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(Photos by
Michael
Clancy/RNS)

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By Amy Green

Religion News Service

DAYTON, Tenn. (RNS)-Eighty years ago, media coverage of the Scopes “Monkey Trial” branded this town a backwater haven of the Bible Belt, a place where ignorant Christians gave blind faith precedence over scientific discovery.

Strickland recognized as advocate for children

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-The Texas Conference of Churches and Texans Care for Children recently recognized Baptist General Convention of Texas Christian Life

Commission Director Phil Strickland for his years of advocating for the betterment of children's lives.

Teens offer needy families reason to give thanks

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By Miranda Bradley

Texas Baptist Children's Home

ROUND ROCK-Teenagers who have discovered hope through a Texas Baptist Children's Home program offered needy families a reason to give thanks.

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DBU honors two. Dallas Baptist University honored Michael Stuart, a Mesquite dentist, church musician and member of First Baptist Church in Sunnyvale, as 2005 Distinguished Alumnus at its homecoming alumni banquet. Stuart, who completed his undergraduate studies at DBU in 1974, went on to earn a master's degree in church music from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and his doctorate from the Baylor College of Dentistry. His wife, Kathy, is a retired educator and principal. The Stuarts have two daughters and three grandchildren. DBU also honored Jamie Lash, business professor and director of student development, with its 2005 Honorary Alumnus award. Before joining the DBU faculty in 1988, Lash taught at Baylor University. In addition to his responsibilities on the DBU campus, Lash is a frequent speaker at churches and retreats throughout the United States. For six years, he maintained a radio ministry in Washington, D.C., and Dallas. He and his wife, Marcy, live in Grand Prairie and have three children.

ETBU education students form organization. East Texas Baptist University education students have formed a new campus organization—the Future Educators of the World. Newly elected officers are President Sara Thompson, a junior from Marshall; Vice President Lauren Youngblood, a junior from Whitehouse; and Secretary Amy DuBose, a senior from Overton. Brian Nichols, dean of the ETBU School of Education, and Carolyn Dierksen, associate professor of teacher education, will serve as faculty

sponsors.

Information desired on evangelist. The archivist at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary is seeking information about 20th century Texas Baptist evangelist B.B. Crimm. Crimm lived in Marshall and died in 1950. Anyone who has information about Crimm, including any stories regarding his life and ministry, can contact Jim Lutzweiler at 101 Thornwood Rd., Jamestown, N.C. 27282 or call (919) 761-2249 or (336) 686-2043.

FDA oversight of cigarettes urged

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By Bruce Taylor Seeman

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—After being indicted by a grand jury and bounced from his leadership post in Congress, Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, has another distraction—interfaith groups pressuring him to drop his opposition to Food and Drug Administration oversight of cigarette sales, which health experts say could save thousands of American lives.

TOGETHER: Make a bigger difference in Texas

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TOGETHER: Make a bigger difference in Texas

The latest *Texas Almanac* came as a birthday present from my brother this past week. This is the sesquicentennial edition—for the first time printed in color! And full of facts.

It documents how Baptists have grown in Texas. There are 4.5 million of us, along with 4.4 million Catholics and 4 million aligned with other religious groups.

But the largest group of all is the “unclaimed.” They are “nonadherents to religion.” In 1990, there were 5.5 million, and now there are 8 million—an increase of almost 50 percent! If these 8 million people constituted one state, it would be the 11th-most-populated state in the nation.



Wave of hope sweeps Thailand in months after tsunami

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Children
play in their
"front
yards" after
the tide
comes in to
a "Sea
Gypsy"
village in
southern
Thailand.
Already
poor, the
village
faced
starvation
when the
tsunami of
2004
destroyed
their
fishing
boats.
Missionary
Mark
Caldwell
and local
Christians
brought
help and
the love of
Christ.
(Photo
courtesy of
IMB)

By Erich Bridges

International Mission Board

Sunset paints a glorious reddish glow across the placid water lapping the beach at Khao Lak, Thailand. The view calms the mind, quiets the heart and and packs in the tourists at posh resorts.

Weekend Fest rocks

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About 600 teenagers and others joined in Weekend Fest, a Christian concert featuring Tree63 prior to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting in Austin. Participants gave more than \$400 for mission work through Baptist Student Ministries around the state, and numerous young people made decisions for Christ.

The concert also featured several prizes. Woodlawn Baptist Church and Teri Road Baptist Church in Austin each won \$500 to help pay for youth mission trips. Melanie Jaramillo of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Austin won a laptop computer, and Belle Ramey, a youth worker at Crestview Baptist Church in Georgetown, won a paid trip to next year's BGCT annual meeting in Dallas.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

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New court appointee might affect upcoming abortion cases

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—As the Supreme Court took up its first major

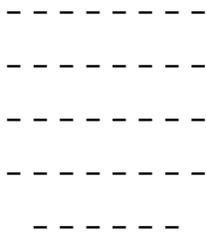
abortion case in five years Nov. 30, attention focused on the body's shifting membership and what that might mean for abortion rights in the future.

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: The Great American Christmas Letter

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Print, cut
along the
dotted line,
and place
on your
refrigerator.



CYBER COLUMN:

The Great American Christmas Letter

By Brett Younger

Dear Friends, Family & Many Readers of the Baptist Standard Whom I've Never Met,

My family is not the kind that writes Christmas letters, but each year I read so many heart-warming epistles from wonderful families that I feel inspired. I have to begin by admitting that none of us are learning to dance, quilt or speak French. I'm sorry to say that we are not earning belts of any color in Tae Kwon Do. I'm embarrassed to confess that we have no new houses, cars, pets or children (and have no desire for any of these). Maybe we should have gone to Disneyworld, but we had a good year.

Right or Wrong? Spare the rod?

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Right or Wrong? Spare the rod?

My 5-year-old tends to act out, even in church. One lady, old enough to be my grandmother, told me, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." What does that mean?