

# The Brackett News

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## Town Hall Meeting **Kinney County Livestock Show and Premium Sale**

Staff Writer  
By Flo Dean

Eighty-one Kinney County residents attended a Town Hall Meeting at the Civic Center in Brackettville Monday night. Sponsored by the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Temporary Board, the meeting was held to explain the roles and responsibilities of a water district and to introduce the candidates running for the Initial Board.

Temporary Board members Tom Dorrell, Darlene Shahan, Mona Miller, Stan Conoly, Henry Fuentes, Cecil Smith and Joe York were introduced by Robert Elledge, Kinney County Extension Agent. He also presented candidates Jewel Robinson, Chris Ring, Don Hood, Anita Ertle, Robert Young, Zack Davis, Sandy Watkins, Roy Jay Harris and Joe Goebel. Temporary Board members Tom Dorrell, Henry Fuentes, Stan Conoly, Cecil Smith, Darlene Shahan and Joe York are also candidates for the Initial Board.

Dr. Bruce Lesikar, agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service

served as moderator for the meeting. His presentation on the roles and responsibility of a water district outlined the development of a Comprehensive Management Plan, which will be the guiding document describing what the Groundwater District will do. Lesikar stated that the Management Plan will be a "living document", modified as the Board learns the needs of the Kinney County District, and readopted every five years. The plan must be certified by the Texas Water Development Board and filed with other districts that share a common water source.

The Water Board must have an annual budget and audit, and will be required to hold regular meetings, at least quarterly.

Under the Management Plan, the board will adopt rules to preserve, protect, recharge and prevent waste of groundwater present, degradation of water quality and control land subsidence.

The Groundwater District will provide management of local groundwater resources. In Texas, Lesikar stated, this is the only way to manage groundwater locally. Surface water, he

added (lakes, streams) are managed by the state.

Following his presentation, Lesikar answered questions presented by those attending the meeting.

Among these, "Will the board receive a salary?"

"No, the board may not receive compensation, though members may be reimbursed for expenses such as travel, continuing education, etc."

"What if the county chooses not to have a local groundwater board?"

"Then the rule of capture applies. The TNRC could ultimately come in and force a district if we were classified as critical."

"What if the Groundwater District has no funding?"

"Three districts passed in November without funding attached. The Directors will have to implement other income sources, possibly fees and grants." After the meeting Bruce Bowlin, a property owner, commented, "The meeting was informative."

Another attending the meeting commented, "There was a lot left that wasn't commented on."

Joy Ralston felt the meeting was "very informative", but Hayden Haby, a rancher and farmer stated he thought "the (groundwater district) would just be creating another taxing entity."

Dr. Lesikar stated he felt the questions presented were good; the kind of information necessary to know how to make informed decisions, based on understanding the issues.

Tom Dorrell, Temporary Board Chairman, announced that there would be a meeting of all candidates and Temporary Board members, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 18th at the courthouse, to canvass the votes. However, the unofficial vote tally will be posted by the County Clerk, Dora Sandoval, at the courthouse a little after 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 12th following closure of the election.

An informative brochure prepared by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, titled "Groundwater Conservation Districts: Success Stories" is available at the Kinney County Library on Spring Street, or by calling Darlene Shahan at 563-2462.

■ **Editor's Note:** See pages 8 and 9 for candidate information on upcoming election.

It's time for the 47th Annual Kinney County 4-H & FFA Livestock Show to be held at the Kinney County Civic Center on January 11-12, 2002. We value your continued support for all of our 4-H & FFA exhibitors in Kinney County and look forward to seeing you there.

The schedule of events are: Friday, January 11, 2002 from 8:00 - 12:00 noon all market animals will be weighed on the

west side. 2:00 p.m. Rabbit Classes, 3:00 p.m. Finewool Ewe Lamb Classes, 4:00 p.m. Steer Classes, and at 4:30 p.m. Swine.

Saturday, January 12, 2002 8:00 a.m. Market Lamb Classes, 9:30 a.m. Market Goat Classes, 12:00 noon BBQ Lunch, 1:30 p.m. Stock Show Awards Presentations, and at 2:00 p.m. Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale.

## Briefs ... Voter count

County Clerk Dora Sandoval stated Wednesday that there had been 176 early voters in the Confirmation election for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board. Early voting ended Wednesday, January 9, 2002. The election will be held Saturday, January 12, 2002.

Polling places will be: Precinct 1 the EMS Building on Ellen St., Precinct 2 votes at the High School Auditorium on Ann St., Precinct 3 at the Brackett Senior Apts. Recreation Room on Spring St. and Precinct 4 at the Kinney County Library Fritter Room on Spring Street.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Each voter may cast a ballot for four members of the board, one for each At Large candidate (County At Large, City At Large and Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utilities District At Large) and a vote for the candidate running in the voter's precinct. Ballots will contain all the At Large Candidate names but only the candidates running in the respective precincts.

## Computer Club

Brackettville, Texas - The Brackettville Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Kinney County Library Annex Room on Thursday, January 17th. The month's featured speaker is Sophia Meehlieb, who will speak on Internet Web Page Design. Sophia has assisted the Fort Clark Historical Society as well as many others in their web page development, and is a knowledgeable source on this topic. Admission is free, however a \$5.00 per person donation is requested to compensate Kinney County Library with costs of utilities. See you there!

## Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate Bridge was played in the Gorgas room at Fort Clark Springs on Tuesday evening, January 8, 2002. There were four tables and the Howell Movement was used. The winners were: 1st-Flo Stafford and Alice Seargeant; 2nd-Ann Malin and Ann Watts; and 3rd-Dena Scott and Mona Miller. There were some really crazy hands that were difficult to bid, but a great time was had by all. When the car lights went off after the trip home, the stars were brilliant. What a beautiful Texas night!!! It pays to go out after dark sometimes.

## Employees honored



From left to right: Lionel Juarez, Helen Seargeant, and David Esparza receives certificates awarded by the United States Postal Service

Lionel Juarez, Brackettville Postmaster, Tuesday presented David Esparza a Certificate of Recognition for zero use of sick leave during Fiscal Year 2001. Esparza also received a certificate in FY 2000 for no sick leave utilized.

He has been with the Postal Service 5 years.

Helen Seargeant received a Service Award Certificate Commemoration for 12 years of service to the Government of the United States, awarded by the United States Postal Service.

Postmaster Juarez said the Brackettville Post Office has received a Certificate for an Accident Free Fiscal Year 2001.

## Montalvo challenges Bland and Massingill

As closing time passed to file for Kinney County elective positions, three candidates had filed for County Judge including incumbent Herb Senne, Donald Ralston and Tommy Seargeant. Matt Bland and Joe Montalvo will vie for Commissioner in Precinct 2. Montalvo challenged Bland's petition; however, the Democratic County chairperson stated the petition was in order.

Pat Malencon is now opposed by Gilford Raymer for Commissioner in Precinct 4. Raymer is currently City Municipal Judge. Norma Jean Gomez and Dora Elia Sandoval

are running for District and County Clerk. Janice Floyd filed for County Treasurer. There are three candidates for Justice of the Peace, Democratic candidates John Ford, the incumbent, and Leonard Luna. Woodie Massingill has filed as a Republican candidate for this office. Floyd, Bland and Luna filed by petition.

Wes Robinson has declared his intent to file as an Independent Candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

Don Hood is the new Republican Chairperson for Kinney County, Mary E. Flores serves as Democratic Chairperson.

## Fishing on the Pecos River



(L to R) Banner and Ward Kerr, Cole and Wyatt Banner with 39 lb. Blue Catfish

Ward and Banner Kerr spent their Christmas Holiday up on the Pecos River at their grandparents ranch, Cy and Sandy Banner, in Terrell County. Hunting, fishing, checking trap lines, climbing the rough hills, and looking for arrowheads.

While fishing at the lake by Granny's house, Banner Kerr, eight years old caught a Blue Catfish that weighed in at 39 pounds.

She was 30 inches in the girth and measured 38 inches in length. Banner landed this big cat by rod and reel on 10 pound

test line. It took Banner 30 minutes to reel this big lady in with the help of his brother, Ward Kerr, nine years old, and cousins, Cole and Wyatt Banner.

After a lot of admiring, petting and picture taking of the big lady catfish the boys put her back in the lake.

As you can tell by her big belly, she is full of eggs and ready to spawn. Blue Catfish spawn in the Winter around February. This way there will be more fish to catch this Summer and next year in Granny and Papa's lake.

# Brenk, Baker sue FCSA

Staff Writer  
By Flo Dean

In similar civil suits, Rudolf Brenk and Arvil L. Baker, both Fort Clark Springs residents, sought damages from FCSA for denial of copies, or access to, the association's financial records.

Brenk stated that he had been denied copies of financial records, adding that as a member of the association he wanted the records and had a right to them.

"In the past," Brenk said, "we could get a copy of the budget and financial statement and a charge of 25 cents per page was customary."

I was flatly denied and cannot get financial information. They changed the requirements and should have told me so."

