cells are known as stem cells, and they can differentiate into various other types of cells as needed within the body.

The source of the controversy and the genesis of the ethical dilemma are the cells obtained from an embryo.

Right now, scientists are able to obtain two types of stem cells: adult (somatic) stem cells that are found within the human body and embryonic cells, which must be taken from an early embryo.

An embryo is a fertilized human egg and the precursor to the human fetus.

Within this embryo are cells that have the ability to become a great variety of other cells.

In the process of obtaining embryonic stem cells, the embryo is destroyed.

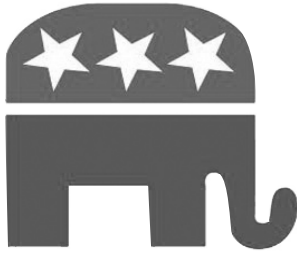
This destroyed embryo did have potential for life, but this potential is contingent on being successfully implanted into a mother.

While many embryos are

## red take



BY PHILLIP CHANEY



The Baylor College Republicans meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in Miller Chapel.

"adopted" and implanted into mothers, excess embryos at fertility clinics are oftentimes destroyed.

Many proponents of embryonic stem cell research feel that if the embryos are going to be destroyed anyway, then the government might as well pay for the extraction of these stem cells.

Controversy stems from whether or not our government should use taxpayers' money to fund research that involves the destruction of an embryo.

While former President Clinton did allow funding in some capacity to already derived embryonic stem cells, he was not willing to fund the destruction or creation of embryos to obtain stem cells.

The position of President Bush is that federal funding of the destruction of embryos "crosses a moral boundary that our decent society needs to respect."

While standing strong against federal funding for embryonic stem cells, President Bush has also championed the pursuance of alternative stem cell research.

Adult stem cells, which have yielded treatments for conditions like heart disease, continue to receive federal funding.

These adult stem cells are also showing much promise in the treatment of a variety of illnesses.

An article from Scientific American.com suggests that adult stem cells could be made to mimic embryonic stem cells, thus eliminating the controversy altogether.

As technology progresses and new discoveries emerge, scientists must be careful, logical and ethical.

Additionally, as a country very much divided on the issue of where life begins, policymakers should not compel those morally opposed to the destruction of embryos to pay for that destruction.

Just as a conscientious objector is not forced to go into combat for this country, a citizen should not be forced to pay for an embryo's destruction.

Philip Chaney is president of the Baylor College Republicans. He is a senior Spanish and history major from Beaumont.

# Sizing up stem cells' potential

Scientists claim embryonic stem cells may help them understand and treat several serious diseases, but their efforts have been severely hampered by the current administration.

The real issue is that President Bush evidently thinks it is OK to use stem cells that were derived from previously destroyed embryos.

Consider then, that in vitro fertilization procedures routinely create excess embryos, which are never implanted, and last year the Senate passed a bill that would have allowed federal funding for scientists to use these embryos before they were inevitably destroyed.

Bush exercised his first veto on this bill, even though his efforts won't save a single embryo from winding up in biological waste bins.

He apparently sees an impassable moral gulf that separates using stem cells from embryos, which were destroyed, and using stem cells from embryos that are going to be destroyed.

Most people think of stem cells as potential "cures" for diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, but there are more fundamental applications.

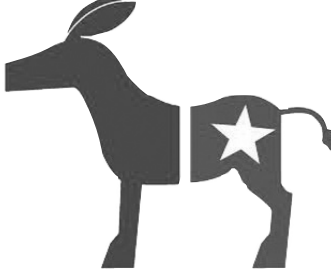
Scientists could conceivably use embryonic stem cells to model the genetic progression of complicated diseases to better understand their pathogenesis.

Once they accomplish that, they can create more effective treatments via other methods.

## blue take



BY CODY COBB



The Baylor Democrats meet at 7 p.m. every other Thursday in 349 Draper.

