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Rachel Swinson named Valedictorian Brand Wylie is Salutatorian for the Class of 2006

Rachel Swinson was named High School Class of 2006 at the Springs. annual academic awards ceremony on May 25.

Swinson completed her high average of 99.1. school career with a 99.4 percent grade point average.

Swinson is the daughter of Valedictorian for the Brackett Tom and Veronica of Fort Clark the class of 37 tomorrow night

Brand Wylie was named the Salutatorian with a grade point ships were also presented: Wylie is the son of Tom and

Francie of Brackettville.



BHS 2006 Valedictorian Rachel Swinson



BHS 2006 Saludatorian Brand Wylie

Swinson and Wylie will lead at Tiger Stadium at 8 p.m. Other awards and scholar-

Scholarships

Roland Boysen of Brackettville Lions Club presented Ashley Castillo, Shaddine Gum, Tanya Molinar and Brand Wylie with a \$500 scholarship.

Mary Petrosky presented Alanna Conoly with a scholar- Stephenson and Bailee Allen. ship from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Tanya Molinar, Martin Flores Davis. Jr. and Liliana Hernandez with a scholarship from the Las Moras Hispanic Organization and Sophia Gomez Memorial.

Tanya Molinar was awarded an academic scholarship.

Edward Sanchez presented John Braesicke with a \$1,000 FFA Ford Scholarship.

Brenda Rouse of VFW Post #8552/Voice of Democracy, presented Alanna Conoly with a \$500 scholarship.

Mason McWilliams was awarded a scholarship of \$1,000 from Southwest Texas Ranch Heritage Bureau.

Mason McWilliams was awarded a scholarship from Kinney/Val Verde County Farm Bu- and Cullen Duncan. reau.

Cassandra received a \$500 scholarship from Brackett Band Booster Club, presented by Judith Adams.

Kai Lani Glass won the essay contest from West Nueces Las Moras Soil and Water Conser- Hayley Harris. vation District.

Liz Frerich

Swinson. Most Improved in English:

Sandra Tate and Veronica Garza. Yearbook: Cassandra Mata.

Candace Bader English II: Brenda Tate, Gabriela Talamantes and Bianca

Stewart. Accelerated Reader: Ashley

Dee Curry English III: Justin Calk,

Ruben Martinez presented Natasha Smith and Meghann

Creative Writing: Alanna Conoly and Jessica Crane. English IV Most Improved: Hernandez. Tres Rueda.

Jaime Ballew Pre-AP Alegbra II: Doolie Swinson.

Fernandez. Pre-Calculus: Justin Calk and Ivan Pinales.

AP-Calculus: Brand Wylie. **Julie Bruce** Algebra I: Summer Allen and

Bianca Martinez. Geometry: Joshua Kluzek,

Brenda Tate and Julie Castillo. Pre-AP Geometry: Laura Swinson.

Mary Hernandez Math Models: Sabrina Morin

Algebra II: Vicky Resendez Leon Woolsey. and Natasha Smith.

TAKS Review: Sandy Tate. **Cathy Lutz** AP Biology: Laura Swinson. **Karen Crumley** IPC: Ashley Stephenson and

Chemistry:

Schroeder, Meghann Davis, English I: Maribel Rivas, Austin Shewbart, Michael Harmony Pettett and Laura Stephenson, Laura Meyer, Justin Calk and Emily Valenzuela.

Physics: Brand Wylie. Antonio Ramon

Spanish I: Esna Herrera, Gabriela Schroeder and Gracie Roche.

Spanish II: Gabriela Talamantes and Bianca Stewart. Spanish III: Lola Cano.

Cindy Brandt Calk, Brenda Tate and Evelyn Gabriela Schroeder.

Rojas. BCIS II: Leon Woolsey, Baillee Allen, Gabriela Braesicke, Emily Calk, Schroeder and Liliana

Accounting I: Seth Frerich.

Accounting II: Rachel

Rhonda Marquardt Geography: Jacob Schroeder.

Kathy Bader US History: Laura Meyer

and Brenda Tate. Art History: Leon Woolsey

and Robert Davis. Government: Ramiro Pina.

Certificate of Award from Swinson and Brand Wylie. Education Service Center, region 20 for Contributing Artwork to the Art Showcase: Alma Honstein, Jacon Schroeder and Reyes, Justin Calk, Dana Gabriela Schroeder. Bonner, Amanda Rosas and

Dusty Brotherton

Speech/Health: Anolda Watkins, Lily Hernandez, Meghann Davis, Jessica Jones and Laura Swinson.

Yolanda Rueda Development: Child Gabriela Cassandra Mata.

Parent Family Development: Gumaro Martinez and Laura Adams

Nutrition and Food Science: Justin Ward and Gabriela Talamantes.

Apparel: Amanda Rosas. **Shatona Hicks**

FFA Officers 2006-2007

Jared Harris, President and Felisha Abrego, Vice President.

All Year A's: Samantha Moore, Laura

BCIS: Arlene Roth, Emily Swinson, Meghann Davis and

All Year A's and B's:

Summer Allen, Amanda Samantha Kuhns, Rebecca Mann, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas, Arlene Roth, Jacob Schroeder, Bailee Allen, Travis Bonner, Lauren Cornelius, Doolie Fernandez, Daphne Hunt, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart, Anolda Watkins, Justin Calk, Robert Davis, Laura Meyer, John Moore, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewbart, Natasha Smith, Liliana Hernandez, Rachel

Perfect Attendance All Year: Summer Allen, Diana

President's Education Awards Program (For seniors who have a 90 or above for the past four years): Dana Bonner, John Braesicke, Alanna Conoly, Jessica Crane, Kimberly Glass, Liliana Hernandez, Tanya Molinar, Joe Steelman, Rachel Swinson, Leon Woolsey and Brand Wylie.

Shuttle for Heart of the West Greater Edwards Wildlife Trail graduation

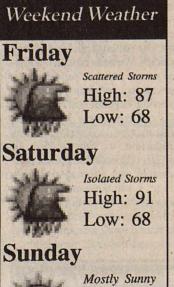
A shuttle service (bus run) for the graduation exercise from elementary, high school and cafeteria parking lots will start at 7:15 p.m. They will be transporting guests to the stadium and back to the parking lots after the ceremony.

Junior High Grad.Today

Brackett eighth grade graduation will be held on June 1 at 9 a.m. in the BHS auditorium.

July 4th Salute

On June 29, TBN will be publishing photos of our military servicemen and women, past and present. To Submit a photo: Photo must be include Name, ginning a 8:30 am until 9:30 am Learn how to secure funds for your Rank & Service, Date of Service and lunch will be served beginand relation to Brackettville (i.e.: lives in town, grandmother resident of FCS, graduated from and US Department of Agricul-BHS, etc.) Photos can be ture policy, this institution is scanned while you wait at TBN office, 507 S. Ann Street or emailed to tbnews@sbc global.net. Photos left at the office must have return address on the back. Deadline for submission is June 20 at 5pm.



High: 95

low: 70

The newest sign near the entrance of Historic Fort Clark is Heart of the West - Roadrunner. catch something worth while on the recognized Wildlife Trail.

News BRIEFS

able on www.tpwd.state.tx.us Summer Lunch

Program

The Brackett Independent School district announces the sponsorship of the summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided at the school cafeteria, located at 400 N. Ann St.. Beginning June, 6, through June ning at 11:30 am until 1pm. In accordance with Federal law on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call 800-795-3272 or and employer.

Pastor Ordination

Roger Baker, former pastor of the First United Methodist Church will be ordained in Corpus Cristi on June 10. Representatives from Brackettville will be traveling to Corpus to show their support. Supporters will be dining with the Bakers at the Waterstreet Seafood Resturant in Corpus on June 9 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in sending a message to Rev. Roger and Sue Baker, please mail cards and letters to: Rev. Roger Baker c/o FUMC, PO Box 93. Brackettville, TX 78832 or email fumcbr@sbcglobal.net. For more information, please call 830-563-2823.

Aquifer Alliance and West Texas Groups

San Antonio, TX-May 10. a designation from the State of 2006- Graciously hosted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife for the West Texas Springs Alliance and Kinney County Ground Zero, This indicates to visitors that members of the Greater Edwards this Parks and Wildlife Preserve Aquifer Alliance will be heading Offering rare opportunity to down to Brackettville and Ft. Clark Springs to discuss the condition of the aquifer-fed springs Brochures and maps are avail- and indigenous species within the area, and learn how to talk to legislators about issues our communities care about. Thanks to a generous grant from the Environmental Support Center, this event is free and open to the public. GEAA invites all interested citizens to learn how to better support and advocate your issues by attending GEAA's free skill-building workshops on Friday, June 2nd at the Fort Clark Springs Civic Center. 29. Breakfast will be served be- 11 am to 1 pm-Fundraisingorganization from Pat Brodnax, Director of Development for the Save Our Springs Alliance in Austin. She'll teach you how to enlist the support of local businesses, set prohibited from discriminating up streams of earned income, cultivate high donors, and build support from individual donors and members. 1:30 to 5:00 - How to work with your State Legislators Jennifer Rodriguez, Communica-1400 Independence Avenue tions Director for State Representative Mike Villarreal, will review the key points of the Legislative 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is Leaders Institute program. Learn an equal opportunity provider how to effectively advocate your agenda with your elected officials, how to track bills and more. Par-

ticipants will receive the very helpful Legislative Leaders Institute Handbook. To register, email Francesca at Francesca@ Aquifer Alliance.org or call (210) 320-1457. The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) unites groups in 21 counties throughout Central and South Texas behind a comprehensive plan to protect the Edwards Aquifer, its adjoining aquifers, contributing watersheds and the fragile ecosystem that houses more than 50 unique animal species, 10 of which are federally listed "endangered." For additional information on the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, contact Annalisa Peace at 320.6294 or visit www. aquifer alliance.org.



