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Community News

Local Governmental Meetings

Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors will host a Regular meeting in the FCS Board Room on Saturday, June 14 at 9am.

Kinney County Commissioner's Court will hold a Regular meeting on Monday, June 16 at 9am in the County Courtroom.

County Court

Kinney County Court will be held on June 18 at 9am in the County Courtroom.

District Court

The 63rd District Court will be held on July 1 at 9am in the District Courtroom at the Kinney County Courthouse.

BISD Summer Hours

Central Office summer hours: the office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

Hazardous material seminar rescheduled

UPDATE: The Hazardous Material Awareness Seminar is rescheduled for Monday, June 16, 3-5pm, and with the class size will be held at the Senior/Nutrition Center on Ann Street in Brackettville. Parking is in the back of the center next to the Kinney County Fire Rescue building (EMS building). The second session will be 3-5pm Monday, June 30 at the Senior/Nutrition Center. Lesley Jones, 563-2347, can be reached for further information.

Benefit for St. Jude's Children's Hospital

St. Jude's Children's Hospital can use the front of any greeting cards you receive throughout the year for craft projects. Only the front of the card depicting any and all occasions is needed. For details, call Vada at 830-563-9377.

Operation Iraqi Children

Frontier Baptist Church is collecting school supplies to send to Megan Reinhold to distribute to Iraqi children. Donations can be dropped off at Carmen's Boutique through June 30. Monetary donations can be made by making out your check to Frontier Baptist Church designated for "Operation Iraqi Children". Send checks to Frontier Baptist Church, PO Box 616, Brackettville, TX, 78832. For more information call Rose Reagan 830-563-9429.

City puts the fire out

Fire protection dispute laid to rest

By Allison Taylor
Editor

Current and newly elected Brackettville City Council members met Tuesday night, June 10 for a Regular monthly meeting.

During the Citizen's Communication portion of the meeting, Citizen Leigh Volcsko spoke in opposition to any decision changing the current Inter-Local Governmental Agreement.

ment between the City and Kinney County regarding fire protection, which was placed on the June 10 agenda.

Citizen Abby Garcia welcomed the Alderpersons and spoke up in favor of new

changes from a new council.

Kinney County Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn presented the District's proposed 2008-2009 budget to the City.

The council voted unanimously to keep property located in section (I) of the city zoned as Industrial/Commercial and not change it as requested to Residential.

It was voted unanimously to add newly elected alderpersons, Demitres Williams, Stephanie Buitron and Mayor Charles Feagley to the bank signature card.

Alderwoman Francisca Chica Hernandez made a motion to deny the issuance of City Hall keys to Council members. Strongly opposing this line item, Hernandez stated, "The less access any number of individuals have to City Hall is, it's just took risky when we start involving more and more numbers to have keys to City Hall."

Alderwoman Mary Flores seconded Hernandez's motion, the vote was unanimous.

Flores motioned to table agenda item, Discussion and possible action to amend Ordinance No. 2005-10-11; an ordinance establishing monthly rates to be charged to all customers for water, sewer, gas and waster collection service. Flores stated "I would like to say that to make any changes at this point is a little bit risky. We are in the process of doing our budget. During the time that we are doing the budget, we can decide if there was some money that we did not spend in one item that we can switch it do where we will be able to redo the rates that are in charge right now." Council voted unanimously to table this item.

Revisiting the fire protection agreement with the County was denied with 3 votes to leave the agreement as is. Williams abstained. During discussion, Feagley stated, "The \$10,000 that we (the city) owe sounds like too much. I am not happy with that. I am not happy with the way everything transpired, but I am bound by the law of my job, I will honor the contract, whatever it says."

If the City was to break the agreement, they would owe the County for repairs done to the fire protection vehicles in approximation of \$12,000.

City Manager Henry Garcia explained to the council the requirements of the State Fire Marshal's Office and the duty of volunteer fire department to submit reports. Garcia explained, submitting the reports, is the first step to lowering insurance premiums for the citizens of Brackettville.

