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By Rob Marus

Associated Baptist Press

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (ABP)—Leaders on all sides of the debate over homosexuality in the American Baptist Churches-USA see little resolution to concerns raised during the denomination's recent biennial meeting.

House passes Patriot Act, but concerns persist[72505](#)

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Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The House of Representatives voted to reauthorize a law that a diverse array of civil-liberties groups decry but President Bush says is essential to fighting the war on terror.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—The U.S. House of Representatives has amended a funding bill in an attempt to focus attention on the postwar plight of Iraqi Christians.

Cyber Column by Jeanie Miley: Kinds of Baptists, among many_72505

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CYBER COLUMN: Kinds of Baptists, among many

By Jeanie Miley

“What kind of Baptist are you?”

The question was hurled across the dinner table in my direction on the opening evening of what had been billed as an ecumenical retreat.

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA (ABP)—In a procedural about-face, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will reconsider a recent change to its purpose statement that deleted language about Jesus Christ and evangelism.

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Brenda De Rose of Fort Worth,
and Lisa Graves of Abilene.

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Brenda De Rose of Fort Worth and
Chad Walding of Conroe.

Physical therapy students from Hardin-Simmons University recently spent three days in Piedras Negras, Mexico, working with residents of Casa Bethesda, a home for people with special needs ranging from spinal injuries to Down's Syndrome.

The 21 students and four university staff worked with 39 residents, as well as working in construction and maintenance at Casa Bethesda and distributing food bundles and New Testaments in some of the poorest parts of Piedras Negras.



Karli Rule of Mt. Vernon.

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DIDCOT, England (ABP)—"The congress proceeds as planned and our watchword is: 'In God we trust.'"

Roberts' critics, supporters debate effect he would have on court **72505**

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—President Bush's pick of a strong conservative for an open slot on the Supreme Court stirred strong reactions on both sides of America's debate over the proper relationship between religion and government.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—President Bush nominated a strong conservative, federal appellate judge John Roberts, to replace retiring moderate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the Supreme Court July 19.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—If some of the Patriot Act's provisions aren't allowed to expire, groups like pro-life demonstrators, defenders of traditional marriage and evangelicals who disagree with the administration's foreign policy might find themselves under investigation as terrorists, members of an unusual left-right coalition said.

North Carolina nominees excluded for ties with Alliance**72505**

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By Tony Cartledge and Greg Warner

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ASHEBORO, N.C. (ABP)—Nominees to leadership positions in the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina were rejected because they are members of churches affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists.

Evangelical activist named head of global religious freedom panel[72505](#)

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—A federal panel that monitors global conditions for religious freedom has elected an evangelical Christian activist as its chairman.