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By Daniel Burke

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-On the same day the Bush-Cheney campaign asked churches to host a "coffee/pot luck dinner," Internal Revenue Service officials said handing over a congregation's membership list could violate federal regulations.

America's Junior Miss cites vital Christian faith as her source of

strength_72604

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By Chris Otts

Religion News Service

MOBILE, Ala. (RNS)-Some parents have trouble trying to tote young children to church. But young Shannon Essenpreis helped get her family focused on faith.

Texas Baptist Forum_72604

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM:

Editor should join 'outfit'

I received my July 12 Baptist Standard the other day, and it seems the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has taken over our editor and the Baptist Standard.

I would suggest that you resign and join that outfit. Don't drag Texas Baptists down with you.

E-mail the editor at marvknox@baptiststandard.com
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The Bible says that in the latter days, there will be a falling away of the elite. I see it happening.

Funny paper provides serious path to learning how to read, author says_72604

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By Mary Crouch

BGCT Summer Intern

WACO—The funny pages offer a serious gateway to literacy, author Glenda Reese believes.

New Literacy ConneXus encourages ministry_72604

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New Literacy ConneXus encourages ministry

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO—Literacy ConneXus, a ministry to encourage churches to reach people by teaching them to read and write, has been launched by the Baptist General Convention of Texas Missions Equipping Center and Baylor University.

Innovative literacy program offers hope to Waco families_72604

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A volunteer teaches adults to read and write through an innovative family literacy program co-sponsored by Baylor University.

Innovative literacy program offers hope to Waco families

By Sarah Farris

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WACO-The words "Yes You Can, Si Se Puede" frame a large wall at Cesar Chavez Middle School in Waco.

Malpractice crisis limits care for patients in free clinics_72604

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By Kirsten Pasha

Associated Baptist Press

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (ABP)-High-priced malpractice insurance, which is prompting many physicians across the country to reduce their practices or leave the field, also is limiting health care for patients who use free and Christian-operated clinics.

Judiciary committee sends Marriage Protection Act of 2004 to House floor_72604

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-The same day a gay-marriage ban failed to move forward in the Senate, a different approach to opposing same-sex nuptials passed a House committee.

Churches minister to isolated

Mexican Indians_72604

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Churches minister to isolated Mexican Indians

By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

GUAGUACHIQUÉ, Mexico—Three Texas churches have their mission eyes looking steadily southward, and they've banded together to reach a people group that years ago fled to the isolation of Mexico's mountains.

STEVE MUNSON: Frontline ministry_72604

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Chaplain
Steve
Munson,
pastor of
Grace
Fellowship
Baptist
Church in
Fort
Worth,
conducts
an
outdoor
worship
service in
Iraq
during his
14-month
tour of
duty. He
served as
chaplain
to the
607th
Military
Police
Battalion.

STEVE MUNSON:

Frontline ministry

By George Henson

Staff Writer

FORT WORTH-Steve Munson doesn't feel comfortable in his bed just yet, but his pulpit fits fine.

New churches most effective in reaching people for Christ, experts insist_72604

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The need for more congregations can be summed up in several ways, but the bottom line is new churches mean more people come to know Christ,

according to Texas Baptist leaders.

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary trustees apparently will weigh alternatives to sole membership during their October meeting, according to comments by the trustee chairman reported in the New Orleans Times-Picayune newspaper.

Messengers to the SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis voted this summer to ask seminary trustees to adopt sole membership. Sole membership seeks to clarify—in legal language—that the convention owns all of its entities.

The other five seminaries previously have adopted sole membership, as have the North American Mission Board, International Mission Board, LifeWay Christian Resources, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and Annuity Board.