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CYBERCOLUMN: Trust the source

By Jeanie Miley

From the freeway to the subdivision where we were having dinner with friends couldn't have been more than a mile. On that route, we passed five churches, all of which are "nondenominational."

This isn't my father's world, I thought to myself, recalling that when I was riding my bicycle around the sidewalks of the churches he pastored. When I was a child, swinging in the backyards of the parsonages, most of which were next door to the church, somebody different was a Methodist!

Jeanie Miley

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

UNIVERSAL CITY-Kathleen Vinglas lights up at the mention of her home. It provides a quick way for her to talk about how Texas Baptists helped her.

Southern Baptist churches show membership growth, but baptisms decline_50304

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By Polly House

LifeWay Christian Resources

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention reported a record membership of 16,315,050, up 0.41 percent over 2002, and grew to 43,024 churches, an increase of 249 new congregations, according to statistics compiled by the convention.

PFLAG community center named for retired Baylor prof_50304

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WACO—Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays recently opened a community center in Waco named for a retired Baylor University religion

professor and his wife who have a homosexual son.

The center is named for Eddie Dwyer, 92, who taught in the Baylor religion department 37 years—including six as interim department head—and his wife, Velma, who was a credit manager in the university's financial aid office 31 years.

Paul Dwyer, a Baylor alumnus who has worked the last 30 years as a specialist in the Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C., told his parents 13 years ago he was gay.

Nocona teens know where to go for 'soul food'_50304

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Nocona teens know where to go for 'soul food'

By Jo Gray

Special to the Baptist Standard

NOCONA—On any given Tuesday, about one-third of the students at Nocona High School can be found at church-eating lunch.

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Starting a ministry to special-needs individuals is as simple as a smile, handshake or hug, say Texas Baptists who lead such efforts in their churches.

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Aldape, one
of the
Cooperative
Baptist
Fellowship's
Global
Missions
field
personnel,
speaks to a
class at the
Baptist
University of
the
Americas in
San Antonio.

BUA is
training
ministers to
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churches
being
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CBF
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with the
Hispanic
Baptist
Convention
of Texas.

Convencion, CBF church-starting partnership ready for work

By Craig Bird

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Less than a year after shaking hands and agreeing to work together, the Hispanic Baptist Convencion of Texas and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship are rolling up their sleeves toward jointly starting at least 400 Hispanic churches throughout the United States by 2010.

Number of hungry people in world increasing by 4.5 million every year_50304

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Number of hungry people in world increasing by 4.5 million every year

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

The number of hungry people in the United States and the developing world is greater now than it was when international leaders set hunger-cutting goals in the mid-1990s, said a recently released report by a faith-based anti-hunger organization.

Nehemiah Project Making an impact_50304

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Worship leader
Justin Cofield urges
a response from
youth during the
closing night of the
six-day, inter-
denominational
Impact evangelistic
events in Mineral
Wells. (David
May/Mineral Wells
Index Photo)

Nehemiah Project: Making an impact

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Managing Editor

MINERAL WELLS-Many church leaders talk about the importance of breaking down walls or going beyond the walls of a church to minister. But the inspiration for Tommy Pophin's ministry vision came from an Old

Testament passage about building a wall.

Texas, Mexico partnership produces base camp for ministry_50304

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Volunteers help construct facilities at Camp Getsemani, the only church camp in Coahuila, Mexico.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

ACUNA, Mexico—A partnership between a Mexican church and three Texas congregations has produced a ministry base camp on the south side of the Rio Grande.

CLC staff denied access to governor's office_50304

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By Ferrell Foster

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DALLAS—Representatives of Texas Baptists' moral concerns agency have been trying since spring 2003 to talk with Texas Gov. Rick Perry about public school financing.

Evangelical Christians-powerful or persecuted?_50304

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Evangelical Christians-powerful or persecuted?

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Although American evangelicals overwhelmingly view themselves as part of mainstream America and think they hold significant political influence, they nonetheless believe they are a besieged minority, a new study has found.