BVFD Collects Donation BVFD collects donation from The Alibi Lounge Fundraiser held on May 20. From left: Fire Chief Joe Boy Williams, Alibi Owner Rey Renya, Shirley Davis and Asst. Chief Leo Luna.

Athletic banquet honors Woolsey and Simmons

Simmons were named All Around Athletes at the annual Brackett High School Athletic Achievement Banquet on May 26 at the Civic Center.

Athletic Director Greg Voyles welcomed a full house and thanked students, staff and parents for their participation in his first as head coach.

Special individual achievement awards were also presented.

Fighting Heart: Ashley Castillo

Basketball Co-MVPs: Ashley Castillo and Emily Valenzuela

Most Improved: Julie Castillo **X-Country:**

MVP: Daphne Hunt Most Improved: Harmony Pettett

Track **MVP:** Bailee Allen Most Improved: Lauren

Cornelius Fighting Heart: Rachel Swinson

Volleyball MVPs: Timmeka Simmons May 8 and 9. and Asheley Castillo

Meyer

Tennis **MVP:** Timmeka Simmons Most Improved: Brenda Tate Softball

Co-MVPs: Ashely Castillo

Leon Woolsey and Timmeka and Emily Valenzuela Hustle Award: Dana Bonner Braesicke Golf MVPs: Asheley Stephenson

Boys All Around Athlete: Leon Woolsey Fighting Heart: Miles Flores Braesicke **Cross Country MVP:** Justin Calk Most Improved: Manny Travieso Rosas **Basketball** Co-MVPs: Leon Woolsey and **Travis Nowlin** Track

Co-MVPs: Brand Wylie and Tres Rueda Football **MVP:** Brand Wylie

MVP Defense: Gumaro Martinez MVP Lineman: Leon Woolsey Mr. Hustle: Tres Rueda Mr. Versitility: Martin Tennis **MVP:** Leon Woolsey Most Improved: Edward **Baseball** MVP: Leon Woolsey Best All Around: Robert Sanchez Golf **MVP:** Entire State Qualifying Team Lowest Schoring Average: Martin Flores Ir.

MVP Offense: Miles

Boys Golf place 4th in State

partment

The Brackett Boys Golf team wrapped up the most sucessful year in school history with a 4th place finish at the 1A UIL State Golf Tournament in Austin on

Martin Flores, Jr. and Lane Most Improved: Laura Nowlin paced the Tigers each with a two day total of 165.

> Other members of the team included: Justin Calk, Travis Nowlin and Seth Frerich.

This was a banner year for Brackett Golf, that saw the boys Henson.

Submitted byBISD Athletics De- win four tournaments, including the Region IV Championship for the first time in school history.

> "I could not be more proud of the outstanding effort the kids gave this year," said Coach Eric Henson.

"It will tough to replace Martin and Travis, but we have a few young guys who are ready to step up, that along with the experience gained by the three returners should bode well for good season. The glory goes to God, the credit to the kids and I'm just glad I get to drive the van," concluded

Editors Weekly PLOG

a high school art teacher, but I PRESS ON. When you leave never return to Brackett- don't ing sound you hear to the south. here and six months from now forget where you came from. LV

I graduated with the Class of you're distraught over what you 1988. I had big, big hair, the want to be when you grow up wrong color eye liner and few press on. Get your education. big dreams. I dreamed of being STAY in college. FINISH your trade school. Start your own also wanted to go to Europe and business. Love yourself. Make be European for a while. I good choices and if you don't dreamed of painting and sculpt- stand up to the consequences. ing and gluing stuff together, but Stay away from the people who I NEVER dreamed of being wife, are bitter about the way their mother of three or business lives turned out. Make your life woman living in Texas. I good, even if its not the life you Mexico is threatening to file law thought I'd be hitch hiking thought you'd have. Love true suits in U.S. courts if the U.S. across Germany, barefooted, and be loyal. Forgive yourself. hairy and smiling. The dreams I I admire this class of graduates goes through with the plan to rest or shoot, as necessary, any had at 17 are so different than because I have asked many of use National Guard troops to illegal crossers. That would be folks don't hear about: We my reality today, but I am the them individually, "what are help bolster the Border Patrol a deterrent! at the Border. woman I was meant to be. If I your plans after you graduate" were to give some advice to this and they have an answer! PRESS cares? Mexico is the big suckyear's seniors it would be to ON CLASS OF 2006 - and if you

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greed or drought?

Residents of Brackettville and Fort Clark:

Only a handful of people are aware of what's about to happen in this county, if people don't wake up and smell the dust clouds.

In case you are one of the majority folks who don't, there's a group who is attempting to get permission to pipe our water to Laredo. It's all well for the money aspects for those rancher/landowners who will profit from this -- big time. But this spells doom tiple blood suckers - polyticks. and dust for the rest of us here at Fort Clark and Brackettville. Doesn't everyone realize that, should this occur, not only will out land suffer severely (dry up) but what little water we'll have left will cost us more to use? Not to mention that nasty word: "rationing.

I hear a lot of apathetic responses from people, mostly "What can I do about it?" Well, you can exercise your right to voice your opinion and protest. Our voices were heard last year in Austin when they tried to dissolve our protector, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District. This time it's that same, only with a different avenue of approach. We won the day then with a massive response from residents contacting their legisments and going to Austin. We can do it again, but we need to take action.

I would hate to think that so many educated Brackettvillians are willing to sit back and watch our city, Fort and county turn into another Fort Stockton, a dry colorless dust bowl. The city and the Fort are wonderfully lucky to have such a wooded, treelined town. Why are you willing to let this be destroyed so a small group can make a few bucks? Should we sacrifice ourselves to increase the wealth of the wealthy? Think about it.

Mark W. Clementz

Margin tax; complicated?

I just read the information on the New Texas "Margin" tax that is supposed to replace the money lost because of a property tax decrease. I have no idea who came up with that name; they should have named it complicated instead. The rules are worse than IRS, going to be relegated to doing to even higher levels, to spend- gate the reason they come here, and this is just the beginning. The politicians are telling us how they are helping us by shifting the school property tax to the are out in the field making ar- trying to lift the lower levels social programs, including turn a blind eye on illegal aliens. businesses. Don't let them fool you, and that's a big lie. Busi- rests. That's a laugh. The pa- up to average. What do we do health care. If we make it illenesses don't pay taxes. They will just add it to the price of things perwork is so complicated that for our gifted children? Danged gal, that is a crime, punishable lem, not some feel good legislayou and I buy. The next loaf of bread, bottle of beer or gallon of journeyman agents have little! The "Gifted and Talented by time in jail and large fines, tion or idiotic band aids that only gas is going to cost you and me more money. Hopefully, not trouble with it. It will take years Programs" in our schools are and not an administrative vio- make matters worse. tomorrow. The tax starts in 2007, which means the first payments are due in 2008. But you can bet on it as sure as the sun will rise in the east.



that a trained agent could do really think that a bunch of untrained weekend warriors are going to make any difference at all in the overall scheme of bloody likely! What we really need is the 1st Marine Division on the line with authority to ar-

a Mexican citizen and had to live under the conditions they do, the Border Patrol would be chasing me too. I would be headed north so fast it would leave a vacuum where I had been. However, I am not a Mexican citizen. I am a U.S. Mexican politicians are even citizen, and I am very perturbed at the current state of affairs. Mexico has become an enemy. as the word is broken down, They have promoted violence poly, as in multiple, and ticks, and lawlessness. They do nothing to help their own citizens, but get angry when we want to When a new politician gets into to the north. They are perfectly happy to let 10 or 15 million lower class Mexicans relocate to the U.S., because that is 10 tion in life, but to fill his pock- or 15 million that will not try to overthrow the useless govdecessors did. What do we care ernment there, and that will send Mexico without the usual dipbegging countries. You may Maybe then the citizens not recognize it, but we are of Mexico will get mad enough Mexico's biggest industry! The average educational

to do something about their level of an illegal alien is about Next: The National Guard, 5th grade. Many have no educaused like the current plan intion at all, and a very, very few tends, will be less than useless. are well educated. If we allow They will, in fact, be a detri-15 million illegal aliens amment, in the way, an anchor nesty we have just, one more around the collective necks of time, lowered our own educa- 50 million. the Border Patrol. It takes two tional levels and forced our alyears to train an agent to know ready over-stressed schools to before he is able to do his job the way it should be done. I best education possible, trying have also heard that they are to elevate our best young minds

to unravel the mess that is cre- laughable. For every dollar we lation, which is a laugh in most ated it that is true. Whatever spend on the stellar students, we instances, to employ or aid ilthey do, it will be something spend a million on the bottom of the class. And if we try to see an immediate drop in the better and faster. Now, do you form some kind of plan to promote advanced education for the more gifted, we have law suits and riots because we are discriminating against the less forcement was along the border things along the border? Not gifted. It is a no-win situation and most the work was in the if ever there was one! If that isn't backward I don't know what is.

