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♦ *Acts 17:16-34*

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By Michael Leathers

Associated Baptist Press

MARYVILLE, Ill. (ABP)-Messengers to the Illinois Baptist State Association's annual meeting soundly rejected a last-minute attempt to make the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message its official faith statement.

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By Mike Creswell

SBC International Mission Board

CENTRAL IRAQ (BP)-Iraqis cheered as a volunteer team moved through

their neighborhood to give out cartons of food sent by Southern Baptist churches across America.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (ABP) -Halfway through his term, "Ten Commandments judge" Roy Moore has been ousted as the head of Alabama's judicial system.

Texas Baptist Forum_111703

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM: Intestinal fortitude

I am all for this new anti-partial-birth abortion law.

Partial-birth abortion was not supposed to be a lifestyle choice for would-be parents. It was to be used to end a pregnancy for those children with serious problems.


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The children who are aborted are considered to be alive and have all the same rights as anyone else. Most are "viable," and both sides agree.

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University_111703

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By Vicki Brown

Missouri Word & Way

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ABP)—A Missouri judge has given an initial legal victory to one of the institutions locked in a messy legal spat with the Missouri Baptist Convention.

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (ABP)-Conservative David Horton was elected president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Nov. 11 in what was anticipated as a make-or-break election for moderate Baptists in the state.

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Ron Allen to Avenue D Church in Brownwood as pastor.

♦ **Abraham Almendariz** to Iglesia Calvario in Buckholts as pastor.

♦ **Robert Bennett** to Handley Church in Fort Worth as pastor from Freedom Church in Amarillo.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)-A federal appeals court has struck down part of a law that is the latest in a series of federal attempts to protect certain aspects of religious freedom.

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Texas Tidbits

✖ **NASA leader at UMHB.** NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe spoke to 1,000 people in Walton Chapel at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Nov. 5 about the future of NASA. Delivering the university's McLane Lectures,

✖
O'Keefe (center) with Drayton McLane and UMHB President Jerry Bawcom.

he encouraged students to be leaders for tomorrow in exploration and discovery, calling it an adventure. "My hope is that many of you will help to participate in the adventures to come, whether you are working for NASA, discovering new ways to heal the sick or teach the young, or charting new pathways in business enterprise like Drayton McLane," he said, referencing the namesake of the lecture series. Regarding the Columbia shuttle disaster, O'Keefe said, "We should recognize that every step of the way in the age of flight, we have achieved our breakthroughs and triumphs only after having suffered through enormous setbacks, learning from them and rebounding to continue our unceasing efforts to explore the unknown."

✖ **DBU honors faculty member.** Curtis Lee, associate professor of biology, has been named Faculty Member of the Year at Dallas Baptist University. He was cited for being among students' top pick when choosing

classes over a number of years. Lee and his wife, Sharon, are members of South Oaks Baptist Church in Arlington, where she serves as minister of education.

✖ **Baylor regents hear reports.** At the conclusion of the Baylor board of regents meeting Nov. 7, the university issued a news release saying regents "heard interim reports" from three review committees named at the September regents meeting. Those committees are charged with examining concerns about faculty relations, the faculty hiring process, admission of provisional students, preserving Baylor traditions, the university's financial model, indebtedness, conflicts of interest among regents, tuition increases and pending litigation against the university. Regents also approved a new department of statistical science.

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Years from now, we may look back on the 2003 Baptist General Convention of Texas session in Lubbock as one of the most significant events in our history. Three things make me hopeful that is true.

First, we changed the format. We offered 44 breakout events, providing opportunities for leadership development and an occasion to discuss important issues. Response was greater than expected, and many rooms were overflowing. I heard the encouraging words “candor” and “openness” used to describe the workshops, as well as the comment: “This is real help for my church. Do this again.”


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The missions program was moved to the middle of the convention, and Texas Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union of Texas met Sunday evening rather than Tuesday afternoon. The result was improved attendance at all these missions-oriented events.

Veggies uprooted to a new garden_111703

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CHICAGO (RNS)—A federal bankruptcy judge has approved the sale of Big Idea Productions, makers of the best-selling VeggieTales video series, to Classic Media, owner of “Rocky and Bullwinkle,” “Lassie” and “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.”

Classic Media will pay a reported \$19.3 million for Big Idea, according to the Chicago Tribune. The sale is expected to close by mid-December.

Classic Media had agreed in September to pay a reported \$7.5 million for Big Idea. But an open auction was held Oct. 27 for the company's assets, including rights to Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber, stars of the VeggieTales series, which has sold close to 30 million copies.