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Susan Kim,
a short-term
mission
volunteer,
shares
Christ with
"Freedom,"
a homeless
man who
frequents
the
Broadway
Street area
in Seattle,
Wash. Kim
is one of
several
missionaries
and
members of
Sanctuary,
a Seattle
church, who
witness to
street
people.
(Scott
Collins
Photo)

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By Russ Dilday

Buckner News Service

SEATTLE, Wash.-Susan Kim crouches on a corner of busy Broadway Street in Seattle, talking about Christ to two street people known in the area by their aliases, Spacebag and Freedom.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-A broad group of mainline and evangelical Protestant

leaders has issued a statement criticizing President Bush's re-election campaign for attempting to recruit voters through churches.

GUEST EDITORIAL 'Presence of Christ' calls for integrity, homework & courage_82304

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GUEST EDITORIAL: 'Presence of Christ' calls for integrity, homework & courage

By Phil Strickland

I remember a number of years ago going to a Broadway play titled "Don't Bother Me; I Can't Cope." Face it, that's the way most of us feel. "What's the world coming to?" is a phrase that is supposed to be used by folks over 60. No more. A quick read of the morning paper usually will convince you a lot of people in our society are wading around in moral mud, then walking into the house without cleaning off their boots and spreading the mud around the house. Moral mud always gets its mess on other people.

Humanity seems to be increasingly seduced by a kind of moral nihilism,

with more and more people believing less and less about good and bad.

Texas Baptist volunteers join multi-state disaster relief effort in Florida_82304

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Six Texas Baptist Men disaster relief mobile units were among the dozens of Baptist emergency response vehicles from multiple states that responded after Hurricane Charley swept through Central Florida.

The East Texas Baptist disaster relief unit was sent to Lake Wales, Fla., to prepare meals for storm victims, and the Texas Baptist Men Incident Command Center was dispatched to First Baptist Church in Kissimmee, Fla., to coordinate communication efforts between Baptist disaster relief workers already on site.

The 18-wheel Texas Baptist Disaster Relief Mobile Unit with its field kitchen also was sent to Florida, along with a trailer loaded with food, a

generator unit and a shower unit from Hill Country Baptist Association.

DOWN HOME: Still newlyweds, 5 decades later_82304

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Fifty years ago last Friday-Aug. 20, 1954—a young couple walked down the aisle of the Baptist church in Higgins and promised to love, honor and cherish each other “‘til death do us part.” Early this month, family and friends gathered from across Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico to help them celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Most people know them as Margaret and Marvin Knox. I've always called them Mother and Daddy.

They fell in love at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, not long after Mother arrived as a freshman. Daddy set out to capture her heart, but I've got a feeling she won his the first time he saw that smile we all know so well.

EDITORIAL: Ride glory train to South Carolina?_82304

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Old Glory might lose a star if a group of ultra-conservative Christians succeed in seceding from the United States.

ChristianExodus.org intends to lead thousands of like-minded people to immigrate to South Carolina. Once in place, they will take over the state legislature, secede from the republic and form a “constitutionally limited government founded upon Christian principles.” They'll create a new nation called—and this promises to be confusing—South Carolina.

Members of the Exodus movement, which their president, Cory Burnell, claims is 600 strong, share concerns with many conservative Christians nationwide. Here's how their website describes the perceived problem: “Christians have actively tried to return the United States to their moral foundations for more than 30 years. We now have a 'Christian' president, a 'Christian' attorney general, and a Republican Congress and Supreme Court. Yet ... attempts at reform have proven futile. Future elections will not stop the ... atrocities, but rather will exacerbate them and lead us down an even more deadly path.”

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What do family-values patriarch James Dobson and the late atheist matriarch Madalyn Murray O'Hair have in common?

Somebody's used their names to perpetuate one of the nation's longest-running urban legends. For years, I thought well-meaning Christians kept this lunacy alive. But now I'm re-thinking that theory. This hoax has remained too robust for too long to be attributed to naivete or dumb luck. I'm beginning to think it's perpetuated by evil enemies of faith who prey on Christians who fear culture so badly they'll believe any scary tale.

For decades—even years after her death—a bogus memo claimed O'Hair was behind Federal Communications Commission Petition 2493, also often called RM 2493. The petition was supposed to be an attempt to get the FCC to remove the gospel from American radio and television.

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Despite disobedience, God offers new beginnings

2 Kings 23:36-25:30

By David Morgan

Trinity Baptist Church, Harker Heights

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Don't give up hope; God has a plan for your life

Luke 1:1-25, 57-80

By Pakon Chan

Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington

Ministry springs from just a load of beans_82304

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Ministry springs from just a load of beans

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

FABENS-A few beans have spouted in a ministry yielding vanloads of school supplies for hundreds of Mexican children.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)-A new report by an independent group explains in depth what observers of President Bush's "faith-based initiatives" have

been noting for years now: Bush has used his presidential powers to bypass Congress and “aggressively implement the initiative.”

LifeWay Family Bible Series for Aug. 29: Following Jesus is definitely not for sissies_82304

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1 Peter 3:13-17; 4:1-3, 12-16, 19

By Rodney McGlothlin

First Baptist Church, College Station