Council voted unanimously to table the item discussing the budget to provide for hiring city police officers until the new budget year.

During the City Manager's report, Garcia updated the council on his status in becoming National Incident Management System (NIMS) certified and relayed information on how council may also become NIMS certified. In the event of a natural disaster, being NIMS certified helps with receiving Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance. He stated the council would have 90 days to complete NIMS certification.



Davis Swears In To Testify in Grass Valley Hearing

Photo By Allison Taylor

Kinney County landowner Zach Davis is sworn in by Judge John J. Vay to testify in opposition during the Grass Valley Water, LP permit hearing on Wednesday, June 11 in the District Courtroom.

Grass Valley hearing continues

By Allison Taylor
Editor

Grass Valley Water, LP, (Grass Valley) of Kingsbury, appeared before Judge John J. Vay beginning on Monday, June 9 in the Kinney County District Courtroom for a permit hearing of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD).

Representing Grass Valley, Attorney Michael Booth of Austin, led the hearing with an introduction of his client and their purpose in Kinney County.

Grass Valley is a limited partnership that invests in marketing water resources out of Kinney County.

Other parties in the hearing were Attorney Paul Terrell of Austin, representing Lloyd Lee Davis and Susan Davis, Lloyd Lee Davis, Jr. Trust, Richard F. Tetens and Helen Davis Cates; Ed McCarthy of Austin, representing Zach Davis, Davis Fam-

ily Partnership; Dietzman and Hall representing Hayden G. Haby, Jr.; Attorney Tully Shahan of Brackettville representing himself, Tully Shahan, JWJ livestock, Shahan Ranch Ltd, Virginia Shahan, Jamie Rains, Tulisha Wardlaw and John Boerschig and Louis T. Rosenberg representing KCGCD General Manager Diana Ward.

McCarthy's client, Willie Jo Dooley, LP withdrew as an interested party to the case.

All attorneys were given the opportunity to present an introduction to their arguments and/or standing in the case.

Ray Smith of Grass Valley was the first to take the stand. Smith testified in the matters of the amended permit applications, location of wells on leased property, leased water rights and permit application rules.

Wet Rock Groundwater Services, LLC President/Senior

Hydrogeologist Kaveh Khorzad sat in the hot seat Monday afternoon. Khorzad testified to not locating the wells in the center of the leased property because it was part of the recharge zone and the water is not as stable in a recharge zone. He also illustrated several sketches of draw down around the wells and the cone of depression due to pumping water out of the well. Khorzad's testimony continued through Tuesday.

Late Tuesday afternoon, Philip Bullock testified as an expert witness for Terrell.

Lloyd Lee Davis, Helen Cates, Richard Tetens and Zach Davis all testified as adjoining land owners on Wednesday.

As of press time, the hearing had not concluded.

Judge Vay will produce a report based on evidence presented during the hearing and the KCGCD Board of Directors will make a final decision later this year.



KC Library Summer Program Shines

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

The Summer 2008 Kinney County Library program has started off with success. Children have showing up with smiling faces eager to read and have fun.

What's Happening

Kinney County Little League closing ceremony and BBQ plate sale will be held on Saturday, June 14 at 10 am at the KCLL field.

Letters to our Troops

If you would like to send out a postcard or letter to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan please contact Bonnie Frerich at 563-5372. Letter and notes are the most requested since it boosts their morale and reminds them that they are not forgotten.

Local Summer Youth Programs

The **Kinney County Library Summer Program**: Monday - Thursday from now until Wednesday, July 2. Ages 3-8: 10am until 11:45am. Ages 9 and up: 1pm until 5pm.

BISD Summer School: June 2 - June 23, 8am until 12 noon.

Tiger Gym: All June, Monday - Thursday, 2pm until 6pm.

Tiger Weight Room: June 16 - July 24, Monday - Thursday, Junior high: 9am until 11am and high school 6:30 until 8:30pm.

