

Nine vie for school board positions

year's school board election, as board of trustees for four and a seven men and two women have thrown their names in the hat for the three open positions.

positions were due on Monday, Mar. 12, and the drawing for Mar. 13.

In The Running:

Every vote will count in this Springs, has served on the city limits. half years.

ettville, has three children in vate-sector consultant. Smith has Applications for the trustee high school and is a federal law one student in junior high enforcement employee.

Cash Letsinger is a federal ballot positions was held on law enforcement employee and enforcement employee, has two has one child in high school and another in junior high. Sondra Meil, of Fort Clark Letsinger resides outside the Clark Springs.

Star Smith, of Fort Clark Springs is retired from the US Tony Molinar, of Brack- Air Force and currently a prischool.

> Steven Stafford, a federal law children in the elementary school. Stafford resides on Fort

Tony Ashley, a state law enforcement employee, has two children in the elementary school . Ashley is a county resident.

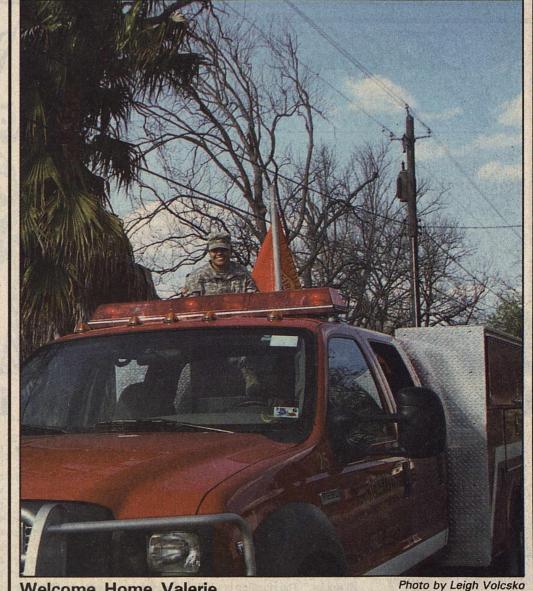
Dan Laws, of Fort Clark Springs, is the General Manager for Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. Laws resides on Fort Clark Springs.

Andrea Garcia is a county law enforcement employee and lives in Brackettville.

Cesar Cantu, Jr., of Fort Clark Springs, has two children in high school and is a state law enforcement employee.

According to a memo distributed by BISD, the last day for candidates to withdraw or remove their names from the ballot is April 28, at 5 p.m.

Early voting begins on Apr. 30, in the high school auditorium and the election will be on Saturday, May 12.



Welcome Home Valerie

Valerie Terrazas made her way through Brackett in grand style on March 10. Terrazas, home on a two week furlough from the war in Iraq, was escorted by Brackettville Volunteer Firemen, Kinney County Sheriff Deputies and at least a dozen vehicles filled with family and friends. Terrazas is the daughter of Jesse and Elda Terrazas of Brackettville.



Sondra Meil

Sondra Meil pulled the top slot on this year's BISD Board of Trustees Ballot. Meil is only one of nine candidates running for three open positions in May.

City hires municipal judge City tightens up laws on loose dogs Brackettville aldermen ap- made, a dog picked up by the

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Federal judge dismisses civil rights case against water district Federal Judge Xavier ettville. Sion or walt for the Double of the United States The judge dismissed almost et al vs. KCGCD case to work its way through the state court.

serve as a municipal judge for City during a regular meeting on Mar. 13, at the City Annex Building.

The hiring a municipal city to issue citations for violations of the city ordinances, including junk cars and loose dog infractions.

Feagley's appointment was unanimous with all council members present.

ises to clamp down on dogs running loose, amended City Ordinance 1996-2.3000, and and Safety Code 822. The entire health code can be central.com. Click on Health and Safety.

pointed Charles Feagley to city could be released with a promise by the owner to supply the vaccination certificates within five days. Now, unless a certificate can be provided at the time of release, the dog judge will now permit the owner's will have to make arrangements for their animal to be vaccinated while in custody and pay a fee of \$10, for each day the dog is in the city's care.

Council also voted to close the city's transfer station on Saturdays. All non-compact Charles Feagley City leaders, attempting to waste (scrap lumber, furniture, make good on recent prom- etc.) will be picked up by appointment. City employees will measure items and prepare an judge will now permit the invoice charging customers a adopted the Texas Health rate of \$7.50 per cubic yard (3'x 3'x 3').

City leaders issued a reviewed on www.texaspolice- minder on March 14, stating the City will only pick up items after they have been properly Until the amendment was notified and payment made.



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Rodriguez of the United States District Court Western District case filed by Kinney County ranchers, Hugh and Dennette Coates on March 12.

In September, 2006, the Coateses charged the Kinney County Groundwater Conservaits directors and general manager willfully interfered with

of Texas dismissed a civil rights dice," and with this distinction, continue to pursue their claim, but in a lower court.

Judge Rodriguez wrote he did not believe the case was ripe for the federal court and intion District (KCGCD), many of structed the clerk of the court district and remove the need for to close the case.

Attorney for the Coateses, their right to pump water on Tom Hall, stated his clients can his clients are currently considtheir property north of Brack- appeal the federal judge's deci- ering their options.

