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By George Henson

Staff Writer

WELLINGTON—PanFork Baptist Camp is working hard to prepare for growth in both the camp and the kingdom of God.

Persecution of Christians not limited to Afghanistan

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

DALLAS (ABP)—As Afghan Adbul Rahman finds safety in Italy after dodging a death sentence for converting from Islam to Christianity, other Christians worldwide continue to face extreme persecution from countrymen who oppose their beliefs.

Rwandan genocide survivor finds freedom in forgiveness

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(Photo by Sebastiao Sagado/AMAZONAS Images/RNS)

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By Bob Smietana

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—A line from Christ's model prayer—"forgive us ... as we forgive"—haunted Immaculee Ilibagiza during the Rwandan genocide of

1994.

ABP & Standard form strategic alliance

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ABP & *Standard* form strategic alliance

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (ABP)—Associated Baptist Press and the Baptist Standard are creating a “strategic alliance” to improve the quality and efficiency of their news organizations.

The two have cooperated closely for more than a decade, but the new alliance signals shared vision and integrated resources, reported ABP Executive Editor Greg Warner and Standard Editor Marv Knox.

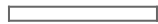
ABP, an independent news service with offices in Washington, D.C., Dallas and Jacksonville, Fla., supplies news and feature stories, primarily about Baptists but also other Christians, to denominational and secular media, as well as directly to subscribers. The Standard, a Dallas-based newspaper affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has about 100,000 subscribers to its print edition alone, in addition to wide Internet distribution. Both organizations disseminate their news directly through

websites and e-mail.

Texas Tidbits

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ETBU business students place in top 20 globally. Students from East Texas Baptist University's Fred M. Hale School of Business who participated in the GLO-BUS strategic management simulation placed in the top 20 in an overall worldwide ranking. ETBU students operated a digital camera company in head-to-head competition against companies run by other schools. The team's challenge was to craft and execute a competitive strategy that resulted in a respected brand image, kept their company in contention for global market leadership, and produced good financial performance as measured by earnings per share, return on investment, stock price appreciation and credit rating.

Baylor Horizons project gets Lilly grant. Baylor Horizons, a university project designed to help students, faculty and staff explore the relationship between faith and vocation, has received a \$500,000 grant from Lilly Endowment as a follow-up to an earlier \$2 million grant in 2000. With matching funds Baylor will provide, the grant will total \$1.1 million for the

three-year project.

TOGETHER: ‘Scandalous’ cross really is good news

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At this Easter season, we look carefully at the meaning of the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

I was asked by a friend, “How do Baptists view people of other religions?” While I can’t speak for all Baptists, I shared this perspective out of this Baptist’s heart and mind:

A Christian always must begin from Scripture. When you do, you notice Jesus embraced and affirmed people who often were the most unloved in their communities—a Good Samaritan, the woman at the well, a blind beggar, Zaccheus the tax collector. He had an aversion to religious arrogance and hypocrisy but had an affinity for outcasts.



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Organ donor provides gift of life to fellow minister

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Staff Writer

HOUSTON—When Jerry Wooley left Houston earlier this month to take a job in Nashville, he left more than his heart in Texas. He also left behind his

kidney, but it went to a good home—within his ministerial colleague Jeff Waldo.

Easter play at UMHB

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Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane (left) while the disciples sleep in this scene from the 67th annual University of Mary Hardin-Baylor on-campus outdoor Easter pageant. At right, Pilate, portrayed by Mark Leech of Belton, speaks concerning Jesus during the trial. Jesus is portrayed by UMHB Student Body President David Griffin, a senior finance major from Spring. The pageant is produced, directed, costumed and performed by university students. More than 90 UMHB students, as well as many children from the community, participated. Michon Blair of Rowlett was this year's Easter pageant director. Assistant directors were Mandi Bundrick of Liberty Hill and Kyle Tubbs of Garland.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

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Cybercolumn by Berry Simpson: Looking through lenses

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CYBER COLUMN: Looking through lenses

By Berry Simpson

Nowadays, one of our favorite fall-back movies—that is, movies on DVD that Cyndi and I watch again and again while doing other things, like grading papers or writing journals or playing Soduko on the internet—is *National Treasure*. In the movie, the lead character, Ben Gates, uses Benjamin Franklin's secret spectacles to read treasure clues written on the back of the Declaration of Independence. The specs have several movable lenses, each a different color, and it takes multiple combinations of all the lenses to read every clue. He can't see all the clues he needs until he looks through every one of the lenses.

Berry D. Simpson

People are like that. In order to know someone well, you have to see them in all their different ways. You have to spend time with them, talking and asking questions and listening to their stories. But even conversation goes

only so far. We can all think of people we've worked with for years, people we've talked with for years, and yet we really don't know so much about them. Often, we're surprised to learn they love to paint, or they are trained musicians, or widely known and respected outside their workaday lives. In order to really know someone, you have to be with them in all the things they do. You have to see their lives through every available lens.

RIGHT OR WRONG? Buying a 'replica' watch

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I received an e-mail from a company that sells "replicas" of famous brand-name watches. They sell a watch for about \$200 that would cost many times more if it were the "original." I'd like to buy one. What do you think?

BaptistWay Bible Series for April 23: Beware the green-eyed monster

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BaptistWay Bible Series for April 23

Beware the green-eyed monster

- 1 Samuel 18:1-16

By Joseph Matos