

More Than Just The News *Entertainment & Sports*

Christian Radio Top 20

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01. It Is You, Newsboys 1
02. After The Music Fades, Shaun Groves 2
03. Breathe, Rebecca St. James 3
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05. Open Up The Sky, FFH 5
06. Every Move I Make, Fusebox 6
07. Turn, Paul Colman Trio 8
08. I Am, Ginny Owens 7
09. Sing Alleluia, City On A Hill 9
10. Rejoice, Audio Adrenaline 10
11. Holy Is Your Name, City On A Hill 11
12. Loss For Words, Tait 12
13. Let It Flow, Jeff Deyo 14
14. It's Alright, Third Day 16
15. The Face Of Christ, Chris Rice 13
16. Meet With Me, Ten Shekel Shirt 17
17. All I Really Want, Lincoln Brewster 18
18. I Can Only Imagine, Mercy Me 19
19. Larger Than Life, downhere 15
20. With All Of My Heart, FFH --

Christian Bookstores Top 10 Best Sellers List

HARDBACK

1. Bringing Up Boys, James Dobson, Tyndale
2. When Godly People Do Ungodly Things, Beth Moore (Broadman & Holman, trade publishing arm of LifeWay)
3. Prayer of Jabez for Women, Bruce Wilkinson (Multnomah)
4. Traveling Light, Max Lucado (Nelson Publishers)
5. Praying God's Word, Beth Moore (B&H)
6. He Chose Nails, Max Lucado (Nelson Publishers)
7. Wild at Heart, John Eldredge (Nelson Publishers)
8. Heaven My Father's House, Anne Graham Lotz (Nelson Publishers)
9. Church God Blesses, Jim Cymbala (Zondervan)
10. Secrets of the Vine, Bruce Wilkinson (Multnomah)

PAPERBACK

1. Power of a Praying Wife, Stormie Omartian (Harvest House)
2. Praying God's Will for Your Life, Stormie Omartian (Nelson Publishers)
3. Five Love Languages, Gary Chapman (Moody Press)
4. Power of a Praying Parent, Stormie Omartian (Harvest House)
5. Power of a Praying Husband, Stormie Omartian (Harvest House)
6. Case for Faith, Lee Strobel (Zondervan)
7. Bad Girls of the Bible, Liz Curtis Higgs (Waterbrook)
8. Humor for a Woman's Heart, Shari MacDonald
9. Experiencing God With Bible Study Questions, Henry Blackaby (B&H)
10. Sacred Romance, John Eldredge & Curtis Brent (Nelson Publishers)

FICTION

1. The Proposal, Lori Wick (Harvest House)
2. Cape Refuge, Terri Blackstock (Zondervan)
3. Distant Beacon, Janette (Bethany House)
4. Redeeming Love, Francine Rivers (Multnomah)
5. True Valor, Dee Henderson (Multnomah)
6. Cape Light, Thomas Kinkade (Appalachian Christian Book Company)
7. Could I Have This Dance, Harry Kraus (Zondervan)
8. Sacrifice, Robert Whitlow (Nelson Publishers)
9. The Protector, Dee Henderson (Multnomah)
10. True Devotion, Dee Henderson (Multnomah)

Only 43% of Libraries Filter

CCV Bulletin

"Some 43% reported filtering Internet use, a jump from previous years (31% in 2002, 25% in 2003). Of those filtering the Internet, 96% filter all their children's terminals. About half of those filtering also filter adult terminals. Perhaps because of the cost of filtering, smaller libraries (under 25,000 population) were least likely to use filters. The average cost was \$1,722 per library system, but smaller libraries (under 50,000) spent an average of \$360 or less.
<http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/index.asp?layout=article&articleid=CA188739>

Join One Million Moms and Dads in their defense of the Boy Scouts of America!

AFA.org

The Carrier Corporation (makers of Carrier air conditioning products) has apparently decided to punish the Boy Scouts because the organization will not allow homosexuals to serve in leadership positions. Because the Scouts would not lower their moral stand, Carrier stopped financial support for the Scouts.

The Boy Scouts teach boys how to grow physically, morally and spiritually. Carrier has taken a stand favoring homosexuality and punishing the Scouts.

Charles Eschenfelder, Carrier's Corporate Communications Manager, confirmed that Carrier pulled funding of the Scouts as a result of the homosexual leader ban. "Carrier's employment policies clearly prohibits any type of discrimination and our ability to support community based organizations are limited, therefore we strive to direct resources to organizations that share our company's goals for community betterment."

From Mr. Eschenfelder's statement, two things are clear. First, Carrier is doing the very thing they say they are opposed to--discriminating. Their discrimination is against the Boy Scouts because the Scouts have taken a moral stand, with which Carrier disagrees. According to Mr. Eschenfelder, employing homosexuals leads to "community betterment" and the Boy Scouts do not. Second, under Carrier's policy, the North American Man and Boy Love Association (a radical homosexual/pedophilia organization whose motto is "sex before 8 or it is too late") could be eligible for Carrier support because they do not discriminate against homosexuals.

Carrier is the air-conditioning company. Send your e-mail to Carrier today. Then forward this email on to your friends inviting them to join OneMillionMoms.com.

Jars of Clay, Nicole C. Mullen among headliners for Dove Awards

By Staff

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Jars of Clay, Nicole C. Mullen, Steven Curtis Chapman, MercyMe, Delirious, Point of Grace, TobyMac, Third Day and Rebecca St. James are among the performers confirmed for the Gospel Music Association's 33rd Annual Dove Awards telecast Oct. 10 at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tenn., according to GMA President Frank Breeden.

An all-star Voices of Hope performance of "In God We Trust" along with New Artist of the Year nominees Sara Groves, Shaun Groves, downhere, Joy Williams and ZOEgirl also will perform.

"With this outstanding lineup of artists, the Dove Awards will showcase the depth of diversity and talent in Christian and gospel music," Breeden said. "Nearly every style of music will be represented in this telecast including pop, rock, urban, hip-hop, Southern Gospel and modern worship. We believe the show will make for an entertaining and moving evening."

Grammy and Dove award-winning Jars of Clay will perform a network broadcast debut of their new single "I Need You." Female Artist of the Year nominee and Australian native Rebecca St. James and U.K. modern worship and rock band Delirious will add an international flavor to the show.

Steven Curtis Chapman will come to the Dove Awards with nine nominations and a chance to add to his tally of the most awards earned by any artist. TobyMac (of dcTalk), Nicole C. Mullen who is the reigning Songwriter and Female Vocalist of the Year and reigning Artist and Group of the Year Third Day are also multiple nominees this year. MercyMe, the best-selling new artist of 2004, was recently #1 on the Billboard Heatseeker chart with their debut album "Almost There." Host Yolanda Adams, who recently won the first American Music Award for Inspirational Pop music artist, will also perform at the Doves.