Imagine how quickly medical knowledge would increase if scientists could observe a disease spreading in brain tissue located in a petri dish instead of a person's head. Since embryonic stem cells can differentiate into any cell type, this scenario isn't too far off.

Opponents of embryonic stem cell research often point to the success of treatments developed with non-controversial adult stem cells.

They argue that embryonic stem cells are not needed when we can use adult stem cells. (Some advocates exaggerate the number of treatments to 65, but in reality there are only nine FDA-approved clinical treatments that use adult stem cells.)

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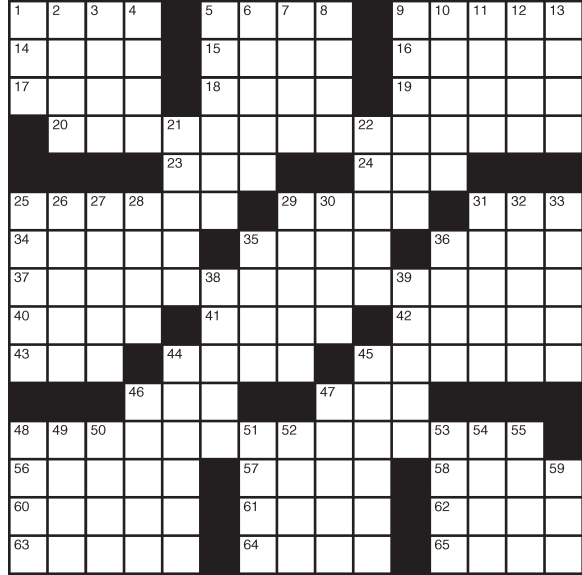
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By Philip J. Anderson  
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### Oriental outfits

Fort Worth graduate student Gina Romero tries on custom Asian clothing Tuesday at the World Fair on Fountain Mall.

# Balloons to honor victims

By Jessica Reynolds  
Reporter

The Waco Suspension Bridge will be filled with 126 balloons today, symbolizing 120 Texas women and six children who were killed from domestic violence in 2006.

“That’s a lot of balloons,” Haslet sophomore Rachel Koontz said.

Koontz volunteered at Waco’s Family Abuse Center last year and learned about the event through the center’s volunteer coordinator, Dinah Husbands. Koontz said she thinks people are going to wonder why there are so many balloons floating around downtown Waco.

“And we will have an answer,” Koontz said. “Someone died.”

The Family Abuse Center is holding a Day of Remembrance at noon today on the Suspensions Bridge. A representative from the mayor’s office will be there to proclaim National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, said Meredith Jones, executive director of the center.

The balloons will be released as each victim’s name is read. During the release, a recording of “Amazing Grace” will be played, sung by the late Allison Felkner. Felkner was killed by her husband but had recorded a few songs before her death, Jones said. Felkner’s father will be at the event to help read names.

A survivor of domestic violence who went through the Family Abuse Center will speak at the event. Also, artwork made

by the children and women currently in the shelter will be displayed. More than 550 children have taken shelter at the abuse center. They have made a collage of their hands representing the children that have been helped and served by the center’s staff and volunteers.

In addition, the women of the center have made a 25-foot banner that Jones hopes will be hung from the bridge. On one side, the women wrote words and emotions they felt while in an abusive relationship; the other side depicts different words and pictures of encouragement to themselves and others in an abusive relationship, Jones said. Baylor students can get involved by showing up.

“(Students) being there will show support for the survivors,” she said.

Jones said the center receives help from various student organizations and individuals. Alpha Chi Omega has planned Halloween and Easter parties and provides dinner for the center semiweekly. Several groups bring food, and there are also “many, many students that help with the children,” Jones said.

Spring sophomore Michael McCarver began volunteering at the center last year through the Leadership Living and Learning Center. He volunteers in the children’s program.

“The kids have had a bad childhood so far, but they’re still at the age where you can affect them and help them grow into good people,” McCarver said.

He said the kids need good role models, showing them how to act differently from the environment they have experienced.

