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Virgil Grotfeldt, assistant professor of art at Houston Baptist University, recently was selected by the Art League of Houston as the 2003 recipient of the Texas Artist of the Year award.

♦ Several Dallas Baptist University baseball players garnered awards for play this past season. Senior centerfielder **Josh Causey** was named the Heartland Conference Co-Player of the Year, hitting .324 with 24 doubles, 12 home runs and 60 RBI. He ended his career one shy of the school home run record of 45. Also named to the all-conference team were pitcher **Lance Broadway**, first baseman/designated hitter **Greg Lindsey** and third baseman **Cody Montgomery**. Head coach **Mike Baird**, in his first season at DBU, was named the Heartland Conference Coach of the Year after guiding the Patriots to the conference championship.



San Marcos Baptist Academy's Color Guard received national exposure during the National Basketball Association regular season when it posted colors at the San Antonio Spurs and Los Angeles Lakers basketball game. For the past several years, SMBA's Color Guard has been asked to post colors at one of the Spurs' games, but this one was special for a number of reasons. First, it was a nationally televised game, and the Color Guard presentation was included in the telecast. Often, the networks do not cover this ceremony, but this year, because of war-related patriotism, it was. Additionally, the game featured a special retirement celebration for David Robinson, and the contestants in the Miss USA pageant also were at the game.

Anniversaries

- ♦ **Claude Blackwell**, 20th, in the ministry June 1. He is associate pastor of education at Gregg-ton First Church in Longview.
- ♦ Baptist Temple in Houston, 95th, June 8. **Lance Freeman**, pastor of LifePointe Church in the Woodlands and son of former pastor **Pete Freeman**, will preach in the morning service. A luncheon will follow. **Ron Gunter** is interim pastor.

♦ First Church in Olton, 100th, June 27-29. A fellowship will be held Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast. A brunch will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning at the home of **Royce** and **Mary Collins**. A catered meal will be served at 6 p.m. that evening under a tent on the church grounds, with music to follow. Sunday morning will begin with doughnuts at 9 a.m., followed by music and sharing and the morning message. Former pastors and staff members expected for the festivities include **Barry Feriend**, **Lonnie Poe**, **John Ramsour**, **Travis Hart**, **Tim Clark**, **Harold Dean Carson**, **Mark Hodges**, **Alan Debnam**, **Jeff Noble** and **Donnie Brown**. For more information, call (806) 285-2565. **Kyle Streun** is pastor.

Retiring

♦ **H.W. Bartlett**, after 21 years as pastor of Temple Church in Hereford.

♦ **Marcos Gohlke**, after 37 years in the ministry. Most recently he was pastor of First Church in Bloomington. He and his wife will live in Crescent Valley, near Victoria.

Deaths

♦ **Joe Wallace**, 78, May 9 in Dallas. Wallace was pastor of churches in London, Rochelle and Dallas, with his longest tenure being Pleasant Wood Church in Pleasant Grove. He also was pastor of churches in California and Ohio before returning to Texas to pastor Lochwood Church in Dallas and Richardson East Church in Richardson. He served in the ministry 41 years. He was preceded in death by his brothers Kenneth and Jim. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lelia; daughters, Peggy Futch and Dora Kay Wallace; brother, Pete; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

♦ **Clara May Nash**, 87, May 17 in Plano. She served churches as church organist for 73 consecutive years. She is survived by her daughters, Mary

Stoddard and Claire McNair; son, Anson; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sisters, Bertha Hall and Mary Kay.

Events

- ◆ **Howard** and **Juana Matthews** were commissioned as Mission Service Corps volunteers May 25 at Parkway Church in Bronson.

- ◆ **The Hubbard Family** will be in concert at Living Faith Church in Buffalo June 8 at 2 p.m.

Revivals

- ◆ **First Church, Cotton Center**; June 1-4; evangelist, Pete Whitebird; pastor, J.D. Templeton.

- ◆ **Living Faith Church, Buffalo**; June 4-8; evangelists, *Cody Moree, Bob Ray, *Terrell Thomas; pastor, Richard Ray.

- ◆ **Acton Church, Granbury**; June 8-11; evangelist, Malcom Ellis; *music, The Atens; pastor, Glenn Ward.

*vocational evangelist

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