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## BHS students move to state UIL competition

Submitted By Cindy Brandt  
UIL Coordinator

Five Brackett High School students advanced from regional UIL competition to the state level on April 13, in Brenham.

Senior John Moore, Sophomore Arlene Roth, Junior Gabby Schroeder, Senior Natasha Smith and Sophomore Laura Swinson students will compete May 3, in Austin at the University of Texas campus.

Moore will be competing in Persuasive Speaking. In this event, students are given thirty

minutes to research a given topic and prepare a five to seven minute speech. Participants are judged on poise, speaking ability, and the ability to defend the position they have chosen to take on the given topic.

After placing first at both the district and regional levels, Swinson, will lead the way for the Accounting Team at State. Swinson was followed closely by teammates Schroeder and Roth, who both tied for third place two weeks ago. Smith will round off the team of four, having placed

ninth in the region.

In March, the students competed in the district UIL competition in Medina. UIL district results: Ready Writing: Meghann Davis; first place. Prose: Alison Carroll; second place and Bianca Stewart; fourth place. Poetry: Daphne Hunt, first place. Extemporaneous/Persuasive Speaking: John Moore; second place and Bailee Allen, sixth place.

The Accounting Team placed first overall and individually Laura Swinson placed first,

Gabby Schroeder placed third, Natasha Smith placed fourth and Arlene Roth placed fifth.

The Mathematics Team placed first overall. Individually Justin Calk placed first, Laura Swinson placed second, Doolie Fernandez placed fifth and Gabby Schroeder was a participant.

In the Social Studies event, Josh Kluzek placed fifth and Jacob Schroeder placed sixth.

In the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Lauren Cornelius placed third and Victor Cantu placed fourth.

Other district participants include Chris Blake, Cesar Cantu, Laura Meyer, Anolda Watkins, Cody Clark, Serenity Gammill and Ashley Stephenson.

On April 13, eleven Brackett High School students advanced from District competition to Regional competition hosted by Blinn Junior College in Brenham.

Students competing at the regional competition were: Accounting Team: Arlene Roth, Gabby Schroeder, Natasha Smith and Laura Swinson. Ready Writing: Meghann Davis. Poetry: Daphne Hunt. Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Lauren Cornelius. Mathematics Team: Justin Calk, Doolie Fernandez, Gabby Schroeder and Laura Swinson. Prose: Alison Carroll. Extemporaneous Speaking: John Moore.



**State UIL Qualifiers**  
Front Row from left: Arlene Roth, John Moore and Natasha Smith. Back Row: Laura Swinson and Gabby Schroeder. Courtesy Photo

## CINCO DE MAYO

Celebration  
Saturday, May 5



### Cinco De Mayo Schedule:

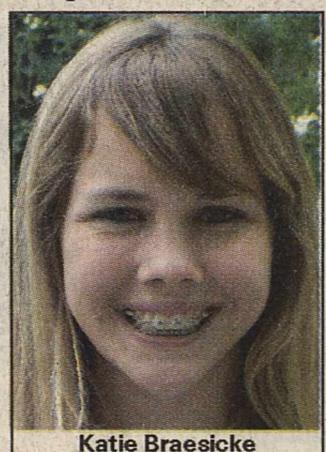
Come join Little Mr. and Miss Cinco De Mayo 2006 Noah Flores and Mya Garcia at the 2007 Cinco De Mayo Celebration at the Kinney County Civic Center. Parade at 9 a.m. Festivities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., including the crowning of Little Mr. and Miss Cinco De Mayo 2007. Dance will be from 9p.m. until 1 a.m.

## State Track Qualifiers

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Bianca Stewart



Katie Braesicke



Bailee Allen



Daphne Hunt

## Chamber pageant crowns three queens

Bailee Allen, Nevada Coe and Celina Hernandez were named title holders in the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Miss Kinney County pageant on April 21.

B. Allen was named Miss Kinney County 2007. Allen is a junior at Brackett High School and the daughter of Bret and Nadalee Allen.

Coe was named Junior Miss Kinney County. Coe is a seventh grader at Brackett Junior High and the daughter of Brad and Elia Coe.

Hernandez was named Little Miss Kinney County. Hernandez is the daughter of Michelle Hernandez and Flip Talamantes.

Mya Garcia was named Little Miss Photogenic-People's Choice 2007.

Tiffany Travieso was named Junior Miss Photogenic-People's Choice 2007.

B. Allen and Samantha Moore tied for Miss Photogenic-People's Choice 2007.

Korlee Allen was voted Junior Miss Congeniality while her sister Bailee was voted Miss Congeniality. This title was

voted on by the pageant participants.

The judge's panel named Hernandez Little Miss Photogenic, K. Allen as Junior Miss Photogenic and Samantha Moore as Miss Photogenic.

Other final results for Little Miss Kinney County:

First Runner-up: Nicole Mestas. Second Runner-up: Savannah Brandt.

Final results for Junior Miss: First Runner-up: Tiffany Travieso. Second Runner-up: Jasmine Pena.

The official results for Miss Kinney Count: First runner-up:

Samantha Moore. Second Runner-up: Anolda Watkins.

The People's Choice Miss Kinney County 2007 was awarded to Hernandez. The young beauty was presented with a second crown and trophy.

Judges for the pageant were Alicia Cordoza of Uvalde, Barbara Lopez of Carrizo Springs, Gwen Perry of Comstock and Jay Martin of Austin.



Celina Hernandez



Bailee Allen



Nevada Coe

## News BRIEFS

### Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church of Brackettville has scheduled Vacation Bible School for July 16-20, 2007. The theme is SonForce Kids, A Spy Adventure.

### Weekend WEATHER

**Friday**  
T-Storms  
High: 93  
Low: 70

**Saturday**  
T-Storms  
High: 87  
Low: 71

**Sunday**  
T-Storms  
High: 87  
Low: 70

### FCA News

Baccalaureate Dinner for our graduating seniors is Wednesday, May 9, at 6:30p at the Service Club. If you can provide a lasagne and haven't already told Carolyn Conoly, please reply. 100-plus guests are expected. We also need helpers to make Italian Cream Cakes and bring bags of salad. Senior parents: You are off the hook, we want you to come as guests. Messy Relays, Wednesday, May 9, at the practice field, immediately following the Baccalaureate Dinner. Don't miss this - it's hysterical! Charlie Marquardt's powerful lesson on sin & forgiveness. We need to borrow 7 or 8 large tarps. And, YES, there will be an Adult Team!!! Marquardt's FCA Honor Banquet in San Antonio, Monday, May 21, 7:30p @The Bright Shawl, @Augusta & McCullough. Host is Ron Thulin, Fox Sports/ESPN Sportscenter. If you'd like to join us, let Carolyn Conoly. FCA will have a team partici-

pating in Brackett's City-Wide Clean up Day on May 26. All who participate will be required to wear gloves and we need more adult supervision.

