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# **BISD** board extends admin contracts Student lunch money goes high-tech

With six of the seven board for nearly five hours in a closed members in attendance the workshop to discuss the super- officially ordered the school RR 334. Brackett ISD Board of Trustees intendent gave a nod to Superintendent principal's job performances, as place on May 12. Paula Renken, Jones Elementary this is done on an annual basis. Principal Alma Gutierrez and a regular meeting on Feb. 12.

Board member Sara Terrazas

extension to their contracts as a way of commending the top emkeeping consistency in the year, or through 2010. schools, but this year's nods reportedly came only after hours of school leaders are reserving BISD Administration Office. negotiations in executive session. comment regarding the happen-

On Feb. 5, the trustees met ings in the two closed sessions. the recent construction that has

boards to grant administrators an contracts for Gutierrez and Tay-

Both board members and the

and campus board election that is to take

"This year, three Trustee The discussion carried over places are up for election. The BHS Principal Frank Taylor at to this past Monday as the terms of Tony Ashley, Sara board members entered into Terrazas and Sondra Meil exexecutive session at 7:55 p.m. pire May 2007. Candidate packand returned at 1:15 a.m., with ets are available at the Brackett It is customary for school a unanimous vote to extend the ISD Central Administration Office beginning Monday, Februlor one more year, or through ary 12. Sondra Meil was ap-2008. Renken's contract was pointed to complete the term of ployees on a job well done and also unanimously extended one Jeffrey Duncan following his they will be landscaping the resignation," read an official election memo distributed by the to the school district.

Board President Henry Lutz taken place at the track field on

"The track is completed and we're about a week away from the concession stand being finished," said Renken.

The track has been enlarged, resurfaced and painted. A new concession stand, including new bathroom facilities, has also being erected.

BISD maintenance employees will be putting the finishing touches on the project soon, as field themselves, a great savings

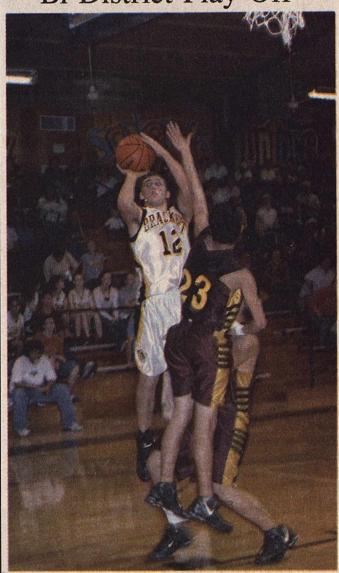
Also reported by Renken Renken offered an update on was the future purchase of the Nutri-kids cafeteria management software. This computer program will provide better management of the student's lunch accounts and with a click or two on the school's website, allow parents to view, in real-time, exactly what their children eat each day. Options to pay for student lunches by credit or debit cards will also be available.

Trustees voted to approve the calendar for 2007-2008 school year. The calendar, submitted by a committee of teachers and staffers, recommended changing from six, six-week periods to four, nine-week periods and incorporated two bad weather

"The new calendar will allow more time between testing and for larger instructional blocks," said Renken.

The meeting concluded with the acceptance of a letter of retirement from D. Curry and a letter of resignation from Jack

#### Varsity Boys Basketball to Challenge Flatonia in Bi-District Play-Off



Travis Bonner

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

The BISD Varsity Boys Basketball team will travel to Castroville on Thursday, Feb. 22, to play Flatonia in the bidistrict play-off. The game will be held at Medina Valley High School and begin at 6:30 p.m. The boys will first square off against Utopia Buffaloes in a warm up game on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at Utopia.

#### School Board Election Calendar

2/10/07 First day to file an application for a place on the

3/10/07 First day to post and mail notice of ballot position drawing, if drawing is to be conducted on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 3/12/07 Last day to file ap-

plication for a place on the ballot: 5:00 p.m. deadline. 3/13/07 Draw for position on the ballot; time to be announced. First day to accept applications for early voting ballots by mail. 3/20/07 First day that an

election may be cancelled, see exceptions in election code. Last day for a candidate to withdraw in an election: 5:00 p.m. deadline. 3/23/07 Mandatory office hours, minimum of three hours. (6/21/07 Last day for mandatory hrs.)

3/28/07 First day early voting clerk may begin mailing early voting ballots to applicants. 4/2/07 Last day to notify election judges of their appointment. 4/12/07 First day of period during which notice of election must be published. Last day to register to vote for the Saturday, May

12, 2007 election. 4/23/07 Last day to post notice of election on bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of governing body. 4/27/07 Last day to notify elec-

tion judges of duty to hold elec-tion (Writ of Election). 4/28/07 Last day to withdraw or remove name from ballot.:

5:00 p.m. deadline 4/30/07 First day to vote early: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 5/4/07 Last day to receive an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

5/8/07 Last day to vote early by personal appearance; 4:00 p.m. deadline 5/12/07 ELECTION DAY 7 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Polls open at Auditorium. 7 p.m. - Deadline for receiving early voting ballots by mail. 5/15/07 - 5/23/07 Board of Trustees to canvas election: specific date to be determined. (Post notice 72 hours before canvass.) 5/17/07 Last day to receive carrier envelopes placed in the mail by 7 p.m. on elec-tion day, May 12, 2007, form voters who are voting outside the United States. 3/12/09 Contents of ballot

box may be destroyed if no

contest or criminal investiga-

tion has arisen, and if no

open records request has

been filed. Certain informa-

tion must be permanently maintained in the election

7th Annual Rotary Club Benefit Golf Tournament

The 7th Annual Golf Benefit Tournament will be on Saturday, Feb. 17. Proceeds fund Rotary Scholarships for Brackett ISD graduates. Registration fee is \$40 per player. Registration is from 8 - 8:45 a.m and Tee Off is at 9 am SHARP!!. A 2007 Electric Freedom E-Z-Go Golf Car for the first Hole-in-One will be one of the prizes awarded at the tournament. Registration deadline for the tournament will be Feb. 16, 2007. For more information please contact Charles Schmidt at 830-563-9958.

# Quarry dinner

Submitted by Lynn McNew Old Quarry Society

After much rescheduling and reshuffling, the date has finally been set for the Old Quarry Society For the Performing Arts' dinner theatre.

The evening will definitely be worth the wait.

On Friday, Feb. 23 and Sat-Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" to the Post Theatre stage.

strawberry shortcake for dessert on Friday night.

Saturday's entree will be chicken fried steak with Ger- middle-class naval captain's man chocolate cake for dessert. daughter who is in love with a

The doors will open at 6:30 lower-class foremast hand (a

The play will begin at 8 p.m. contacted by phone for reservations.

Others may purchase tickets, for \$20 each, at the RV park, adult center or call 563-9229.