Volleyball Camp: June 30 - July 3, 9am until 12 noon. Participants: 5th-9th graders and cost \$30.00.

Softball Camp: July 14 - July 17, 9am until 12 noon. Participants: 3rd-9th graders and cost \$30.00.

FCS Pool: Membership required. Monday - Thursday 7am until 10pm and Friday - Sunday 7am until 12 midnight.

FCS Golf Course: Open everyday 8am until 6pm except Monday. Call for fee schedule 830-563-9204

Weekly Activities at the FCS Teen Center - Membership required. **Horseback Riding Lessons**: Lindy Orozco is offering lessons, for more information call 830-422-2379.

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School: July 21 - July 25, 9am until 12 noon. Offered for children 4 years of age through 6th graders.

First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School: To Be Announced.

June is National Internet Safety Month; Educate Yourself and Your Kids Our Campaigns Don't Believe the Type A site where teens can learn more about online dangers and make the web a safer place to surf. Help Delete Online Predators Created by NCMEC and Ad Council, this site helps families learn how to better protect their children's online lives and help delete online predators. Think Before You Post. Created by NCMEC, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Ad Council, this site informs teens how sharing and posting personal information online can put them at risk. The Internet offers an array of entertainment and educational resources for children but also presents some risks. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is committed to helping all audiences?

from kids to parents and guardians to law-enforcement officers and educators? learn the aspects of Internet safety. You can't watch kids every minute, but you can use strategies to help them benefit from the Internet and avoid its risks. NCMEC urges you to do one of the single most important things to promote safety? talk to kids about the rewards and risks of internet use.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday

High: 96
Low: 74

Mostly Sunny

Saturday

High: 97
Low: 74

Isolated T-Storms

Sunday

High: 99
Low: 74

Sunny

Letter to the Editor

The scrambled egg sandwich

I got the call last week that one of my aunts back in Virginia passed away. My cousin left me a message to call her, but she was crying so I knew it was bad news. When I called her back she said that her mama was gone. Gone? To me my Aunt Ann was like a big HUG standing over the stove, but she was gone.

My Aunt Ann had sympathy for everyone. Even if they didn't deserve it, she felt sorry for them and would listen to their problems until they felt better and she was totally depressed. And what's good for depression? A scrambled egg sandwich with salad dressing - not mayonnaise.

Poor people eat lots of eggs and when me and all my cousins were little, we ate at least three or four chicken farms worth of eggs. Times are better now of course, because I add a little bacon and a tortilla to my eggs.

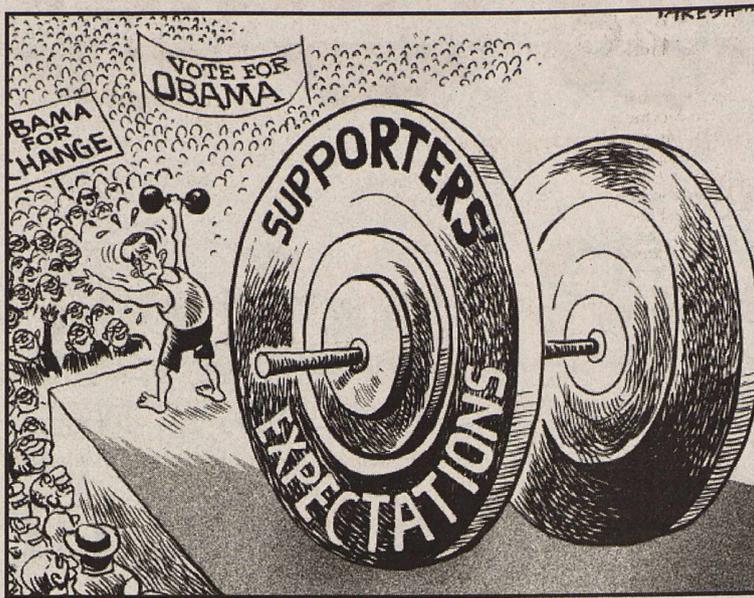
I guess my childhood memories were awakened and I remembered running down 13th Avenue where she lived and walking the proverbial "ten miles to school". My Aunt Ann kept my brother and me before and after school and throughout the summers. I don't think I ever had to wear shoes in those days. She had an old house with a porch swing and we'd sit out there and sing gospel songs. Rock songs were sinful so we sang the *REALLY* old hymns - songs that today when I hear them get me a little choked up. I remember that she kept the heat in her house on 89 degrees in the winter - I swear - I believed my cousins were so skinny because she kept the house hot like a sweat box. My aunt loved to read. She had a middle-school education, but she could read and write like a scholar. She read everything and her hand writing was beautiful.

