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BRIEFS

Disaster training

The American Red Cross will be conducting disaster training on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m. at the satellite office, 127 Foster Drive in Del Rio. All disaster reserve volunteers are encouraged to attend, any new interested volunteers are welcome. A course in family services will be taught. All disaster training is free. Come be trained in the largest disaster assistance organization in the world. Call Jane Pratt at 830-775-8626 to sign up or contact ARC at arcdbrbo@yahoo.com

Red Dress Day

Feb. 3 is Red Dress Day to alert women to the fact that Heart Disease is the leading cause of death in women in the United States. 370,000 women die each year due to heart disease. In comparison 264,000 die of cancer. Your healthy choices can help you prevent heart disease. Control of your blood pressure, weight, cholesterol, Diabetes, smoking and a low fat diet will make a difference in a healthy heart. Red Dress Day is a program by the American Heart Association.

Tax Assessors office closed for workshop

The Kinney County Tax Assessor-Collector's office will be closed on Friday, Jan. 27. Staff will be attending an RTS workshop at the TXDOT regional office in San Antonio. Office hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 30 at 8 a.m.

KC Arts Council

Kinney County Arts Council will host a performance of Colleen Mallette's "Comedy and Vocal Concert" on Feb. 25 at FCSA's Post Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 and may be obtained from members and the Adult Center.

Bible Study Thursday

Ladies' Bible study is held each Thursday at 9 a.m. at the First Baptist Church 301 N. Ann. The book of John is being studied. All ladies welcome. For questions call 563-2245.

The Green Thumb

Any time between now and March is a good time to prune trees. If you plan to spray with a dormant oil spray, do so on a day when the temperature is above 40F. Spray all fruit trees that were bothered by fungus or disease last year with a lime sulfur spray, or a spray that contains at least 50 percent copper.

Home Handyman

DRILLING TIPS: When drilling hard metal, instead of oil, add a drop of turpentine to the drill point for lubrication. To stop a drill from sliding over and scratching ceramic tiles, stick a piece of plaster tape on the tile and drill through it. Try this when knocking a nail into plaster too, for less chipping.

INSIDE

Vada Baldree
Well folks, I went wild at the store last week! No, not over my usual indulgence of clothes and desserts which you know I never have resistance for. My once in a while craving were for the many beautiful fresh veggies!
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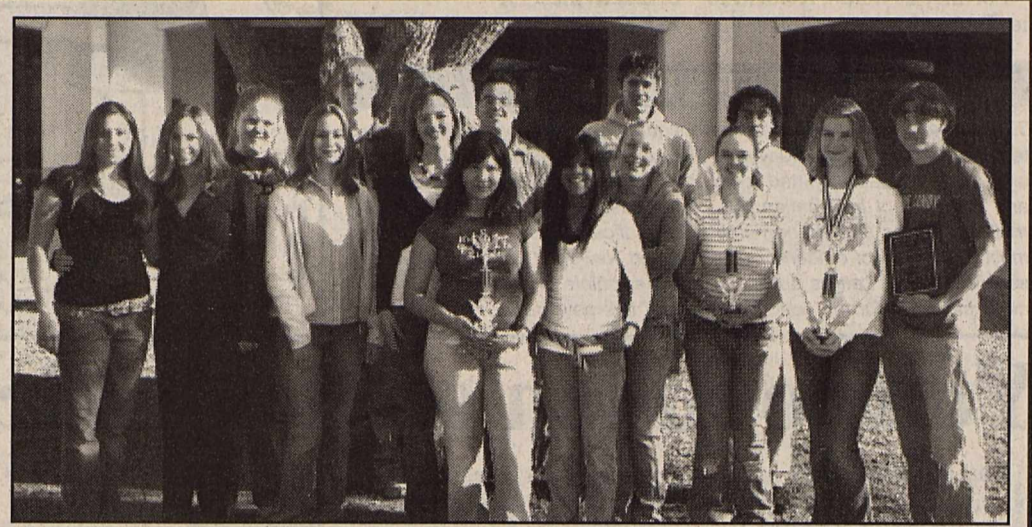
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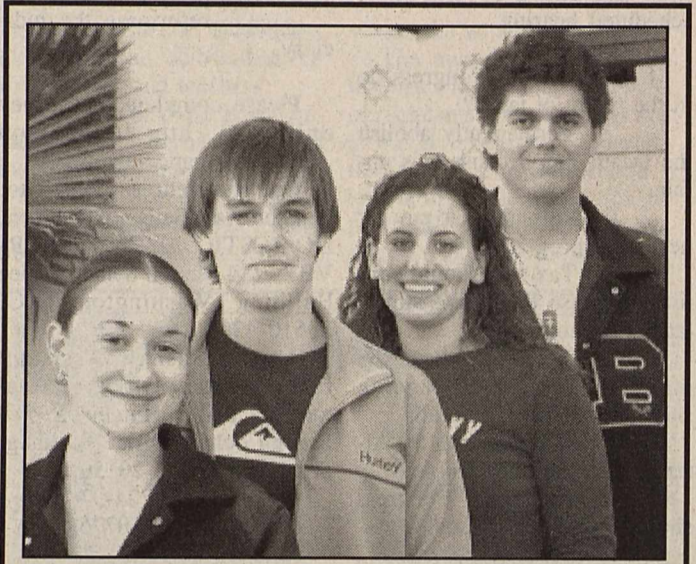
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BHS Students place in UIL Eagle Pass invitational

This past week end, Eagle Pass High School hosted their UIL Academic Invitational Meet. Twenty-six students from Brackett High School participated in seventeen different events. Students competed against fourteen schools from Laredo, Del Rio and the surrounding area with some events having as many as fifty contestants. Dana Bonner and John Moore took 3rd Place in Cross X Debate. Rachel Swinson won 1st Place in Veteran Accounting. Alison Carroll, Seth Frerich and Rachel Swinson placed 2nd for Accounting Team. Alison Carroll finished 7th in Prose. Leon Woolsey placed 7th in Computer Applications. Laura Swinson placed 5th in 9th Grade Calculator Applications and took 4th Place in 9th Grade Number Sense. Gaby Schroeder placed 5th Place in 10th Grade Number Sense and 6th in Spelling. Natasha Smith took 5th Place in 11th Grade Number Sense. Doolie Fernandez placed 3rd in 10th Grade Mathematics. Justin Calk won 1st Place for 11th Grade Mathematics. Rachel Swinson placed 2nd in 12th Grade Mathematics. Brand Wylie took 4th Place in 12th Grade Mathematics. Justin Calk, Doolie Fernandez, Rachel Swinson and Brand Wylie won 1st Place for Mathematics Team. This was the first full academic meet attended by Brackett High School this spring. The BHS administration congratulates all the students who attended the meet.



