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By Bob Allen

EthicsDaily.com

LifeWay Christian Resources has withdrawn promotional materials quoting a Texas Baptist leader as endorsing this summer's Asian-themed "Rickshaw Rally" Vacation Bible School curriculum, which some have criticized as racially insensitive.

Former San Marcos Baptist Academy staffer charged with

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Former San Marcos Baptist Academy staffer charged with molesting 17-year-old student

By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

SAN MARCOS-A San Marcos Baptist Academy employee has been dismissed and subsequently arrested on charges of molesting a 17-year-old academy student.

San Francisco grants gay couples marriage

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San Francisco grants gay couples marriage licenses

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

SAN FRANCISCO (ABP)—As thousands of same-sex couples rushed to get married in San Francisco over the Valentine's Day weekend, opponents tried to block the marriages in court.

Graham backs SBC name change_22304

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Jack Graham backs SBC name change

By Tony Cartledge

Biblical Recorder

NASHVILLE (ABP)-Southern Baptist Convention President Jack Graham has called on the SBC to consider changing its name.

Texas Tidbits_22304

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Texas Tidbits

Dodson to lead Breckenridge Village. Charles Dodson has been named executive director of Breckenridge Village in Tyler, a residential facility for adults with mental disabilities. Dodson begins his duties with Breckenridge Village, a ministry of Baptist Child and Family Services, March 15. He has been pastor of The Woods Baptist Church in Tyler seven years, and he previously served churches in Austin and Carthage. He is a graduate of the University of Texas and holds master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Sue, have two sons, Derek and Brady.

Historical Society explores church/state issues. "Lone Star Visions of Church, State and Society" is the theme of the spring meeting of the Texas Baptist Historical Society in Austin. The meeting, scheduled in conjunction with the Texas State Historical Association, will be 10:30 a.m. March 4 at the Renaissance Hotel, 9721 Arboretum Blvd. Marshall Johnston of Baylor University will examine the influence of theologian Walter Rauschenbusch on J.M. Dawson. Christopher Lee Canipe of Baylor will present a paper on

George W. Truett and religious liberty. Barry Hankins, also from Baylor, will respond to both presentations. For more information, contact Alan Lefever at (972)331-2235 or tbhc@bgct.org.

Howard Payne preview weekend slated. Howard Payne University will host Stinger Daze, a preview weekend for prospective students, Feb. 27-28. The event is designed specifically for high school and transfer students. Guests will tour the campus, visit with faculty and current HPU students, and receive information on financial aid, admissions, academics and student life. Cost is \$20, which includes a T-shirt, a ticket to Spring Sing, a continental breakfast and lunch. For reservations or more information, contact (325) 649-8020, toll-free (800) 880-4478 or e-mail enroll@hputx.edu.

TOGETHER: Be prepared for 'Passion' follow-up_22304

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TOGETHER: Be prepared for 'Passion' follow-up

"I love him more than I ever knew possible. ... I connected to a place I could have never, ever gone. I don't want people to see me. All I want them to see is Jesus Christ."

That's what James Caviezel, the actor who portrayed Jesus in "The Passion of the Christ," recently told a Newsweek reporter.

Churches are buying tickets for this movie, and their members are taking friends to see it.

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Suburban church clarifies its purpose, learns how to resolve differences_22304

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Suburban church clarifies its purpose, learns how to resolve differences

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

COPPELL-Valley Ranch Baptist Church seemingly had all the ingredients for expansion in a growing suburb of Dallas. Young families drove church development. The congregation owned its land and facilities. More people were coming. Excitement and energy was high.

Cybercolumn for 2/23 by Berry D. Simpson: Listen to the music_22304

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CYBERCOLUMN: Listen to the music

By Berry D. Simpson

One morning, I was camped in a back booth of my favorite local fast-food joint, and wrote in my journal as the overhead music played “Happy Man” by Chicago—a 30-year-old favorite of mine. It was wonderful. I could literally feel my heartbeat change to match the rhythm of the song as I sat and listened and settled in. It was a pleasant sensation.

“Merely by chance/Very unsuspecting/You caught my heart/Unprotecting

me/Now I've fallen in love with you."

Cybercolumn for 2/16/04 by Jeanie Miley: "Yes" of the heart_22304

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CYBERCOLUMN: "Yes" of the heart

By Jeanie Miley

"Yes, I agree with you."

The words were right, and so, I took the words at face value and made my plans, based on what I thought was an agreement.

'The Passion of The Christ' more than a movie_20904

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"The
Passion of
the Christ,"
a film by
Mel
Gibson,
vividly
portrays
the
crucifixion.
(c) 2003
Icon
Distribution
Inc.

'The Passion of The Christ' more than a movie

By George Henson

Staff Writer

DENTON—"The Passion of the Christ" will spark a stampede from theater seats to church pews, and Christians need to be ready to answer the

questions the movie raises, Steve Pate believes.

Shuttle Columbia widows' grief gives gospel global platform_20904

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Shuttle Columbia widows' grief gives gospel global platform

By Bonnie Pritchett

Baptist Press

HOUSTON (BP)-Sandy Anderson and Evelyn Husband endured the most horrific year of their lives, but they insist they have not grieved as ones who have no hope.

Texas Baptist Forum_20904

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM: Liberal un-Christian stance

Marv Knox just can't seem to get it. He continually takes every opportunity to malign the Southern Baptist Convention, as in his Jan. 12 editorial about the SBC's proposal to defund the Baptist World Alliance.

E-mail the editor at

marvknox@baptiststandard.com

He ignores the fact that many people take time to be informed about what the SBC does stand for, which are our basic Christian principles, in spite of the liberal thinking of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Everything was fine with him back when the liberals were in control, but now he attempts to poison people's minds toward the SBC. This is such an un-Christian stance for him to take.