"In God We Trust," created as a Christian music industry unified response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, features Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, dcTalk, Rachael Lampa, Jaci Velasquez, Avalon, Anointed and

Photo

Jars of Clay headline Dove Awards

Selah.

Breeden also announced that GMA is producing a Dove Awards live concert and viewing party open to the public at Nashville's OpryMills, located next to the Opry House. The event will feature concert performances, and the producers plan to tie the viewing party into live telecast.

Several promotional activities are planned for the Dove Awards including a Dove pre-party concert featuring teen group Jump5 at the Atlanta-area Discover Mills in Lawrenceville, Ga., on April 18. Mills TV at the Mills shopping centers across the United States also will air Dove Award promotional advertisements.

PAX TV's broadcast will mark the first time the Dove Awards will be live on a national broadcast network. Another first, FamilyNet TV will air the two-hour pre-show during which more than 35 Dove Awards will be presented. The live pre-show telecast, sponsored by Sparrow Records' Dove Hits 2004, also will feature backstage interviews and will direct viewers to PAX TV for the Dove subsequent night of award presentations.

"Shock Jock" fined \$150,000 after attacking activist on-air

Legal Facts

On Oct. 5, a Juneau, Alaska jury ordered radio production company Westwood One to pay \$150,000 in punitive damages for on-air comments made by one of its syndicated radio hosts. Juneau resident Karen Carpenter led an effort to convince local radio station KJNO to drop "shock jock" Tom Leykis' syndicated radio program. Leykis allegedly retaliated against Carpenter's efforts by deriding her on the air using sexually explicit language and the sound of what was supposed to be a vibrator, and by broadcasting her home fax number. Carpenter sued, claiming that she suffered an invasion of privacy, emotional distress,

depression and other damages as a result of the alleged broadcast.

The jury found for Leykis and Westwood on the issues of emotional distress and invasion of privacy. However, the jury awarded damages based on their finding that Leykis and his production company deliberately concealed or destroyed the tape of the program in which Leykis targeted Carpenter. Both parties have indicated their intention to appeal. Carpenter's attorney specifically believes the trial judge erred in instructing the jury that "a verbal sexual assault is protected speech."

Program Schedule	PAX TV Schedule	Sex, violence and foul language still flooding the "Family Hour" HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (EP) --A new report released by the Parents Television Council (PTC) found that between Aug. 3 and Nov. 10, 2003, television networks broadcast 3,885 instances of sexual material, foul language and violence during the first hour of prime time programming, once known as the "family hour." "This analysis clearly demonstrates that the broadcast networks, despite their denials, continue to market too much violence and vulgarity to our nation's children. In just over four months' time, network television executives, with the support of advertising dollars, have inundated us with nearly 4,000 incidents of sexual material, foul language, and violence," said Brent Bozell, president and founder of PTC. The study found that UPN had by far the highest levels of objectionable material, surpassing NBC (the next most offensive network) by nearly 300 incidents in sheer volume of sexual references, foul language and violence. PAX was by far the least offensive network, offering only 43 instances of inappropriate material during the entire study period.

Is Big Media giving 'Way' to Special Interests?

-SMC - CultureFacts Where there's a will, there's an American Way. And thanks to the latest activities of the national media, there are more dollars in the coffers of People for the American Way (PFAW), the liberal group that calls itself the "defenders of democracy." Though the networks insist that they have no political ties, Byron York of National Review Online

suggests that there's evidence to the contrary. It appears that executives at CBS, NBC, Disney, and The New York Times all purchased tables (at \$500-\$600 per seat) for the People For the American Way annual fund-raising dinner. The communications director for the Media Research Center, Liz Swasey, says that sponsorship by "neutral" media giants

"violates a basic tenet of journalism." She suggests that if the tables were turned and the major networks contributed to a conservative group like the National Rifle Association, they would have been roundly criticized. Thus the liberal double standard lives on. On their website, PFAW's biggest banner proudly reads, "Why Does the Right-

Wing Fear PFAW So Much?" Their answer? People For the American Way is "aggressive and effective in advocating on the judicial nominees." No kidding. PFAW led campaigns against the confirmations of respected people like Attorney General John Ashcroft and Judge Charles Pickering-men, ironically, that the media were quick to vilify.

The relationship does makes one wonder about the lopsided coverage of issues like President Bush's judicial nominees, 21 of whom have waited more than a year for Senate confirmation hearings because of the public thrashing they've taken from the press. Despite their personal assurance that the networks aren't biased or politically inclined, the mainstream news

has its share of convincing to do after this year's blatant partnership with PFAW. Until then, most Americans have resigned themselves to the fact that the media is simply putting their money where their mouth is.

John 3:16

**The Church down the street,
 The other guy's ministry,
 are not the competition!
 We all are co-workers in the
 Lord's Fields working for a
 great harvest!**



<http://www.christiananswers.net/spotlight/movies/home.html>

THE TUXEDO

Rated PG-13 for action violence, sexual content and language

[Moral Rating: Average](#)

[Primary Audience: Teen to Adult](#)

[Genre: Comedy / Action](#)

[MPAA Rating: "PG-13"](#)

There are times when a tuxedo can bring a sense of style and grace to an event. I have witnessed teary-eyed parent taking snapshots before their child heads off to the high school prom. I have officiated at several weddings and I love that moment of reverent innocence when a groom awaits the bride's journey down the aisle.

I will tell you the truth right up front... a tuxedo does nothing for this latest film by Jackie Chan. It's another attempt to poke fun at James Bond, but in so many ways this movie fails to deliver the goods. It's sadly just as boring and silly as the awful remake of *The Avengers*. While Jackie Chan is without a doubt a talented martial arts



actor, needing no special effects to showcase his abilities, the exaggerated sexual innuendos (in the tradition of *Austin Powers*) blackens *The Tuxedo*. The script merely makes the actual tuxedo the star and reduces most of the dialog, barely bridging tuxedo and talent to accentuate the special effects.

Our story opens with Jimmy Tong (Jackie Chan) as a cab driver challenged to show off his driving skills while undergoing a job interview by superspy Clark Devlin (Jason Isaacs). Jimmy's boss is incapacitated and he is instructed to wear a special tux that he had previously admired. Quicker than you can say "Inspector Gadget", the tux takes on its own superpower identity. The accessory watch can make these clothes do amazing things! Everything but draw us into a good movie, that is.

