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Texas Baptist Forum: Anger instead of love

You write about showing love toward the homosexual (Aug. 11), but I don't know any.

I'm angry, though, when it is flaunted in my face by the media. It is not right, and I don't like it being presented as completely all right.

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If a person is struggling with a sin for deliverance, I can empathize and sympathize, for I, too, have wrestled. If, however, they are going to threaten me and tell me I have to accept what they are doing, then I do not have love but anger.

How dare they do that to me!

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Mary Hill Davis gifts help set 'bad girls' straight

By Ken Camp

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AMARILLO—Participants in the Amarillo Christian Women's Job Corps enjoy a class where they study "Bad Girls of the Bible."

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Ten Commandments judge told again, 'Thou shall not'

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (ABP) -Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore was overruled by his colleagues, who ordered Moore's monument to the Ten Commandments removed from public areas of the Alabama judicial building in Montgomery Aug. 21.

After a special conference that day, the court's eight associate justices, without dissent, ordered the building manager to remove a two-ton monument to the Protestant King James translation of the commandments. Moore had placed the monument in the center of the building's rotunda during the summer of 2001-without the associate justices' consent or knowledge.

Last fall, U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson declared the display in violation of the U.S. Constitution's ban on government endorsement of religion. After being upheld unanimously by a panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Thompson ordered the monument removed by Aug. 20, threatening to levy fines against the state if Moore did not comply with his injunction. Moore refused, saying to do so would violate the state constitution. Moore claims that document allows the state to "acknowledge God" as the source of law.

**Alabama Chief
Justice Roy
Moore**

addresses a crowd of thousands gathered outside the Alabama Capitol in Montgomery Aug. 16 during a rally supporting his fight to keep a Ten Commandments monument inside the state judicial building.

In his brief appearance, Moore said that "I will pass away as every politician and every pastor, but the laws of God will remain forever."

(Bernard Trancale/RNS Photo)

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Patterson brings six from Southeastern

FORT WORTH-When Paige Patterson moved from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary this summer, he brought six staff members with him.

The North Carolina-to-Texas transplants are in addition to Patterson's wife, Dorothy, who was elected a full professor but will not draw a salary, and Patterson's faithful black Labrador Retriever, Noche, who accompanies him to the office.

Seminary spokesman Greg Tomlin said the Pattersons "invited six individuals from Southeastern to come to Southwestern with them." They are:

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Lt. Col. Michael Keller has a cup of coffee at Camp Babylon, actually one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces.

Plainview man helps bring better health to Iraq

By Jonathan Petty

Wayland Baptist University

CAMP BABYLON, Iraq-Lt. Col. Michael Keller sets foot outside his temporary home in a former presidential palace in Iraq. What meets his eyes isn't pretty. All the windows and doors in the building were broken out or destroyed during the looting and riots that followed in the wake of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Reyes to be nominated for BGCT's first vice presidency in Lubbock

By Marv Knox

Editor

SAN ANTONIO — Albert Reyes, president of Hispanic Baptist Theological School, will be nominated for first vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas when it meets Nov. 10-11.

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BGCT schools ranked in

annual U.S. News survey

By Marv Knox

Editor

Twenty-eight schools stand between Baylor University and its goal of ranking among the 50 finest schools in the country.

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Shepherd's Inn keeper knows her flock well

By George Henson

Staff Writer

PORT ARTHUR-Toni Damian's life is a testament that God can use both the good and the bad in a person's life, given the opportunity.

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Enlist 'special' volunteers for music

By Sara Horn

LifeWay Christian Resources

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)-By all accounts, little David was a holy terror at church. He didn't sit still, didn't listen and distracted other children.

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Non-Aggies find a home with international Aggies

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

COLLEGE STATION-Call them students. Call them summer missionaries. Just don't call them Aggies.

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Student missionaries parade God's presence in Colorado resort town

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

CRESTED BUTTE, Colo.-Baptist General Convention of Texas student summer missionaries paraded a Christian presence down the streets of this popular Rocky Mountain resort town.

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Little sleep, lots of opportunities

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

HAMPSTEAD, N.H.-Robert Nixon loves to sleep. Maybe now that his stint as a summer missionary is over, he'll get some.