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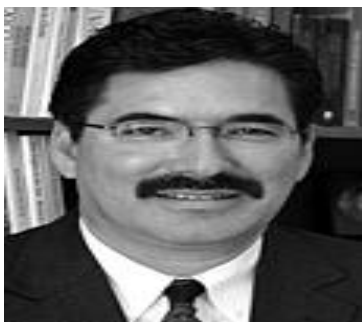
HOUSTON—A Fort Worth pastor urged more than 2,500 Hispanic youth and singles at the Texas Baptist Hispanic Youth and Singles Congreso to “get into Jesus.”

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Alcides Guajardo (left), president of the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas, and Albert Reyes, president of the Baptist University of the Americas, addressed the Texas Baptist Hispanic Youth and Singles Congreso.

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HOUSTON—Hispanic Texas Baptist youth and single young adults have

called for immigration reform.

DBU students minister in apartments

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DALLAS—Twelve children gather in one apartment, shoving, climbing and maneuvering around the table, straining to listen to a couple of college students.

Every week, students from Dallas Baptist University take part in missionary journeys like this one to neighborhood apartments, making a practical difference in children's lives.

"What can you tell me about Egypt?" DBU student Denae Johnson asked, as she held a laptop computer, displaying scenes from her recent trip to the Middle East. Her audience was a dozen youth at an efficiency apartment in Arlington.



Dallas
Baptist
University
students
Megan
Routh
(left) and
Denea
Johnson
share
stories
from the
Bible with
children
at an
Arlington
apartment
complex.

DOWN HOME: Postman delivers tidings of mortality

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Sometimes, our mail carrier is so annoying. If he were a nicer and more thoughtful guy, he would sort through our stack every day and throw away all the junk that obviously doesn't belong in our mailbox.

Come to think of it, he could provide a terrific public service by surveying his route and trashing stuff we don't want. You know what I mean: Flyers for aluminum siding and credit cards and time-share condominiums and alternative sources of essential vitamins and nutrients. The only benefit all this mail provides is the exercise I get by carrying it straight from the mailbox by the front curb to the recycling bin in the garage out back.

Initiating a preemptive strike on junk mail would be nice and good, and I'd appreciate it enormously. Conversely, I'd like to see our postal carrier held personally responsible for delivering malicious, offensive and mean-spirited mail.

EDITORIAL: "Morality" is more than sex we don't do

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‘Morality’ is more than sex we don’t do

The last time we met on this page, we talked about immigration and education. We discussed Texas’ march toward Hispanic-majority status and the necessity of educating Hispanic Texans. Specifically, we looked at two opportunities for improving lives as well as making our state stronger: (a) lowering the Hispanic dropout rate by at least 2 percentage points a year for at least 10 years, and (b) making education at the nine universities affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas accessible to Hispanics.

Elsewhere in that issue of the paper, we reported on how Albert Reyes, president of the Baptist University of the Americas, has called for U.S. immigration policy to reflect Jesus’ demand for justice for all people.



Predictably, some readers appreciated neither the editorial nor Reyes’ remarks. Their complaints followed a familiar theme: The church should take care of poor people, and the state should butt out. Of course, none of the complainers could cite a single church that is providing its prorated share of service to the poor—a proportionate ministry that, if copied by all the other Christian churches in the community, would be sufficient to meet the needs of the very young and very old and the disabled and vulnerable

who live there. None of them offered to demonstrate that they have anted-up tithes-and-offerings sufficient to provide their share of their church's share of all the care they say "the church" is supposed to offer. By the way, I'm batting 1.000 on that request—never have had anyone take me up on it.

Faith-based initiatives director resigns

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—President Bush's lieutenant for promoting government funding for faith-based social programs announced he is leaving his post.

High Pointe responds to community

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BGCT Church
Starter Roy
Cotton and
leaders of
High Pointe
Baptist
Church and
the
Fellowship at
High Pointe
examine the
demographics
of their
community.

High Pointe responds to community

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

CEDAR HILL—The neighborhood around High Pointe Baptist Church is 43 percent African-American, but the church was nearly all Anglo.

Immigration prayer walk set in Wichita Falls

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

WICHITA FALLS—While he believes in the importance of immigration reform, a Wichita Falls pastor doesn't feel the May 1 boycott called for by many Hispanic leaders is the best approach. Instead, he has offered an opportunity for Christians to unite across ethnic and denominational lines for a prayer walk May 6.

Katrina effort unites African-

American Baptists

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Katrina effort unites African-American Baptists

By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

DALLAS (ABP)—Three historically African-American Baptist denominations have agreed to raise \$1 billion for ongoing recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Texas Baptist Forum

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Pride in possessions

I was a college sophomore when I bought my first car. It was a black 12-

year-old '41 Ford. Jones Chevrolet in Center stored it for me eight months while I made the down payment on it. It cost me \$495, and I couldn't wait to drive it home.

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"When my soul was troubled, it was Billy I reached out to for advice, for comfort and for prayer. You could say Bill has been the conscience of our nation and sometimes of the world."

George H.W. Bush

Former U.S. president, speaking in College Station as he awarded the George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service to evangelist Billy Graham (Houston Chronicle/RNS)

"Academics often think of conservative Christians as rubes and dupes. The reality is that the real movers and shakers behind the evangelical movement are highly educated, thoughtful people with entrepreneurial skills, wealth and extraordinary management savvy."

Robert Wuthnow

Professor of social sciences at Princeton University, commenting on a comprehensive study by Michael Lindsay, a sociology doctoral student (Princeton Weekly Bulletin/RNS)

"What many people find disagreeable about the political use of evil is that it's rooted in self-righteousness on the part of the speaker. It's saying we're entirely different from our enemies without any attempt to understand them."

Robert Gahl

Professor of ethics and morality at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome (RNS)

I painted the dash tomato red and put a wheel cover and steering knob on it before driving it to East Texas Baptist College to show it off. Parking it every day in front of the dining hall assured me that everyone saw it. I was proud of that car!

N.C. Baptists elect new executive director-treasurer

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By Tony Cartledge

N.C. Biblical Recorder

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (ABP)—Milton Hollifield became the 14th executive director-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention during a special called convention April 11—the first in the convention's history.

Offering changes lives in Thailand

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Rick Burnette, (right) CBF Global Missions field personnel, has been using funds from the 2005 Carter Offering to get residency status for hilltribe immigrants in villages in northern Thailand.

Offering changes lives in Thailand

By Alison Wingfield

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

ATLANTA—The cost of a typical week's grocery bill in the United States was all it took to change a life.