### School Calendar

Thursday 05/03: Area Softball Game vs. Woodsboro in Cotulla @ 6pm. Saturday 05/05: Baseball State Playoffs TBA, Softball Area game vs. Woodsboro@ Cotulla, 4pm and possibly 6pm. Monday 05/07: STATE Boys Golf @ Lions Municipal golf course TBA. Girls Golf @ Austin Lions Municipal golf course TBA Tuesday 05/08: STATE Boys and Girls Golf cont. Wednesday 05/09: Senior Baccalaureate Dinner @ FCS Service Club, Host: KC Ministerial Alliance, 6:30p.m., FCA Extreme Messy Relays @ Practice Field 8-9 p.m. Friday 05/11: STATE High School track @ Austin Saturday 05/12: STATE High School track cont., Softball Region Qtr-final, TBA

### 4-H News

The 4-H will host its next meeting on Sunday, May 6, at 6pm at the FCS Service Club. No meetings in April. Be ready in May for election of officers and club managers. There will be a KC Livestock Show Board meeting on May 16, at 7:30 pm at the Ag Shop. Anyone having a concern about the KC Livestock Show 2006-2007 or would like to make rule change suggestions need to submit those in writing to the Extension Office before May 14 at 5pm.

### Early Voting

Early voting for the special election on May 12 started Monday, April 30 and continues thru May 8. Early voting will be held at the Clerk's office. Election Day voting will take place at regular precincts.

### City Water Shut-Offs

Engineers will be installing water valves and the City of

Brackettville will have to turn off water each day. The process to insert a valve is 5 hours. The City is looking at approximately 20 days inserting valves throughout the city. The exact start date will be announced soon. This is a notification to expect the turn off within the next few days to a week. The contractor has been asked to turn off water beginning 3 p.m. each day so the school will not have to shut down. Unless things change, the water will be off from 3 p.m. until approximately 8 p.m. each work day for approximately 20 days. The City apologizes for the inconvenience, but the valves are part of the grant project. Contact City Hall at 830-563-2412 with any questions.

### Children's Theatre

Parents and students from 1st-12th grade mark your summer calendars for the week of June 11-16. This is the week that The Missoula Children's theatre will be in Brackettville to work with 50 lucky students on a produc-

tion of Cinderella. Brackettville's production of Cinderella will be part of the Missoula Children's Theatre's unique international touring project. It is presented locally by the Kinney County Arts Council. For more information, call Christie Palmer, president of the Arts Council, at 563-9632.

### Breakfast Canceled

The Cowboy Breakfast scheduled for this Saturday May 5th at the Red Bridge at Fort Clark has been canceled. The Del Rio - Uvalde Baptist Brotherhood will instead be going to Eagle Pass to lend a helping hand.

### Support Group Mtg.

Our Cancer Support Group will be meeting tonight at the Frontier Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. This group is open to all cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers. Meat for the dinner will be provided, please bring side dish, salad, or dessert. Questions, call Pat Sitzes 563-5528.

# Opinion

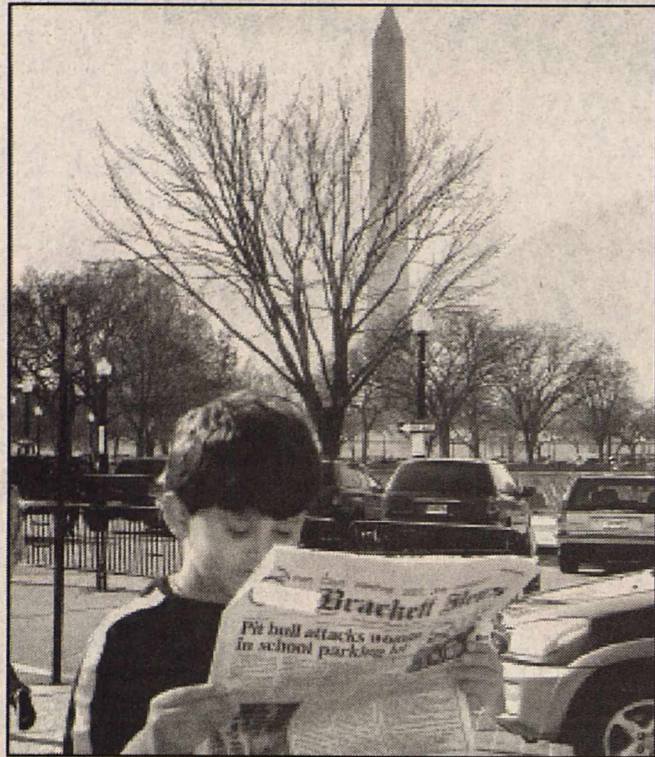
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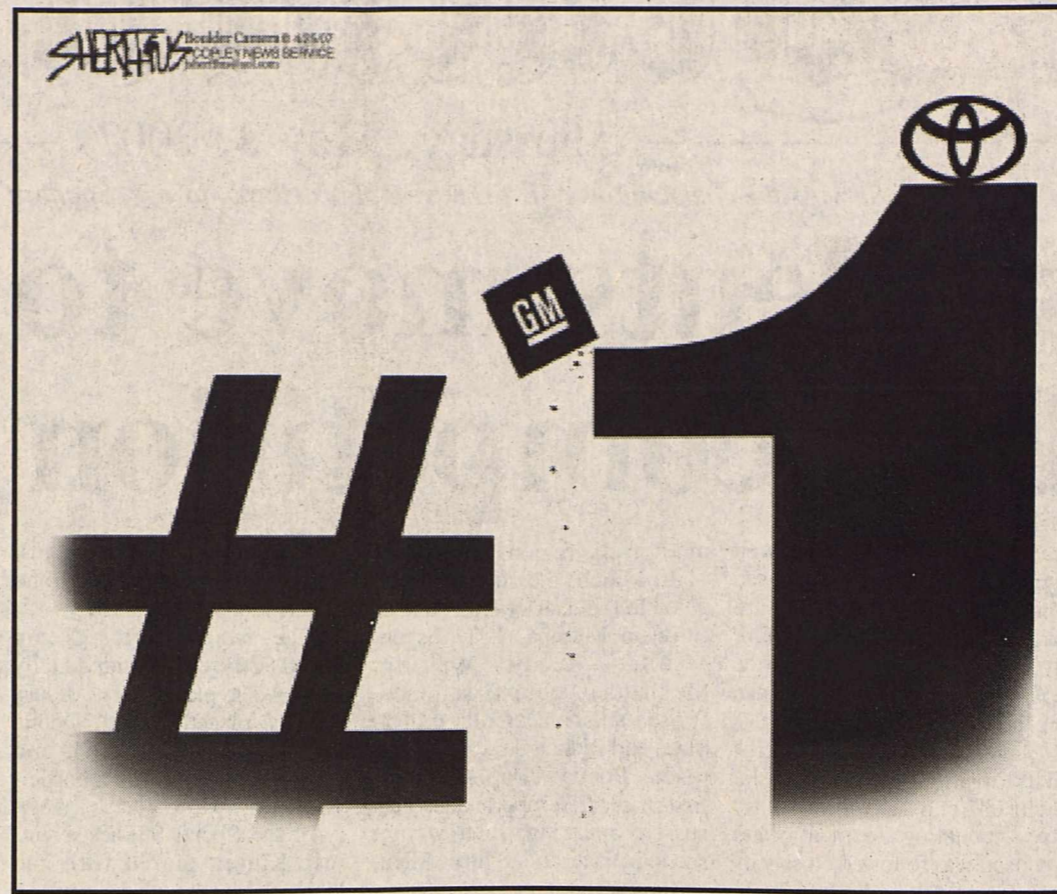
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## Safe places become black holes



The Fly Lady Marla Cillely

Safe Places become Black Holes, by the Fly Lady, Marla Cillely

Did you ever put something in a safe place never to find it again? I have many times. It is almost a joke in our home when I say those black hole fateful words, "I need to put this in a safe place. There are car titles that have been lost in the vastness of my safe places. Just today as I am flying across the country I have lost two items all because I didn't want to misplace them on the flight. We could have been the three stooges searching for the cord to my assistant's headphones. You know the story. I put them

some place safe and then had to spend thirty minutes searching through every pocket and compartment in my purse and my computer bag. After I finally found them; I lost the cord to my headphones. Luckily that cord had not been placed in a safe place; it was hiding on the floor under my foot.

