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"We just decided to draw the line."

— The Rev. Gerald Harris **Georgia Baptist Convention**

In Georgia, about 20 percent to 30 percent of Oakhurst Baptist's congregation is gay or lesbian, the Rev. Mary Sue Brookshire said. In addition, Oakhurst's assistant pastor, the Rev. Chris Copeland, is openly gay. Oakhurst and Virginia Highland Baptist also have gay deacons. Also, Virginia Highland allowed

an outside pastor to use its church for a gay wedding, although its own clergy did not participate.

The Rev. Tim Shirley of Virginia Highland said his church believes

"its ministry and mission is to serve all who come.

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"We just disagree about the nature of sexuality," Shirley said. "We do not believe that sexuality is a choice. It's an orientation. That's how you were born.

The Georgia Baptist Convention said it could no longer tolerate churches that ordained homosexual people as deacons or performed same-sex marriage ceremonies.

'We know that they do not value the Holy Scriptures as a great majority of Southern Baptists do," Harris said.

The vote to oust Oakhurst was 2,086 to 262, and the vote on Virginia Highland was 2,111 to 228. In California, opponents of the proposed name change said it shows a softening of a conservative movement within the church. Supporters said it was simply a way to attract more members.

Terry Barone, a spokesperson for the California Southern Baptist Convention, said it was intended to prevent confusion because the word 'Southern" was used "to distinguish ourselves from the American Baptists at one time."

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of Nixon items are based on a "mythical, magical, ke-believe world of their dreams," Neil Koslowe, a ice Department lawyer, told U.S. District Judge John rett Penn.

Yesterday was the finale of a lengthy trial to determine 10w much — if anything — the government should pay covic, who is average vixon's heirs for the more than 40 million pages of dociments, 3,700 hours of tape recordings, photos and othven with the houser items it confiscated when Nixon resigned. ning streak and Big

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of dollars for esident Nixon's handwritten selfterest, compounded annually, would be roughly \$210 mil-lion, according to Nixon estate lawyer R. Stan Mortenson.

Justice Department lawyers remain opposed to any compensation. But they say if something must be paid, a fair value would be no more than \$2.2 million.

The court should put an end to this attempt by the Nixon estate to obtain a windfall from the taxpayers,' the government said in its post-trial brief.

To underscore the material's historical value, Mortenson replayed a video of Nixon making his resignation speech. The teary-eyed president's words to the nation on Aug. 8, 1974, broke the silence in the courtroom: "I have never been a quitter. To leave office before my term is complete is abhorrent to every instinct in my body. ... Therefore I shall resign the presidency effective at noon tomorrow.

Drafts and the actual copy of the speech in Nixon's hand as he announced his resignation would have sold for \$200,000 to \$300,000, according to appraisers hired by the estate. Even tapes containing Nixon's embarrassing ethnic slurs would have been valuable, he said.

Koslowe, the government's lawyer, argued Nixon intended his materials to be preserved as a historical archive for researchers.

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