Delilah Blaine (Jennifer Love Hewitt) is assigned by the agency to assist Clark Devlin, whom she has never met and is therefore innocent to the fact that Jimmy Tong has assumed Clark's identity. Our villain is Diedrich Banning (Ritchie Coster), a water baron who deviously plans to infect the world's water supply so that everyone must buy water from him (I guess he forgot that we can still drink milk, juice, etc.). He is helped along by the evil scientist (Peter Stormare, who was much better in [Minority Report](#)) to devise a delivery system with a few bugs in it (pun intended). Can our clumsy duo prevent the world from being forced to buy just one brand of bottled water? I guess this could be a scary thought to those who insist that their brand of water is the best.

Personally, I think the film would have been funnier if a younger more unsuspecting actor would have stumbled into the tux. If you are going to make fun of the innuendos in a Bond film, then why not someone who is naive and just doesn't get it? I will warn you that some innuendos present includes the themes of homosexuality and voyeurism. My recommendation is to skip this one and hope that the 48-year-old Jackie Chan can find better work.

Year of Release — 2002

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Viewer Comments:

"...Sexually related dialogue and humor are present in various scenes, and women are seen in scanty and revealing attire..."
—*ScreenIt!*

"...4 sexual references, 4 scatological terms, 8 anatomical terms, 11 mild obscenities, 8 religious exclamations..."
—*Kids-in-Mind*

Bible Crossword Puzzle

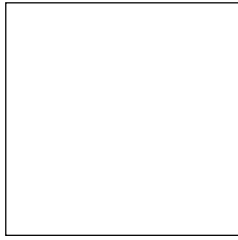
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Christians are not
victims! We have
victory in Christ!

Half a page of stories to half a page of paid advertising.

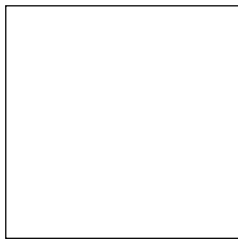
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Providential History, then you must
believe that America has a Providential
Future! You must also know that we
have a Providential Present!

CD Review



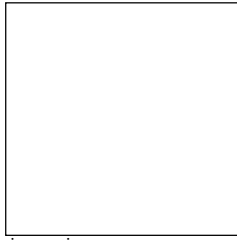
Kathy Troccoli
The Heart of Me
Reunion Records

With her 13th solo album, the silky-voiced singer mixes songs of worship, hope and faith. Troccoli co-wrote several of the songs with producer Nathan Digesare -- among them the lush, romantic sounding *Heaven Knows*. Some of the highlights are the sing-along worship tune *Just Like You* and the prayer-inspired *Take Me Higher*.



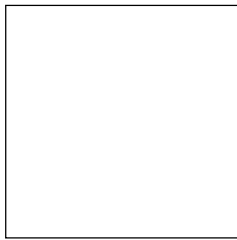
Mercy Me
Spoken For
INO Records

The group which sang the Dove Award-winning Song of the Year *I Can Only Imagine* follows with a new collection of "rock infused worship" tunes. The theme centers around the title song - a ballad which states that our hearts are "spoken for" by Christ in his sacrifice for us. Also noteworthy are *The Change Inside of Me* and the lyrical hymn, *The Love of God*.



various artists
WoW Christmas
Word Records

Thirty holiday songs by 30 different artists make this double CD a top seasonal choice. Most of these songs were taken from previously recorded material. But there are some new selections. The *Silent Night* duet from Mark Schultz and Nachole Nordeman, *Sing, Mary, Sing* from Jennifer Knapp and *This Christmas* by TobyMac are first time performances.



Jody McBrayer
This Is Who I Am

The Avalon member ventures into solo territory with this release. He stakes out his own musical identity with touches of R&B, Latin-salas, pop and classic soul. McBrayer's voice fits nicely on the string and classical guitar ballad *Love Can Break Your Fall* and soars on the rousing (although somewhat overproduced) *Unspeaking Joy*.

AFA Journal

Dr. Donald E. Wildmon, President
Tim Wildmon, Vice President

Nation's Christian heritage is evident

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Twice a year Marvin Sanders, general manager of American Family Radio, and I lead people to Washington D.C., for what we call Spiritual Heritage Tours. Our next one will be September 18-21. We like to visit all the sites and memorials that make our nation's capital one of the greatest places on earth to experience. After touring Washington on Thursday and Friday, we like to take our motorcoach down through historic Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday morning to visit Mount Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington.

Mount Vernon rests on the banks of the beautiful Potomac River. The contrast between the noise, hustle and bustle of modern day Washington, D.C., and the quiet serenity of Mount Vernon is striking.

General George Washington was, arguably, the most significant person to live on this planet the last 1,000 years. Without his leadership, I doubt very seriously the United States of America would be here today. And if you look at what our nation has accomplished for us and for the world, without her, the world could very well be living without electricity, without cars and without planes, just to name three things off the top of my head. And certainly without much freedom, human rights or security, thanks in large part to the military superiority that comes with being the world's wealthiest country.

Last week I watched a special on Educational Television about the life and times of George Washington. A couple of days later I went back and re-read Washington's Farewell Address which he delivered on September 17, 1796, in Philadelphia. He had already served two terms as president and did not wish to serve a third, thus his farewell. I commend it to every American. Here is a portion of this famous speech:

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it be simply asked: Where is the security for property,

for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Wow! George Washington was not speaking of Islam. He wasn't speaking of Buddhism. George Washington was -- in no uncertain terms -- emphasizing the importance of American citizens honoring, respecting and adhering to the principles of the Christian faith. The Ten Commandments. The Sermon on the Mount. President Washington was by today's definition -- as were most of our Founding Fathers if you read their writings -- crazies of the religious right. He wasn't much into "ceremonial deism." After all, this was his farewell speech. The things that mattered most. What he wanted to be remembered for. And here he is saying that if the American people didn't strive to obey the laws of God first, the republic would not stand.

What if President Bush gave the same speech today? Can you imagine the beating he would take in the press? CNN would report it like this: "President Bush today set off a political firestorm by mixing politics and religion in a speech given in Philadelphia. Democratic critics along with the American Civil Liberties Union blamed the president for using his bully pulpit to ram religion down people's throats, and make non-Christians feel like third-class citizens. Even GOP strategists backed away from Mr. Bush's comments as too divisive and judgmental. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton denounced the president, saying his words were 'scary and sounded a lot like Taliban rhetoric.'"

I could tell you story after story of how and why our Founding Fathers promoted Christianity to the nation's citizenry. They were sincere in their dependence on Almighty God. It wasn't a game with these guys. It was not rhetoric. And it wasn't pandering to the public for votes. It was far from ceremonial, it was powerfully meaningful.

