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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."

Conoly resigns

Trustees look to fill vacancy on Tuesday

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Stan Conoly resigned from the Brackett School Board Monday at the trustee's regular monthly meeting.

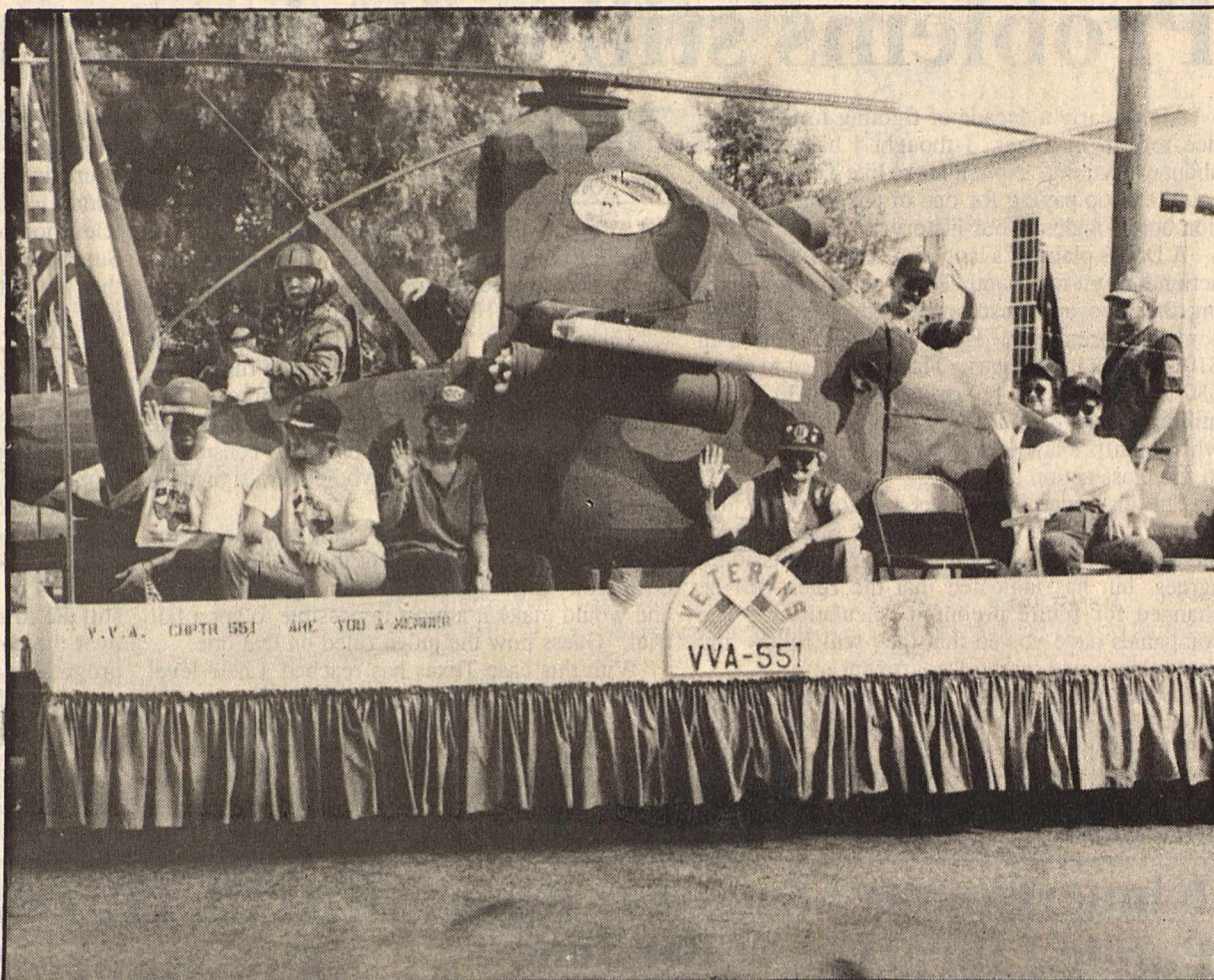
Conoly, who was not at the meeting, cited "personal reasons" for his resignation.

"It has been a true honor serving as a trustee for the Brackett Independent School District," Conoly said in his letter of resignation. "I hope that I have contributed to the on-going goal of our school in promoting education excellence."

Conoly joined the board of trustees in 1993, filling the unexpired term of John Jones.

He was elected to the board in 1995, and has one year remaining in his three-year term.

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The Del Rio Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America took first place honors in the Juneteenth Parade Saturday with their float. Photo by J.J. Guidry

School board approves new pay schedule

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

The Brackett School Board of Trustees approved a new salary schedule for the district's paraprofessional employees at a regular meeting Monday night.

Under the new salary schedule, there is a two percent slide on the pay scale and an annual four percent pay increase based on the midpoint of the salary scale.

"The major advantage of the new schedule is that all employees who do the same type of work receive the same dollar increase," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

"The slide adjusts the scale for inflation and gives an increase to employees who have maxed out."

The school board discussed the current status of the district's rodeo arena. The land was donated to the district in 1962 and is currently being leased to the Brackettville Horse Club.

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization requested use of the arena for a 16 de septiembre festival on Sept. 14. The celebration would include a rodeo.

The trustees are going to evaluate the current contract with the Brackettville Horse Club, and are expected to take further action on the matter at a special meeting on Tuesday.

"We're interested in knowing more about the contract and about the liability," Stephenson said.

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Las Moras Masonic Lodge sponsors children's summer reading program

By Bruce Clements
Las Moras Masonic Lodge

The Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444 is sponsoring the children's Summer Reading Program, which is held at the Kinney County Library.

Librarian Sara Terrazas undertook the program even though no funds were available to support it.

A member of the Las Moras Masonic Lodge heard about the situation, and immediately approached other members.

As education is one of the Masonic Lodge's charities, it was agreed to support and conduct the program.

"I think that any program that continues a child's education through the summertime is a good thing," said Wes Robinson, the Lodge's junior warden.

The Las Moras Lodge also sponsors Adult Literacy Program classes at the Kinney County Library.

"The Masonic Fraternity has always supported education," Robinson said. "They were instrumental in creating the public school system in Texas,

so it only makes sense that education would be one of our main charities."

Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar, a Mason, is considered the "Father of Public Education in Texas." He was born in Georgia on Aug. 18, 1798.

When Lamar learned of the fall of the Alamo and the defeat at Goliad, he rushed to Texas and enlisted in the Texas Army as a private. He was commissioned a Colonel on the battlefield and commanded a Cavalry Unit during the Battle of San Jacinto.

Lamar became the first elected vice president of the Republic of Texas. On Dec. 19, 1838, he was inaugurated as the second president of the Texas Republic.

In his first address to Congress, President Lamar called for an appropriation of land to support public schools. In January 1839, Congress set aside land for public schools and two universities. Since money was not available, many years passed before the public school system was established.

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Wes Robinson

Lamar's vision earned him the title "Father of Education in Texas." And his statement, "The cultivated mind is the guardian genius," was adopted as the motto for the University of Texas.

In the early days of the Republic, Masonry was spreading fast throughout Texas. The Lodge buildings were two story, with the Lodge meeting on the second floor, and the first floor used for church meetings, schools and other social functions.

Today, the Masonic Fraternity is known for its charity work. As a matter of fact, all the Masonic organizations in the country taken together contribute over 1.4 million dollars to charity, every single day of the year.



Over 70 children participated in the children's Summer Reading Program at the Kinney County Library the first week. Photo by J.J. Guidry

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Brackett School District's cafeteria staff has served over 100 lunches a day to students during the summer food service program.

SOUP'S ON!

School district serves up free meals for students

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

A free summer breakfast and lunch program is being offered by the Brackett Independent School District this year.

The Summer Food Service Program provides free meals to all children 18 years and younger. No fee or registration is required.

The program, funded through the USDA, runs through July 19, Monday through Friday.

"Brackett has had summer cafeteria programs in the past but they have been a part of the community rather than at the school," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

"The board, this year, determined this was a centralized feeding area and that it would be more convenient."

"I think it's an excellent idea," said June Kaminski, the school district's cafeteria manager. "I think it's excellent for the community."

"One of the biggest advantages of the program is that the children are getting a totally nutritious meal.

"Transportation is the biggest problem, getting the children here. Some of them can walk and some parents are available to take their children. There are a lot of children on ranches that can't come."

On Monday and Tuesday, 235 lunches were served. As of Wednesday morning, 287 meals were served at breakfast.

"I'm pleased with the turnout," Kaminski said. "I really expect those numbers to increase."

Stephenson said eating at the cafeteria would be a "cool" place for the children.

"It's cool. The kids will have a nice, air-conditioned cafeteria to eat in. Brackettville is hot. Some of our homes don't have as much cooling as they need so at least it's a place where all kids can come eat breakfast and lunch and the kids can cool down."

