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By Michael Foust

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—It's an embarrassing moment millions of parents have experienced—enjoying a movie at home with their family when a seemingly harmless film turns offensive.

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Beauty of second chances modeled

By Sarah Farris

Special to the Baptist Standard

WACO—Supporters of Mission Waco's proposed House of Dignity want to offer a second chance to women whose lives have been ruined by addiction and substance abuse.

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Van Patton,
pastor of
Hilltop
Baptist
Church in
Mount
Vernon, sits
in quiet
reflection in
the church's
prayer
garden. Photo
by Shirley
GibbsIn
quiet dignity
and pride,
many with
tear-filled
eyes, war
veterans
stood to
honor their
fallen
comrades.

Northeast Texas church's field of flags honors fallen veterans

By Shirley Gibbs

Special to the Baptist Standard

MOUNT VERNON-Two weeks after a communitywide Memorial Day service, almost 2,000 American flags still fluttered near the prayer garden at Hilltop Baptist Church in Mount Vernon and attracted visitors who wanted to pay their respects.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

HALLSVILLE-A fire June 21 at First Baptist Church in Hallsville claimed at least the upper floor of the church's activity building.

Relationships make or break careers, Maxwell tells church leaders_62705

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Relationships make or break careers, Maxwell tells church leaders

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Success and failure are direct results of how effectively leaders relate to the people around them, said John Maxwell, author of numerous leadership books.

Texas Baptist Forum_62705

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Texas Baptist Forum

Put down pen & pray

What in the world is wrong with today's Christians? How have we gone so far as to lose so much focus?

I have been reading this paper for several years, and as a pastor, I have to say that the most heart-wrenching part of it is Texas Baptist Forum. In a recent issue, I read letters involving everything from the Emmaus Walk to worship styles to the tsunami. After reading all that, I have a response for everyone who writes in or reads this paper:

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Letters are welcomed. Send them to marvknox@baptiststandard.com; 250 words maximum.

Out ((Loud))

"Of the Seven Deadly Sins, anger is possibly the most fun. To lick your wounds, to smack your lips over grievances long past, to roll over your tongue the prospect of bitter confrontations still to come, to savor to the last toothsome morsel both the pain you are given and the pain you are giving back—in many ways it is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that what you are wolfing down is yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you."

Frederick Buechner

Author of *Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC*, quoted by Jim Denison, pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church, in his daily e-mail devotional, "The Word Today."

"Why would we invest such efforts in Catholic countries? The answer is quite simple: It is because they are lost."

Jerry Rankin

President of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board (BP)

"It's beyond question that the Democratic Party is 'pretty much a white, Christian party,' too. How could it be otherwise, considering the racial and religious makeup of the country?"

John Farmer

Correspondent for *The Star-Ledger* of Newark, N.J., responding to Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean's description of the Republican Party (RNS)

On the Move_62705

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On the Move

Bart Burgess to First Church in Albany as pastor.

♦ **Bill Bynum** to Oakwood Church in New Braunfels as associate pastor to adults.

♦ **Bill Campbell** has resigned as pastor of First Church in Gorman.

Petra calls it quits_62705

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Petra, a Christian rock group, says it will retire in December after 33 years of performing.

Band members, left to right, are Greg Bailey, Bob Hartman, John Schlitt and Paul Simmons.

(Photo courtesy of Inpop Records)

Petra calls it quits

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Members of the Christian rock group Petra announced recently they will retire in December after 33 years of performances.

John Schlitt, longtime lead singer, expressed gratitude for the opportunities that arose from being in the group.

“We've had a good, long run. ... We've seen God's hand at work in our music on every continent and in every language,” he said.

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By Craig Bird

Baptist Child & Family Services

TYLER-The grass may not really be greener at Breckenridge Village, but there surely is a lot of it.

Paul Bennett
thought he
was
volunteering
to take care
of three
acres when
he said he
could get a
crew to do
the grounds
maintainence
at
Breckenridge
Village. He
soon
discovered
the campus
includes
about 25
acres. Both
Whitehurst
and Bennett
are members
of Colonial
Hills Baptist
Church in
Tyler.

Special needs, Special ministry_62705

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Deborah shows the other members of her Sunday school class the size of the fish she caught at a camp for mentally handicapped adults sponsored by Green Acres Baptist Church the week before.

SPECIAL NEEDS, SPECIAL MINISTRY: Special-needs people find spiritual home at Tyler church

By Craig Bird

Baptist Child & Family Services

TYLER—"Reserved for Special Friends" cards mark the pews at Green Acres Baptist Church set aside for the residents of Breckenridge Village—a Texas Baptist residential facility for mentally handicapped adults.

Special-needs brothers spark special friends ministry_62705

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Special-needs brothers spark special friends ministry

By Meghan Merchant

Communications Intern

PLAINS—When Gary, Jeff and Randy Barnes arrived at First Baptist Church

in Plains, Linda Wright saw a ministry opportunity.

Texas Tidbits_62705

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Texas Tidbits

Texas Baptist Men on website. Texas Baptist Men volunteer work in rebuilding Sri Lanka six months after the South Asian tsunami is being featured on the website of Gospel for Asia, a missions organization based in Carrollton. The web video covers volunteers rebuilding a Bible college and vocational training center, as well bringing clean water to stricken villages. The video may be seen at www.gfa.org/tsunami.

Baylor preps for its largest freshman class. Baylor University anticipates the largest freshman class in the university's 160-year history. Current projections from Baylor's institutional research and testing office indicate a record-breaking freshman class of more than 3,100 students entering in fall 2005. Baylor's previous record freshman enrollment occurred in fall 1998, when 2,938 students entered the university. Enrollment management officials also report this fall's expected freshman class is on pace with last year's record SAT average of 1190 and is the most diverse incoming class in university history. Baylor's minority freshman population was 30.3 percent in fall 2004.

BUA receives \$3 million matching gift. Baptist University of the Americas received a \$3 million matching gift from the Houston-based Baugh Foundation-the largest single gift in the school's history. Recently, BUA and the Baptist General Convention of Texas partnered to purchase 75 acres across I-35 from the present campus, and the Baugh gift represents the initial commitment to build a new campus.