I order to get myself calmed down from the chaotic start to our plane ride I put on some music that settles my nerves and decided to write about our little comedy routine. Why do we put ourselves through this. At one point I was so happy that my sweet darling was not with us on our trip. When he does travel with us; he likes to sit a few rows away from us because I fidget too much. He travels light. This is not a term that sidetracked people are familiar with. Light for us is a flash light to look into that bottomless pit of a handbag to help us find what we are searching for.

I have been trying to figure out what the difference is between a man and a woman traveling. Robert has his wallet, his glasses, a book and just a car key in his pocket. His bags can be packed in about five minutes. He carries the bare necessities unlike Michele and I. We are prepared for anything. We have medications for stomach aches, heat pads for sore muscles and pills for headaches. We have our computers so we can still work and we have our tunes so we can sing. This stuff has come in handy, but the price we pay for having too much stuff is in time and frustration. Yes we know it is here someplace.

The same thing happens in our homes when we have too much stuff. We can't find what we need when we need it. We don't have homes for these items. As my Granny has always said, "Everything has a place and everything in its place". Can you imagine this??

## Smart financial moves can pay off after layoffs



Emily Cooper

If you get laid off or "downsized," it's unquestionably a tough break, and it can be stressful in many ways. However, if you make the right investment-related moves, the loss of a job doesn't necessarily mean you have lost the opportunity to achieve your important financial goals.

Above all else, don't panic when you learn of an impending termination. If you are going to get a severance package, you may not have to take the first offer that comes your way; you might be able to negotiate for more attractive terms. But even if there is no room for negotiation, you need to make sure you get all the information you need, such as whether the severance will be paid at once or in stages. As severance packages may have tax consequences, you should consult with your tax advisor before making any decisions.

Here's another suggestion: Don't rush to collect the money from your 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b) plan. Of course, if your retirement plan is your main source of savings, you may have no choice in the matter. But once you cash out your plan, you'll no longer benefit from tax-deferred earnings growth. Furthermore, your former employer must withhold 20 percent from your distribution.

If you don't cash out your plan, what should you do with it? You might be able to leave the money in your former employer's plan. When you get your next job, you could move the money from your old plan into a new employer's plan, if the new plan allows such transfers.

However, you can get much more flexibility by rolling over your retirement assets into an IRA, which provides an almost unlimited array of investment choices. By making a direct rollover to an IRA, you'll avoid the 20 percent withholding and current income taxes on your retirement plan distribution, and you'll give your earnings the potential to keep growing on a tax-deferred basis. Keep in mind, though, that before you reach 59-1/2, your IRA withdrawals will be subject to ordinary income tax and a 10 percent penalty, unless you take systematic distributions under Section 72(t) of the Internal Revenue Code. To make sure you're making the right moves, consult with your tax and financial advisors before tapping into your IRA.

After deciding what to do with your 401(k) or other retirement plan, you might also want to adjust the other, non-IRA investments in your portfolio. While you were working full time, you may have established an investment mix that was based on a variety of factors, including your goals, time horizon, risk tolerance, ability to invest and your need for growth and income. But if you are between jobs for an extended time period, you may need to adjust your portfolio. A financial advisor can help you select an appropriate investment mix. Once you're employed again, you can readjust your portfolio as needed.

A layoff can be difficult for you and your family. But by thinking carefully about what to do with your retirement plan and your investment portfolio, you can survive this setback - and stay on track toward the future you've envisioned.

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# Chewing GUM

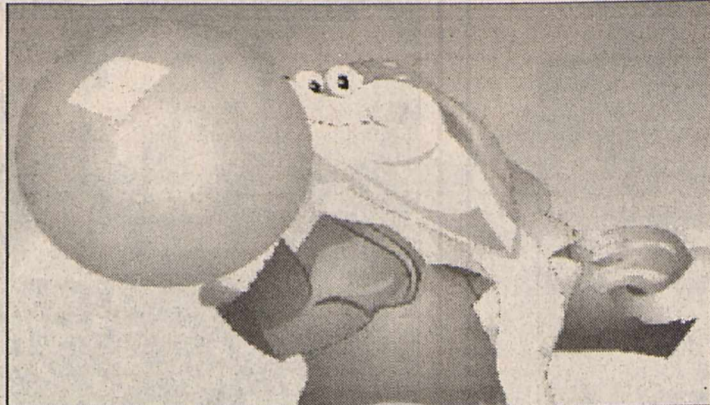
## Let's Chew Through a Sticky Subject!

**By Bubbles**  
 People have enjoyed chewing gum in many lands for a long time. Some of it was made from thickened resin and latex from certain kinds of trees. Others were made from different kinds of sweet grasses, leaves, grains and waxes. For centuries, the ancient Greeks chewed mastic gum (or mastiche, pronounced "mas-tee-ka"). It was made from a resin they got from the bark of the mastic tree, a shrublike tree found on the island of Chios, Greece. Grecian women especially favored mastic

gum because it cleaned their teeth and sweetened their breath.

In 1845, inventor Thomas Adams learned about mastic and began experimenting with gum as a substitute for rubber. He tried to make toys, masks, and rain boots out of chicle, which is a type of gum that comes from a tree grown in South America. But every experiment failed.

Sitting in his workshop one day, tired and discouraged, he popped a piece of surplus gum into his mouth. There he sat, chewing away, when the idea suddenly hit him to add flavoring.



Soon after, he opened the world's first chewing gum factory. Gum made with chicle and similar latexes soon won favor over spruce and paraffin gums. By the early 1900s, with improved methods of manufacturing, packaging and marketing, modern chewing gum was well on its way to its current popularity — and into history.

## Bleached or Unbleached?

**By Pickle**  
 What is the difference between bleached and unbleached flour?

After flour has been ground and blended, it is treated chemically to do in a matter of minutes what otherwise would take weeks.

Bleaching removes the light yellow color caused by xanthophylls, which are what botanists call carotenoids. They are also found in potatoes and onions.

The color doesn't really mean anything when it comes to nutrition. It is oxidized — bleached — just so the flour will be nice and white.

