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By Miranda Bradley

Texas Baptist Children's Home & Family Services

ROUND ROCK-Mary Reynolds watches her husband, Mac, smell some flowers, fascinated by their texture and shape. Holding the arrangement is a child from the Family Care program at Texas Baptist Children's Home during one of their weekly visits to The Cottages, an Alzheimer's care facility in Round Rock.

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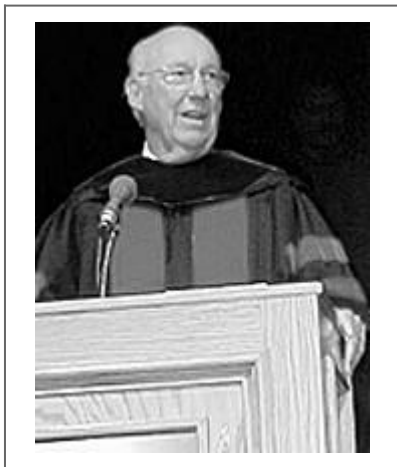
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Around the State

Kathy Hillman, president of Texas Woman's Missionary Union since 2000, was elected recording secretary for national WMU during the organization's missions celebration and annual meeting, held June 13-14 in Indianapolis. She is a member of Columbus Avenue Church in Waco.

♦ Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock will hold its biannual alumni reunion July 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the campus. For more information, call (512) 255-3668, ext. 339.



Jesse Fletcher,
Hardin-Simmons
University president
emeritus, received an
honorary doctor of
laws degree from the
school at the spring
commencement. He
served as the
university's 12th
president from 1977
to 1991. He previously
earned a doctorate at
Southwestern
Seminary.

♦ The Alumni Association of Buckner Orphan's Home will hold its 101st homecoming Oct. 1-3. A buffet dinner Friday evening will begin the festivities, with activities scheduled throughout the day and into the evening Saturday, and through the afternoon on Sunday. A dinner theater production "Home at Last" will be presented at Lakeside Church in Dallas and will chronicle the life of R.C. Buckner and the ministry he founded. Tickets to the production are \$25 and will benefit Buckner Children's Home. For more information, call (214) 758-8000.

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Texas Baptist Communications

TYLER-When a 1997 study projected future expenses for operating the new Breckenridge Village of Tyler, no one anticipated changes in state laws and other factors would push expenses upward so drastically at the residential facility for adults with mild to moderate mental disabilities.

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Thrift store volunteers see work as ministry to terminally ill

By Jo Gray

Special to the Baptist Standard

BOWIE-Volunteers at a thrift store in Bowie see their work as more than a job. They view it as a ministry to the terminally ill.

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Baptist Briefs

Anti-hunger group honors Texan. Bread for the World, a national Christian anti-hunger organization, honored Pat Ayres of Austin for her advocacy on behalf of poor people. Ayres-a former moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and deacon at First Baptist Church of Austin-was one of 30 "hunger heroes" honored at a banquet in Washington, D.C., celebrating Bread for the World's 30th anniversary. Ayres has been involved in the anti-hunger group from its beginning, serving six terms-more than any other person-on Bread for the World's board. She also has served four times as the board's chairperson. Her family's foundation also has repeatedly underwritten Bread for the World projects, including the organization's Hunger Report newsletter. Shawnda Eibl, a

Bread for the World spokesperson, said Ayres' "activism on behalf of hungry people has galvanized the involvement of many others in Bread for the World's local group in the San Antonio-Austin area." Eibl also said Ayres and her husband, Bob, "have provided wise counsel about the endowments" of the organization and its educational arm, and they "have also hosted a number of luncheons and dinners to introduce prominent business and civic leaders to Bread for the World."

National Hispanic Baptists honor Texans. Moises Rodriguez, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Fort Worth, was elected first vice president of the National Fellowship of Hispanic Southern Baptist Churches during the group's annual meeting in Indianapolis. At a Hispanic church-planting celebration and leadership convocation, also in Indianapolis, Daniel Sanchez of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Eliseo Aldape, former Sunday school consultant with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, were honored.

WMU launches collegiate website. National Woman's Missionary Union is launching a new website specifically for collegiate-aged young women Aug. 1. The new site, www.missionsinterchange.com, will feature articles on current missions topics, missionary profiles, Bible studies, ministry project ideas and mission trip opportunities specifically for collegiate women, as well as topics such as dating, roommates and careers.

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By Janelle Bagci

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Children's homes affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas almost always need houseparents to care for abused, neglected or abandoned children.

Bush campaign solicits church membership rolls_71204

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DALLAS-Efforts by the Bush-Cheney re-election campaign to target churches-including soliciting church directories-have raised concerns from the leader of Texas Baptists' ethics commission.

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By Steve DeVane

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

BUIES CREEK, N.C. (ABP)-A group of 28 theologians and educators has asked the Baptist World Alliance to recite the Apostles' Creed at the group's 100th anniversary meeting next year, which would replicate the

first act of the BWA World Congress from 1905 and counter recent charges of liberalism.

Cartoon_71204

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"Uh oh! A chain epistle!"

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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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)—In facing down Alabama's "Ten Commandments judge" and winning, Richard Cohen admitted he and other supporters of church-state separation won a legal battle but may have lost the public-relations war.

"The real battle here wasn't in the court of law, where we were comfortable," said Cohen, president of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala. "It was in the court of public opinion."

Cohen addressed supporters of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs at a luncheon during the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship general assembly in Birmingham, Ala.

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By Lance Wallace

CBF Communications

ATLANTA-The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's new moderator has appointed a task force on the Baptist World Alliance to explore ways the Fellowship can be a good partner with the goal fellowship.

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)- Being near the right Son can open doors for you, Virginia theologian John Kinney told participants at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's general assembly.