Tickets must be purchased urday, Feb. 24, Southwest in advance and all reservations Texas Junior College will bring must be made by Feb. 20. their production of Gilbert & THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" opened Dinner, catered by Napo's at the Opera Comique, Lon-Catering of Eagle Pass, will feadon, on May 25, 1878 for a run ture chicken Cordon Bleu with of 571 performances, which was almost unprecedented for a musical theatre piece.

The plot revolves around a

p.m., with dinner served at 7 common sailor, well below officer rank), even though she is betrothed to the upper-class Season ticket holders will be First Lord of the Admiralty, the government official in charge of the Royal Navy.

As with most of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, a surprise twist changes everything dramatically near the end of the

So make your reservations now for Friday, Feb. 23 or Saturday, Feb. 24 and plan to spend a wonderful evening of dinner and the theater.

"No tickets sold at the

#### News BRIEFS

#### Gospel Concert Rescheduled

The Gospel Concert that was scheduled at First Baptist Church for this Sunday Morning has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 25.

#### Weekend WEATHER

#### Friday



Mostly Suuny High:63 Low:42

#### Saturday



Partly Cloudy High:66 Low:41

#### Sunday



Mostly Cloudly High:62 Low:42

"FORT CLARK'S IDOL"

A talent show is being added to this year's Fort Clark Festival roster. Fort Clark Springs at Brackettville will host a Talent Show for youngsters 18 and under during the 2007 Fort Clark Springs Festival on March 10. All contestants will be required to perform at Fort City @ home, 5:30 p.m. Thurs-Clark Springs beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sat., March 10. Talent District Play-off game in should be timed from 3 to 5 minutes maximum. Judges will pick the top ten, who will compete of 4th six weeks. High School again for First, Second and Third places during the afternoon. There will be prizes for First, Second and Third, with a Certificate of Participation to be awarded to all contestants. Contact Charlene Simmons at 830-563-3070 or email: wychar@ sbcglobal. net for information.

#### **School Holiday** Cancelled

The Brackett ISD student holiday scheduled for Monday Feb. 19, in observance of President's Day has been can-

celled. Students must make up for the snow day taken in Janu-

Satuday 02/17: Boys Basketball Monday 02/19: Bad weather more information. make up day. Baseball vs. Falls day 02/22: Boys Basketball Bi-Castroville at Medina Valley HS vs. Flatonia. Friday 02/23: End Tennis @ Uvalde. Saturday 02/ 24: High School Track @ Uvalde. High School Tennis @ Uvalde.

#### **Grief Support Group**

There is a new grief support group which is meeting the first Tuesday of each month in Slator Hall of First United Methodist Church. All who are experiencing grief are invited to come and support each other in their journeys. Call Pastor Jean Reardon at 563-2823 if you have questions. Everyone is welcome.

#### **Quilt Exhibit**

An exhibit will be at John Friday 02/16: Baseball Nance Garner Museum, 333 Scrimage @ Charlotte 4:30 p.m. North Park St. Uvalde, Texas. February 6 through March 17, Warm-up game @ Utopia 6 p.m. 2006, call 830 278-5018 for

#### Elks Charity Golf Tournament

March 3 at the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course, Brackettville, Texas. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m., 4 person team, it will be scramble format. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place teams.

#### **Valentine Dance**

A Valentine Dance sponsered by Fort Clark Community Council will be held on Sat. Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Theatre. Tickets on sale at RVPark and Adult Center. BYOB and LIVE music. Come have a good time. Tickets will also be available at the door. Everyone Welcome!!

#### The Uvalde Arts Council will

be hosting performances by John Conlee, Vale & Alyssa Rodriguez, Liz Talley, and Trey Wilson on March 3, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m at the Grand Opera House in Uvalde. Tickets are \$15 each. Ticket information call 830-278-4184.

#### McNamara Pottery

John McNamara's pottery is on display at The Brackett News Office, 111 W. Spring St. The public is welcome to view and even purchase these unique art

#### Little League Registration Little League registration for

all age divisions will be as follows: Saturday, February 24, 12 PM - 2 PM, HS Gym; Saturday, March 3, 12 PM - 2 PM, HS Gym. The registration fee will be \$30 for one child and \$55 for 2 or more children. Also, please bring a 12-pack of sodas for the concession stand. You will need to bring the child's

Country Music Opry birth certificate and be able to show proof of residency.

#### Relay for Life

Organize a Team and Be a Part of the 2nd Annual Relay for Life April 28th-29th. If you want to have a fun experience and raise money for cancer research to help Kinney County residents, organize a team to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Relay for Life. The theme this year is be a super hero against cancer by raising money for research to beat cancer. There is probably no one whose life has not been affected by cancer of a relative or a friend. Let's work together to make our goal of raising \$30,000 for fighting cancer. If you cannot be on a team, please support the many fundraisers that will be happening in Kinney County for reaching this goal. Together we can make a difference, and be a super hero against cancer. Please contact Angie Steelman at 563-5142 for more information on forming a team for Relay for

# Opinion

#### Editors PLOG

Every now and then I feel I should explain what this column really is. What in the world is a PLOG? Over the last two years, BLOG and BLOGGERS have become television hot button words to describe what some people do on the internet. A BLOG is a web log, or diary that people put up onto the internet for everyone to read. Some very big news stories have been broken by BLOGGERs. They write something, then someone else reads it, investigates it, solves a problem, etc. I have used this column and called it my PLOG or paper log - as a way of tracking my journey through living in Brackettville, owning a business and, of course, as my soap box.

Owning and operating a newspaper puts you in place that you are subject to public scrutiny - every second of the day. Once the paper hits the printing press, there's no taking it back. It's there. Forever and ever, Amen. When mistakes are made- everyone reads them, everyone passes judgement. I love the newspaper. I hate the newspaper. They're such lovely girls. They're such evil girls. Why does everyone call Ali and me girls? Ali is a young woman, yes, but still a woman. And I am darned near a middle-aged crisis! Any day now I will be losing weight, buying a convertible and scheduling belly dancing lessons.

There are so many jobs just like the one I have. Jobs that put you out there. Jobs that your accomplishments or failures make so many people happy or angry enough to leave messages, camp out in the lobby or chat about you over lunch. You could be the director of operations at Fort Clark Springs. Maybe the superintendent of Brackett ISD. What about the county judge? Or the city mayor? What about our soldiers in the armed forces?

It's funny that every step I take, every word I type, I think about what group of people is going to be the most upset about it on Thursday? Will it be the taxpayers? Will it be government officials? Who will it be? My skin has gone from thick to Kevlar.

I usually can tell if something is good, bad or just unsettling to the public by the comments I get at church on Sunday. That's where the truth is. If you want to know, just ask some of ladies at my church. And I say this because I have come to respect it. Naturally at first I was kinda' shocked, but now I look forward to it. If your moral compass gets out of whack, this paper has the directions at least a half dozen local churches. Honesty is not something most people cherish anymore. When did that happen?