My aunt was the oldest of eight children and her passing is bringing to light just how short life is and how hard it will be for my cousins as they deal with their loss.

So tonight I will eat another egg sandwich and make a high toast to the life a woman who will be terribly missed by many in Virginia and at least one person in Brackettville, Texas.

Here's to Ann.

Leigh V.



This Father's Day, give dad a financial toolkit



Emily Cooper

Father's Day is almost here. If your father is handy around the house, you might be considering giving him tools of some kind. Of course, drills, Sanders, saws and screwdrivers make excellent gifts, but this year, why not give Dad something that can help him build his future? Specifically, why not give him a "financial toolkit"?

What could go into this toolkit? Here are a few suggestions:

Stocks - You may want to

give shares of a company that produces products or services that your father uses. If you're going to give some of your own shares, you'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock, how long you've held it and its fair market value at the date of the gift. Your father will need this information to determine gains or losses if he decides to sell the stock.

Bonds - If your father is at or near retirement age, he might benefit from the interest payments provided by bonds. If you give your father a municipal bond, the interest is free from federal taxes, and if the municipality that issues the bond is located in your father's state, the interest also may be exempt from state and local taxes. However, some municipal bonds - particularly airport

and housing bonds - might be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT), so you'd want to be pretty familiar with your father's tax situation before giving him an AMT-susceptible bond.

IRA contribution - As long as your father is working, he can contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA - and he should, because an IRA offers tax advantages and a wide array of investment options. Your father can put in up to \$6,000 to an IRA if he's 50 or older, or \$5,000 if he's under 50. While you can't make a deposit into your father's IRA, you can give him some money for that purpose.

Education - Even if your father has been investing for a while, he could probably still benefit from some additional knowledge. Consider giving him a subscription to a magazine that focuses on financial issues.

Or you might want to give a book on investing, such as Dr. Jeremy Siegel's *Stocks for the Long Run*, generally considered one of the most valuable and "user-friendly" books for both new and experienced investors.

A word of caution, though: Stay away from those books that seem to "promise" huge investment success if readers follow the techniques described by the author.

Games - You can find a variety of investment-related games that are both fun and informative. These games often use real-life scenarios to depict the various factors that go into investment decisions and the equally various results that can follow.

You can also choose games that focus on other financial issues, such as managing cash flow. You can find these games in the old-fashioned "board game" format and as computer software. A quick search on the Internet will turn up plenty of these games.

Put some of these suggestions to work to create a financial "toolbox" for your dad this Father's Day. He'll likely appreciate your generosity - and he'll be able to put the "tools" to good use.

Newlyweds need to reconcile investment styles



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

We all love lists. We make them every day and look at them. Lists can be helpful or they can make us feel bad. It is up to us to use the list to empower ourselves. We have David Letterman's top 10 lists, tips on every magazine cover and oh let's not forget about the 10 commandments. I have even made my own list of FlyLady's 11 Commandments.

This little list gives you the tools to find peace in your world. Just reading the list is not going to give you the answers to all those questions. But guess what? It is a great start. I know why we love list so much. It is because they seem so easy and we have time to read just a list. So here goes. I am going to take our 11 commandments and show you how doing them is a way to pamper yourself every single day. It is the being nice to yourself that is the key to this peace!