“We heavily rely on Baylor for volunteers,” Jones said. “The impact they make is very deep and important.”

The children’s program is just one opportunity the abuse center offers to volunteers. Waco’s Family Abuse Center is the only domestic violence center in Central Texas. It offers a 24-hour crisis line that is answered by a live voice every day of the week. There’s an emergency shelter with a confidential location, as well as non-residential counseling. The center also offers legal advocacy that helps victims through court processes. All services of the center are free.

“(The center) is a place that offers hope and healing to victims,” Jones said. “People deserve to be in a loving and compassionate relationship with each other.”

The abuse center recently received a grant from the Texas Council on Family Violence and the Allstate Foundation. The money will fund economic empowerment services, benefiting the center’s Transitional Housing Program.

Jones said most of the center’s money comes from grants that can only be used in specific areas. In order to meet other needs, the abuse center is having a fundraiser, Diamonds and Denim. The event will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 3.

## BEAR BRIEFS

**Best-selling children’s** author Eleanor Clark will speak on how to become a writer at 3:30 p.m. today in 341 Draper Academic Building.

**Bears for Life** meeting featuring associate professor Francis J. Beckwith, is at 4 p.m. today in 105 Morrison Hall. For information, contact Luke\_Womble@baylor.edu.

**Leadership Lecture Series:** Leadership in Public Life begins at 6 p.m. today in the Blume Conference Center of Cashion Academic Center. For information, visit [www.baylor.edu/leadership/lecture](http://www.baylor.edu/leadership/lecture).

**Kanakuk Movie Tour** and Information Meeting is at 7 p.m. today in 308 McLane Student Life Center. For information, contact [hireabear@baylor.edu](mailto:hireabear@baylor.edu) or [cale.dowell@gmail.com](mailto:cale.dowell@gmail.com).

**Indian Subcontinent Student** Association is selling Henna tattoos from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Bill Daniel Student Center. Bring your own design or choose from a wide selection. Prices start at \$3. For information, contact Manasa\_Reddy@baylor.edu

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# Missionary talks Colombia, culture and cartels

Victoria Marie S. Bongat  
Reporter

Sam Houston University graduate Rodney A. Coleman is a member of the International Mission Board. Stationed in the Dominican Republic, he is on campus until Thursday for Missions Week and has spoken at a variety of forums about his experience in Latin America.

“In Colombia, only 3 to 5 percent of the population is involved in the drug or guerrilla movements,” Coleman said, speaking to a minority and ethnic group politics class.

That small percent, with its money and weapons, has a huge impact on how most people view Colombia.

“Colombia is a strange mix,” Coleman said. “It is democracy with good ties to the U.S.”

He mentioned the huge gap between the really wealthy and the really poor, as well as the presence of guerrilla groups, drug cartels, paramilitary groups and schools for assassins. While Coleman hasn’t

been to Colombia in eight years, he remembers the country fondly.

“I love Colombia,” Coleman said.

He recalled exchanging American money for Colombian, knowing his large stack of money would be a huge temptation for thieves. Shoving the wad of bills deep into his pocket, someone tapped him on the shoulder to warn him the money was sticking out.

In another story, Coleman recalled losing his passport and other important documents only to have them returned that evening by a woman who found them.

“His affection for the country was obvious,” Sugar Land senior Gabby Remolona said. “His total immersion into the culture was shown by the way he paused before speaking because he needed to translate his thoughts from Spanish to English.”

After looking back on his experiences in Colombia, Coleman talked about current foreign missions.

“Fifty percent of missionaries are now in restricted countries,” Coleman said.

He mentioned a wall at a missionary training center in Richmond, which lists the names of missionaries who’ve been killed while on missions. One of Coleman’s friends was killed in 1989, the same year his family left Colombia after receiving threats.

When Coleman first received training, he said he took notes about the language and the culture. The training team inoculated the group of missionaries against shocks they would face by showing a video of hostages.

