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CYBERCOLUMN: Amazing, costly grace

By Jeanie Miley

It was so quiet in the banquet room of the hotel that you could almost hear the blood coursing through peoples' veins. The speaker owned the room.

Only recently, this man had been released from prison after serving time on Death Row. After decades, he was a free man, thanks to the help of those who never gave up on him and never quit believing in his innocence. My mind struggled to wrap itself around the awfulness of the wasted years. I wept at the thought of how precious freedom must be to him.

Jeanie Miley

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HSU considers allowing on-campus dances

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. These activities are chaperoned or sponsored, but there is added expense in renting facilities and hiring security, student leaders maintained.

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CBF begins partnership to aid Haitians

By Bob Perkins Jr.

CBF Communications

ATLANTA-The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will begin a partnership in Haiti to address the needs of the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and one of the poorest in the world.

House vote critical of China's human rights record_32204

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House vote critical of China's human

rights record

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U.S. House of Representatives and a bipartisan criticize China's human rights commission have called on the Bush administration to promote a resolution at a United Nations conference insisting China halt its violations of human rights.

The House voted 402-2 for a resolution urging the U.S. representative at the upcoming U.N. Commission on Human Rights to lead an effort to adopt a measure calling on China to meet the international community's standards on human rights.

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom endorsed the House's call for the resolution.

Court rules Catholic Charities must provide contraceptives as part of health benefits_32204

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Court rules Catholic Charities must

cover contraceptives as part of health benefits

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The California Supreme Court has ruled a Catholic social-service agency must provide contraceptives as part of its prescription-drug benefit for employees, raising alarms among some religious-liberty watchers.

New Iraqi constitution would guarantee broad human rights_32204

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New Iraqi constitution would guarantee broad human rights

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Iraq has a new interim constitution that offers high levels of protection for religious freedom, but one of its provisions still gives pause to some human-rights watchdogs.

Cybercolumn by John Duncan: Snow flakes falling_30804

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CYBERCOLUMN: Snow flakes falling

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, thinking of snow. Just a couple of weeks ago, snow covered this old oak tree in Granbury. Three inches of snow made Granbury postcard pretty, if there is such a thing.

In the North Carolina mountains, where my family history plunges deep roots in the soil, blizzard conditions dumped snow like loads of white sand on the earth. Roads closed. The rush to Wal-Mart to stock up on groceries before the snowstorm hit was unbelievable. The icy conditions meant that a few folk could not escape their mountain homes for a few days.

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COMMENTARY: Atonement and “The Passion”

By Reagan White

Show business has always liked the logic of making a fortune by standing convention on its head. But sometimes, it's the logic that gets upended.

Recent investments by Rosie O'Donnell and Mel Gibson are a case in point. O'Donnell bet \$10 million on a Broadway musical about Boy George called “Taboo” and lost every nickel. Mel Gibson put down \$30 million on a movie about Jesus' crucifixion, voiced the dialogue entirely in Aramaic and Latin, and quadrupled his money in less than a week.

Cybercolumn for 2/9/04 by John Duncan: God & fishermen_20904

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CYBERCOLUMN: God & fishermen

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, wondering about fishing. Christ loved fishermen.

Last fall, I went fishing in Central Texas on a private pond. The heat of the fall reigned over me and the other fishermen. We ate peanut butter crackers and drank bottled water chilled over ice. The teacher, knowing I seldom fished, instructed me on the ways of baiting the fish and setting the hook.