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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-A federal judge has dismissed the most sweeping portions of a lawsuit that challenged President Bush's faith-based initiative as unconstitutional.

LifeWay Family Bible Series for Dec. 26: Announce Jesus Christ, the source for new life_122004

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Announce Jesus Christ, the source for new life

John 4:1-45

By Leroy Fenton

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Titus 2:1, 113:8

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Hardin-Simmons
University and
Howard Payne
University
square off for an
NCAA Division
III gridiron
matchup in
Brownwood
(left). At right,
HSU
quarterback
takes a snap
during another
game.

Texas Baptist universities ask students: 'Are you ready for some football?'

By Marv Knox

Editor

The Mary Hardin-Baylor Crusaders defeated the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys in the second round of the 2004 football playoffs, but both schools went home winners.

Pioneering home missionary, bilingual early-childhood educator, dies at 89_122004

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

SAN ANTONIO—Jovita Galan, a pioneer in bilingual early-childhood education and a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board missionary for more than 40 years, died Dec. 5 at the age of 89.

Church tops off Christmas season with high-powered gift to community_122004

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Staff Writer

FORT WORTH-River Oaks Baptist Church in Fort Worth hopes its Christmas present to the community will provide recipients the “get up and go” they need to come to church.

Christians complicit in worst instances of genocide in 20th century, researcher insists_122004

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By Jana Peairson

Samford University

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)- Christians reading the biblical accounts of Jesus' birth often are jolted by King Herod's act of genocide. When told by the wise men of the birth of a Jewish king, Herod ordered all the male Jewish infants in Bethlehem slaughtered to eliminate potential rivals, according to the second chapter of Matthew.

HOPE ministry helps fill Christmas stockings for needy Round Rock children_122004

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By Miranda Bradley

Texas Baptist Children's Home

ROUND ROCK-More than 50 children waited impatiently in a line outside the Chisholm Trail Apartments community center, eager to catch a glimpse of Santa and the toys he brought just for them.

Howard Payne students send Christmas cheer to Iraq_122004

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University freshman
student

representatives (left to
right) Amanda Alvey,

Ellen Belgie and

Demetria Menifield

participate in a
student government-
sponsored project to

send handmade

Christmas cards to

military personnel

stationed in Iraq.

Student government is
a campus organization

comprised of class

officers and

representatives from

student organizations.

Latin American students serve in India_122004

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Juan Acuña
(left), a
student at
Baptist
University
of the
Americas,
participates
in a
Christian
worship
service
among the
Banjara
Gypsies of
India.

Latin American students serve in India

By Ken Camp

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SAN ANTONIO-Two Baptist University of the Americas students-one from Mexico, the other from Nicaragua-spent the fall semester working with Banjara Gypsies in India.

'As India goes, so goes the Great Commission' _122004

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As many as 30 million pilgrims flooded the Hindu holy city of Ujjain to seek spiritual cleansing in the sacred Shipra River. India alone is home to 14 "super-mega" people groups with more than 10 million members each who are currently "unengaged" by a church-planting movement strategy. (Matt Jones Photo)

'As India goes, so goes the Great Commission'

By Erich Bridges

International Mission Board

MUMBAI, India (BP)-What country is home to thousands of millionaires and nine of the world's richest billionaires, makes more movies than Hollywood, boasts the world's largest democracy and is home to 24 million Christians, including 19 million evangelicals?

Veteran missionary called to bring healing in Christ's name_122004

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BANGALORE, India (BP)-Ask people around Bangalore, India, what a Christian looks like, and many would describe Rebekah Naylor, the Southern Baptist missionary surgeon who has labored at Bangalore Baptist Hospital the past 30 years.

Some Indians have seen Naylor-who currently is clinical assistant professor and surgeon at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas- as a cool, precise, professional medical doctor who has performed countless surgeries and other medical procedures.

She has saved lives, delivered babies and relieved suffering for thousands

of people over her years in India.

Rebekah
Naylor,
who has
served at
the
Bangalore
Baptist
Hospital
more
than 30
years, has
come to
be
accepted
as an
honorary
“auntie”
to
hundreds
and
hundreds
of Indian
young
people
and
children.