Now here's the part most aren't just talking about Mexi-I feel very sorry for the poor cans. We deal with hundreds of First I would like to say, who Mexicans who are coming here different nationalities. When I trying to make a living. If I were was in the Border Patrol I arrested illegal aliens from China, Pakistan, North Korea, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Somalia, Columbia, El Salvador, Chile, Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Poland, Cuba, The Dominican Republic, and a and Houston. They not so pohundred more I can't remember litely declined. The only cases at the moment. If you think the that got investigated were those United States can continue to accept that kind of illegal immigration and still maintain the current standards of living, education, and civil safety, you are a fool or an idiot! The total shut off the flow of humanity number of illegal aliens that have entered the United States in the last 50 years is equal to a quarter of the total number of current United States citizens! Think about that for a moment! Not only that, what the burearcrats and government syback billions of U.S. dollars to cophants don't tell you and don't want you to find out is lomatic pandering necessary to that they aren't talking about amnesty for 15 million aliens. You see, that is only the beginning. After the amnesty period is over they will enact another "Family Fairness Plan" like they did after IRCA '86. That means that the 15 million they gave amnesty to can now bring in their families, which will instantly turn that 15 million into

You can say what you want to say, I know for a fact, howwhat the heck to do in a gen- deal with another insoluble ever, that amnesty for illegal eral way. It takes three years problem. We have already aliens does not solve anything. turned from trying to give the It only exacerbates an already serious problem. The only way to solve this problem is to nethe paperwork while the agents ing all our energy and money and that is for work and free each year, so why do we need to

legal aliens in any way, we will numbers of illegal aliens entering the country. Then we have to assign agents to enforce these laws. The last time most the eninterior. A lot of good that did. Not only that, but the immigration investigators assigned to investigate the IRCA '86 violations in the interior were rated on the number of felonies they investigated each year. They didn't want to waste their time on administrative violations that they couldn't get credit for, so the vast majority of the cases were just ignored. I know this for a fact because I tried to give several cases to investigators in Chicago, Kansas City, Austin, involving big enough companies that the agents could get some good publicity out of it, such as Tyson's Chicken.

President Bush has sold us out. He has succumbed to the political pressure and his desire to present Mexico as a strong ally. He has let Vicente Fox pull the wool over his eyes. He has let his ego get in the way of common sense. If he were running for president today I would not vote for him! If I could find a viable third party I would join it today. The Republicans and Democrats have lost the way and are giving away our nation a big chunk at a time. This is no longer a government of the people, but a government of the politicians, by the politicians, and for the politicians. We can do nothing to effect change and the frustration is killing us.

If we don't stop illegal immigration it will destroy us. If we grant annesty to millions of people who have no allegiance to this nation, we are driving a stake right through the heart of the nation.

Those are the facts folks! It is high time we did something positive to stop illegal immigration. It is after all illegal, which means it is a crime! We allow hundreds of thousands to immigrate legally We need a solution to the prob-



I just read an article that said

It is sucking up U.S. dollars and

while thing in return.

giving not one bloody worth-

cial. They are, in point of fact,

very damaging to the health and

security of the United States.

worse than our domestic brand,

if that is possible. The are truly,

as is small blood sucking para-

sites, meaning of course, mul-

public office in Mexico, he feels

that he is there, not to serve the

people and better their condi-

ets with graft, just like his pre-

if Mexico us upset over our at-

tempt to control our own bor-

ders? As far as I'm concerned

they can drown in their own

own plight.

Illegal aliens are not benefi-

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Roland Boysen Paying at the pump

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added pressure on fam- large contributing force drivilv budgets across the United ing the current oil shortage is States. The escalating price of crude oil, which is traded in a by China and India. Add all ing factor. Decisions or events have the perfect recipe for an occurring in the farthest, most international fuel shortage. remote areas of the globe can have a huge affect on the price this problem? As a nation, we of crude for all nations. Over the must decrease our dangerous past couple of years, many factors have contributed to this cri- East oil. Three decades ago, sis. Predatory pricing by mem- America was 30 percent depenbers of the Organization of Pe- dent on foreign oil. Today, we troleum Exporting Countries are nearly two-thirds dependent. (OPEC) drove many U.S. pro- I am committed to decreasing ducers out of business. This gave our nation's dependency on the members of OPEC a greater Middle Eastern oil. I support majority of the international oil production and increased tion in the Alaskan National America's dependence on for- Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), which eign sources of fuel. Addition- is known to have the single largally, OPEC has been slow to est deposit of oil in the entire

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raise production quotas after United States with an estimate make long-term decisions to ex-2002. You may remember that of oil. That is more than double OPEC 30 years ago rattled our tire state of Texas and almost half long lines at gas pumps. Short- the U.S. Drilling in ANWR will ages in supply have been fur- also generate more than 735,000 thered by large disruptions in new jobs and benefit the national the oil production of major oil economy. Since the spring of 2004, gas exporters, such as Venezuela,

Another contributing factor gasoline is the lack of necessary refineries to process crude oil an explosion in demand for fuel into gasoline. American demand for gasoline has risen signifiworld market, is one contribut- these factors together and you cantly as economic growth has increased. This mounting need for fuel must be met with in-What can we do to alleviate creased production. There are United States, down from 324 dependence on unstable Middle in 1981. Total capacity at operating refineries is roughly 17 erages nearly 21 million barrels per day. This growing gap is met of 389 to 34. by an increasing amount of imenvironmentally sound exploraforeign sources. Unfortunately, a new refinery has not been built taining a permit. Reforming this capacity is an essential component to increasing domestic production and ending our reliance on foreign oil. Last year I voted for the Energy Policy Act of line the permit process for build-

having greatly reduced them in of more than 10 billion barrels pand refining capacity. Less regulation will allow for inan oil embargo instituted by the proven reserves of the en- creased construction of American refineries and therefore reeconomy and triggered mile- of the total proven reserves in duce our dependence on foreign sources of gasoline. I will continue to support legislation which will increase refinery construction on U.S. soil.

My colleagues and I are comprices have risen tremendously, Iraq and Nigeria. However, the to the increase in the price of mitted to securing affordable energy for all Americans We cannot simply moan about rising energy prices, we must take action. We must remain steadfast in this commitment to discover solutions to the United State's urgent energy challenges. On May 3, 2006, the 148 operating refineries in the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5253 the Federal Energy Price Protection Act. This bill will prohibit price gouging in the million barrels per day, while sale of gasoline, diesel fuel, crude total United States demand av- oil, and home heating oil. I voted for this bill which passed by a vote

We must remember that these ports of refined products from problems associated with high gasoline prices took decades to develop and will not be solved in the U.S. in more than 30 overnight. It is essential to our years. This is in large part due society and economy that we upto the complex system for ob- date our nations' outdated energy policies. We must remain commitprocess and expanding refining ted to new ideas to promote conservation, reduces America's growing dependence on foreign oil, and create new jobs. Along with increasing domestic energy production, we must reduce our 2005, which helped to stream- foreign oil needs and increase renewable and alternative energy ing and revitalizing refineries. usage. I will continue to support Currently Congress is consider- responsible legislation that will ing further legislation which will promote greater fuel efficiency, provide more regulatory cer- decreased foreign dependence and tainty for companies as they increased domestic production.

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The Brackett News Thursday, June 1, 2006



Courtesy Photo Jazz it up The Eagle Pass Winn High School Jazz band recently performed at Brackett ISD.



Photo by Leigh Volcsko **Bombs** Away! Junior High students splash away at the Junior High Athletic Awards picnic.

Hwy 90 W Junior High athletes recognized with awards Uvalde, Texas

Brackett Junior High athletes were recognized at a picnic-style banquet on May 9 at the Fort Clark Springs pool facility.

Each athelete was awarded a certificate that aknowledged their participation in the various team sports. Girls

Marisol Aguirre: X-Country Volleyball Basketball Track Tennis **Cheyenne Billings:** Volleyball Basketball Track **Kelsey Bruce:** X-Country Volleyball Basketball Track Tennis **Alexis Buecher:** Volleyball Basketball Track **Bianca Cruz:** Volleyball Basketball Track Tennis Sarah Davis: Volleyball Basketball Track Tennis **Amanda DelBosque:** Basketball

Brianna Escamilla:

Volleyball Basketball Track **Elena Molinar:** Volleyball Basketball Track **Elidia Molinar:** Volleyball Basketball Track **Rachael Nash:** Volleyball Basketball Track Tennis **Paige Nowlin:** Volleyball Basketball Track Tennis **Brenda Pacheco:** Basketball Track Tennis Mary Lou Pena: Volleyball Basketball **Janine Rex:** Volleyball Tennis **Crystal Rodarte:** Track Sahara Rodriguez: Tennis Navellie Rojas: Basketball Icela Rueda: Volleyball Track Shaila Schwiesow: Volleyball

Brittany Martinez:

Clarissa Garcia: Volleyball Aracely Salazar: Volleyball Ana Sandoval: Basketball Boys **Brandon Allen:** Football Track

Chris Blake: Football Basketball Track **Steven Brinker:** Footbali Bryan Calk: Tennis **Charles Conoly:** Basketball Track Tennis **Shuan Davis:** Football Basketball Jerry DeHoyes: Football **Bradley Edwards:** Football **Damien Falcon:** Basketball **Michael Flores:** Football Basketball Tennis John Gray: Football Basketball Track **Ramon Gutierrez:** Football Basketball Track Tennis **Bodie Harris:** Football Basketball Track Tennis Cody Kirkland: Football Basketball Tennis **Ayland Letsinger:** Football Basketball Track Tennis **Tyler McDonald:** Football Basketball Track Tennis **Daniel Molinar:** Football Basketball Track **Paul Novel:** Track Tennis Gerardo Pacheco: Football

