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On the move

Leobardo Flores to Second Church in Harlingen as pastor.

✘ **Casey DuBose** to Coastal Plains Area as church development director, from Alamo Heights Church in Port Lavaca, where he was pastor.

✘ **Adam Espurvoa** to Iglesia Emanuel in Bastrop as pastor from Primera Iglesia in Elgin.

ossuary_fraud_81103

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Owner of James ossuary suspected in far-reaching antiquities fraud

By Elaine Ruth Fletcher

Religion News Service

JERUSALEM (RNS)-Israeli investigators are exploring the possibility antiquities dealer Oded Golan, now in police custody, was the leader of the alleged forgery of the purported first century A.D. inscription on the famous James ossuary, which included a reference to Jesus.

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PAISANO: Family camping

By George Henson

Staff Writer

ALPINE-About 1,400 people recently returned to Paisano Baptist Encampment near Alpine for a once-in-a-lifetime experience that comes around once a year.

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Majority approve of reciting 'under God'

WASHINGTON (RNS)-More than 60 percent of Americans think government officials should be able to post the Ten Commandments in government buildings and believe it is constitutional for teachers to lead the recitation of "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The "State of the First Amendment 2003" survey, released Aug. 1, was jointly commissioned by the First Amendment Center and the American Journalism Review.

Sixty-eight percent of respondents said teachers leading the pledge with the words "one nation under God" were not violating the principle of separation of church and state, while 26 percent said they were.

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Evening sports camps offered KidsHeart volunteers the opportunity to teach sports to local children, but the camps also provided the chance for the visitors to bond with children. (Scott Collins/Buckner Photo)

24 churches join in Progreso mission

By Scott Collins & Lance Wallace

Buckner Benevolences & Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

PROGRESO-Julian Vigil raised the hammer over his head, and with a violent swing, struck the ceiling of Jorge and Ramona Lopez's bedroom.

pryor_debate_81103

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Religious affiliation adds a jolt to appointment debate

By Sean Reilly

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-When Bill Pryor won a full four-year term as Alabama attorney general in 1998, advocates of religious tolerance also chalked up a victory: In a state with a long history of antagonism toward Roman Catholicism, Pryor's staunch allegiance to that faith publicly never stirred a murmur.

school_supplies_81103

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student at J.L.

Everhart

Primary School

in Longview,

receives a free
eye exam from
a Heaton Eye
Associate
volunteer at
the Back-To-
School

Carnival Aug.

3. At right:

Nine-year-old
Kabreuntray
Jackson was
one of three

children in the

Jackson family
to receive

School Supply Train greeted eagerly in

Longview
School supplies
from the

By Amy Sepp

Train.

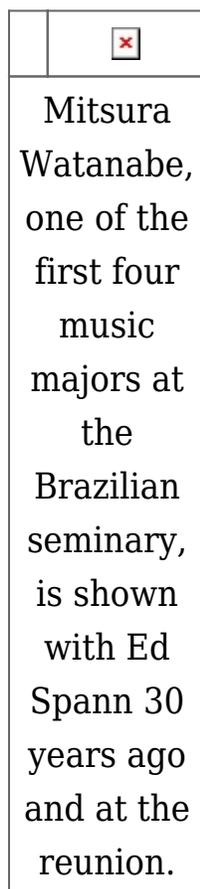
Buckner News Service

LONGVIEW-In the corner of a dimly lit hallway, separated from the crowd, two girls sat beneath the light of an open window. Before them, a colorfully illustrated book lay open, detailing the life of Christ and his gift of salvation. For one of the teens, it was the perfect opportunity to talk about Christ with her young friend-an opportunity that began with a truckload of school supplies and a gym full of backpacks.

spann_81103

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Memories Spann the ages as professor visits school he started

By George Henson

Staff Writer

DALLAS—Ed Spann recently returned to the scene of the sublime as he traveled to São Paulo, Brazil to celebrate the anniversary of a school of

sacred music he started 30 years ago.

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Texas
children
who
premiered
the
musical
"Sticky
Notes and
Bible
Quotes"
pose
outside
Holcomb
Auditorium
at Glorieta
Conference
Center.

A NOTABLE PERFORMANCE: Musical premieres at Glorieta

By Jenny Hartgraves

Texas Baptist Communications

GLORIETA, N.M.-It started noisily, with 52 children marching down the aisle, carrying large pool noodles shaped like pencils and pens, sticking notes of Scripture on people in the crowd. It finished quietly, as children filed into the dark, while glowing lanterns lit a path toward a giant Bible at the center of the stage.

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Churchgoers found to be more altruistic

By Hannah Lodwick

Associated Baptist Press

CHICAGO (ABP)-Good deeds may not get folks into heaven, but they are a pretty good indication of who is faithful, a recent study found.

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Texas Tidbits

Bullock leaves TBM. John Bullock has resigned as director of men's ministry with Texas Baptist Men, effective Sept. 30. He joined the Texas Baptist Men staff in 1995 as director of Royal Ambassadors and Challengers, the missions programs for boys and young men. After several years in that role, he assumed the responsibility for directing adult missions and men's ministry.



The 41-member youth choir of First Baptist Church in Salado traveled to Washington, D.C., and Gaithersburg, Md., this summer, conducting a Vacation Bible School, distributing water and gospel tracts on the National Mall and singing at the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and the U.S. Capitol.

✘ **HSU's Keeling wins coaching award.** Hardin-Simmons University's

head football coach, Jimmie Keeling, has received the Johnny Vaught Head Coach Award given by the All-American Football Foundation. Keeling joined former Texas A&M and Alabama head coach Gene Stallings and former Kansas State head coach James Dickey in receiving the award. Keeling, who will enter his 14th season at the helm of the Cowboys football program, has amassed a 109-34 record while at Hardin-Simmons. In that time he also has won eight conference titles. Five times he has been named the conference coach of the year, and twice he has been named the South Region Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

✘ **Scholarship gains another Beckham name.** The name of the late Agnes Beckham of Abilene, a former trustee and longtime financial supporter of Hardin-Simmons University, has been added to an existing scholarship established originally in the memory of a son, Caldwell Beckham, an Amarillo dentist who died in 1979. Mrs. Beckham died in 2002. Her name was added to the scholarship through a gift to HSU from her estate. Mrs. Beckham, widow of the late Lacy Hiram Beckham, a former president of the HSU Alumni Association who died in 1962, was a longtime friend and financial supporter of HSU. She was an HSU graduate and recipient of the Keeter Alumni Service Award.

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TOGETHER:

Pray & give to meet great needs

Earlier this summer, Rosemary and I participated with Woman's Missionary Union of Texas in the 50th anniversary celebration of Texas Leadership Conference at Baylor University.

I was moved by worship experiences as we sang and prayed for our missionaries. WMU has kept alive in many of our churches the ability to pray with understanding and passion for individuals and families who make real sacrifices for the sake of the gospel of Christ.

CHARLES WADE Executive Director BGCT Executive Board
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I was inspired by testimonies of missionaries and mission leaders in local churches who work with children and young people, giving them a heart for the world and presenting opportunities for mission service.