Breakfast and lunch are served five days a week at the cafeteria. Breakfast is served from 9 a.m. to 9:45 and lunch is served from noon to 12:45.
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Old Quarry Society to present three performances of "The Glory Road"

The Old Quarry Society for the performing arts will present three performances of "The Glory Road," a musical drama.

The historical drama tells the story of the founding of Brackettville and Fort Clark from its beginning to the present time.

Starring David Crowe as the Rancher, Jody Haynes as Lt. Riley and Christina Meek as Oralee, the play will be presented in the beautiful outdoor amphitheater at Fort Clark Springs.

The drama is being directed by Harrell Floyd. Lynn McNew is the music director and Nona Hoeller is the choreographer.

Bob Burkpile is the stage manager, Duke Meek is in charge of sound and Russell Hatch is in charge of lights.

Production dates are Friday, June 28, Saturday, June 29, and Saturday, July 6. All three performances will begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from The Brackett News, the Adult Center at Fort Clark Springs, or by calling 563-2024 or 563-9229.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Medicare Creeping Toward Insolvency

What would you think of your federal government if it knew Medicare was in trouble, yet did nothing to save it? Last year's Medicare trustees' report was bad, predicting the program would be bankrupt after the year 2002. As dismal as that projection was, we now know that actually it was optimistic. The trustees' most recent report, released June 5, paints an even dimmer picture. It projects that if the program continues to operate as it does currently, it will be bankrupt just five years from now -- the year 2001. Medicare has to be strengthened financially, and we have to stop the mismanagement once and for all. I have seen the numbers issued by the Medicare trustees, and we must act soon. In 1995, along with many other members of Congress, I tried to alert Texans that Medicare was in trouble and needed reform. Congress approved a carefully crafted plan to save Medicare by making it more efficient and by slowing the program's explosive rate of growth. Our plan still increased spending per beneficiary from \$4,600 in 1995 to more than \$7,000 by 2002 -- 7 percent per year. This plan would have preserved Medicare for the next generation. But strengthening Medicare financially won't be enough. It's not just a question of spending more money, it's a question of spending money smarter. There are a number of other improvements we need to make in the program. Washington has a way of making everything more expensive, complicated and difficult for Americans to understand. That, too, must change. We need to simplify the system so that seniors can read their bills and communicate better with their health-care providers. Too many seniors have told me their Medicare coverage is inadequate, or offers coverage for things they don't want or need while not covering the things they do need. Medicare users should be in charge, not the bureaucracy. Seniors should have the right to choose a health care plan that suits them best -- or to stay in their current plan if they wish. More than at any other time in several decades, the current Congress has been willing to make the tough choices and do what is necessary. Congress is not going to allow Medicare to go bankrupt. Senior citizens will continue to receive the health care they need and deserve. It's too important to people's lives for that to happen. But the longer we wait to honestly address the waste, fraud and abuse that are so well documented, the harder the task of reform will become. It is vital that Congress' plan to save Medicare be put into action -- sooner rather than later.

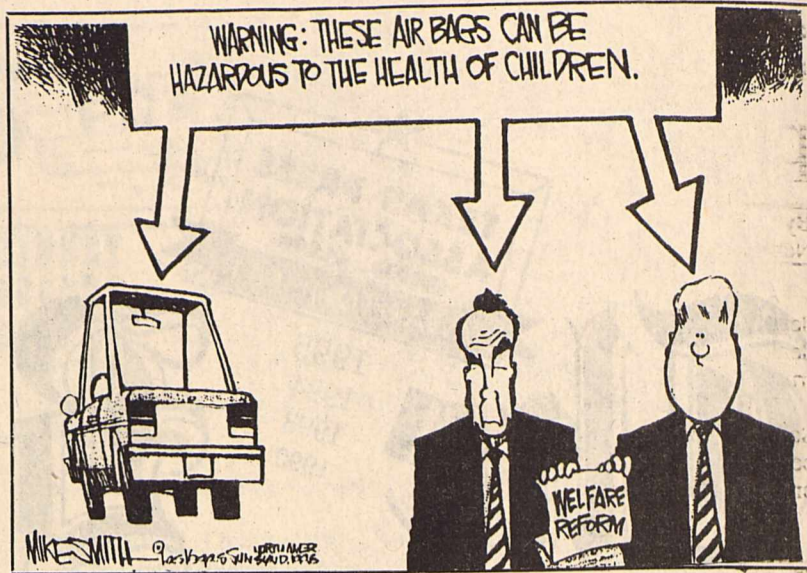
Between Us

by Joe Townsend



So one of the bulwarks of America is "freedom of speech". The Constitution guarantees it, right? A drunken sailor can stand on a busy street corner in down-town San Francisco and curse a police officer loud enough to be heard above traffic a block away. Though Congress voted it, the Supreme Court says you cannot prevent pornography on the Internet because of free speech. It's OK to burn the American flag because that's freedom of speech. Why then the persecution of Marge Schott? She was barred from day to day operation of her Major League Baseball for months because she made unacceptable racial slurs. Now she states that in the beginning Adolph Hitler was a good man but then turned bad. Is this true? History will verify it. Before he wrested control of Germany, he was a rather mild leader. Anyone who takes the time to read

his Mein Kampf would readily admit he had, and exposed some good ideas. No one in his right mind would accept the Hitler of later years as anything but a totally evil man. All this coincides with Marge Schott's statement. Why then is she barred from her team for two years? They so loudly prate that such a statement is "not good for baseball." Was it good for baseball that players (some making over \$1,000,000 a year) went on strike? Were any of these punished? Is it good for baseball that some players are paid several million dollars a year forcing game tickets to be out of reach of many people. One wonders where the "anti Marge" pressure comes from. The most bitter enemies of Hitler are many Jews. One must wonder if pressure from this quarter was strong enough to accomplish this. Were enough of the owners teed off



at her because of her brusque way of talk? In reality it makes no difference the nuances leading to the action. The truth of the matter is the owners thumbed their noses at the Constitution and freedom of speech. Such disgraceful arrogance should not be allowed to stand. Unfortunately professional baseball lives in a realm of its own. It makes little difference what the Constitution says, "Marge-but out - unless you learn to say things acceptable to petulant owners, you can't handle your team, owner or not." When will the American people rise up and demand freedom of speech for all Americans?

Problems still exist in court system

Comment

By: Ralph Wayne

After nearly a decade of fighting for civil justice reform in Texas, I thought I had seen just about everything. Now it looks like Texas drivers could end up paying for one of the biggest litigation boondoggles in our history. A Dallas plaintiff's lawyer recently filed a class action lawsuit in a South Texas courtroom, alleging that two auto insurance companies illegally computed premiums. He is asking for more than \$100 million in damages. That comes out to about \$30 to \$40 for each policyholder and \$30 to \$40 million for the plaintiff's lawyers. Every wonder why plaintiff's lawyers are falling over each other to file class action claims? The insurance companies say they were following regulations adopted by the State Department of Insurance. The insurance commissioner agrees, but has indicated that the rules will be changed for future premium calculations. The companies have vowed that they will follow any new rules issued by the Department. Sounds reasonable, right? Not if you're a plaintiff's lawyer who stands to make \$40 million dollars. That's why the lawyer filed the suit in South Texas, just three days before new judge-shopping rules went into effect, and not in a major city, where most of the affected policyholders live.

It's perfectly clear what the plaintiff's lawyer is trying to do here. Hand pick the most favorable court and judge you can find. Hire the judge's buddy to run interference for you. Put an ad on television accusing the defendant of being a crook. Superheat the atmosphere around the case so much that the defendant is forced to give up his rights and agree to some outrageous settlement. Fat multi-million dollar fees for the plaintiff's lawyer; peanuts for the consumers "represented" by the lawyer. If the plaintiff's lawyer is permitted to get away with this scam, it will cost every Texas driver money. All because one plaintiff's lawyer saw a way to make the system work for him. Those who think we've had enough legal reform had better think again. Regardless of what happens in this particular case, Texas courts are still the forum of choice for plaintiff's lawyers all over the country. Although we have made some progress, we are a long way from a court system that is free from manipulation and legal chicanery. ■ *Editor's note: Ralph Wayne is President of the Texas Civil Justice League, a non-profit organization that advocates tort and judicial reform. The insurance companies involved in this case are not members of the League.*

Big Mama Sez!



If you keep in the rut too long, it will get so deep that it becomes your grave.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.



