

Texas Tidbits

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Association affirms six-day creation. Messengers to the [Sabine Valley Baptist Association](#) annual meeting at First Baptist Church in Newton adopted a resolution affirming “belief in the biblical account of creation, emphasizing the biblically established fact that Jehovah Elohim created everything out of nothing in six 24-hour days; that he created the first man, Adam, out of dirt, and then created the first woman, Eve, out of man; and that death did not enter any part of creation until Adam and Eve sinned.” The resolution particularly took exception to a passage by “one of our supposedly conservative professors” at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in *The End of Christianity* saying nature presents “strong evidence against” young-earth creation. It quotes in part a passage that states: “... once God breathes the breath of life into (man and woman), we may assume that the first humans experienced an amnesia of their former animal life.” The author of the book, William Dembski, is a philosophy professor at Southwestern Seminary and a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute’s Center for Science and Culture in Seattle, and he is a leading proponent of Intelligent Design.

Texas Bar Exam no hurdle for Baylor Law School students. For the 14th time since 2001, [Baylor Law School](#) students claimed the top pass rate on the Texas State Bar Exam with 94.64 percent success rate, the highest pass rate for students from the nine Texas law schools. Of the 112 Baylor students who took the three-day exam in July, 106 passed on their first try. The overall state pass rate was 86.37 percent, with 1,470 successful candidates out of 1,702 who took the exam for the first time.

Texas Baptist Missions Foundation presents awards. At an awards luncheon held in conjunction with the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting, the [Texas Baptist Missions Foundation](#) honored three

Christian leaders for their work in spreading the gospel in the Rio Grande Valley. Othal Brand Jr. of McAllen received the Adventurer Award for leadership in missions. Brand, a member of the executive council of Rio Grande Valley Baptist Association and supporter of the University of Texas-Pan American Baptist Student Ministries, serves as chairman of the board at the Valley Baptist Missions and Education Center. Jerry Johnson, who served more than 40 years as director of missions for Rio Grande Valley Baptist Association, received the Innovator Award for creativity in missions. Through his 10-week "Boot Camp," he trained hundreds of student summer missionaries, many of whom would go on to full-time Christian service. Isaac Torres received the Pioneer Award for service in missions. For more than 40 years, he has taught countless evangelism seminars in English and Spanish, as well as working with River Ministry, Texas Baptist Men, Partnership Missions and Mission Service Corps.