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Retiree retreat set. Retired Pastor Jess Moody will preach and Bill Pinson, executive director emeritus of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be the Bible study leader at the annual Retiree Ministries Retreat at Glorieta Conference Center, Sept. 13-17. The retreat is sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Glorieta Conference Center. Special-interest seminars will be offered on healthy lifestyles, ministry opportunities, financial planning and other topics. Cost is \$319.50 for a couple or \$185.25 for singles. This includes four nights' lodging and buffet meals Monday dinner through Friday breakfast, as well as program expenses. A \$60 conference fee will be charged for those staying in private residences. RV parking is available. For reservations, call toll-free (800) 797-4222.

BUA issues diplomas, grants degrees. Thirty-one students graduated after the spring semester at the Baptist University of the Americas in San Antonio. They included five Bible college students—two from Texas, two from Colombia and one from Brazil—who received bachelor's degrees in biblical and theological studies. Maria Hernandez Ferrier, principal adviser to the U.S. secretary of education on all matters related to limited English-proficient students, was the commencement speaker.

Committee meeting set. The Committee to Nominate Executive Board members for the Baptist General Convention of Texas will meet at 9:30

a.m., Aug. 19, in the Landes A Conference Room of the Baptist Building, 333 N. Washington in Dallas. Cassandra Northcutt, member of First Baptist Church in Longview, is chairperson of the committee.

TOGETHER: Thank God for servants who lead_61404

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The nation has turned its attention to life and death this past week. Americans bid farewell to Ronald Reagan. Millions of us watched the coverage of his life, politics, and service and gave thanks for him and other presidents who served this nation faithfully and well

And in the midst of this, I attended two funerals of Texas Baptist deacons who were faithful stewards of the trust God and his people placed in them.

One was Noble Hurley, well known for his involvement in the development of Dallas. He was a generous Baptist General Convention of Texas benefactor. When he died, those who knew him best thought of David's lament regarding the death of Abner, "Do you not realize that a prince and a great man has fallen in Israel this day?" (2 Samuel 3:38)

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Devotions for unemployed offered_61404

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Devotions for unemployed offered

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (RNS)-When Richard Malone lost his job in 2001, he prayed to God. Not once, not twice, not only when he lost himself in despair, but every day. And he took notes.

Malone, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., spent six months mourning his old job and finding a new one. And then he published his notes.

The result is "Devotions for Job Seekers: Daily Encouragement Along the Way."

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Team hopes biblical_61404

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CYBERCOLUMN: Loyalty

By Berry D. Simpson

It was a hard week. My 20-year companion let me down; my calculator stopped working. And I am broken-hearted.

Well, it didn't just stop working on its own, I dropped it. But I've dropped it many times, including several times on caliche-covered well locations, and this is was the first time it quit.

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DOWN HOME: 'Two-fer' teaches Texans a lesson_61404

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DOWN HOME: 'Two-fer' teaches Texans a lesson

Sometimes, I think God must use reverse-psychology.

What other rationale could possibly explain dumping, say, the Gulf of Mexico onto North Texas in early June?

We all know folks love to complain about the weather. But a complete and utter inundation this time of year heads off gripes in two directions.

European Baptist leaders 'repent' of colonial-era sins_61404

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European Baptist leaders 'repent' of colonial-era sins

BERLIN, Germany (ABP)—European Baptists leaders "repented" for their century-old role in colonizing Africa, which they admit divided and exploited the continent.

The European Baptist Mission, the mission society of European Baptists, recognized the 120th anniversary of the Berlin Congo Conference of 1884, during which political leaders from 14 Western nations divvied up Africa for colonization.

The Baptist leaders adopted a statement in which they repented for the civil strife and economic injustice that resulted from Europe's colonization of Africa, according to the Baptist World Alliance.

Cybercolumn by Jeanie Miley: Talk, action and love_61404

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CYBERCOLUMN: Talk, action & love

By Jeanie Miley

For most of my life, I've been seduced into thinking that critical people are also critical thinkers.

Now, I know that critical people are ... well, they are critical, and just because they have a wide audience or a big vocabulary doesn't mean they are necessarily smarter than anyone else!

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with CBF in mission to Navabps_53104

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Volunteers talk with children during a mission trip to the Navajo reservation.

Two Texas churches partner with CBF in mission to Navajos

By Craig Bird

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

GALLUP, N.M.-A people at the crossroads just got another traveling companion.

Baylor president keeps post; benefactor may pull out money_53104

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Baylor president keeps post; benefactor may pull out money

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

WACO—Embattled Baylor University President Robert Sloan came within one vote of losing his job at the school's May 14 board of regents meeting.

Reach Millennials by helping them decode life, futurist says_53104

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Reach Millennials by helping them decode life, futurist says

By Marv Knox

Editor

HOUSTON-Churches can reach Millennials-the conservative generation of Americans born since 1982-by helping them “figure out the code” to life's profound questions, futurist Neil Howe advised.

Terrorist attacks underscore need to evangelize, Spanish leader says_53104

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Terrorist attacks underscore need to evangelize, Spanish leader says

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Evangelical Christians in Spain are feeling an increased urgency for evangelism in the aftermath of terror attacks that killed almost 200 people March 11, said Manuel Sarrias, general secretary of the Union Evangelica Bautista Española.