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Americans want double standard on display

WASHINGTON (RNS)-The majority of Americans approve of the display of a Ten Commandments monument in a public building but disapprove of a similar display featuring a verse from the Koran, Islam's holy book.

The contradiction was highlighted in a new Gallup poll for USA Today and CNN.

The poll, taken Sept. 19-21 and reported Sept. 30 in USA Today, found 70 percent of U.S. adults approve of the display of a monument to the Ten Commandments in a public school or government building, while 29 percent disapprove and 1 percent had no opinion.

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SBTC building \$3 million headquarters

GRAPEVINE-The Southern Baptists of Texas Convention is building a \$3 million headquarters in an office corridor near Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

The Dallas Business Journal reported the facility will be two stories with 30,000 square feet of space. It will be located on a 4-acre tract at 4500 State Highway 360.

In April, the convention's Executive Board approved the building plans. Construction will be paid for using \$3.3 million in surplus Cooperative Program funds collected through the end of 2002.

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Texas Baptist Men respond far & wide

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

Texas Baptist Men disaster relief volunteers responded simultaneously to disasters 1,800 miles apart in late September, offering aid in Maryland and the Rio Grande Valley.

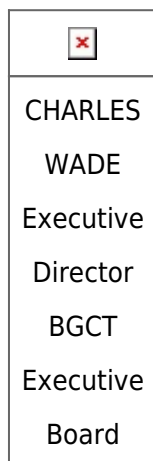
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TOGETHER: For Texas' sake, fund new churches

Does Texas need more churches? Absolutely. We will have 1.7 million more people in Texas over the next five years. And if we do not meet them with the gospel and give them a place to belong in the body of Christ, we will be found negligent in our response to Christ's command.



The BGCT Church Multiplication Center's "Genesis Project" goal is to help start 777 churches in three years. Since the project was launched in 2002, the center has resourced the starting of 372 churches. But our ability to continue helping start churches depends on more mission dollars through the Cooperative Program and the Mary Hill Davis Offering.

Recently, Abe Zabaneh, director of the Church Multiplication Center, spoke to our Texas Baptist Missions Foundation about why we need more churches. He identified five reasons:

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4 schools join pre-pay tuition plan

Four Texas Baptist colleges have joined a new prepaid college tuition plan called the Independent 529 Plan.

Baylor University, Dallas Baptist University, Hardin-Simmons University and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor are among 200 private schools participating in the pre-paid tax shelter.

“We see this new plan as part of our ongoing effort to make UMHB accessible to more families,” said Steve Theodore, vice president for enrollment management at UMHB.

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'Big-time losers' shed light on what works

By Terri Lackey

LifeWay Christian Resources

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—People who want to lose weight should seek out others who have been successful at it, said John Latham, an exercise physiologist who runs a wellness program for federal agents at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

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As food portions get bigger, so do those who eat

By Terri Lackey

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Twenty years ago, a bagel measured three inches in diameter and had 130 calories. Today, its size has doubled and its calorie count nearly tripled. A cheeseburger rang in at 333 calories 20 years ago; today, it registers at 590.

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He Said/ She Said: Front seat

She Said:

My space has been invaded, and I want it back.

Luke and Garrett recently reached the magical weight and height that allows them to sit in the front seat of the car. I gave them a lecture off the bat telling them not to argue over whose turn it is to sit in front or neither of them would get to be up there in the seat of privilege. I remember fighting with my brother over the front seat many times, and I wanted to head that problem off from the start.

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Houston Baptist University forges new link to SBTC, keeps ties to BGCT

By Mark Wingfield

Managing Editor

HOUSTON-Trustees of Houston Baptist University have affirmed a fraternal relationship with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention while reaffirming their desire to maintain its relationship with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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New Orleans seminary trustees to decide whether to turn over autonomy to Southern Baptist Convention

By Mark Wingfield

Managing Editor

Trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will decide this fall whether to continue as the lone holdout among Southern Baptist Convention entities by refusing to make the SBC the "sole member" of their corporation.

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Texas Tidbits

 **Hispanic School sets record.** Fall enrollment at Hispanic Baptist Theological School is the highest in its 56-year history—206 students from 15 countries speaking five languages.

  **HBTS offers Spanish training.** Hispanic Baptist Theological School's Center for Cultural Language Studies will offer beginner and intermediate conversational Spanish at the school's San Antonio campus Oct. 13-17. Students also will learn about the Hispanic culture and ministry and will write their Christian testimony in Spanish and practice sharing it with others. Tuition is \$100, but members of BGCT-affiliated congregations receive full scholarships provided by the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas missions. For more information, contact Val Martinez at (800) 721-1396 or valmartinez@hbts.edu.

 **Russian children available for adoption.** Several children living in Russian orphanages are available for adoption by Christian families and singles through Buckner International Adoption Services. Among them is

this boy, age 4 to 6, who recently was identified as adoptable by Russian authorities.


Russian orphans are in need of adoptive families.