The Bouleware case charges the Coateses will be allowed to the KCGCD with misconduct

pertaining to the plaintiffs permit applications and fees.

The verdict in the state court case has the potential to solve the Coates' problems with the water federal court intervention.

Hall, told The Brackett News

Las Moras golf tourney set for this weekend

The Fort Clark Men's Golf Eighteenth Annual Las Moras Invitational on March 17 and 18 at the Fort Clark Springs golf complex.

The thirty six hole, six flight tournament promises to be a cash cow for those skilled mium golf equipment. enough to make a hole in one.

Association will be hosting its at the eighteenth on Saturday the 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. tee offs will be awarded \$10,000 cash. on Saturday morning.

Tourney committee members

hole in one prize opportunities day at 1 p.m. including vacation packages, Seiko brand watches and pre-

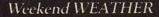
Golfers making a hole in one are signed up and preparing for

The championship flights and also state there will be other awards are scheduled for Sun-

Proceeds from the event are used to support local charities and fund improvements to the Eighty-eight, two-man teams Fort Clark golf facility.

McNamara Pottery Angel Food Orders

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 AM to noon and tomorrow, Fripieces.



Friday



Partly Cloudy High:78 Low:55

Saturday



Sunday

Mostly Sunny High:78 Low:57

Don't forget to place your March orders for Angel Food! Orders will be taken today, Thursday, March 15th from10 day, March 16th from 4-6 PM in Slator Hall at First United Methodist Church. Check out

the menu posted in many locations around town and then drop by the church to place your order. The box of food is a bargain at \$25! The deadline is 6 PM Friday. Distribution month.

Water District Mtg.

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will County to sign up. (ages kin-Building on Hwy. 90 at 5 p.m.

"Spring Fling"

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a ater April 21*. Tickets will be "Spring Fling" Mar. 24. An available from the contestants, evening of fun, dancing and ac- the Chamber or at the door. tivities including a live DJ. Fes-

tivities will be from 6-9 pm for Jr. FREE admission. Snacks and refreshment will be available. For more details call the Chamber @ 563-2466. Or check our web site at www.kcchamber.org.

Miss Kinney Co. Pageant

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce is accepting enrollment applications through March 19, for the 2007 Miss Kinney County, Jr. Miss Kinney County, & Little Miss Kinney County Pageants. This year day is the last Saturday of the promises to be the best yet with sashes, crowns, trophies and over \$1,000.00 of prizes being awarded to the winners of the three pageants. We encourage all young ladies of Kinney meet TODAY at the City Annex dergarten through 21) Pageant enrollment forms & details are available at the Chamber office or by calling 563-2466. The public is invited to attend the mation. pageants at the Ft. Clark The-

School Calendar Thursday 03/08: Baseball Dilley Tourney TBA, High School Track @ Carrizo

News BRIEFS

Springs, High School Tennis @ Brackett. Friday 03/09:Boys Golf Uvalde Coyote Invitational @ Uvalde Memorial Park Golf COurse, Progressive start. Boys Baseball Dilly Tourney TBA, Junior High Track @ La Pryor, High School Tennis @ Brackett. Saturday 03/10: Boys Golf Uvalde Invitational @ Uvalde Memorial Park Golf Course 8:30 am Shotgun, Boys Baseball Dilly Tourney TBA.

Ouilt Exhibit

An exhibit will be at John Nance Garner Museum, 333 North Park St. Uvalde, Texas. through March 17, 2006, call 830- 278-5018 for more infor- AARP 55 Alive/

Relay for Life Organize a Team and Be a

theme this year is be a super hero ance credit in effect for three against cancer by raising money for research to beat cancer. Please contact Angie Steelman at 563-5142 for more information on forming a team for Relay for Life.

Simplemente Lara

The Arts Council of Eagle Pass will be presenting Simplemente Lara at the C.C. Winn Auditorium at 7:30 pm on Saturday March 17, 2007. General Admission is \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the following locations: The Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce (830) 773-3224, Davis Used Cars & Parts, Inc. (830) 773-2812 and The Herring Law Firm, PC (830) 757-5879.

Mature Driving

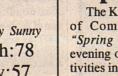
Through AARP a two day seminar April 3-4, 2007 from 1:00-5:00 PM at Frontier Bap-Part of the 2nd Annual Relay tist Church corner of Ann & El

for Life April 28th-29th. The Paso. Cost \$10.00 and insuryears. Call Barb Williams 563-3100 to register.

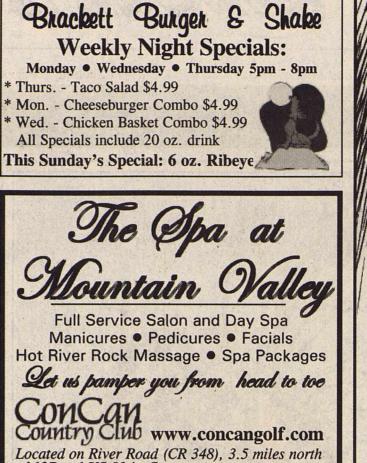
Essay Contest!