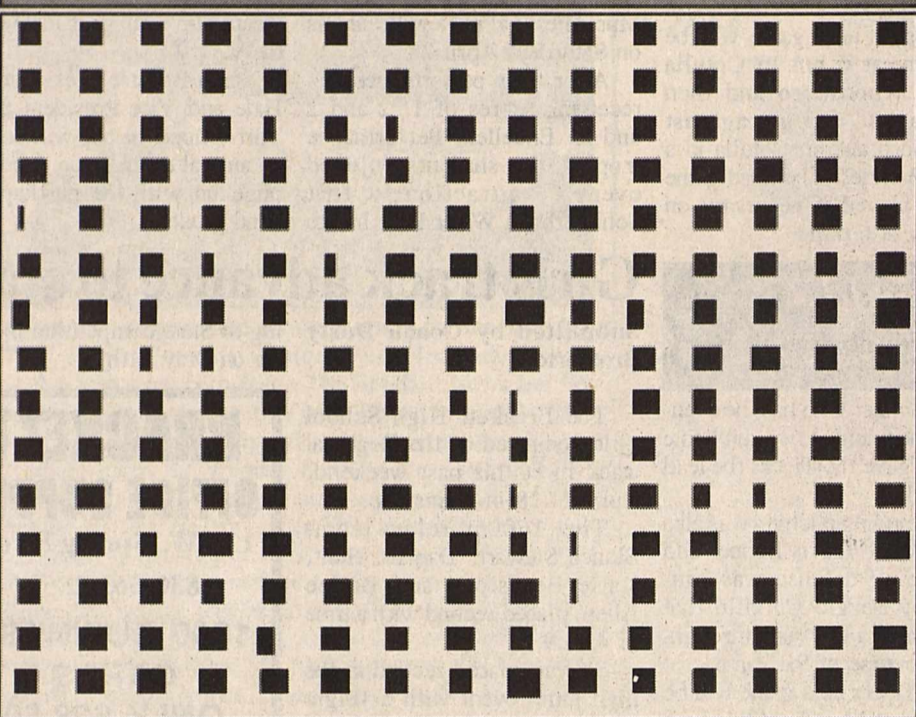
However, bleaching does destroy small amounts of vitamin E in flour, which probably accounts for its bad reputation with some people. And the yellow color is valued in pasta, so semolina, which is a coarse flour used to make spaghetti, is never bleached.

It has been known for a long time that flour allowed to sit for one or two months develops better baking qualities. So people usually let flour age before they use it. Flour also is naturally bleached by the oxygen in the air during that time.

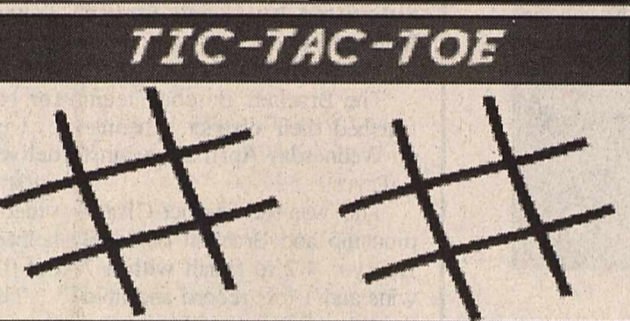
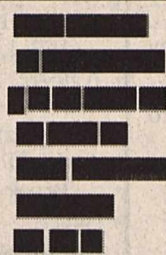
But that kind of aging takes time and space in the cabinet. And it's hard to tell when the flour has aged just right.

So that's why companies that make flour use chemicals to speed up the aging.

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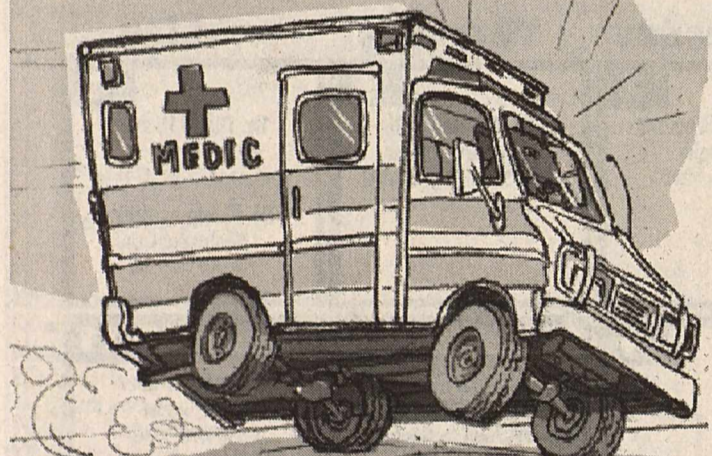


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## The Mouse and the Motorcycle

By Beverly Cleary



### Chapter 13

Chapter 13  
 A Subject for a Composition  
 Ralph was a hero in the mousehole that night. His admiring relatives gathered around, begging to hear the story of his adventures. Ralph could not help bragging a little as he told the story of his travels, beginning with the search of the second floor rooms, sleeping the part about the teacher trapping him under a drinking glass, and ending with Keith's taking the aspirin and finally falling asleep.  
 "But are you sure it really was an aspirin tablet?" Ralph's mother could always find something to worry about. "Are you sure it wasn't some other kind of pill?"  
 "Keith put it on the bedside table and refused to take it until his mother saw it," explained Ralph. "At first his mother and father got pretty excited and thought he was out of his mind from the fever when he started telling them there was an aspirin on the table. Then when they saw the pill and could tell from the letters on it that it really was an aspirin they decided the night clerk must have found it and brought it up. They thought the windows rattled so much they did not hear his knock."  
 "Oh, Ralph, I am so proud of you," said his mother with a sigh of relief while his brothers and sisters and cousins stared at him with shining eyes.  
 "Good work, Ralph. I didn't think you could do it," said Uncle Lester heartily.  
 "I feel much better about room service now that we have left an aspirin for a tip," said Ralph's mother. "I feel that at last we have done the right thing."  
 "Oh, Ralph is growing up," said Aunt Sissy.  
 "Yes, Ralph is growing up," agreed his mother with a sad note in her voice. "It's hard to believe. It seems only yesterday that he was a tiny pink mouse without any hair."  
 Naturally this embarrassed Ralph, but

now that his mother had finally admitted he was growing up, he decided to make the most of this moment. "Now can I go down to the first floor by myself?" he asked eagerly.  
 "We'll see," said his mother, looking worried once more.  
 "Nonsense," said Uncle Lester. "Of course he can go. Ralph has shown that he can be a very responsible mouse."  
 "I guess you're right," agreed Ralph's mother nervously.  
 "Oh, boy!" exclaimed Ralph.  
 "Tell us again how you dimbed down the vine and hid the owl nearby got you, begged a cousin."  
 "No, tell us again how the ambulance got stuck in the crack," said another.  
 "No, tell the part about how you got the dog to bark," pleaded a third.  
 The only flaw in the evening for Ralph was the fact that he had not found the motorcycle on his travels through the hotel.  
 Keith slept soundly and the next morning, although he still had a temperature, Ralph was pleased to see he was feeling much better.  
 "Do you hurt anymore?" Mrs. Gridley asked anxiously, after she had given her son an aspirin brought by the milkman. "Is your throat sore? Does your stomach ache?"  
 Keith shook his head. "I just feel sort of tired."  
 "He's going to be all right. He must have picked up a bug somewhere," said Mrs. Gridley to her husband. "A day in bed with plenty of fluids and he'll be on his feet again."  
 Mr. Gridley nodded. "Do you feel like eating any breakfast?" he asked Keith.  
 "We can order something for you from room service," suggested Mrs. Gridley.  
 "Can I really have something sent up from room service?" he asked, and when his father assured him he could, he slumped back into the pillow. "But I'm not hungry."  
 "Some orange juice would be good for you," suggested his mother.  
 "All right," agreed Keith, and then added as if he suddenly had an inspiration, "and bacon and toast and jelly."  
 "Your appetite seems to have come back in a hurry," remarked Mr. Gridley, as he picked up the telephone

