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CYBERCOLUMN: What movies say about a guy

By Berry D. Simpson

I was discussing favorite movies with a bunch of guys and wondering what our movies say about those of us who loved them.

I like the movie "Gods and Generals."

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New models emerging for ministry to homeless population

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

New approaches to helping the homeless population are giving hope to Christians who want to get people off the streets and into warm housing.

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HOMELESSNESS: No easy answers

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Social acceptance and compassion fatigue are leading Americans to leave needy individuals out in the cold, according to advocates for the homeless.

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Volunteers work at Manna, a ministry to the homeless sponsored by First Baptist Church of San Antonio, offering hot meals and a Christian message of hope.

Advocates for homeless see little hope apart from spiritual renewal

By John Hall

Spiritual renewal is the key to homeless people overcoming their personal issues and getting off the street, according to leaders of Christian ministries.

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Number of hungry in developing countries increased in late 1990s

ROME (RNS)-The number of hungry people in developing countries rose during the second half of the 1990s, despite a concerted campaign against hunger in the world, the United Nations reports.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said in its report on "The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2003" that the total number of the hungry in the developing world dropped by 37 million in the first half of the 1990s, then rose by 18 million in the second half of the decade.

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The latest estimates “signal a setback in the war against hunger,” the report said. Nations represented at the World Food Summit in 1996 pledged to reduce the number of undernourished people worldwide by half by 2015.

CYBERCOLUMN for 1/19: Embrace imperfection by Jeanie Miley_11204

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CYBERCOLUMN: Embrace imperfection

By Jeanie Miley

My favorite movies of this season have left me with unresolved and unanswerable questions. Each of them had characters who endured unfulfilled dreams, unrequited love and the challenge of imperfection and incompleteness that is so like ... well, life.

Being entertained by a movie is fun, but I really like being challenged to think thoughts I've never thought before. I love to be provoked to explore paradox and irony. I like wrestling with unimagined possibilities, even when I am pushed out of my comfort zone and asked to accept and embrace life as it really is, imperfections and all.

Jeanie Miley

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COMMENTARY: Use MLK Day to reflect

By Scott Sharman

Pastor of Alsbury Baptist Church, Burleson

I drove to the post office this morning only to find it closed in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday. My first reaction was one of mild frustration. My next was to consider why this day is set aside as a national holiday.

Several years ago I read "A Letter from a Birmingham Jail," the letter penned by King to white clergy critical of his efforts. The letter powerfully defended the non-violent protests against institutionalized racism in Birmingham, Ala. Furthermore, Dr. King questioned why the white clergy was criticizing rather than joining the protests.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

DEL VALLE—Lee Laake loves the past. It's the future that troubles him, particularly the future of his treasured gospel music collection.

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Bush proposal brings attention to church's responsibility to the 'stranger'

By Ken Camp

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Churches' responsibility to care for "aliens and strangers" as the Bible commands transcends legal issues about immigration policy, according to David Guel of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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FORT WORTH-At one time, Pastor Howard Caver did not want to be given a nursing home, but now he and his small church are preparing to spend \$4 million to build one.

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Al Fike takes Christian comedy seriously. That's why he decided to move it from church fellowship halls to established urban "improv" comedy clubs.