1. Keep your sink clean and shiny! *This puts a smile on your face and helps you to stay on top of our kitchen.*

2. Do your Bedtime Routine EVERY NIGHT. *Doing a before bedtime routine help you to start each morning on a good note, not a running through the house screaming fit. Everyone deserves to wake up without stress.*

3. Do your Morning routine EVERY DAY, RIGHT WHEN YOU GET UP. *I want you to dress to lace up shoes so that you look good and this will help you feel well too.*

4. Don't allow yourself to be sidetracked by the computer. *We have a tendency to stick our heads in the sand. Let computer time be a way to pamper and reward yourself.*

5. Pick up after yourself. IF YOU GET IT OUT, PUT IT AWAY WHEN FINISHED. *This is one thing that we don't even notice until it goes undone. When picking up after yourself all the time becomes a habit, you no longer have major hot spots to make you feel bad.*

6. Don't try to do two projects at once. ONE JOB AT A TIME. *Don't pull out more than you can put back in 1 hour. Getting overwhelmed by a project is not good for your stress levels. Focus on one thing and you will find peace.*

7. Do something for yourself every day, maybe even every morning and night. *You are worth it!*

8. Work as fast as you can to get a job done. This will give you more time to play later. *Free time is me time! Don't let a job hang over your head. Get it done and forget about it.*

9. Smile even when you don't feel like it. It is contagious. *A smile on your face can change your whole attitude. Do it even if you don't feel like smiling. The smile tells your head that you are happy. You can do this.*

10. Make your mind up to be happy and you will be. *We can talk ourselves into anything: Why not happy. Get out of your ole poor me attitude and count your blessings.*

11. Pamper yourself, you deserve it. *Yes you do. You do so much for everyone else, take a few minutes to do something nice just for you! When you develop the habit you will be FLYing High!*

I want pampering yourself to become just as automatic as putting on your shoes and shining your sink. If you don't take care of you, then who will! I want pampering to become a way of life; every single day! I think you just need to be given permission to do this. Maybe not even permission, but an order! Now go pamper yourself.

Use this list to help you FLY because Finally Loving Yourself is an action that comes to you in each of these 11 Commandments.

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Tiger Page

BHS Academic Awards

Brackett ISD recently presented the following students with academic awards in an assembly in the BHS Auditorium:

National Honor Society Graduates:

- Bailee Allen
- Cesar Cantu
- Lauren Cornelius
- Meghann Davis
- Doolie Fernandez
- Daphne Hunt
- Gabriella Schroeder
- Bianca Stewart
- Anolda Watkins

Honor Graduates:

- Bailee Allen
- Travis Bonner
- Cesar Cantu
- Julie Castillo
- Lauren Cornelius
- Meghann Davis
- Doolie Fernandez
- Daphne Hunt
- Gabriella Schroeder
- Ashley Stephenson
- Bianca Stewart
- Anolda Watkins

Valedictorian:

- Gabriella Schroeder

Salutatorian:

- Meghan Davis

UIL Scholar Award:

- Bailee Allen
- Meghann Davis
- Gabriella Schroeder
- Bianca Stewart

President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence Gold:

- Bailee Allen
- Meghann Davis
- Gabriella Schroeder
- Bianca Stewart

President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence Silver:

- Travis Bonner
- Cesar Cantu
- Julie Castillo
- Lauren Cornelius
- Doolie Fernandez
- Daphne Hunt
- Ashley Stephenson
- Anolda Watkins

"A" Honor Roll:

- Brandon Allen
- Kelsey Bruce
- Bryan Calk
- Haley Hale
- Victor Cantu
- Jeffrey Sitgreaves
- Katryna Swilley
- Emily Calk
- Samantha Moore
- Laura Swinson
- Lauren Cornelius
- Gabriella Schroeder

