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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Restorative justice does not begin or end with prison walls but serves everyone affected by crime, a Baptist General Convention of Texas consultant told a statewide crime victims' conference.

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WorldconneX is seeking volunteers to serve in two cross-cultural educational institutions.

Kenya Baptist Theological College needs a registered architect who can work four to six weeks with a Kenyan architect to develop a master land-use plan for the school's 50-acre campus.

The college in Kenya also needs a librarian with at least a master's degree in library science, a computer technician and teachers of theological and biblical studies. Teaching assignments can be as short as two weeks.

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Mother's Day column by Brett Younger: Mother's dance_51704

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MOTHER'S DAY: Mother's dance

By Brett Younger

My mother should be a dancer. She would, of course, roll her eyes at this idea. All of her conservative Baptist life, dancing has been as off-limits as rock and roll, playing cards and Methodists. And yet, though she will deny it until Jesus comes back—which she would want me to point out could be any minute—my mother would be a magnificent dancer.

Brett Younger

My mom has the athleticism of a ballet dancer. Her brief, but glorious,

hoops career is legendary in Northeast Mississippi. Grandma wouldn't let my mother play basketball for the purple and gold of Itawamba High School because the team's short pants were two feet too short. On one famous night in 1948, several Lady Indians fouled out in the third quarter of a tight game with their bitter rivals—the Houston Hilltoppers—so the coach went into the stands to beg Clarice Graham to play. Mom slipped into a borrowed pair of boogie shoes and, in a dress that hit just below the ankles, scored several key baskets, dancing the Indians to a celebrated victory.

Cybercolumn by Jeanie Miley: Trust the source_51704

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CYBERCOLUMN: Trust the source

By Jeanie Miley

From the freeway to the subdivision where we were having dinner with friends couldn't have been more than a mile. On that route, we passed five churches, all of which are "nondenominational."

This isn't my father's world, I thought to myself, recalling that when I was riding my bicycle around the sidewalks of the churches he pastored. When I was a child, swinging in the backyards of the parsonages, most of which

were next door to the church, somebody different was a Methodist!

Jeanie Miley

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UNIVERSAL CITY-Kathleen Vinglas lights up at the mention of her home. It provides a quick way for her to talk about how Texas Baptists helped her.

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Southern Baptist churches show membership growth, but baptisms decline

By Polly House

LifeWay Christian Resources

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)-The Southern Baptist Convention reported a record membership of 16,315,050, up 0.41 percent over 2002, and grew to 43,024 churches, an increase of 249 new congregations, according to statistics compiled by the convention.

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WACO-Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays recently opened a community center in Waco named for a retired Baylor University religion professor and his wife who have a homosexual son.

The center is named for Eddie Dwyer, 92, who taught in the Baylor religion department 37 years—including six as interim department head—and his wife, Velma, who was a credit manager in the university's financial aid office 31 years.

Paul Dwyer, a Baylor alumnus who has worked the last 30 years as a specialist in the Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C., told his parents 13 years ago he was gay.

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Nocona teens know where to go for 'soul food'

By Jo Gray

Special to the Baptist Standard

NOCONA-On any given Tuesday, about one-third of the students at Nocona High School can be found at church-eating lunch.

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Starting a ministry to special-needs individuals is as simple as a smile, handshake or hug, say Texas Baptists who lead such efforts in their churches.

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Convencion, CBF church-starting partnership ready for work

By Craig Bird

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Less than a year after shaking hands and agreeing to work together, the Hispanic Baptist Convencion of Texas and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship are rolling up their sleeves toward jointly starting at least 400 Hispanic churches throughout the United States by 2010.

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Number of hungry people in world increasing by 4.5 million every year

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

The number of hungry people in the United States and the developing world is greater now than it was when international leaders set hunger-cutting goals in the mid-1990s, said a recently released report by a faith-based anti-hunger organization.