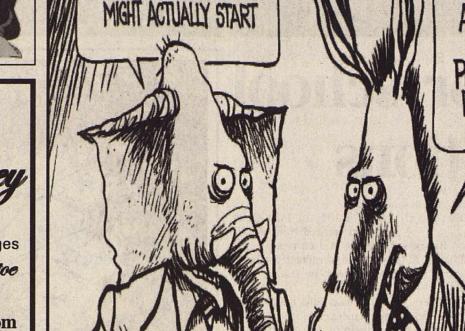
Double Prizes - Rio Grande Electric Co-op Essay Contest! Students whose parents or legal guardians of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative have the opportunity to compete for Dell laptop computers and peripheral equipment valued at approximately \$2,000 per set. The Co-op's board of directors just announced they will award two (2) first place prize packages this year! Essays are to be between 500-700 words, on the topic "The Cooperative Advantage". Deadline for receipt of entries is April 27, 2007, so start writing! Entry information is available online at www.riogrande.coop, as well as at Rio Grande Electric offices in Alpine, Brackettville, Carrizo Springs, Dell City, El Paso, and Fort Stockton . An entry packet can be obtained by calling 1-800-749-1509, and requesting one by mail.











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Interest rates are constantly changing. But how do rising or falling interest rates affect your investment strategies? There's no simple answer, of course. If you own stocks, higher interest rates could be a cause for concern, because when interest rates rise, it becomes more expensive for



their operations. As a result, fault. And, along the way, you've these businesses may feel a gotten regular interest payments, squeeze on their profitability and their stock prices. And yet, your cash flow or to reinvest. some businesses are much more affected by rising interest rates on holding bonds or certificates than others, so, as an investor, of deposit (CDs) until maturity, you can't really base your actions you might want to pay some aton a blanket statement such as: "Higher interest rates are bad for interest rates. After all, if you all stocks." The situation is a little depend on bonds or CDs for different if you own fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds. When are down when these investments interest rates rise, the value of mature, you could face a diffi- established a bond ladder, you your bonds will fall. That's be- cult choice: Should you purchase are prepared for both rising and cause no one will want to pay you the full price for your bonds rent rates, or should you "park" when he or she can buy new ones your money somewhere and hope issued with a higher interest rate. for rates to rise again soon? To sell yours, you'd have to offer them at a "discount" to their face value. On the other hand, if interest rates fall, the value of your existing bonds will rise, so if you were to sell them, you if you were to sell them, you could get a premium price.

Of course, if you're like many

people, you don't buy bonds just

to sell them. You want to hold

them until maturity, when you

can expect to get your principal

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However, even if you do plan tention to what's happening with some of your income, and rates new fixed-income vehicles at cur-

these options. How? By building a "ladder" of fixed-income in- your longer-term bonds. vestments. To build a ladder, you

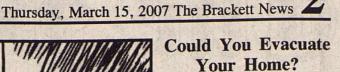
purchase a variety of fixed-income vehicles [any combination of corporate bonds, U.S. government-sponsored enterprise (GSE) and/or Treasury securities, municipal bonds or certificates of deposit] with a wide range of maturities - short-, intermediateand long-term. Once you have falling interest rates. When rates are rising, the proceeds from your maturing bonds can be used to income ladder that can help you invest in new ones at higher lev- meet your needs.

Fortunately, you can find a els. When market rates are fallbetter solution than either of ing, you'll continue to benefit from the higher rates offered by

THE DAY

In addition to helping you productively reinvest your maturing bond proceeds in all interest rate environments, a wellstructured bond ladder may, over time, help you increase the income you earn on your fixedincome portfolio. And, at the very least, by regularly reinvesting part of your portfolio in all market conditions, you may be able to smooth out your returns. See your financial advisor for

help in putting together a fixed-





The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Every year we are faced with fires out west, hurricanes in the south and south east, flash floods, winter storms and blackouts. Emergencies happen all the time. Could you stay calm if you were faced with a disaster or personal emergency? This week is Anti-Procrastination Week. I know you have been putting off making this section in your control journal. Please don't put off the actual preparation: Batteries, water, emergency food supplies, radio, a way to cook, flashlights and anything else that you can think of. Here is your test question. Imagine that you have to evacuate your home in 30 minutes. What would you take with you? Could you decide what is important in your life and what is really clut-

Now here is the toughest part of this challenge. Can you put your hands on those items that you wish to take with you?

I want you to think about this! Keep in mind you only have a few minutes and you have to leave your home and you may never see your home again. So this is going to be a quick decision on your part. No more being wishy washy about this. You are going to find out what is most important in your home. I can tell you right this minute, that there is nothing in my home but Robert that I could not replace. If I were forced to evacuate, I would grab my purse, my laptop and my pearls. I could still replace all of these things; I would just feel better having them around. I would do my best to save our dogs and our orange kitty. I have had to search for leashes and the cat carrier in the past. I know where they are now.

Now don't say, "this can never happen to me!" Many of you live on the coast and deal with hurricane evacuation every summer. Most all of us may have to deal with other weather related problems, floods, winter storms and tornados. Then there are nuclear reactors all over the world and earthquakes can happen at any time. We live in the forest and during a dry season we could experience fire raging up a mountain. People are facing this problem right now. We had it a couple of weeks ago in our county. So you are not immune to disasters. So look at your home and be thankful for your blessings. We don't need all of our stuff as long as we have our family. As Rita Davenport says, "If money will fix it, it is not a problem!" Think about this now. Make a plan so you don't have to think if it happens to you. If you need help coming up with a preparedness list then go to my website; www.FlyLady.net and put evacuation into our Google Search Box. Could you Evacuate quickly if needed?