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We will establish an student intern program with Christian Colleges to meet our future journalists and management needs.

The More Than Just The News Spot Light: With...

Steven Curtis
Chapman's
"Declaration"

is his fastest seller, tops charts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (EP) -- Gospel artist Steven Curtis Chapman's album Declaration, released Sept. 25, sold over 69,000 copies in its first week, making it his highest album sales debut ever, up 34 percent from first-week sales of his previous release, Speechless. The album debuted at number one on the Christian Book-sellers Association top-selling album chart, and at number 14 on Billboard magazine's Top 200 albums chart.

Chapman's album may be a good fit for these troubles times. Even though it was recorded well before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, it reflects the emotional roller coaster of Chapman's recent life. From the tragic school shootings at his alma mater in Paducah, Kentucky, to the adoption of his new baby daughter from China, gospel music's most honored artist has lived through joy and tragedy, life and death. Through it all, he says, he's learned an important lesson: "God is God, and I'm not."

That message is so appropriate for a society worried by terrorism, that Chapman is doing all he can to get it into the hands of every American. Chapman and Sparrow records have made the song "God is God" available at no charge, to be given away digitally on the Internet without restriction. The song is available in any digital format for any Web site wishing to feature the song as a sign of solidarity and support in the wake of the Sept.11 tragedy. Lyrics for the song will be distributed with the file.

"It really is saying that I believe -- and I am staking all on this -- that God is God, not me," Chapman told New Man magazine. "I don't see the big picture. I don't have a clue. But I know God does. I'm going to declare

that, even if I don't feel it right now. Even if I don't feel it and can't get a box around it, that matters less than ever before. I still want that -- I want to be in control -- but I'm coming to a place of saying, 'God, I believe in You and I know You are all I need.' That's my declaration, and I'm driving this stake in the ground because I know the winds will blow and the storms are going to come, but I'll return to this and say it again."

Chapman has seen those winds blowing in his own life and in the lives of his friends recently. "It's been pain and frustration and disappointment," he admits. "You can look at my bookshelf and see that Philip Yancey is becoming one of my favorite author pals, with his books Disappointment with God and Reaching for the Invisible God. Even harder than some of the deaths is the pain of close friends who have adopted children, children they've reached out to in love, who have done very hurtful things -- things that have caused them to be taken out of the home and put into treatment centers. I'm watching them walk through this pain, and these are hero dads of mine -- guys I want to be like when I grow

up. There have been some real Job moments when you say, 'God, where are You in this?'"

The flip side of that has been the new joy in the Chapman family because of the adoption of Shaohannah, a two-year-old girl from China. The idea to get involved in international adoption started with

Chapman's teenage daughter. "She decided this was her mission in life -- that she was going to pray it into reality," says Chapman. "That's what she did for us. At the time it felt like she was doing it to us, but we now realize she did us an incredible favor.

God put it on her heart. It's a lesson to dads to really listen to the prayers and heart cries of their children, especially when they believe it's something God is putting on their heart."

Chapman and his wife have supported adoption and adoption agencies, but imagined they had passed the age for bringing new children into their home. When they began to look into it, barriers fell one after another. "There was no mistaking that God was dropping rather

large hints into our lives," he says. "Why China? Because that's where our daughter was. All we know is that from the foundation of the Earth God knew there was this daughter who would be part of our life and part of the tapestry of the Chapman family, and it just happened she would be born in China to a mother who couldn't care for her."

At 38, Chapman may seem a little old to be starting over with a new child. "When my kids graduate I had hoped to be able to run up the bleachers, but now I may need my cane!" he says with a laugh. "It extended us into a few more years of child-raising, and we've talked and laughed about that, and even cried about it. We were out of the baby stage and in 10 more years we were home free as far as our kids were concerned. Now we've tacked another 10 years onto that. But the minute she was put in our arms we thought, 'What were we thinking? This is what life is about.'"

International adoption can be challenging and expensive, and the experience encouraged the Chapmans to find a way to make it easier for others. "We don't want anyone to have to say that they'd love to adopt and have a big enough heart for it and a place at their table, but just can't afford it. We'll find a way. We've set up a foundation and are working to make that a reality. People can contact us through my web site or go to Bethany Christian Services and we'll find a way to make sure that everybody who wants to adopt can afford it."

Bringing a new child into the home has been a good experience for his other children, Chapman says. "It

was obvious what would happen to my daughter, but it's really impacted my boys. I want to teach them to be God-followers and lovers of others -- especially a wife some day. My youngest son was the baby of the family, and now he's got a little sister to take care of. It can be sacrifice, but it's great to see them learn that the world doesn't revolve around them. In fact, right now it revolves around this little girl we've brought into our home. We're paying a price, but it's worth it."

Both the joy and sorrow of his recent life are reflected in his new album. Chapman says his songs are a snapshot of whatever's going on in his life at the time. "Sometimes it's a wrestling match that you walk away from with a limp, and sometimes it's an amazing mountain top experience. The last few years of my life have involved more pain and heartache than I've ever known, and great moments of joy beyond what I've ever known. As I've wrestled with it I've decided that I want to know Christ -- I want to see the face of Jesus more clearly than ever. It's not about getting answers to my questions -- it's about seeing the face of Jesus, and letting that be my focus."

Concert Dates:

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America's greatest days are still ahead of her, but only if she returns to the plan and purpose God ordained for her before the founding of the world. To do that, the people of America must learn to see the world through a Biblical World View. They must learn the Biblical Principals of Life, government, liberty and of freedom. Today's secular media is leading America away from our National Call and Purpose!

Comics

A newspaper
can go places a
web site can't!

More Than Just The News

Sports

Jaci Velasquez turns down World Series to fulfill promise to perform in Honduras

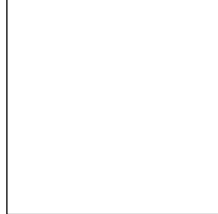
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (EP) -- Most professional singers would have jumped at the chance to sing at the seventh game of the 2001 World Series. But for five-time Dove Award winner Jaci Velasquez, saying no was a simple decision: she had a prior engagement for a tour in Honduras.

Velasquez explained, "You just try to do whatever you would want people to do on your behalf. It's not easy. Sometimes I'm good; sometimes I'm not good."

In addition to the week she spent in Latin America, Velasquez has been helping the U.S. recover from Sept. 11. Recently, she joined a group of Latin artists, including Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony, to do a project in conjunction with the Red Cross, raising money for families of victims of the terrorist attacks. They recorded an album, *El Ultimo Adios* ("The Final Goodbye"), and each artist took time off road trips and other engagements to take part in volunteer work. Said Velasquez, "We gave our time for free, and we just wanted to help out in any way we could to raise money for the families of the victims."

