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Erich Lopez of Hutto portrayed Jesus Christ in the 65th annual outdoor Easter pageant at the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor in Belton. He is seen healing a child and rising from the dead under the watchful eye of an angelic messenger. The drama, depicting the passion of Christ from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and resurrection, was produced, directed, costumed and performed by university students. More than 90 students participated in the three presentations of the passion play.

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WASHINGTON (RNS)-Americans who attend church every week are less likely to gamble than those who do not, according to a recent Gallup Poll.

Only 52 percent of Americans who said they go to church weekly gambled in the past 12 months, while 74 percent of those who seldom or never attend religious services said they gamble.

The poll, conducted in December 2003, asked 1,011 adults about 11 forms of gambling, from buying state lottery tickets to video casinos to betting on sports.

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By Tom Allen

Faithworks

MINNEAPOLIS (ABP)—Clad in faded jeans, paisley shirt and sandals, Doug Pagitt doesn't look much like a preacher.

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By Eric Guel & Craig Bird

Texas Baptist Communications

SAN ANTONIO-The federal government asked Albert Reyes to help address what U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige has called the nation's "most important civil rights issue"-the academic achievement gap between Hispanic and Anglo students on standardized exams.

Texas Tidbits_41904

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Texas Tidbits

Hardin-Simmons faculty president elected. Ronald Smith, senior theology professor in the Logsdon School of Theology, has been elected faculty president at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Smith has been on the Hardin-Simmons faculty since 1979. Other new faculty officers are Donathan Taylor, associate professor and head of the history department, as vice president, and Allyn Byars, associate professor of physical education and director of the aerobics and human performance lab, as secretary.

Donaldson named Wayland VP. Wayland Baptist University has named Betty Donaldson vice president for institutional advancement. She will oversee development and fund-raising for the university, as well as the alumni services and communications/public relations offices. Donaldson earned both her undergraduate degree and a master's degree in education administration from Wayland. She was vice president of Learning Bridges Educational Company in Arizona and has served in administrative posts with several school districts.

HBU offers workshop. Houston Baptist University and the Christian Association for Psychological Studies will present a workshop on ethical and risk management concerns in Christian psychotherapy April 23 on the HBU campus. Randolph Sanders of New Braunfels, executive director of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, will be the featured speaker. For more information, contact (281) 649-3000, ext. 2316, or rnero@hbu.edu.

TOGETHER: Texas Baptists offer hope, God's love_41904

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Texas Baptists offer hope, God's love

Because of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection, Christians want to offer hope and the love of God everywhere. Three stories illustrate how Texas Baptists are seeking to do just that.

On April 4, quiet streams became raging floods all around Piedras Negras. Pastor Israel Rodriguez called Dexon Shores, director of Texas Baptist River Ministry, for help. He said, "I knew Dexon would get the word to the rest of Texas Baptists." Dexon left San Antonio as soon as he could load a truck with blankets, clothes and drinking water. He sent word to Texas Baptists as well. Tuesday afternoon, Bluebonnet Baptist Association's Texas Baptist Men feeding unit crossed the border with a water purification system.

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Because Texas Baptist Men, led by Leo Smith, have a servant spirit and respect the people with whom they work, doors swing open wherever they go. Guadalupe Morales, wife of the governor of the state of Coahuila, was impressed with the range of services Texas Baptists were providing and their willingness to work under the direction of Mexican officials. Due to her influence, Texas Baptist volunteers were invited to the hardest-hit neighborhood at Villa de Fuente.

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CHELSEA, Vt.-H.B. Graves popped two questions when he proposed marriage to Jo Maddox.

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MONTPELIER, Vt.—Johnnie and Lahoma Loar may not look the part, but they're expert jugglers.

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Texas Gov. Rick Perry wants to introduce a new level of gambling in the state, and a Baptist legislative expert says it is opening the door to casino-type gaming.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS-Buckner Orphan Care International has become the first

“strategic partner” with WorldconneX, the missions network created by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Christian band goes backwards down under_41904

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Zuigia
band
members
Salem
Posey
(left), Greg
Howle
(center)
and Clinton
Staj
perform at
an outdoor
concert.
The group
will move
to Australia
in August
to perform
in the
public
schools as
part of the
educational
system's
religious
education
classes.

Christian band goes backwards down

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By Jonathan Petty

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW-A conversation with an Australian pastor helped Clinton Staj understand he and the other members of his musical group were planning to do things backwards down under.

Cybercolumn for 4/19 by Berry D. Simpson: The right guy_41904

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CYBERCOLUMN: The right guy

By Berry D. Simpson

At lunch, during a conversation about career choices and ministries and teaching the Bible and leading discussion groups and spiritual theories and what comes next in our lives, Art asked: "You once said that you're always one book away from having all the answers. Have you found that book yet?"

Have you figured out the answers?"

I said: "No, but it doesn't bother me as much as it used to. I've decided that searching for answers is more important than the answers themselves."

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