Attorney Barbara L. Emerson representing FCSA, responded that, "The association has a lot to do, and while it would be nice

or appropriate if anytime something changes in the office operation it would be possible to notify members. However, they cannot notify every member exactly what their legal rights are."

In regards to members making their own copies, she added, "There will be a cost associated, and there is some concern about individuals operating the (copy) machine."

Brenk was notified on September 29th, after a FCSA Board ruling, that there would be no copies of budget or financial statements given to any member not in good standing. Any member in good standing can get copies of these documents.

Judge John Ford asked Brenk if he wanted them (the association) to copy the records for him, also asking whether they had denied him the right to make copies.

"They did not tell me that I

could make copies myself." Brenk replied.

Judge Ford found for the Plaintiff but excluded any punitive damages, stating that there was no proof in support of the claim for damages for mental anguish.

Brenk was awarded \$70.94, the costs that could be supported by receipts.

Ford told Brenk that copies would be made available to him. In a second suit, charging denial of access to financial records, Arvil L. Baker stated that in August he had requested a copy of the July FCSA financial report and was initially told "The computer is down."

According to Baker, when he returned to the Administration Office a week later, he was given the same reply to his request. Speaking as counsel for FCSA, Barbara L. Emerson stated that the July financial statement was not available until the September 15th Board of

Directors meeting and added that there had been other requests for that document.

FCSA General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr called the Baker home after that meeting, stating that the July statement would be available at that time at the association front desk. Subsequently, an October 7th letter to Baker from Kerr stated that no copies of the budget or financial statement are available to members not in good standing, adding that once the Baker assessments were paid the statements could be reviewed.

Emerson stated that it has been customary for the financial statements to be kept in a black folder at the front desk of the association, though the color of the folder has been changed under Kerr's management from blue to black.

Kerr testified that she left a letter regarding Baker's assessments at the FCSA desk and saw him reading her letter, while

having the notebook in front of him.

Emerson noted that no one had ever told Baker he could not look at the financial statement he sought, and that in any event he had never made any written request.

She added that Baker has filed 50 to 60 requests, including lawsuits, involving the FCSA over the years.

Judge Ford ruled for Fort Clark Springs Association, stating that he believed the spirit of the request for information got a little bit heated and a lot of communication was missed.

"I see misconception as the problem, and feel the information was made available after September 15th."

Baker was ordered to pay \$1119 in attorney fees for FCSA.

Ford informed Baker that his decision was appealable. "I will", responded Baker.

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# I think I need help

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

I read somewhere that one definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. That seems to be me. During the recent flooding I found myself stuck in the river gravel. Mud doesn't seem to be a problem to me but gravel and I have developed a bond.

Let me make sure you follow me on this one. I didn't get stuck once, not twice, nor thrice, but an even five times! Like a hardened criminal, I kept returning to the scene of the crime. And while I'm at it, let me mention how cold the water is this time of the year. Wading isn't as much fun as I remember it to have been.

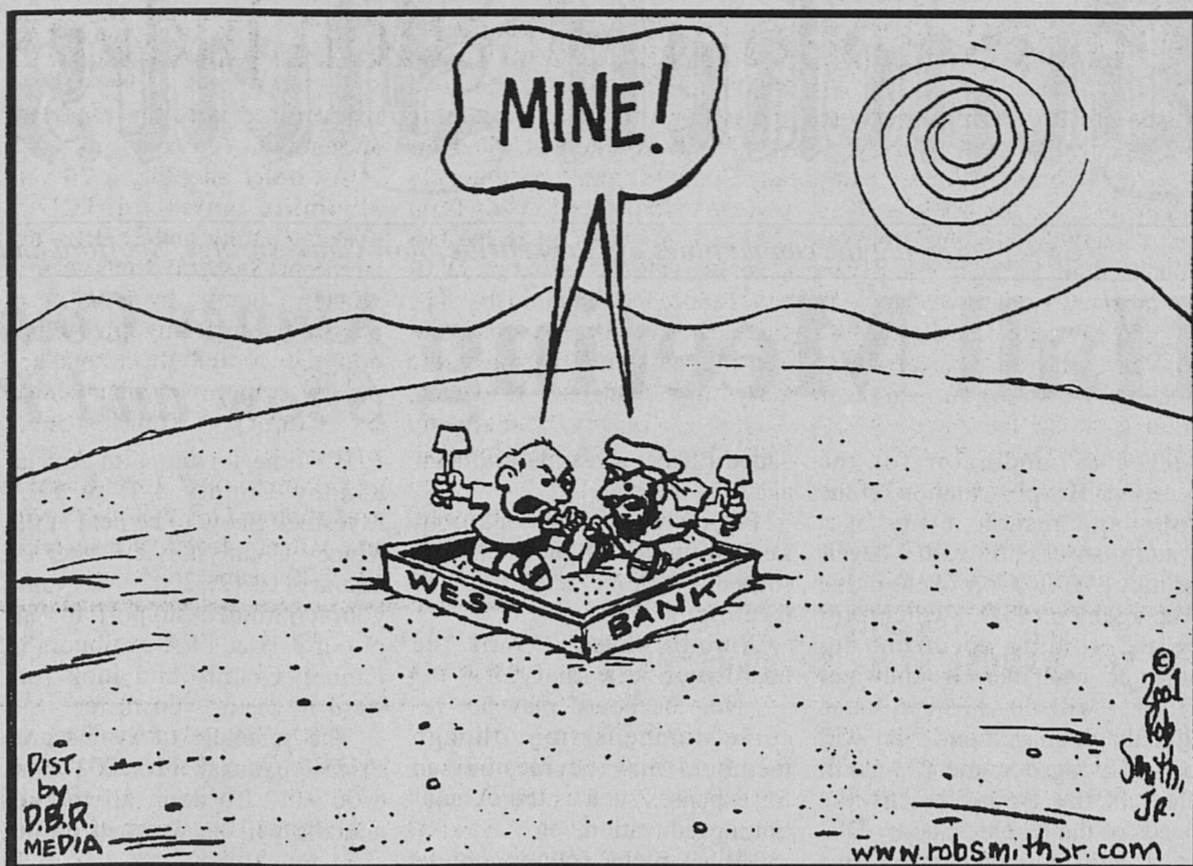
I wasn't smart enough to stay out of the river bottom but I was smart enough to call a different

person to help me get unstuck each time. Had I not written this article, very few would have even suspected that I was foolish enough to try those crossings more than the customary one time.

I really can't explain why I attack river gravel with such abandon disregard for it's clutching powers. I guess it's like Mt. Everest. I do it just because it's there! I should have shown more respect for the gripping competence that can be found in nature. But it's like it's calling to me.

"Chuck, come on in. You can make it. It is safe now. Come on, come on." My insanity or stupidity has finally been cured. I will never again venture off into uncharted waters.

I will forever remain on dry land. There will not be another distress call from me. But I could be wrong.



# Rumors

By Henry Bonilla  
U.S. Congressman, 23rd Dist.

The past eight weeks have been tough. There are scores of terrible, heartbreaking stories out there. Stories of lost loved ones. Stories of desperate situations. Stories of terrible circumstances.

These stories have been difficult to swallow. They've brought on emotions that many of us did not know we possessed. And then on top of these human life stories, we have the never-ending barrage of warnings, news updates and added threats. Sometimes it's just too much to handle. We force ourselves to close the newspaper and turn off the television. Anything to find some relief.

The amount of information is staggering. But when you start adding "urban legends" to the list, it becomes too much.

Urban legends are a lot like the "telephone" game we played when we were kids. With every additional person who tells the story, it becomes more and more distorted. Like any rumor that circulates at the office water cooler, most of the time, we have no idea how these things get started.

A friend of a friend of a friend? A sibling's friend's roommate from college? Or maybe a conversation overheard in line at the grocery store? Unfortunately, what begins as harmless gossip turns into tales of confusion and anxiety.

In an attempt to end the rumors, I'd like to introduce three myths that have been circulating since September 11<sup>th</sup>.

An email distributed within days of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack claimed that thirty U-Haul trucks had been stolen by terrorists who will use them in the ongoing attack on America. This helpful "heads-up" email fed upon the fear that further terrorist attacks were imminent and that they could take place anywhere, at any time. Thankfully, this rumor was completely false. Spokespeople for Ryder, U-Haul and Verizon trucks denied that any of their trucks went missing or had been stolen.

Just weeks before October 31st, another warning began circulating. The message warned of a potential terrorist strike on Halloween. The email tells of a girl who received a letter from her disappeared Afghani boyfriend. In the letter, the boyfriend warns that terrorists are going to strike at U.S. malls on Halloween. This story is another example of an email hoax. Although the FBI's National Press Office fielded many phone calls about this message, they could find no evidence of an original letter. There were no attack on malls or any other destination. This was nothing more than a cruel hoax meant to concern people.

Many of us heard rumors of a crop duster that sprayed boats on the Mississippi with a harmful substance. There was a second rumor that a couple days later, a second plane dusted a Coast Guard post with fine white granules. The close proximity of the two incidents fueled concerns that yet another terrorist attack was underway. Thankfully, both incidents turned out to be absent of ill intent. As it turns out, the Mississippi boat was sprayed by harmless smoke. And the plane that flew over the Coast Guard post was flying through a substance apparently already in the air.

