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Nancy  
Malley and  
Niko, a  
poodle,  
greet Irene  
Tesch at  
the  
Regency  
Village  
Nursing  
Home in  
Webster,  
where pets  
are used as  
a  
therapeutic  
ministry.

## JOY ON FOUR LEGS: Pet ministry in Houston

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

HOUSTON-Joy comes in all shapes and sizes, and sometimes with four legs.

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# **SBC ethicist joins criticism of 'Rickshaw Rally\_120803**

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## **SBC ethicist joins criticism of 'Rickshaw Rally'**

**By Bob Allen**

*EthicsDaily.com*

Churches in the Southern Baptist Convention should consider avoiding the Asian-themed "Rickshaw Rally" Vacation Bible School material produced this year by the SBC's publishing house, says a consultant for the SBC's moral concerns agency.

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## **Akin nominated to succeed Patterson as Southeastern Seminary president\_122203**

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# **Akin nominated to succeed Patterson as Southeastern Seminary president**

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (ABP)-Daniel Akin, academic dean at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., will be recommended as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., next month.

A special meeting of Southeastern's trustees has been set for Jan. 15, when the recommendation will be presented, said Timothy Lewis, trustee chairman and chairman of the search committee. If elected, Akin will succeed Paige Patterson, who left to become president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. All three seminaries are owned by the Southern Baptist Convention.

“Dr. Akin is a man with great vision, keen insight and spiritual understanding,” Lewis said in a news release. “His enthusiasm is contagious and genuine. We do not feel any other man in Southern Baptist life could better follow Dr. Patterson than Dr. Daniel Akin.”

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## **Counselors urge frank talk on what is sex\_122203**

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# Counselors urge frank talk on what is sex

**Editor's note:** *This story contains frank dialogue about sexual matters and may not be appropriate for all readers.*

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

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# As teen abstinence message spreads, effectiveness lessens\_122203

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**By John Hall**

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Signatures on many sexual abstinence commitment cards may not be worth the paper they are written on, according to a recent university study.

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Baldrige	Busha	Chapman	Sicking	Stanfield	Taylor

## Six teens named to Texas Acteen Advisory Panel

**By Ken Camp**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

Six 11th and 12th grade Baptist girls have been selected to serve on the Texas Acteens Advisory Panel for this year.

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## Around the State\_122203

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Young Han	Miwha Han	Helmer Jensen	Shannon Jensen	Mike Shattuck	Vicki Shattuck

## Around the State

### Appointments

Three Texas couples were among missionaries appointed by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention last month in Lexington, Ky.:

- ◆ **Young** and **Miwha Han** will serve in the Caribbean Basin, where he will be a church starter. He is a former associate pastor of Korean First Church in Dallas.

## Bittick marks 25 years with Denton Association\_122203

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## Bittick marks 25 years with Denton Association

DENTON-In the modern mobile society, long-term employees are rare.

Long-term volunteers may be rarer still, but Janie Bittick has served Denton Baptist Association as its associational clerk 25 years.

"I really love it," she said. "Staying after it for 25 years, I've gotten to meet and know a lot of saints—a few sinners, but mostly saints—and they have inspired me greatly on my journey."

The experience also has given her a bit of historical perspective, as far as the work of the association goes.

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## Baptist Briefs\_122203

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### Baptist Briefs

☒ **Johnson leaving WMU.** Trudy Johnson, national director of Christian Women's Job Corps through Woman's Missionary Union, has resigned to take a new position at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, Ala. Debra Berry, adult ministry consultant with WMU, will give interim leadership to the program while a new director is sought.

☒ **Southwestern awards degrees.** Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary awarded 274 degrees Dec. 12 in winter commencement ceremonies at Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

☒ **CBF offers kids' camps.** The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will

partner with Passport to offer camps for children completing third through sixth grade under a new program called PASSPORTkids. The camps will be directed by veteran children's minister Mark McClintock, who recently left the staff of Seventh & James Baptist Church in Waco. For 2004, camps will be held in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Missouri. The four-day camps run from mid-June through the end of July. For more information, visit [www.passport-kids.org](http://www.passport-kids.org).

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## **Richardson church touches world with internship\_122203**

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## **Richardson church touches world with internships**

**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

RICHARDSON—Someday, a parents' night out ministry in Texas may touch families in Britain. And a class for Spanish-speaking immigrants in Richardson may lead Pakistanis to Christ in Birmingham, England.

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# Canton children make a market for missions lesson\_122203

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## Canton children make a market for missions lesson

**By Orville Scott**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

CANTON-Fifth-grader Preston Hutcherson of First Baptist Church in Canton read about an idea for a prayerwalk in conjunction with the Lottie Moon Offering for international missions.



Members of  
the fourth-  
grade  
Sunday  
School class  
shown with  
teacher Jan  
Longenecker  
are Brittany  
Arnold,  
Caroline  
Giles, Kelsey  
Koym and  
Dylan  
Cleere.