He said they entered the training room when the lights were off, guns were fired with yelled instructions for the trainees to get on the ground. It took them 16 seconds to comply.

Coleman remembered the smell of the gun smoke. Lessons from the training included how to avoid being kidnapped and how to be a good hostage. By the end of the

training, they were all on the floor in four seconds.

Coleman said he learned a lot about Columbia’s history over the years, which helped him understand the country’s situation. He estimated the guerrilla movement, which began as a Marxist group supported by Cuba and Nicaragua, is 50 years old and the drug cartels have been in operation for 40 years. He said there are 2 million displaced people within Colombia’s borders. Their plight has not been publicized in the media, but they go into the cities because they have no place to go after guerrillas force them off their land.

Dr. Joseph Brown, associate professor in the political science department, explained why he wanted Coleman to speak.

“I looked at where he was located and what he was interested in, and I thought it would complement what we’re learning,” Brown said. “I wanted (the class) to learn about race, class and culture from an international perspective.”

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associate director of the Institute for Faith and Learning. “There are a lot of different ideas about truth, God and community and that was one of our aims in this symposium — to bring a variety of ideas and topics.”

There are also topics that discuss friendship historically, from a psychology perspective and in the context of film, drama and popular culture.

“Friendship changes our lives and this topic is going to be approached in an interesting, rich, but accessible way,” Davis said.

Dr. Robert Kruschwitz, philosophy professor and director of the Center for Christian Ethics, said he and Davis were both interested in the topic of friendship because it relates to everyone and could be expanded in different directions.

“This is an area of ethics that is really close to the ground for Baylor students,” Kruschwitz said. “Every day a lot of our own moral lives revolve around the dissolving or evaluation of our close friendships.”

In today’s society where face-to-face relationships are dwindling and social networks like Facebook are taking precedence, the question of true friendship is difficult to answer.

Kruschwitz said the idea of friendship has been discussed for centuries and has taken many different forms.

That is one of the main reasons the Institute for Faith and Learning chose this topic.

# Anthropologist to expose beneficial side of Central America child labor issue

By Katherine Farlow  
Reporter

Dr. Thomas Offit, assistant professor of anthropology, will lecture on “Child Labor in Global Perspective: A View from the Streets of Guatemala” at 4 p.m. Thursday in 116 Draper Academic Building.

“From an anthropologist’s view, child labor is a very complex topic,” Offit said.

He said his focus is on urban child labor, specifically child street labor, and how our lives and theirs are closely related.

As a cultural anthropologist, Offit has worked with child street

labor, including in Guatemala City working with Mayan Indians in the textile trade.

“I wanted to study their lives as an anthropologist does, living with them, and figure out life from their perspective,” he said.

Given the structural reality in Guatemala, in many cases child labor is a positive to other situations.

Many children are victims of child labor. These children are also active agents in making their own and family’s lives better by working, he said. Guatemala doesn’t have a social welfare system and the economic opportunity is limited, Offit said.

“Kids take to the streets to make better lives for them and families,” he said.

The majority of the kids are hardworking and trying to advance economically.

Offit said the notion of childhood is that children are dependent and this affects the view of children in other countries.

“When we in the West view child labor, we view them as victims of exploitation instead of having some control over their lives,” Offit said.

Offit said he wants students to get a greater appreciation of child labor and the “greater economic forces that bring children

to work on the streets in the first place.”

He said he wants to give students a global perspective and show how it affects a country that’s our neighbor. He also wants to show the relationship between our community and kids working on the streets in Guatemala.

Offit has done research on child labor and continues to do so. Child street labor is also the basis for his new book coming out within the year.

Offit’s lecture is a part of the Global Issues Lecture Series, hosted by the Center for International Education.

Dr. Garrett Cook, professor of

anthropology, said Offit presents a different perspective. He’s not repeating what people may have heard about child labor.

“What’s interesting about his talk is he actually sees some positive impact of child labor for young people in Guatemala,” Cook said.