The response we get to the paper usually come within the first couple days after a printing. I get phone calls, emails or sometimes my kids come home from school and tell me things, but my personal favorite is when my husband tells me that he was sitting here or there eating and a group of people just went off on the paper, he usually remains quiet unless of course they start taking

digs on me personally. Then big bird gets his feathers ruffled. I have found that every issue has, at the least, two sides. What's written in the paper and then what people think about what's written in the paper. Keep laughing. You know that was funny.



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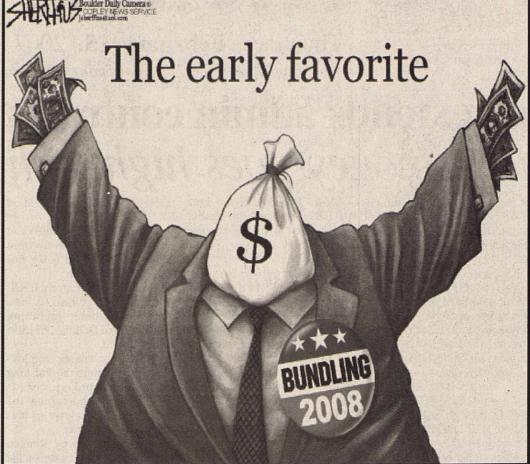
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# Ostby on Iraq

Dear TBN.

Greetings from Iraq. Just a short note to thank you for all your support and request continued support for all of us here. We do monitor as much as we can with what is going on back home. It appears a quite a debate is going on the political front regarding this war. I encourage you all to set your differences aside and continue to case for the majority of the back American public. I can tell you from a soldier's perspective that without the support of you, our job at hand would be additionally challenging. So, again thank you for your support. I my Newsletter.

Team Speicher 19 January 2007

the ones making tremendous sacsence. Know that you all are in tually came around to reality. our thoughts everyday.

Team Speicher is once again Lueders that this is the home Speicher, Iraq

returned to us from the mountains of Afghanistan. As you know from previous newsletter, SFC Chandler has been forward since November 2006. He returned to COB Speicher last week. We are sensing he misses the mountains as he frequently gazes into the vast flat terrain of COB Speicher since his reprovide a united support for turn. Nevertheless, we are your troops. I sense this is the happy to have SFC Chandler

Adams and LTC Harwig what a to be an asset to the Team and "lovely" place COB Speicher is, MAJ Lueders from Camp Victory decided to see it for himself what all the hype was. Well am attaching the last edition of as you can see, he made himself at home right away. I found him racked out at "Speicher Visit- all look forward to the coming for their superb support—you him that he was not in Camp for all of us here. Cheers! folks just ROCK! We here real- Victory anymore. I told him this ize that our family members are is not like the "Palace" in MAJ Bailey Baghdad and that we don't have rifices and yet somehow con- maid service he is used to. I tinue to march on in our ab- think he took it hard but even-

We explained to MAJ

all together. Yes, SFC Chandler town of the former dictator of Iraq and that there's a mural of him on the COB. In order to give MAJ Lueders credit for visiting COB Speicher, we made a stop deployed to Afghanistan for at a popular spot for a photo op-

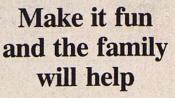
to do good things for the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade where he serves as a subject matter expert for the unit. Reports from the unit chain of command speak volumes of MAJ Bailey's contributions to the Warfighters After learning from COL and their mission. He continues

the war effort. Keep it up! Final thought, as we approach the second half of our deployment, operational assessment efforts continue to consume our efforts. However, we

MAJ Ostby, SFC Chandler,

Team Speicher Out!

MAJ Christopher C. Ostby ATEC FOA VII, Team Speicher, US Army Test and Evaluation Command, COB





The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

As sidetracked people, we are put off by anything that sounds like mundane house-

We are a fun loving people. Why do we have to be stuck doing jobs that we think will take us forever, when others are out having great time.

I have heard you many times as well as my own voice.

We have a challenge every day to muster up enough gumptionto get our frannies moving. This is why I have tried to make it fun.

Timers have added an extra bit of fun and challenge to a project, but they also keep us on track. We all need to be reminded from time to time what we are working on. We can stay focused if all we have to do is 15 minutes. Children love tim-

House work is such an ugly word. This is why I have tried to help you realize that you are not working when you are blessing your family!

We have been raised to be-MAJ (XP) Bailey continues lieve that house cleaning is an all day affair.

No one needs to spend that kind of time maintaining your

When you establish your routines and start dancing through your day with every move blessing your family, it is not like work at all!

I have always hated to dust. My mother made us remove everything from the tables, then dust and put everything back; it took what seemed hours.

Now all I do is pull out my magic feather dusting wand and ing Quarters." I believe he was months and weeks; and the buzz around my home while I Greetings from COB expecting quarters similar or "freedom flight" home to our am on the phone and before I Speicher, Iraq! Team Speicher better than his at Camp Victory. loved ones. Until then, we re-know it, our whole home, evthanks all the family and friends I had to break the bad news to quest your continued support ery surface has been dusted. No

It has been done and I felt like a fairy princess gliding and dancing around my home.

When was the last time you had that much fun dusting.

If you take 2 minutes and feather dust every day, you will never have to see dusty finger streaks on your furniture.

You know the ones where someone in the family writes, "DUST ME!" In fact you may never see dirt and dust again.

A real feather duster is a fun tool and mine even has some purple feathers in it. I feel so special when I use

Just let me warn you, they can be addictive.

When your family sees how much fun you are having, they will want to do it for you!

This is kind of like Tom Sawyer whitewashing the fence.

Children love them too; a tool becomes a toy that does a job in the hands of your babies. Of course, you have to set the example and teach them how to use it.

Have you ever wondered how to get your children excited about keeping their rooms clean?

I have a friend who figured it out many years ago and now she is making it available to ev-

Her creativity has children cleaning their rooms all over the

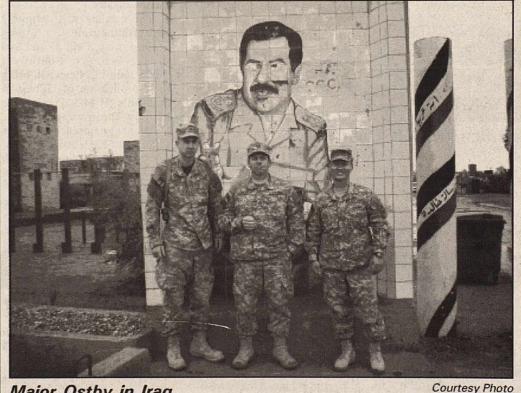
Pam Young created the persona of the House Fairy. Go check out this other great tool for our children; www.House Fairy.org.

Your children will run to clean their rooms.

Housework doesn't have to be dreaded, it can become a fun family game with everyone pitching in.

You just need to make it enjoyable.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.Fly Lady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her new book, Body Clutter published by Fireside.



Major Ostby in Iraq

MAJ Lueders, SFC Chandler and MAJ Ostby stand in front of a mural of the former

dictator of Iraq, now a popular spot for visitors to take photographs.



