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By Frank Stirk

Canadian Horizon

TORONTO (BP)—After being known for 20 years as the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, messengers to the annual meeting in Toronto voted to take the first tentative step toward considering a new name.

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By Kristi Brooks

Dallas Baptist University

DALLAS-In an effort to "turn the tide" against the spread of HIV-AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, a group of Dallas Baptist University students spent a month there this summer, carrying a message of sexual abstinence to students in Swaziland's schools.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-A broad coalition of concerned parties-including Nobel laureates, scientific leaders, foreign countries and American religious denominations-is urging the Supreme Court to ban the death penalty for offenders under age 18 at the time they commit their crimes.

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By Sandi Villarreal

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Same-sex marriage and abortion are overshadowing other moral issues in the presidential election, even among Christian voters, who make up the overwhelming majority of the electorate.

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SPRINGDALE, Ark. (ABP)-Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a religious-liberty watchdog organization, has filed a complaint with the IRS against the 14,000-member First Baptist Church of Springdale, Ark., the largest church affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, for what it considers partisan politics, according to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

The church's pastor, Ronnie Floyd, preached a patriotic sermon July 4 during which he encouraged members to "vote God" in the November election. Floyd did not mention either President Bush or Democratic challenger John Kerry by name, nor did he indicate which candidate he personally favored. Rather, he urged members to vote "by the authority of

God's word, Christian values, convictions and beliefs."

Ronnie Floyd

But Americans United claims the message crossed the line of the Internal Revenue Service Tax Code for tax-exempt churches, which prohibits churches from participating or intervening in political campaigns on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

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Staff Writer

SAN ANGELO-Roger Juli-en knows a good thing when he sees it.

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**Serving God in dark places is a privilege,
shooting survivor tells new missionaries**

By Mark Kelly

International Mission Board

TYLER (BP)—The hardships of missionary service can be discouraging, but worshipping God in a spiritually dark place is a privilege beyond compare, Iraq shooting survivor Carrie McDonnall told 58 new missionaries in Tyler.

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DALLAS-Prayer and pagers are being brought together in an innovative way that benefits congregations and people in need.

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A
Tallowood
Baptist
youth
(left) helps
a child
memorize
a Bible
verse
during
Vacation
Bible
School at
a Houston
apartment.
(John Hall
Photo)

Houston youth experience international missions at home

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

HOUSTON-Students from Tallowood Baptist Church found an international mission experience this summer-inside their hometown's beltway.

Around the State_80904

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Volunteers from the Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital Auxiliary recently donated \$25,000 to the Houston Baptist University nursing program. The donation is the third of its kind from the auxiliary to the nursing program in as many years to help reach its goal of \$100,000 for an endowed scholarship. Participating in the ceremony were Steven Williams, Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital; Clarice McPhail, auxiliary member; Rotha Roberts, auxiliary member; Nancy Yuill, dean of the HBU College of Nursing; and auxiliary members Petie White, Ruth Prim and June Dixon.

Around the State

- ◆ Hardin-Simmons University has awarded the first doctoral degree in its history. Receiving the degree was **Lance Cotton**, who earned the doctor of physical therapy degree. He currently is working in Seattle, Wash., in an acute-care facility.

- ◆ Two Texans were among 35 chaplains recently endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. **Craig Butler** is a clinical pastoral education resident at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, and **Cindy Wallace** is a chaplain at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco.

- ◆ Hardin-Simmons University has announced the addition of 14 faculty members. New faculty include **Terry Sergeant**, professor of computer science; **Amy Miles**, visiting instructor of English; **Steve Neves**, assistant professor of art; **William Mouat**, assistant professor of voice and director of the opera program; **Amy Roberts**, associate professor of nursing and director of the master of science in nursing program; **Melissa Milliorn**, assistant professor of social work; **Eileen Kendrick**, instructor of education; **Kayla Christianson**, visiting instructor of communication; **Nancy Hildebrand**, instructor of nursing; **Timothy Maddox**, associate professor of philosophy; **Kristi McAuliffe**, assistant professor of German; **Eric Coleman**, assistant professor of criminal justice; **Joseph Bailey**, instructor of communication; and **Shaylee Burling**, visiting instructor of business and accounting.

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Buckner News Service

PROGRESO-Elementary school children in Progreso are going back to school this year with a heavy burden, thanks to the Fellowship at Westcreek in San Antonio.

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Baylor regents take no action on president, reaffirm commitment to Baylor 2012 vision

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

WACO—In spite of boasts by his opponents that they had the votes to unseat him, Baylor University regents took no vote on embattled President Robert Sloan, other than affirming the long-range plan that has become the centerpiece of his presidency.