"A&B" Honor Roll:

- Stella Guajardo
- Ayland Letsinger
- Sahara Rodriguez
- Joshua Smith
- Erica Villanueva
- Cheyenne Billings
- Charles Conoly
- Shaun Davis
- Jessica Earwood
- Brianna Escamilla

- Brooklyn Gose
- Elena Molinar
- Elidia Molinar
- Laura Adams
- Summer Allen
- Katie Braesicke
- Kristina Flores
- Serenity Gammill
- Rebecca Mann
- Maribel Rivas
- Arlene Roth
- Jacob Schroeder
- Bailee Allen
- Jesus Balderas
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- Meghann Davis
- Albert Flores
- Daphne Hunt
- Ashley Stephenson
- Bianca Stewart
- Gabriella Talamantes
- Anolda Watkins
- Jolisa Wright

Perfect Attendance:

- Veronica Garza

David Edwards Agriculture:

- Intro. To Ag.- Daniel Molinar and Sarah Davis
- Ag. Mechanics- Fermin Villanueva and Chris Seargeant
- Wildlife Management- Raul Rivas
- Range Ecology- Guy Rigby
- Intro. To Ag. Mechanics- Jaime Rodriguez and Adan Pinales
- Ag. Structures- Damien Falcon and Cody Kirkland
- Animal Science- Haley Hale

Kathy Bader History:

- 1st period Art History- Emily Calk and Albert Flores
- 2nd period Art History- Chuy Balderas and Bianca Stewart
- Psychology- Brandon Allen
- Advanced Social Studies- Lauren Cornelius
- 5th period U.S. History- Laura Adams
- 5th period Applied U.S. History- Jesus Rodriguez
- 6th period U.S. History- Roxie Gomez
- 6th period Applied U.S. History- Luis Rodriguez
- Most improved- Osvaldo Salazar

Rhonda Marquardt Geography:

- 1st period Geography- Bryan Calk
- 2nd period Geography- Stella Guajardo
- 6th period Geography- Travis Titchenell

Scott Swilley History and Economics:

- 2nd period World History- Victor Cantu
- 3rd period World History- Jeff Sitgreaves
- 5th period Economics- Ashley Stephenson
- 6th period World History- Brooklyn Gose
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- 6th period Speech/Health- Serenity Gammill and Arlene Roth

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- 7th period English III- Laura Adams
- Technical Writing- Meghann Davis

Creative Writing- Bailee Allen and Travis Bonner:

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- Spanish III- Kelsey Bruce and Gabby Schroeder
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- Pre-Calculus- Julie Castillo
- Pre-AP Pre-Calculus- Laura Swinson
- AP Calculus- Gabby Schroeder

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- 2nd period Geometry- Ramon Gutierrez and Elena Molinar
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- 4th period Pre-AP Geometry- Haley Hale and Brandon Allen
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- 3rd period Biology- Brian Calk and Damien Falcon
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- 4th period Physics- Jared Harris and Becca Mann
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- 6th period Chemistry- Felisha Abrego and Victor Cantu

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Ramona The Pest

Each week TBN will publish a chapter in Beverly Cleary's "Ramona The Pest" as part of our program to encourage children of all ages to read!

Chapter 8: The Substitute, Part 1

Before long Mrs. Quimby and Mrs. Kemp decided the time had come for Ramona and Howie to walk to school by themselves. Mrs. Kemp, pushing Willa Jean in her stroller, walked Howie to the Quimbys' house where Ramona's mother invited her in for a cup of coffee.

"You better put all your stuff away," Howie advised Ramona, as his mother lifted his little sister out of the stroller. "Willa Jean crawls around and chews things."

Grateful for this advice, Ramona closed the door of her room.

"Now Howie, you be sure to look both ways before you cross the street," cautioned his mother.

"You, too, Ramona," said Mrs. Quimby. "And be sure you walk. And walk on the sidewalk. Don't go running out in the street."