Velasquez is also participating in recording an English version, with proceeds going to children who lost parents in the Pennsylvania crash but are ineligible for other compensation. As is true with many artists, Velasquez has noticed a difference in her concerts since Sept. 11. She feels more focused in what she says between songs and wants to better respond to those who have come to "hear something that means something."

She notes that entertainment



Jaci Velasquez

has always provided a way to escape from life. "Right now more than ever we need to have our minds taken off of something, and taken to something that is good and positive and makes you believe," Velasquez said. "I would hope that they'd respond to my music as something to kind of take their mind off of what's going on."

She hopes her music will enable people to leave happier and with the "reassurance that the world's going to be okay."

Her Christmas concerts, "Songs of the Season," reflect that goal. Especially for people who feel alone during the holiday season, Velasquez wants to be a reminder of good times. She said, "I think the show is very focused in a way that it takes you back in time to your happy memories, to the memories of our country - everything fun and good. It's a good time." She wants people to "feel warm and fuzzy when they walk out, and I want people to feel like they've gotten to enter my world also for Christmas. To see what my Christmases are like."

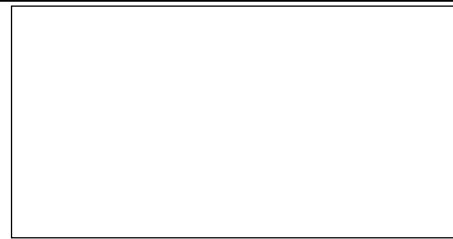
Velasquez knows about battling loneliness during the season; it's sometimes hard for an artist who's constantly on the move. Velasquez said, "I'm always working, but the only way I stay focused is - for me, I love what I do, and it helps

when you love what you do. And I try to balance everything, my personal life and my work life." She tries to spend as much time as possible hanging out with her friends when she is home.

Velasquez admits that she's growing tired of the constant moving during tours and having so little time at home. She hopes to change her pace somewhat starting in January, when she will switch her focus to acting in various TV shows. She's done a few acting stints before, including a show on Nickelodeon, and has decided to concentrate on "straight acting" rather than being a musician turned "singer/actress." Velasquez said her main reason for such a move is that she will be able to be at home. "I like being able to come home and sleep in my own bed every night - that's more the reason why I want to get into acting now."

Until then, she is sticking with her music and touring. Her Christmas concert showers concertgoers with snow - one of her stage effects - and tries to remind listeners of childhood Christmases with traditional music. For Velasquez, Christmas at home included Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra, artists her father introduced her to as a child.

Her new album, titled simply *Christmas*, focuses on being more traditional, singing Christmas songs the way she remembers them as a child rather than making her own versions as many other artists have. "That's the way I know Christmas music," said Velasquez. "My songs reflect that - the way that I grew up with Christmas music." The traditional approach may also make her music more timeless. She said, "Twenty years from now, you'll probably hear this record again, and it's not going to really change. It's like the sounds aren't going to change because that's the classic way; the classic sound."



Pro-Life Protestors confront Red Cross at Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (EP) -- A group calling itself Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust says it succeeded in getting the Red Cross to stop distributing its "safe sex" kits - complete with flavored condoms - at the recent Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. According to Dan McCullough, director of the pro-life youth group, the Survivors joined another pro-life group, Generation Life, in drawing attention to the joint plan of the Red Cross, Planned Parenthood, and the Salt Lake organizers committee to hand out the condom kits to athletes and spectators at the games.

"We felt it was particularly bad that the Red Cross was engaging in distributing the condoms," McCullough told EP News. "We went to the Red Cross offices in Salt Lake City, and staged a protest. We also went in and talked to someone from the Red Cross and let them know that we felt it was very wrong for them to be giving out condoms."

McCullough said the protestors pointed out that the Red Cross was handing out false security, and argued that condoms offer little protection against sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies.

What was particularly unacceptable to the protestors was the fact that the Red Cross volunteers were giving the condom packs out to minors - including a 14-year-old member of the Survivors group. McCullough explained that the girl "didn't even ask for a 'safe sex' kit. She simply went up to a Red Cross volunteer and asked, 'Are you with the Red Cross?'" The Red Cross volunteer responded by handing a pack of "flavored" condoms to the girl.

McCullough stated that by Friday the Red Cross had suspended its distribution of the condoms at the Olympics venue. He said that a spokesperson for the local Red Cross in Salt Lake City had conceded that pressure from the protestors had influenced their decision to cease the project.

Super Bowl kicker drew strength from his faith in God

BOSTON, Mass. (EP) -- The New England field goal kicker whose last-second effort lifted the Patriots to a 20-17 victory over the St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVIII says he draws strength from his faith in

God. Adam Vinatieri told Christian Sports Minute News, "You always have some ups and downs in your life. A lot of times you feel like you are on an island as a kicker...but if you know He'll always be there to help you, it will be all right."

Sports evangelism called bridge to reaching 96% of population

By James Dotson

HOUSTON (BP)--When Richland Creek Community Church decided to conduct a sports camp a few years ago, many of their own children could not attend. Recognizing a limited capacity, they chose to open it primarily to children who may have no other opportunity to hear the gospel. The Wake Forest, N.C., church is one of the best examples of using sports ministry to focus on non-Christians rather than members, said Victor Lee, a sports ministry evangelism consultant for the North American Mission Board. "The first year 17 kids received Christ, and over the course of the next year 17 parents or siblings of those family members came to Christ," Lee said. "The point is to have a sports camp that intentionally targets lost people. If you just target your kids,

that's not intentionally reaching your audience."

Lee led a workshop on "Evangelism Bridges to a Sports Crazy World" during "Church on the Cutting Edge," a Sept. 30-Oct. 2 conference involving more than 3,000 church leaders co-sponsored by the North American Mission Board and Second Baptist Church of Houston.

For churches trying to find ways to connect with the unchurched in their communities, the fact that 96 percent of the population is linked to sports in some way is good reason to seriously consider the evangelism possibilities, said Lee, who also is minister of evangelism and single adults for Concord First Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn.

Camps like the one in Wake Forest can be as

effective as Vacation Bible Schools in reaching unchurched children, Lee said. At Richland, kids in a lower-income neighborhood would be picked up at 8 a.m. and brought home at 4 p.m. They would receive training in four different sports each day -- along with Christian teaching.

"They had the gospel shared in most of those classes in some way," Lee said.