UIL Participants
Front Row from left: Dana Bonner, Samantha Moore, Laura Swinson, Harmony Pettett, Doolie Fernandez, Gaby Schroeder, Natasha Smith, Alison Carroll, Rachel Swinson, Brand Wylie. Back Row from left: Emily Calk, Seth Frerich, John Moore, Justin Calk, Jacob Schroeder. Not Pictured: Heather Baggett, Katie Braesicke, Jessi Crane, Meghann Davis, Robert Davis, Martin Flores, Daphne Hunt, Laura Meyer, Bianca Stewart and Leon Woolsey.
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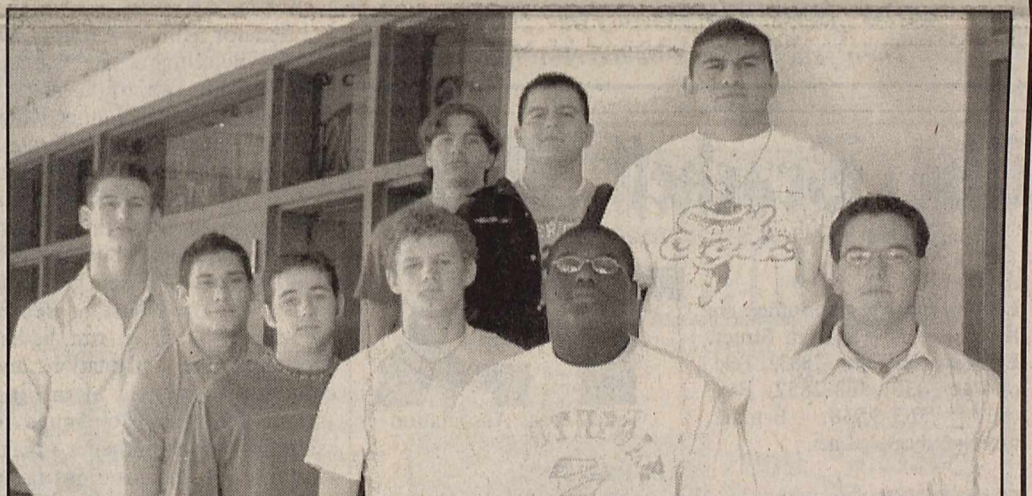
Outstanding Leaders Photo by Leigh Volcsko
From left: Jessica Siegel, Stanford Conoly, Laura Meyer and Michael Stephenson are successful RYLA graduates.

Rotary sends four local students to leadership assembly

By Paula Renken
Brackettville Rotary Club Past-President
Brackett High School juniors Stanford Conoly, Laura Meyer, Jessica Siegel and Michael Stephenson represented the Brackettville Rotary Club at an annual youth leadership assembly (RYLA) Jan. 13-16. The students were chosen by Brackett High School Principal Frank Taylor and Academic Advisor Louisa Stone for their leadership skills. Over 180 students from Rotary District 5840 participated in the assembly which was held at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels. RYLA offers students the opportunity to develop their leadership potential in academic, athletic and social situations. The Students were challenged to "step out of their comfort zone" and "dare to be a leader." Leadership training was conducted by team leaders who are former RYLA participants. The team leaders are seniors at their respective high schools and were selected by Rotary members because of their success the previous year at RYLA. Conoly, Meyer, Seigel and Stephenson shared their four-day RYLA experience with the Brackettville Rotary Club at their regular meeting on Jan. 19. Their experiences dealt with listening, effective communication, attitude and people skills. The group related that overall it was a very positive experience and that they gained skills and techniques to be effective leaders. All four of the young leaders signed up to be interviewed next year by the District Selection Committee to return as Team Leaders.

Nine Tigers make All SWT Football Team

Nine Tigers were chosen for the All Southwest Texas Football Team. Each year area sportswriters and coaches select an All-Area team of high school football players. The All Southwest Area includes Atascosa, Bandera, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, and Val Verde counties. Senior, Brand Wylie, 5-8 at 165 pounds was chosen as a running back. Senior, Leon Woolsey, 6-6 at 230 pounds was chosen for a tight end position. Eleventh grader, Junior Adams, 6-0 at 190 pounds was selected for the offensive line. Junior, John Moore, 5-11 at 220 pounds and senior, Gumaro Martinez, 6-0 at 200 pounds were also chosen for the offensive line. Martin Flores, Jr., 5-8, 230 pounds and a senior was selected for the defensive line. Senior, Tres Rueda, 6-0 at 175 pounds and Senior, Miles Braesicke, 5-8 at 165 pounds were chosen for linebacker positions. Junior, Robert Davis, 6-1 at 165 pounds was selected for a defensive back.



All Southwest Texas Football Selections Photo by Leigh Volcsko
Front row from left: Leon Woolsey, Tres Rueda, Miles Braesicke, Robert Davis, Junior Adams and John Moore. Second row from left: Brand Wylie, Martin Flores, Jr. and Gumaro Martinez.