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Kinney County Sales Tax Report Public Library For June

Our Summer Program is off to a great start, we had 62 students attend the first day and 75 attended the second day. We have a really great program this year thanks to some wonderful volunteers. Our classes are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays and drop ins are welcome. All the furniture is in for the Happy Room and if you haven't already seen it you should come in and take a look, it is really nice and the children are truly enjoying it. If you have any toys or games that you would like to donate to our room you may do so at anytime. We greatly appreciate each and everyone that helped make our "Happy Room" a reality. We have another Blessing that has come our way. "The Masons" have offered to help fund our Summer Program and will be purchasing books for our Students. We thank you and we are forever grateful to such an organization. We would like to thank Samantha Payne and Gracie Morin for all their help this past week. These two girls were hired by JTPA and will be working at the library for the next three weeks. We have been weeding out our nonfiction collection in order to make room for new books. Therefore, we now have an on going book sale, some of these books might be worth having in your own home library. Come in and take a look. As always we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County. Library Staff, Board and Volunteers

Total sales tax rebates thus far in 1996 are a very respectable 8.9 percent higher than those through June 1995 due in part to a procedural change in the way the rebates are now processed by the Comptroller's office. This month city and county sales tax rebates include taxes collected on April sales and reported to the Comptroller in May by businesses filing monthly tax returns. Brackettville is 1.000% brought in \$3,667.10 compared to \$2,048.57 for the same period last year. This is an increase of 79.00% Kinney County Health Services with a rate of 0.500% received \$2,279.15 compared to \$1,468.14 last year. This reflects a 55.24%. Kinney County's 0.500% amounted to \$2,294.41 this opposed to \$1472.15 last year. Increase 55.85%.

Attention All Medicare Beneficiaries

A Medicare Representative will be in the front lobby of Val Verde Memorial Hospital, 801 Bedell Ave., Wednesday, June 26th, from 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM only. This representative will be present to answer any questions and/or concerns about Medicare. Remember, that's ONE DAY ONLY, Wednesday, June 26th, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM. No appointment is necessary. Val Verde Memorial Hospital, Partners In Caring For Your Good Health! The butterfly counts not months but moments, and has time enough. —Rabindranath Tagore

Farm Bureau Supports Property Tax Relief

DEL RIO The president of the Val Verde-Kinney County Farm Bureau is calling on local property owners and homeowners to sign a petition in support of property tax relief. Petitions are located at a number of local businesses as well as the county farm bureau office. "The property tax remains one of the most unfair taxes levied on Texas citizens," said County President, Michael Baker, a local farmer and rancher. "It taxes non-liquid assets that have very little to do with the property owner's ability to pay." Governor George W. Bush appointed a 17 member Citizen's Committee in May to explore alternatives to the property tax. Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman serves on that committee. Bush said a state income tax is not an option, but is interested in other tax alternatives. The petition states: "We the undersigned residents of Val Verde or Kinney County are very concerned about our property taxes. We believe the property tax is an unfair method to fund public schools, and it discrimi-

nates against home and land owners. We strongly urge that a more broad-based and equitable means of taxation be submitted for the current property tax. We applaud your efforts to find such an alternative without considering a state income tax." "We must let the Citizen's Committee know how we feel about the property tax," Baker said. He urged all local property owners and homeowners, Texas Farm Bureau members and non-members alike, to sign the petitions at the Val Verde County Farm Bureau office located at 1306 East Gibbs. Petitions will also be at other locations including Val Verde Wool and Mohair, Kinney County Wool and Mohair, Railway Feeds, The Feed Store, Russell Hardware, and Humphreys Gun Shop. Any business or individual interested in supporting the petition may call Baker at 775-8661 for copies of the petition. "This is one of those times when citizens and taxpayers have a chance to make a difference." Baker said.

Preserving Old Glory And Our History

By Henry Bonilla
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

This past Friday was Flag Day, and it brought to mind not only the importance of remembering the heritage that our flag symbolizes, but also the importance of preserving this heritage for the future. Many of our fellow Texans who have the opportunity to visit Washington often comment about the wonder that is the Museum of American History. This national treasure, part of the unparalleled family of Smithsonian Institution museums, preserves what is great about America, from the well-known to the overlooked. Perhaps the most impressive display pays tribute to Old Glory. Visitors witness an audio-visual description of the British bombardment of Ft. McHenry in Baltimore Harbor during the War of 1812, recounting the events that inspired Francis Scott Key to write our national anthem. When the presentation ends, the screen rises, and there right in front of you is the very same flag that flew over Ft. McHenry that night and stayed flying to see the "Dawn's early light" -- the actual Star Spangled Banner. Preserving our history so the future generations can enjoy and learn from it is one function our federal government should handle. This year, the House Appropriations Com-

mittee will set aside nearly \$368 million for the Smithsonian's mission. Historic preservation is not cheap, but neither is the price that so many paid to ensure that our nation would survive to enjoy its history. While this is a lot of taxpayer dollars, it is doing something real for the national good -- something that can't be said for several cabinet agencies and thousands of bureaucratic programs. (Yes, there are still those in Washington who think any big bureaucracies are good for the country and stand in the way of our efforts to make government lean and responsive.) Congress must also oversee how the taxpayers' dollars are being spent. Last year, some in the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum tried to "re-invent" history by portraying the Japanese as the victims of World War II and the U.S. as the aggressors. You may remember that I and fellow Texas representative Sam Johnson, a retired Air Force colonel and former POW of the North Vietnamese, took on these pseudo-intellectuals. I am proud to say that the twisted exhibit never took place, those who would pervert history are no longer at the Smithsonian, and Sam Johnson was appointed to the Smithsonian board. And last week, Admiral Donald Engen (USN-Retired) was named to head the Air and Space Museum. Our heritage is being served.

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School board denies proposal to make district's pre-kindergarten program available to all children

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

A request to make the school district's pre-kindergarten program available to all children was denied by the Brackett School Board during the trustees' monthly meeting Monday night.

Jones Elementary School Principal Michael Schooler said he wouldn't recommend the request because he hadn't had enough time to evaluate the proposal thoroughly.

After a lengthy discussion, the board of trustees took no action on the matter.

The pre-kindergarten program is now available to four-year-old children who are not proficient with the English language or that come from economically-disadvantaged households.

"A lot of schools, larger and smaller, are letting non-eligible students in to their pre-k systems," Schooler told the trustees. "However, they also have resources that we don't have."

"At this time, we don't feel that we have enough information to come up with a plan to make this program work. I believe parts of the proposal have definite merit to improve the program, expand it and to help the children."

Trustee Lloyd Lee Davis voiced his opposition to the proposal.

"I don't think this is to the children's advantage nor to the school's advantage to have these kids brought in who don't qualify," Davis said.

"To me, pre-kinder is for the kids who have trouble with English and they need to be taught some English so that they're not behind when they start kinder."

"Starting a child at four years of age is too early in my opinion, and in a lot of people's opinion it's too early. We don't need to start a baby-sitting service here."

Mary Ellen Fuentes, who has a four-year-old child, said letting non-eligible students participate in the pre-kindergarten program would improve a child's social skills inside the class room.

"One of the essential elements of pre-k and one of the purposes of pre-k is to help with related concepts and skills that involve interactions between individuals," she told the board.

"The students should be provided opportunities to demonstrate adjustments to the school setting."

"That, in my opinion, is a four-year-old thing. It doesn't matter if English is your first language. It doesn't matter if you are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Adjustment to the school setting is a four-year-old thing."

Davis read text from a book written by Dr. James Dobson, who was against formal education for young children.

"What (Dobson) is basically saying is that your child doesn't have to start school at four years old to learn to socialize with other kids," Davis said.

"At four years old, you don't need formal class work. What the child needs is to be at home and learning in that environment until they are mature enough to go to public schools."

Trustees discuss mission of alternative school program

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Alternative School Report

Teacher William Clements presented a report on the district's alternative school, noting that five students graduated this year and that 105.5 credits were attained.

The alternative program provides an opportunity for at-risk students, recovered dropouts and students with disciplinary problems to earn their high school diploma.

The Board of Trustees discussed what guidelines should be put in place for the start of the upcoming school year.

"What we're trying to do is to develop guidelines for the alternative school involving what function it should fulfill, but also alternative education placement in line with Senate Bill 1," Stephenson said.

"A code of conduct needs to be tied into the mission of this alternative placement. That's why it's so much more complicated now than what it was, because we're looking at an expansion of the mission of the school."

Staff Update

The school district had openings for seven certified positions, but filled three of those vacancies at Monday's meeting.

Phillip Saunders was hired as a high school history

teacher and coach, Michelle Gonsoulin was hired as a high school english teacher and Monica White was hired as an elementary teacher.

Positions still vacant include a band director, a home economics teacher, an elementary teacher and an ESL teacher.

Superintendent's Report

The trustees discussed changing the district's current method of keeping student's transcripts. Stephenson suggested using the Pathways Transcript Program.

"It's a commercial program that is being sold," he said. "We're looking for a way of having better transcripts and grade-point averages that would be available throughout a child's career in public school, and this is one program that would provide that. We're checking into it and seeing if it will fit our needs and make us more efficient."

The board discussed the district's code of conduct and the student handbook. Both items are expected to be presented to the trustees at the July meeting.

Stephenson reported that 95 elementary and 24 middle school students were participating in the district's summer school program, which is funded by the state. He also noted that 105 children ate lunch at the school's cafeteria on Monday.

Summer food program a big success for kids

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"The cafeteria is air-conditioned so the children can come in here earlier if they like," Kaminski said. "They don't have to just come in here at a meal time."