Sports clinics offer a similar, more concentrated focus on just one sport -- with participants rotating through different stations receiving pointers and training on particular skills. At the end of the clinic, the gospel is shared and participants are given an opportunity to respond. He said as many as 15-20 percent of participants often make professions of faith.

"You work the two hours and 15 minutes to earn the right to do that 15 minutes," Lee said.

Sports leagues also can be effective evangelism tools, but they work best when they are designed from the outset with evangelism as a priority. If all of the players on a softball team are Christians, for instance, he suggested joining an industrial or other secular league to allow time for the Christians to build witnessing relationships with other players.

Another way to be intentionally evangelistic is to decide at the outset that if there are five Christians on a softball team, there will also be five "free agents" who aren't members of any church.

"You've got the course of the season to live your faith in front of them," Lee said, later adding, "We've

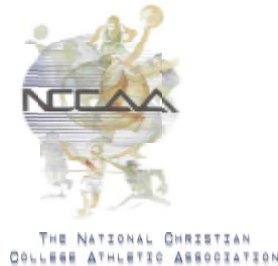
got to open up our mentality. We have too many closed facilities for the God-squad only, and Jesus wouldn't even play in those places, I'm convinced."

In any sports evangelism efforts, Lee advised training participants in a relational-based approach to sharing their faith, such as the North American Mission Board's The NET (see www.namb.net/evangelism/thenet/).

"In a relational environment a rote gospel presentation is probably not that important," he said. "In a relational environment you might want to share your testimony, which is what The NET teaches you to do." Special events such as wild-game dinners featuring the testimonies of well-known sports personalities also can be effective,

*I will set
no wicked thing
before
mine eyes
Psalms 101:3*

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The Mission of the NCCAA

The National Christian College Athletic Association is an association of Christ-centered collegiate institutions whose mission is to use athletic competition as an integral component of education, evangelism and encouragement.

We serve our members by setting association standards, developing communication resources, providing regional/national competition and partnering in outreach to our communities and the world.

We are committed to equipping student-athletes and coaches to make a positive impact for Christ.

Student-Athlete of the Week

September 30-October 6, 2002

Jessica Eenigenburg, Fr, Soccer, Trinity Christian College, I	Joel Peterson, Jr, Football, Malone College, I
Jessica Lenz, Fr, Volleyball, Central Baptist College, I	Joe Phiri, Sr, Soccer, Union University, I
Angela Mulkey, Jr, Soccer, Atlanta Christian College, II	Abraham Godfrey, Fr, Soccer, Calvary Bible College, II
Christine Paterno, Sr, Volleyball, North Central University, II	Blake Johnson, So, Cross Country, North Central University, II

NCCAA Members

East

Mid-East Division I Schools

Geneva College
Malone College
Mt. Vernon Nazarene
Nyack College
Roberts Wesleyan College
*Houghton College

Division II Schools

Baptist Bible College-East
Baptist Bible College (PA)
Lancaster Bible College
Maryland Bible College
Philadelphia Biblical University
Practical Bible College
Valley Forge Christian College
Washington Bible College

Division I Schools

Asbury College
Bryan College
Crichton College
Mid-Continent College
Oakland City University
Ohio Valley College
Union University

Division II Schools

Appalachian Bible College (WV)
Cincinnati Bible College
Circleville Bible College
Crown College (TN)
Free Will Baptist Bible College
Johnson Bible College
Kentucky Christian College
Temple Baptist College

South

Mid-West Division I Schools

Emmanuel College
Faulkner University

Gardner-Webb University
Judson College (AL)
Lee University

North Greenville College
Pensacola Christian College
Piedmont College
Southern Wesleyan University
Tennessee Temple University

Division II Schools

Atlanta Christian College
Carver Bible College
Clearwater Christian College
Florida Christian College
Piedmont Baptist College
Southeastern College
Toccoa Falls College
Trinity Baptist College

Division I Schools

Cedarville University
Concordia College
Grace College
*Huntington College
Indiana Wesleyan University

Rochester College
Spring Arbor University
Taylor University

Division II Schools

Emmaus Bible College
Grace Bible College
Great Lakes Christian College
Lincoln Christian College
Maranatha Baptist Bible College
Moody Bible Institute
Northland Baptist Bible

North Central

Central Division I Schools

Bethel College (IN)
Greenville College
Judson College (IL)
Northwestern College
Olivet Nazarene University
Trinity Christian College
Trinity International (IL)

Division II Schools

Crown College (Mn)
Faith Baptist Bible College
North Central University
Pillsbury Baptist Bible College
Providence College
Trinity Bible College

Division I Schools

Oklahoma Wesleyan University
Central Baptist College
Central Christian College

Dallas Baptist University
LeTourneau University

Louisiana College
MidAmerica Nazarene College
Southwestern Assemblies of God University
York College

Division II Schools

Baptist Bible College (Mo)
Calvary Bible College
Central Bible College
Central Christian College of the Bible
Kansas City College and Bible School
Manhattan Christian College
Ozark Christian College
St. Louis Christian College

Vennard College

Southwest

Northwest Division II Schools

Arlington Baptist
Barclay College
Dallas Christian College
Grace University
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College
Mid-America Bible College
Nebraska Christian College
Southwestern College of Christian Ministries

Division I Schools

Cascade College
Northwest College
Northwest Nazarene University
Walla Walla College
Warner Pacific College
Western Baptist College

West

Division I Schools

*Christian Heritage College
The Master's College
Hope International

Division II Schools

California Christian College
Columbia Bible College
LIFE Pacific College
Multnomah Bible College
Puget Sound Christian College
Simpson College
Southwestern College

This page will be used to cover the games and activities of the members of the NCCAA member schools.

A P Top 25 College Football Poll

The Associated Press Top 25 college football poll, with number of first-place votes and record in parentheses, total points and previous ranking:

1. MIAMI FLA (65) (6-0)	1,841	1
2. OKLAHOMA (9) (6-0)	1,776	2
3. VIRGINIA TECH (6-0)	1,675	4
4. OHIO ST (7-0)	1,608	5
5. GEORGIA (6-0)	1,555	6
6. OREGON (6-0)	1,463	7
7. NOTRE DAME (6-0)	1,403	8
8. TEXAS (5-1)	1,235	3
9. IOWA ST (6-1)	1,146	11
10. WASHINGTON ST (6-1)	1,116	12
11. MICHIGAN (5-1)	1,114	13
12. FLORIDA ST (5-2)	1,032	9
13. NO CAROLINA ST (7-0)	980	14
14. LSU (5-1)	914	18
15. IOWA (6-1)	830	17
16. TENNESSEE (4-2)	639	10
17. KANSAS ST (5-1)	619	19
18. AIR FORCE (6-0)	583	21
19. USC (4-2)	506	20
20. PENN ST (4-2)	435	15
21. MISSISSIPPI (5-1)	358	25
22. WASHINGTON (4-2)	354	22
23. COLORADO (4-2)	213	NR
24. ALABAMA (4-2)	165	NR
25. BOWLING GREEN (5-0)	83	NR

Dropped Out: No. 16 Florida, No. 23 Wisconsin, No. 24 Auburn

Others Receiving Votes: FLORIDA 81, UCLA 79, MARSHALL 57, NEBRASKA 30, SOUTH CAROLINA 26, ARKANSAS 24, COLORADO ST 22, MINNESOTA 18, LOUISVILLE 13, AUBURN 9, TEXAS TECH 9, BOSTON COLLEGE 8, CALIFORNIA 8, WISCONSIN 7, PITTSBURGH 5, VIRGINIA 5, TEXAS A&M 4, ARIZONA ST 1, BOISE ST 1.