Listen to win trips to Vegas, Orlando, New York and other great destinations!

check out our photos of the week www.thebrackettnews.com

#### BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

# Class of 2007



#### Laura Meyer

Name: Laura Meyer Mother: Phyllis Meyer Father: Les Meyer Siblings: brother-in-law Cliff Kinnibrugh, Leslie

Kinnibrugh, and Sarah Meyer What Are Your Plans After Graduation?: I am planning on attending Texas A&M where I will major in Biomedical Science. This will be very tough, but after 4 years I will attend another

college and study pharmacy. What Teacher Influenced You The Most? Mrs. Ballew influenced me the most throughout high school. She taught me 5 years in a row and never gave up on me.

What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? Humm this is a tough one. I'll miss my friends and family the most.



#### Emily Valenzuela

Name: Emily Marie Valenzuela Mother: Mary Campos Father: David Campos Siblings: Calli Jo and Stella Campos What are your plans after graduation? To at-

What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Curry, she inspired me to go to college. She challenged me everyday in class to make my-self a better student. Without her I wouldn't have made the decision to go to college. What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? Waking up and not havng to worry about anything.



#### John Moore

Name: John Travis Moore Mother: Susan Moore Father: Rendall Moore Siblings: Joseph Pitts, Danielle Moore.

Samantha Moore What are your plans after graduation? I have been accepted to UT Tyler, and I plan to get a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Norton from Alto has influenced me the most, because she taught in a way that I wanted to

know more about Science and Math. What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? I will miss sports after I



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



BHS Students Present Program on Dual Credit Classes to Rotary

Laura Adams, Summer Allen,

Samuel Childress, Roxane

Gomez, Jessica Gonzales, Esna

Herrera, Jessica Jones, Samantha

mony Pettett, Maribel Rivas,

Arlene Roth, Jacob Schroeder,

Juniors

Hunt, Joshua Kluzek, Ashley Stephenson and Anolda

Seniors

Pevehouse, Amanda Rosas,

Dolores Cano, Alison

The Brackett Rotary Club welcomed students from Brackett High School for a program about Dual Credit Classes offered at BHS. Students Justin Calk, Cesar Cantu, Laura Meyer and Gabby Schroeder were accompanied by class monitor, Sherry Hall. The students showed power point presentations and discussed the structure and benefits of the classes. To enroll in classes, students must meet college entrance requirements on the ACCUPLACER test. BHS currently offers opportunities for juniors and seniors to enroll in 18 hours of college classes offered through Southwest Texas Junior College. Parents that have questions about the program can talk with Principal Frank Taylor or Academic Advisory Louisa Stone at the high school.

#### 2nd Six Weeks Junior High and High School Honor Roll CINEMARK Sophomores

High School A Honor Roll

Freshmen Cheyenne Billings, Victor Amanda Braesicke, Emily Calk, Cantu, Brooklyn Gose, Jeffrey Sitgreaves and Isaac Talamantes.

Sophomore Samantha Moore and Laura Kuhns, Rebecca Mann, Har-Swinson.

Juniors

Lauren Cornelius, Meghann Veronica Talamantes, Bianca Terrazas and Edward Travieso. Davis, Gabriella Schroeder and Bianca Stewart.

Seniors

Diana Doolie Fernandez, Daphne Justin Calk, Hernandez, Laura Meyer, Austin Shewbart and Jessica Siegel.

**High School AB Honor Roll** Freshmen

Adrianna Balderas, John Carroll, Clint Conrad, Robert Blake, Cody Clark, Charles Davis, Allison Del Bosque, John Conoly, Shaun Davis, Brianna Moore, Jaime Muniz, Robin Escamilla, Ivy Garcia, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Pablo Natasha Smith, Michael Novel, Jaleel Proulx and Ashley Stephenson, Brenda Tate and

President's List.

Roll.

Students must earn a 4.0

grade point average to be

3.65-3.99 grade point average

to be named to the Dean's List,

and a 3.5-3.64 grade point av-

erage to be named to the Honor

Christian, coeducational university offering a full array of liberal arts, pre-professional, and

honors studies, as well as a graduate program to its students.

main campus in Brownwood, Texas, and at seven extension

centers across the state, the university is affiliated with the Bap-

tist General Convention of

ber of favorable rankings in "America's Best Colleges 2007," published by U.S. News

2007 High School

**Track Schedule** 

Apr. 27, 28 SHSU Huntsville

May 11, 12 Austin (State)

2007 J.H.

Track Schedule

March 26 LaPryor (District)

Uvalde

LaPryor

Carrizo Springs

LaPryor

Rocksprings

Crystal City

LaPryor (District)

Harper (Area)

(Regional)

Del Rio

LaPryor

Rocksprings

Feb. 24

Mar. 1

Mar. 8

Mar. 15

Mar. 22

Mar. 29

Apr. 4

Apr. 11

March 2

March 9

March 21

HPU received a record num-

Located on a residential

academic honors at HPU

Nadine Terrazas.

Brackettville native earns

Watkins.

Patrick Rose, son of Pat and & World Report. For the fourth consecutive Sharon Rose was recently named to academic honor lists year, HPU claimed slots in both for the 2006 fall semester at the "Top Schools" and "Best Howard Payne University. Value" categories among com-Rose was named to the prehensive bachelor's degreegranting institutions in the West-

ern region of the United States. The university was also recnamed to the President's List, a ognized in five other categories including "Highest Proportion of Classes Under 20," "Lowest Acceptance Rate," "Highest Graduation Rate," "Campus Ethnic Diversity," and "Economic Diversity," Founded in 1889, HPU is a nomic Diversity.

#### Junior High A Honor Roll

8th Grade Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Haley Hale, Sahara Rodriguez and Joshua Smith. Junior High AB Honor Roll

7th Grade Brittany Hale, Nevada Payne, Yanira Perez, Jared Shirkey and Joel Talamantes.

8th Grade

Marisol Aguirre, Sarah Bailee Allen, Travis Bonner, Davis, Michael Flores, Stella Guajardo, Ayland Letsinger, Manuel Pena, Janine Rex, Jaime Rodriguez, Steven Rodriguez, Suzanna Seargeant, Erica Villanueva and Olivia Woodes.

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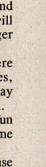


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LK "Buddy" Burgess

Monday, January 29

questing deputy assistance. A

woman requested deputy as-

sistance. A deputy was ad-

Tuesday, January 30

ported a fire hydrant that was

left on. A city employee was

curity reported an incident at

a residence house. A deputy

Wednesday, January 31

brought in another woman

stating that someone had hit

her in the face. A deputy

4:20 p.m. A man requested

deputy assistance in locating

some of his personal posses-

sions. A deputy was advised.

