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CYBERCOLUMN: On trading places with Vanna White

By Brett Younger

Sometimes the pastoral calling requires serious soul-searching. During those dark nights of the soul, ministers should think about Vanna White.

Do you remember when Vanna switched from turning the letters to touching a switch? The headline in our local paper was an attention grabber: "Vanna will be pushing some buttons."

Brett Younger

Baby Boot Camp helps women

get through first six weeks of motherhood_40504

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By Sondra Washington

Woman's Missionary Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—The first six weeks of motherhood can be one of the most difficult seasons in a woman's life, author Rebecca Ingram Powell believes.

Senate approves fetus protection bill_40504

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Senate approves fetus protection bill

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The Senate has given final approval to a bill that treats violence against a pregnant woman as two separate crimes—against her and the fetus she is carrying.

Hardin-Simmons University considers letting students hold dances in campus facilities_32204

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ABILENE—Hardin-Simmons University's administrative council will decide whether to permit supervised on-campus dances as a part of student social

activities.

Student Congress President Ash Wright and Parliamentarian Wayne Holder recently asked the university's trustees to consider allowing campus facilities to be used for social activities that include student mixers and dances.

Currently, student organizations have off-campus social gatherings that include dancing.

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Jesus' sacrifice

Because of "The Passion of the Christ," debate is raging about who killed Jesus. Again, as people, we put the focus on us.

Some blame others, and others blame themselves. We think the universe revolves around us.

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Jesus willingly gave his life, as the final ultimate sacrifice, to allow us to be

made pure in our Father's eyes. It's not about us; it's about him. Praise his name!

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CYBERCOLUMN: Friends

By Berry D. Simpson

In John 15, Jesus calls us his friends. It has always been easy for me to think of Jesus being a friend to me, but I stumble over the idea that he sees me as a friend to him. I never thought I had that much to offer as a friend, especially to someone like Jesus.

Part of the problem may have been my distorted view of friendship, which I saw more as an exchange of services. My closest friends through college and young adult life tended to be men who had linked up with me in a spiritual role. Either they were mentors to me, or I was a mentor to them. I remember those as warm friendships, and I am sure we loved each other (even though we never said it out loud, no way). But I linked friendship

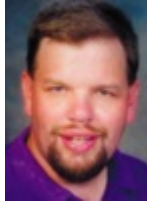
with mentoring, not partnering.

**Berry D.
Simpson**

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Two Texans among Baptist missionaries killed, hurt in Iraq

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

MOSUL, Iraq-A husband and wife from Texas were among the four Southern Baptist missionaries killed and one critically injured in a March 15 drive-by shooting in Iraq.

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More 'Buster' pastors, Barna research says

By Erin Curry

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (BP)-The number of senior pastors ages 20-38 in Protestant churches has doubled in just two years from about 22,000 to more than 45,000, according to a report by the Barna Research Group.

Park Service opposes funding to preserve Spanish missions_32204

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-The Bush administration has opposed at least one bill that would provide federal financial assistance to churches.

CBF enters partnership with African Baptists_32204

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

KUMASI, Ghana (ABP)-The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has signed a partnership agreement to do ministry with the All Africa Baptist Fellowship, an umbrella organization of Baptists in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

The total number of chaplains endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention North American Mission Board dropped from 2000 to 2003 but is on the rise this year, according to an agency spokesman.