The pilot of the plane just happened to be flying overhead and contacted authorities himself the next day.

These are just a few examples of the urban legends that are circulating across the country and the world. Our law enforcement agencies are doing their job and taking care of our welfare.

The best thing we can do right now is trust those in charge and not get caught up in what amounts to a vicious rumor.

God Bless each of you. And may God continue to bless America!

# Two forms of punishment

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

I just ran across a news article on the Internet that got my blood perking. It was about a guy in Philadelphia, who robbed a casino, his lawyer, a bank, and who-knows-what else, then stole a car, and tried to outrun the police.

Of course, as is usually the case, this is not the first time he had been in a high-speed chase with the police. Oh, no! The first time was when he was ten-years-old!

George Bussinger, now 26 and a career criminal, then called 911 and told them that the police had better back off or they were going to get somebody hurt.

That if they didn't quit chasing him he was going to hit someone head-on.

That really cuts it! If this blankety, blank, blank crook has a wreck and kills someone, then it's the fault of the police? Give me a break!

When they finally caught this jerk, he was just all friendly and sorry and wanting to be friends. What should happen in cases like this is that the law should allow the police to stick a pistol in his ear, blow what little brains he has all over the pavement, and then leave his worthless corpse there to rot, as a warning to other halfwits that the same will happen to them! Instead, we the taxpayers, or rather the taxpayers of Pennsylvania, will end up caring for this

piece of human garbage for the rest of his life. When he does get out of jail, in about one third of the time the jury or judge sentenced him to, it won't be a week until he has committed another crime.

Pretty soon he'll be running from the police again, and someday he will succeed in killing someone in a head-on collision. He shouldn't be locked up; he should be killed. Rights you say? He gave up those when he committed those crimes and endangered all those people by fleeing from the police. He should have no rights. Well, maybe we should give him the right to choose between being hanged or shot.

We have got to do something to alleviate the crime problem in the United States, but making more laws that handcuff police and take away freedoms from law abiding citizens is not the way to get it done.

Every time I turn around I hear of some new stupid law that has been enacted. We have enough laws. Let's just enforce the ones we have.

And you say that the police shouldn't chase crooks, because it's dangerous to the public welfare. Just think about it and you'll see how asinine that idea is. If the cops can't chase because it's dangerous, what is every crook in the country going to do when the cops try to stop him? That's right. He's gonna run! Get real!

If one of these idiots tries to outrun the police they should

shoot him. I don't care what the original crime was; running from the cops should be grounds to use deadly force.

It should be the crook's choice. Run and get shot, or stop and go to jail.

Did you know that in the Old Testament the Jews had only two forms of punishment? Yeah, just death or restitution. If the crime was too heinous for a person to be reimbursed for damages, the criminal was stoned to death. Sounds pretty good to me.

Crime today has practically no consequences. The prisons are like country clubs. The inmates play baseball, and basketball, and lift weights, and take lessons from other cons on how to disarm a police officer. They don't have to stay locked up, they don't have to work, they get color television, drugs are everywhere, it's better than having to work for a living. Hey, I'm envious!

Punishment for crime should be dire. It should be very, very unpleasant. Make those pampered inmates build roads, and break rocks. Make every day of their incarceration a miserable, horrible, unspeakable experience and maybe they would think twice before committing another crime. It'd be better than the way it is now, at the very least.

Romans 7:24 - "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God - through Jesus Christ our Lord! NIV

# A great education

Submitted by  
Congressman **Ciro D. Rodriguez**

(Washington, DC) We all agree that our children should have the very best in educational opportunities. In the spirit of this idea, Congress recently sent the President the No Child Left Behind Act (HR 1), which is designed to raise student achievement levels through a combination of higher standards, stronger accountability, and increased educational resources.

HR 1 takes laudable steps to narrow the gap between rich and poor students and between minority and non minority students. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), of which I am Vice-Chairman, succeeded in including important provisions for Latino students by expanding bilingual education services to millions of limited English proficient students. The CHC was also successful in establishing a program to improve the qualifications of existing bilingual teachers and to recruit and train new teachers; provide more resources to teach migrant students; and establish a dropout prevention program to combat the critically high dropout rate among Hispanic students.

Additionally, this comprehensive measure authorizes \$10.35 billion for Title I grants, targeted to assist school districts serving economically disadvan-

tagged students; to require states and school districts to issue report cards on aspects of student performance and teacher qualifications; to require all teachers to achieve state certification by 2006; and to support after-school programs, including the 21st Century Learning Centers and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools. Though I supported HR 1, I believe much more is needed to provide students with the quality education we owe them. What we need are key investments in school infrastructure to ensure that our students are learning in safe facilities with modern technology. I am disappointed that we were unable to authorize funds for class size reduction, school renovation and construction.

It is imperative that we modernize Texas classrooms, maintain a teacher ratio that places students in a personal learning environment with well-trained teachers, and ensures security and safety. We have again missed the opportunity to bring older schools into the new century.

Unfortunately, what we have done is mandate additional testing. In the name of accountability, HR 1 requires annual testing for students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Our children are already tested too much. Many of these tests, like the TAAS, are already used for "high stakes"

purposes, such as grade promotion and graduation. Using tests exclusively to assess academic achievement is a misguided policy that will forsake learning for "results."

Instead, we should be focusing our "reform" efforts on providing teachers the leverage they need to help our students compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Everyday, teachers are faced with the daunting task of stretching the limited resources they are provided to cover an enormous range of educational needs. Overworked and underpaid, they have responded remarkably. But yet again billions of dollars in national missile defense experiments, corporate and special interest tax cuts have taken precedent on our long gift list.

We have a local, state, and federal obligation to provide fair and equal access to quality education for all our children. HR 1 is a step in the right direction, but we have a long way to go before our system of education is up to the standards our children deserve.

Modern technology, safe schools, state-of-the-art facilities, manageable class sizes, special attention for special education students, and teacher training and recruitment - these are the investments Congress should make to improve America's education system.

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# Commissioners appoint election judges Mass-Mailout of Voter Registration Certificates

By Flo Dean  
Staff Writer

At a County Commissioners meeting Thursday, Walela Gum was appointed election judge for Precinct 1, for a 2 year term and Joy Ralston temporary election judge for Precinct 4 for the January 12, 2002 Election.

The Court also approved submission of a grant application for the Kinney County Sheriff's Department and Kinney County Constable in the amount of approximately \$25,200.00. The

funds are for video cameras to be mounted in each patrol car.

The Veterans Administration Cemetery will be given to Kinney County by affidavit from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The cemetery was given to the VFW by the Masonic Lodge, by Gift Affidavit, in 1993. According to County Attorney Tully Shahan it is legal for the county to accept a Gift Deed.

There are about 2 acres involved.

The court was asked to approve addendum(s) to the Re-

quest For Proposals pertaining to the construction of the Kinney County Detention Center, to change the number of beds from 330 to 288 and to move the last date for submission from January 11th to February 11th. The later date would give those presenting bids time to make the necessary changes. However, County Attorney Shahan and Herb Bristow, attorney for contractors Haley and Davis, informed the court that it would be necessary to readvertise. Accordingly the RFP will be

readvertised with the requested addendums.

An order adopting a 20 year eligibility option for TCDRS (Texas County and District Retirement System) members in Kinney County by issuance of an order amending previously adopted contribution rate and plan was approved unanimously by County Commissioners present.

Commissioner Joe Montalvo was absent. This will allow Kinney County employees to retire after 20 years.

Martha Pena Padron, Kinney County Tax Assessor-Collector and County Voter Registrar has completed the mailing of new voter registration certificates that are effective Jan. 1, 2002 through Dec. 31, 2003.

The new certificates are Pantone Orange and White in color and are valid for two years.

"If at any time since you initially registered to vote, any information on your certificate

has changed or is incorrect including your residence or mailing address, name or date of birth, you are required to make the changes or corrections in writing either on the back of your new certificate or by completing a change form provided by our office. If all the information is correct as shown, voter must personally sign his/her certificate as instructed and retain for the upcoming elections."

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## Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....

**Monday, December 24**  
10:47 a.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to burning trash.

1:00 p.m., Robert Joseph Garcia, 23, from Del Rio, was arrested for Probation Violation by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter. Garcia was released on Wednesday.

10:00 p.m., Favian Montelongo, 41, from Dalton, GA, was arrested by Deputy Karl Chism for Outstanding Warrants. Montelongo was released on a \$500 PR Bond.

**Tuesday, December 25**  
3:23 p.m., DPS Trooper Tom Wylie responded to a road rage on Hwy 90 west.

6:51 p.m., Game Warden Henry Lutz reported a beige van by the check point on Hwy 90 east.

6:51 p.m., A woman reported a purple van and a black Geo Tracker driving fast through the streets. Chief Alonzo responded.