"And cross between the white lines," said Mrs. Kemp.

"And wait for the traffic boy near the school," said Mrs. Quimby. "And don't talk to strangers," said Mrs. Kemp.

Ramona and Howie, weighed down by the responsibility of walking themselves to school, trudged off down the street. Howie was even gloomier than usual, because he was the only boy in the morning kindergarten who wore jeans with only one hip pocket. All the other boys had two hip pockets.

"That's silly," said Ramona, still inclined to be impatient with Howie. If Howie did not like his jeans, why didn't he make a great big noisy fuss about them? "No, it isn't," contradicted Howie. "Jeans with one hip pocket are babyish."

At the cross street Ramona and Howie stopped and looked both ways. They saw a car coming a block away so they waited. They waited and waited. When the car finally passed, they saw another car coming a block away in the opposite direction. They waited some more. At last the coast was clear, and they walked, stiff-legged in their haste, across the street.

"Whew!" said Howie, relieved that they were safely across.

The next intersection was easier because Henry Huggins, in his red traffic sweater and yellow cap, was the traffic boy on duty. Ramona was not awed by Henry even though he often got to hold up cement and lumber trucks delivering material for the market that was being built across from the school. She had known Henry and his dog Ribsy as long as she could remember, and she admired Henry because not only was he a traffic boy, he also delivered papers.

Now Ramona looked at Henry, who was standing with his feet apart and his hands clasped behind his back. Ribsy was sitting beside him as if he were watching traffic, too. Just to see what Henry would do, Ramona stepped off the curb.

"You get back on the curb, Ramona," Henry ordered above the noise of the construction on the corner.

Ramona set one foot back on the curb.

"All the way, Ramona," said Henry. Ramona stood with both heels on the curb, but her toes out over the gutter. Henry could not say she was not standing on the curb, so he merely glared. When several boys and girls were waiting to cross the street, Henry marched across with Ribsy prancing along beside him.

"Beat it, Ribsy," said Henry between his teeth. Ribsy paid no attention.

Directly in front of Ramona Henry executed a sharp about-face like a real soldier. Ramona marched behind Henry, stepping as close to his sneakers as she could. The other



children laughed. On the opposite curb Henry tried to execute another military about-face, but instead he tripped over Ramona. "Doggone you, Ramona," he said angrily. "If you don't cut that out I'm going to report you."

"Nobody reports kindergartners," scoffed an older boy.

"Well, I'm going to report Ramona if she doesn't cut it out," said Henry. Obviously Henry felt it was his bad luck that he had to guard an intersection where Ramona crossed the street.

Between crossing the street without a grown-up and getting so much attention from Henry, Ramona felt that her day was off to a good start. However, as she and Howie approached the kindergarten building, she saw at once that something was wrong.

The door to the kindergarten was already open. No one was playing on the jungle gym. No one was running around the playground. No one was even waiting in line by the door. Instead the boys and girls were huddled in groups like frightened mice. They all looked worried and once in a while someone who appeared to be acting brave would

step forward and come running back to one of the groups to report something.

"What's the matter?" asked Ramona.

"Miss Binney isn't there," whispered Susan. "It's a different lady."

"A substitute," said Eric R. Miss Binney not there! Susan must be wrong. Miss Binney had to be there. Kindergarten would not be kindergarten without Miss Binney. Ramona ran to the door to see for herself. Susan was right. Miss Binney was not there.

The woman who was busy at Miss Binney's desk was taller and older. She was as old as a mother. Her dress was brown and her shoes were sensible. Ramona did not like what she saw at all, so she ran back to a cluster of boys and girls. "What are we going to do?" she asked, feeling as if she had been deserted by Miss Binney. For her teacher to go home and not come back was not right.

"I think I'll go home," said Susan. Ramona thought this idea was babyish of Susan. She had seen what happened to boys and girls who ran home from kindergarten. Their mothers marched them right straight back again, that's what happened. No, going home would not do.

