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Esther 2:7, 17; 3:5-6; 4:13-17; 7:1-3; 8:11-13, 16

By Rodney McGlothlin

First Baptist Church, College Station

LifeWay Family Bible Series for April 4: Christ's suffering was born out of his great love_32204

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Matthew 27:27-31, 35-37, 50-51; 1 John 4:7-10

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By Amanda Mantone

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Gay marriage is not a decisive issue for American

voters in the 2004 presidential election, despite national debate over gay rights, according to recent polls.

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Thousands of
citizens light
candles in a vigil
to condemn the
Madrid
bombings.
Simultaneous
bomb blasts
ripped through
four packed
commuter trains
in Spain's largest
city, killing 201
people and
injuring 1,247 in
Europe's
bloodiest attack
in more than 15
years.
(REUTERS/Albert
Gea Photo)

Missionary narrowly misses Madrid bombing

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

MADRID, Spain—Had it happened another weekday, David Dixon might no longer be dean of a Spanish seminary or pastor of an international church.

And his three sons could have been left without a father.

Most preachers' kids reject church, informal survey reveals_32204

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DALLAS--The image of the pastor's kid turning wild may not be that far off base.

Ethnic minorities to chair all seven appointed 2004 BGCT committee_32204

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Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-The Baptist General Convention of Texas officers named ethnic minorities to chair all seven of the convention's appointed committees for the first time in the organization's history.

Judge rules Missouri Convention lacks standing for

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ABP)—Despite a legal setback, Missouri Baptist Convention leaders will continue their lawsuit against five institutions that have removed themselves from the convention's control.

Cole County Circuit Judge Thomas Brown ruled the suit's plaintiffs—primarily the convention Executive Board—lack proper legal standing to assert their claim against the institutions.

“We're going to tell the judge that we'll go through whatever procedural steps we have to go through” to continue the case, including naming convention messengers as plaintiffs in the suit, said Michael Whitehead, the convention's lead attorney in the case.

On the Move_32204

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Corey and **Kelli Agricola** to First Church of Spring Branch in Houston as co-pastors.

- ♦ **Dean Banks** to Belle Plain Church in Brownwood as pastor.
 - ♦ **Greg Bowman** to First Church in Duncanville as minister to students from First Church in Lancaster.
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Parents want sex education courses to emphasize abstinence, survey shows_32204

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WASHINGTON (RNS)- Most parents want high school sex education classes to emphasize abstinence, a Zogby International poll commissioned by Focus on the Family has found.

Ninety-six percent of parents of children younger than 18 said they agreed strongly or somewhat that such classes should teach that “abstinence from

sexual activity is best for teens.”

A slightly smaller percentage—91 percent—agreed that high schoolers should be taught that it is best for sexual intercourse to be linked to love, commitment and intimacy, qualities that “are most likely to occur in a faithful marriage.”

Church member's prayers for ethnic inclusiveness answered after 50 years_32204

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

SAN ANTONIO—Her new pastor calls her Sister Angel. One thing is for sure: Lois Angel has God's ear.

Resort missionary takes gospel message to Tahoe ski slopes_32204

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Missionary
Debbie
Wohler
greet
participants
at a ski
slope
chapel
service
near Lake
Tahoe. She
serves as
chaplain for
six ski
resorts in
the area.
(Gibbs
Frazeur
mPhoto)

Resort missionary takes gospel message to Tahoe ski slopes

By Lee Weeks

North American Mission Board

TAHOE CITY, Calif. (BP)-After more than two decades as a resort missionary in Lake Tahoe, Debbie Wohler remains as passionate as ever about the mission to which she believes God has called her.

Teens listen to parents' advice about sex, survey indicates_32204

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WASHINGTON (BP)-Teens today may be more cautious toward sex than generally believed and may be paying more attention to their parents' warnings, according to survey results released recently by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

The study found that 67 percent of sexually experienced teens say they wish they had waited longer before having sexual intercourse. The breakdown by gender indicates 77 percent of girls and 60 percent of boys regret becoming sexually active too early.

Eighty-five percent of teens agreed sex should occur only in a long-term, committed relationship, and only 26 percent said it is embarrassing for teens to admit they are virgins. Teens credit their own morals, values, religious beliefs and concerns about the future for influencing their attitudes about sex more than concerns about pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases.