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Do you suppose Elvis and Madalyn Murray O'Hair are married and raising Bigfoot in a castle beside a lake in Scotland, where they go swimming with the Loch Ness Monster every afternoon?

This is just as likely to happen as Federal Communications Commission Petition No. 2493 is to become law and "stop the reading of the gospel of our Lord and Savior on the airwaves of America."

The petition, often called RM 2493 in e-mails, faxes and photocopied missives, died Aug. 1, 1975, a couple of years before Elvis expired and 20 years before O'Hair suddenly discovered she was wrong about atheism.

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Sometime next year, the U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether public schools can lead children to say the words "under God" when they recite the Pledge of Allegiance. While this case will further define the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment ("Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion ..."), it will herald neither the dawn of a new era nor the end of the world as we know it.

The case has been brought by Michael Newdow, a California atheist and father of a child who attends public school. Newdow claims his daughter's constitutional rights are violated when a teacher leads her class in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance because it includes "under God." The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals determined the words themselves are not unconstitutional but recitation of the pledge in public schools violates the Constitution. Following torrents of protest, the Supreme Court voted to hear the case.

A couple of approaches cast light on how this case might turn out.

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By Jeffrey MacDonald

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—America's most notorious Puritan is back in the public eye. This time, however, it's not just hellfire-and-brimstone preachers who are walking in his footprints.

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By Vicki Brown

Missouri Word & Way

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ABP)-Officials of the Missouri Baptist Convention have received a formal complaint from the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on behalf of a former employee.

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MARSHALL-Senior nursing students at East Texas Baptist University have joined forces with the Caddo Lake Institute to promote better health in the region.

Beginning this week, the students will survey residents of Uncertain, Karnack, Leigh and Smithland to determine their knowledge of a health

advisory issued in 1995 by the Texas Department of Health. That advisory warned people not to eat more than two 8-ounce servings per month of certain fish from Caddo Lake because elevated levels of mercury were found in largemouth bass and freshwater drum.

On Oct. 21 and 22, ETBU students will go door to door in the four communities to assess a baseline knowledge of health and community concerns, explained Carolyn Harvey, dean of the School of Nursing at ETBU.

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Texas Baptist Communications

More than 20 years after they were pressured out of Ethiopia by a communist government, a pair of former Southern Baptist Convention missionaries returned to the nation that has held their hearts for so long.

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As fewer churches schedule traditional revival meetings, evangelists must faithfully believe God will provide, veteran evangelists said.

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♦ *Colossians 1:1-14*

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Dress reversal

Jerry Falwell (left) stuns Rick Warren by donning a Hawaiian shirt-the attire Warren typically wears when he preaches-as both took the platform for a four-day conference at Liberty University. Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in suburban Los Angeles, showed up in a suit. Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., hosted Warren for the conference, which was built around Warren's purpose-driven church concepts. Warren and Falwell emphasized that despite their different approaches to pastoral ministry, they share perspectives on the purpose of the church.

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♦ *Acts 3:1-26*

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