

# Secretary of State describes crisis in Darfur as 'genocide'\_92004

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**By Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)-In the Bush administration's most powerful statement to date on the situation in the troubled Sudanese province of Darfur, Secretary of State Colin Powell told a Senate committee that black Africans were being subjected to "genocide" in the region-and the Arab-controlled government in Khartoum shared responsibility.

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## DBU SWAT team\_92004

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## **DBU SWAT team**

Dallas Baptist University incoming freshmen Amber Smith (left) and Lacey Scarborough help transfer boxes of toys to the Mission Arlington Christmas Store, where the toys will be distributed to needy area children this holiday season. More than 100 DBU students worked at Mission Arlington during SWAT (Student Welcome and Transition) Week at DBU. The orientation week for incoming freshman and transfer students included community ministry projects throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Junior Karice Heath helps build storage space for materials at the East Oak Cliff Habitat for Humanity Warehouse. Heath worked as one of many returning-student team leaders modeling "servant leadership" during SWAT Week. (Kristi Brooks Photo)

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention ( SBC ) and around the world.

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# **Same song, second verse for disaster relief volunteers in hurricane season\_92004**

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

For Baptist disaster relief workers, the second verse is much like the first.

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# **DOWN HOME: Small-car-proof what's important\_92004**

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## **DOWN HOME: Small-car-proof what's important**

“Well, I could've bought you a stronger sunglasses case,” Joanna said, handing me something like a black cocoon with a zipper.

“This should be just fine,” I told her, unzipping the case and testing my sunglasses—the new sunglasses she bought me for my birthday—to see how they fit.

True confession: I have a weakness for two luxuries—shoes and glasses.

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## **EDITORIAL: '04 decisions will impact decades\_92004**

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## **EDITORIAL: '04 decisions will impact decades**

2004 will get a dog-eared and tattered page in Texas Baptist history books. Generations from now, our descendants will pore over these months, evaluating their impact on all that follows.

Next week, the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board will

consider the most significant reorganization of the BGCT in at least five decades. The board will act on new mission, vision, values and priority statements that place the health and vitality of local churches at the center of everything the convention does. It will vote on governance proposals that drastically reduce the size of the BGCT's rambling decision-making apparatus and make the convention more accountable to the churches. And it will review strategies that will outline how the convention will serve churches to make them stronger so they can bring people to Christ and minister in Jesus' name.

If the Executive Board approves, then messengers to the BGCT annual session this fall will vote their approval or disapproval. And if the messengers ratify the changes, BGCT Executive Director Charles Wade will begin the vital task of assigning staff to new responsibilities and allocating budget dollars to make it all happen.

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## **EDITORIAL: Contest: Care for the poor\_92004**

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### **EDITORIAL: Contest: Care for the poor**

Like the tides, phases of the moon and the Texas Rangers' inevitable

September nosedive, some events are predictable.

Take the responses that arrive every time an editorial calls on Texas Baptists to advocate government support for poor people. Say restoring funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program. Or helping the elderly and chronically ill with their prescription costs. Or maybe ensuring a basic level of education for all children, no matter where they or their parents were born.

Some responses are worse than others. Nobody these days enjoys being called a socialist. Most Christians don't appreciate their faith being called into question.

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## **Six BGCT-related schools post increases in fall enrollment; three universities show drop\_92004**

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# **increases in fall enrollment; three universities show drop**

**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

Six schools affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas reported student enrollment increases this fall.

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**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

Reorganization of the Baptist General Convention of Texas is long overdue, BGCT leaders agree, but they predict the changes will enable the BGCT to improve its ability to meet the needs of Texas Baptist churches.

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**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

A streamlined Baptist General Convention of Texas decision-making structure and an emphasis on accountability are the key ingredients in a historic proposal to reorganize the convention.

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**By Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A religious-liberty group often accused of attacking conservative churches for political activity has criticized two progressive Baptist congregations for Democratic advocacy.

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## **'Uncle Charlie' leading Ugandan orphans to Christ\_92004**

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# 'Uncle Charlie' leading Ugandan orphans to Christ

**By Leann Callaway**

*Special to the Baptist Standard*

Five years ago, musician Charlie Bancroft picked up a nickname while on a mission trip to Uganda, and it's stuck with him.

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# Floaters puzzled but happy with free water ministry on Guadalupe River\_92004

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# 'Tubers' puzzled but happy with free water ministry on Guadalupe River

**By Craig Bird**

*Special to the Baptist Standard*

CANYON LAKE—Every summer, the Guadalupe River becomes an international waterway. Mike Bates thinks that makes it a prime location to tell folks about a God who loves the whole world.