A P Top 25 College Basketball Poll

The Associated Press Top 25 college basketball poll, with number of first-place votes and record in parentheses, total points and previous ranking:

1. DUKE (58) (29-3)	1,759	3
2. KANSAS (10) (29-3)	1,667	1
3. OKLAHOMA (2) (27-4)	1,630	4
4. MARYLAND (1) (26-4)	1,572	2
5. CINCINNATI (30-3)	1,529	5
6. GONZAGA (29-3)	1,356	6
7. ARIZONA (22-9)	1,196	15
8. ALABAMA (26-7)	1,192	8
9. PITTSBURGH (27-5)	1,191	7
10. CONNECTICUT (24-6)	1,048	19
11. OREGON (23-8)	1,033	9
12. MARQUETTE (25-7)	887	13
13. ILLINOIS (24-8)	848	10
14. OHIO ST (23-7)	830	21
15. FLORIDA (22-8)	735	11
16. KENTUCKY (20-9)	629	12
17. MISSISSIPPI ST (26-7)	587	NR
18. USC (22-9)	531	22
19. WESTERN KY (28-3)	510	18
20. OKLAHOMA ST (23-8)	423	14
21. MIAMI FLA (24-7)	349	2
22. XAVIER (25-5)	308	19
23. GEORGIA (21-9)	296	17
24. STANFORD (19-9)	268	16
25. HAWAII (27-5)	110	NR

Dropped Out: No. 23 Indiana, No. 25 Wisconsin

Others Receiving Votes: INDIANA 128, NO CAROLINA ST 108, CALIFORNIA 92, KENT ST 74, TEXAS TECH 49, PEPPERDINE 44, WAKE FOREST 24, TEXAS 12, UCLA 12, MICHIGAN ST 7, CENTRAL CONN 5, PENNSYLVANIA 5, WISCONSIN 4, NOTRE DAME 3, BUTLER 1, CREIGHTON 1, SOUTHERN ILL 1, TULSA 1.

A P Top 25 Women's College Basketball Poll

The Associated Press Top 25 women's college basketball poll, with number of first-place votes and records in parentheses, total points and previous ranking:

1. CONNECTICUT (44) (33-0)	1,100	1
2. OKLAHOMA (27-3)	1,031	4
3. DUKE (27-3)	1,020	3
4. VANDERBILT (27-6)	935	5
5. STANFORD (30-2)	931	2
6. TENNESSEE (25-4)	907	6
7. BAYLOR (26-5)	826	7
8. LOUISIANA TECH (25-4)	769	8
9. PURDUE (23-5)	734	9
10. IOWA ST (23-8)	658	11
11. KANSAS ST (24-7)	640	13
12. COLORADO (21-9)	589	10
13. SOUTH CAROLINA (22-6)	535	14
14. TEXAS (20-9)	524	12
15. OLD DOMINION (25-5)	438	15
16. NORTH CAROLINA (24-8)	418	16
17. TEXAS TECH (18-11)	314	17
18. MINNESOTA (21-7)	293	19
19. CINCINNATI (26-4)	263	21
20. COLORADO ST (24-6)	239	18
21. BOSTON COLLEGE (23-7)	232	20
22. LSU (17-11)	192	22
23. FLORIDA INTL (26-5)	141	25
24. (tie) FLORIDA (18-10)	112	24
24. (tie) PENN ST (21-11)	112	23

Others Receiving Votes: ARIZONA ST 105, ARKANSAS 44, NOTRE DAME 39, INDIANA 35, UNLV 23, GEORGIA 17, VILLANOVA 16, TCU 13, BYU 11, WISCONSIN 9, SANTA BARBARA 8, CREIGHTON 5, DRAKE 5, MISSISSIPPI ST 4, NEW MEXICO 4, VIRGINIA TECH 4, SYRACUSE 2, KENT ST 1, PEPPERDINE 1, TEMPLE 1.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PF	PA	HOME	ROAD	NFC	AFC	DIV	STREAK
MIAMI	5	1	0	180	120	3-0	2-1	1-0	4-1	2-0	WON 2
BUFFALO	3	3	0	194	204	1-2	2-1	2-0	1-3	0-1	WON 1
NEW ENGLAND	3	3	0	152	134	2-1	1-2	0-1	3-2	1-1	LOST 3
NY JETS	1	4	0	75	162	0-2	1-2	0-0	1-4	1-2	LOST 4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PF	PA	HOME	ROAD	NFC	AFC	DIV	STREAK
SAN DIEGO	5	1	0	146	98	3-0	2-1	1-0	4-1	1-1	WON 1
OAKLAND	4	1	0	175	118	2-0	2-1	1-1	3-0	0-0	LOST 1
DENVER	4	2	0	146	120	3-1	1-1	2-0	2-2	1-0	LOST 1
KANSAS CITY	3	3	0	205	193	1-1	2-2	0-0	3-3	0-1	LOST 1

NORTH DIVISION

	W	L	T	PF	PA	HOME	ROAD	NFC	AFC	DIV	STREAK
BALTIMORE	2	3	0	87	101	1-1	1-2	0-2	2-1	1-0	LOST 1
PITTSBURGH	2	3	0	110	112	1-1	1-2	0-1	2-2	2-0	WON 1
CLEVELAND	2	4	0	127	134	1-2	1-2	0-1	2-3	1-2	LOST 3
CINCINNATI	0	6	0	51	181	0-3	0-3	0-2	0-4	0-2	LOST 6