**Wednesday, December 26**  
7:17 p.m., A woman reported a vehicle driving recklessly. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was advised.

7:29 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded to an assault.

10:00 p.m., Tracy Don McClendor, 38, from Corpus

Christi, was arrested for DWI 1st misdemeanor and Possession of Substance by Trooper Slubar.

**Thursday, December 27**  
4:20 a.m., A woman reported road hunting on FM 674 north. Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified.

6:00 a.m., Julio G. Molina, 39, from Houston, was arrested for Hunting from Vehicle by Game Warden Lutz. Molina was released the same day on a \$2,000 bail bond with Garza.

6:00 a.m., Hernan Quani Licea, 28, from Houston, was arrested for Hunting from Vehicle by Game Warden Lutz. Licea was released the same day on a \$2,000 bail bond with Garza.

6:00 a.m., Francisco M. Licea, 62, from Tucson, AZ, was arrested by Game Warden Lutz for Hunting from Vehicle. Licea was released the same day on a \$2,000 bail bond with Garza.

12:05 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to loud music on El Paso St.

12:35 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to loud music on Ann St.

12:55 p.m., Chief Deputy Fritter responded to an assault of a child.

**Friday, December 28**

1:45 p.m., Danny Billings, 42, from Brackettville, was arrested for Aggravated Assault misdemeanor A by Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Billings was released the same day on a \$2,000 bail bond.

11:38 p.m., Luis Flores Jr., 39, from Brackettville, was arrested for a Warrant by Deputy Chism. Flores was released on January 4 for time served.

4:54 p.m., A 911 call was received of a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 90 east by Fritter Park. Trooper Wylie was notified.

5:05 p.m., A possible intoxicated driver was reported from the Cline Check point.

**Saturday, December 29**  
10:42 a.m., The Del Rio Police Department reported a white and brown suburban did not pay for gas at Pico in Del Rio. Chief Alonzo notified the Cline check point.

2:45 p.m., A woman reported her two vehicles were keyed.

3:50 p.m., A man reported a live electrical wire on North Sheedy St. CP&L and Chief Alonzo were notified.

4:15 p.m., A resident from Spofford reported her orange porta pottie missing. Deputy Pena responded.

4:50 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a disorderly patron.

6:40 p.m., Richard Velazquez, 34, from Dimmitt, TX, was arrested for a Warrant of Theft from Eagle Pass and a DPS Warrant by Trooper Welch. Velazquez was released on January 1st.

**Sunday, December 30**  
1:13 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to loud noise.

12:41 p.m., A city employee was notified about a gas leak.

1:44 p.m., An employee from a local store, reported a rude lady. Chief Alonzo responded.

4:15 p.m., Donald Scott Hasting, 41, from Humble, TX, was arrested by Trooper Wylie for Driving While Intoxicated 1st misdemeanor. Hasting was released on a PR Bond for \$1,500 the next day.

10:55 p.m., A United States Border Patrol reported twenty or thirty goats, on the road, of FM 131 three miles north of Spofford.

**Monday, December 31**  
7:15 p.m., A man reported that he hit a deer on Hwy 90, and requested assistance. Deputy Fritter and a wrecker were both notified.

**Tuesday, January 1**  
2:29 p.m., Rolando Ortiz,

40, from San Antonio, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. Ortiz was released on a \$1,200 bail bond with Alamo.

7:25 p.m., A woman reported a parked truck next to her house and was concerned. Deputy Fritter responded.

7:45 p.m., An employee from a local store reported finding credit cards. Deputy Chism was advised.

**Wednesday, January 2**  
10:15 a.m., Deputy Larry Robinson responded to stolen ice chest.

**Friday, January 4**  
2:50 a.m., Deputy Pena responded to a attempted vehicle recovery.

2:30 p.m., Eulalio Garza Jr, 18, from Brackettville, was arrested for Burglary Habitation by Sheriff Burgess. Garza will be serving 90 days in jail.

11:13 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to loud music.

**Saturday, January 5**  
3:08 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to mail.

11:10 a.m. Isidro Reyes Juarez, 37, from Austin, was arrested by Trooper Ashley for DPS Warrants, expired license plate and no liability insurance.

1:40 p.m., A lady reported a

tree limb was hanging over a wire. A city employee was notified.

2:32 p.m., A city employee reported a tree limb hanging over a live wire on Fulton and Fort. CP&L was notified about the situation.

3:17 p.m., A 911 call was received. Two illegals were reported seen north on Hwy 674. Brackett's Border Patrol was advised.

6:55 p.m., Reserve Deputy Manuel Pena Sr., responded to a pickup with a rifle.

8:39 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to a welfare check.

11:45 p.m., Cline ckeck point reported two subjects with possession of marijuana. Deputy Chism was notified.

**Sunday, January 6**  
1:45 a.m., Anthony Aaron Blackwood, 19, from FT Worth, was arrested for Possession of Marijuana by Deputy Chism.

1:45 a.m., Jacob Terry Trenton, 19, from FT Worth, was arrested for Possession of Marijuana by Deputy Chism.

**Monday, January 7**  
2:15 a.m., Security Link reported the fire alarm from a near-by ranch was on. Foreman was advised and everything was ok.



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# The parents are important teachers

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Margie, are your kids doing ok at school? I mean like their behavior as well as the academics."

Lori kept her answer general. "Yeah, about as well as can be expected considering they're just kids. What's on your mind Margie?"

"I keep getting notes from the school that say I am supposed to be helping them at home and to please help them to understand the rights of other students in the classroom. Like, what are the teachers doing anyway? I thought it was the teachers' job to teach kids what they're supposed to know and how to behave at school. I don't want to be bothered with it. That's what I pay taxes for and besides, by the time I get home from work I'm dead tired and I don't want to mess with it."

"Look Margie," Lori said, "you're right about the teachers, but you're wrong about yourself. We're lucky to have good schools in our community, but the schools can't do it by themselves. For our

children to get a good education, it requires partnership between parents and teachers. Parents who can't get involved shouldn't expect their children to get much out of school."

"But I don't have time," Margie complained. "There's not enough time in the day. How do you manage it?"

"Parents are the most important teachers a child will ever have," Lori replied, "even more so than the schools. Long ago a very wise man said that it is what a child learns from his parents that lasts. Even after parents are gone they live on in what they taught their children (Sirach 30:3-6). Like you, I don't have time either. But, I get up a little earlier and go to bed a little later, and because we all share the responsibilities of the home, things get done. It's hard work but someday I know that I can relax and watch my children live what they have learned from me."

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

## College graduates

Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College recognized 110 graduates receiving the baccalaureate or master degree in ceremonies on December 15, in Del Rio. Mayor Dora G.

Alcala delivered the commencement address. She told the graduates that they must always have high goals and work toward those goals.

They should remember that no person was indispensable, that they were replacing someone, and that they would be replaced sometime.

In conclusion, she offered the students the gift of song with lo-

cal performer presenting "Proud to be an American."

Dr. Joel Vela, Vice President for Rio Grande College presided at the ceremonies, and the degrees were conferred by Dr. R. Vic Morgan, President of Sul Ross State University.

The graduates from Brackettville are: Jeannie Michele Brown Anderson (BA, Interdisciplinary Studies) Cum Laude, Fall 2001, James Owen Thomas (MEd, School Administration), Summer 2001, and former Brackett resident Cecilia Foster Brooks (BA, Interdisciplinary Studies) Summa Cum Laude, Summer 2001.

## Obituaries.....

# Pedro Benites Doug Taylor

Pedro Benites, age 73, passed away December 30, 2001 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born December 9, 1928 in Brackettville, Texas. He also served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Korean conflict.

He is survived by the following children: Jovita Aguilar and husband Luis of San Antonio, TX, Juan Benites and wife Nora of San Antonio, TX, Isabel Rubino of Brackettville, Juanita Treadwell and husband Mark of Houston, TX, Pete Benites of Brackettville, Carlos Benites and wife Arnulfo of San Antonio, TX, Moses Benites and wife Lea of San Antonio, TX, Monica Benites of Kirby, TX, Rebecca Boutwell and husband Don of Broken Arrow, OK, Phillip Benites of San Antonio, TX, David Benites of Ohio, James Benites of San Antonio, TX, Brother, Florentino Benites,

## Warren Martin

Funeral services for Warren William "W.W." Martin of Camp Wood were held Sunday Jan. 6th at 1:30 p.m. in Nelson Funeral Home Chapel in Camp Wood.

Interment will be at 4 p.m. in Jones Cemetery at Utopia. The Rev. Marvin Boyd will officiate. Martin died Dec. 31, 2001, at the Veterans Administration hospital in Kerrville at the age of 81.

He was born July 24, 1920, in Marathon. Martin was preceded in death by two sons, William Warren "Billy" Martin and Hugh Wayne Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Martin; one sister, Bertice Higgs and husband, Phil, of Uvalde; one brother, Jack Martin of Poteau, Okla.; three daughters, Nelda Gabriel and Regina "Ginny" Hearne, both of Christoval, and Iris Laverne "Sissy" Martin of Spofford; three stepsons, Roy M. Bomer Jr. and

Sisters, Porfiria Morin, Carolina Silva, Marcelena Sandoval.

