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Builders roll in to Forestburg with witness on wheels

By Jo Gray

Special to the Standard

FORESTBURG-When 23 motor homes and travel trailers pulled in to Forestburg recently, the locals took notice. In a community of about 400 residents, the arrival of so many strangers immediately became the topic of discussion at the post office and general store.

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Gambling expansion a bust; social services suffer

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

AUSTIN-Legislators generally held the line against gambling expansion in the just-ended session, according to representatives of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission.

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Survey says there's no cure-all for church growth

By Leslie Scanlon

Religion News Service

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (RNS)-Sometimes when a congregation's having trouble, folks look for the quick fix. By changing the music or moving to the suburbs or adding new programs, they think, everything will be OK.

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Ken Hall to be nominated for BGCT presidency at Lubbock convention

By Marv Knox

Editor

DALLAS-Ken Hall, president of Buckner Baptist Benevolences, will be nominated for president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas when it meets next fall.

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Four to be nominated for

Hispanic Convention presidency

By Marv Knox

Editor

Four pastors are expected to be nominated for president of the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas when it convenes in San Antonio June 22-24.

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Members of the
Hardin-Simmons
University vocal
ensemble
Simmons Classic
recently toured
Brazil, where
they not only
performed but
learned about the
people and places
of Brazil. Here, a
guide leads them
through a narrow
passageway in a
slum or favela in
the Brazilian
town of Olinda.

Retired
missionaries Dale
and Sue Carter of
Abilene traveled
with the
students, adding
to the
educational value
of the
experience.
Students found
the favelas of
Olinda and Sao
Paulo eye-
opening.

HSU ensemble visits Brazil

ABILENE—Students from Hardin-Simmons University were well-received in Brazil on a recent tour where they performed chamber music, contemporary Christian music and jazz.

The 10-member ensemble known as Simmons Classic was led by Loyd Hawthorne, professor of church music.

Dale and Sue Carter, retired Baptist missionaries who are members of First Baptist Church in Abilene, traveled with the group and served as translators.

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FATHER KNOWS BEST: Philanthropist Paul Meyer

By Lacy Elwood

Special to the Standard

WACO—Instead of receiving gifts this Father's Day, Waco multi-millionaire Paul Meyer wants to give a few to his five children and 15 grandchildren—in the way of 294 pages of inspiration.

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Navy chaplain will ask messengers to overturn NAMB policy on women

By Craig Bird & Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA (ABP)—The Southern Baptist Convention's shift to endorsement of female chaplains only if they are not ordained seriously undermines the spiritual effectiveness of all ordained military chaplains, according to one of the Navy's top chaplains.

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Pastor and music minister have been singing from the same page for years

By George Henson

Staff Writer

GARLAND-Few churches have pastors stay for 25 years. The same could be said about ministers of music.

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Volunteers needed to build new housing for volunteers

NEW YORK (BP)-In the past, exorbitant hotel prices took a bite out of efforts to recruit Baptist volunteers for ministries in the Big Apple.

Soon, the problem of hotel rooms running \$200 or a more a night and local churches far too small to serve as overnight hosts will be solved.

Jill Pittman
removes
debris from
the
basement of
the Park
Slope
Ministry
Center in
Brooklyn,
N.Y., a
project to
house
missions
volunteers.
Pittman, a
US/C-2
missionary
and
University of
Kansas
graduate, is
serving with
the
Metropolitan
New York
Baptist
Association.
(Jim
Burton/BP
Photo)

A corner building in the Park Slope neighborhood of Brooklyn that once housed a funeral home, dentist's office and a drugstore is being converted into living space for up to 50 volunteers at a time.

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On the Move

Roy Canada has completed an interim pastorate at Westlake Chapel in Graham.

- ♦ **William Dawson** to First Church in Loving as pastor from Dry Valley Church in Lodiburg, Ky.

- ♦ **Julian Gonzales** to First Mexican Church in Kenedy as pastor.

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Pakistani Christians under increased threat, activists warn

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Pakistan's minority Christians are under increasing threat because they are lumped together with America in the minds of Islamic extremists, according to a leading Christian human-rights activist in the country.