TPRI pretest results

The results of the Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI) pretest recently given to BISD kindergartners surprised board members at their regular meeting on Jan. 17. The test results revealed that children who did not attend BISD pre-kinder classes or Headstart were more advanced in reading and language arts skills. At the meeting, BISD early childhood teachers presented information on their current pre-kinder and kindergarten programs. The presentation included the teachers' curriculum, teaching methods and the results of the TPRI pretest. According to the Texas Education Agency, "the TPRI is a valid and reliable assessment tool that provides a comprehensive picture of a student's reading/language arts development." The kindergarten students were divided into three categories. The first group were students that attended BISD's school based pre-kinder program. The second group were students that attended the federally funded Headstart program. The third group were all of the remaining children. Race, gender and financial status were not considered. The children that attended the pre-kinder program scored approximately 40% in rhyming, 50% in blending word parts, 50% in blending phonemes, 17% detecting initial sounds, 0% in detecting final sounds, 78% in letter name identification and 71% in letter to sound linking. Headstart attendees scored approximately 71% in rhyming, 53% in blending word parts, 35% in blending phonemes, 28% detecting initial sounds, 18% in detecting final sounds, 81% in letter name identification and 62% in letter to sound linking. All the other children, including those that stayed home with parents or with private caregivers scored approximately 50% in rhyming, 70% in blending word parts, 50% in blending phonemes, 30% detecting initial sounds, 30% in detecting final sounds, 95% in letter name identification and 80% in letter to sound linking. The results led to a discussion, by the board and school administrators, to evaluate the current pre-kinder program. It was suggested to use a committee of teachers to come up with ideas to stimulate better results in the future. In the finance portion of the meeting, Superintendent Paula Renken gave the fall athletic gate report. The regular and playoff football games generated \$17,717. The volleyball program produced \$2,981.

Perry declares statewide drought disaster

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry declared a disaster last Thursday in all 254 Texas counties due to severe drought conditions, and requested that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency provide disaster relief assistance for Texas farms and ranches that have suffered economic and physical losses as a result. Today's action builds upon Perry's ongoing efforts to secure drought assistance for Texas farms and ranches. Since early summer, Perry has requested assistance for 113 drought-affected counties on behalf of local officials. To date, the USDA has approved 54 of those requests. Perry asked that the USDA expedite all pending requests, and also approve all remaining Texas counties for assistance. "Our farmers and ranchers have been suffering from extremely dry conditions, as well as devastating wildfires," Perry said. "I am asking the USDA to help all farmers and ranchers in Texas who have been affected so they can recover," Perry added. If Perry's statewide request is approved, qualified farm operators in all Texas counties will be eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the USDA's Farm Service Agency. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production for physical losses, or a maximum of \$500,000. The agency also offers additional programs, such as technical assistance, to eligible farmers. On Dec. 26, Perry declared a statewide disaster due to the threat of wildfires caused by extremely dry weather conditions. On Jan. 11, President Bush approved Perry's request for a statewide Presidential Disaster Declaration, making Texans whose homes and property were destroyed or damaged by wildfires eligible to receive individual assistance, and local jurisdictions that have been fighting the costly fires will be eligible for public assistance. Dry conditions are expected to continue in the coming weeks and months. For a list of Texas counties that already have been approved for USDA assistance, or counties that currently have a pending assistance request, please visit http://www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/press/files/drought_requests.xls

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Concerned Fort Clark Springs Members,

As I write this we do not know the outcome of our combined endeavors to stop the haphazard development of the designated "greenbelt" areas. However, I wanted to make sure that I took the time to express my gratitude for all of the overwhelming support I received.

For me, as a new resident to the Fort, this experience has

been wonderful. This is from the standpoint that I have now truly met all of my neighbors, and more importantly so many great people. Just to know that I am not in this alone, in my thoughts and efforts, has meant more than these mere words can express. Thanks again for giving so graciously of your time and efforts!
B. Schroeder
Brackettville, TX
78832



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Your opinion on domestic affairs important

I do not take lightly my responsibility to help determine our government's domestic legislative priorities. I work very hard to ensure that the needs of Texans are addressed by Congress.

Your opinions are extremely valuable to me as I work to shape policy in the Senate. Please take a few minutes to consider the issues I have written about below. I am eager to learn where the residents of the Lone Star State stand regarding these key areas.

To submit your answers, please use the contact information listed at the end of this column. After receiving your responses, I will write a follow-up column later this year.

Survey:

For each answer, please in-

dicade whether you agree (A), disagree (D), or are neutral (N).

1. What should Congress do to improve education in the United States?

_____ Increase the number and size of grants available to college students.

_____ Focus on improving schools in grades K-12.

_____ Increase opportunities for specific job training after people are already out of school.

_____ Increase the prestige and salaries of teachers.

_____ Study countries with higher-performing students to see how they are succeeding.

2. What is your opinion concerning the United States' efforts to improve Homeland Security?



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Suspected terrorists should be monitored by any means necessary, even if I have to give up some of my privacy.

I do not want my civil liberties infringed upon in the name of safety.

Measures taken since September 11, 2001 have been successful.

The USA PATRIOT ACT should be extended.

3. How should Congress reform immigration policy?

_____ Authorize a guest worker program that allows legal immigrants to come and go, but does not lead to citizenship.

_____ Authorize a guest

worker program that can lead to citizenship after five to seven years.

_____ Build fences in areas frequently used to enter the U.S. illegally.

_____ Abolish the practice of releasing non-Mexican, illegal immigrants between the time they are captured and their scheduled hearing.

4. What should Congress do in the realm of taxes?

_____ Permanently abolish the Death Tax because it is unfair.

_____ Raise taxes to pay for necessary programs.

_____ Tax cuts should continue because they have stimulated the economy.

_____ There have been too many tax cuts, and spending should be reduced instead.

_____ Do away with the Alternative Minimum Tax.

5. An area where Congress should devote additional atten-

tion is ...