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An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 12, 2007 for the purpose of the election of Alderperson Place 1 and Place 3. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Brackett ISD Auditorium between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007 and ending on May 8, 2007.

May 1 and May 7, hours 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Bonnie Mayes, Early Voting Clerk PO Box 526 Brackettville, Texas 78832

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2007. Issued this the 6th day of March, 2007. Mayor Eduardo Esparza, Presiding Officer

Orden De Eleccion

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 12 de mayo, 2007 con el proposito de: eleccion de Alderperson Place 1 and Place 3 La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en la officina de Brackett ISD Auditorium entre las 8:00 de la

manana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 30 abril, 2007 y terminando el 8 de mayo, 2007. de mayo 1 y mayo 7, horas: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

La votacion en adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo de tal manera: Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan envirase a: Bonnie Mayes, Early Voting Clerk PO Box 526 Brackettville, TX 78832 Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por

correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 4 de mayo, 2007. Emitida este dia 6 de Marzo, 2007 Mayor Eduardo Esparza, Oficial Que Preside

PUBLIC NOTICE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

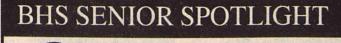
SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

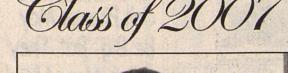
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Published by Secretary of State Roger Williams



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Stanford Conoly

Name: Stanford Conoly Mother: Lisa Conoly Father: Stan Conoly Siblings: Jacquelyn and Zuehl Family: Bubba Schafer and Gita Conoly What Are Your Plans After Graduation ?: I plan

to attend Texas Tech University and major in business What Teacher Influenced You The Most? Mrs.

Curry. She has taught my life lessons along with academics. Her guidance has helped me in dealing with life outside of school and she has worked hard to prepare me for college. Thank you Mrs. Curry. I have really enjoyed all of my teachers.

What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? I will miss working on our ranch with my dad.

TIGERETTE TRACK UPDATE

Submitted by Coach Dusty of 6:24.78, **Brotherton**

the Champions, this time at the LaPryor track meet on March 1, Jump Stewart placed first with a 2007.

placed 5th with Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart, and Samantha Moore running for a time of 54.2. The 800 meter relay team placed second with Stewart, Moore, Biança Terrazas and Harmony Pettett running with a time of 1:56.5. The 1600 meter relay team placed first 72' 5. with Stewart, Hunt, Katie Braesicke and Bailee Allen running for a time of 4:27.6.

Bailee Allen placed 5th in

Shot Put with a distance of 30'4 Varsity Girls were once again 1/2 and 3rd in Discus with a distance of 99'6 1/2. In the High height of 5'2" and Moore placed The 400 meter relay team 6th with a height of 4'8"

The Junior Varsity girls placed 7th at the LaPryor Track Meet. In the Shot Put Ashley Shadwick placed 4th with a distance of 24'11 3/4 and Ivy Garcia placed 6th with a distance of 24 2 1/2. Shadwick placed 3rd in Discus throw with a distance of

Lela Molinar placed 3rd in both 800 meter run with 3:02.1 and the 400 meter run with a In the 3200 meter run, Pettett time of 74.3. Summer Allen placed 2nd with 14:03.8 and her placed 5th in the high hurdles

BISD One Act Play to perform at Post Theatre Tuesday The U.I.L. One Act Play cast tears his pants in a most com- they can mend the tear. They end a free performance of "The Small

four other school districts in of downtown Chicago where their zone. The one act comedy play by Ronald Burke, "The Small World of Mille McIvor" takes place in a Chicago dress shop about 1900. Cast members are: John Moore, Cullen Duncan, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart, Allison Carrol, Lauren Cornelius and Michael Stephenson. The crew members

Ashley Stephenson and Becca Mann. The proprietor of the dress shop, Millie McIvor, a very lonely widow, struggles with the confinement of having to run a business in order to survive and complains of never having any time to do the things that married women do in their metropolitan city. She pours out her hearts desire to her very young and pretty assistant Lucy.

are Israel Muniz, Harmony Petit,

The comedic action begins as two box factory workers skip work to go to a baseball game. As they make their escape under a fence Jonathon Cropker

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Sunday: Bible study for all ages 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 7 p.m. Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study

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and crew will travel to Rocks- promising place. Jonathon and up ducking inside Mille's Dress World of Millie McIvor" at the prings on March 21st for their his friend Toby try to find a Shop. This ladies dress shop will Post Theatre at Fort Clark on first level of competition against place in the bustling busy streets never be the same!

Everyone is invited to attend open at 7:00 P.M..

Tuesday, March 20th. Curtains



Brackett High School One Act Play

Courtesy Photo



First United Methodist Church 109 James Street, next to the clinic



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By May Forest

hen I read about the V weather in my local newspaper, listen to a report on radio or watch the weather report on television, I sometimes am confused by the words they use.