"They can read or just sit, or even play a game and enjoy the cool air," she said.

The Summer Food Service Program will also provide children with a social atmosphere sometimes absent during the summer months.

"Sometimes we look at summer as a time to hibernate and sleep," Stephenson said. "I think the social aspect with the meal will be nice."

Kaminski said, "It's a place for the children to meet other friends and to socialize."

Seminars for absentee farm, ranch landowners scheduled

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A&M University is sponsoring a two-day seminar for absentee farm and ranch landowners in San Antonio.

The special seminar is July 26-27 at the Holiday Inn Northwest, located at 3233 N.W. Loop 410.

Seminars are also scheduled in Dallas on Aug. 2-3, and in Houston on Aug. 9-10.

"The seminar is designed for people who own and rent out farm or ranch property," said Dr. Danny Klinefelter, a professor and economist with the Texas Agricultural Service.

"It is intended to help them explore opportunities for more profitably and effectively managing their farms and ranches."

"Nearly 50 percent of the farm and ranch land in Texas is owned by absentee landowners."

The topics to be covered include the following:

- Trends and outlook for Texas farm and ranch land values.
- Implications of the new government farm program.
- Legal aspects of farm and ranch leases.
- Minimizing landowner environmental liability.
- Ad valorem taxes.
- Oil and gas leasing.
- Evaluating land use alternatives.
- Evaluating farm and ranch lease terms.
- Selecting and working with tenants.
- Income and estate tax management.

A registration fee of \$19.50 will be charged, which includes the cost of meals and materials.

Editor's note: Registration information can be obtained from your County Extension Agent or from Danny Klinefelter or Junice Baldwin, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2124; (409) 845-7171.

Moving like a thunderstorm

Have you looked at a calendar lately? June is moving on through like a fast moving thunderstorm. Whoa, what's that? Maybe, like a fast moving freight train. As I write, we are to the 20th of June. About 2 good months left, and then back to school days begin. This week, I'll try to update you on the fast moving school activities for June.

It's an unusual summer. We're seeing lots of kids and lots of teachers. I remember the days of yore when teachers and kids disappeared from the school grounds the day school was out...a couple of weeks before school began...they started back. Not anymore. So, what's different? Let me tell you.

The summer lunch program brings in about 125 kids each time the cafeteria opens. The numbers will probably climb. That's about 25 percent of our school population (600). It's nice and cool in the cafeteria and the meals are good. Our summer school for students who just finished Kindergarten through 8th grade and who need extra help in reading and math has about 100 kids...that's 1/6 of the students. We're working hard every morning. We have summer recreation in the school gym and driver education going on each day. We have a summer program to boost academic skills of migrant students called Project Smart. It's a busy summer and will probably stay that way.

We're cleaning up buildings. Working to shine them up...wash walls and desks, paint what needs to be painted, move rooms around to meet changing needs of school populations, and trying to keep our grass

Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Curriculum Director

and trees watered. Richard is busy working on buses and maintenance. Custodians team together to work around occupied classrooms. The new elementary principal, Michael Schooler, is on the job...working every day as he studies and plans for next school year. George Burks is working at middle school as he guides children and teachers through summer school. Don Sims has been at his son Scott's wedding in Albuquerque this week and half of last week, but he will be back in the office to start moving student schedules and programs.

Teachers are working on curriculum as much of their staff development is individualized...you know what to do now...get it done. They are doing just that.

We are working on **federal programs**. Chuck Hall is helping me work through this nightmare. Lots of papers, research, and headaches. But, it's working fine so far. There are deadlines to meet...We're trying hard to get it done.

Our **business office** works to close out this year (August 31), as we make plans to put together a new budget. Dixie, Marla and Susan have their noses to the grindstone. They're getting it done. Staff raises have been determined for next year. We're translating those into budget now.

The school board stays busy with

lots of items...our meeting Monday night ended at 11:45...Too long...we'll get better...but we did lots of things. There are many more to do. The meeting was not filled with controversy, but with study, reporting, and planning. I believe that we can stay that way for many months as we work together to make things better for the children of BISD while representing the tax paying public. We're trying hard. We need a replacement board member for Stan Conoly who resigned. If interested in being considered, write down some qualifications and submit your name to any board member by Monday afternoon.

So, that's about it. It's busy. June is flying by. I wish we could turn back the time a month so that I could complete the projects that I have started. I can't. Like me, you must make lists of what you want to get done this summer. Put those up front. Separate the little things away, remembering, they can be done some other time. Many want to dominate your time (and mine). We must remember that we have priorities that must be completed as we work to provide relief to others and their problems. In other words, keep the goal in front of you. I haven't been doing too good lately, but I'm going to revamp today. June is flying by! Have a good week.

Vacant trustee position to be filled Tuesday

Continued from Page 1

"It's a disappointment," Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "Stan Conoly has been a valuable member of the board."

"He grew up in Brackettville, went to the Brackett schools and has been a supporter of the schools and the community."

"He's a sound thinker and our district will miss him. We want to wish him the best."

The trustees will consider the appointment of a board member to fill Conoly's unexpired term at a special meeting on Tuesday.

The board decided that anyone interested in filling the vacancy should contact one of the trustees - Jimmy Bader, Lloyd Lee Davis, Gloria Garcia, Steve La Mascus, Darlene Shahan or Rosemary Slubar - and express their interest by 4:30 on Monday.

For more information on the appointment of a new board member, contact Stephenson at 563-2491.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1997 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 2, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. at the Appraisal District Office at 503 S. Ann Brackettville, TX

A summary of the Appraisal District budget is as follows:

- The Total amount of the proposed budget is \$140,846.
- The total amount of decrease from the current year's budget is 2,196.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 3.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 3.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies, A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

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Saunders named to football staff

By: J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Phillip Saunders was hired as an assistant varsity football coach Monday at the Brackett School Board meeting.

Saunders fills the position left vacant by Dan Swaim, who is now coaching in Pecos.

"I'm extremely happy," Brackett Athletic Director Roy Rokovich said. "I think Phillip is going to do a great job for us, in the classroom and in athletics. He is a go-getter. He's going to work real hard. I'm real pleased."

Saunders, who will teach high school history, will also assist in the

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Phillip Saunders

girls' basketball program and he will coach either baseball or track in the spring.

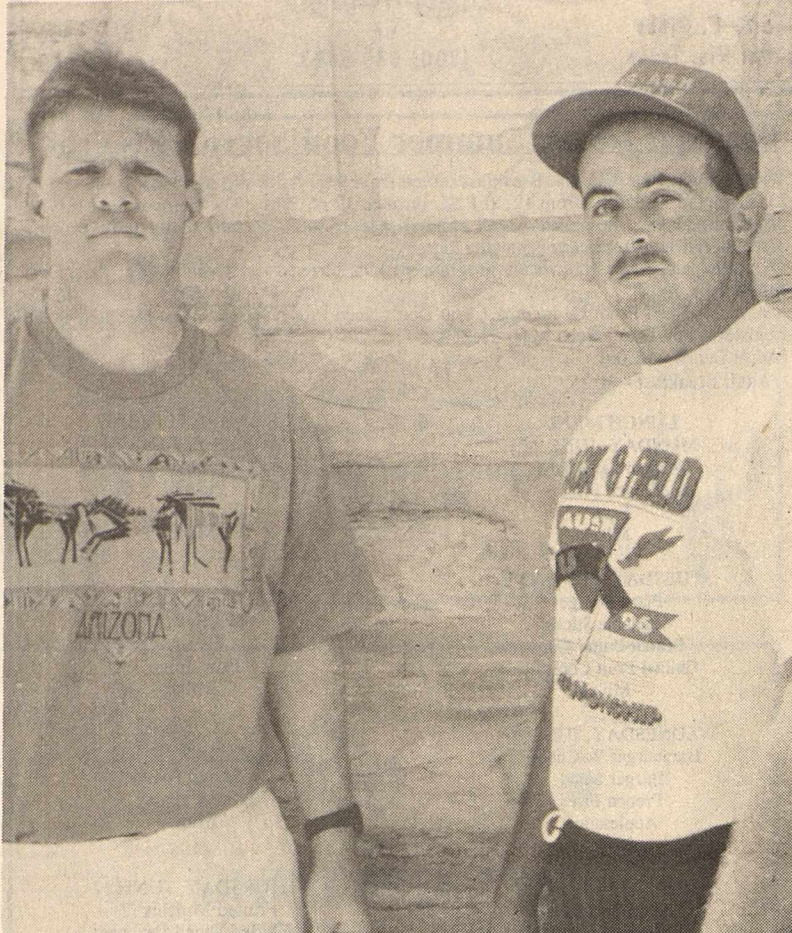
"I'm happy to be here," Saunders said. "I'm really looking forward to working here. The people I've met have been real nice and the kids that I've met have been real receptive to me. I'm ready to get going."

"I believe that Brackettville has an up-and-coming athletic program, and that's one of the reasons why I wanted to be here."