_____ reforming Social Security.

_____ improving health care and Medicare.

_____ protecting the environment.

_____ creating a national energy policy that would reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

_____ reforming the judiciary.

Please complete the survey online at: <http://hutchison.senate.gov/capcoms.htm>

Or send your responses to: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, DOMESTIC AGENDA SURVEY, 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4304.

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"Do As I Say: Not As I Do"

By Gina Parker
Contributing Writer

Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY), speaking at the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in Harlem on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, attended on the pretext of honoring the Civil Rights leader, but instead she dishonored his memory with her race-baiting comments. She sarcastically whined: "When you look at the way the House of Representatives has been run, it has been run like a plantation, and you know what I'm talking about." Hillary continues to sound a Democrat theme - making race a divisive issue in America.

Senator Clinton - reared in Illinois - forgets that Republican Illinois Senator Everitt Dirksen, Senate Minority Leader

in 1964, effectively stopped the Democrat filibuster of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill. Upon the bill's passage, Senator Dirksen stated: "I am involved in mankind, and whatever the skin, we are all included in mankind." Republicans support an America being one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all - a nation where people are judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin, as Dr. King wanted and as did those courageous minority party Republicans in 1964.

Senator Clinton should apologize for her inflammatory remarks; she should acknowledge the historical facts that Republican President Abraham Lincoln (Illinois) emancipated the slaves and that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 could not get past Democrat segregationists from

the South without overwhelming Republican support in both houses of Congress, a body that she now says is a GOP plantation.

However, we all must remember that the Democrats honored Margaret Sanger - the atheistic, socialist founder of the American Birth Control League. Senator Clinton was in the forefront of that 30th Anniversary Celebration of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Sanger's American Birth Control League later became Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the nation. Today, Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry abort an average of 1,452 black babies every day in the United States. Thanks to the abortion industry, which Democrats so cherish, the U.S. has approximately 10 million less black people.

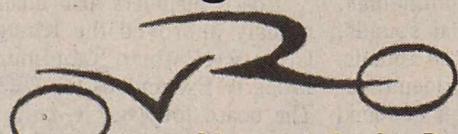
In their honoring of Sanger, Senator Clinton and the Democrats never mention that Sanger was racist. They always omit the historical fact that Sanger started "The Negro Project" in the 1930s to use birth control as a way to eliminate the black race, information that Sanger also did not want made public. In a 1939 private letter, Sanger wrote: "We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population..."

How sad that the Democrat Party leaders honor both Dr. King and the woman who did not want her true intention known - the elimination of blacks as a race in our society. Someone should tell Hillary to read Peter Schweizer's book, Do As I Say (Not As I Do). Hillary should personally live her words and ideas and "apply them at home" (Schweizer, p. 15); she cannot have it both ways.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED

BISD will hold a free workshop for anyone interested in substitute teaching, February 3, 2006, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM, in the Central Office Boardroom. Requirements: H.S. diploma or G.E.D., and love of kids. Call: Susan Esparza, Secretary to Supt., 563-2491, ext. 100. This is a required workshop for all substitutes not on the Fall list.

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War on Drugs Update

By Nathan Tabor
Contributing Writer

Each night, network news programs in America turn their focus on the war in Iraq. Yet, routinely, the national news media ignore another war that's been going on now for more than 30 years—the war on drugs.

By all indications, we continue to lose this hidden war. And frankly, there are a number of people in the news media and in Hollywood who are actually rooting for the other side. They're the individuals who believe that there is no danger in a 13-year-old smoking pot when he should be in school...a twenty-eight-year-old mother smoking crack...or a 60-year-old ex-hippie who's addicted to heroin.

According to the federal government's household survey on drug use, 12.7 million people have used some kind of illegal drug in the last month. As many as 30 to 40 million people have used an illegal drug within the past year. Of those who use drugs at least monthly, 10 million are assumed to be "casual" users, while 2.7 million are addicts. But who's to say that today's casual user won't become tomorrow's addict? And can't even casual drug use destroy marriages, decimate families, and ruin lives?

In 1996, the national drug war suffered a serious setback when 56 percent of California voters cast ballots in favor of legalizing the growing and use of marijuana for so-called "medical purposes." This is all part of an overall strategy to make drug use more acceptable to the general public.

A shocking report by the Government Accountability Office released just last month showed quite clearly the scope of the problem. The report indicated that more than 50 government agencies are working on trying to combat illegal drug use in the U.S., yet they are having little effect on the overall production and consumption of illegal drugs.

Those who are looking to the federal government to single-handedly solve the problem of illegal drug use have to be demoralized at this point. The fact is, after three decades, the feds are no closer to eradicating narcotics use than they were at the beginning. If we truly care about protecting our children from the scourge of drug abuse, we need to act locally.

It all begins with the family. Believe it or not, children do listen to what their parents have to say—and they follow their parents' example. Any parent who uses illegal drugs is doing a disservice to his or her children. If children receive a strong anti-drug message at home, they are far less likely to experiment once they leave home. Also, a strong, two-parent family who regularly goes to church may be the best defense against drug abuse. Children turn to drugs as an escape to avoid the troubles in their lives. They are far better able to cope when they have both a Mom and a Dad around to depend on.

Churches can also be a powerful weapon in the war on drugs. It has been shown that people of faith are less likely to turn to drugs in an effort to fulfill their inner-longings. By offering hope—not only to the child who's never tested drugs but also to the addict who's trying to kick the habit, churches can help to rescue our culture.

As a last line of defense, we should look to the schools in our communities—both public and private. They have a vested interest in keeping their student body drug-free. Schools must redouble their drug education efforts. After all, the media routinely spout a pro-drug line—it is up to teachers and principals to counteract the myths with the truth. We can beat drugs—but we have to do it house-by-house, neighborhood-by-neighborhood. We cannot afford to lose another generation to the traumatic cycle of drugs and violence.

Varsity Tigerettes beat Medina 49-33

Last Friday, Jan. 20 the varsity girls basketball team beat Medina 49-33.

