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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO-Literacy ConneXus, a ministry to encourage churches to reach people by teaching them to read and write, has been launched by the Baptist General Convention of Texas Missions Equipping Center and Baylor University.

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A volunteer
teaches
adults to
read and
write
through an
innovative
family
literacy
program co-
sponsored
by Baylor
University.

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By Sarah Farris

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WACO—The words “Yes You Can, Si Se Puede” frame a large wall at Cesar Chavez Middle School in Waco.

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By Kirsten Pasha

Associated Baptist Press

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (ABP)-High-priced malpractice insurance, which is prompting many physicians across the country to reduce their practices or leave the field, also is limiting health care for patients who use free and Christian-operated clinics.

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-The same day a gay-marriage ban failed to move forward in the Senate, a different approach to opposing same-sex nuptials passed a House committee.

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GUAGUACHIQUE, Mexico—Three Texas churches have their mission eyes looking steadily southward, and they've banded together to reach a people group that years ago fled to the isolation of Mexico's mountains.

STEVE MUNSON: Frontline ministry_72604

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Chaplain
Steve
Munson,
pastor of
Grace
Fellowship
Baptist
Church in
Fort
Worth,
conducts
an
outdoor
worship
service in
Iraq
during his
14-month
tour of
duty. He
served as
chaplain
to the
607th
Military
Police
Battalion.

STEVE MUNSON:

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

FORT WORTH-Steve Munson doesn't feel comfortable in his bed just yet, but his pulpit fits fine.

New churches most effective in reaching people for Christ, experts insist_72604

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The need for more congregations can be summed up in several ways, but the bottom line is new churches mean more people come to know Christ,

according to Texas Baptist leaders.

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary trustees apparently will weigh alternatives to sole membership during their October meeting, according to comments by the trustee chairman reported in the New Orleans Times-Picayune newspaper.

Messengers to the SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis voted this summer to ask seminary trustees to adopt sole membership. Sole membership seeks to clarify—in legal language—that the convention owns all of its entities.

The other five seminaries previously have adopted sole membership, as have the North American Mission Board, International Mission Board, LifeWay Christian Resources, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and Annuity Board.

On the Move_72604

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On the Move

Mike Acker has resigned as minister of youth at College Heights Church in Cleburne.

♦ **Mike Auten** to First Church in Clyde as minister of education and administration.

♦ **David Brackett** to First Church in Randolph as pastor from Parker Grove Church in Ravenna.

Texas cowboy churches successfully rounding up lost strays_72604

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The Baptist
General
Convention
of Texas
recently
bought a
trailer to
haul
several
cowboys
and their
horses
around the
state
probing
areas for
western
heritage
individuals.

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Open Range Cowboy Church is one of the latest rapidly growing ventures in an expanding Baptist General Convention of Texas cowboy church starting effort, where the extraordinary is becoming commonplace.

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The
Open
Range
Cowboy
Church
band
leads a
packed
worship
service.
About
300
people
regularly
attend
the
church,
which
baptized
14
people
in its
first
month.

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WHITNEY-Cowboys and cowgirls are finding new lives on the open range.

Looking for a morality play Pull out the popcorn_72604

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"Spider-Man 2" is one of several summer movies that capture moral themes of good vs. evil. (Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures.)

Looking for a morality play? Pull out

the popcorn

By Kristen Campbell

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Stories of epic struggles between right and wrong are coming—and not just to a pulpit near you.