Offit views child labor as a chance for children to improve and take control of their lives.

“These are perspectives you don’t see in Third World countries,” Cook said.

Social work graduate student Meredith Casares said she doesn’t agree with child labor, but understands how child labor

makes sense if a country has economic problems.

“I think it’s good to look at the country and why the choice for child labor is present,” Casares said.

It could be a positive thing if employers provided physical needs for children, such as food and a place to stay, Casares said.

She said anything helping others become more knowledgeable about child issues is beneficial.

Since international adoptions are closed for Guatemala, and more children stay in orphanages or on the streets, Casares said she is interested to hear how child labor affects orphans.

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# Waco Civic Theatre to turn into party after performance

By Kelli Boesel  
Reporter

The Waco Civic Theatre will mix the spirit of Halloween with classical music on Saturday, holding a masquerade ball after a performance of *Amadeus*.

"The masquerade ball is our annual fundraiser for the Waco Civic Theater," said Jason Dalrymple, executive assistant for the theatre.

The performance of *Amadeus* will start at 6:30 p.m. and the ball will directly follow the play, around 9:30 p.m.

The play *Amadeus* is about the life and death of Amadeus Mozart.

"It's one man's, Peter Shaffer's, rendition of the feud between competing composers — Salieri and Mozart," said director James Johnson.

Johnson said the show is one of the first looks at anti-establishment of music.

He said Mozart broke away from the norms of the times, which were writing operas about deities. He instead wanted to write operas about the common man.

"Our running joke is, if Mozart was alive today he would be a grunge rocker," Johnson said.

He said this play is not reproduced often, so now is the chance to see it.

"It isn't produced that much because of the cost of producing

it," Johnson said.

The play is a period drama set in 16th century Austria. He said there are 150 costume pieces made for the play.

Johnson has wanted to direct this show for many years, he said.

"I have a list of about 10 productions that I want to direct before the end of my career," he said. "So I can check this one off."

Johnson said another important aspect of the show is that it is age-appropriate, meaning there are 55-year-olds playing 55-year-olds.

"It takes you into a more believable world," he said.

Audiences should expect a few fun surprises and some body humor, he said.

"It's a drama," Johnson said. "It has a lot of dark moments as well as some funny ones."

Michael McBride, one half of the American comedy duo, The Helpers, plays Count Orsini-Rosenburg in the production.

The play is the life of Mozart seen through the eyes of a competing composer, Salieri.

"He is not competing with Mozart," McBride said. "He is competing with God through Mozart."

Feedback from other performances has been positive, he said.

"Even though it's a long show, close to three hours, it keeps (the audience's) attention the whole time," McBride said.

The cast is made up of people from the community, he said.

"None of the actors are getting compensated, they are doing it for the love of theatre and acting," McBride said. "We just thank everybody that comes out and supports us."

After the performance of *Amadeus*, dinner will be served in the civic theater hosting room, and chairs will be cleared from the pit area to create a dance floor.

Sandusky, a cover band, will perform on stage during the ball.

"It turns into a party," Dalrymple said. "Kind of like an old-fashioned ball."

People are encouraged to dress up, but it is not required.

The attendees' ages range anywhere from 21 to 76 years old. Dalrymple said it is fun to see the 76-year-olds get on the dance floor and have fun with the 21-year-olds.

"The masquerade ball tends to go to around midnight or one," he said.

A new feature in the festivities this year will include a tarot card reader and a psychic in the lobby, Dalrymple said.

"We try to create that fun element of Halloween and a masquerade ball," he said.

The ticket price for Saturday's performance is \$25 and includes the show, dinner and dance.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the theater's box office at 776-1591.



Courtesy of NBC  
Zachary Levi stars as computer geek-turned government agent Chuck Bartowski in the new NBC series *Chuck*.

# Second impressions of new series not great

By Aaron Barnhart  
McClatchy Newspapers

This was one of those fall premiere seasons when no new network show leaped off the screen. No *Lost*. No *24*. It happens. And when it happens, I've learned to hedge my bets.