and asked to be connected with room service to order, he thought, breakfast for his son.  
 As soon as the adults had gone, Ralph popped out into the room.  
 "Hi," said Keith. "Thanks a lot for the aspirin. It really helped."  
 "That's all right," answered Ralph modestly.  
 "Where did you find it?" Keith was curious to know.  
 "Under a dresser down on the first floor."  
 "The first floor?" Keith could not believe it. "How did you manage to get it up here?"  
 On no more Ralph told the story of his night of adventure, skipping the part about the drinking glass, but making it sound as if he had narrowly escaped the horny talons of the owl as he traveled down the vine.  
 "Golly!" Keith was amazed at Ralph's story. "You know what? You're a pretty smart mouse. And a brave one, too."  
 "It was nothing," said Ralph in an offhand manner.  
 "Nothing! It was plenty. You risked your life!"  
 The boy's admiration and gratitude made Ralph feel even prouder of what he had done. "I parked your ambulance out in the hall," he said, wanting Keith to know how responsible he was. "Your folks will probably see it and bring it in when they come back."  
 That reminds me. You didn't happen to see my motorcycle anywhere, did you? Keith's question was unexpected.  
 "Well, no, I didn't." Ralph suddenly felt less proud of himself. "But I didn't have much time to look."  
 "Yeah, I know," Keith was sympathetic. "I just wondered."  
 A knock at the door sent Ralph scurrying to the knothole.  
 "Come in," called Keith.  
 Matt entered with a tray. "Here you are and here is your ambulance. I found it out in the hall," he said as he handed the tray across Keith's knees. "Sorry to see you're under the weather."  
 "Thank you. I'll be all right." Keith handed Matt a coin his father had left for a tip. "And thanks for bringing in my ambulance."  
 Matt pocketed the coin. "Thank you," he said, "and, by the way, this doesn't happen to be yours, does it?" He pulled the little motorcycle out of his pocket.  
 Ralph was so excited he almost fell out of the knothole.  
 "Hey!" Keith sat up straight, rocking the orange juice on his tray. "It sure is. Where did you find it?"  
 "In a hamper of linen that had been chewed by mice. Or by a mouse. It fell out when the housekeeper was showing us the damage that had been done. I picked it up before anyone noticed it."  
 "Gee, thanks. Thanks a lot." Keith accepted the motorcycle and set it on his tray. "It's my favorite. I didn't like losing it."  
 "I wonder how it got into that hamper of linen?" mused Matt.  
 Keith grinned but said nothing.  
 Old Matt rubbed his chin and stared at the ceiling. "I don't suppose a certain responsible mouse happened to ride it into a pile of sheets and pillowcases and get tangled up and dumped into the hamper."  
 Keith tried not to laugh. "I don't know any irresponsible mice," he said.  
 "Only one responsible mouse. Say, how did you guess?"  
 "There isn't much around this hotel that escapes my attention," said Matt. "I saw that mouse out in the hall with the little motorcycle. I imagine he's a regular speed demon."

Ralph could no longer stay out of the conversation. "I'm fast but I'm careful. I haven't had an accident yet," he boasted, and added hastily, recalling his fall into the wastebasket, "at least not since I learned to ride the motorcycle."  
 "If there is anything I can't stand, it's a cheeky mouse," remarked Matt good-naturedly. "What do you call getting tangled up in a lot of linen?"  
 "What I mean is, I didn't crack up in the motorcycle," said Ralph with dignity.  
 "He's not cheeky," defended Keith. "He's brave. You—you aren't going to tell the management about him, are you?"  
 "What's the use?" said Matt. "If they get rid of these mice more will move in. Anyway, he's a cute little fellow. It cheers me up just to think of him tearing around on a little motorcycle. If only I could, thought Ralph.  
 There followed an unusually pleasant afternoon. Keith stuffed the bacon and toast and jelly through the knothole. The mice feasted on bacon and jelly before the ants could get at them and stored the toast against the rapidly approaching time when Keith must leave the hotel.  
 The next morning when Keith awoke, he found the motorcycle mysteriously napped and played with his cars. For lunch they enjoyed peanut butter sandwiches again.  
 Ralph did not sleep well that afternoon. He found himself thinking of the tantalizing glimpse he had had of the ground floor and wondered if the dining room offered mice—crumbs in the kitchen, scraps in the garbage. He lay daydreaming on a pile of shredded Kleenex. He could see himself on the first floor pilfering crumbs in the dining room, and then after the guests were in bed. And from the dining room he would go to the kitchen right past the night clerk, who was sure to be asleep. If only he could make the trip on the motorcycle.  
 The thought of the motorcycle put an end to Ralph's daydream and made sleep impossible. After tossing about on his bed of Kleenex, he got up and poked his head out the knothole. Keith was awake, lying back on the pillows with his cars beside him. He smiled wanly at Ralph.  
 "How are you feeling?" asked Ralph.  
 "So good," said Keith.  
 Ralph climbed through the hole.  
 "Where are your folks?"  
 "They went out for a little while. They'll be back. I'm supposed to take a nap."  
 "Are you going to?" asked Ralph.  
 "I'd rather talk to you." Keith leaned over and set the motorcycle on the floor. "Want to ride it?" he asked.  
 "Do I want to ride it?" Ralph could scarcely believe he had heard correctly. "You mean you'll let me? After the way I lost it for you?"  
 "You proved you could be responsible when you brought me the aspirin," explained Keith. "You're more grown up."  
 "Thanks," said Ralph modestly.  
 "I guess mice grow up faster than boys." Keith sounded as though he longed to grow as rapidly as a mouse.  
 "You grow a little bit every day," Ralph said, as he removed his crash helmet from his hiding place behind the curtain.  
 "I guess you're right," agreed Keith. "My dad measures me every six months against the doorjamb of our kitchen back in Ohio, and each time he makes it higher than the last, but I never feel myself growing."  
 "You wait long enough and you will be a grown-up." Ralph felt as if he had said something very wise as he slipped the rubber band on his crash helmet around his whiskers.

