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By Trennis Henderson

Kentucky Western Recorder

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (ABP)—Roy Honeycutt, retired president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died Dec. 21, one day after suffering head injuries in a fall at his home in Louisville, Ky. He was 78.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—James Sullivan, Southern Baptist statesman and retired president of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, died Dec. 27 at a Nashville hospice following a brief illness. He was 94.

Sullivan served as president of the denominational publishing house from 1953 until his retirement in 1975.

He was widely known as an authority on Southern Baptist polity and had been actively involved in denominational service since his first pastorate in 1932.

James Sullivan

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By Scott Collins

Buckner News Service

NAIROBI, Kenya—Laughter, giggles and a lot of smiles filled the Baptist Children's Center of Nairobi as more than 70 orphan children received brand-new shoes and socks from Buckner Orphan Care International and a team of volunteers.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A judge has overturned an Arkansas state policy banning the placement of foster children in any household with a gay adult, saying the state agency that created it had unconstitutionally overstepped its bounds.

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Arsenic-laced
water is
damaging
the lives of
many in
Mexico,
including its
emerging
generations.

Once the
metal enters
the body, it
never leaves.

The poison
can lead to
cancer.

Texas Baptist
Men is going
to install
purifiers that
make the
water safe
for drinking.

Texas volunteers seek to rescue villagers from arsenic in water

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

OJO CALIENTE, Mexico-In isolated villages of the Ojo Caliente region of Zacatecas, Mexico, children ride bicycles up and down small strips of concrete. Their friends spontaneously erupt in laughter during a soccer match on a small dirt field. Childhood here is continuous movement.

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DALLAS-R.C. Campbell, whose tenure as president of Buckner Baptist Benevolences spanned 31 years, died at his home Jan. 3 following a brief illness. He was 83.

Best known for leading Buckner through one of the greatest eras of growth in the agency's 126-year history, Campbell was elected as the fourth president of Buckner in 1963 at age 41. He retired in January 1994.

"Dr. Campbell's vision set the stage for Buckner to enter into the 21st Century prepared to minister to the challenges facing children and families," said Ken Hall, who succeeded Campbell as Buckner's president.

“His is a legacy of a builder whose tools were compassion, vision and courage.”

R. C. Campbell

Cartoon_11005

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“You're welcome to look down, but viewer discretion is advised.”

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—As the 109th Congress goes to work in an atmosphere already charged with partisanship, legislative battles over religious and moral issues are virtually certain to remain as prominent as they were in the last session, according to two Washington observers of church-state issues.

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Commandments_11005

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Two friend-of-the-court briefs filed recently in the U.S. Supreme Court present differing views on the role of the Ten Commandments in American history and whether government entities can display them.

Author explores ways comic books shape character_11005

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

When David Zimmerman talks about comic book character development, he doesn't mean Clark Kent's progression from Superboy to Superman.

Cybercolumn by John Duncan: Hope abounds_11005

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CYBER COLUMN: Hope abounds

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, pondering the horrors of the devastating tsunami. I find myself grieving at a distance as I observe the pain and misery.

I saw a picture of a girl standing in a crowd of onlookers. She held a sign scribbled with letters: "Looking for lost parents, brothers and sisters." I cannot imagine the pain, the emotion, or, in the poetic words of W.B. Yeats

in his poem, "The Second Coming," the loss: "Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold / Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world / The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere / The ceremony of innocence is drowned."

Study reveals declining Southern Baptist churches_11005

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By Adelle Banks

Religion News Service

NEW ORLEANS (RNS)-The percentage of "declining" Southern Baptist churches increased in the last two decades, a church growth study has found.