Since mid-July I've been telling you that while some TV pilots impressed me, I wanted to see the second episodes of these new fall shows before passing final judgment. I've now had that opportunity. So have viewers.

Based on what I've seen, my faith in series like *Chuck* and *Women's Murder Club* has so far been rewarded, as those shows enjoyed decent if not spectacular ratings. *Grey's Anatomy* spinoff *Private Practice* also didn't let me down, in the sense that I couldn't stand it (and still can't) but thought it would become a hit anyway.

Robert Seidman, who crunches Nielsen ratings for the Web site TVBythenumbers.com, thinks that only three shows — Fox's *Nashville* and *K-ville* and NBC's *Journeymen* — are in any danger. Seidman and other industry watchers believe even low-rated TV programs are safe for now. But on to the shows. Here are my second impressions:

*Chuck* (8 p.m. Mondays, NBC) — The promising pilot about an underachiever who works in a big retail store has improved every week. A lot of that is due to the seemingly endless personality of Zachary Levi. As the title character carrying the nation's security secrets in his techie brain, he's an appealing mixture of geek and do-gooder, with just a touch of ladies' man. He also enjoys a superior supporting cast. Ratings aren't great but better than they are for *Journeymen*,

the other show in NBC's Monday-night *Heroes* sandwich.

*Private Practice* (9 p.m. Wednesdays, ABC) — Though I still don't understand why Kate Walsh left *Grey's Anatomy*, *Private Practice* is proof once again that brand extension works. With her cast of retreads (Taye Diggs, Amy Brenneman) slogging through some truly mediocre scripts, this soap by the surf has become the top-rated new show this season. Seidman calls its ratings "Heroes-esque," because they rival the numbers for last season's most popular new show.

*Pushing Daisies* (8 p.m. Wednesdays, ABC) — More like "pushing its luck." I had hoped someone would tone down the annoying British announcer who dominated the first episode of this whimsical series about Ned (Lee Pace), the pie maker who can raise the dead. But no, the Brit was back with a vengeance in Week 2 and 3. Even the dead lady on *Desperate Housewives* doesn't yak as much as this guy. You'd think some ABC executive would've piped up and said, "Gee, this is awfully self-indulgent."

Now it may be too late. *Pushing Daisies* lost a vertigo-inducing 3 million viewers in one week, and viewers don't just come back with the touch of a finger.

*Women's Murder Club* (9 p.m. Fridays, ABC) — Despite my being one of only a few TV critics in the country who liked it, viewers sought out the Angie Harmon crime drama ABC hid on its Friday night schedule. Nearly 11 million tuned in for its debut (unfortunately, as I predicted, it took some of those viewers away from *Friday Night Lights* on NBC). The first episode was different from the pilot sent to me in June, but I liked it.

# 'Real Life' deals dose of laughter, tears

By Jessica Reynolds  
Reporter

Between a rock and hard place is Dan, in real life.

In the movie *Dan in Real Life*, Dan Burns (played by Steve Carell) is a middle-aged single parent struggling to raise three daughters.



Courtesy of Disney Enterprises  
Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche and Dane Cook star in the new film, *Dan in Real Life*, which opens Friday.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

He works as a newspaper columnist who specializes in parenting relationships.

But while his columns are successful, Dan has a hard time maintaining a strong relationship with his daughters. And that's not the end of Dan's problems with women.

During his annual family reunion, Dan meets and falls for an attractive woman, Marie, in a bookstore.

However, despite the mutual attraction, Dan learns Marie (played by Juliette Binoche) is actually dating his brother, Mitch. He is then forced to fight his feelings for Marie, as well as the ongoing battle with his children.

I was swept up in the family atmosphere of the Burns family. I felt like a fly on the wall of their house, rather than an audience member in the theater looking in. Immediately, I felt sorry for Dan as I watched his life unravel.

