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By Laura Frase

Communications Intern

WHITNEY—Stranded in small towns throughout Hill County with the closest help 30 miles away in Waco, abuse victims struggled with nowhere to turn—until Carol Raulston offered a heart full of hope.

Adoptive parents fill empty nest, meet child's needs

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By Marv Knox

Editor

ABILENE—New parents Anna and Mike Chancellor's love shines brighter than all their birthday candles. And their compassion trumps conventional expectations for couples their age.

African-Americans note progress, but goal still distant

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African-Americans note progress, but goal still distant

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Texas Baptists elected an African-American pastor as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, an African-American served as immediate past chair of the BGCT Executive Board and two African-

Americans fill leadership posts on the reorganized convention staff's operational team.

Around the State

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- East Texas Baptist University will hold its 17th annual senior adult conference June 28-30. The theme of the conference, which attracts more than 1,000 people each year, is "Making a Difference." Bailey Stone is the conference speaker. Bob Utley will lead the Bible study times. Bill and Catherine Cox will lead the music. A special track for senior adult leaders and professional staff has been added to this year's program. The annual Reunion Celebration Concert June 30 will feature Sue Dodge, winner of four consecutive Dove awards. Bob and Jeannie Johnson also will perform. A senior adult matinee performance will be held at 3 p.m. and a concert open to the public will be held at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. The conference fee for participants staying on campus is \$100 per person or \$180 per couple, including lodging, meals and the concert. Commuters pay \$5 per day, plus meals and concert ticket. For more information, call (903) 923-2070.

East Texas Baptist
University
President Bob
Riley was all
smiles prior to the
groundbreaking
ceremony for the
Louise H. and
Joseph Z. Ornelas
University Center.
The center will
have a 900-seat
banquet hall, as
well as dining
services and
recreation area for
students. It also
will seat 1,400 for
a conference-style
meeting. The
three-story,
92,000-square-foot
facility will be
built west of the
Ornelas Spiritual
Life Center at an
estimated cost of
\$13 million.

- Baylor University will host the Willow Creek Leadership Summit live via satellite Aug. 10-12. The training will feature leadership and communications experts Bill Hybels of Willow Creek Community Church,

author Jim Collins and James Meeks of Salem Baptist Church. While the national rate for the event is \$255, a special discounted rate of \$65 is available prior to July 14. For more information, call (254) 710-6274, or go to www.baylor.edu/summit2006.

- Special awards were presented to faculty and staff members at Howard Payne University's faculty/staff recognition luncheon. Pam Bryant, assistant professor of chemistry and chair of the department of physical sciences, was named outstanding faculty member. Judy Kelley, payroll coordinator, was honored as the outstanding staff member of the year. Recognized upon their retirement were Paul Butler, professor of education; Virginia Butler, instructor of developmental studies; and Cathy Sneed, assistant professor of social work and chair of the department of criminal justice, social work and sociology. Excellence in teaching certificates were presented to Carla Hawkins, assistant professor of modern languages; Justin Murphy, professor of history; Evelyn Romig, professor of English; and Julie Welker, associate professor of communication. Staff members honored for excellence in service were Randy Weehunt, director of administrative computing, and Jeanette Copeland, secretary for the School of Christian Studies. Promotions announced included Pam Bryant and Monte Garrett to associate professor, and Kim Bryant and Diane Owens to assistant professor.

Church's Art Car a rolling

testimony to cooperation

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Everyone's
Art Car
Parade in
Houston
featured a
join effort
by Willow
Meadows
Baptist
Church
youth and
Katrina
evacuees.

Church's Art Car a rolling testimony to cooperation

By Karen Campbell

Union Baptist Association

HOUSTON—Take a late 1980s mud-racing Buick, add the exuberance of youth and the perspective of Hurricane Katrina evacuees, plus a little paint and creativity with a touch of faith-based hope, and an Art Car is born.

Book Reviews

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Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun (Intervarsity Press)

Many of us have negative thoughts about discipline of any kind. Yet Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, in *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, positively encourages Christians of various denominational backgrounds to tread the deeper waters of spiritual formation.

Calhoun's book serves Texas Baptists well in two ways.



What are you reading that other Texas Baptists would find helpful? Send suggestions and reviews to books@baptiststandard.com.

Baptist Briefs

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Craddock to speak at Truett luncheon. Fred Craddock—selected by Newsweek as one of the 12 most-effective preachers in the English-speaking world—will address Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary Luncheon. The luncheon will be at 11:45 a.m. June 22 in the Omni Hotel at CNN Center, Atlanta, Ga., during the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly. Cost is \$35, and reservations are requested. Craddock is the Bandy Distinguished Professor of Preaching and New Testament Emeritus in the Candler School of Theology and director of the Craddock Center, a program serving Southern Appalachia. For more information, contact Kyle Reese at (904) 396-7745, kyle@habchurch.com or write to Truett Alumni Association, Attn.: Kyle Reese, c/o Hendrix Avenue Baptist Church, 4001 Hendrix Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

GuideStone cancels Wellness Walk. A Wellness Walk/Run scheduled in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Greensboro, N.C., has been cancelled due to the distance between most convention hotels from the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. GuideStone Financial Service has sponsored the activity at SBC meetings the past three years and plans to resume it at the 2007 SBC in San Antonio, President O.S. Hawkins said.

BRINGING HOPE: Mentoring at-risk children

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Park Cities Baptist Church member Laura Hefner mentors fourth-grade student Azul at Dan D. Rogers Elementary School in Dallas.

BRINGING HOPE: Mentoring at-risk children

By Jenny Pope

Buckner Baptist Benevolences

DALLAS—Every Thursday morning during the school year, Lana Stanley of University Baptist Church in Arlington made the same trip down the brightly colored hallways of South Davis Elementary School.

Burleson calls for SBC probe of IMB

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

ENID, Okla. (ABP)—Wade Burleson is calling for the Southern Baptist Convention to investigate “manipulation” and “coercion” by his fellow trustees of the International Mission Board.

Cable choice splits Christian allies

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Bishop T.D. Jakes of Dallas preaches on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. At left are TBN founders Jan and Paul Crouch. Some Christian activists fear consumers may opt out of TBN programming if they are also given the chance to opt out of racier programming on MTV or Comedy Central. (RNS photo courtesy of Trinity Broadcasting Network)

Cable choice splits Christian allies

By Piet Levy

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Evangelical Christians are on the front lines in the battle over indecency on cable television, calling for a pick-and-choose pricing plan that would allow viewers to keep certain channels out of their homes.

Cartoon

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News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

2nd Opinion: When God is in

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2nd Opinion:

‘When God is in it, the glory is his’

By Michael Bell

Prior to my election as president of our Baptist General Convention of Texas last fall, the Holy Spirit repeatedly drew me to a speech given by a Pharisee named Gamaliel.

Gamaliel’s talk, found in Acts 5, was occasioned by the annoying behavior of Peter and his cohorts, who continued to do what they had been doing since the day of Pentecost; they were actualizing Jesus’ mandate to witness. Jesus told them to witness. So they witnessed. At every opportunity, without thought to their own personal comfort or safety, they noisily testified about what Jesus did—everywhere, all the time.