Thursday, February 1

Cagle, 49, of Brackettville

was arrested on warrants for

terroristic threat. Cagle was

released the same day on a

DeLeon, 48, of Brackettville

was arrested for DWI and

DWLI. DeLeon was released

the next day on a \$2,700

Friday, February 2

55, of Uvalde was arrested for

DWI third offense. Vela was

released on Feb. 4 after serv-

6:35 p.m. A local store re-

6:45 p.m. Edward Solis,

ported a disturbance with a

customer in their store. A

52, of Spofford was arrested

for public intoxication. Solis

was released the next day with

20, of Del Rio was arrested

for warrants out of Val Verde

county. Jasso was released the

next day on a \$10,000 bond.

Saturday, February 3

called to report damage to his

vehicle at the school. A

an unwanted individual and

requested deputy assistance.

Sunday, February 4

ported a fight. A deputy was

wanting to make a complaint

24, of Rhome, TX was ar-

rested for DWLI. Vasquez was

on a person for trespassing.

dispatched to the location.

5:11 p.m. A 911 caller re-

5:20 p.m. A woman called

7:45 p.m. David Vasquez,

Deputies were dispatched.

deputy was advised.

12:30 a.m. A person

5:03 p.m. A man reported

10:50 p.m. Fidel Jasso, Jr.,

deputy was dispatched.

ing time.

time served.

5:00 p.m. Demetrio Vela,

11:30 a.m. John Antonio

\$1,200 x 2 bond.

11:05 a.m. Kyle Marvin

spoke with the women.

3:10 p.m. A woman

notified of the situation.

was advised.

9:13 p.m. A woman re-

9:35 p.m. Fort Clark Se-

deputy was dispatched.

vised.

6:11 p.m. A man called re-

7:32 p.m. A Fort Clark



Original Poems By Cassandra Jane Gomez

I finally found the inspiration I needed to write a poem for my mommy...

My Treasure—My Mom I look back on these years To see how far I've come and

I take a trip down memory

And what I see has shown ... That every step I've taken,



Happy 87th Birthday MOM! Cornada (Cora) Garcia

You have been there by my side ..

From infancy to now, We've stood the test of time. You cradled me and nurtured

Through all these many You held me and did com-

fort me,

Through happiness and

You'd pick me up when I would fall,

You'd dust me off and then, Encourage me to get back on That horse and ride again. Your constant care and love, And your warm inviting

Has always been a treasure

I knew would never depart. If I could be "just half" the to sharp or extra sharp.

You have been to me ... Then you have taught me well

For in my heart I see ... A woman whose most gentle

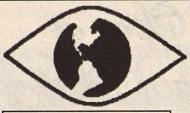
Embraces me each day ... A woman whom I dearly

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Brother J.

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It varies is flavor from mild

I have had some that was so sharp that I could hardly eat it.

Cheddar cheese reminds me of a problem that we all encounter time and time again in life. It is the problem of forgiving

I came in from work the other evening tired and hungry.

My wife asked me a question and my response was sharp.

The next morning the first thing I did was apologize to her. The Bible teaches us not to

take every word so seriously, (Ecclesiastes 7:21).

Second, it instructs us to forgive, (Matthew 5:7 & 6:12, 14,

Many times I find it hard or impossible to forgive and I have to call upon God to help me, (Philippians 4:13 & Galatians 5:22, 23).

Do we just forgive once? No the Bible says time and time again, (Matthew 17:4 &18:22).

The Bible also teaches if we are unwilling to forgive others God will not forgive us, (Mark

With Christ's help we can become tenderhearted, merciful, forgiving and not hold grudges, (Romans 12:17, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

## Believe not every spirit



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into

Hereby know ye the spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is God.

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is the spirit of the anti christ where of ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the

Ye are of God little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. I John 4:1-4

#### Yet I will rejoice

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my sal-

The Lord God is my strength and he will make my feet like hinds feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instrument.

Habakkuh 3:17-19 Praise the Lord!

## Good news good news



Pat Sitzes

CHEER has been notified that we now have tax exempt status under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

All contributions to CHEER are tax deductible effective back to August 29, 2006.

Since many in our county make regular charitable contributions to other organizations, CHEER would like to take this opportunity to solicit financial contributions for CHEER.

As a Kinney County nonprofit organization, we are committed to improving the quality of health and wellness of our citizens.

The mammography day from Christus Santa Rosas was a great start, and we look forward to continuing success in the future.

Together we can make CHEER a health resource for Kinney County. Future projects CHEER will

be working to provide to our residents are diabetic education classes, and providing a space for counseling here in Brackettville.

CHEER would like to have the names of anyone who would be interested in using mobile mammography in the future.

As soon, as we get enough women signed up, CHEER will contact Christus Santa Rosas for another date for mammog-

Currently, we are thinking April or May. We are looking for women 40 and over, and especially women who have never had a mammogram.

Those of you, who have been given a buddy bracelet to get your mammogram, please sign up. Call CHEER at 830-563-5528 to signup.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to CHEER may send their tax deductible donation to PO Box 706, Brackettville, TX

Please visit our website www.cheer-brackettville.com for information on what CHEER is doing and to take our survey to help us plan for the needs of the residents of Kinney County.

#### Kinney County Sheriff's Report

released the next day on a \$200 bond.

#### Monday, February 5

5:54 a.m. A person reported a two vehicle accident on HWY 90 E. with debris on the road. EMS, Fire Dept. and Highway dept. were notified.

#### Tuesday, February 6

8:00 a.m. Ramon Falcon, 53, of Brackettville was arrested for deceptive trade practice was released the same day on \$4,000 PR bond.

10:20 a.m. William Torres Lopez, 26, of Brackettville was arrested for DWLI. Lopez was released the same day on \$1,200 PR Bond.

8:51 p.m. A Union Pacific employee reported railroad ties on fire on HWY 131. A deputy was notified.

#### Wednesday, February 7

9:28 a.m. A man reported gravel trucks blocking traffic view on HWY 90. A deputy radioed in and said he would take care of the situation.

8:12 a.m. A BISD employee requested deputy assistance. A deputy was notified.

3:40 p.m. A person reported reckless drivers in front of the school. A deputy was dispatched.

6:25 p.m. A woman reported a person harassing customers in a local restaurant. A deputy was dispatched.

7:35 p.m. A man called to tell the game warden he would be calling. The game warden was notified. Thursday, February 8

#### 11:59 a.m. A 911 caller re-

ported a domestic disturbance and requested a deputy. Friday, February 9

#### Jaime Pacheco, Jr., 31, of

Del Rio was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Pacheco was released the same day on a \$2,000 bond.

#### Saturday, February 10

11:50 a.m. Johnny Wayne Flanagon, 24, of Houston was arrested for DWLI. Flanagon was released the same day on a \$1,200 bond.

3:45 p.m. Mark Anthony Tovar, 37, of Del Rio was arrested for possession of marijuana, more than five pounds but less than 50 pounds. Tovar was released the next day on a \$7,500 bond.

6:35 p.m. A 911 caller reported a woman harassing people at her house. A deputy was advised.