Carell was excellent in this role, taking a break from his typical comedic roles to play a natural, down-to-earth dad.

As he tries to balance his life as a parent and widower, Carell

wins over hearts while attempting to maintain his sanity during the awkward moments he faces with Marie.

Carell's subtle humor is complemented by his brother Mitch, played by Dane Cook.

Cook generates many laughs with toned-down humor for this family film.

Carell, Cook and Binoche make an unbeatable trio and work well together on screen.

Peter Hedges, director and co-writer, created a natural feel in the movie. He really captures the hilarity and awkwardness of Dan's circumstances.

From Dan receiving the "special room" (which turns out to be a cot in the laundry room), to finding himself standing alone in the hallway as everyone dis-

appears into their rooms with their significant others, Hedges finds subtle ways for comedic relief. Not only did this movie keep me laughing constantly, but there were also some tears involved.

After Dan lost his wife four years earlier, it was apparent he couldn't afford to lose anymore.

But no matter how hard he tried, his best intentions were often spoiled.

He battles his oldest daughter with her desire to drive and the next eldest as she finds her first love.

He also struggles with giving his youngest daughter attention and fighting the desires of his heart, for Marie.

The movie emphasizes different elements of love and how

true love can be found in a matter of days.

Dan learns that love can happen at unexpected times, and you can't always prepare yourself for it. He also learns no matter how much knowledge and advice he has, he can't write his own life. Through the challenges, he learns to let love guide him and lead him in parenting.

This movie left me feeling happy and wanting more. The Burns family drew me in. I wished they existed in real life, and I wanted to know them.

I had tears in my eyes, but at the same time my cheeks hurt from laughing and smiling so much. But is this movie really as great as I say it is? In the words of Dan, "Prepare to be surprised."

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“These winds are so strong, we’re not trying to fight this fire,” said firefighter Jim Gelrud, an engineer from Vista, Calif. “We’re just trying to save the buildings.”

More than a dozen wildfires blowing across Southern California since Sunday have killed two people and forced the evacuation of more than 350,000 houses, encompassing nearly 950,000 people based on average household size. More than 40 people have been injured, including 16 firefighters.

President Bush, who planned to visit the region Thursday, declared a federal emergency for seven counties, a move that will speed disaster-relief efforts.

The sweeping devastation was reminiscent of blazes that tore through Southern California four years ago, killing 22 and destroying 3,640 homes. The ferocity of the Santa Ana winds in 2003 forced crews to discard their traditional strategy and focus on keeping up with the fire and putting out spot blazes that threatened homes. Fire crews were especially concerned about dense eucalyptus groves in Del Mar and Rancho Santa Fe, fearing the highly flammable trees could turn neighborhoods prized for their secluded serenity into potential tinderboxes.

The usual tactic is to surround a fire on two sides and try to choke it off. But with fires whipped by gusts that have sur-



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Nick Atkins, left, and Nick Allen, of the U.S. Dept. of Forestry, hose down a burning cottage Tuesday in Fredalba, Calif., in the San Bernardino Mountains.

passed 100 mph, that strategy doesn’t work because embers can be swept miles ahead of the fire’s front line. In those cases, crews must keep 10 to 30 feet back from the flames or risk their own lives, Los Angeles County firefighter Daryl Parish

said.

Any flame longer than 8 feet is considered unstoppable, and even water and fire retardant will evaporate before they reach the ground, said Gordon Schmidt, a retired U.S. Forest Service deputy director of fire

management.

“In these situations, the strategy generally is to fall back,” he said. “You pick and choose your priorities in terms of what you can protect. Instead of trying to stop the fire, you try to prevent it from burning resources.”

## FIRES from page 1

ried all over California. Jenne Blackburn, San Juan Capistrano, Calif., junior, said she hasn’t yet heard if the wildfires have directly affected her parents, who live in Southern California. California does have controls to minimize the likelihood of fires, Macneal said. There is a brush clearance around homes to prevent fires, and ordinanc-

es that mandates how much to trim trees. Students who were directly affected by the fires can call their office, or Counseling Services in the McLane Student Life Center. Amanda Horton, office manager at University Ministries, said the department’s policy is to deal with students on a person-to-person basis. “We open the door for communication between professors and students,” Horton said.

