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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW—Estelle Owens figures she looks a bit more tired than usual these days. After all, long hours, long nights and long stretches of highway can wear on a person. But she's quick to admit every article she has read and every interview she has conducted for [Wayland Baptist University's](#) centennial history has been a labor of love.

When approached a few years back to research and compile Wayland's complete history for its centennial celebration, Owens jumped at the chance. She won't deny the work has been tedious at times and the majority of her free time has been swallowed up with the process, but she's also had the experience of a lifetime.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—After an uproar from an odd coalition of conservative religious, libertarian and business groups, the Senate voted late to scuttle part of its sweeping lobbying-reform bill.

The Senate amended the [Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act of 2007](#) on a near-party-line vote of 55-43.

Evangelicals join scientists in fight against global warming

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Some evangelicals join scientists in battle against global warming

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A new alliance between prominent evangelical leaders and their secular scientific counterparts to fight global warming is drawing bipartisan support in Washington—but also has some evangelical detractors.

A coalition of 28 scientists, theologians, ethicists and pastors announced a new collaborative effort on human-caused climate change. The announcement marks an escalation in the budding evangelical environmental movement and signals a willingness for some scientists and conservative Christians to put aside their differences over how and when creation came about in order to prevent its premature end.

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

FORT WORTH (ABP)—A supporter of a professor who lost her job at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—allegedly due to gender discrimination— has filed complaints with the [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools](#) and [Association of Theological Schools](#), asking them to investigate “a serious breach” of accreditation guidelines.

Sheri Klouda
pictured at
Southwestern
Seminary's
convocation
August 29,
2002,
affirming her
adherence to
the 2000
Baptist Faith
and Message.
(The photo
appeared on
[Wade
Burleson's
blog](#)).

[Benjamin Cole](#), pastor of Parkview Baptist Church in Arlington, filed the complaints. He joined Oklahoma pastor [Wade Burleson](#) and prominent blogger [Marty Duren](#) in calling attention to Sheri Klouda's case. Burleson is the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Enid, Okla. Duren leads New Bethany Baptist Church in Buford, Ga.

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By Steve DeVane

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)— [Woman's Missionary Union](#) of the Southern Baptist Convention, which has seen its annual revenues drop precipitously in the last eight years, now stands to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars more from one of the two mission boards it helps support.

The SBC's [International Mission Board](#) is phasing out unrestricted funding to WMU beginning this year. WMU records show the IMB sent between \$200,000 and \$325,000 a year in such funds over the last 20 years.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

A blogger-led coalition of Texas Baptists who [met recently in Mesquite](#) to discuss concerns with the Baptist General Convention of Texas have [posted an open letter](#) to the BGCT Executive Board on the Internet, and they are soliciting signatures for it.

At their meeting, the group expressed frustration with a ruling by the chair at the 2006 BGCT annual meeting in Dallas.

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By Jenny Pope

Buckner International

HOUSTON—Two host families are needed to care for Indonesian burn victims Ralita, 18, and Asima, 13, when they receive medical treatments at the Shriner's Hospital burn unit in Galveston, beginning in March.

The girls will undergo extensive reconstructive surgery and will need to travel to Galveston up to twice each week for physical therapy.



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The entire city of McAlester, Okla., was without power for more than a week, and 18,000 people sought the relief provided by Texas Baptist Men volunteers.

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By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

PRYOR, Okla.—Amid an ice storm that crippled much of Oklahoma, prayers permeated the air as Texas Baptist Men volunteer chainsaw crews finished another project for victims.

Jack Macy called the volunteers “angels.” More than 100 families like Macy’s found solace from the ice storm in the disaster relief provided by TBM volunteers.

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Associated Baptist Press

ONTARIO, Calif. (ABP)—The Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board, following an internal investigation, has rejected a trustee's accusations of impropriety and unauthorized tightening of doctrinal parameters.

The board reportedly approved a report, based on its own executive committee's investigations into the charges, Jan. 31. There was no recorded dissent or discussion regarding the report at the meeting, which took place in Ontario, Calif.

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Associated Baptist Press

MIAMI (ABP)—While much has been made about NFL head coaches Tony Dungy's and Lovie Smith's skin color, they've got a stronger bond than

being the first African-American head coaches to lead their teams to the Super Bowl.

The bond of their common Christian faith is becoming increasingly evident as media scrutiny intensifies surrounding the nation's highest-profile sporting event.

One year later, burned Alabama churches rise from ashes

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By Greg Garrison

Religion News Service

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.(RNS)—A year has passed since nine Alabama churches were [set on fire](#) by three Birmingham college students, but a lot of rebuilding remains to be done.

By late 2007, those nine churches expect to be restored or have larger, more modern facilities.