Emily Valenzuela led the game with 12 points. Bailee Allen scored 10 points, Julie Castillo scored nine points. Ashley Castillo scored eight points, while Timmeka Simmons scored five points, Daphne Hunt scored three points, and Lola Cano scored two points.

J. Castillo led the game with

five steals, while A. Castillo had three steals, overall the team had 12 steals.

A. Castillo did a great job of hitting the boards to lead with the most defensive rebounds, five in all. Allen also did a good job at the boards with four defensive rebounds. Valenzuela hit seven out of eight free throws.

The girls are currently tied 2-2 in district play. Their next game will be at home against

Tigers play Medina

The Brackett Varsity Tigers lost against the Medina Bobcats 75-46 last Friday.

The leading scorer was Travis Bonner with a total of 16 points. Right behind Bonner was Leon Woolsey with 15 points. Ricky Ortega scored six points. Ivan Pinales scored four points. Chuy Balderas scored three points and

Robert Davis scored two points.

Woolsey, led with the most rebounds, 11 total, and also blocked five shots. Bonner had eight rebounds, and Davis had five rebounds. The team had a total of 33 rebounds during the game.

Their next game will be here tomorrow against Center Point.

Swinson wins Outstanding Student Award

Rachel Swinson received the BHS Outstanding Student Award on Friday, Jan. 20.

The award is presented twice each year to outstanding students by the U.S. Border Patrol.

Swinson, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swinson of Fort Clark Springs.

The Outstanding student must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, no major conduct problems or any severe absentee problems.

The student must also demonstrate confidence, leadership, and compassion, both to their fellow students and teachers.

The student must also demonstrate an eagerness to learn and serve the community.

Students are nominated in writing by either a school board member, the school principal, a

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Jan. 16
12:42 p.m. Fort-Clark Security called in to report a domestic problem on Fort Clark. Deputy Karl Chism was notified.

1:38 p.m. A Brackettville woman called to report that three boys were breaking windows on the school buses at Smitty's.

10:58 p.m. A woman called to report that she heard loud noises coming from her neighbors residence and that her neighbor was not home. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified of the situation.

Tuesday, Jan. 17.
7:22 p.m. A man reported that someone was burning trash. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was informed of the situation.

Wednesday, Jan. 18
2:41 a.m. A Val Verde County dispatcher relayed a report that a man was walking toward Brackettville on HWY 90

and they did not know if he was stranded or needed help. Deputy Freitag was informed.

7:49 a.m. A 911 caller reported a man walking on HWY 90 towards Del Rio and that he needed to see a doctor. The man's family was notified.

8:18 a.m. A caller reported some wood on HWY 90. TX DOT was notified and enroute to pick it up.

6:39 p.m. A Woman called to report that there were some kids trying to hide a golf cart behind the Civic Center. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the area.

Thursday, Jan. 19
7:47 p.m. A woman called to report a green Explorer parked outside her house. She wanted to know who it belonged to. Deputy Freitag was advised of the situation.

Friday, Jan. 20
1:00 p.m. A 911 caller re-

ported gun fire near his residence.

7:25 p.m. A woman called to report that a man walked in front of her car on HWY 90 by the city annex.

Deputy Freitag was dispatched but found no one in the area.

8:40 p.m. A man called to report that a deer had been hit and was still alive on HWY 674. Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified.

11:45 p.m. Edwards County SO called in to report that there may be a possible man injured in an accident on HWY 674.

Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the area and DPS assistance was requested.

A second call reported that they had found the man in Del Rio and he was not involved in a wreck.

Saturday, Jan. 21
2:58 a.m. A woman called to report that her son had not been

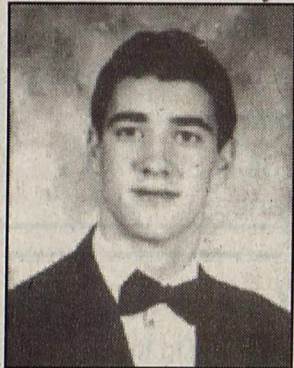
found where he said he was. She asked if the SO was still searching for him. She said that Edwards County was going to send out a teletype of a welfare check on the man. Deputy Freitag was advised of the on-going situation.

9:15 p.m. A Brackettville resident reported a possible disturbance. Deputy Freitag and Deputy Gutierrez were dispatched.

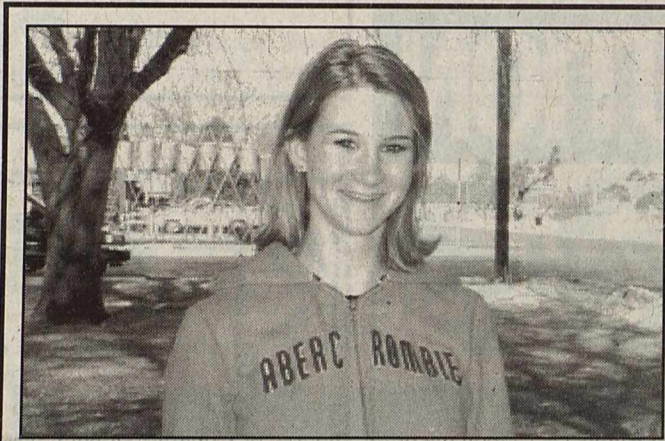
11:41 p.m. A radio transmission was received from the Border Patrol that a vehicle was driving without headlights between the checkpoint and Brackettville. Deputy Freitag was advised of the situation.

Sunday, Jan. 22
12:10 a.m. Perdro Angel Jalamos, 25, of Del Rio was arrested by Deputy Manuel Pena and Deputy Gutierrez for violation of a protective order. Jalamos is still being held at press time.

BHS Graduate Duncan makes honor roll at UT



Levi Duncan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Duncan has been placed on the honor roll at the University of Texas at Arlington. Duncan has had a GPA of 3.0 or above for the past semester. Duncan was a 2002 graduate of Brackett High School, and is now a senior in UT at Arlington, majoring in mechanical engineering.