## ETHICS from page 1

competition, Baylor will play host to teams from around the country to be judged on their responses to a presented ethical scenario.

This year’s participants include teams from the University of Arizona, Babson College, Clemson University, University of Florida, University of Notre Dame, Pepperdine University and the University of Washington, as well as a team from Baylor.

The ethics forum will also include a movie night on Nov. 1. Students can watch *Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price* and discuss the ethical issues related to the interplay of big and small business. Sharon L. Allen, chairman of the Board of Directors of Deloitte & Touche USA, LLP, will speak at the Ben H. Williams Distinguished Speaker Series Luncheon on Nov. 2.

This fall, *Forbes* magazine named Allen one of the 100 Most Powerful Women, and *BusinessWeek* recently ranked Deloitte & Touche the third best place to launch a career.

The Corporate Governance Roundtable on Nov. 2 will focus on integrity in financial reporting and how it has improved in the five years since the Enron scandal.

The roundtable discussion panel includes Allen, as well as Charles Bowsher, a former comptroller general of the United States, and Stuart L. Gillen, associate professor of finance in Rawls College of Business Administration at Texas Tech University.

Charles Niemeier, a member of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, will serve as moderator.

“We feel that of all places, Baylor should be recognized as a leader in providing an ethics focus among students, alumni and faculty,” Thomas said.

## CELL from page 1

Also, Loopt subscribers must mutually acknowledge a friend to be able to track each other on their phones. Only other Loopt participants may be tracked. The convenience costs \$2.99 per month.

Helio includes Waco in their service area, but the nearest store is in Temple. Helio’s service, Buddy Beacon, varies in price depending on service package.

Jerry Park, assistant professor of sociology, said he thinks this

technological advance will catch on quickly with students.

“For the most part, the younger adult generation will see all the benefits of it,” Park said. “What I see is younger folks seem more cooperative and they would see more of the benefits of tracking people down.”

Park said each generation has its own technological advances it comes to rely on, making other methods extinct.

He wonders if someday, with GPS directions on phones and now GPS friend location, adults will not be able to use old-fash-

ioned maps, similar to many adults not being able to use a compass.

Park examined other deterrents from services such as these. In cases of former friends or stalkers, “this would not be a helpful piece of technology,” he said.

Many Baylor students could see the advantages and disadvantages of this revealing technology.

Houston junior Faiza Haseeb, a Sprint customer, thinks this communication tool seems “stalkerish” but could have its

benefits.

“I’d say it’s like Facebook, it’s that choice to get on there. I mean, if you don’t want people to be able to track you, then just don’t have it,” said Houston freshman Will Touchstone. He said he might subscribe if the service catches on.

“I’m usually the kind of person that waits and see,” he said.

Touchstone said in the future as a parent, he might like to track his kids. “My daughter will definitely have (a traceable phone),” he joked.

Parents can use GPS track-

ing on cell phones too, as with Verizon’s Chaperone plan. For \$19.99 a month, parents can list specific locations were their child is allowed to go. If the child goes beyond the approved parameters-cell phone in tote, the parent’s phone will be notified and given the child’s location. Parents may also go online to check their child’s location at any time. Park mentioned the frustration some teens may feel with being tracked as “they’re trying to develop identities, but on the flip side, one thing they miss the most is connecting to

their parents,” Park said.

Park also said he thinks that parents that need this service the most, such as inner-city or economically-challenged parents, probably would not be able to afford to track their children.

A representative from a local Verizon store said the tracking resource for parents hasn’t been hugely popular.

Matthew Cordon, professor and director of legal research, said he was unsure of possible legal ramifications of fairly new technologies such as GPS tracking.



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