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Four honored with Texas Baptist Heritage Awards

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

Four longtime denominational leaders were honored at the third annual Texas Baptist Heritage Awards banquet, held Aug. 21 at Union Station in Dallas.

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Teen sex often involves abuse

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Among teenagers who have had sex, one-quarter of those relationships included some form of abuse, with nearly one in 10 teens reporting physical abuse within their relationships, according to a study by Child Trends.

The study also found that one-fourth of teens who have had sex reported having sex with their first partner only once.

Richard Ross, founder of the abstinence program True Love Waits and professor of youth and student ministry at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, drew a link to the entertainment business' inaccurate portrayal of sexual encounters.

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Q&A sessions planned by Annuity Board

Representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board will conduct 13 regional meetings in Texas this fall to answer questions about the new medical plans that will be available to Southern Baptist ministers, church and denominational employees and seminary students in 2004.

Locations, dates and times are:

Abilene, Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.

Austin, Austin Baptist Association, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.

Beaumont, First Baptist Church, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.

Euless, First Baptist Church, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.

Fort Worth, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Sept. 18, 2 p.m.

- ✘ Houston, First Baptist Church, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.
- ✘ Lubbock, Southcrest Baptist Church, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.
- ✘ Richardson, First Baptist Church, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.
- ✘ Rowlett, Lake Pointe Church, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.
- ✘ San Antonio, First Baptist Church, Sept. 9, 2 p.m.
- ✘ Spring, Spring Baptist Church, Sept. 10, 2 p.m.
- ✘ Tyler, First Baptist Church, Sept. 22, 2 p.m.
- ✘ Waco, Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Sept. 22, 10 a.m.

Anyone who is currently participating in an Annuity Board medical plan should receive re-enrollment materials, including rates and benefits of the new PPO plans either in the mail or from their employer in September. Participants are encouraged to bring their packets and any questions they might have to the meeting that is most convenient for them. Annuity Board staff will be available to answer questions about the new medical plans and other life and health plans.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

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NAMB plans cut in budget, staff

ALPHARETTA, GA (ABP)-The North American Mission Board plans to cut \$11 million from its budget next year, which will eliminate 31 full- and part-time positions-some of which are vacant-and leave seven current employees without jobs.

The proposed \$118 million budget-6 percent less than this year-awaits approval by trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention agency during their meeting Oct. 8.

The 2004 budget cuts \$3 million from travel expenses, \$1.6 million in communication projects, more than \$4 million from support of various programs and \$1.7 million from personnel expenses.

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WHAT IS PASSION?

College worship movement growing

By Leann Callaway

Special to the Standard

“Passion” has become the magnificent obsession of youth evangelist Louie

Giglio and a cadre of fellow believers who work daily with youth.

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Moscow court convicts Okhotin, confiscates donations

By Frank Brown

Religion News Service

MOSCOW—In a case being watched closely by evangelical Protestants worldwide, a judge convicted an American Baptist youth pastor of currency smuggling Aug. 22, in the process confiscating \$48,000 in charitable donations collected from believers in the United States.

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Matthew 5:1-16

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