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CYBERCOLUMN:
Leave the lights on

By Brett Younger

Every once in a great while, I see a jogger and react in a way that is incomprehensible to thinking people: I say to myself, “I should start jogging.”

(I recognize that many intelligent people feel the more understandable response to runners is to turn the steering wheel ever so slightly so that they run back up on the curb where they belong.)

SBC withdrawal from BWA top news story of 2004_11005

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (ABP)—The Southern Baptist Convention's withdrawal from the Baptist World Alliance was the top Baptist news story of 2004, according to a survey of journalists.

Cybercolumn by Berry D. Simpson: Cold and safe_11005

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CYBERCOLUMN: Cold and safe

By Berry D. Simpson

One recent Saturday morning, I ran in the cold rain, and it was wonderful.

It wasn't all that cold, actually, in terms of general North American winter weather—maybe in the low 40s. And it wasn't raining all that hard—simply a steady but gentle rain and certainly no downpour.

Samford honors Wanda Lee, former WMU executive director_11005

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Samford honors Wanda Lee, WMU executive director

Wanda Lee, executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, has been named an alumnus of the year by Samford University.

A 1969 Samford nursing graduate, Lee served as president of WMU from 1996 to 2000 when she was named to her current post. She is the first woman in WMU history to hold both positions.

Lee has been active at all levels of WMU—church, association, state and national. Early in her career, she worked as a registered nurse in hospitals in Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama and the Windward Islands, where she and her husband, Larry, were missionaries from 1979-81. WMU, an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, employs about 115 staff members at its Birmingham headquarters and has more than a million members of all ages in Baptist churches worldwide.

Suit filed to block ‘intelligent design’ theory from schools_11005

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Suit filed to block 'intelligent design' theory from schools

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Two civil-liberties watchdog groups have filed the first known lawsuit to prevent public schools from teaching the theory of "intelligent design."

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Investigation pending into Southeastern Seminary finances

By Steve DeVane

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (ABP)—The Wake County District Attorney has asked the State Bureau of Investigation in North Carolina to look into finances at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

UMHB students collect toys_11005

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University of Mary Hardin-Baylor students Jason Moore, Dustin Swaim and Jesse Holmes participate in a toy drive.

UMHB students collect toys

Braving the cold and the wind, members of the Sader Sports Medicine Association held their final push for toys by providing a drive-thru drop-off at the Andersen Field House at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

All the toys being collected by the group will go to the U.S. Marine Corps, which holds an annual toy drive county-wide in Bell County.

According to the group's sponsor, Trevor Swift, this is a relatively new organization on campus, just formed in 2000, but they have exceeded other organizations in delivering toys for the annual drive.

"We were the most per location last year, and we have already collected more this year than last year, in fact, we filled our third drop box today," said Swift.

The 20 students involved in the organization this year are primarily exercise and sports science majors. Many of them want to go into sports medicine. This was the first year for junior Jesse Holmes to be involved in the drive.

"It's good to see people come out and bring toys. I've been surprised to see so many toys, and it's always nice to help someone out," said Holmes.

Profile: India’s billion people have a booming economy, enormous needs_122004

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As many as 30 million pilgrims flooded the Hindu holy city of Ujjain to seek spiritual cleansing in the sacred Shipra River. India alone is home to 14 "super-mega" people groups with more than 10 million members each who are currently "unengaged" by a church-planting movement strategy. (Matt Jones Photo)

'As India goes, so goes the Great Commission'

By Erich Bridges

International Mission Board

MUMBAI, India (BP)–What country is home to thousands of millionaires and nine of the world's richest billionaires, makes more movies than Hollywood, boasts the world's largest democracy and is home to 24 million Christians, including 19 million evangelicals?

Around the State_122004

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Pastor Corey Webb looks on as Everyday Christian Fellowship in Schertz prepares to break ground on a 17,0000-square-foot multipurpose facility. At the end of the ceremony, bags were passed out so that everyone could scoop up a bit of the dirt to take home as a prayer reminder. Since the church's start in 2001, more than 400 people have prayed to receive Christ through its ministry, and 120 have been baptized. The day of the groundbreaking, the church baptized 10 people, including a family of three.

Around the State

- **Ronnie Kidd** has been re-elected president of the the Hardin-Simmons University Alumni Association. **Linda Perkins** will serve as president-elect. Other leaders include **Andrea Howey**, **Larry Moss**, **Karen Johnson**, **Erin Maddox**, **Karen Gurganus**, **Debbie Young**, **Deborah Ashmore**, **Ann Scargall**, **Pat Kelley**, **Billy Bob Neff**, **Janis Altom**, **Vance Cooksey**, **Dean Taggart**, **Donald Tittle**, **Dorothy Kiser**, **Debbie Harruff**, **Bea Shakleford** and **Fred Ewing**.

- Twelve East Texas Baptist University students participated in a model United Nations conference in Chicago. Representing the Marshall school were **Amanda Bishop**, **Ben Bryan**, **Clarissa Knabenshue**, **Ginna Hobbs**, **Hollie Klumpp**, **Jay Carriker**, **Jon Roach**, **Keith Guthrie**, **Mark Jackson**, **Paul Potter**, **Ryan Abt** and **Ryan Fason**.

South Texas Children's Home and the Baptist General Convention of Texas hosted a day of inspiration and dove shoot for South Texas pastors and staff at the STCH Boothe Campus north of Beeville. More than 50 guests participated in a Bible study and fellowship led by Ed Rogers of Georgetown and Homer Hanna of Beeville followed by a dove hunt and barbeque meal. Enjoying a laugh about the doves that got away are (back row, left to right) Greg Taylor, pastor of First Church in Beeville; David Nabors, CFO and treasurer of the BGCT; Bill Fowler, pastor of First Church in Pleasanton; Mike Flanagan, pastor of First Church in Pharr; Jim Furgerson, BGCT South Texas regional office associate; Michael Murphy, pastor of First Church in Smithville; and Jad Hubbard, deacon at First Church in Smithville. Front row from left, Ross Chandler, pastor of First Church in Hondo; Jerry Haag, president and CEO of STCH; Charles Wade, executive director of the BGCT; Lee Bevly, pastor of First Church in Skidmore; and Ruben Perez, deacon at First Church in Pharr.

- Eleven University of Mary Hardin-Baylor students were accepted into the 25th annual Central Texas Art Competition. Top awards were earned by senior art majors **Katherine Salter**, **Paula Smith** and **Brian McClure**. Other UMHB students accepted into the competition were **Tabitha Lovelace**, **Dean Youngblood**, **Nancy Holder**, **Katy Seals**, **Lea Wulbrecht**, **Hope Greeley**, **Melinda Hawkins** and **Karen Burgess**. One hundred sixty artworks were chosen from 400 entries.

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Christians should invest in eternal treasure

Matthew 6:19-34

By Todd Still

Truett Seminary, Waco

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Jesus offers nuggets of wisdom to his disciples

Matthew 7:1-27

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Voting faculty nix Baylor president; supporters find fault with referendum_122004

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Voting faculty nix Baylor president; supporters find fault with referendum

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

WACO–A majority of Baylor University faculty who voted in a nonbinding referendum on the leadership of President Robert Sloan believe he should be dismissed.