Saunders coached in Cotulla for the last two years. He was an assistant varsity football and assistant varsity track coach. He coached the Cowboys' offensive and defensive lines.

Prior to coaching in Cotulla, Saunders spent two years coaching at Devine Middle School.

Saunders graduated from Loraine High School and Sul Ross State University. He was a four-year letterman for the Lobos' football team and was also a graduate assistant coach.



Gary Grubbs, left, welcomes Phillip Saunders to Brackett and to the Tigers' coaching staff. Photo by J.J. Guidry

Rule changes pondered

Coin flip may be chosen to decide baseball playoff picture

The University Interscholastic League's policy committee on athletics voted Wednesday to propose that a coin flip determine whether one game or a best-of-three series will be played in the state baseball playoffs if coaches can't agree.

Under current UIL rules, teams play one game if one coach does not want to play a best-of-three series. The proposal must still be approved by the UIL's full Legislative Council and the State Board of Education.

"I think it's a good idea," Brackett baseball coach Gary Grubbs said. "When you're making decisions for a playoff game, everything else is decided by a coin flip."

"I think it's a good situation for a team that is deep enough in pitching and has the opportunity to play a two-out-of-three series. If a team does not have the pitching and has been relying on one player in the playoffs, it forces them into a series."

"That's how baseball usually is decided anyways, by the best two-out-of-three or three-out-of-five series."

The Tigers won their first-ever playoff game in baseball this year before falling to Freer, 6-3, in the area playoffs. Errors cost Brackett a win.

Grubbs wanted to play a three-game series with Freer, but Freer's coach wanted a one-game playoff. Because of the current rule, the two teams had to play a one-game playoff.

"I think it could have been different had we played a best-of-three series," Grubbs said. "Freer had another good pitcher, but we had two more quality pitchers that we could have thrown. Either Michael Meyer or Jorge Rodriguez could have started the next game for us. That was one of the reasons why I wanted to go to a series because I knew at that time our kids were coming around with their pitching and we were ready to do that."

The UIL policy committee also approved adding one 20-second timeout in each half for varsity basketball

games. There are now none.

"I think, as a coach, it never can hurt to have enough timeouts, especially in basketball," Grubbs said. "A 20-second timeout would be just something to stop the momentum of the other team, to regroup real quick and to get your kids thinking about what they need to do."

"It could also be an opportunity to substitute somebody you need to get into the game. I definitely don't think it would be a bad thing."

Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin was also in favor of adding a 20-second timeout in each half.

"I like it," he said. "For small percentage of kids that get the opportunity to play college ball, it would give them the opportunity to adjust to the rule. It's something that they've never had in high school, but I think it would be a welcomed addition."

"You could use the timeout to let the kids catch their breath. If you have a loose ball going out of bounds, you could call a 20-second timeout to save a possession. Towards the end of a game, it could be crucial."

The UIL committee also adopted several other proposed rule changes:

- Allowing two golf medalists in district and regional competition, who are not on teams already advancing, to advance to the next level of the playoffs.

- Implementing a mercy rule in soccer games. If a team is leading by a total of eight goals by halftime, the game would be called.

- Allowing three teams and 10 individuals to go to the regional cross country meet.

Rule proposals that were rejected, included:

- Allowing part-time employees to coach at the high school level.

- Adding wrestling for boys as a UIL-sanctioned sport.

- Adding pole vault in track for girls and adding a 4x800-meter relay in track for boys.

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Jaime Montalvo shows off the saddle given to him by his father, Kinney County Commissioner Joe Montalvo, who won the saddle at the Rocker Y Roping Arena in Brackettville on Father's Day in the RYRA Roping Series, produced by Alex Solis. Jaime has also been successful in team roping, collecting over \$400 in prize money. Photo by J.J. Guidry

From Your Local Game Warden

Indigo snake can be found in area

Another snake worth including in this series, on snakes found in this area, is the Indigo Snake. It is sometimes referred to as a Blue Indigo.

This snake is described as a heavy-bodied, smooth scaled, lustrous blue-black or mixed brown and black colored snake.

It may be found with some cream, orange or red coloring on or about the chin, throat, and sides of the head. It is the largest North American snake.

The two subspecies of the Indigo can be found in several states including Texas, and claims dry grasslands and thickets near water as its habitat in Texas.

The Indigo snake lays five to 12 leathery eggs which produces hatchlings 19 to 26 inches long. They grow to an adult size of 5 to 8 1/2 feet in length.

The Indigo can bite but is virtually harmless to humans as it is not poisonous. It immobilizes food with its jaws.

It feeds on frogs, small mammals and birds, lizards, and young turtles. It also feeds on other snakes, including venomous or poisonous ones.

It is known to kill and eat rattlesnakes. Most everyone that sees one around their home or property is glad to see it there for that reason.

When disturbed, the Indigo hisses, vibrates its tail, and flattens its neck. Most Indigos will try to leave or retreat when disturbed by man.

It has a long life span if allowed to live undisturbed. One lived in captivity for nearly 26 years.

Habitat destruction, commercial collecting, and humans mistaking them for poisonous and killing them, account for a drastic reduction of its numbers.

The Indigo is now considered protected species and it is against the law to kill one.

Off the subject of snakes, I have been receiving several calls of sick and dying deer recently.

The heat, drought, and associated diseases are the major cause of this; and are taking their toll on many species of wildlife.

We will undoubtedly see more of this in the near future. It will probably get worse before it gets better.

The does are now giving birth to fawns, and we will probably be finding sick and dead fawns too; due to the same factors.

Another problem that occurs occasionally is that a well meaning person will find a fawn lying in the grass by itself and think that it has been abandoned by the mother. In most cases, the fawn is OK and the mother is close by but not visible.

Do not pick up any fawns under any circumstances. If you believe there is something wrong with a deer, please call your local game warden.

Fortunately, this has not been much of a problem here, as it has been in the more populated areas of Texas.

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Growing turf grass in high shade areas

Can grass be grown and do well in areas that receive little or no direct sunlight?

Not with very much success. Sure, you can keep it alive for a year or two, but gradually, the grass will decline, keep getting thin and be weak and prone to freeze injury.

Shade is very desirable in the landscape, but it is the number one problem in growing turf grass.

Many people simply do not understand that grasses do not do as well in shade as they do in full sunlight. Some areas will not permit grass to grow and do well in a particular landscape.

Environmental changes caused by shade have a major effect on grass. Reduced light, less extreme temperatures, increased humidity, restricted air movement, competition from trees, increased disease problems and shallow root systems are all products of shade.

Additionally, grass in shade has less ability to use nitrogen, less photosynthetic activity, less growth, less wear tolerance, more susceptibility to preemergent herbicides and less tolerance to cold.

The problem is not fertilizer or water, it is light. To grow turf in the shade, you must have a shade-tolerant grass. Although you can keep a grass alive in the shade, you will lose it the first time it encounters adverse conditions.

Bermudagrass and buffalo grass have very little shade tolerance. St. Augustine is probably the most shade-tolerant warm season grass, followed closely by centipede grass and zoysia. Tall fescue, a cool season grass, will grow in moderate to heavy shade where St. Augustine fails.

For any success at growing grass in filtered shade, you may want to try these practices:

- Start with a grass variety suitable for shade.
- Raise the mowing height.
- Water deeply and infrequently.
- Apply nitrogen moderately in fall and spring.
- Avoid high nitrogen applications in the summer.

In many heavily shaded areas, it is best to use ground cover plants or other landscape materials rather than wasting time and money trying to go against the effects that nature dictates in a particular area.

Common bermudagrass and St. Augustine grass are the most practical, widely used, and recommended warm-season grasses for lawns in Texas.

Below are several points worth mentioning about each to help you make a decision about what type of turfgrass is most suitable for you in your landscape.

Bermudagrass is the turfgrass most widely used in Texas. It is narrow-

COUNTY AGENT NEWS

by Alan L. McWilliams

leaved, vigorous perennial, with both above-ground (runners) and below-ground (rhizomes) creeping stems. It is drought tolerant, spreads rapidly, and tolerates traffic better than most grasses.

Bermudagrass makes a dense turf when mowed weekly at a height of 1 to 1 1/2 inches. It must be fertilized to produce good turf.

During extended drought, water is needed to keep the grass green. In drier regions of west Texas, water is needed for the survival of the grass.

Bermudagrass used as a turfgrass:

- does not grow in medium to dense shade.
- turns brown after frost in the fall and, with continued low temperatures, does not become green until after the last spring frost.
- is more of a nuisance than other turfgrasses in flower beds and gardens because of its runners and rhizomes.
- is subject to scalping when mowed infrequently.

Although the leaves of Bermuda grass turn brown after frost, the grass

tolerates low temperatures because the stolons and rhizomes produce new shoots and leaves when growing conditions become favorable.