Here is a sample from a newspaper: "There will be a low-pressure area moving into the region tomorrow, replacing the high-pressure area that has been around for several days.

Low-pressure? High-pressure? What do they mean?

A low-pressure area is a gathering of warm air that moves upward. A high-pressure area is a gather of cool air that moves downward.

That's not all. The air in high-pressure areas moves clockwise (the same direction as clock hands move) and lowpressure areas move counterclockwise.

That's not the whole story, either. Most people don't know that those rules are only for the Northern Hemisphere - the north side of the world. In the Southern Hemisphere, they're all reversed, with low-pressure areas spinning clockwise and high-pressure areas turning in the opposite direction.

Ask your teacher or librarian to show you on a map where the Northern and Southern

By Officer Andi

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OK, Your Car Just Got Pulled Over - Now What?

people, put in place to keep our communities safe. Let's take roads and speed limits that we put on them as an example. breaking a traffic law, and

A lot of things are considered before a speed limit is posted. They include the condition of the road, how many turns it has, whether there are two or four lanes, and so on.

Another thing we think about is what we call the "traffic density." That means how busy the road can be at any time of day.

All of these things are what we think about when we let drivers know how

fast is too fast.

Have your teacher invite a police officer to your school to talk about special laws in your community. Ask him or her some questions about getting a ticket - or even arrested!



got a cell phone call the other day from a friend who was visiting Europe.

He was sitting at a sidewalk cafe in Paris, France, and called me on his cell phone just to invite me over for a cup of coffee!

We both had a good laugh and when we hung up I started thinking about the miracle of long-distance calling -**REALLY** long-distance calling - and how a little device like the cell phone has changed people's lives.

I remember the first cellular phone I ever saw. It was in 1980. Wow! That's a long time ago!

And it was HUGE! It was called the "block" phone or "brick" phone because it was about the size of a concrete block or a very large brick. It was very heavy and was mounted on the floorboard of a car.

The owner of the new phone allowed me to make a call to "test it." The call didn't go through. I remembered thinking how this was an idea that would never work because the phone was too expensive - more than \$1,000 — and there was no one to call!

Boy! Was I wrong! Today, there are

hundreds of millions of people around the world

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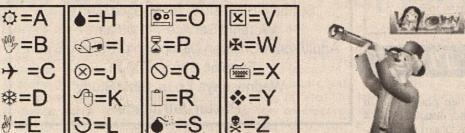
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The Mouse and the Motorcycle By Beverly Cleary

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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 the first five chapters? Click on "NiE" on www.the brackettnews.com

Chapter 6

A Peanut Butter Sandwich "I told you to be careful," scolded Keith, when his parents had gone to dress and Ralph had crawled down his arm into his hand.

'It wasn't my fault the door blew shut." Ralph jumped from the hand to the bedspread. Though Keith was a friendly boy, even a gener-ous one, Ralph still did not like the feel of skin against his paws. It must be terrible to go through life without fur and such a nuisance, having to wear clothes that had to be washed and drip-dried. Ralph knew all about drip-drying. Many were the drops of water from shirts and slips that he had dodged going in and out of his mousehole. "You didn't have to stay out so

long," Keith pointed out as he began to dress. "What's the use of having a mo-

torcycle if you can't go tearing around staying out late?" Ralph asked reasonably. "You don't have a motorcycle," said Keith. "I just let you use mine. And you better be careful. I like that motorcycle and I don't want

that motorcycle and I don't want anything to happen to it." "I'll take care of it," promised

Ralph, somewhat chastened. don't want anything to happen to it either.

'It's going to be harder to get a chance to ride it now that my mother has seen you," said Keith. "She's a terribly good housekeeper and she's sure to complain to the

"Speaking of breakfast, you people are too tidy," complained Ralph. "I'm not getting enough to eat around here. You don't leave any crumbs." crumbs." "I never thought of it," said Keith.

"What would you like to eat?" Ralph was astounded. This was the first time in his life anyone had asked him what he would like to eat. It had always been a question of what he could get his paws on. 'You mean I have a choice?" he

"Sure," said the boy. "All I have to do is order it when we go down to breakfast and then bring you some.

Ralph had to take time to think. After a diet of zwieback and graham crackers provided by little children, bits of candy and an occasional peanut or apple core left by medium-sized children, or a crust of toast and a dab of jam left by an adult who had ordered breakfast sent up from room service, the possibilities of choosing his own meal were almost too much. "I know what I'd like," Ralph said "but I don't know what you call it. Once some people who said they were almost out of money stayed in these rooms. They had four children, all of them hungry, and they couldn't afford to go to the dining room so they got some bread and spread it with something brown out of a jar and put some more bread on top of that. They whispered all the time they were eating, because they didn't want the maid or bellboy to know they were having a meal in their room. Afterwards they all got down on their hands and knows and nicked their hands and knees and picked up every single crumb on the carpet so no one would guess they had eaten in their rooms. It was a great disappointment. It smelled so good. Like peanuts only better." The boy laughed. "It was a peanut butter sandwich. Sure, I'll bring

you a peanut butter sandwich. Or part of one. I'll eat part of it my-self. It'll be kind of a funny break-fast, but I won't mind that."