Grandchildren: Joaquin, Chris, Mike, Regina, Rosemary, Anthony, Angela, Bryant, Brandon, Angelica Ysabel, Arnulfo, Karla, Jarob, Roxanna, Lea, Kyle, Brent, Moses, Selena, Johnathan, Seth, and Kathleen. 5 Great grandchildren. Visitation was held Monday, December 31, 2001 from 1:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 1, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at the Brackettville Funeral Home.

Rosary was held both nights at 7:00 p.m. Mass was held Wednesday, January 2, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, DBA Brackettville Funeral Home.

wife, Carolyn, of Utopia, Ray W. Bomer of Easley, S.C., and Rusty M. Bomer of Austin; three granddaughters, Jana Gabriel of San Angelo, and Heather Martin and Bessie Martin, both of Spofford; four grandsons, Ronny Joe Brown of Gatesville, Tommy Brown of Castroville, Jon Rokow of Oklahoma City and Bobby Hearne of Christoval; three stepgrand-sons, Robert Maple Bomer, Colby McVay Bomer and Roy Odell Bomer, all of Utopia; four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Tommy Brown, Roy Bomer, Jon Rokow, Rusty Bomer, Tony Masek and Spencer Wyatt.

Honorary pallbearers were Jack Martin, Ben Bomer, Phil Higgs, Claude Graham, Roy Mathews, Punk Graham, Ray Bomer, Rodney Cottle, Jim Stephens, J.T. Gary, Ed Lilly, Pat O'Bryant and Dan Geizelhart.

Doug Taylor, 40, of Brackettville, Texas passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 4, 2002. He was born September 28, 1961 in Clovis, New Mexico. Survivors are his wife Karen of 15 years. Daughter, Tye Taylor. Sons, Wacy and Tom Henry Taylor, all of Brackettville. Mother, Missie Taylor of Uvalde.

Sister, Tana Gutierrez and her husband Frank of Del Rio. Brother, Rex Taylor and his wife Debbie of Menard. Mother-In-Law, Billie Fuerst of Lima, Ohio. Father-In-Law, Juan Magness of Brackettville. Brother-In-Law, John Magness.

Nephews, Levi, Matt and Whit Gutierrez of Del Rio, and numerous other family members. Doug was preceded in death by his grandparents, Tom and Alma Taylor of Del Rio.

Visitation was Tuesday 3 PM until 9 PM and Wednesday 9 AM until service time at the funeral home.

Funeral Services was at 3 PM Wednesday at G.W. Cox Memo-

## Donald Herron

Donald Eugene Herron, age 81, passed away December 25, 2001 at his residence in Brackettville, TX. He was born October 15, 1920 in Ranger, TX. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the U.S. Army. He was self employed at B & H Welding and Machine Shop. He lived in Rangily, Col and Corpus Christi, TX and Casper, WYO. He was a pilot in World War II. He retired as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps March 25, 1952. He served on the City Council and was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shriners and Elks Club.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years: Phyllis Herron of Brack-

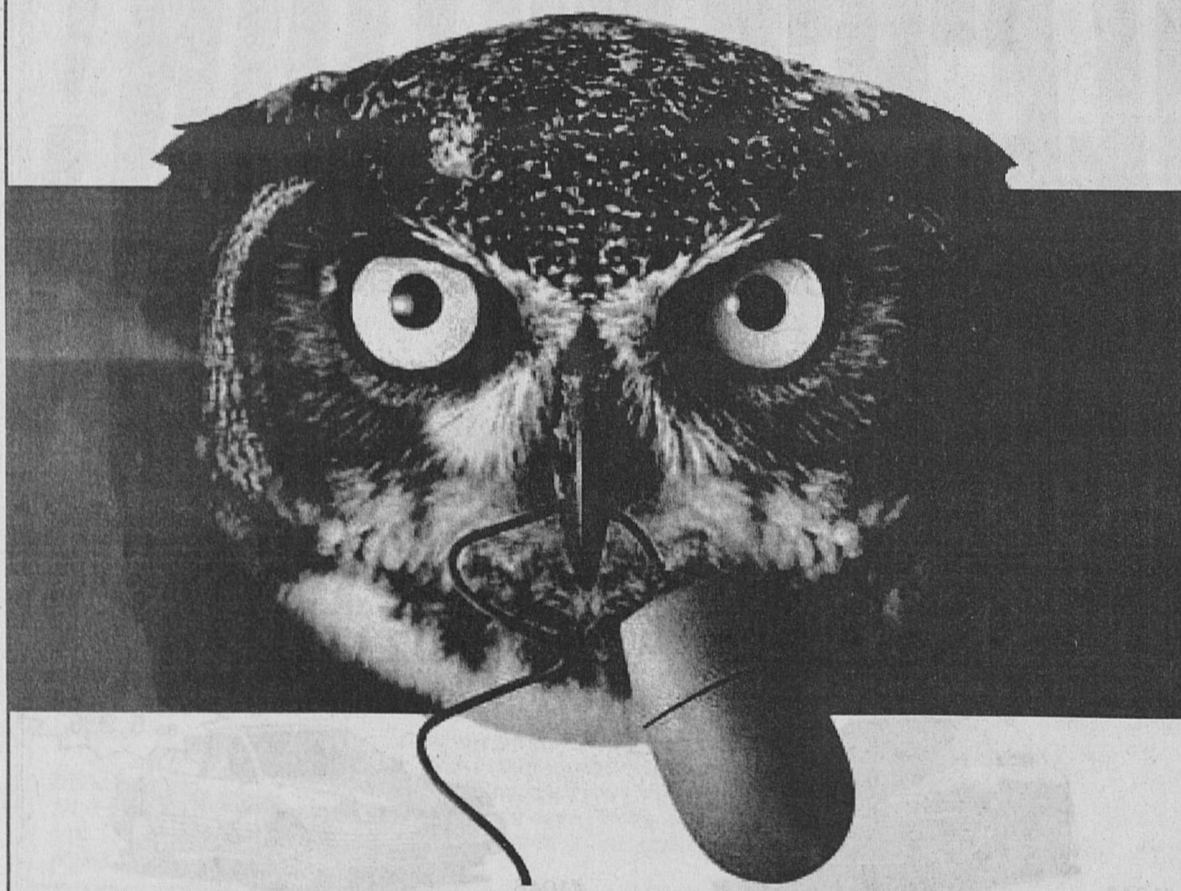
ettville, TX, son Steve J. Herron of Show Low, Arizona, Daughter Julie A. Lavelly of Brackettville, TX, brother James Lee Herron of Arlington, TX, and grandson Jason Donald Lavelly of Brackettville, TX.

Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held Saturday, December 29, 2001 at the First United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Kenneth Sellers, officiating.

Funeral Arrangements with G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home at 114 Fletcher Dr. 775-2000.

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## TOMMY SEARGEANT

### ANNOUNCES FOR KINNEY COUNTY JUDGE

I am a candidate for the position of County Judge for Kinney County. I held this position previously. I am a life-long resident of Kinney County and I want to return conservative financial management to the county. I have filed as a Democrat in the March 12th, 2002 primary.

The recent county tax hike has bothered me and numerous other property owners in Kinney County. For example, Fort Clark Springs has to pay taxes on unsold memberships and their tax increase cost them money needlessly.

Our county tax rate is one of the highest in the area with a rate of \$.84 per \$100.00 valuation. The county tax rate in surrounding counties is: Val Verde \$.38, Real \$.59 and Edwards \$.52. Real County and Edwards County are comparable to Kinney County in size and population yet their tax rate is much lower. When I left office December 31st, 1998 the tax rate was \$.72.

I also want to return respectability to Kinney County among adjoining County governments. I am tired of hearing that Kinney County did not participate or does not appear to be a team player. We must be a regional partner with other Counties to ensure the best solution for our problems, including water.

If I am elected I promise to reduce taxes and restore fiscal responsibility to each county department. The citizens of Kinney County deserve a well run and efficient county government and I will do everything in my power to see that they get it.

I appreciate your consideration and support in the coming election. Let's get Kinney County back on a sound and economical footing.

**PLEASE VOTE FOR TOMMY SEARGEANT**  
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# Appreciation month Brackett ISD rated by Texas Education Agency

Making a Difference  
By Taylor Stephenson

January is School Board appreciation month in Texas. We're fortunate to have a school board that stays out of politics and works for the good of all children. In Texas, there is no pay for serving on the school board.

We owe these folks our gratitude. When you see them, let them know that you appreciate their work. We have great schools in Brackettville.

President Tim Ward; Vice President Henry Lutz; Secretary Rosemary Slubar and members: Sara Terrazas, Lloyd Lee Davis,

Ronnie Hobbs and Jim McDaniel. The election this Saturday will determine if our county will have a water district. Please learn all you can about the issues and candidates. Then, take the time to vote. My column is non-political; so I'll never talk politics or candidates. There is lots to learn about the water district. I hope that the outcome will represent a majority of voters.

