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4 schools join pre-pay tuition plan

Four Texas Baptist colleges have joined a new prepaid college tuition plan called the Independent 529 Plan.

Baylor University, Dallas Baptist University, Hardin-Simmons University and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor are among 200 private schools participating in the pre-paid tax shelter.

"We see this new plan as part of our ongoing effort to make UMHB accessible to more families," said Steve Theodore, vice president for enrollment management at UMHB.

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'Big-time losers' shed light on what works

By Terri Lackey

LifeWay Christian Resources

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—People who want to lose weight should seek out others who have been successful at it, said John Latham, an exercise physiologist who runs a wellness program for federal agents at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

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As food portions get bigger, so do those who eat

By Terri Lackey

LifeWay Christian Resources

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Twenty years ago, a bagel measured three inches in diameter and had 130 calories. Today, its size has doubled and its calorie count nearly tripled. A cheeseburger rang in at 333 calories 20 years ago; today, it registers at 590.

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He Said/ She Said: Front seat

She Said:

My space has been invaded, and I want it back.

Luke and Garrett recently reached the magical weight and height that allows them to sit in the front seat of the car. I gave them a lecture off the bat telling them not to argue over whose turn it is to sit in front or neither of them would get to be up there in the seat of privilege. I remember fighting with my brother over the front seat many times, and I wanted to head that problem off from the start.

ALISON WINGFIELD

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Houston Baptist University forges new link to SBTC, keeps ties to BGCT

By Mark Wingfield

Managing Editor

HOUSTON-Trustees of Houston Baptist University have affirmed a fraternal relationship with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention while reaffirming their desire to maintain its relationship with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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New Orleans seminary trustees to decide whether to turn over autonomy to Southern Baptist Convention

By Mark Wingfield

Managing Editor

Trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will decide this fall

whether to continue as the lone holdout among Southern Baptist Convention entities by refusing to make the SBC the "sole member" of their corporation.

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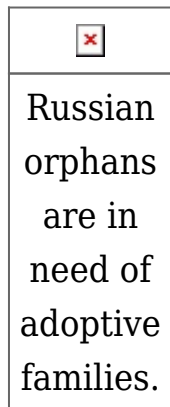
Texas Tidbits

 **Hispanic School sets record.** Fall enrollment at Hispanic Baptist Theological School is the highest in its 56-year history—206 students from 15 countries speaking five languages.

  **HBTS offers Spanish training.** Hispanic Baptist Theological School's Center for Cultural Language Studies will offer beginner and

intermediate conversational Spanish at the school's San Antonio campus Oct. 13-17. Students also will learn about the Hispanic culture and ministry and will write their Christian testimony in Spanish and practice sharing it with others. Tuition is \$100, but members of BGCT-affiliated congregations receive full scholarships provided by the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas missions. For more information, contact Val Martinez at (800) 721-1396 or valmartinez@hbts.edu.

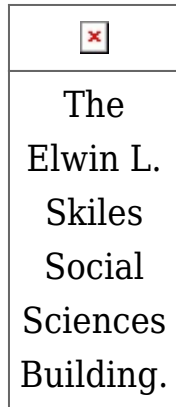
 **Russian children available for adoption.** Several children living in Russian orphanages are available for adoption by Christian families and singles through Buckner International Adoption Services. Among them is this boy, age 4 to 6, who recently was identified as adoptable by Russian authorities.



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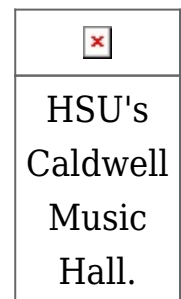
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Hardin-Simmons University dedicates science building, rededicates music hall

ABILENE—Hardin-Simmons University dedicated its state-of-the-art Elwin L. Skiles Social Sciences Building and rededicated its historic Caldwell Music Hall after classes resumed this fall.

The festivities helped kick off a semester in which Hardin-Simmons celebrated achieving Tier One status in the U.S. News & World Report's 2004 ratings of comprehensive universities in the Western United States.



James
Flamming,
pastor of
the First
Baptist
Church of
Richmond,
Va., speaks
during the
ceremonies.

The Abilene school, one of eight universities affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, also recorded its second-highest enrollment, with 2,333 students on campus this fall.

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Hispanic Baptist Theological School gains accreditation

SAN ANTONIO—Hispanic Baptist Theological School has received initial accreditation from the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.

Accreditation is the second significant academic accomplishment this year for the San Antonio-based school, which is affiliated with the Baptist

General Convention of Texas.

In January, the Texas Board of Higher Education certified HBTS to offer a bachelor of arts degree in biblical/theological studies. At the end of the spring semester, the school granted seven bachelor's degrees, the first in its 56-year history.

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Denison says Baptist University of the Americas name gives insight into institution's future

SAN ANTONIO—The new name proposed for Hispanic Baptist Theological School provides insight into its future, Dallas pastor Jim Denison stressed during the school's fall convocation.

Hispanic Baptist Theological School is to be re-named Baptist University of the Americas, pending approval by the Baptist General Convention of Texas at its annual session in November.

"Fulfilling each part of this new title is the key to fulfilling your future and destiny in the kingdom of God," said Denison, pastor of Park Cities Baptist

Church.

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