Basketball **Mauel Pena:** Football Basketball Tennis **Adan Pinales:** Football Basketball **Jay Proulx:** Basketball **Adolfo Reyes:** Football **Guy Rigby:** Football Basketball Track **Raul Rivas:** Football Basketball **Rolando Rivas:** Football Basketball Victor Robledo: Football Basketball Tennis Jaime Rodriguez: Football Basketball Marc Rodriguez: Football **Steven Rodriguez:** Football Basketball Track **Ezequiel Salazar:** Football Basketball Lawrence Salazar: Football Jaime Salazar: Football Basketball Track Tennis **Jeff Sitgreaves:** Football Basketball Track Josh Smith: Football Basketball Track X-Country Sam Stewart: Football **Basketball** Track **Isaac Talamantes:** Football Track **Robert Torres:** Football Basketball Tennis Alex Zamora: Football **Cody Clark:** Football Basketball Track

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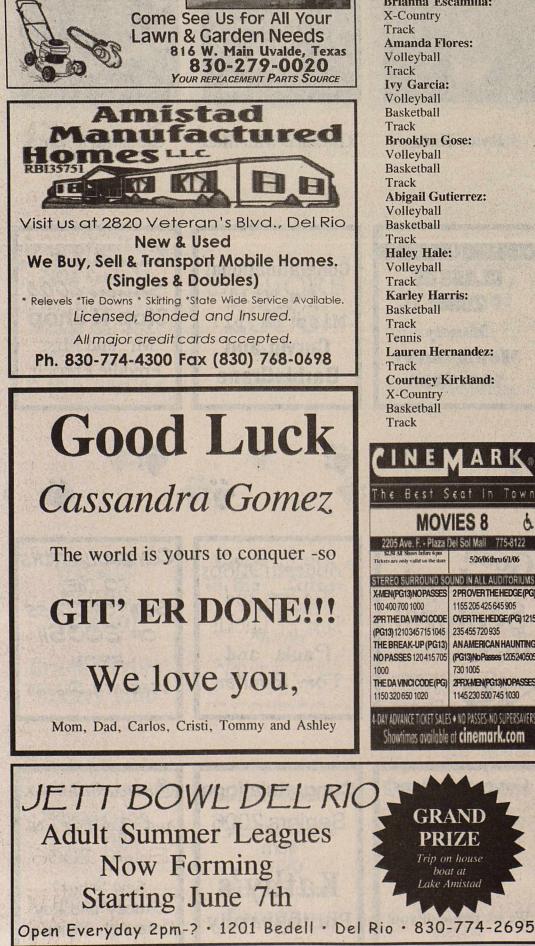


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BJH students recognized

Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District gave awards to the essay contest winners, Brandon Allen, Charles Conoly and Cody Kirkland.

Bonnie Brotherton presented awards for seventh grade English to Kelsey Bruce, Brandon Allen, Sahara Rodriquez and Hayley Hale, for Eighth grade English to Michael Flores, Accelerated Reader for seventh grade to Brandon Allen and Bradley Edwards for eighth grade to Elidia Molinar.

Liz Frerich presented an seventh grade to Robert Torres.

Candace Bader presented awards for eighth grade English to Julia Martinez and Jeffrey Sitgreaves, for Accelerated Reader in eighth grade to Cynthia Bland, Jeffrey Sitgreaves, Lauren Hernandez, Brooklyn Gose and Julia Martinez.

Mary Petrosky presented awards in seventh grade Math to Erica Villanueva, Bryan Calk, Brandon Allen and Kelsey Bruce, eighth grade Math to

Brandon Allen and Manuel to Rachel Nash and Brandon Pena. Mary Hernandez presented

an award for eighth grade Math to John Gray.

Julie Bruce presented an award in Pre-AP Algebra to Jeffrey Sitgreaves.

Mrs. Schroeder presented awards for seventh grade science to Sahara Rodriguez, Bryan Calk and Kelsey Bruce, for seventh grade Technology to Brandon Allen and Isaac Talamantes.

Cathy Lutz presented awards for eighth Grade Science to Jefaward for Accelerated Reader frey Sitgreaves, Brooklyn Gose and Raul Rivas

> Charlie Marquardt presented awards for seventh grade Texas History to Brandon Allen and for eighth Grade American History to Jeffrey Sitgreaves.

Rhonda Marquardt presented an award in eighth Grade American History to Chris Blake.

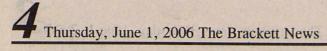
Antonio Ramon presented awards in Spanish I to Jeffrey Sitgreaves Nydia and Talamantes.

Yolanda Rueda presented

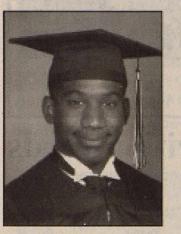
Bret Trant of the West Texas Chris Blake and Theatre Arts to awards in Career Investigation Allen, and Skills For Living to Brianna Escamilla and Liliana Valdez.

> Shatona Hicks presented awards for FFA officers for the 2006-2007 school year to Jay Proulx, Treasurer and Cody Kirkland, Reporter, Outstanding Student to Michael Flores, All Years A's to Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Haley Hale, Joshua Smith and Jeffrey Sitgreaves, All Years A's and B's to Sarah Davis, Michael Flores, Stella Guajardo, Ayland Letsinger, Rachel Nash, Janine Rex, Jamie Rodriguez, Erica Villanueva, John Blake, Cody Clark and Brooklyn Gose, All Year Perfect Attendance for seventh grade to Aracely Salazar and Rachel Nash and for eighth grade to Victor Elizondo.

> President's Certificate For Students Who Have a 90 Average for the 7th and 8th Grade Years was awarded to Brooklyn Gose, Jay Proulx, Jeffrey Sitgreaves and Julia Marie Martinez.







Clyde Adams



Dana Bonner



Miles Braesicke



Ashley Castillo



Daniel Chambers

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Alanna Conoly



Jessica Crane



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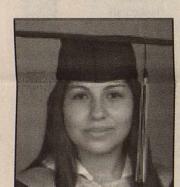
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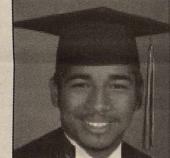


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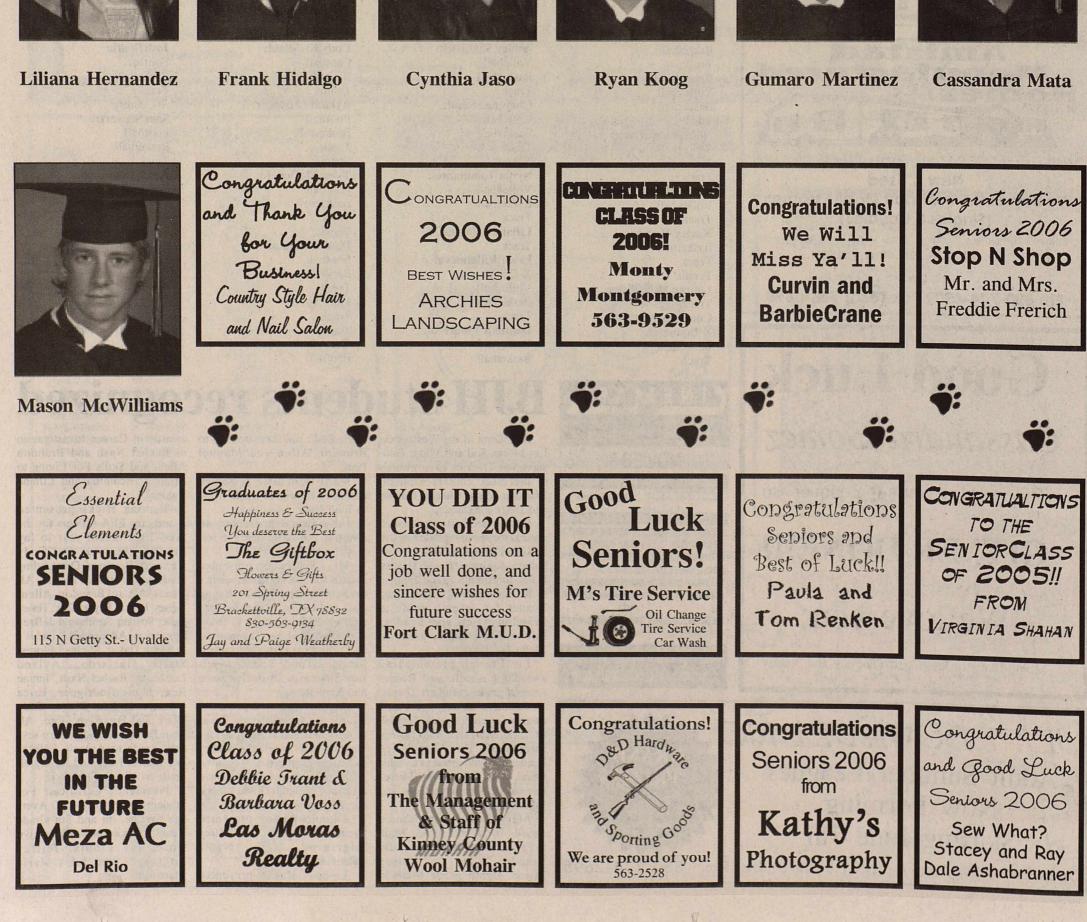