9:35 p.m. A 911 caller reported a reckless driver on HWY 90 east of Brackettville. S was notified.

#### Sunday, February 11

4:25 p.m. A man reported two vehicles racing. A deputy was informed of the situation.

#### Monday, February 12 9:20 p.m. A Sentry Secu-

rity employee reported an alarm sounding at a local business. A deputy and store manager were notified.

#### Tuesday, February 13 12:37 a.m. A woman re-

ported a loud, suspicious vehicle. A deputy was notified.

12:40 a.m. A Sentry Security employee reported an alarm sounding at a local business. A deputy and store manager were notified.

#### First Baptist Church (SBC)

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Pastor Jeff Janca

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# I'm Soooooo Sorry



Steven LaMascus

Have you noticed all the stuff in the news lately about various celebrities making public statements of apology and contrition because of something they said in anger or jest?

It started with Mel Gibson. Then it was Michael Richards, who played Cosmo Kramer on the TV comedy Seinfeld. Then it was some actress who's name I forget. Now it's Kevin Federline apologizing to fast food workers because of a super bowl commercial. In between there were several others. Seems to me like nobody can say anything about anybody. If you make a humorous crack about cesspool cleaners being "honey dippers" you end up in a clinic to learn to be more tolerant and

understanding. Most of it is pure horse apples. The celebrity, whoever it might be, meant exactly what he or she said, isn't going to change his opinion, but has learned that if he apologizes profusely, walks around with his head down for a few weeks, and attends a class or two on tolerance, he will be forgiven. Or, perhaps, he said it in a moment

the first place. He might even real news? have had a good reason to say it, whatever it was.

stand that there are more glam- are the one who needs help. orous, higher paying jobs out there, you need to attend a clinic insulting someone that we are on reality. And, if you don't afraid to talk. We are so afraid want to be called names — like of being called intolerant that we in the case of Michael Richards are afraid to speak the truth. It

show, just leave, but don't get rectness and it, along with our upset when he responds to your loss of faith in God, is going to attack with one of his own. It's be the death of this nation. We human nature. If you haven't shouldn't belittle the underprivifallen pray to the same feelings leged, make fun of the infirm, then you should stay away from or just be jerks for no reason. wooden crosses. around looking for something to neighbor as ourselves. If we live

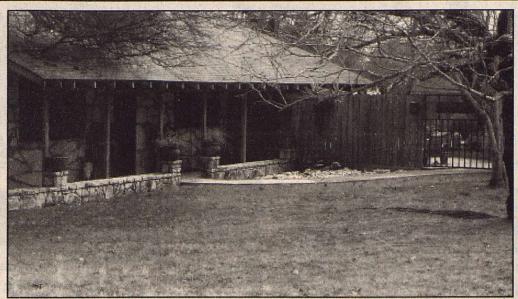
mad without our searching for it is better to be thought a fool more? I don't know about you, than to open your mouth and but I'm even tired of being an- prove it, is very true. gry. I am constantly upset by the ture and public lands and wa- me. I might even like to have it ters; by our negative reactions engraved on my tombstone just to religion; and a thousand other below the verse of Joshua 24:15. things. I have almost quit watch- It is: "Ride hard, shoot straight, ing the TV news because it has and speak the truth!" Think nothing in it but blood, guts, about it.

of anger and didn't mean it in and controversy. Where is the

If you are a cop, get ready to hear donut jokes. If you are fat, I am sick of it! First I'm sick get ready to hear fat jokes. If you of everybody wearing their feel- are a lawyer, get ready to hear ings on their sleeves. Federline's lawyer jokes. If you are an commercial was supposed to be Aggie, get ready to hear Aggie funny. If you work in a jokes. It is normal, it is natural, McDonalds and don't under- and if it bothers you, then you

We have become so afraid of - don't heckle him when he is is another symptom of the creepon stage. If you don't like his ing cancer called political cor-That is the simple truth. Jesus Second, why do we run told us that we should love our be angry about? Doesn't life give by that rule we won't have to us enough opportunities to get apologize. The old saying that

I try to live by a simple motto. stupidity of our elected officials It is one that I read in a book a local, state, and federal. I am long time ago. It doesn't make upset by our foreign policy; by much sense to some people toour national policy towards na- day, but it means a great deal to



Yard of the Month

Neal and Barbara Simmons at #11 Bowie St., FCS were chosen as February's Yard of the Month by the Mountain Laurel Garden Club.

Washers, horseshoes and hole-in-one golf Springs will feature the festival each year. CAVALRYMAN'S TOURNAand a Hole-in-One Golf Compe-

The Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th at Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville,

There is no admission fee. \$1.00 Parking fee for non-mem-

Artisans and Vendors will again fill the east end of the old Seminole Hall with Art, Textiles, Jewelry, Gourd creations, Tshirts and Wood crafts.

Craftsmen and vendors from

Festival 2007 at Fort Clark throughout the area travel to the Mary Jane Olson 563-9177.

Vendors can sign up for a MENT - Washers, Horseshoes booth (booth fee depending on for Saturday, March 10th at 2:30 size) by contacting Kellen Hendricks at 563-2391

Enjoy the Festival in period costume.

The Old Quarry Society has once again made available their selection of dresses, skirts. blouses, vests and accessories appropriate for festival use. A deposit of \$20.00 dollars (twenty) is required for each cos-Post Theater in good condition.

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Winners in the FORT CLARK 'S IDOL Talent Show on March 10th will be awarded cash prizes.

First place will take \$100, Second Place \$50 and Third tume, and will be returned when Place will be awarded \$25 Evcostume is turned back in to ery entrant will be given a Certificate of Participation.

For further information contact Charlene Simmons at 830-563-3070, P. O. Box 1975, For more information call Brackettville, TX 78832 or Mary A. Partlow 563-9178 or wychar@sbcglobal.net

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New Barbecue Pit at Civic Center

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

#### Lutheran Women's Valentine luncheon

Submitted by Ruth Spencer

The February monthly meeting of the Lutheran women's organization was held on Monday, Feb, 12, 2007, with 32 ladies present. Chairman Natalie Thelen called the meeting to order and Mary Jane Olson gave the opening invocation. Secretary and treasurer's reports were given by Barbara Miller. Chairman Thelen reported on activities the women's organization is involved with, both in the community and church related projects. Some of our on-going community projects include providing school supplies for needy children at Brackettville elementary school and also collecting Betty Crocker education coupons, which the school may use to buy educational materials. We also have a "Charlie Brown" Christmas tree with names of local children to buy presents, hoping to make their Christmas more joyful. This year we are studying women of the bible. Barbara Williams gave an interesting presentation about a Shu'nammite woman whose faith was tested at different times until she encountered meetings

with Elijah, in regards to her son. Margaret Peiplow entertained the ladies with four love ballads while luncheon was being served. Several ladies related incidents involving their dating or married life which kept the ladies laughing. The gathering closed with the Lord's prayer. The next meeting of Lutheran Women's organization is scheduled for March 12 at 11 a.m. Any person interested in more information about Our Redeemer L.W.O. can contact chairman Natalie Thelen.

