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By Erin Curry

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (BP)-The number of senior pastors ages 20-38 in Protestant churches has doubled in just two years from about 22,000 to more than 45,000, according to a report by the Barna Research Group.

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-The Bush administration has opposed at least one bill that would provide federal financial assistance to churches.

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

KUMASI, Ghana (ABP)-The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has signed a partnership agreement to do ministry with the All Africa Baptist Fellowship, an umbrella organization of Baptists in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

The total number of chaplains endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention North American Mission Board dropped from 2000 to 2003 but is on the rise this year, according to an agency spokesman.

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DALLAS—Evangelical Christians are making a mark on American society as they bring their faith into the marketplace, author Michael Lindsay told students and faculty at Dallas Baptist University.

Lindsay, a Baylor University graduate who is completing his doctorate in sociology at Princeton University, recently delivered the second annual George Gallup Jr. Distinguished Lectures Series at DBU.

At one point in American history, faith was deemed private and not appropriate for discussion in the public sphere, he told a DBU chapel audience.

"Evangelicals are rising to positions of influence and power in this country, and they are working to bring their faith to bear on their vocations."
—Michael Lindsay

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WASHINGTON (ABP)-The Senate Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing recently to discuss the advisability of amending the Constitution to ban gay marriages.

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXANS: Range Writer Western author Elmer Kelton_32204

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RANGE WRITER:

Western author Elmer Kelton

Elmer Kelton is the author of more than 40 novels, including his latest, "Texas Vendetta," now on bookstore shelves. He is the winner of seven Spur awards from the Western Writers of America and has had three of his novels appear in Reader's Digest Condensed Books. Four have won Western Heritage Awards from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. He has been honored by the Texas Institute of Letters, the Western Literature Association, the National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock and the Larry McMurtry Center for Arts and Humanities at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. He received honorary doctorates from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

A native of Crane, Kelton attended the University of Texas, earning a bachelor's degree in journalism. He spent 15 years as farm and ranch writer-editor for the San Angelo Standard-Times, five years as editor of Sheep and Goat Raiser Magazine and 22 years as associate editor of Livestock Weekly, from which he retired in 1990.

He and his wife, Ann, have two grown sons and a daughter, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They live in San Angelo.

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Being a minister can be tough. Church members expect their ministers to be perfect while dynamically leading congregations to bring heaven to earth.

Panhandle preaching conference focuses on reconciliation_32204

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By Toby Druin

Editor Emeritus

PLAINVIEW-Reconciliation was the theme of the 83rd annual Panhandle Pastors' and Laymen's Conference, and before it was over, conference planners got a chance to apply it.

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By Beau Black

Religion News Service

FORT WORTH (RNS)-Pornography is a multi-billion-dollar industry and widely available via the Internet-no longer just a dirty little secret.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

George Beverly Shea often wished he could preach like his father and grandfather, but he seemed to lack the "gift."

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Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—A planeload of food sent by Texas Baptist Men arrived earlier this month in Haiti, a country recently ravaged by civil war.