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DALLAS The Baptist General Convention of Texas has launched what is believed to be the first online Spanish ministry job search engine.

Ministers can post their resumes and search for positions online in Spanish via the Church Personnel Information Services site, www.cpis.org/sp/. Churches also can display vacancies and sort through resumes in Spanish.

The site is the first BGCT web page translated completely into Spanish at the request of ministers.

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

HOUSTON Spanish-speaking churches still are needed in the United States, but bilingual and English-speaking Hispanic congregations are in increasing demand, a South Texas pastor told the Hispanic Evangelism Conference.

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Hispanic and Anglo congregations are trading places as Anglo churches become worship-driven and their Hispanic counterparts move toward a Bible study-driven model, according to some Texas Baptist leaders.

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RICHMOND, Va.-(BP) The Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board has created a hotline where victims of sexual abuse on the mission field can report their abusers and find help for their trauma.

The toll-free number will help people report incidents of abuse or inappropriate relationships-either past or present-to IMB staff members

who can respond to the concern, said Mark Whitworth, a member care consultant for the board and former missionary to Japan.

“We very rarely receive reports of such problems, but we don't want that to be because a victim feels he or she has nowhere to turn for help,” Whitworth said.

**"We know we
are not
immune to
problems like
this, and we
want people to
know that we
care and that
we are
committed to
reaching out to
victims and
dealing
decisively with
abusers."
—Sharron
Hawk, IMB**

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No longer 'playmaker,' now Michael Irvin finds glory in God

By Art Stricklin

Baptist Press

HOUSTON (BP)-Michael Irvin, the self-styled playmaker during his Dallas Cowboys days, is still very much at home at the Super Bowl.

Texas Baptists pass halfway mark toward goal of 777 new churches_20904

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Despite a tough fiscal year, the Baptist General Convention of Texas Church Multiplication Center crossed the halfway point toward its goal of helping start 777 churches by the end of 2004.

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Joe Bacuam to First Church in Early as minister of youth.

- ♦ **Jesse Caballero** to Primera Iglesia in Lockney as interim pastor.
 - ♦ **Allen Cearley** to Shepherd's Fellowship Church in Boerne as pastor.
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After initially refusing to show a 30-second advertisement produced by the Baptist General Convention of Texas because it was "too dark," AMC Theatres tentatively have agreed to accept a modified version.

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By Adelle Banks

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is at the head of a long line of individuals and organizations urging the U.S. Supreme Court to declare the Pledge of Allegiance constitutional.

Analysts debate meaning, existence of voters' 'religion gap'_20904

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Analysts debate meaning, existence of voters' 'religion gap'

By William Bole

Religion News Service

(RNS)—One sign of how religion is factoring in presidential politics is that

on the eve of the Jan. 19 Iowa caucuses, Democratic candidate Howard Dean was not in Iowa.

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RICHARDSON-Christians reflect the Creator, and it's time for them to claim their place as the primary storytellers in today's culture, a postmodern pastor told the Texas Evangelism and Missions Conference.

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LOS ANGELES (ABP)—Most American college students are more interested in discussing spiritual matters than are their professors, preliminary results from a massive nationwide study suggest.

Late last year, researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles' Higher Education Research Institute released results from the third year of a four-year study. The study has tracked the spiritual activities and attitudes of 3,680 undergraduate students at 46 colleges and universities across the United States since they enrolled in the schools as freshmen in 2000.

The preliminary results show that while more than two-thirds of the students “demonstrate a substantial level of religious engagement and commitment,” only 8 percent of the students reported their professors encouraged classroom discussion of spiritual matters.