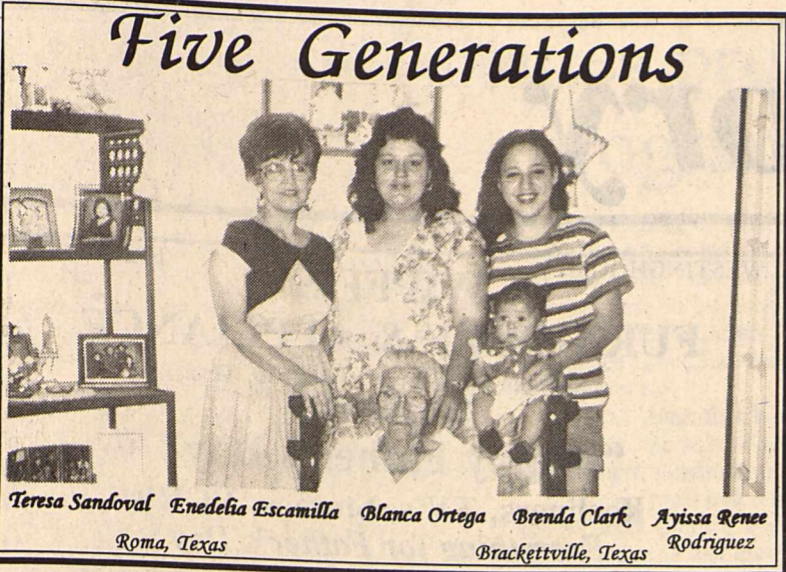
Seeded bermudagrasses are the most practical for the homeowner because seed is readily available and inexpensive. 'Sahara', 'Sonesta', 'Sun Devil', and 'Cheyenne' are seeded type bermudagrasses that have improved turf characteristics over common bermudagrass.

Most hybrid bermudagrasses have been developed for general and special purposes, but because seed is not available these grasses must be established from sprigs or sod.

When these hybrid bermudagrasses are used for home lawns, the costs of the planting material and the labor for planting make turf establishment more expensive. Hybrid bermudagrasses, including Texturf-10, U-3, Santa Ana, Tifway, and Floratex, may be used for lawn turf.

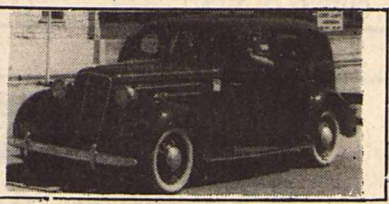
Editor's note: Part two of this article will be in next week's column and will cover differences in St. Augustine varieties.

Five Generations



Teresa Sandoval Roma, Texas Enedelia Escamilla Blanca Ortega Brenda Clark Ayissa Renee Rodriguez Brackettville, Texas

Rambling Around Kinney County



By THE K.C. RAMBLER

The longest day of this year will occur on June 21 - Summer Solstice gradually, minute by minute, our days will shorten until December 21 when the shortest day of the year occurs. June 21 is also the first day of summer - and you thought it was already hot enough!

The "Glory Road" will be presented by the Old Quarry Society on the 28 & 29 - Friday and Saturday at 8:00 P.M. Local actors will perform this fascinating history of Ft. Clark. Don't miss it. It will be staged at the Old Quarry Theater - a history itself. Did you know that this old quarry provided all the stone for the buildings on the fort? If you're worried about mosquitos - don't let the maintenance crews will have sprayed for theatergoers' benefit.

Lots of ways for the youth of KC to keep busy this summer. The gym at school is accessible daily for working out, the pool is open Wednesday thru Saturday for cooling off. The cafeteria at school is serving both breakfast and lunch to all youths and free of charge. Adults may have a meal there, too, for a nominal fee. This is going to be a long hot summer, so try to stay cool. Not only

physically but mentally, too. Folks seem to be getting a bit testy because of the heat. Don't let it get to you - smile instead of hollering.

The library has a summer program for reading. There is story telling and story writing. To find out details call 563-2884. Take a friend along and have a creative summer.

Call 2412 for swim pool info. Call 2491 for school activities. There is plenty to do this summer. You could also help with Brackettville Clean-Up. Surely you know someone who could use your helping hands.

Can you understand vandalism? Why would anyone want to demolish or deface property just to be doing it! People who do such things must be terribly angry at the world. Surely they could use up such energy in a constructive manner.

Want a good summer dessert recipe? Try "Mango Cream." It's a combination of 5 mangos, sugar to taste, 2 oranges (cut small), 1 TBS lemon juice, one pint whipping cream. Fold all together. Pecans may be added. Serve chilled topped with a cherry. Delicious. Try To Stay Cool

Smoke From Nakai



By Nakai Breen

Something is in the air

Se-oh Hello This sunrise, I will end the talk about the baby white buffalo that was born in Wisconsin.

It is said by the Tribal elders that it is a rarity among land-roving beasts. She is a female and is considered a miracle among our people. She is a mythical, as well as mystical, birth.

It is the symbol of hope, a rebirth and unity for all Plains Indian Tribes. It is said, by the National Buffalo Association, that one in six billion is born.

The other documented white buffalo died in this century, in 1959. He was born around 1933 or '34. He was named Big Medicine.

Among our people, this birth is like waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. It will bring purity of mind and body, especially to the spirit. It will unify all nations.

The new baby miracle by name turn colors from white to reddish to yellow and now black, it will go back to white.

Listen, something is in the air. Seems like the piper and drums are being taken out. I pray that what ever it is, it's something good.

The Sacred Pipe is never taken out, only on special tribal needs, but when all the pipes come out and the drums, something is happening. Let's see what happens after this month.

Ahoie With Good Medicine /s/Nakai

A family affair

"Big Mama," Essie Coker, celebrated her 86th birth day on Saturday with all eight of her children. Pictured are, seated, from left: Roy Hensley, Pat Bartkowiak and Coker. Standing: Jewel Robinson, Dimple Henry, Jane Custard, Melba Foreman, Dan Foreman, Richard Schafer and Bobbie Schafer. Photo by J.J. Guidry



For Pete's Sake

The mountain boy who showed up at the courthouse last week asked for the judge's office and once there, announced that he had come for a license.

"What kind of license?" asked His honor. "A hunting license?"

"Oh, no yer honner," the lad replied. "I been huntin' long enuff. I done found one. What I want now is a marriage license!"

A speedy young fellow named Tim Drove his car with a great deal of vim.

He said "I'm renowned For covering ground!"

But, alas, now the ground covers him! If you enjoy these stories and comments, send for a free sample of Post Story Book. Write Pete, Box 712, Kingsport, TN 37662.

Men's Bridge Club

Friday Men's Bridge Club had 2 tables. Winner was Ward Pomeroy, second was Walt Geeze. Low went to Fred Clayton, our Del Rio player that makes the trip weekly.

Bridge Anyone?

By Norma Gould

The FCS Duplicate Bridge Club had 4 tables playing the Howell Movement on Tuesday, June 11th.

Nita and Fred Clayton won 1st place. Flo Stafford and Norma Gould won 2nd place with Peggy Stock and Betty Fitch winning 3rd.

Brackettville Rotary Club

By Frances McMaster Contributing Writer

Brackettville Rotary Club met Thursday, June 13th. Mr. Larry Sofaly spoke on the Fort Clark Springs and Brackettville Sewer Plant project. This will also include re-routing some of the existing lines on the Fort.

Next week's meeting is a special one and will be held at night at Las Moras Inn. Members will gather at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship and have dinner and a short business meeting at 7:00. This will mark the end of the present officers' term. The Reverend Joe Townsend will install the

newly elected Mr. Mike Holley as next year's president. Mrs. Marcia Thurman Schmidt will serve as Vice President and will move into the presidency the following year. Mr. John Ford will be installed as secretary treasurer.

Rotary is dedicated to community service, in developing individual integrity and promoting high ethical standards in business. If you are interested in joining Rotary, ask a Rotary member to tell you more about it and what is involved in becoming a member. The club meets during the lunch hour each Thursday at Las Moras Inn.

Mohair Council Of America

Layton Black of Goldthwaite, president of the Mohair Council of America, has announced that the council has qualified as a participant in the Market Access Program (MAP) by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

According to Black, the USDA has allocated \$75,000 for the MCA-MAP program, which makes funds available for the international promotion of American mohair in several targeted countries, including the United Kingdom, the Peoples Republic of China, Canada, Italy, and Japan.

The Mohair Council is proposing

to hold seminars in the United Kingdom and in Hong Kong. The seminars would relate basic information about mohair and its uses, identify the properties and qualities of U.S. mohair, discuss color themes and knitting trends for 1997, and make available various promotional materials for in-store use. In addition, Hong Kong knitters participating in the seminar would be given information on doing business in the U.S., Japan and China markets.

Black said the Mohair Council has participated in MAP in previous years, and that the programs were beneficial to American producers.

ICA requests investigation into beef industry pricing

AUSTIN - The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas joined with Rep. Dan Kubiak (D-Rockdale) to call on Attorney General Dan Morales to conduct an investigation into potential predatory pricing in the Texas beef industry.