"I guess so," Keith slumped back on the pillows. "But it takes so long."  
 "I grew up, didn't I?" asked Ralph. "You said yourself I had become a responsible mouse."  
 "Yes, you did," said Keith thoughtfully. "I guess that's part of the secret. Just getting bigger isn't enough. You have to learn things like not taking off down a steep hill on a bicycle when you aren't used to hand brakes. Stuff like that."  
 Ralph walked with a slight swagger to the motorcycle, grabbed the handgrips, and threw his leg across the seat. He remembered to pick up his tail before he started. P-b-b-b-b-b. He took off across the carpet and under the dresser and chair and came to a halt beside the bed. "She has good balance on a rough road," said Ralph with authority. "She's a mighty fine machine."  
 "Say, Ralph," said Keith, suddenly sitting up. "How would you like to come with me when we leave the hotel?"  
 "Come with you!" Ralph was stunned. He had expected to live and die in the Mountain View Inn, and now he was being offered the opportunity for travel that he had dreamed of.  
 "Yes. Come with me to San Francisco and then back to Ohio." Ralph's first thought was of the motorcycle. If he went with Keith he would not have to be separated from his motorcycle.  
 Keith must have sensed Ralph's thoughts because he said, "You could ride the motorcycle every day." Ralph was silent. He had begun to think of other things—his family, the permission he had earned to visit the ground floor, Keith's family and how they would feel about a mouse.  
 "Come on, Ralph," said Keith. "You could travel in my pocket."  
 "Your mother doesn't care for mice," Ralph pointed out.  
 "Not running around loose," agreed Keith. "But she let me keep a couple of white mice once. I still have their cage at home. You would be very comfortable in it."  
 "Comfortable in a cage?" Ralph was horrified. "No, thank you."  
 "Aw, come on—"  
 "Would you like to be shut up in a cage?" demanded Ralph.  
 "Well, no, but—"  
 "Neither would I," said Ralph. "Especially now that I can finally go to the ground floor."  
 In his disappointment Keith slumped back on the pillows once more. "I guess I knew you really wouldn't want to come," he said. "I understand."  
 "I sure will hate to see this motorcycle leave," said Ralph, and added hastily, "and you, too, of course."  
 The boy and the mouse were silent. Both were thinking of their wishes and their regrets that their wishes could not come true.  
 Keith rolled over on his side and propped his head up on his fist. "Would you like to keep the motorcycle?" he asked.  
 "Sure," said Keith. "I can save up my allowance and buy another one when we get back to Ohio."  
 "You really mean it?" Ralph could scarcely contain his excitement. "Keep it for my very own?"  
 "Of course."  
 "How come?" Ralph wanted to know.  
 "I just like to think of you riding it," said Keith. "You know—if you grow up enough to be trusted with a mouse-sized motorcycle, maybe someday I could earn a big one."  
 The excitement drained out of Ralph.

"I can't. I don't have any place to keep it. It's too big to go through the knothole, and I couldn't hide it behind the curtain forever because I've heard that after Labor Day when there aren't so many tourists they take the curtains down to be cleaned."  
 "That is a problem," agreed Keith. "There must be someplace in a big hotel like this where you could keep a motorcycle."  
 Ralph sat on the motorcycle thinking as hard as he could. In the dose? He couldn't get it out when the door was closed. Under the bed? Eventually it would be found.  
 "How about downstairs?" suggested Keith. "I could carry it down for you before we leave. There must be a good hiding place down there someplace."  
 "There's that big old clock my ancestor ran up," said Ralph thoughtfully. "Nobody ever cleans under it, but frankly I don't care to have it striking over my head."  
 Keith thought awhile. "How about that big television set in the lobby?" he asked. "The noise shouldn't bother you because you would only go under it at night when everyone was asleep."  
 "Yes!" Ralph was excited. "That's a perfect garage. I saw it when I got the aspirin. The legs are just high enough for the motorcycle but not quite high enough for a vacuum cleaner attachment."  
 "Then it's settled!" said Keith, and then added rather sternly, "Ralph thought, 'But first you must ask your mother.'"  
 Ralph dismounted and ran to the knothole. He was gone several minutes before he returned to announce in triumph, "She says I can keep the motorcycle if I promise to drive carefully and wear my crash helmet every single time I ride it."  
 "Swell!" Keith was just as excited as Ralph. "When we check out I'll hide it for you while my folks are busy paying the bill."  
 "I can't thank you enough." Ralph fastened his crash helmet once more. "I never thought I would have a motorcycle of my very own."  
 Keith lay back on the pillow and smiled at the mouse mounting the motorcycle. "It will be fun thinking of you riding around that big old lobby when I'm back in Ohio this winter going to school. And when the teacher asks us to write a composition about our summer vacation I can write about meeting a brave mouse named Ralph who rode a little motorcycle. I'll tell about your bringing the aspirin except I'll have to call it a pill because I can't spell aspirin. Of course the teacher won't believe it, but she'll probably say I show imagination."  
 Ralph felt proud to think he was going to be written about in a composition in far-off Ohio. P-b-b-b-b-b. He grabbed his tail, gunned the motor, and took off, heading for the threadbare part of the carpet that made such a good speedway. Round and round he sped, faster and faster until his whiskers blew back and he was filled with the joy of speed. He longed to wave to Keith, but he realized a good driver must keep both paws on the handlebars. He glanced up and noticed that Keith's eyes were closed. The boy had fallen asleep with a smile on his face.  
 Ralph dragged his heels to brake the motorcycle. Quietly he parked it beside the bed and quietly he removed his crash helmet and hid it behind the curtain. He did not want to disturb the sleeping boy.  
 Ralph could wait to ride the motorcycle. It was his to keep.

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## OBITUARY

### Santos DeHoyos

November 1, 1977 - April 24, 2007

Santos DeHoyos, age 29, entered into rest April 24, 2007 in Val Verde County. He was born November 1, 1977 in Del Rio, Texas. He was preceded in death by his father Severo DeHoyos.

He is survived by his loving wife of 7 years, Savannah DeHoyos and daughter Solana DeHoyos. Mother, Epifania L. DeHoyos. Brothers: Martin DeHoyos, Gerardo DeHoyos, Severo DeHoyos Jr., Miguel DeHoyos. Sister: Alma DeHoyos. In-Laws; Woody and Debra Massingill.

Numerous Nieces, Nephews, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. Visitation was held Thursday, April 26, 2007 from 3pm to 9pm and Friday April 27, 2007 3pm to 9pm at Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 114 North St., Brackettville, Texas. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held at 7pm.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday April 28, 2007 at 9am at St. Mary of Magdalene Catholic Church.

Pallbearers: Martin DeHoyos, Gerardo DeHoyos, Severo DeHoyos, Miguel DeHoyos, Woody Massingill, Guadalupe Garcia, Luis Pacheco, Israel DeHoyos.

Interment followed at Kinney County Cemetery.

## Today is the day to be a part of Conservation's Power in the West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD

Submitted by WN-LMSWCD

West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD encourages you to think about your personal responsibility to be a good steward of the natural resources, including energy during its annual Stewardship week celebration.

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) has proclaimed April 29 to May 6, 2007 as Stewardship Week with the theme Conservation's Power. Think about the energy you use everyday. Does it come from renewable or non-renewable energy sources? Over 92% of energy used today comes from nonrenewable resources such as petroleum, natural gas, coal, and uranium. Only a small fraction of the energy we use comes from renewable sources. Is this good stewardship?

What can we do? Take the time to learn about energy efficiency (using less energy to perform the same function), energy conservation, and renewable energy.

Then put what you learn into practice. Efficiency and conservation are key components of energy sustainability. Simply put, we need to meet today's energy needs while allowing our children to meet tomorrow's. West Nueces - Las Moras SWCD is a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts

(www.nacdn.org) which oversees the Stewardship Week program. Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation. NACD represents the nations 3,000 conservation districts, which were established to encourage resource conservation across the country.

"Conservation district leaders have been involved in these issues for a very long time," said NACD President Olin Sims. "We're excited to see the general public's support and enthusiasm growing for renewable sources of energy. Educating our youth and community about conservation and energy today

will result in a more educated and conscientious consumer tomorrow."

For information about Stewardship Week and conservation you can visit www.stewardship.nacdn.org to learn more about NACD and Stewardship Week. There are opportunities to be a part of "Conservation's Power." Volunteer with your local conservation district to conduct activities at local schools, assist in their tree sales, or become an associate supervisor. Working together through various organizations, churches, and schools you can be a part of "Conservation's Power."