Where will you leave it?" asked Ralph Keith thought a minute. "Where do

you live?" he asked. In the knothole under the win-

dow. 'No kidding!" Keith laughed. "That's the hole I poked my finger in last night." "I'll say you did," said Ralph.

"Scared me out of a year's growth. Nobody has ever guessed it mousehole because it's a knothole instead of a chewed hole.

"I tell you what," said Keith. "I'll bring up part of a peanut butter sandwich and poke it through the knothole.

"Just like room service!" Ralph could not have been more pleased with the suggestion. "Uh-what about the motorcycle?" he asked. "Where are you going to leave that?

"In my suitcase, I guess." "Aw, come on," pleaded Ralph. "Have a heart. Leave it someplace where I can get it while you're out during the day."

"You're supposed to be in your mousehole asleep, not riding around in the daylight where people can see you.

"Well, gee whiz, can't a fellow even look at it?" asked Ralph. "I bet you like to look at big motor-cycles yourself." "Yes, I do," admitted the boy.

-I'll leave it back under the "Well bed like I said, but you promise not to ride it until after dark." "Scout's honor." Ralph jumped off the bed and ran off to the knot-

hole Ralph's home was furnished with a clutter of things people drop on the floor of a hotel room-bits of

Kleenex, hair, ravelings. His mother was always planning to straighten it out, but she never got around to it. She was always too busy fussing and worrying. Now, as Ralph expected, she was dividing Ry-Krisp crumbs among his squeaky bunch of little brothers and sisters while she waited to scold him. "Ralph, if I have told you once, I

have told you a thousand timesshe began.

"Guess what!" interrupted Ralph in an attempt to change the sub-ject. "Somebody in 215 is going to bring us a real peanut butter sandwich!" "Ralph!" cried his frightened mother. "You haven't been asso-ciating with people!" "Aw, he's just a boy," said Ralph, deciding to keen the complete story

deciding to keep the complete story of the dangers and the glories of the past night to himself. "He wouldn't hurt us. He likes mice." "But he's a person," said his mother.

"That doesn't mean he has to be bad," said Ralph. "Just like Pop used to say, people shouldn't say all mice are timid just because some mice are. Or that all mice play when the cat's away just be-

cause some do." "Just the same, Ralph," said his mother. "I do wish you would be more careful whom you associate I am so afraid you'll fall in with the wrong sort of friends." "I'm growing up," said Ralph. "I'm getting too old to hang around a mouse nest all the time. I want to go out and see the world. I want to go down on the ground floor and see the kitchen and the dining room

and the storeroom and the garbage cans out back." "Oh, Ralph," cried his mother. "Not the ground floor. Not all the way down there. You aren't old

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enough 'Yes, I am," said Ralph stoutly 'There's no telling what you might

run into down there-mousetraps, cats, poison. Why, out by the garbage cans you might even be seen by an owl." don't care," said Ralph. "Some-

day I'm going downstairs." "But think of the owls, Ralph," implored his mother. "We moved

into the hotel because of the owls. It was after your Uncle Leroy disappeared and his bones were found in an owl pellet-

The mother mouse's plea was in-terrupted by the sound of Keith returning to Room 215. "Now you'll see," said Ralph to his mother and waited, anxious lest his friend let him down.

Sure enough, Keith came to the knothole. "Psst!" he whispered. 'Here it is. The waitress thought I was crazy, ordering a peanut but-ter sandwich along with my cornflakes for breakfast, but here ." He stuffed half a sandwich a bit at a time into the hole, where Ralph seized the pieces and pulled them all the way through. "Listen, we're going to be gone most of the day. The dining room is packing us a picnic lunch, and we're going to drive along some of the back roads and visit some old mining towns.

'Thanks a lot!" Ralph managed to say with his mouth watering. Have fun. "See you tonight," said Keith.

'Have a good day's sleep. Ralph's mother could not help

being impressed by the sight of that peanut butter sandwich. 'Just like room service," she

told you he would bring it." Ralph could not help boasting, even though his mouth was full. After sharing his feast with his squeaky little brothers and sisters, all of whom had trouble with peanut butter sticking to their teeth, Ralph curled up on a heap of shredded Kleenex and took a good long nap. When he awoke refreshed, his first thought was of the motorcycle. He wondered if Keith really had remembered to leave it under the bed. He yawned and stretched and left by way of the knothole.

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Room 215 was just as Ralph had last seen it. The bed had not been made and there were no fresh towels by the washbasin. Ralph ducked under the sheets and blankets that had tumbled off one side of the bed, and there in the dim light he caught the gleam of chromium exhaust pipes. Keith had trusted him after all! He walked across the carpet and took hold of the handgrips once more. They felt just right in his paws and he longed to be off, speeding around the threadbare spots on the carpet, but a promise was a promise. Keith had kept his promise about the peanut butter sandwich; Ralph would keep his about not riding the motorcycle in the davtime. He tried to satisfy himself by walking around the motorcycle in the dim light under the bed, admiring all over again the sleek design of the machine.

Ralph was lost in admiration and daydreams of speed and power when suddenly the door opened and the maid entered. It was too marveled. "Why, it's a peanut late to make a dash for the butter and *jelly* sandwich and it mousehole. The maid stripped

the blankets and sheets from the beds, shedding unwelcome light on Ralph and the motorcycle. Her feet in white sneakers moved lightly as she gathered up the sheets and pillowcases and towels and dropped them with a soft plop beside the open door.