Kubiak was joined at the Capitol press conference by ICA president, Jim Selman of Gonzales, and numerous ICA members from throughout the state.

Kubiak, who is also a cattle producer, said that while cattle prices have dropped dramatically since 1993, retail beef prices have seen much smaller decreases.

In 1993, cattle prices averaged \$80.60 per hundred pounds weight (cwt) but have dropped to \$63.00/cwt in 1996, a decrease of over 21 percent.

Calf prices went from \$103.36/cwt in 1993, to \$64.20/cwt in 1996, a decrease of close to 38 percent.

For that same period retail beef prices went from an average of \$2.72 in 1993, to \$2.56 in 1996, a decrease of just under 5 percent.

"While there have been a number of explanations for these lower cattle prices, such as increased meat supplies and higher feed costs at feed lots, there is no explanation as to why these savings are not being passed on to consumers more directly," Kubiak said.

"High feed prices and drought

conditions throughout the state have combined to flood the market with beef from ranchers who have been forced to sell their herds to meat processors for whatever price they can get", said Bruce Dopslauf, an ICA member from La Grange. "This differing level of economic leverage creates the potential for unfair pricing practices and price gouging".

Selman said, "If anyone should benefit from the current market situation, it should be the beef consumer. But the consumer isn't seeing lower prices at the grocery store and ranchers are being wiped out."

"The ICA perceives that someone in the industry is manipulating the retail beef market, we believe the meat packers are that someone," he added.

Selman said three major meat packing companies, I.B.P., Excell, and Montford, buy 81 percent of the beef in the United States.

"If the meat packers reflected their costs, prices would drop for consumers, which in turn would result in more beef sales and higher prices paid to ranchers for their product," Selman explained.

David Wolf, an ICA member from Georgetown, agreed.

"It's Economics 101 - supply and demand," he said. "The lack of a competitive environment in the beef industry is hurting both consumers and ranchers."

Poetry Contest

Listen up, Brackettville-area poets! The Florida Literary Guild is sponsoring a free poetry contest, open to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all, including a \$1,000 grand prize.

"We are delighted to sponsor this contest," says Robert Brown, the organization's noted Poetry Director. "Poets deserve opportunities to exhibit their work and find recognition. We expect our contest to encourage new poets."

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, but please keep copies as none can be returned. The deadline for entering is July 25. Winners will be notified - and a winner's list sent to all entrants - by the second week in September.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Florida Literary Guild, 3232 SW 35th Blvd., Suite 156, Box 147035, Gainesville, Florida 32614-7035.

Fuentes named chief appraiser

By: J.J. Guidry News Editor

Joyce Fuentes is the new chief appraiser for the Kinney County Appraisal District. She took the position on April 1, replacing Marcus Tidwell who retired on March 31.

Fuentes first started in the appraisal business in 1980, working for Southwest Appraisal Company out of Austin, which was appraising for Kinney County.

When the Kinney County Appraisal District opened in August of 1981, Fuentes worked under the chief appraiser. She has been with the company for 15 years.

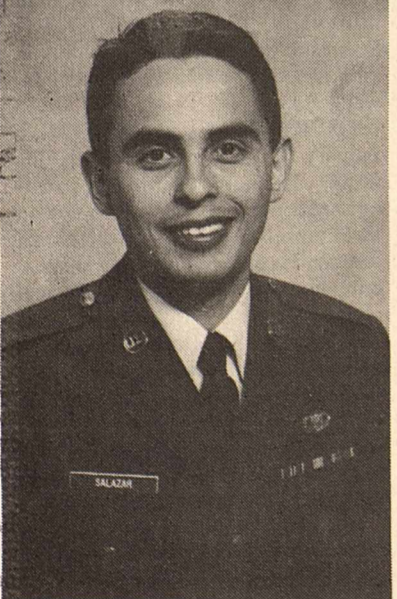
In 1986, Tidwell encouraged Fuentes to go to school and work towards attaining a Registered Texas Collector license. She was certified in as an RTC in 1988.

"Marcus taught me a lot about the appraisal field," she said.

Fuentes continued her education in 1995. She earned Registered Texas Assessor-Collector Level IV and Registered Professional Appraiser II licenses in 1996. She hopes to complete RPA III and RPA IV by the end of 1997.



Joyce Fuentes is now the chief appraiser for the Kinney County Appraisal District. Photo by J.J. Guidry



Salazar named to Dean's List

SAN ANTONIO - Brackettville resident Elias Salazar, a senior majoring in History, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

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Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 Doing something really well satisfies you this week. However, try not to scatter your energies or you will overtire yourself. Give nerves a vacation this weekend and strive for relaxation and leisure time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 Others agree with you early in the week and this gives added impetus to your plans on the job. Don't be picky, but still remember to get your money's worth if out shopping. Be sure you know how to ferret out the best deals.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 A partner serves as a ballast to you as you tackle a difficult social situation this week. You're not really comfortable in such a formal setting, so follow this person's lead. Although you feel inept, there's no reason for blatant insecurity.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Things move along quickly and positively for you at home and on the job. A family member wants to be included in something, but you'd rather be alone. Some compromising is necessary to resolve this satisfactorily without hurting someone's feelings.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 The beginning of the week isn't the best time to ask favors from friends. You'll make important progress in career endeavors through your own fine efforts. This weekend, you're in a rather cynical mood. Accent the positive.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 Watch errors in judgement in spending and an inclination to be overly extravagant. Partners aren't necessarily in agreement on financial interests later in the week. Make an effort to open up the lines of communication.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 Negative feedback you receive hurts you, but it becomes the catalyst leading to a plethora of ideas. The latter part of the week is best for relaxation and romance with a partner. Steal away by yourselves.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 Agreements made this week aren't likely to be kept in the long run. Home is your secret hideaway, but there could be some unexpected visitors later in the week. Be prepared for this possible eventuality.


SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 Your charm makes up for real or imagined shortcomings in business dealings. Be yourself and things fall into place naturally. Domestic concerns are still with you and are best addressed over the weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 Intuition is your ally this week, especially where career matters are concerned. In general, accent moderation in health and diet. The weekend is tailor-made for romance, but your date could make an unusual request.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 Travelers could meet with unexpected expenses this week. In fact, travel or entertaining guests proves more costly than anticipated in general. Feel good about yourself, but don't become pompous.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 Although you'll get along well enough with partners this week, things could get testy with a friend or acquaintance later in the week. You're easily provoked now, so try to keep your cool. Your health is at stake.

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First Baptist Church
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
"The Pastor's Pen"

A few weeks ago while reading an investment publication, I was intrigued and impressed with the format and information that was presented in it. It prompted me to order a subscription which created a chain of events that for about a week was almost overwhelming. It became immediately obvious that with my subscription there was also the privilege (questionable) of having my name placed on a list and either given or sold to every advertiser in the publication I subscribed to.


Here is what followed. Monday morning, 8 A.M., telephone rings, "This is John Doe of Megabuck Investments and have I got a deal for you?" All day long this happened as well as the remainder of the week. They all had the same pitch for slightly different products or services directed towards investments. I must admit that it became a bit of an irritation especially after saying no for the third time and repeated calls from them. But as I thought of their rea-

soning for calling and being so persistent and related that to the "Church" I was glad they called.

Their goal was two-fold: that I would make money and that they would make money. In other words, that we both would be benefited by their efforts. In relating that to the "Church" as Christians the best investment advice we can give is to lay up treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust will have an effect. As a Christian broker and investment counselor, according to I Thessalonians 2:19, I will receive a "crown of rejoicing" and the one that accepts the invitation to invest in heaven will receive eternal life and the opportunity to help others to make the decision to invest likewise. Everyone benefits.

It is my prayer that God will give all Christians the courage to promote the greatest, safest, and most eternal lasting investment of all; that is life in Jesus Christ.

Religion




Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Father's Day calls attention to Fathers. The word Father is found many more times in the Bible than the word "Mother". The first priority of the father is his family. Both the Old Testament and the New say that when a man is married "he is to leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife." His new relationship becomes his top priority. Nothing is more important to a father than his family. Everything a father does should reflect his devotion to his children. The father is to be the provider for his family. It is basically his responsibility to provide a home, food and clothing for his children. He is to be the protector of the family. It is his basic responsibility to see there is a safe environment for the family. A father should expect and demand respect and honor from his children. This must begin at birth and remain as long as the children are in the home. Children are urged to know the God of their fathers. This presupposes that the father knows and has God as his father. The father should be the priest of the family. A

priest is an intervener between God and man. The father should lead the children to know and follow God.


The Bible teaches that our heavenly Father is typical of what a human father should be. His first priority is indeed His children. Nothing is as important to Our Heavenly Father as those who have put their faith in Jesus Christ and hence are children of God. He is our protector, "In Him we live and move and have our being". He is our provider, He promises to meet the needs of all who "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." He is deserving of honor in the highest way. He promises to be our God if we ask Him to. Those who seek to destroy the Fatherhood of God simply wind up as belligerent heretics. To those who refuse to accept God as Father are doomed to a miserable existence in this world and an eternity in Hell in the world to come.

