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Graduates of
the Bible
Institute for
Church
Planters,
drawn from
five Houston-
area
churches,
celebrate
with Director
Moises
Flores
(right).

In Houston, Flores has a flair for finding fishers of men

By Karen Simons

Union Baptist Association

HOUSTON-Moises Flores is preparing laity for ministry, following the model that drew him from work as a civil engineer in Mexico to a multi-tasking minister in Houston.

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Gay marriage question confronts more candidates

WASHINGTON (RNS)-Leaders in the Democratic race for president expressed commitment to homosexual-rights issues at a mid-summer forum, but most stopped short of endorsing gay marriage.

Speaking to the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay-rights organization, the seven Democratic presidential candidates who attended endorsed measures to prevent discrimination against gays.

But only three candidates-Al Sharpton, a minister from New York City; Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio; and former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois-said they supported homosexual marriage. All three are considered longshots for the nomination.

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Graceview offers new perspective for special-needs families

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

TOMBALL-Graceview Baptist Church is giving disabled people and their caregivers freedom to worship by offering them a little joy.

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Volunteers
put
together
20 storage
sheds for
Hispanic
Baptist
Theological
School.

HBTS volunteers make more storage

SAN ANTONIO—Forty volunteers from 10 churches spent the first week of June building 20 storage sheds at Hispanic Baptist Theological School.

The 8-by-10-foot sheds will be used by students living on campus and by the school to store seasonal items, donations to the Agape House clothing ministry, library materials and maintenance equipment.

The volunteers are part of a newly formed group called Lone Star Builders.



Volunteers pose amid a field of storage units they constructed on the campus of Hispanic Baptist Theological School.

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Author lauds literary lilt of King James Version's language

By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Their names are mostly lost to history now—Geoffrey King, Lancelot Andrewes, Miles Smith and dozens more—but the book that brought them all together, the King James Bible, remains “the greatest work of English prose” ever written.

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM

Tricky numbers

Paige Patterson generally is being credited with great success at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (June 30). I must disagree.

He has led in academic flim-flam. For proof, ask any Southern Baptist if he has heard of Southeastern College at Wake Forest. I doubt if you will find one in 50 who has. The college was begun at Southeastern Seminary in 1994 under Patterson's leadership and is one of the new undergraduate endeavors that fundamentalist leaders are operating under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

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According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, in the fall of 2001, Southeastern had a total enrollment of 2,044, of whom 556 were undergraduates. That same academic year, about one-third of the degrees awarded were undergraduate. Keep your eyes open for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's undergraduate program, especially if the seminary's numbers begin to falter.

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Muslims cite increased woes

By Hannah Lodwick & Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-A Muslim-American civil-rights group has released a report claiming “evangelical leaders and neo-conservatives” contributed to a 15 percent increase in reports of anti-Muslim incidents in 2002.

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O'Brien: With no forgiveness, no peace

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO-The inability to forgive is the major obstacle preventing people from spiritually maturing, a Baylor University professor told participants at the

Texas Baptist Church Weekday Education Conference.

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On the Move

James Adams to First Church in Carlsbad as pastor from Harriett Church in San Angelo.

♦ **Rodney Allen** has resigned as minister of education at Ovilla Road Church in Red Oak.

♦ **H.O. Bilderback** has completed an interim pastorate at Velasco Church in Freeport.

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Patterson says adios to Southeastern

By Steve DeVane

N.C. Biblical Recorder

WAKE FOREST-Paige Patterson hopes to do his part to bring revival to Texas, he told trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary July 21 as he departed for a new role in his home state.

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Christian rapper Elden Kaeo

RAP REDEEMED:

Teen minister takes to stage as 'Bloodbought'

By Jenny Hartgraves

Staff Writer

DUMAS-A Texas Baptist youth minister is “rapping” the gospel in a new package.

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Christian Right frustrated by lack of political progress

By Mark O'Keefe

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—With such fellow believers as President Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft in office, religious conservatives never have had more friends in high places.