Our community had a rough holiday season with auto wrecks and untimely deaths. I was among those who had a car wreck, but was able to walk away from the accident. I pray for those who lost family members-Anderson and

Taylor families. For those who were more fortunate, let's use our experience to help others know that life is to be treasured.

Thanks to Mike Bizzell, Inc. and workers for a superb job getting the junior high school back in shape for the 2nd semester. In 1991, the blocks in the building had been laid without the steel ties that are essential. Architect John Graves, Uvalde, worked with Bizzell to insure that our buildings are safe.

We're happy to be back in school after a long holiday break. I encourage you to support the Kinney County Stock Show this weekend. Have a great week!

Staff Writer  
By Flo Dean

In a letter to Taylor A. Stephenson, Superintendent of Brackett ISD on November 2, the Texas Education Agency and the Department of Quality, Compliance, and Accountability Reviews stated, "We congratulate you, your staff members and your students for outstanding academic performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) during the 2000-2001 school year. You are also congratulated for meeting the state's standard for the dropout rate for 1999-2000."

A Certificate for Recognized Performance was presented to Jones Elementary School, Brackett Middle School, and Brackett High School for their exemplary performance.

A copy of the 2000-01 School Report Card will be enclosed with

each student's report card, which will be released on Wednesday.

A public hearing to explain the Academic Excellence Indicator System of Texas (AEIS) will be held by Brackett ISD on Monday, January 14, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. This report is generated annually for the District by the State to offer comparison of local performance to state averages in the areas of TAAS scores and student attendance.

The meeting will be conducted in a public hearing format with members of the district's administrative team presenting AEIS information.

All patrons of the Brackett ISD are invited to attend. Not only will test results from the state be presented, but local plans for improvement of education will also be presented. The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions.

## Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

**Thursday, January 10**  
1:30 PM Student Early Out, Staff Curriculum Coordination, PM

**Friday, January 11**  
5:00 PM BKB JVB/VG/VB Poth, DIST. (H), School Holiday/Stock Show

**Saturday, January 12**  
BKB 7G/7B Knippa Tourn. (A) TBA

**Monday, January 14**  
5:30 PM BKB 8G/8B Comstock (H), 6:00 PM AEIS Public Hearing & Board of Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday, January 15**  
5:00 PM BKB JVG/VG/VB Natalia, Dist. (A)

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## BISD sets guidelines

Staff Writer  
By Flo Dean

House Bill 1130, in response to a statewide teacher shortage, requires the Brackett ISD Board to establish a local plan to encourage educational aides to become certified teachers.

A tuition exemption program makes it possible for educational aides to be exempt from tuition

and fees for teacher certification courses.

HB 1130 has broadened the eligibility for educational aides entering the program.

At the Brackett ISD December meeting, Superintendent Taylor Stephenson reviewed an administrative plan for BISD compliance with HB 1130, which requires employment as a teacher aide at least a year out of the last five.

For further information check on the Education Aide Exemption Program or contact the Division of Student Services, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at 800-213-3062, Ext. 6457.

There is also a website: [www.teach.state.tx.us/partnerships/teachprep/htm](http://www.teach.state.tx.us/partnerships/teachprep/htm).

Information on the program is included in BISD Teacher Aide packets.

## Roof repair at BISD

Staff Writer  
By Flo Dean

At the Brackett ISD School Board December meeting, Superintendent Taylor Stephenson reported that work on the auditorium has been completed. The new piano has not arrived but the old one has been taken out.

A shower for the Biology department is also needed, but the main project now, according to Stephenson, is the roof. Tim Ward from the Building Committee suggested that Beldon Roofing from San Antonio be brought in to look at the roof situation. Stephenson personally went up on most of the roofs with the Beldon representative to assess damage. Cost for either a built up roof or metal, for as many buildings as possible will

be considered, with cost compared to the money available.

A report should be available in a couple of weeks, Stephenson reported.

## Voter Registration

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"The Post Office is required to return the new card to the Voter Registrar if the mailing address indicated on the certificate is incorrect.

These certificates cannot be forwarded to a voter's new mailing address".

"Changes were made to several residence addresses in the rural area (including Fort Clark

Springs) due to 911 Changes provided by Middle Rio Grande Development Coordinator, Forrest Anderson. However, there were also several addresses that I was not able to change because only a last name was provided with an incomplete street address. If you have been provided with a 911 address and it is not shown on your current certificate, please return your certificate to my office with

correct physical address assigned to your residence."

"The Mass Mail-Out is complete and if you have not received your new voter registration certificate in the mail, please come by my office in the County Courthouse to make the necessary changes and/or corrections that will enable you to receive your certificate" stated Mrs. Pena Padron.

### AEIS PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2002, 6:00 P.M.

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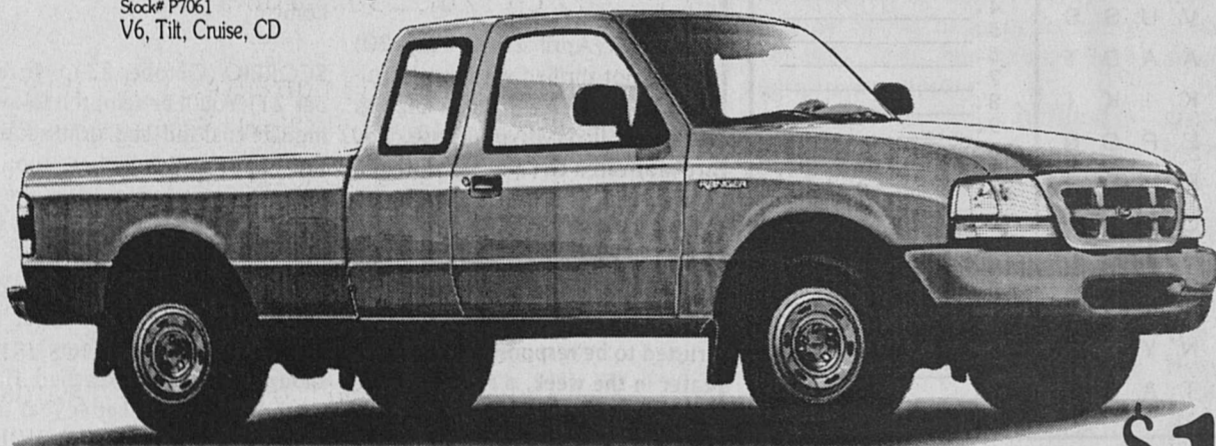
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# Cecil's Aught-2

2002 New Year Revolution

### 99 Ford Ranger Extended Cab

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### 99 Chevy Astro LS

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Stock# P7073  
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Automatic, Cassette,  
Power Windows & Locks

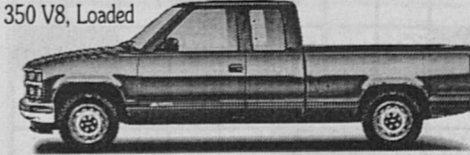


**\$145**  
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### 98 Chevy 1/2 Ton Extended Cab

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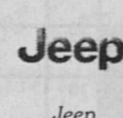
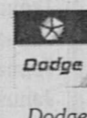


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 16 Exceptional person  
 17 Fine rating  
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 19 Uncontaminated  
 20 Onions, mayonnaise, eggs, taters, and seasonings  
 23 Past-future connection  
 24 Husband  
 25 Beamed  
 27 Shameful  
 30 Elected official: abbr.  
 32 Enliven  
 35 Part of an atom  
 38 Did one's civic duty  
 39 One not to be trusted  
 40 Raised step  
 43 Containers  
 44 Scarlett's corset ties  
 46 Phony act  
 48 Values highly  
 51 Recommendation for sore muscles  
 52 Become firm  
 53 Principles  
 55 \_\_\_ pro nobis; pray for us  
 57 Part of fall: abbr.  
 59 Set up beforehand  
 64 Straight beam  
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 68 Late Communist leader  
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 70 Actress Moran  
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 50 Catch some Zs  
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 58 Actor's award  
 60 Staple for billions  
 61 Pierce  
 62 Heroic; grand  
 63 Small hollow  
 65 Man's nickname

**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?

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**Trivia Time by Walter Branch**

1. What are the first six words of Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities"?
2. What Roman ruin is home to hundreds of stray cats?
3. Who succeeded Nikita Khrushchev as first secretary of the Communist Party?
4. What stringed weapon fires a bolt?
5. On what color square does the white king start a chess game?
6. What sea lies between Australia and New Zealand?
7. Who wrote the science fiction trilogy, "Foundation," "Foundation and Empire" and "Second Foundation"?
8. What was Elvis Presley's first film in 1956?
9. What did a shepherd boy discover in Qumram, Jordan, in 1947?
10. What Polish astronomer demonstrated in 1512 that the sun is the center of the solar system?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're not at the top of your game at work this week. However, charm wins the day. Eventually, everything falls into place.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're not thrilled with some criticism you receive from a bigwig. However, it serves a purpose. You are motivated to come up with new ideas.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) This is a week for you to be more self-reliant. Those around you can't be trusted to be responsible right now. Later in the week, a round of holiday parties could be exhausting.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're not feeling particularly sociable, despite the festive time of year. However, your mate snaps you out of this. Ultimately, you wind up having a great time.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Focus on one task at a time, rather than rushing about willy-nilly. You'll be more successful by week's end. The accent over the weekend is on pure relaxation and a break from the maddening holidays.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A bit of friction pops up this week between you and a close friend. It seems you can't agree on how to celebrate the upcoming holiday. Let a neutral party take the lead.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Be careful when traveling this week. Nasty weather could pose challenges to driving. This weekend is perfect for entertaining guests at home.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You'll be tempted to over-indulge in food and drink due to the holiday. Remember, though, there'll be a price to pay in the future. Moderation is the key.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You're upset this week when an agreement you thought was solid is breached. However, don't let this shatter your trust completely. There may be a good reason for what happened.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You have a tendency this week to be overly extravagant. You don't need to be the one always picking up the tab. Let others do their fair share.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) It's a week of progress in both family and work matters. Things are running quite smoothly. Later in the week, you achieve a compromise about what party to attend for the holiday.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You get a green light from your mate on a project you're considering. This gives you extra incentive to see it through. This weekend, if shopping, get the best deals possible.

