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John 1:19-34

By Leroy Fenton

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (ABP)- A Florida state appeals court ruled the state's school-voucher program is unconstitutional because it provides funding to religious schools.

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Danyel Rogers (l),
community
coordinator, and
Linda Carleton,
coordinator for the
Hardin-Simmons
University
Neighborhood
Enhancement
Program, welcome
Abilene-area
residents to the
HSU Friendship
House, which was
dedicated Nov. 13.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

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By Marshall Allen

Religion News Service

PASADENA, Calif. (RNS)- In Southern California for yet another evangelistic crusade, 86-year-old Billy Graham says he feels his age but isn't about to stop preaching the gospel.

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By Miranda Bradley

For Texas Baptist Communications

SAN ANTONIO-During a time when families increasingly look different, a Hardin-Simmons University professor said it is important for churches to broaden their ministry scope.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

SAN ANTONIO—True worship focuses on God, not on self-fulfillment or evangelistic outreach, a Texas Baptist music professor insists.

Illinois Baptists cut governing board membership by more than half_112204

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By Michael Leathers

Associated Baptist Press

TINLEY PARK, Ill. (ABP)-Amid concerns that too much power is being concentrated in the hands of fewer leaders, messengers to the Illinois Baptist State Association's annual meeting approved a constitutional change to reduce its board of directors by more than half.

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Baptists in Italy-a nation President Bush counts as an ally in the Iraq war-are asking their American counterparts to help bring an end to that conflict.

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By David E. Anderson

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Mvume Dandala, general secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches, has warned that the violence in the Ivory Coast could spread to other parts of Africa.

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By Kim Lawton

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Operatives hired to guide Sen. John Kerry on religious issues say the campaign fell short in linking the presidential candidate's political vision to deeply held religious values and in mobilizing faith-based voters.

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SAN ANTONIO-Fifty-two-year-old Houm met God, one of two great loves of his life, in the most unlikely of places—a Thai refugee camp.

Texas Baptist Forum_112204

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM

Discerning eyes

The 2004 BGCT convention in San Antonio was one of the most historic conventions I can remember.

Our leaders put before us a challenging vision of our future. This new vision will streamline our governance and challenge our convention to be much more "church-centered" rather than "program centered."

You can see the fingerprints of our Lord in much that was presented to us, but I am also deeply concerned about other trends.

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