"I bet the substitute won't even know the rules of our kindergarten," said Howie.

The children agreed. Miss Binney said following the rules of their kindergarten was important. How could this stranger know what the rules were? A stranger would not even know the names of the boys and girls. She might get them mixed up.

Still feeling that Miss Binney was

disloyal to stay away from school, Ramona made up her mind she was not going into that kindergarten room with that strange teacher. Nobody could make her go in there. But where could she go? She could not go home, because her mother would march her back. She could not go into the main building of Greenwood School, because everyone would know a girl her size belonged out in the kindergarten. She had to hide, but where?

When the first bell rang, Ramona knew she did not have much time. There was no place to hide on the kindergarten playground, so she slipped around behind the little building and joined the boys and girls who were streaming into the red-brick building.

"Kindergarten baby!" a first-grader shouted at Ramona.

"Pieface!" answered Ramona with spirit. She could see only two places to hide - behind the bicycle racks or behind a row of trash cans. Ramona chose the trash cans. As the last children entered the building she got down on her hands and knees and crawled into the space between the cans and the red-brick wall. The second bell rang. "Hup, two, three, four!" Hup, two, three, four! The traffic boys were marching back from their posts at the intersections near the school. Ramona crouched motionless on the asphalt. "Hup, two, three, four!" The traffic boys, heads up, eyes front, marched past the trash cans and into the building. The playground was quiet, and Ramona was alone.

Henry's dog Ribsy, who had followed the traffic boys as far as the door of the school, came trotting over to check the odors of the trash cans. He put his nose down to the ground and whiffed around the cans while Ramona crouched motionless with her rough asphalt digging into her knees. Ribsy's busy nose led him around the can face to face with Ramona.

"Wufl!" said Ribsy. "Ribsy, go away!" ordered Ramona in a whisper.

"R-r-r-wufl!" Ribsy knew Ramona was not supposed to be behind the trash cans.

"You be quiet!" Ramona's whisper was as ferocious as she could make it. Over in the kindergarten the class began to sing the song about the dawnzner. At least the strange woman knew that much about kindergarten. After the dawnzner song the kindergarten was quiet. Ramona wondered if the teacher knew that Show and Tell was supposed to come next. She strained her ears, but she could not hear any activity in the little building.

The space between the brick wall and the trash cans began to feel as cold as a refrigerator to Ramona in her thin sweater. The asphalt dug into her knees, so she sat down with her feet straight out toward Ribsy's nose. The minutes dragged by.

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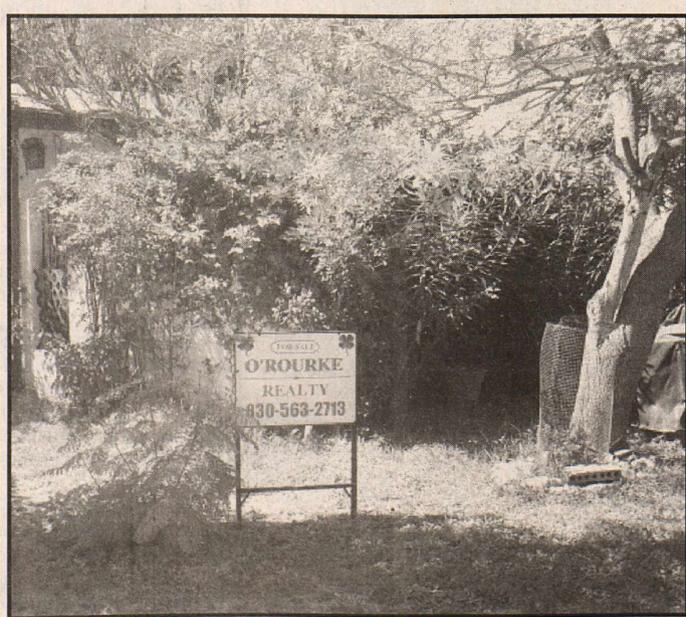
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