Outstanding Student Photo by Leigh Volcsko
Rachel Swinson wins the Outstanding Student Award for her efforts and hard work in school and in the community.

JV girls beat Medina

Last Friday, the JV basketball girls beat Medina 40-14.

Playing for the Tigerettes was Capri Creech, Marianna Salmon, Chaito Sanchez, Ashley Stephenson, Sam Moore, Summer Allen, Meghann Davis, Natalie Aguirre, Bianca Martinez, Whitney Gum, Veronica Talamantes.

"Everyone contributed to our victory. The girls have worked hard on fundamentals. I just hope that we continue to grow during the last few weeks that we have left in our season."

The girls next game is tomorrow against Center Point.

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The next few months for Rick were agonizing. He had to battle his urges to fight authority anger, disappointment, and frustration. He got a job at a restaurant waiting tables. He knew he had to smile at unhappy customers and pretend to be pleasant when they exhibited a bad attitude. Several of the employees often reminded him he was an ex-con. Self discipline and courtesy, things he should have learned in childhood, were now made difficult by years of allowing free rein to his negative emotions. The voice of Old Joe was an ever present reminder of



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what was at stake.

Amy and the kids came regularly to participate in family group counseling. With the help of their counselor and an outside support group for Amy, they were learning how to be a family.

Rick's good behavior earned

him some privileges one of which was day passes once a week to spend time at home with Amy and the kids. On these visits he was expected to practice what he was learning in counseling.

On the first visit things went well but it was hard to leave. Amy drove him back. She parked the car in front of the half-way house. Rick turned to her and took her hand. He paused and reached into his pocket. I.... I'd like to give you a blessing before you leave." He said. Opening a little bottle of oil Old Joe had given him; he put a little of the oil on his thumb, he made

the sign of the cross on her forehead. "In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. May the Lord bless you Amy. May He guide your pathway and keep you and the kids safe." He handed the little bottle to Amy.

Her eyes were filled with tears and she could hardly speak. She was tempted to rush into his arms. Amy put oil on her thumb and made the sign of the cross on Rick's forehead. "In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. May the Lord bless you Rick and keep you."

The kitchen window reminds me of something in this life

While standing at the kitchen window I noticed a lot of movement outside. I stood and quietly watched.

There were all kinds of birds outside. They were different colors, shapes and sizes and were all kinds of activities going on. Many of the birds were looking for food and finding it. My wife has little feeders for them and we also put out our old bread.

There are also the pecans that



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

we leave for them. There is a birdbath and a little pond for them. They like to play in the water and they take baths, even

on some of the cold days. There are trees and little bushes that they can play in or rest or find protection.

Sometimes there is danger and my wife has helped them in that area, first she had the veterinarian remove the front claws from the ol cat.

Then she put a tiny bell on his collar. Now the 'ol cat doesn't like it but it is a lot harder for him to catch the little

birds. Watching out window reminded me about something in this life. God has provided for our needs, (Psalm. 34:10, Luke 12:24 & 27, Philipians 4:19).

Yesterday my wife and I were eating out and a waitress brought us all the things we ordered and neatly placed them before us and as she walked away she said, "Enjoy".

See you in Church next Sunday.

OBITUARY

Aronoel J. H. (A. H.) Trautwein, died on January 20, 2006 in Del Rio, Texas.

A. H. Trautwein was born on May 1, 1915 in Winside, Nebraska, the son of Leonora and Henry George Trautwein. He graduated from high school in 1931. He attended the University of Nebraska.

On March 28, 1937, Trautwein wed Gertrude C. Most. In World War II, Trautwein served in the Navy Air Corps.

Trautwein was a banker, farmer, and a rancher in Colorado and Wyoming. He was involved with Dreher Pickle Company of Fort Collins, Colorado,

and several manufacturing corporations.

A. H. Trautwein was preceded in death by his mother and father, his brothers, Marvin E., Elwin, Henry G., Jr., his son Richard, and great grandson Reece.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude C. Trautwein, his sons, Henry G., III, A. Bruce, Bart E. and Blair J.; ten grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's Church in Brackettville at 10:30 a.m. today. In lieu of flowers, memorials should be given to Our Redeemer Lutheran P.O. Box 129, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

Jesus the healer

And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of fever.

And he touched her hand, and the fever left her:

And she arose, and ministered unto them.

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick.

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which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took out infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

St. Matthew 8:14-17 Praise the Lord!

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Well folks, I went wild at the store last week! No, not over my usual indulgence of clothes and desserts which you know I never have resistance for. My once in a while craving were for the many beautiful fresh veggies! What, when, or how I'd serve them was not part of the decision to purchase them. Just had to have them and hope for the best.

So far, all have proved eatable and our animals haven't had to reap the benefits so thought I'd share what I'd done. Do take advantage of all the fresh produce available, along with the good price of the frozen.

Quick Acorn Squash

2 large acorn squash
butter or margarine
brown sugar
dried cranberries
cinnamon
Prick acorn squash several times with fork to allow steam to escape; place in microwave. Cook on high (100 percent) 11-13 minutes, or until soft, turning squash over after half the time.

Let stand five minutes. Cut in half; remove seeds.

Scoop out pulp. Add remaining ingredients to taste, plus dash of salt if desired.



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Mix well. The shells may be stuffed with mixture or served in bowl.
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Squash Parmesan

3 small yellow squash (about 1 pound)
1/4 cup chopped onion
2 tsp. water
* 2 tsp. grated parmesan cheese, fresh
Place squash, onion, and water in 1 qt. casserole; cover. Microwave on high until tender, three to six minutes. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese.
Microwave on high until cheese melts, one to two minutes. Serves 4

* Pepper Jack with jalapeno as substitute makes a delicious change.

Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad

1/2 container (3 ounce) real bacon pieces
1 (16 ounce) frozen broccoli

and cauliflower (thawed)
1/2 cup fat free slaw dressing
1/4 cup chopped sweet banana pepper rings, drained if in jar.
1/4 cup chopped red onion
1 large fresh carrot, chopped
Microwave bacon pieces for 10 seconds in medium size serving bowl to soften.
Add remaining ingredients and mix together well. Chill until ready to serve.
Yields six (2/3 cup) servings

Green Beans Italian Style

1 - 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced onion (about two medium size)
3/4 cup fat free Italian salad dressing
1 (14 1/2 ounce) can diced tomatoes, drained
2 (16 ounce) bags frozen green beans
salt to taste

In large non-stick 12 inch skillet, saute onions in salad dressing over medium heat about 2 to 3 minutes, or until tender. Add tomatoes and green beans. Increase heat to medium high stir until well coated. Cover and cook for 5 to 7 minutes, or until beans are tender. Serve hot.

Carrots with Caramel Glaze

1 pound mini carrots, peeled

2 tbsp. butter spread
1/2 tsp. salt, if desired
2 tbsp. fat free caramel topping

Place carrots in medium (2 qt) saucepan. Put in just enough water to cover carrots. Bring to a boil.

Turn off heat and cover. Let sit 10-13 minutes or until carrots are tender.

While carrots are cooking, using small bowl, mix butter, salt and caramel sauce until well blended.

When carrots are cooked, drain and mix with caramel glaze.

Serve Hot
Yields 5 servings

Grilled Zucchini

3 tbsp. olive oil
1 garlic clove, pressed
1 tsp. soy sauce
2 small zucchini, cut length wise into 1/2 inch strips
salt and pepper

In an 8x8 inch glass baking dish, stir together olive oil, garlic and soy sauce.

Add zucchini and toss to coat. Let set 30 minutes.

Place on medium hot barbecue or grill in oven about four minutes per side.

Season with salt and pepper. Serves 2

Mills awarded Yard of the Month



Yard of the Month
Bob and Ziggie Mills of Fort Clark were awarded the Yard of the Month by the Mountain Laurel Garden Club for the month of January.

Garden Club picks a winner

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club presented Bob and Ziggie Mills the "Yard of the Month" at the Club's first meeting of the new year.

The meeting called to order by President, Mary Jane Olson with 21 members and one guest present.

A delicious soup luncheon was served by hostesses Amie

Skelton and Leslie Jones.

Club member, Kitty Vaughn, gave a lovely presentation entitled, "Everything's Coming Up Roses". Vaughn offered tips on how to plant and care for roses.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 9, at 9:30 a.m. at the adult center. New members and guests are always welcome.

A look back

On January 28, 1878, the first commercial telephone exchange opened in New Haven, Conn. ... January 25, 1915, the first transcontinental telephone call between New York and San Francisco was completed by Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas A. Watson ... January 30, 1968, Communist troops launched the "Tet offensive," attacking Saigon and 30 province capitals, which suffered heavy casualties ... January 25, 1971, Charles Manson and three of his cult followers were found guilty of first-degree murder in the 1969 slaying of actress Sharon Tate and six others ... January 27, 1973, the end of the military draft was announced

School Board trustees review TPRI pretest results

Continued from Page 1
with children to correct their behavior and using the principal's office as the last resort.

Junior High Principal Stoney Burks reported that he would be sending 11 teachers to San Antonio for "at risk student" training.

Brackett High Principal Frank Taylor reported that 14 seniors had already been accepted to universities and three announced their commitment to the armed services.

There are currently 38 se-

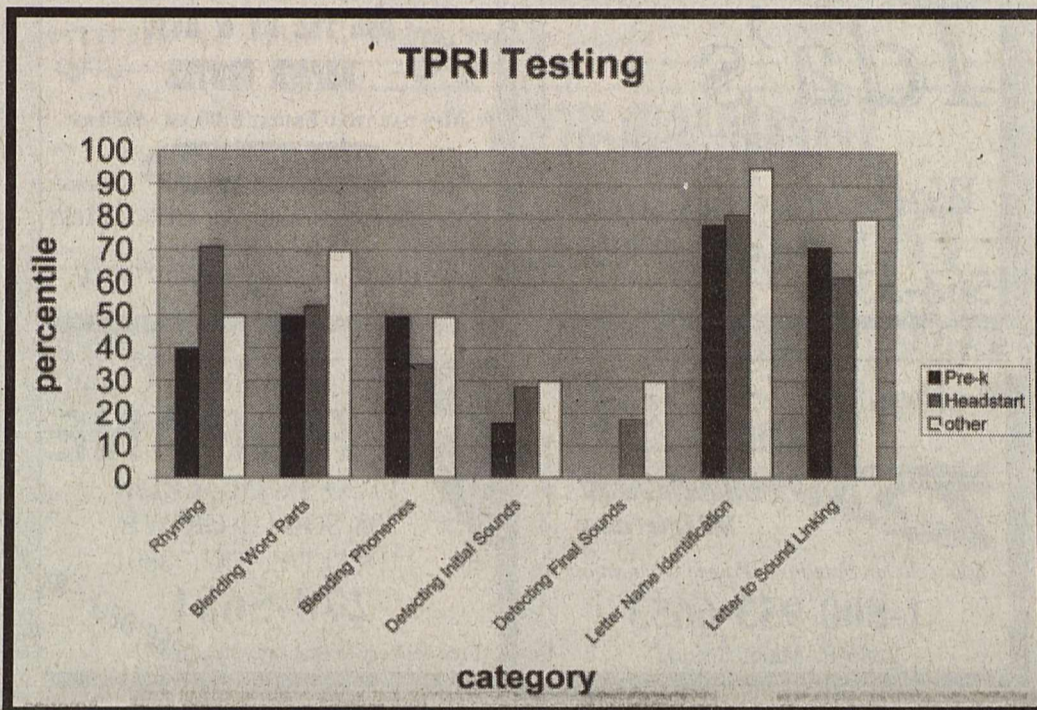
niors in the Class of 2006.

Taylor announced that 16 freshman were All A/AB honor roll for the semester, three with perfect attendance.