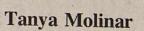


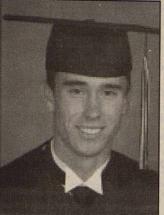












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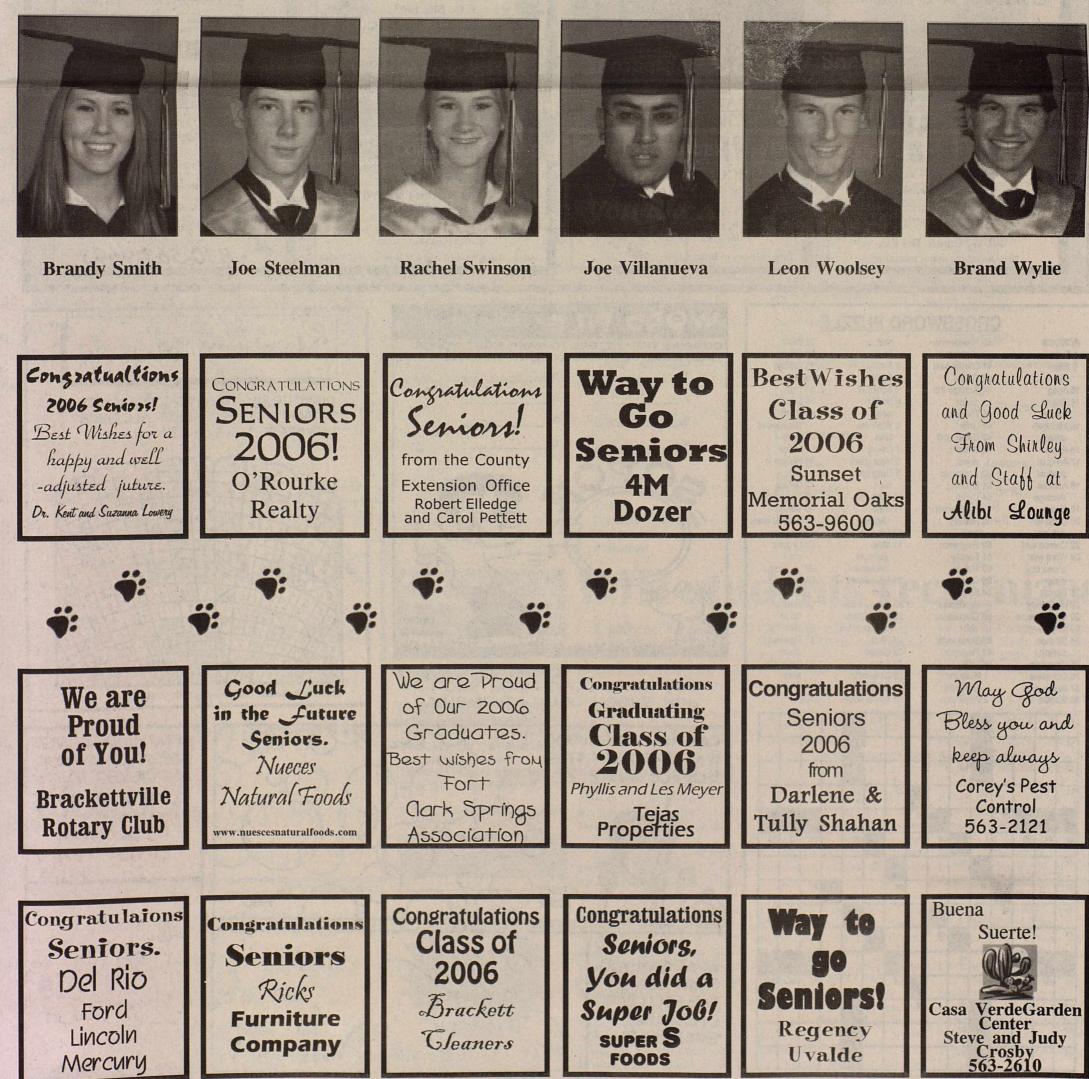
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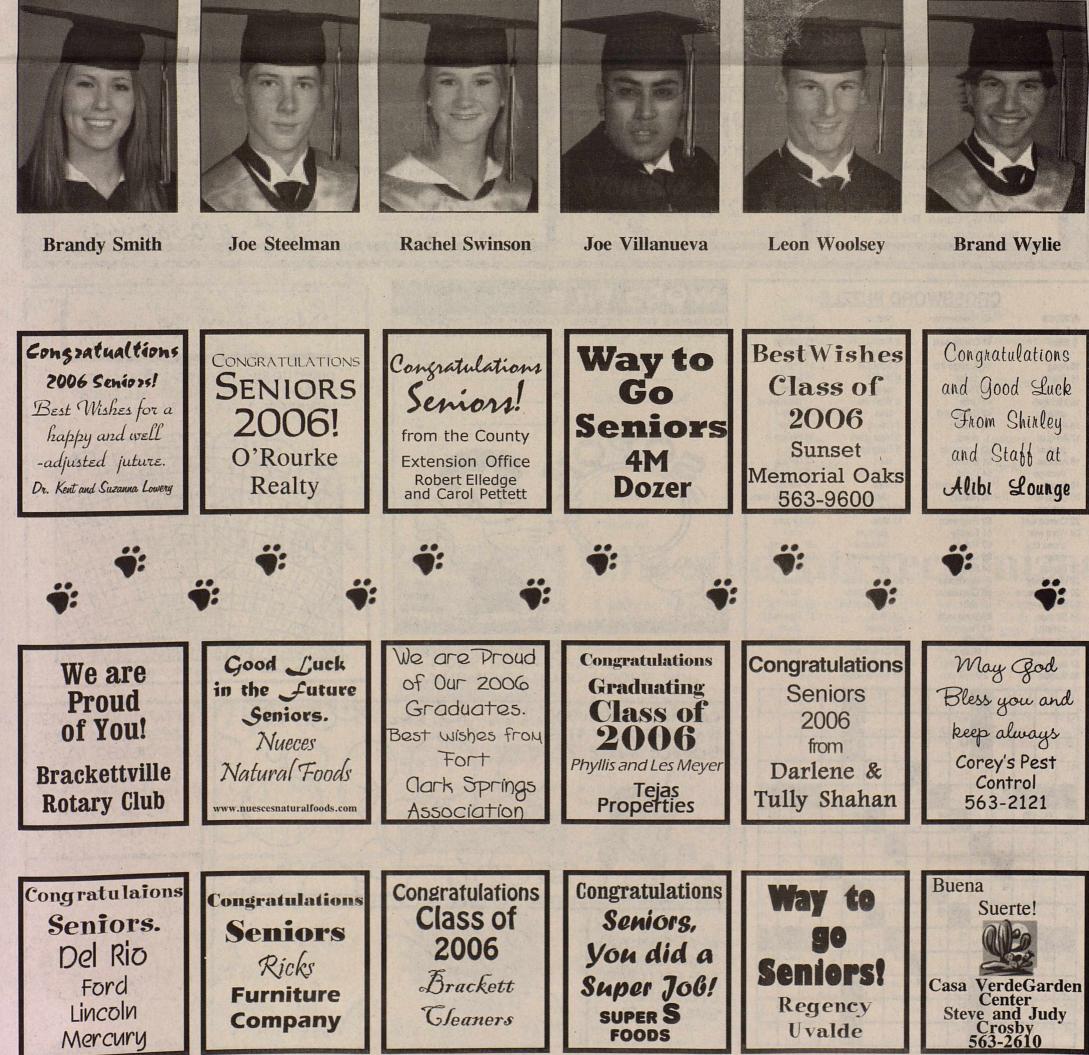