The next thing Ralph knew, he was hearing familiar and dreaded footsteps coming down the hall, steps he had learned to fear when he was a tiny mouse. It was the head housekeeper, the woman who was in charge of all the maids in the hotel. He recognized her steps and he recognized her shoes-stout, sensible black oxfords. Nothing was ever clean enough for the head housekeeper, and Ralph's whole family lived in dread lest she discover their mousehole. Now he held his breath, hoping she would go on down the hall, but no, she stepped into Room 215.

"Good morning, Margery." " The housekeeper spoke crisply to the maid. "Be sure you clean 215 and 216 very thoroughly this morning. There has been a complaint from the guests. They suspect mice."

Yes, ma'am," said the maid. "Look behind all the drawers, continued the housekeeper, "and in the corners of the closets. Please report any evidence of mice. And be sure you vacuum under. the beds. You have been getting careless lately." With that she walked briskly down the hall.

'Old grouch," muttered the maid, as she reached into the hall for something that produced a sound that struck terror into Ralph's heart. It was the clang of vacuum cleaner attachments banging together.

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Christian Orthodox Services

The Very Reverend Father Dimitri Cozby, OCA, will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Persons interested in attending, services or in obtaining information on The Orthodox Church may do so by calling ...

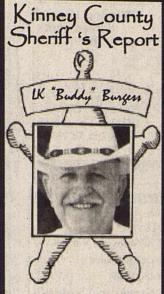




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Relay for Life

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Monday, March 5 10:45 A.M. Richard Collins Garlock, 59, of Woodland TX was arrested for theft of a firearm. He was released the next day on a \$2,000 bond.

Tuesday, March 6 8:33 P.M. A local resident called to report that a man had come to his house looking for drugs. The resident stated that he did not have drugs at his residence. A deputy was informed and enroute.

8:55 P.M. A Union Pacific Employee called the to report that railroad ties were on fire out on 1572. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was enroute.

Thursday, March 8

7:00 P.M. Maclyn Derek Thompson, 25, of Kerrville TX was arrested driving with an invalid license and possession of marijuana. Thompson was released the following day on two bonds totaling \$3,200.

11:40 P.M. Sentry Security called the Sheriff's Office to report that Brackett I.S.D. Library wing had multiple alarms going off. A deputy was notified of the situation and dispatched.

Friday, March 9 8:15 A.M. Christopher Jesus Vera, 25, of Uvalde was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving with invalid license and a warrant in Uvalde. Vera was released on three bonds totaling \$9,200.



Courtesy Photo Mountain Laurel Garden Club Yard of the Month Brian and Jean Gresty's home on Bowlegs Street in Unit 32 of Fort Clark Springs has been selected as Yard of the Month for March by the Mountain Laurel Garden Club of Fort Clark Springs.

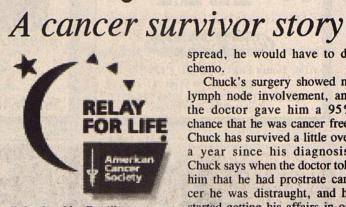


your children. Some children good Bible believing Church will not like it when you step may not talk to you for a while. That's all right. They will get over it.

areas of neglect by many parents is their refusal to take a leadership role in the spiritual condition of their family. Dads and Moms, you need to be the leaders and get your family into

you and your family can learn in. They may throw a fit. They many things that will help you to know Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior and learn to be the godly parents that Finally, one of the biggest God wants you to be. Parents you and I have a big responsibility and the Lord will hold you and I accountable for what we

do or fail to do. First Baptist Church Brackettville



Submitted by Pat Sitzes

Each week in the Brackett News a cancer survivor who lives in our community will be featured from now to the week of the Relay for Life which is scheduled for April 28 - April 29. Hopefully, by reading about cancer survivors, it will inspire others who are facing this disease

This week our cancer survivor is Chuck Taravella. Chuck, age 74, was diagnosed with prostrate cancer on October 28. 2005. Chuck did hormone shots until his surgery on June 20, 2006. His urologist gave him the choice of doing chemo, radiation beads, or surgery. Chuck chose surgery over the other options, because he did not want it to spread. His urologist told him that choice was good, but he would check Chuck's lymph

Chuck's surgery showed no lymph node involvement, and the doctor gave him a 95% chance that he was cancer free. Chuck has survived a little over a year since his diagnosis. Chuck says when the doctor told him that he had prostrate cancer he was distraught, and he started getting his affairs in order thinking this could be the end of his life.

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However, the doctor told him he thought this was beatable, and his wife Connie told him that he was tough and could do it. Chuck recommends that when you are diagnosed that you have a support system.

He reported that he needed the support of Connie, and he started attending Our Cancer Support Group here in Brackettville which helped him to see people surviving cancer.

