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Author lauds literary lilt of King James Version's language

By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Their names are mostly lost to history now—Geoffrey King, Lancelot Andrewes, Miles Smith and dozens more—but the book that brought them all together, the King James Bible, remains “the greatest work of English prose” ever written.

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM Tricky numbers

Paige Patterson generally is being credited with great success at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (June 30). I must disagree.

He has led in academic flim-flam. For proof, ask any Southern Baptist if he has heard of Southeastern College at Wake Forest. I doubt if you will find one in 50 who has. The college was begun at Southeastern Seminary in 1994 under Patterson's leadership and is one of the new undergraduate endeavors that fundamentalist leaders are operating under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

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According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, in the fall of 2001, Southeastern had a total enrollment of 2,044, of whom 556 were undergraduates. That same academic year, about one-third of the degrees awarded were undergraduate. Keep your eyes open for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's undergraduate program, especially if the seminary's numbers begin to falter.

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Muslims cite increased woes

By Hannah Lodwick & Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-A Muslim-American civil-rights group has released a report claiming “evangelical leaders and neo-conservatives” contributed to a 15 percent increase in reports of anti-Muslim incidents in 2002.

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O'Brien: With no forgiveness, no peace

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO-The inability to forgive is the major obstacle preventing people from spiritually maturing, a Baylor University professor told participants at the Texas Baptist Church Weekday Education Conference.

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On the Move

James Adams to First Church in Carlsbad as pastor from Harriett Church in San Angelo.

- ◆ **Rodney Allen** has resigned as minister of education at Ovilla Road Church in Red Oak.

- ◆ **H.O. Bilderback** has completed an interim pastorate at Velasco Church in Freeport.

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Patterson says adios to Southeastern

By Steve DeVane

N.C. Biblical Recorder

WAKE FOREST—Paige Patterson hopes to do his part to bring revival to Texas, he told trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary July 21 as he departed for a new role in his home state.

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Christian rapper Elden Kaeo

RAP REDEEMED:

Teen minister takes to stage as 'Bloodbought'

By Jenny Hartgraves

Staff Writer

DUMAS-A Texas Baptist youth minister is “rapping” the gospel in a new package.

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Christian Right frustrated by lack of political progress

By Mark O'Keefe

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-With such fellow believers as President Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft in office, religious conservatives never have had more friends in high places.

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Tighter border control impacting mission teams' mobility

By Kambry Bickings

Texas Baptist Communications

Tightened border controls have impacted more than just homeland security this summer. Texas Baptist missionaries now face boundaries beyond the borderline.

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'Road Map' hits bump with evangelicals

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-While the rest of the world looks on in hope at President Bush's proposed "Road Map for Peace" in the Middle East, some American Christian groups are expressing reservations because of their unequivocal support for Israel.

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Robertson wants to pray justices into retirement

By **Hannah Lodwick**

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Religious Right leader Pat Robertson has launched a 21-day “prayer offensive” to persuade the Supreme Court's oldest or most infirm justices to retire so a more conservative court can emerge.

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SBC funding still holding steady

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Despite the nation's lagging economy, gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program held steady through the first three quarters of the fiscal year.

As of June 30, the SBC reported \$139 million in undesignated Cooperative Program gifts forwarded through state Baptist conventions and sent directly from churches. That's a 0.41 percent increase over the same period one year before, when \$138.5 million was received.

Designated gifts to the SBC, however, are down 5.19 percent for the three-

quarter period, from \$157.6 million to \$149.4 million.