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Albany	11. Jackson
2. Atlanta	12. Juneau
3. Austin	13. Lansing
4. Baton Rouge	14. Olympia
5. Bismarck	15. Phoenix
6. Boise	16. Pierre
7. Carson City	17. Sacramento
8. Concord	18. Salem
9. Dover	19. Santa Fe
10. Helena	20. Topeka

**Trivia Time Answers** (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc.  
 1. "It was the best of times"; 2. The Colosseum; 3. Leonid Brezhnev; 4. Tenderfoot; 5. Black; 6. The Tassman Sea; 7. Isaac Asimov; 8. "Love Me

# New beginnings for you *Second chances*

Frontier Baptist Church  
By Dave Crowe

'Happy New Year', with that said, let me also say that any and everyday of 2002 can become a day of new beginnings for you.

If you've made new years resolutions and have stuck by them, great!

If you have had a false start or failed in your resolve. Do not worry about it! You can regroup and start again with a greater resolve and still be victorious!

There is a saying from the 1960's that is oh so true, "Tomorrow is the first day of the rest of our lives!" I implore you, if there are things in your life that are unhealthy, unsafe, undesirable and unacceptable to you, you can rid yourself of these things if you want to badly enough.

There is help everywhere! Depending on your individual situation, it may be a minor thing or a major lifestyle change. If you need a policeman or a fireman or emergency medical service, you do not hesitate to call, so why are you so hesitant to ask for other kinds of help?

I am going to randomly list some problems and make some suggestions as to where help can be found.

Do you feel that in some way

that you have been abandoned, forsaken, cast out or throw away? Are you or do you feel friendless? The doors of every church in Brackettville are open to you. Contact a minister today or go to church this Sunday. Bring the whole family!

Are you being abused, physically, verbally or sexually or perhaps you are the abuser! Desperately needing help? Either way help is available! Reach out! There are shelters and safe houses for the battered and counseling for both.

No one wants to break up families! Only to help, unify and strengthen the family to make it whole again. Perhaps you or a loved one has addiction? To drugs, alcohol, gambling or something else that is tearing the family apart. There is alcohol treatment programs and crisis centers everywhere. There's Alcoholics Anonymous and Alateen services.

There are countless drug abuse treatment centers and services available. No one has to live with these problems. If you were starving to death or drowning you would call out for help! There are lots of different ways of starving and drowning.

When you get sick, you go to the doctor. Perhaps, you attempt to heal yourself with over the counter medicines and some-

times it works, but when it doesn't, insurance or not, money or not, we break down and go to the doctor for help.

There's all kind of doctors and there's all kinds of help. God has blessed us with teachers and preacher counselors and medical doctors. All there! All waiting! Please go!

So many problems! Are you angry? There is anger management programs. Just as you can get new blood, you can get a new attitude.

Perhaps the job or that lack of one is killing you? Careers and new careers are available.

Perhaps your debts have you backed into a corner? Help is available! Explore the possibilities, they're almost endless!

Anxiety, despair and depression can be removed from your life! You can have assurance, contentment, courage and peace of mind. I want to encourage you to re-commit your life to a new dedication of wiser, bolder decision making.

Do you need a higher level of education? More training? Perhaps, you're one of the thousands of Americans, who cannot read or write! Do not hang your head in shame! You can learn! People are waiting to help you! Let me close by giving you two lists. First, things to get rid of and secondly things to get

and keep. There is help available to help you to do both.

Life is too short for you to have or want or keep, abusing or being abused! Addictions! Anger! Anxiety! Bad attitudes! Bitterness! Depression and despair! Fear! Fights! Gossiping! Greed! Grudges! Guilt! Hate! Illness of any kind! Jealousy! Judging others! Laziness! Loneliness! Lying! Racism! Revenge! Stubbornness! Terrorism! There are lots of other things! Here are a few things that are desirable, healthy and necessary to live the good life and to fight the good fight!

Be willing to take advice from those wiser than ourselves, so that we can make good choices and have good attitudes and proper ambitions! Be a person of good moral character! Someone who is honest and trust worthy! Living a clean life and having compassion and courage! Respecting the elderly, the weak and the sick! Having faith in God and your fellow man! Asking for forgiveness and forgiving all others! Loving freedom and fellowship! Being generous to the less fortunate! Having honor and knowing love! Be healed. Have heart and find real happiness! Have hope and humility! Honesty and integrity! Have mercy and find peace, Love and true joy.

First United Methodist Church  
By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.

New Year's resolutions, what's the use? As all of us are aware, very few people make and then keep the resolutions that surface with the coming of a New Year.

Why is that do you suppose? Are we so wimpy that we cannot keep a promise, even a promise made to ourselves? Do we have no regard for promises at all?

Are we only kept honest by written contracts like home mortgages and prenuptial agreements?

Are we only honest with one another when the law requires it?

If that is the case (and it seems it is), I certainly will not be able to trust anyone's promises to me, will I?

Or my promises to others! So, why do we bother with New Year's resolutions? I think it is because we truly want to be better people!

I think New Year's Day has become symbolic of new beginnings. If I begin my diet on New Year's Day, I will have a fresh start... and this year I will stick to it!

In a world that can be harshly judgmental of us for not owning the right automobile, for not using the right deodorant, for not being slim and beautiful of feature, for not eating the cereal of champions; we are ready to find new beginnings so we can be all we think we are not! We have been abused by our culture into having low self-esteem.

Often times it is like that with the Church. The Church, through its spokespersons,

wants us to believe one of two things: one, that we can never be good enough or two, we are never supposed to fail in our resolve to be as good in behavior as was Jesus.

In the Methodist tradition we are taught that John Wesley believed that one can become perfect in their faith (1 John 4:17-18).

Today our tradition reflects that in its ordination rites when ordinands, in answer to a question from the Bishop, proclaim they are "moving on to perfection."

So, if that were the end of it, Methodists would fall into the category of those who are never supposed to fail in our resolve to be good. Fortunately, as Paul Harvey would say, "stay tuned for Page 2."

The rest of the story is that John Wesley defined holiness of life as a series of failures followed by serious repentance and God's sanctifying grace.

Each time we fail in our pursuit of perfection, as defined by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are called to pick ourselves up, turn away from the sin that caused our failure and receive the gracious forgiveness of our Lord and Savior.

To do so is to be supremely human, with a spiritual will to be as perfect in our love as is humanly possible.

For so many second chances, we give thanks to a loving God!

Please join us Sunday at 10:45 am for our weekly worship service.

Come and receive God's gift of forgiveness as we continue a faith journey with baby Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man. You deserve it!

## Rest unto your souls *Live in the spirit*

St. John's Missionary Church  
By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

All things are delivered unto me by my Father, and no man knoweth the son, but the Father;

neither knoweth any man the Father except the Son, and he to whom so ever the son will reveal him.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. St. Matthew 11:25 - 30.

Gateway Ministries, Inc.  
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be strong." (1 Cor. 16:13).

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." (Gal. 5: 1).

"Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, ...that you, stand fast in one spirit with one mind and striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified of your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation and that from God." (Phil. 1:27-28)

"For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, ..."

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the

flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, envy, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand... that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." (Gal. 5: 13-26).

God accomplishes all these things in you through faith in Jesus Christ who strengthens you through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This year and all year long, stand fast in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

## Love and kisses

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
By Lynn McNew

Often, when I send a letter or greeting card to a special friend or relative (like grandchildren) I add XXX's after my name, meaning, "I love you." Lots of other people do this, also. Recently, I read an explanation for it. It seems that hundreds of years ago a cross mark meant the cross of Calvary. So revered was the cross of Jesus that this mark had all the force of a sworn oath.

If a person didn't know how to write his name, he'd make a cross (an X).

It was accepted as his signature. This practice continues today. But back then, a person always kissed the cross after he made it, a sign of complete sincerity.