## CAVALRY BRIGADE UPDATE

Submitted by Woodie Hornburg

With the exodus of X Company, the remaining Y and Z of the "Cavalry Brigade" has been given the assignment from C. C. Headquarters to spruce up Fort Clark Springs for summer inspection.

All trooper volunteers are expected to muster in on May 5th at 9 a.m. at the Shafter Hall site for detail operations.

The commanding chef will oversee the prize awarding chow to be served at 11:30 a.m. in the Shafter Mess Hall.

This order has been released so as to give the troopers stress reduction activities that match their physical and mental attributes.

Order States, "Clean-up, Saturday, May 5th, 9 a.m. at Shafter Hall, chow scheduled 11:30-12:30 and be prepared to have a great time of fellowship!"

## Praise the Lord!



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

For a day in the court you better than a thousand and I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to

dwell in the tents of wickedness.

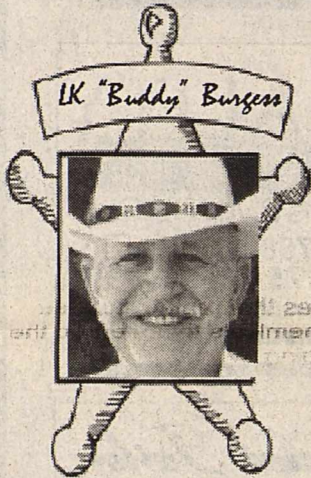
For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Psalms 84:10-12

Praise the Lord! St. John's Missionary Church

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Friday, April 13

6:27 PM Cecil Wayne Lyons, 50, of Atascosa was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. Lyons was released on a \$3,500 bond the next day.

7:30 PM A caller reported a tree had fallen on electrical wires on N. Sweeney and Ann St. CP&L and the telephone companies were notified and a deputy was dispatched to the scene.

7:37 PM A local woman reported a family dispute. A deputy was notified and dispatched.

Saturday, April 14

Jose Antonio Hernandez, 23, of Brackettville was arrested for assault causing bodily injury and family violence. Hernandez was released April 16 on a \$200 bond.

12:58 AM A local woman reported her husband was hitting her and throwing rocks at her. A deputy was notified and dispatched to the scene.

2:30 AM A local man reported a man driving, harassing a young man walking on the street to his residence.

12:56 PM A caller reported a one vehicle rollover on Hwy 674 in Edwards County. Edwards County dispatched deputy and EMS to the scene.

Sunday, April 15

9:30 PM A 911 caller reported a golf cart traveling on Hwy 90 East near the Alibi Bar. It was reported the golf cart did not have lights or reflectors; cars and trucks were trying to avoid hitting the golf cart. A deputy was notified of the situation and enroute.

Monday, April 16

Crespo Gonzales Hernandez, 20, of Mexico was arrested for a DWI warrant out of Dallas County. Hernandez was still being held at press time.

12:10 PM A caller reported a stranded red car out on Hwy 90 west of

Brackettville. A deputy was informed of the situation and enroute.

4:55 PM A 911 caller reported a possible grass fire on Hwy 674. A deputy checked it out. The fire was under control.

Tuesday, April 17

10:00 AM Beatriz J. Jimenez, 25, of Eagle Pass was arrested for theft by check. Jimenez was released the same day on a \$2,000 bond.

10:30 AM Omar Guajardo, 30, of Mercedes, TX was arrested for possession of marijuana. Guajardo was released the next day on a \$1,200 bond.

9:25 PM A local woman called to file a complaint that she was receiving harassing phone calls.

Wednesday, April 18

9:40 AM A local woman reported cows were loose on Hwy 3348 on the railroad tracks. The owner was contacted.

Thursday, April 19

7:56 AM A caller reported a local woman had hit a street sign on Ann St. and Edwards. TXDOT and a deputy were notified.

12:29 AM A local woman reported a domestic dispute and requested assistance. A deputy was notified of the situation and enroute.

12:50 AM Gilberto Villarreal, 34, of Brackettville was arrested for assault causing bodily injury and family violence. Villarreal was released on bond April 20.

Saturday, April 21

11:25 AM Osvaldo Ricardo Blannino, 35, of Del Rio was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Blannino was released the same day on a \$1,200 bond.

8:15 PM Fort Clark requested assistance with a local resident.

Sunday, April 22

3:39 AM A local woman requested deputy assistance. 3:16 PM A caller reported a local ranch's alarm going off. Deputy was informed and enroute.

Monday, April 23

2:21 PM A 911 caller reported a blue Durango parked under the Sycamore Bridge on Hwy. 277. There were eight men carrying bundles from the property across the fence to the vehicle. Del Rio Police Department, Val Verde Sheriff's office, and Border Patrol were dispatched.

2:26 PM A local man reported someone had put knew locks on the ranch gate and house so no one could enter. He asked the Sheriff's office to inform him if anyone was seen at the gate.

2:31 PM A Deputy re-

quested an ambulance at the Sheriff's office. EMS was dispatched.

Tuesday, April 24

1:40 PM A man reported an accident on Hwy. 277. DPS was notified.

8:30 PM Miguel Salazar, 24, of San Antonio was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Salazar was released the next day on a \$1,200 bond.

Wednesday, April 25

2:45 PM A local man requested deputy assistance at the Post Office in regards to a small accident. A deputy reported to the scene.

5:42 PM A caller reported someone had broken into his house through the front window. A deputy reported to the residence.

8:20 PM A local woman reported a man had started a fight on her property, and they were escorting him off their property. A deputy was informed of the situation.

9:00 PM Jose Flores, 39, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and terroristic threats. As of press time, Flores was not yet released.

10:39 PM A local woman reported a domestic issue. A deputy reported to the scene and requested EMS.

Thursday, April 26

3:45 AM A 911 caller reported a great amount of debris on Hwy. 1572. TXDOT was notified.

4:41 AM A caller reported sheep were loose at the intersection of Hwy. 90 West and 3008. A Deputy informed the sheep owner.

Friday, April 27

8:05 PM A local woman called stating that a man who worked with her had stolen her vacuum. A deputy was dispatched.

8:30 PM A caller reported a fire on property behind the football field. A deputy and fire department were notified, but the gate was locked to the property. They could not reach the owner and could not go onto the property because there was no burn ban.

Saturday, April 28

5:09 PM A caller reported a vehicle accident on Hwy. 277 South. There was one injury. EMS and Del Rio DPS were dispatched to the situation.

7:11 PM Karen Bizzell, 51, of Brackettville was arrested for DWI second offense. Bizzell was released the same day on a bond of \$1,500.

10:01 PM Albert Abrego, 24, of Del Rio was arrested for possession of marijuana. He was released the next day on a bond of \$1,200.



Original Poems By Cassandra Jane Gomez

Happy Belated Birthday Sis!!!! I searched among the card displays,

To see if I could find, A little something that would say,

Just what was on my mind. You are that person I can run to

And you know you can always do the same

You have that personality No one else can explain. I've been through rough friendships

And through youthful friendships too But when I needed someone's trust

I always went to you. You are always a happy person And a bit annoying at times But you have that comforting hug

I always seem to find. I wish you a happy birthday And many more to come Don't ever take life too

seriously Just promise me you'll have fun. I know this poem may not make sense But I have no other way to say How happy I am to be your sister And have a Happy 16th Birthday!!! I love you dumb-head!!! =P

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## A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on January 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

### Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2007 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2006, you won't need to reapply for 2007 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2007. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

### When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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P.O. Box 13528  
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## ¿Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera de \$35,000.

### ¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1º de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. Los condados, ciudades y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.

### ¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. está incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si califica para la exención de 65 años de edad o más o está incapacitado, también tiene derecho a un "tope" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El condado, la ciudad o una universidad de dos años también puede adoptar un tope de impuestos en los impuestos del 2007 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o más y el tope máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. Los dueños de 65 o más años de edad (o su esposo(a) sobreviviente de 55 años de edad o más) también pueden transferir el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado, en base al tope de su casa anterior, a su nueva casa.

### ¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si recibió una exención de residencia en el 2006, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2007—a menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2007. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención de personas incapacitadas.

### ¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su solicitud en la oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, puede contactarnos en:

Si desea más información, visítenos y obtenga una copia gratis de

"Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad en Texas: Derechos, Recursos y Responsabilidades del Contribuyente de Impuestos"



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### Weekly Sudoku Solution

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### Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

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Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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# Photos of the Week

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First United Methodist Window Dedication Courtesy Photo



Old Quarry Wine and Cheese  
From Left: Lois Carlson, Joann Werner, Rosie Mattingly, Darlene Sandwick and Charlene Simmons celebrate the end of the 2006-2007 Season. Courtesy Photo

## First UMC Brackettville dedicates stained glass windows

Submitted by Pastor Jean Reardon

On Sunday evening, April 22, the congregation of First United Methodist Church of Brackettville held a special service to dedicate their beautiful stained-glass windows which had been installed over the last two years. The service was well attended by members, community guests and four former pastors who had traveled great distances to join the congregation in the celebration. All of this gave the service and reception which followed the feel of a wonderful family reunion. The windows themselves have a short, but interesting history.

During a 3rd Sunday pot-luck lunch in the spring of 2005, the idea was brought up that it would be wonderful to have stained-glass windows to beautify the sanctuary. It was generally believed that this would be a multi-year project, but enthusiasm was high. After searching for glass artists to do the windows Pastor Roger Baker, located Abel and Maria-Elena Garza at Eagle Pass Stained Glass.

Ideas were quickly generated for the first two windows (those facing James Street) and donors stepped up to supply the funds. Jean Hood, a well-known artist in the church, sketched the designs and suggested colors. The designs were turned over to the glass artists. The first two windows and the transom window over the door (designed by Rev.

Baker) were completed and in place by August of 2005! Regrettably, Pastor Baker had moved and did not get to be here for the installation. Pastor Jean Reardon has had the privilege of seeing the project evolve to completion before her eyes.

The youth chose the design for a third window, The Smiling Jesus, and helped raise the money to install it. Meanwhile, the congregation sadly experienced several deaths. However, memorial gifts were received that enabled them to do three more windows in memory of Kaye York Butler, Emet B. Huntsman II, and Evelyn Whitely and Mark Johnson. The families chose the subject for each of those three windows.

Amazingly, though no master plan had been thought out, one emerged. The pictorial windows reflect different aspects of the character and life of Jesus. In these windows one sees the compassionate Good Shepherd, the smiling Jesus calling disciples to be fishers of people, the

tender, loving Jesus gathering all children at his knee, the desolate, grieving Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, and lastly the victorious Jesus depicted by the empty Old Rugged Cross.

Amazingly, all the windows were paid for, completed and installed within 18 months! Without Mona Miller's dedication to this project such rapid completion would not have been possible. The congregation has discovered that the windows not only beautify the sanctuary but teach children the stories of Jesus.

It was thought there had been a mistake in the first window installed when it was noticed that it said Love, Hope, Faith instead of Faith, Hope, Love. However, as we looked at it we realized that as one reads the scripture (represented by the open Bible) faith grows, which gives hope, which is manifested as LOVE. LOVE is at the top, the position of the "greatest of these". OUR plan had been replaced with something new and even more meaningful.

## First Baptist Church (SBC)

Corner of Ann and Veltman Phone: 563-2245

Sunday: Bible study for all ages 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.  
Adult/Youth/Children Discipleship Training 6 p.m.  
Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study  
Pastor Jeff Janca

## Angel Food Ministries

Submitted by Pastor Jean Reardon

Angel Food Ministries provides a box of groceries at a reasonable cost for anyone who wishes to purchase it.

Angel Food's groceries are sold in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$25 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$50.

Comparison shopping has been done across the country in various communities using a wide range of retail grocery stores and has resulted in the same food items costing from between \$42 and \$78.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one would purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork. Many participants in this bonus program appreciate the expanded choices. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can purchase, and there are no applications to complete or qualifications to which participants must adhere. Angel Food Ministries, like most all other retail grocery stores, also participates in the U.S. Food Stamp program, using the Off-Line Food Stamp Voucher system.

Locally food sales and distribution are handled by First United Methodist church which is a host site. Orders and payments are collected by the host sites during the first part of each month. These orders are then turned in to the Angel Food main office in Monroe, Georgia, on a predetermined date. Several days later, in the same month, the host site either picks up the food from Angel Food's 160,000 square foot warehouse to fill the orders on Distribution Day or, because this ministry is growing nationwide, food is delivered to the host site by a pre-arranged delivery mode. In most cases, as long as there is a truck

headed in the direction of a community who wants this program and sees its ministry influence, there are no extra transportation costs.

The distribution day in Brackettville is the last Saturday of the month. Orders will taken at Slator Hall (across the street

from the clinic) on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 PM; Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - noon and Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM. If you cannot make any of these times call Ava at 563-5641 or Pastor Jean at 563-5188 to make arrangements for placing your order.

**Angel Food Ministries**  
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**MAY 2007 MENU**

(4) 5 oz. New York Strip Steaks	(1) 1 lb. Bean Soup Mix
(1) 4 lb. I.Q.F. Chicken Thighs	(1) 8 oz. Biscuit Mix
(1) 48 oz. Beef & Bean Burritos	(1) 7.5 oz. Mac & Cheese
(1) 28 oz. Banquet Beef & Noodle Dinner	(1) 12 oz. Corn Tortillas
(1) 2 lb. Breaded Frying Chicken	(1) 26 oz. Pasta Sauce
(1) 1 lb. Ground Beef	(1) 16 oz. Pasta
(1) 12 oz. Pepperoni Pizza Slices	(1) 24 oz. Hash Brown Potatoes
(1) 2 lb. Popcorn Chicken	(1) 16 oz. Mixed Vegetables
	(1) Dessert Item

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<b>MAY SPECIAL #3</b> 5 lb. May 11th Box \$18.50 2-oz. Poppers Steaks 4-oz. Steak Burgers 1 1/2 lb. Italian Sausage	4-oz. Bacon-Wrapped Pork Filets 2-oz. Chicken Soup Steaks

Order at Slator Hall across from First United Methodist Church 109 James Street  
Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> 3PM to 5PM or Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 12 noon  
& Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 4 PM to 6PM  
Food not picked up by 12:00 on distribution day will be donated to the Food Bank.  
Contact Ava Lindeman at 563-5641 or First United Methodist Church (563-2823)  
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