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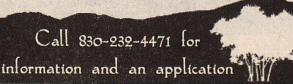


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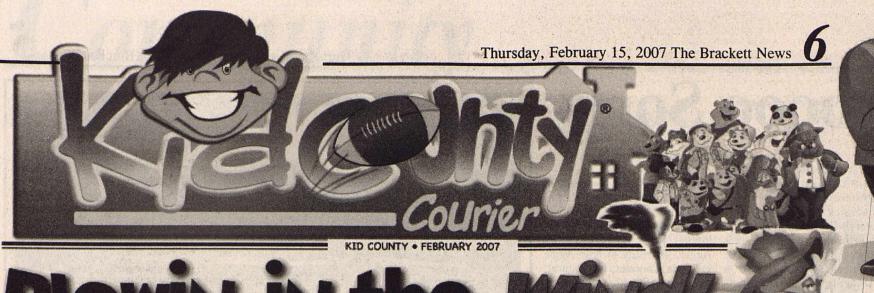
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hen you are outside V and you feel a movement of air, what do you call it? Wind, right?

You might be interested to know that there are more than 80 names for wind in various countries. I'm not talking about the different languages, but different names for different types of wind.

For example, in California, the gusts of warm, dry air that come blowing through Southern California during autumn and early winter are called the "Santa Ana" winds.

Sometimes winds caused by certain types of geography have different names in different countries. The foehn

(FO-ini) wind occurs when a deep layer of wind blows over a mountain range and down the other side. The wind heats up on the downside and can raise temperatures as much as 50 degrees or more in a matter of hours.

One term for these winds is "snow-eaters" because of their ability to quickly melt

In other regions of the world, these winds are

\* "Zonda winds" in Argen-

"Chinook winds" in the Rocky Mountains and the Chugach Mountains of Alaska,

"Diablo winds" in the San Francisco Bay Area,

"Santa Ana winds" in Southern California, and "The Nor'wester" in southem New Zealand.

Another oddly named wind is "The Witch of November." This name is given to the winds that blow across the Great Lakes of the northern United States in November.

Dust Devil or 'Willy Willy

ave you ever seen a "dust devil?" You know — one of those little spinning columns of dust you sometimes see in hot and dry areas of the county?

A dust devil is just a rotating updraft of wind that looks like a small tornado. They are especially common in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, California and Colorado, but can occur just about anywhere if

Did you know that in Australia, dust devils are commonly known as



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# Panama Canal: The Big Dig!

By Crash More than 125 years ago — in 1880, to be exact - the largest construction

project in history began. It took 34 years to complete it and it's still being used today. Know what it

It's the Panama Canal! The canal is a major ship channel that connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

It was necessary to build the canal because a ship traveling from New York to California had to go more than 14,000 miles (22,500 kilometers) around South America through a dangerous stretch of ocean known as Cape

Hom. ine canai passage, cut through rocky land and jungle through the Isthmus of Panama in Central America, cut the trip

to less than

6,000 miles (9,500 kilometers). Now that's a big time-

saver! You want to know what an isthmus is? Look it up!

OK, here's a hint: It's a narrow strip of land bordered by at least two bodies of water. Hmmmmm - that's not really a hint, is

The canal is 48 miles (77

kilometers) long. More than 14,000 ships go through the canal each year and more than 800,000 ships have made the passage since the Panama Canal was opened.

It even has a nickname:



# Well. That's Some Nerve: 'Funny Bone' Not a Bone!

By Professor Forest Here's a riddle for you: What "bone" in your body can you never break?

Give up? It's called the "funny bone."

If you have ever hit the inside of your elbow in the soft area between the two bones and felt a tingling or dull pain, then you know what your "funny bone" is.

It's not a bone, but a nerve that causes the pain or weird feeling. It's called the funny bone because it "feels" funny when you bang it on the edge of a table or something. The nerve is called the ulnar nerve and it controls the feeling in your fourth and fifth fingers. The ulnar nerve also controls wrist movement.

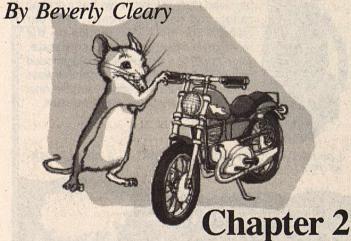
The "funny" sensation occurs when the ulnar nerve iş knocked against the humerus (HYOOmuh-rus) bone, the one that starts at your elbow and goes up to your shoulder.

When I was a kid I once told my grandfather a joke and he said, "That tickles my funny bone." He laughed then, but now that I know what the funny bone really is.

Maybe my joke was so bad that it "hurt" or "felt funny."

That's a joke. Get it? Did it tickle your funny bone?

## The Mouse and the Motorcycle



NiE - Newspapers in Education! Join us as we enjoy this young readers classic.. The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary.

With special permission, each week, one chapter of this book will be printed in The Brackett News. Did you miss last week's

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Chapter 2 The Motorcycle

Except for one terrifying moment when the boy had poked his finger through the mousehole, a hungry young mouse named Ralph eagerly watched everything that went on in Room 215. At first he was disappointed at the size of the room. A little child, preferably two or even three children, messy children were always con-

liked, it was a snoopy dog. Next Ralph felt hopeful. Medium-sized boys could almost always be counted on to leave a sticky candy bar wrapper on the floor or a bag of peanuts on the bedside table, where Ralph could reach them by climbing up the telephone cord. With a boy this size, the food, though not apt to be plentiful, was almost sure to be of good quality.

The third emotion felt by Ralph was joy when the boy laid the apple core by the telephone. This was followed by despair when the mother dropped the core into the metal wastebasket. Ralph knew that anything at the bottom of a metal wastebasket was lost to a mouse forever.

A mouse lives not by crumbs boy who was to occupy the alone and so Ralph experienced still another emotion; this time food was not the cause of it. would have been better. Little Ralph was eager, excited, curious, and impatient all at once. siderate about leaving crumbs The emotion was so strong it worried when Ralph climbed on the carpet. Oh well, at least made him forget his empty stomthese people did not have a dog. ach. It was caused by those little sill to watch the chipmunk in

boy made. That sound seemed to satisfy something within Ralph, as if he had been waiting all his life to hear it.

Pb-pb-b-b went the boy. To the mouse the sound spoke of back by the wind.

room to go to dinner, Ralph scurried out of the mousehole and across the threadbare carpet to the telephone cord, which came out of a hole in the floor beside the bedside table.