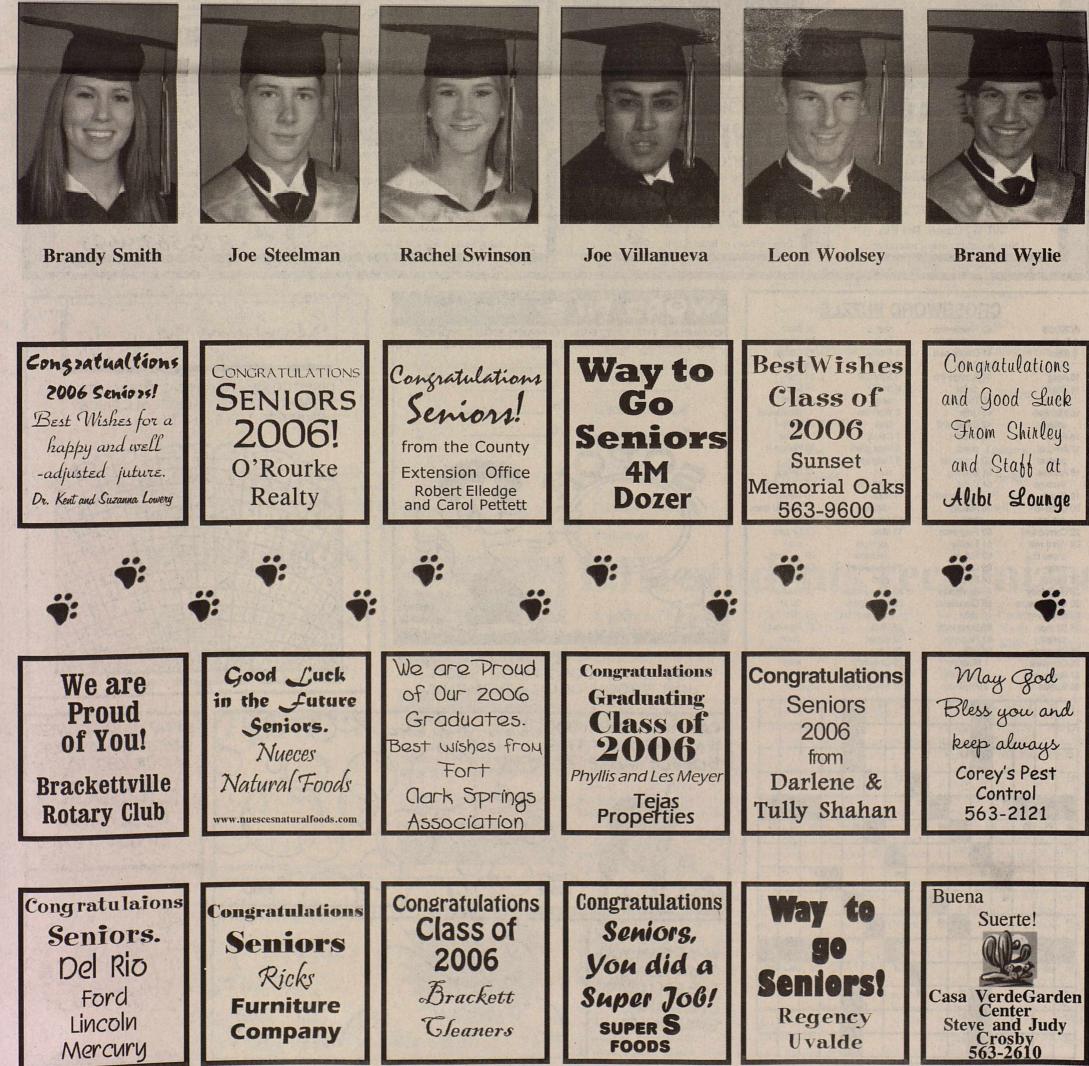
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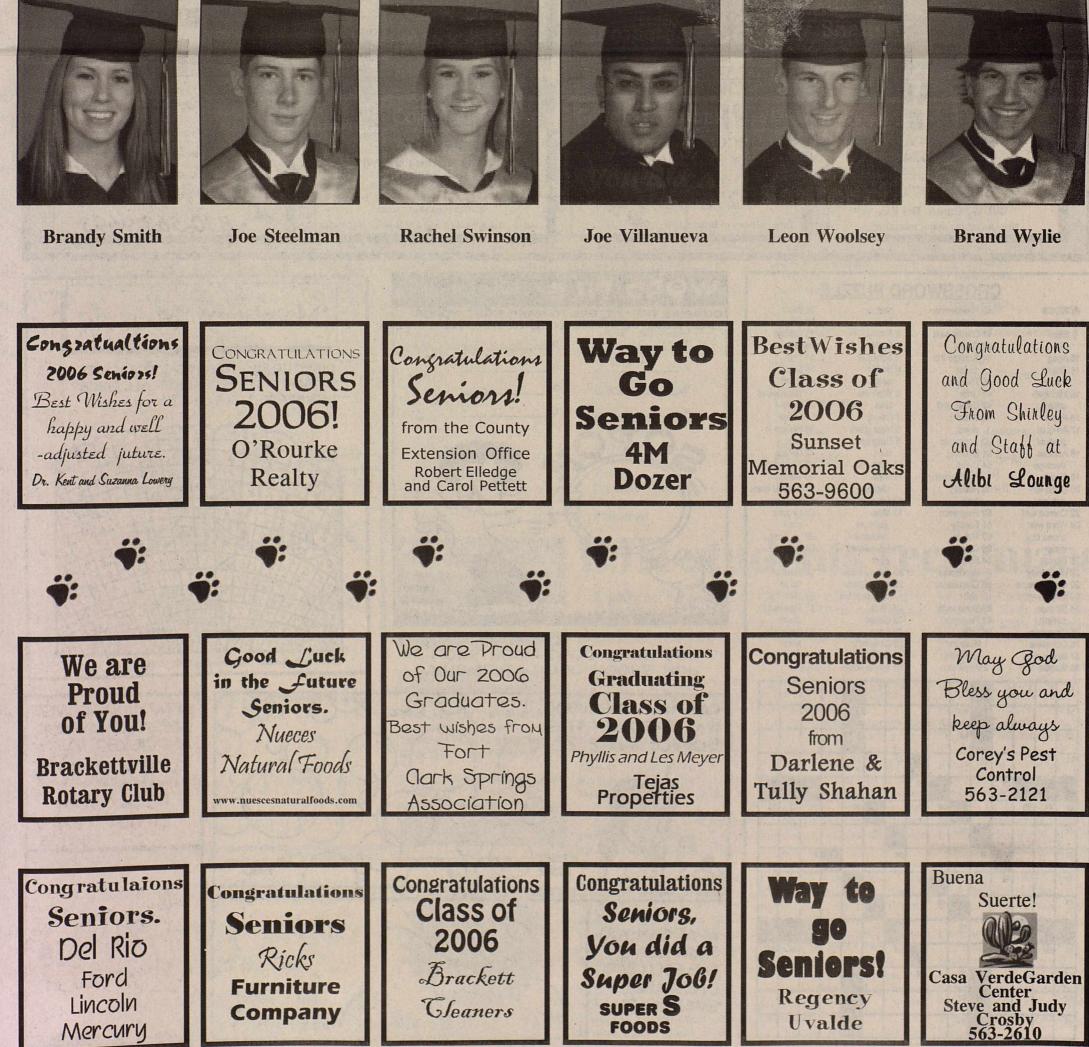