Fifteen sophomores, four with perfect attendance were on the semester honor roll. Ten juniors made the All A/AB honor roll for the semester, one with perfect attendance. Eight seniors made All A/AB honor roll for the semester, with no students having perfect attendance.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.

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ACROSS
1 Holy
2 French lady; abbr.
4 Makes lace
8 Humiliation
13 Implored
14 Word with head or heart
15 Beast of burden
16 Haughty manners
17 Have on
18 Sufficient
19 Handyman's beverage?
22 Amerindian
23 Paint's undercoat
24 Happening
26 Beautician, at times
29 6 Down and others
32 Rows
36 Cooking substance
38 Common Latin abbr.
39 Assam silkworm
40 Item on a check

41 Order of whales
42 Landing spot
43 Shortly
44 Stitch a second time
45 Wild animal handlers
47 City on the Seward Peninsula
49 Stand
51 On the train
56 Cotton gin man
58 Athlete from the Lone Star State
61 Find a new tenant
63 1986-91 TV sitcom
64 Island off Scotland
65 Fowl
66 Center
67 Calif.'s neighbor
68 Neatness
69 Powerful ruler

70 Negative in 64
DOWN
1 Canoe
2 firma
3 Auto of yesteryear
4 Cheap and showy
5 Maple genus
6 Lactian's neighbor
7 Begin a tennis game
8 Frightens
9 Entree choice
10 Cuts off the nose
11 Become softer
12 Famous middle initial and last name
13 Pinocchio player's word
20 Ties the knot
21 Sidestep
25 Relative
27 Verve
28 Synthetic fabric
30 Man's nickname

31 Murdered
32 Mo.
33 Malaysian canoe
34 Sent by plane
35 Spud
37 Place to play keno
40 Out-of-date
44 Singer
46 Actor John
48 "Silas"
50 On the nose
52 Potato salad ingredient
53 Socrates' forum
54 French name
55 Boring situation
56 As a result
57 Malicious look
59 Old Testament book
60 Snakebite remedies
62 Wind dir.

ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: Words That Rhyme with "RAIN"

V	G	U	T	N	P	K	A	I	N	G	F
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Jan. 29.....Bill Tom Ferguson	Jan. 31.....Tully Shahan

Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Bane	11. Lane
2. Brain	12. Main
3. Cane	13. Mane
4. Chain	14. Pain
5. Crane	15. Reign
6. Deign	16. Rein
7. Drain	17. Sane
8. Feign	18. Sprain
9. Gain	19. Train
10. Grain	20. Vein

ASTROSCOPES
by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try not to take your problems home with you. Family members won't appreciate this. Later in the week, social life is favored.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You feel a need for some private time this week. However, this won't be easy to attain. Be patient, and you'll find all the time you need by week's end.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Tune in to your own instincts. Sometimes, it's best to trust intuition. Over the weekend, a friend contacts you out of the blue.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A new moneymaking venture captures your attention. It could work out quite well for you in the long run.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Curb a tendency to be impatient this week. While you want to get things done, it's not wise to do so too quickly. If you do, you could end up making sloppy mistakes.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) If you're not pleased with the way your home looks, make plans to do some decorating. Be sure, though, to get the input of family members. Together, you come up with a mutually acceptable new look.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're quite spontaneous this week. This is especially true on the social scene. However, it's not a good idea to use the same approach at work.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're full of new ideas and plans. However, don't let your enthusiasm cause you to proceed too quickly. Work out the details first.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're captivated at the novel idea proposed by a friend. It's important, though, that everyone understands what's required. If not, a minor disagreement could occur.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's best to keep everything in moderation this week. Whether this involves your diet or your finances, it's a successful strategy. This weekend, take advantage of your creativity.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You receive inspiration from some surprising sources this week. Someone you'd underestimated particularly impresses you. Later, behind-the-scenes maneuvering at work is in your favor.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You don't make as much progress as you'd like on the work front. You're blessed, though, with a spate of new ideas. Once you begin to implement them, you're unstoppable.

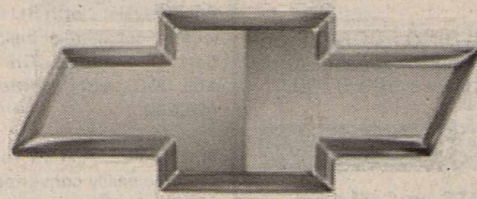
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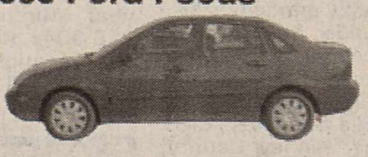
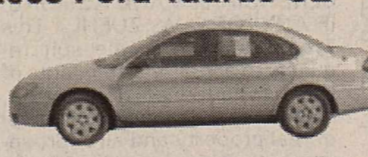

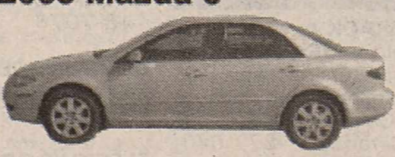



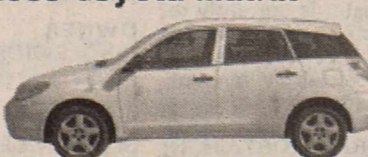

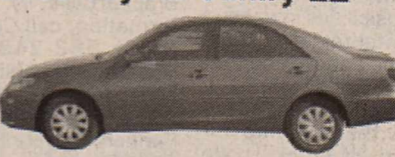

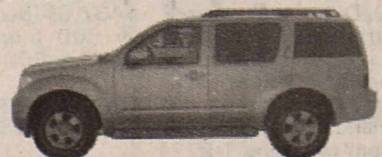
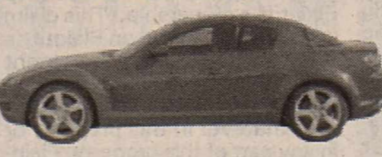

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