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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-A federal appeals court has struck down part of a law that is the latest in a series of federal attempts to protect certain aspects of religious freedom.

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 **NASA leader at UMHB.** NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe spoke to 1,000 people in Walton Chapel at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Nov. 5 about the future of NASA. Delivering the university's McLane Lectures,


O'Keefe (center) with Drayton McLane and UMHB President Jerry Bawcom.

he encouraged students to be leaders for tomorrow in exploration and discovery, calling it an adventure. "My hope is that many of you will help to participate in the adventures to come, whether you are working for NASA, discovering new ways to heal the sick or teach the young, or charting new pathways in business enterprise like Drayton McLane," he said, referencing the namesake of the lecture series. Regarding the Columbia shuttle disaster, O'Keefe said, "We should recognize that every step of the way in the age of flight, we have achieved our breakthroughs and triumphs only after having suffered through enormous setbacks, learning from them and rebounding to continue our unceasing efforts to explore the unknown."

 **DBU honors faculty member.** Curtis Lee, associate professor of biology, has been named Faculty Member of the Year at Dallas Baptist University. He was cited for being among students' top pick when choosing classes over a number of years. Lee and his wife, Sharon, are members of South Oaks Baptist Church in Arlington, where she serves as minister of education.

 **Baylor regents hear reports.** At the conclusion of the Baylor board

of regents meeting Nov. 7, the university issued a news release saying regents "heard interim reports" from three review committees named at the September regents meeting. Those committees are charged with examining concerns about faculty relations, the faculty hiring process, admission of provisional students, preserving Baylor traditions, the university's financial model, indebtedness, conflicts of interest among regents, tuition increases and pending litigation against the university. Regents also approved a new department of statistical science.

TOGETHER: Three great things about BGCT '03_111703

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TOGETHER: Three great things about BGCT '03

Years from now, we may look back on the 2003 Baptist General Convention of Texas session in Lubbock as one of the most significant events in our history. Three things make me hopeful that is true.

First, we changed the format. We offered 44 breakout events, providing opportunities for leadership development and an occasion to discuss important issues. Response was greater than expected, and many rooms were overflowing. I heard the encouraging words "candor" and "openness"

used to describe the workshops, as well as the comment: "This is real help for my church. Do this again."


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The missions program was moved to the middle of the convention, and Texas Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union of Texas met Sunday evening rather than Tuesday afternoon. The result was improved attendance at all these missions-oriented events.

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CHICAGO (RNS)—A federal bankruptcy judge has approved the sale of Big Idea Productions, makers of the best-selling VeggieTales video series, to Classic Media, owner of "Rocky and Bullwinkle," "Lassie" and "Rudolph the

Red-Nosed Reindeer.”

Classic Media will pay a reported \$19.3 million for Big Idea, according to the Chicago Tribune. The sale is expected to close by mid-December.

Classic Media had agreed in September to pay a reported \$7.5 million for Big Idea. But an open auction was held Oct. 27 for the company's assets, including rights to Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber, stars of the VeggieTales series, which has sold close to 30 million copies.

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CYBERCOLUMN: Gentle breath of the wounded healer

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, remembering my Uncle Faye.

I'm not sure why we called her "Uncle Faye." She was more correctly titled an aunt, a relative once or twice removed on the family tree, as they often say in the mountains of North Carolina. We called her "uncle" for some reason unknown to me. Maybe she just spoke it once, and it kind of caught on.



Hispanic laymen challenged to set pace_110303

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Hispanic laymen challenged to set pace

By Orville Scott

Texas Baptist Communications

About 250 Baptist laymen from across Texas were challenged at the Hispanic Baptist Convocation of the Laity to be the vanguard in reaching the state's 7 million Hispanics for Christ.

WMU board affirms core objectives_111703

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WMU board affirms core objectives

By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

LUBBOCK-Texas Baptists' desire for more hands-on missions opportunities is a core objective of Texas Woman's Missionary Union, according to the organization's executive director. And it's a desire the new WorldconneX network holds the promise of helping them fulfill, she added.

Missions options leave no excuse for reisting call, messengers told_111703

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Missions options leave no excuse for reisting call, messengers told

By Craig Bird

Texas Baptist Communications

LUBBOCK-It started with the slow, stirring wail of a single bagpipe. It

ended with a pastor-wife team from a 17-member congregation that puts it money and its time where its heart is.

Missions prof critiques 'unbiblical practices' at IMB_110303

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Missions prof critiques 'unbiblical practices' at IMB

By Mark Wingfield

Managing Editor

The International Mission Board should rid itself of “unbiblical” practices and alliances with Christian mission groups that do not enforce strict theological parameters, a missions professor has urged.

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Around the State

Bethlehem Church in Farmersville was a finalist in the preaching category in the Charles Haddon Spurgeon Outstanding Church Awards from the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth of Southern Seminary. The church's average attendance in 1998 was two, but it currently averages 441 in attendance. **Billy Harris** is pastor.

♦ Chaplains receiving endorsement in October from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship include **Richard Atkinson Jr.** of LaGrange, **Rodney Bolejack** of Temple, **Jeffrey Cantrell** of Austin, **John Mark Ritchey** of Lexington and **Gwyen Driskill-Dunn** of Fort Worth.

	
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