Chuck gave the following advice to anyone facing cancer treatment: 1. Try to keep yourself uplifted, because news things come out. 2. The mind of a person who gives up affects your body in a negative way. So it is important to keep a positive attitude, and allow caregivers to help you. 3. Never



Jeff Janca Many parents today are fail-

ing in their leadership roles as parents. I see many parents today, wanting to be a buddy to their children, instead of being a parent. They refuse to set limits and boundaries for their children and they also fail to correct and discipline their children. These parents think that they are helping their children, but they are actually hurting them. To be honest, we are seeing many parents raising children who do not appreciate and respect others as well as their own parents.

We also see some very lazy parents. They refuse to check up on their children to see what they are doing. Do you as a parent really know what your children are watching on the television? Do you know the internet websites they are looking at? Do you look at their web pages on myspace.com to see if what they are writing about is good? Are they involved in witchcraft or pornography? Are they corresponding via e-mail or chat rooms with a predator who is out to destroy and use your children? I know a minister who was using his son's computer and stumbled on to some of his son's writings. He was shocked and appalled at what his son had written. His son was living a double life. Another man noticed one day that his 9 year old son was really acting strange. He asked him what was wrong. His son finally admitted that he had been going over to a friend's house and looking at pornography on the internet there.

7:54 P.M. A local man called in to report that someone tried to bust the lock to his gate. A deputy was notified and dispatched.

8:10 P.M. A local woman called the Sheriff's Office requesting a deputy so that she could pick up her children.

5:45 P.M. Manuel Talamantez, 37, of Brackettville was arrested for assault. Talamantez was released the same day on a \$1200 bond.

7:00 P.M. Del Toro Ramirez Ezequiel, 23, of Acuna Mexico was arrested for possession of marijuana and was still being held at press time.

7:00 P.M. Rolando Caldera, 17, of Del Rio TX was arrested for possession of marijuana and was still being held at press time.

10:32 P.M. The Sheriff's Office received a call reporting that a verbal disturbance was in progress. Units were dispatched to the scene.

Saturday, March 10

3:21 A.M. A 911 caller reported a man was passed out in his car in the wrong lane on Hwy 90 and that he was unable to wake the man. A deputy was notified and dispatched.

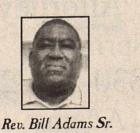
4:15 A.M. Cory James Trammell, 20, of Mineral Wells TX was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving with licence invalid. Trammell was released the next day with two bonds totaling \$2,700.

7:55 P.M A local woman called to report that she was receiving threats and would like to speak to a deputy and make a report. A deputy was notified and dispatched.

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Parents, do you know what your children are doing? Are they being properly supervised? Do you care what they are doing?' Is that party they are going to going to have alcohol or drugs? Do you know what's on their computer?

Are you teaching your children how to be responsible and accountable? Moms and Dads, it is up to you teach and train



An Heir of God

But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a women made under his law.

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoptions of his sons.

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the spirit of his son into your hearts crying, Aba Father.

Where fore thou art no more a servent but a son; and if a son them an heir of good through Christ.

Galatians 4:4-7 Praise the Lord St. John's Missionary Church

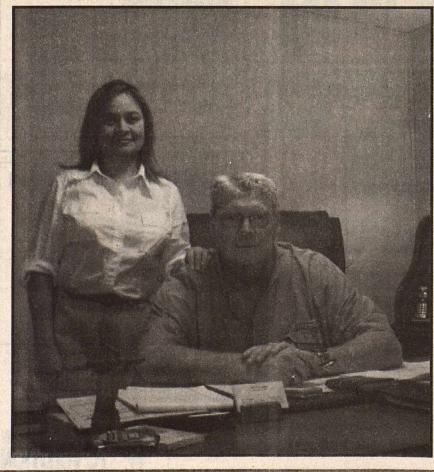


Service Directory



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Weekly Business Profile



Name:

Robert D. Adams, Attorney At Law Address: 112 W. Spring St. Phone Number: 830-563-2322 Owner: Robert D. Adams Legal Assistant: Diana Cano In The Business For: Since 1989

Type of Business: Attorney At Law Services: family and criminal law including child support issues and divorce.

Experience includes working at the District Attorney's office in Houston, having a private practice and working as the Assistant District Attorney in Eagle Pass.

From left: Diana Cano and Robert Adams are ready to assist you with your legal needs.

Classified Market

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EXPERIENCED BULLDOZER operator needed. Full or part time. Call 830-563-9508

THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICA-TIONS for two maintenance department positions. Deadline to submit applications will be March 30, 2007, 5 p.m.

WANTED CARRIER FOR San Antonio Express-News Brackettville area - call Joe Salinas 830-774-3000 or 1-800-613-0473

HOUSE FOR RENT

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FOR SALE

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duced. duced. Brackettville - Commercial building, prime location. \$75,000. Leona Ranch - twenty acres Ten acres on Highway 90 with buildings, near city limits, good water, fenced.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTE-NANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S) Dist/Div: Wichita Falls Contract 0903-28-038 for REPLACE BRIDGES AND APPROACHES in MONTAGUE County will be opened on April 10, 2007 at 1:00 m at the State Office 1:00 pm at the State Office. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and ap-plications for the TxDOT SIN

Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/ Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 22996 State Office Constr./ Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 Dist/Div Dist/Div Office(s) Wichita Falls District District Engineer 1601 Southwest Pkwy Wichita Falls, Texas 76302-4906 Phone: 940-720-7700 Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and

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