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By John Spalding

Beliefnet

WASHINGTON (RNS)-When Maryetta Anschutz arrived at Christ and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Westport, Conn., three years ago, she noticed a disturbing trend at coffee hour.

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WASHINGTON (RNS)—A Pennsylvania high school wrongly barred a student Bible club from meeting during an activity period before the start of classes, an appellate court ruled July 15.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals made the decision after Melissa Donovan, a senior at Punxsutawney Area High School, claimed the school district would not permit FISH, her Bible study group, to meet after school started at 8 a.m., the Associated Press reported.

School officials were wrong to prevent the club from meeting during an in-school “activity period,” during which other student groups were permitted to gather, the three-judge panel ruled.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Congress' latest attempt to use the District of

Columbia as a laboratory for school-voucher programs hangs in the balance after a Senate panel unexpectedly postponed a vote on the proposal.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO-Evangelism begins with God but relies on believers to do the legwork, according to a featured speaker at the Texas Baptist Conference for the Deaf.

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Except for an encounter with one of Krotz Springs' finest, we had a perfect vacation.

Joanna, Lindsay, Molly and I spent a week at the beach, the favored summer retreat of our teenage girls. The other day, I tried to count; this was the ninth or 10th trip we've taken to the beach. I hope the girls remember these trips as fondly as I remember the vacations my family took when I was a kid.

MARV KNOX <i>Editor</i>

Back in the "old days," we lived in the Panhandle, where Daddy was a pastor. The beach seemed a million miles away, so we went camping in the mountains of New Mexico or Colorado. I still favor a mountain vacation—the sound of wind rushing through the pines; the pungent smell of the woods; the sting of icy water when you wade in the streams; the cold nights that induce great sleep.

EDITORIAL: Speak the truth or show love? Why can't we do both?_72803

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EDITORIAL: Speak the truth or show love? Why can't we do both?

The folks in Chama, N.M., won't forget Ben Martinez's funeral mass any time soon.

About 200 mourners gathered in the sanctuary of St. Patrick Catholic Church after Martinez died at age 80 last summer. Chances are, they expected to hear the priest, Scott Mansfield, eulogize Martinez as a lifelong Catholic who served his community as a town councilman.

Instead, according to members of the Martinez family, Mansfield stamped their recently departed loved one's passport to hell.

Police identify body of Dennehy; Baylor teammate Dotson held_81103

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By Hannah Lodwick

Associated Baptist Press

WACO, Texas (ABP)—Authorities have positively identified the body of missing Baylor University basketball player Patrick Dennehy.

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CYBERCOLUMN: From a rock house

By John Duncan

I am sitting here under the old oak tree, pondering an old rock house. An old rock house sits in Pilot Point. The old rock house might be down some dirt road or out in the country or on an asphalt road near the center of town. I know not where that house sits. I do know that on Sept. 14, 1940, Aunt Essie delivered her nephew, Cordell. Cordell had a last name—Parker. That rock house served as conduit of education, values and spiritual roots.

Not long ago, a speech teacher named Cordell Parker died. Cordell taught at Tarrant County College and served as an educator for over 40 years. Today people change jobs faster than a lightning strike. Forty years at the same task and purpose occurs to me as a remarkable feat. In the Summer of 1980, Cordell served as my speech teacher. He loved talking about life's most basic commodity—communication. Communication makes the world go around. Today S-P-E-E-C-H is on my mind.

JOHN DUNCAN

Dennehy services set_81103

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Dennehy services set

A funeral service for Baylor University basketball player Patrick Dennehy will be held at 11 a.m. Pacific Time Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Jubilee Christian Center in San Jose, Calif.

Cards may be sent to: Family of Patrick Dennehy, c/o Jubilee Christian Center, 175 Nortech Parkway, San Jose, Calif. 95134.

The university will hold a campus memorial service for Dennehy at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, in the Truett Seminary Chapel on the Waco campus.

Commentary: God's man for two seminaries_stone_81103

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By Ted Stone

Eleven years ago, area media accounts of the election of Paige Patterson to the presidency of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary carried the prediction by the more ardent detractors that his coming would result in the death of the Southern Baptist seminary, located in Wake Forest, N.C.

Many denominational loyalists wondered if the hard-driving Texan, who had earned his spurs as a leader in the conservative resurgence, would be a good fit for the more traditional East Coast seminary. After all, he was fresh from the presidency of Criswell College, and some feared that such a background ill-prepared him for the educational challenges of higher education.

**Paige Patterson
has been God's
man for the 11
years spent in the
town of Wake
Forest, and by
God's grace, he
will occupy that
same special
designation at
Fort Worth,
"God's man for
this special time!"**

Commentary: Other Baptists and bossy preachers _freeman_81103

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By **Curtis W. Freeman**

Back in 2001, when I still was unpacking boxes from my move to North Carolina from Texas, I received a phone call from the chair of a pulpit committee. "Can you send us a pastor?" asked the voice on the line. "We had a bossy preacher from the seminary, but we want a Duke preacher like the one down the road at Hickory Rock." It was a quick lesson on Baptist politics in the North Carolina Piedmont, put in cornbread language.

Twenty years ago, things were different. In the Southeast, there was pretty much only one theological school Baptist churches turned to when it came to finding a preacher-Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. But that was before the "conservative resurgence" of the Southern Baptist Convention, also known by moderate Baptists as the "fundamentalist takeover."

Cobb leaving CBF
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Cobb leaving CBF leadership

ATLANTA (ABP)—Reba Cobb, chief operating officer of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, will leave CBF Sept. 1 to become religious action director for the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1973, the Children's Defense Fund is a private non-profit organization that advocates for children's issues.

Cobb, 60, has been with the CBF since 2001. She serves as coordinator for the organization's Resource Center in Atlanta and supervises the 52-person staff.