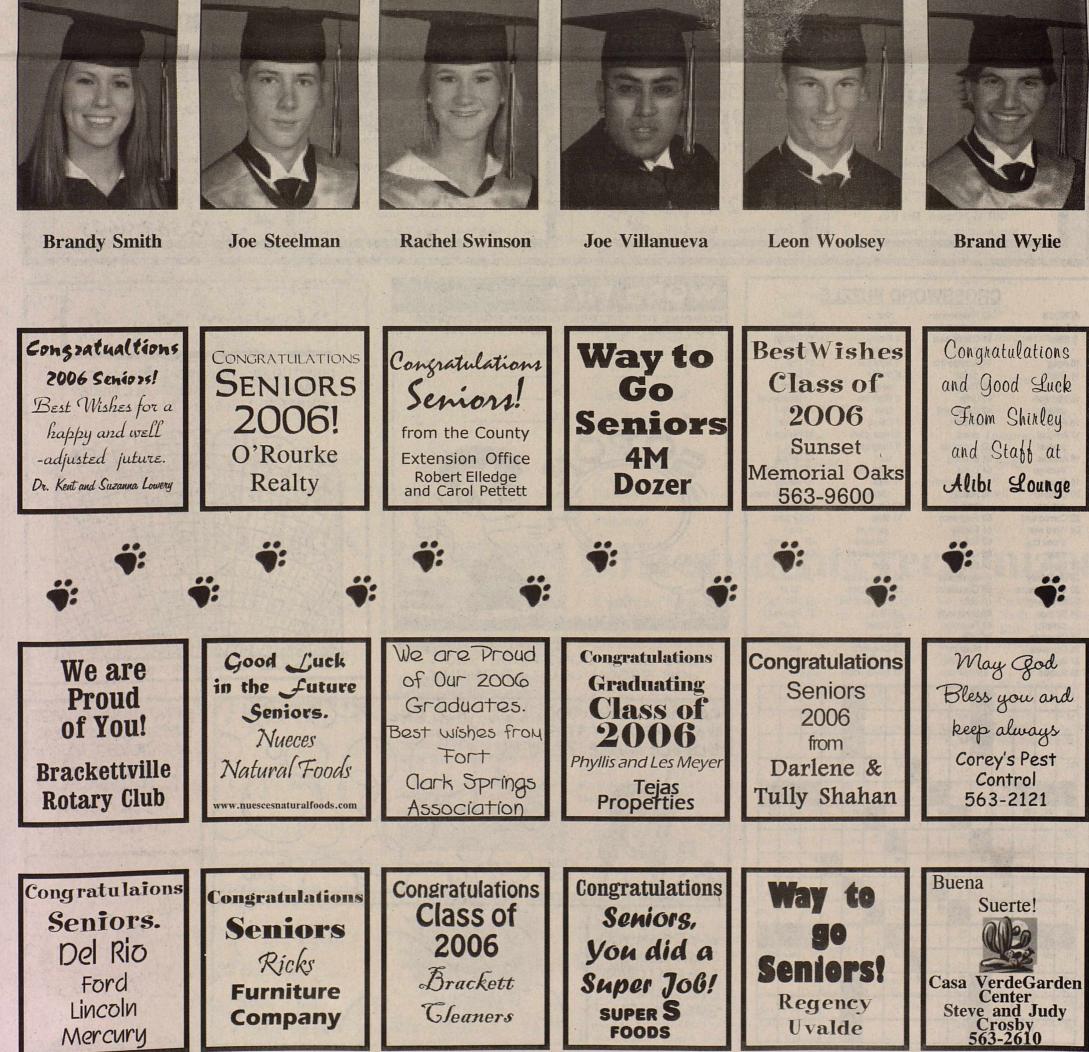
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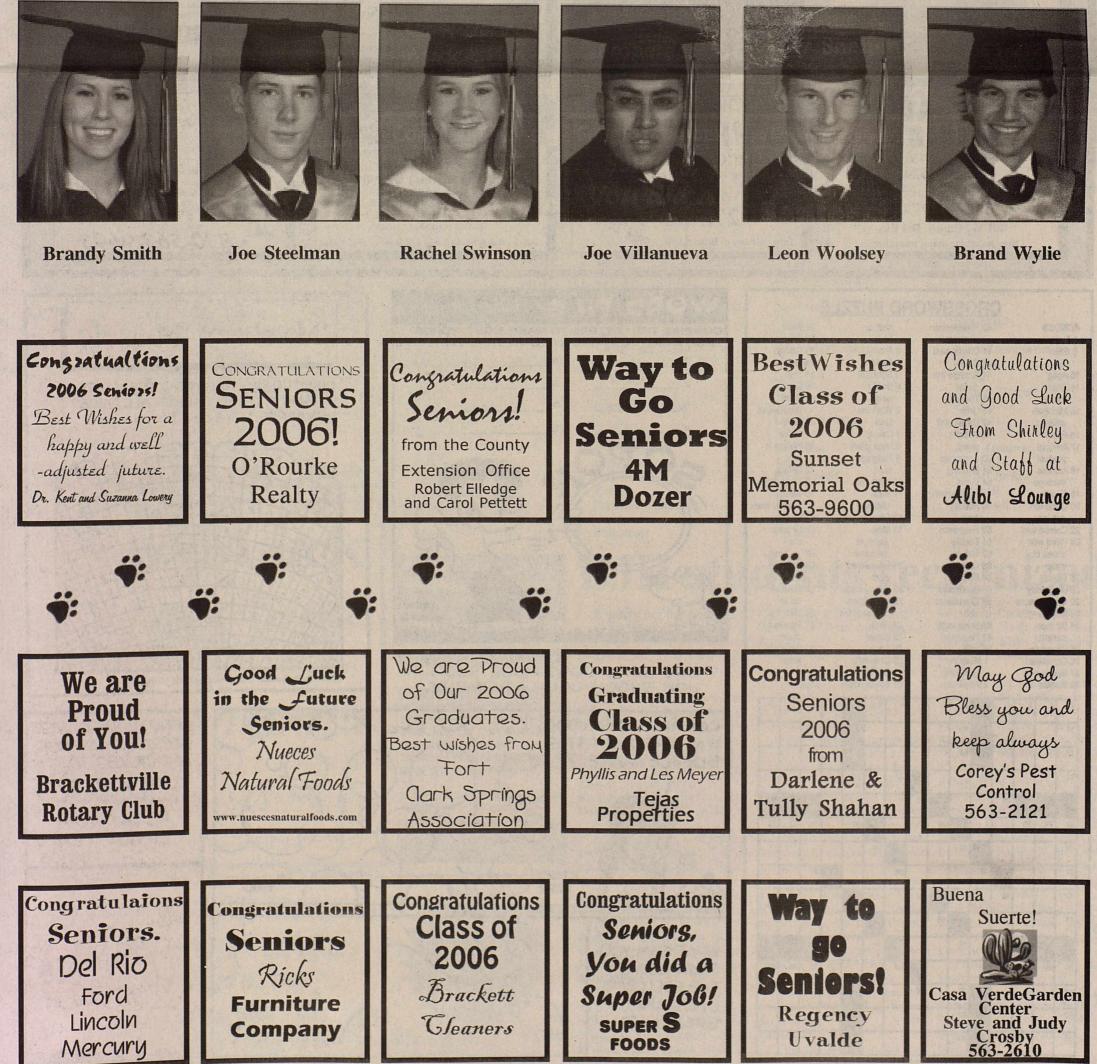




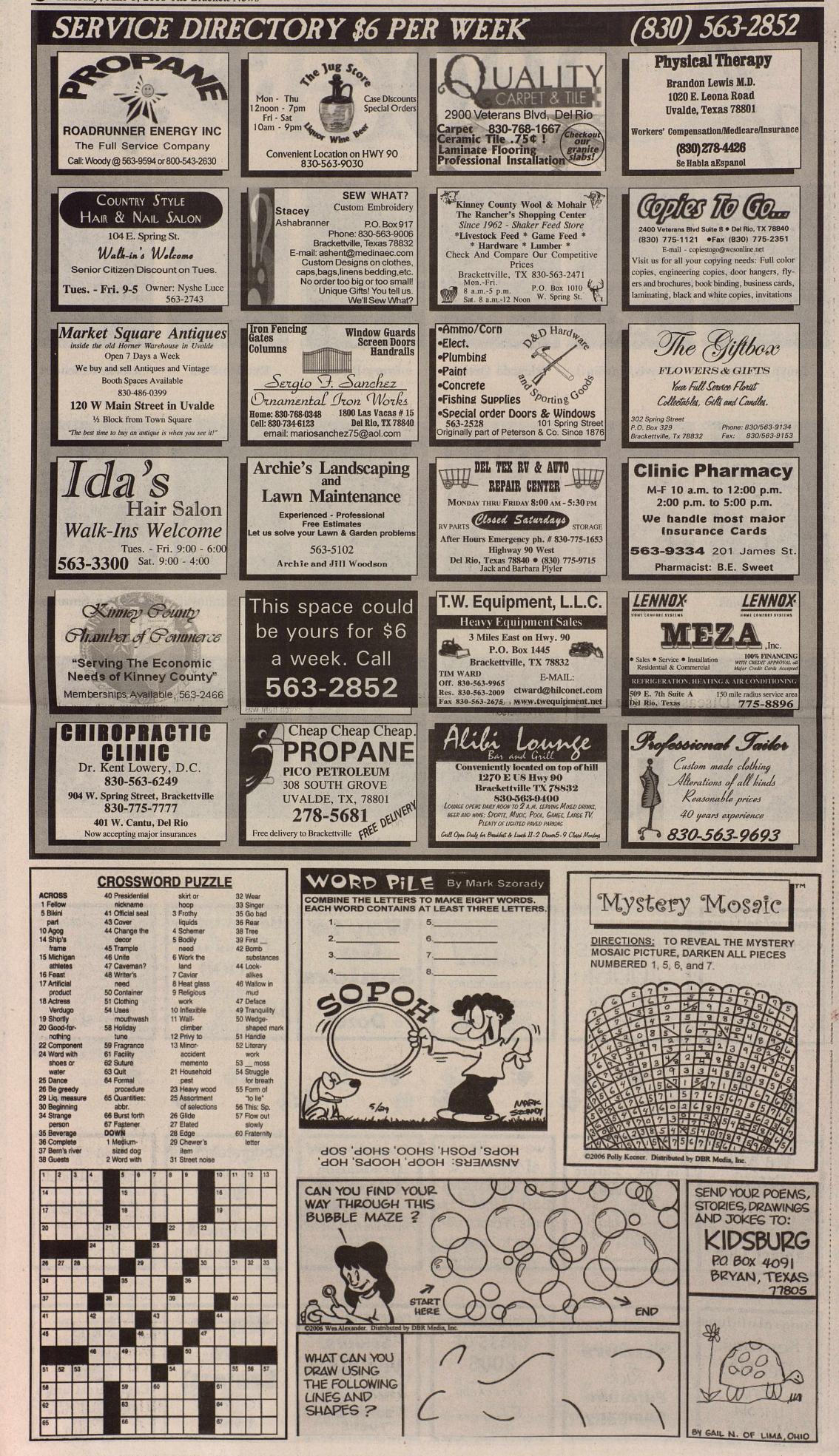












OBITUARIES

Mateo Richard Montalvo November 26, 1943 May 20, 2006

Mateo Richard Montalvo, entered into eternal rest on May 20, 2006 at his residence in Brackettville, Texas. He was born November 26, 1943 in Brackettville, Texas. He is survived by his wife Martha Elena Montalvo of Brackettville, Texas; Daughter: Molly R. Allen and husband Eric J. of San Antonio, TX, Sons: Mateo R. Montalvo Jr. and wife Carmella of Laredo, TX. and Michael Roy Montalvo and wife Maria E. of Spring, TX; Sister: Mary Alice Higgins and husband Richard of Green Acres, WA, Brother: Joe Montalvo and his wife Paula of Brackettville, TX; Grandchildren: Tim Armenta and wife Melissa, Mandissa Montalvo, Amy Armenta, Mateo R. Montalvo III, Jr. Mateo R. Montalvo IV, Marie Rennie Alicia Montalvo, Bianca A. Idrogo, Michael R. Montalvo II, and Sarah R. Allen; Great-Grandchildren: Jayme Waldrip, Kayley Waldrip, Richard Armenta and Heather Nicole Armenta. He was preceded in death by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Senobia Montalvo; Brother: Jesus Fernando Montalvo and Great-Grandson: Tyler J. Wilson.

Visitations was Sunday, May 21, 2006 at G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home Chapel Del Rio, Texas with with Rosary. Funeral Services were celebrated Monday, May 22, 2006, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville, Texas where the family received friends before the service. Father Anton Quang Dinh Van officiated. Interment immediately followed at Kinney County Cemetery, Brackettville, TX.