Next Sunday there awaits all who attend a blessing with a message from the Bible. Come and See!



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Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land. When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away and lo, he was not; yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD; he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them; he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him. Psalms 37:34-40

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Come feast with us in the LORD the table is set.

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

God's spirit of love flows like the tide

I spent most of the week of June 3 at Annual Conference, a time of worship, fellowship, and conducting the business of the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The Conference was held in Corpus Christi. Although I spent precious little time on the beach, I saw enough to be reminded that there are very few things on earth as big as the oceans.

As I stood looking out over the water, I contemplated the vastness of the bay, the Gulf, the Atlantic, one body of water flowing into another, going on and on and on.

I couldn't help but think of God.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein; for he has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers." (Ps. 24: 1-2).

The oceans are big but God is bigger! I have trouble getting my head around how large those great


reservoirs are, yet compared to God they're but a drop. Looking at oceans and contemplating God make me feel small yet wondrously blessed because our great God loves even one as small as I. The greatness of God's size and power is matched by God's love. I know that I am loved greatly, vastly.

As I watched the ebbs and flow of the tide, I was keenly aware that I am not alone. Just as one drop of water joins another and another, and together they flow as one body of water into another body, I know that there is a part of me that flows into you and together we join others.

That part of us, like the drops of water, just keeps going on and on. That part is the Spirit, God's own Spirit of love and unity ebbing and flowing through all of creation and throughout the universe.

We may be small but we're part of something VERY big. We are not alone; we are all one in the One. Thanks be to God!

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St. Andrews Episcopal Church
Rev. Bill Koons, Pastor

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church hosts special services Saturday

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will welcome the Right Reverend James Folts, Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas, on Saturday.

A special service will be held at 6 p.m., with Bishop Folts joined by retired priest Rev. Bill Koons.

Local Lutherans will be attending also, since they are now sharing the

church facilities. Anyone interested in attending this service, or any of the regular services, is welcome.

Immediately after the service, everyone will gather in the parish house next to the church for a covered dish meal.

Combined Services

The Right Reverend James E. Folts, Bishop of the Episcopal Church will celebrate a 6:00 P.M. service followed by a pot luck dinner on June 22nd. Everyone is invited to celebrate with us at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at Fort St.

On July 7th and July 14th Father Koons will celebrate Sunday worship at 9:00 A.M. (Pastor LaFrenz is on vacation). On July 21st, Pastor LaFrenz will conduct Lutheran Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 A.M.

Father Koons at 10:30. On July 28th Father Koons and Pastor LaFrenz will conduct combined services at 10:30 A.M.

The Episcopals and Lutherans are striving for "Full Communion" combined services. This is a world wide effort. Brackettville and Fort Clark are making our way in the history books. We are instrumental in that endeavor. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this movement.

Church Directory

- St. Andrews Episcopal Church:** Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. 563-2071.
- Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
- First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
- Baptist Hispanic Mission:** 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.
- Church of Christ:** N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church:** Sun. Masses at 8:00 A.M. (Spanish) and 10:30 A.M. (English); Mon., Thurs. and Fri. Mass at 7:00 AM; Wed. Mass 6:30 P.M., Religion Classes Wed. 4:00 and 7:00 PM; Sat. Rosary 7:30 AM, Sat. Mass 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Confession Wed. & Sat. 5:30 PM, Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- St. Blaise Catholic Church:** Sun. Mass 12:30 noon. Adult Catholic Explanation and Convert Classes Thurs. 7:00 PM Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- First United Methodist Church:** "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.
- St. John's Baptist Church:** Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A.:** Henderson and Fort St., Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m., Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.
- Templo Elim Asambea de Dios:** North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
- Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational):** 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.
- New Jerusalem Temple Apostolic Church:** 514 E. Louise St, Sunday School 10:30, Church 11:30, Bible Study: Wed. 7 p.m., Mission: 3rd Thurs. of each month 6 p.m. Pastor Rudy Goodloe (563-9468)

The Methodist Hospital System

HOUSTON -- (June 14, 1996) -- If you need a forklift rather than a fork to eat all the food on your plate, it is probably time to practice portion control.

The key to weight control might very well be on the plate in front of you.

"Many frustrated dieters cannot understand why they are not losing or maintaining their weight when they eat healthy foods," says Sue Thompson, a registered dietitian at The Methodist Hospital's Institute for Preventive Medicine in Houston. "They are simply eating too much of a good thing - people have forgotten that the amount of healthy food they consume counts too."

It is no wonder that our judgement about appropriate serving sizes is skewed. One only needs to look at some favorite food stops to see the problem. Consider the signs reading, "All You Can Eat Buffets" for \$3.99; 32-ounce Big Gulps and grocery stores that sell muffins resembling miniature birthday cakes.

Consumers are used to finding big food on their plates and they are the ones to blame for this increasing phenomenon.

"There is the perception in America that bigger is better. And as we requested more for our money, restaurants and grocery stores met the demand," says Thompson. "However, there are some simple ways to keep our daily portions in control."

Learn to visualize reasonable servings. Scale down your mental images of reasonable helpings. Portions served on airplanes are closer to what we should be eating. A single serving of meat is the size of a cassette

tape or a deck of cards. An ounce of cheese or peanut butter resembles a large marble or a pair of dice. A half cup of cooked pasta, rice or mashed potatoes should be no larger than a tennis ball. French fries, potato chips, nuts or M&M's: one small fistful is plenty.

Bagel Warning

One large bagel is roughly 6.8 ounces and equals 5-6 bread servings. The American Dietetic Association recommends 2 ounces as the standard size of a bagel. Muffins are also exploding in size. When bakeries and grocery stores are selling 14 oz. muffins, they no longer constitute a calorie conscious choice. The American Dietetic Association recommends that the weight of a muffin should be 3-4 oz. and resemble the size of a baseball.

Leaving Food

Get used to leaving food on your plate. Order half-orders when in restaurants, or take half home with you.

Fighting the Temptation at Home

People often make portion determinations based on plate sizes. Use a smaller serving surface, such as a salad plate. Snacks pre-packaged for children make perfect single servings.

"Let go of the notion that you must finish everything on your plate before leaving the table," says Thompson. "Pay attention to how much you are eating. 'Everything in moderation' truly applies to life-long weight management."

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**Drive Carefully
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Baptist leaders join together to denounce the burning of African-American churches

By Ken Camp
Texas Baptist Communications

Texas Baptist leaders joined Southern Baptists nationwide in denouncing the burning of African-American churches and pledging to help the congregations rebuild.

"That this violence to Black churches clearly violates the message of Scripture and the spirit of Christian love is beyond question," said Phil Strickland, director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. "Texas Baptists will draw upon every resource to respond to anti-Christian acts of hatred."

On June 9-10, two African-American churches in Greenville burned, the latest among more than 30 fires at predominantly Black churches throughout the South in the past 18 months.

Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans collected a special offering June 12 to help all the churches rebuild - giving and pledging more than \$81,000 - and

they passed a resolution deploring racially motivated church fires.

James Semple, chairman of Texas Baptists' statewide disaster relief committee, said of the church fires, "We deplore this cowardly act of attempting to destroy houses of worship. While buildings can be destroyed, churches cannot, and we pray that they will come back with ministries stronger than ever."

Both Semple and Bob Dixon, executive director of Texas Baptist Men, noted that volunteer Texas Baptist builders are ready and willing to help the fire-damaged churches rebuild. More than two decades ago, Texas Baptist volunteers joined Black Baptists in rebuilding African American elsewhere in the Torraslana area that had been firebombed.

Editor's note: Contributions designated "Black Church Response" for the church rebuilding effort may be sent to the Treasurer's Office Baptist General Convention of Texas, 333 N. Washington, Dallas, Tx., 75246-1798.

Being Prepared For Fun In The Sun

(NAPS)—Accidents happen. Especially when people enjoy sports and recreation out in the warm weather or on vacation.

Sports fans who spend their weekends boating, wind surfing, mountain biking or hiking, are willing to take risks. Yet, even urban sports such as jogging or skateboarding present dangers that could leave players injured and at the mercy of strangers.

A bad accident may become worse if the injured person is not carrying identification, has an unknown medical condition, or is taking medication.

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Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend

Another dear friend has left our midst and is now at home with God. Frank Higgins was in many ways an outstanding man. He married Sarah Webb, sister of Virginia Shahan. Frank for many years lived in Brackettville. Among other activities he owned the local hardware store. He was a devoted husband and father. He was devoted to his church and served as lay leader. He was active in many community activities. He was an ardent Rotarian. Frank was well liked and when he and Sarah moved from Brackettville there remained a substantial gap. Frank was a good fisherman and it was a joy to spend the night with him on some creek bank fishing, or on a boat on Amistad, Frank will be missed here but when reunion occurs in heaven we can again enjoy his presence.

Surely Frank Higgins was an Un- sung Hero.



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