"Ralph!" scolded his mother tor!" his mother called after him. from the mousehole. "You stay away from that telephone cord!" Ralph's mother was a great worrier. She worried because their hotel was old and run-down and because so many rooms were often empty with no careless guests to leave crumbs behind for mice. She worried about the rumor that their hotel was to be torn down when the new highway came through. She worried about her children finding aspirin tablets. Ralph's father had tried to carry an aspirin tablet in his cheek pouch, the aspirin had dissolved with unexpected suddenness, and Ralph's father had been poisoned. Since then no member of the family would think of touching an aspirin tablet, but this did not prevent Ralph's mother from worrying.

Most of all Ralph's mother worried about Ralph. She wormouse, who stayed out late in the daytime when he should have been home safe in bed. She the curtain to sit on the window-If there was one thing Ralph discars, especially that motorcycle the pine tree outside and the cars

worried because Ralph wanted to go exploring down the hall instead of traveling under the floorboards like a sensible mouse. Heaven only knew what dangers he might meet in the highways and speed, of distance hall-maids, bellboys, perhaps and danger, and whiskers blown even cats. Or what was worse, vacuum cleaners. Ralph's The instant the family left the mother had a horror of vacuum cleaners Ralph, who was used to his

mother's worries, got a good running start and was already halfway up the telephone cord.

"Remember your Uncle Vic-

Ralph seemed not to hear. He climbed the cord up to the telephone, jumped down, and ran around to the row of cars. There it was on the end-the motorcycle! Ralph stared at it and then walked over and kicked a tire. Close up the motorcycle looked even better than he expected. It was new and shiny and had a good set of tires. Ralph walked all the way around it, examining the pair of chromium mufflers and the engine and the hand clutch. It even had a little license plate so it would be legal to ride it.

"Boy!" said Ralph to himself. his whiskers quivering with excitement. "Boy, oh, boy!" Feeling that this was an important moment in his life, he took hold of the handgrips. They felt good and solid beneath his paws. Yes, this motorcycle was ried because he was a reckless a good machine all right. He could tell by the feel. Ralph threw a leg over the motorcycle and sat jauntily on the plastic seat. He even bounced up and down. The seat was curved just right to fit a mouse.

and the pb-pb-b-b sound the in the parking lot below. She cycle? Ralph did not know. And even if he did know how to start it, he could not do much riding up here on the bedside table. He considered pushing the motorcycle off onto the floor, but he did not want to risk damaging such a valuable machine.

Ralph bounced up and down on the seat a couple more times and looked around for some way to start the motorcycle. He pulled at a lever or two but nothing happened. Then a terrible thought spoiled his pleasure. This was only a toy. It would not run at all.

many children in Room 215, had picked up a lot of information about toys. He had seen a boy from Cedar Rapids throw his model airplane on the floor because he could not make its plastic parts fit properly. A little girl had burst into tears and run sobbing to her mother when her doll's arm had come out of its socket. And then there was that nice boy, the potato chip nibbler, who stamped his foot because the batteries kept falling out of his car.

But this toy could not be like all those other toys he had seen. It looked too perfect with its wire spokes in its wheels and its pair of shiny chromium exhaust pipes. It would not be right if it did not run. It would not be fair. A motorcycle that looked as real as this one had to run. The secret of making it run must be perfectly simple if only Ralph had someone to show him what it was.

Ralph was not satisfied just sitting on the motorcycle. Ralph craved action. After all, what was a motorcycle for if it wasn't action? Who needed motorcycle But how to start the motor- riding lessons? Not Ralph! He the motorcycle and lay still.

tried pushing himself along with his feet. This was not nearly fast enough, but it was better than nothing. He moved his feet faster along the tabletop and then lifted them up while he coasted. Feeling braver, he bent low over the handlebars and worked his feet still faster toward the edge of the bedside table. When he worked up a little speed he would coast around the corner. He scrabbled his feet on the tabletop to gain momentum. In a split second he would steer to the left-

At that moment the bell on Ralph, who had watched the telephone rang half a ring, so close that it seemed to pierce the middle of Ralph's bones. It rang just that half ring, as if the girl at the switchboard realized she had rung the wrong room and had jerked out the cord before the ring was finished.

That half a ring was enough. It shattered Ralph's nerves and terrified him so that he forgot all about steering. It jumbled his thoughts until he forgot to drag his heels for brakes. He was so terrified he let go of the handgrips. The momentum of the motorcycle carried him forward, over the edge of the table. Down, down through space tumbled Ralph with the motorcycle. He tried to straighten out, to turn the fall into a leap, but the motorcycle got in his way. He grabbed in vain at the air with both paws. There was nothing to clutch, nothing to save him, only the empty air. For a fleeting instant he thought of his poor old Uncle Victor. That was the instant the motorcycle landed with a crash in the metal wastebasket.

Ralph fell in a heap beside

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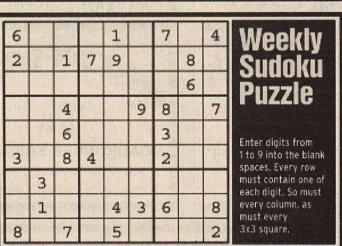
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What's Up?

Decide if the word up is used as a preposition, adjective or adverb.

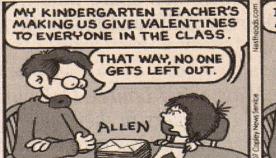
1. Harry woke up late for work.

2. Priscilla is always up on the latest gossip

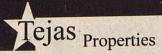
3. The coffee shop is just up the street.

4. Gas prices are up again.

Answers: 1. adverb 2. adjective 3. preposition 4. adjective







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job front. Stop talking about

what should be done and ini-

tiate a decisive plan of action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

You are on the receiving end

of good fortune or favors. Do

not take your gifts for granted.

Live in a constant state of thankfulness and express your

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22

Dec. 21): Lay low and review

your life from a personal stand-

appreciation.

#### YOUR HOROSCOPE BY WANDA PERRY

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sider the most advantageous

construction thereof or to reject

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Mentors, parents or someone in authority will play an important role in your life. Follow their lead or guidance and use the benefits of their wisdom and experience. CANCER (June 22 - July 22): There is a lot going on inside

your head as your brain reels

with new ideas. Focus your at-

tention on education, travel or political aspiration. LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): It pays to be meticulous and careful in your financial affairs. Take your time and make sure that you are abreast of everything that could affect your

earnings.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
Enjoy uncovering your cultural roots and exploring artifacts from several generations. An item from a distant relative will get you started on this jour-

point. Think of yourself as an observer whose main goal is to collect healing or helpful emotional data. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The most avant-garde or unusual subjects will catch your eye this week. Delve into projects that will take you down an exciting path of discovery AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Stay on guard financially and avoid a free-for-all shopping spree. Get serious about

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saving. Work to establish a

If your birthday is this week, brace yourself for an exciting, adventurous and somewhat turbulent time in your life. Expect the unexpected in the affairs of the heart and look for changes or opportunities on the emotional front. An increase in wealth or income is also indicated. Step out of the crowd and be willing to think outside of the box. Follow up on an unusual and inspiring moneymaking idea that will prove to be worth exploring.

# Nest Heads by John Allen

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