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**By Adelle Banks**

*Religion News Service*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (RNS)—Standing on the balcony of the headquarters of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, former pro-football player Harry Flaherty relished the view directly across Interstate 70 of the huge stadiums for the baseball and football teams of this Midwestern city.

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**By Bruce Nolan**

*Religion News Service*

NEW ORLEANS—Jarvis Martin, a Witness, started off wobbly, walking the Prophets' lead-off man, Dustin Rigsby, then letting Rigsby take second on a wild pitch.

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# Sports Idolatrous or just good clean fun for Christians?\_40504

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# Sports: Idolatrous or just good clean fun for Christians?

**By David Briggs**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Professional sports as Greek tragedy? Spending a few hours on the couch eating pizza and nachos and watching a ballgame as contributing to something more than the extended adolescence of the

American male?

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

LATHAM SPRINGS—Seeing God work through Texas Baptist Men disaster relief inspires volunteers to continue the ministry, relief leaders testified at a recent training event.

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# Texas Tidbits\_40504

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## Texas Tidbits

**Estrada named BGCT project manager.** Job Estrada, 24, has been named project manager in the Baptist General Convention of Texas Communications Center. He will help various BGCT ministries plan and execute marketing and promotions campaigns. Communications Director Becky Bridges described him as "an ideal staff person for the future of the BGCT ... bright, young and bilingual." Prior to joining the BGCT staff, Estrada worked in sales and marketing positions with Starbucks Coffee, Cingular Wireless/Navstar Communications and Compaq Computer in the Houston area. He has been a member of South Main Baptist Church in Houston and holds a bachelor's degree in business marketing and speech communications from Houston Baptist University.

**Fletcher to receive honorary doctorate.** Jesse Fletcher will receive an honorary doctorate from Hardin-Simmons University at spring commencement May 8. Fletcher, who currently serves as president emeritus of Hardin-Simmons University, was president of the university from 1977 to 1991 and chancellor from 1991 to 2001.

**DBU receives grant.** Dallas Baptist University has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Hillcrest Foundation for the construction of the

new International Student Center, scheduled to open later this year. DBU has about 300 international students on campus. Since 1968, DBU has received more than \$2 million from the Hillcrest Foundation for projects such as the Landry Welcome Center, the Mahler Student Center and a library automation system.

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## **TOGETHER: Journey to Georgia 'unforgettable' \_40504**

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### **TOGETHER: Journey to Georgia 'unforgettable'**

A Global Village in Americus, Ga., demonstrates the poverty in which much of the world lives. After walking through narrow streets, stepping into dirt-floored shacks and imagining what it would be like to live where everyone is vulnerable to crime, violence, disease and despair, visitors step into a sunny area of new houses built by Habitat for Humanity.

They are small houses, built with materials indigenous to their regions and designed to please the senses of those who live there. They are sturdy houses, built to last. After a recent hurricane in South Florida, only the houses built by Habitat builders remained standing. Every house is built with the help of the owner family. They earn "sweat equity" by their labor.

No-interest loans make the working poor able to afford a proper home for their families.

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The project started out to provide safe, affordable housing for every family in Sumter County, Ga. Along the way, the goal grew to include the whole world. Millard and Linda Fuller found a new vision from God through the ministry of Koinonia Farms and Clarence Jordan, author of "Cottonpatch Gospel." To express their Christian commitment, they began building houses for the poor. When President Jimmy Carter returned from Washington to Plains, a village 10 miles west of Americus, he joined forces with the Fullers and put his carpentry skills into service for Christ and the mission of Habitat for Humanity, which is active in 3,000 communities in 92 countries and has built more than 150,000 homes.

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**Church earmarks \$10,000 of missions offering to**

# **BWA\_40504**

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## **Church earmarks \$10,000 of missions offering to BWA**

SAN ANTONIO-Challenged by the head of the Baptist World Alliance to pray for their Baptist brothers and sisters around the world "as if they were physically sitting in the pew next to you," members of San Antonio's Trinity Baptist Church did more than that recently.

The church launched its spring missions offering of \$75,000 with \$10,000 earmarked for the BWA. Of the remainder, \$57,500 will go the Mary Hill Davis Offering of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and \$7,500 to a Mainstream Baptists mission project.

Debbie Ferrier, past vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and missions leader at Trinity, said she hoped the church would grasp the opportunity to become more involved with and supportive of the BWA.

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of Trinity  
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**By Phillip Jordan and Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WASHINGTON (ABP)-In hearing arguments on whether the Pledge of Allegiance's reference to God is constitutional, the justices of the Supreme Court seemed concerned not only with Michael Newdow's case, but also with his right to make it.

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**By Teresa Young**

*Wayland Baptist University*

PLAINVIEW-Bernard Kabarú has a vision for reaching Kenya with the gospel. And he believes Christian leaders in that country could do it, if they just had the training.

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# Student worship leader followed circuitous rout\_40504

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Former university professor Jeff Berry and his band perform and lead worship at Christian events around the country for high school and college students.

# Student worship leader followed circuitous route to ministry

**By Leann Callaway**

*Special to the Baptist Standard*

ABILENE—Earning an MBA and teaching international economics at a university might not be the typical career path for a worship leader, but Jeff Berry believes God used every step and misstep of his journey to prepare him for ministry.

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## Modern CD reclaims ancient hymn\_40504

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### Modern CD reclaims ancient hymn

ATLANTA (RNS)—The latest CD from the popular “Passion” Christian student movement differs from most contemporary religious music. All the songs on it were composed more than 100 years ago, and the lyrics to at least one are 1,800 years old.

“Passion: Ancient and Modern Hymns—Live Songs of Our Faith,” was recorded at Northpoint Community Church in Atlanta when 1,300 campus

pastors and community leaders gathered.

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This collection was inspired by “Phos Hilaron,” perhaps the oldest surviving Christian hymn. Literally translated “hail gladdening light,” the hymn already was considered ancient by the fourth century.

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## **Help youth succeed by focusing on strengths, speaker urges\_40504**

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## **Help youth succeed by focusing on strengths, speaker urges**

**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

DALLAS—Churches can help children and youth succeed by focusing more on relationships than programs and on strengths rather than problems, family ministry leader Eugene Roehlkepartain insisted.