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COMMENTARY:
Questions about "The Passion"

By Brett Younger

When I was much younger (and I have apologized to God for this) I participated in my church’s Evangelism Explosion program.

In this outreach method, the witnesser wore an unattractive gold lapel pin consisting of two question marks. When the victim asked, “Why are you wearing two questions marks?” we answered, “There are two questions I’d like to ask you. ‘If you died tonight, where would you spend eternity?’ and ‘Why should God let you into heaven?’” I learned that beginning a conversation with “If you died tonight” seldom leads to a helpful exchange of ideas.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

RICHARDSON–Nehemiah, the Old Testament figure, was best known for building walls. But a Latvian project that bears his name focuses on breaking down walls–between a people's desire and their ability to praise God in their own tongue.

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

Spring semester enrollment numbers at universities affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas are a mixed bag.

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)–The Supreme Court has ruled that, while the First Amendment may allow a state to fund scholarships to religious schools, it doesn't require all states to do so.

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Ministers turned away from schools during lunch break

By Erin Curry

Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)–A Kentucky school board has upheld its decision to prohibit ministers from visiting students at school during lunch, despite protests from a local church.

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Whistleblower tells chilling tale of ruin

By Sean Flynt

Samford University

BIRMINGHAM (ABP)–Avoid “the slow steps to disaster” that result in ethical failure, Enron whistleblower Sherron Watkins warned Samford University students.

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By John Pierce

Baptists Today

ATLANTA (ABP)–Cooperative Baptist Fellowship support for the Baptist World Alliance will double to $40,000 next year if the Fellowship's general assembly adopts the $16 million budget approved by its Coordinating Council.

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By Robert Marus & Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)–Ending months of silence and under increasing pressure, President Bush has announced he will support a constitutional

amendment to ban same-sex marriage.

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Staff Writer

FORT WORTH–Bivocational minister Charles Levine believes “vocational bi-ministry” might better describe his life, because he considers both his jobs to be ministry points.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS–Texas Baptists' WorldconneX missions network has an office without furniture and a computer without an Internet connection now, but it does have a plan for becoming a network of networks, staff leader Bill Tinsley said.

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DALLAS–The Baptist General Convention of Texas must seek from God a compelling vision and then organize people, processes and resources around it, Texas Baptist leaders told the convention's Executive Board.

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By Marv Knox

Editor

DALLAS–Texas Baptists will support the Baptist World Alliance with prayer, money and friendship, the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board has promised.