Pallbearers were Mateo R. Montalvo Jr., Michael R. Montalvo, Mateo R. Montalvo III, Joe Montalvo III, Eric Allen and Johnny Zepada.

Alfred Carroll Jenkins

August 2, 1939

May 28, 2006

Alfred Carroll Jenkins, 66, of Harwood, Texas, entered into rest May 28, 2006 at his residence.

He was born August 2,1939, in Charlottesville, Virginia to Ethel Fannie Carpenter and Ashby Casper Jenkins.

He married Rose Rose Lena Wagliardo in November 1978. Jenkins became the owner of the Cactus Corral in 1995 and started the Action Shooting Society.

He was a member of Harwood Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Jenkins survived by his wife, Rose Lena Jenkins who resides in Harwood; three daughters, Vicky Thomas of Vass, NC, LaNette Kardokus of Norfold, VA, LaDonna Sasscer of Charlotte, NC, his two granchilderen, and sister Susan Vasquez of Chantilly, VA.

Funeral Services will be held at Seydley-Hill Funeral Home on Thursday at 1p.m. with Rev. Leonard Shaklin officiating. Memorials can be made to the Harwood Methodist Church

or the Harwood Cemetary Association.

Kinney County jury by Deputy Freitag. Thursday, May 25

Tovary is still being held at 6:45 a.m. A woman called to ask for a deputy to Wednesday, May 24 report to her residence because of a domestic distur-7:30 p.m. Roberto bance. When Constable Lucerno, 32, was arrested for Guidry arrived the women driving with an invalid liasked to place a restraining cense by Trooper Rios. He order on her husband. was later released on best Guidry asked the women to go by the sheriff's office to 8:50 p.m. A 911 caller get a restraining order filed. wanted to report that he had

8:45 a.m. A women called asking to speak to a deputy in response to her nephew's disturbing behavior. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the scene.

11:00 a.m. A women called requesting the presence of a deputy at the City Hall. Sheriff Burgess responded.

11:22 a.m. A 911 caller asked for a deputy to report to The Krazy Chicken because she need to report a personal occurrence.

21, was arrested for possession of marijuana by Deputy

Ring. He was released the next day on a best bail bond of \$1,200.

Thursday, June 1, 2006 The Brackett News

Saturday, May 27

4:41 p.m. A women called stating that she had told her cousin to leave her residence, but her cousin refused to leave without her children or belongings. The caller then notified the police and requested assistance from a deputy. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez reported to the scene.

9:40 p.m. A Border Patrol agent called sheriff's office to report a stolen vehicle on Hwy. 277 south. Agents were on a foot chase with five suspects, suspects were in custody. Two linebacker units were dispatched to assist BP agents.

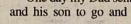
Monday, May 29

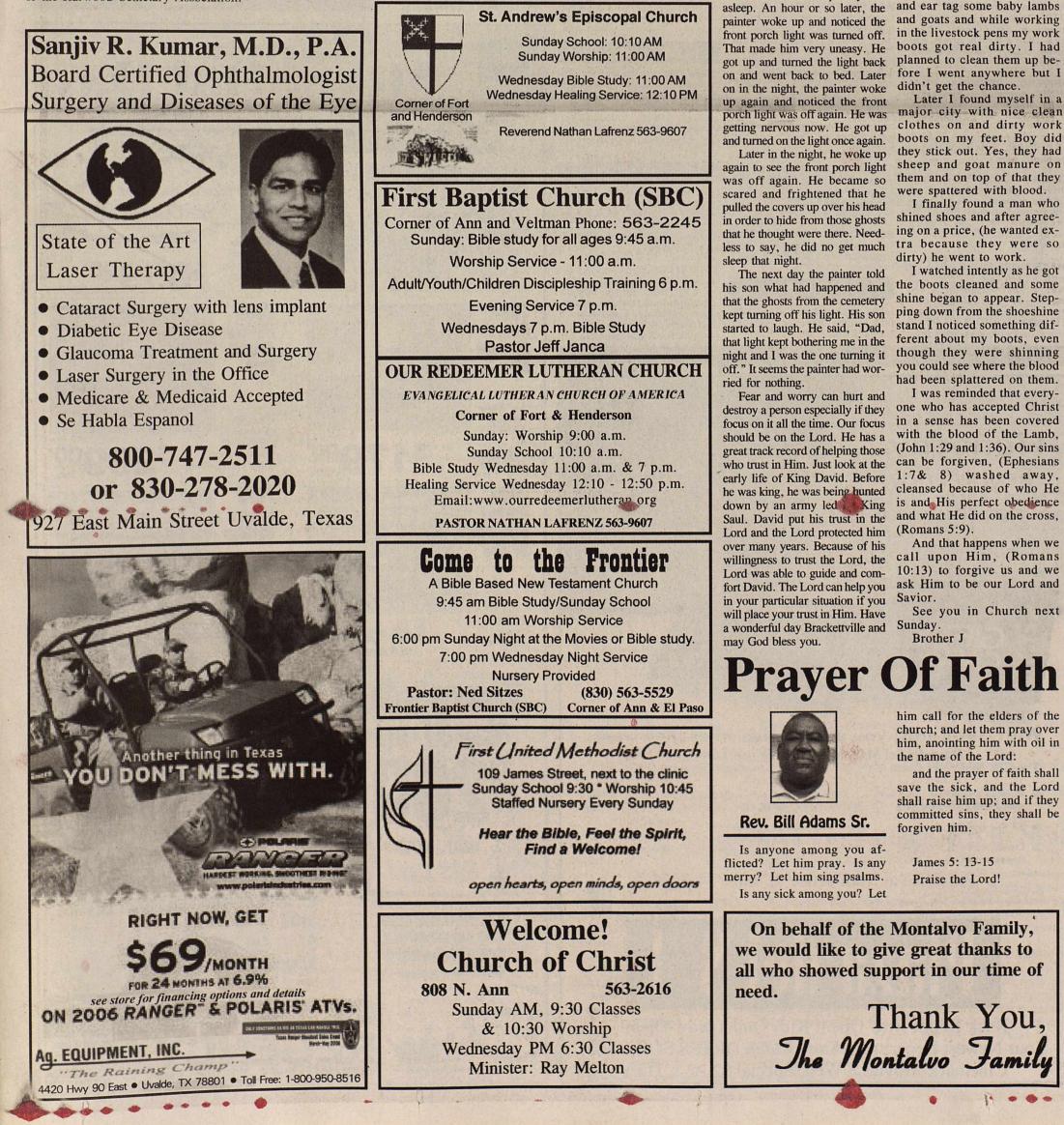
5:53 p.m. A man called requesting to speak with a deputy on the subject of a 8:30 p.m. Nathan Luna, stolen bike. Deputy Ring went to the man's residence.

SPIRITUAL LIVING

The Front Porch Light Dirty Boots

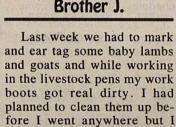
there was a very old cemetery. and his son to go and paint the





When I was young, my par- old farm house. The painter had ents bought a farm near Ellinger, been told that there was a cemetery on the farm. They painted that day and then called it a night. The painter was very uncomfortneed of repairs. Also on that farm able about staying the night on a farm with a cemetery. In order to One day my Dad sent a painter set his mind at ease, he left the porch light on.

He and his son quickly fell



Later I found myself in a major city with nice clean clothes on and dirty work boots on my feet. Boy did they stick out. Yes, they had





Sheriff 's Report

IK "Buddy Burgers

Tuesday, May 23

12:40 p.m. James Leslie

Cooper, 45, was arrested for

possession of marijuana by

Deputy Ramon Gutierrez.

Cooper was later released on

9:30 p.m. Dalbart

McDonald, 69, was arrested

for disorderly conduct by

Deputy Freitag. McDonald

was released a day later on

9:30 p.m. Benjamin

Tovary, 48, was arrested for

assault causing bodily in-

a \$1,200 best bail bond.

a \$2,000 best bail bond.

press time.

bail bond of \$1,200.

to the scene.

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hit a deer on Hwy. 90 ap-

proximately a quarter of a

mile west of Brackettville.

Deputy Page was dispatched

called and asked for a deputy

to report to her residence

because her daughter was ar-

guing and using foul lan-

guage with her. Deputy

Freitag was notified of the

Spring officer asked deputy

to report to a scene of a tres-

passing vehicle. Deputy

Frietag was notified about

11:42 p.m. A Fort Clark

10:59 p.m. A women

Texas. On that farm was a very old farm house that had not been lived in for years and was in much

> tra because they were so dirty) he went to work. I watched intently as he got the boots cleaned and some shine began to appear. Stepping down from the shoeshine stand I noticed something different about my boots, even

though they were shinning you could see where the blood had been splattered on them. I was reminded that every-

one who has accepted Christ in a sense has been covered with the blood of the Lamb, (John 1:29 and 1:36). Our sins can be forgiven, (Ephesians 1:7& 8) washed away, cleansed because of who He

And that happens when we call upon Him, (Romans 10:13) to forgive us and we ask Him to be our Lord and

See you in Church next

Prayer Of Faith

him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if they committed sins, they shall be

James 5: 13-15 Praise the Lord!

On behalf of the Montalvo Family, we would like to give great thanks to all who showed support in our time of

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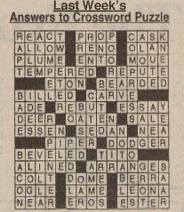
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