SOUTH DIVISION

	W	L	T	PF	PA	HOME	ROAD	NFC	AFC	DIV	STREAK
INDIANAPOLIS	4	1	0	114	90	2-1	2-0	0-0	4-1	2-0	WON 3
JACKSONVILLE	3	2	0	118	95	2-1	1-1	1-0	2-2	0-2	LOST 1
TENNESSEE	2	4	0	130	173	2-2	0-2	1-2	1-2	1-0	WON 1
HOUSTON	1	4	0	66	123	1-2	0-2	1-1	0-3	0-1	LOST 4

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PF	PA	HOME	ROAD	NFC	AFC	DIV	STREAK
PHILADELPHIA	3	2	0	165	92	2-0	1-2	2-0	1-2	2-0	LOST 1
DALLAS	3	3	0	88	120	2-1	1-2	2-2	1-1	0-2	WON 1
NY GIANTS	3	3	0	86	98	1-2	2-1	3-3	0-0	1-0	LOST 1
WASHINGTON	2	3	0	106	137	1-2	1-1	1-3	1-0	0-1	LOST 1

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PF	PA	HOME	ROAD	NFC	AFC	DIV	STREAK
SAN FRAN	4	1	0	15	81	2-1	2-0	4-0	0-1	2-0	WON 3
ARIZONA	3	2	0	99	87	1-1	2-1	3-1	0-1	1-0	WON 2
SEATTLE	1	4	0	105	115	1-2	0-2	1-3	0-1	0-2	LOST 1
ST LOUIS	1	5	0	102	138	1-2	0-3	0-4	1-1	0-1	WON 1

NORTH DIVISION

	W	L	T	PF	PA	HOME	ROAD	NFC	AFC	DIV	STREAK
GREEN BAY	5	1	0	173	145	2-0	3-1	4-1	1-0	2-0	WON 4
CHICAGO	2	3	0	112	132	1-2	1-1	2-2	0-1	1-1	LOST 3
DETROIT	1	4	0	109	169	1-1	0-3	1-3	0-1	0-2	LOST 1
MINNESOTA	1	4	0	130	165	1-2	0-2	1-3	0-1	1-1	WON 1

SOUTH DIVISION

	W	L	T	PF	PA	HOME	ROAD	NFC	AFC	DIV	STREAK
NEW ORLEANS	5	1	0	186	145	2-0	3-1	4-1	1-0	1-0	WON 2
TAMPA BAY	5	1	0	143	56	2-1	3-0	2-1	3-0	1-1	WON 5
CAROLINA	3	3	0	102	75	2-1	1-2	2-3	1-0	0-0	LOST 3
ATLANTA	2	3	0	100	84	1-2	1-1	1-3	1-0	0-1	WON 1

Pat Summerall says networks should cover team prayers

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (EP) - Professional football players routinely meet on the field after games for prayers. But if you've never been to a game, you might not know that. Television coverage of the National Football League hardly ever shows players gathering together for prayer. "That's when we pull back to that wide shot of the stadium and cut away as quick as we can to the studio in New York," notes Pat Summerall, 71, who announced his last Super Bowl earlier this year before retiring. "For years, I've been trying to tell people up in the

booth that something interesting was going on down there and we ought to show it." Summerall told syndicated columnist Terry Mattingly, "Those players praying together on the field stand for something. This is one of the uncovered stories in sports today." Summerall wrestled with alcoholism before drying out at the Betty Ford Center in 1992. At age 66 he gave his life to Christ, and now attends First Baptist Church of Euless, near Dallas. His pastor, Claude Thomas, says, "I think it will be

fascinating to see how his growth as a professional is going to fit in with the continuing growth in his faith. God has a purpose for Pat's life and his talents." Summerall told Mattingly that whenever he travels, he seeks out Christian companionship. "It's like an alcoholic looking for a drink. If he wants it bad enough, he can find it - no matter what," Summerall said. "I'm like that when it comes to finding prayer services and Bible studies. No matter where I am working, I know that they're out there and I can find them."

There are:
8,000 Christian Bookstores
1600 Christian Radio Stations
242 Christian TV Stations
Over 400 Christian Colleges and Universities
Over 1000 Christian High Schools
Millions of Home Schooled Children and families
Over 400000 Churches
To sell 1,000,000 Christian newspapers a week is a conservative figure!

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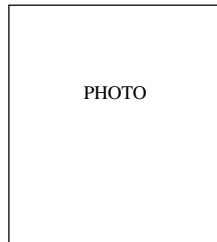
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	THE WEATHER CHANNEL WEATHER.COM	PAID AD HERE!

One year later, flood relief workers find evangelism seen in full bloom

MAPUTO, Mozambique (EP) -- Almost one year ago last month, the world watched in amazement as Mozambicans, clinging to trees they shared with snakes, were rescued one-by-one from Mozambique's worst flood in 50 years.

Today, rebuilding efforts are continuing in a country that, 13 months ago, appeared to be lifting itself out of poverty. Development programs by World Relief and other aid agencies were significantly improving the social and economic quality of life of Mozambicans. That work was brought to a halt in February 2004 when unusually heavy rains caused massive flooding in the



southern Gaza province. Over 700 people died and more than 500,000 were left homeless. The floods destroyed entire harvests and threatened the area with famine.

All of World Relief's ongoing programs in southern Mozambique were disrupted by the flood. But instead of shutting down, World Relief moved its

programs into the camps. Later, as people began returning to their villages, they requested that the programs follow them home.

Aid workers with World Relief considered the flooding a "temporary setback" to the extensive work they were pursuing in Gaza. After the water receded, seeds, tools and building materials were distributed to help in home rebuilding efforts. Local World Relief workers, many themselves homeless, taught their communities about sanitation practices that would help minimize disease in the many camps populated by the homeless. Overall, building materials were

given to 8,570 families, and seeds were quickly distributed. Farmers were able to reclaim almost 35 percent of the lost harvest.

Besides handing out practical advice and relief aid, workers also had the chance to share the gospel in these camps. The combined response from people in one particular area has been amazing, say witnesses. The area had been given the name "Scrap" by workers because they had given up hope for the area. The majority of the people there had rejected previous evangelism attempts.

"All they were interested in was alcohol, fighting and parties. Even funerals were supposed to be quick so

that there would be no time for preaching," said Antonieta Hlongo, a World Relief staffer. "They had no time for God or church."

However, after a showing of the JESUS video in the area, families of Christian converts came to volunteers and requested a church in their area. After a pastor in a neighboring village volunteered to hold services, almost 40 new Christians in Scrap gathered to welcome him.

Today, some rebuilding continues but World Relief is once again focusing on long-term programs to reduce high child death rates, and increase families' capacities to sustain themselves economically.

The Vision of More Than Just The News

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3. To motivate and unify Christians to fulfill the Great Commission!
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