And it was this practice of kissing the X that led to its becoming a symbol of the kiss.

During World War II, both the American and British governments forbade military personnel to put XXX's on their letters. They feared that spies might use such marks as coded messages.

Today, for me, these XXX's are a code. What better way to express love than the symbol of the cross of Calvary, where true and perfect love was wrought forever?

Dear Lord, may my love for You always be as true and as perfect as Your love for me.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You! XXX

## Extension to hold Training Sessions for Judges, County Commissioners

San Antonio - An in-service training conference for judges and county commissioners from a 21 county area surrounding Bexar County will be held on Wednesday, January 23 in Kerrville. It is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, 125 Lehmann Drive.

The Southwest Texas Judges and Commissioners' Conference, now in its third year, provides participants an opportunity to acquire Continuing Education Unit credits. Texas Cooperative Extension District 10 and Southwest Texas Junior College host the event.

According to Cheryl Mapston and Darrell A. Dromgoole, directors for Extension District 10, a committee of judges and commissioners selected conference topics. "The event is important to the different communities in the counties," said Mapston, "because the participants receive information which helps them make more ef-

fective local decisions."

Among the topics are storm water legislation, open meetings and records updates, the right to counsel of indigent juveniles and working with your legislator. County Extension Agents from throughout the District will provide exhibits and information about a variety of educational programs they conduct for clientele.

Speakers include State Representative Harvey Hildebrand and State Senator Jeff Wentworth, as well as Assistant Attorney General John Fuller. A discussion on regional water issues will be led by Dr. Bruce Lesikar and Dr. Bill Harris from Texas A&M.

Registration is \$30 until January 14 and \$35 after January 14. The registration fee includes lunch, breaks and session materials. For more information contact Texas Cooperative Extension District 10 in Uvalde, (830) 278-9151.

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Jerry and Shelley Jones, of Minot AFB, N.D., are proud parents of a daughter, Makayla Marie, who was born at 3:15 a.m., December 15, 2001, at Trinity Health Hospital. The new arrival weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

Grandparents are the Rev. Emet and Sue Huntsman of Edna, Texas, and Jerry and Tammie Jones of San Antonio. Great-grandparents are Emet and Elise Huntsman of Brackettville; Jack and Edith Jones of San Antonio; Don Johnson and Carol Leet of San Antonio; and the late Cleo and Fern Johnson of Pleasanton.

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**Director At-Large, the District**

**Darlene Shahan**

I am Darlene Shahan. Tully, Jennifer, Wil, Jared and I have lived here for 28 years. I have 31 years of management, bookkeeping, and secretarial experience. I owned and operated two successful businesses. Local volunteer services include: Brackett School Board, 4-H Project Leader, Athletic Booster Club, Little League, Babe Ruth, and fund raisers for the existing Kinney County Clinic.

After learning of active "water marketing" plans in Kinney County two years ago, I attended two legislative updates, two water workshops, and three seminars regarding water issues in Texas. I worked with local legislation, sending legal updates to Representative Pete Gallego and Senator Frank Madla, and spoke with legal counsel to assure protective measures remained in Kinney County's Bill. Along with many other local officials and residents, I helped defeat threats from Eagle Pass and Water Marketers to block our Bill during its creation locally and its passage in Austin.

In the past my family had to deepen several existing wells on

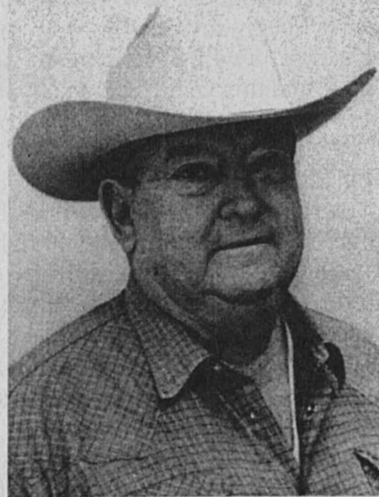


our land because neighboring irrigation activity had dropped their levels. In the early 60's Brackettville and Fort Clark lost their water to drought. Farming is necessary and threat of drought is constant; however, we are now facing prospects of "water marketers" exporting vast amounts of water from Kinney County. The only means of protecting our local water resource is a local Conservation District. Please support me in my concerns to protect, preserve, and conserve our water by voting to confirm this District and for my candidacy as Director-At-Large.

**Joe York, Jr.**

I am committed to the need for and the confirmation of our Kinney County Ground Water Conservation District, funded by a small tax in which all taxpayers share. We who live and vote here all need and use water and want future security by conservation of this precious resource.

I am a third generation well driller. My grandfather began drilling wells in Kinney County almost a hundred years ago; and my father learned from him. My time came in the mid-50s during the big drought and hard times as this was a way to help pay the bills. I contracted to drill and explore for oil and gas and for city and irrigation water. I have been a rancher in Kinney County for more than forty-five years; and I am a pusher for progress; but at the same time I want to preserve



our heritage. What I learned in a long and varied business career can be of assistance in organizing our newly created Groundwater District.

Your vote for confirmation of the Water District and for the enabling tax needed to fund its operation will be greatly appreciated.

**Director At-Large, the District**

**Jewel F. Robinson**

I am a candidate for Director-At-Large of the Kinney County Ground Water Conservation District.

I have been a property owner in Kinney County since 1971.

I believe we need a water district because at some point in time I feel sure water will be sold from this area, but we need to be able to govern how much water goes out and make sure we conserve enough water for our present and future needs.

I believe in conservation and in protecting our environment. Pinto Creek borders the back side of our property and we have an abundance of wildlife in our area, without adequate water we will not.

I am on the Board of Directors of the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce and helped with the production of the booklet "90 Miles on Highway 90" I & II.

I served 6 years as a BISD School Board Trustee.

I have owned and publish The Brackett News since 1989.

I am a member of the KC His-

**Anita Ertle**

I was born in Graham, TX and married Tom Ertle in 1985.

Between the two of us we have four children and four grandchildren. We both worked for Amoco Chemicals in Alvin, TX.

After the children were grown, we decided to move out of the big city. In April of 1996 we purchased Southwest Service Co.

Tom and I like to hunt, fish, and enjoy all of the wonderful things outdoors has to offer.

I would like to take this time and ask everyone to get out and vote please make your voice heard it is your constitutional right.



torical Commission, KC Arts Council, KC Economic Development Task Force.

I am also a member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee and have been a volunteer at the local livestock show for the past 20 years.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the citizens of Kinney County as a member of this board and would greatly appreciate your vote.



**Director At-Large, Fort Clark MUD**

**Robert Young**

Robert Young, 66, resident of Brackettville since 1990. Bachelors in Integrated Science, Masters in Administration from Sul Ross University.

Retired educator, owner of Curriculum Management Systems and also served as Regional Manager for Alternative Energy Resources.

Married to wife Jane for 43 years, has three sons.

Robert, Jr. coaches at Permian High School, Michael is an Administrator with EDS in Austin, and Richard a Science Teacher and Administrator in Roundrock.

Attends Brackettville Methodist Church. Member of Muni-



pal Utility District for seven years, Vice-President five years.

Selected by MUD to attend meetings of the Texas Regional Water Planning and has served on the committee for cloud seeding in this area.

**Director At-Large, City of Brackettville**

**Joseph Goebel**

Joseph Goebel PhD. Geology and Soils is a licensed geologist and resident of Brackettville for seven years. He has conducted and led natural resources surveys and inventories, including ground water in eleven countries and two states. This included the surface geology and near surface ground water of Minnesota and land use planning. He was a member of the Planning Commission in Moundsview, Minnesota. He is interested in an inventory and the monitoring of water in this county. He would work to bring water users to the county to create em-



ployment as well as to protect the needs of municipal water users for the sustained growth and well being of Brackettville and Kinney County.

**Henry Fuentes**

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**Exercise your constitutional rights  
January 12th!  
Vote in the confirmation election!**

**VOTE**

**FOR**



**CHRISTOPHER  
RING**



To: The voters of Precinct 3 and the citizens of Kinney County

My name is Christopher Ring, and I am a candidate (Precinct 3) for the position of director on the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board. I have been a resident of Kinney County for over four years. I am the son of Gregg and Betty Ring of Houston, Texas. My family has owned the Mariposa Ranch, which was the old Cliff Belcher Place, a little over 5 miles north west of Brackettville, off of FM 2804, for over thirteen years, we have enjoyed Kinney County since the early 70's, and are concerned that there be water for the future generations here.

The Mariposa Ranch currently operates to manage and improve conditions for, not only the white tail deer population, but all wildlife. We are committed to conservation of natural resources, and the preservation of wildlife habitat. One of our main concerns is to preserve Pinto Creek and Las Moras Springs. Because of our experience with wildlife management, we are adamant that some scientific study be done to determine exactly how much water there really is available, where the recharge zones are, and what effect any additional pumping will have on the community. Scientific data must be collected to ensure that pumping water will not destroy the habitat of the native wildlife or cripple the aquifer for the future generations of Kinney County.

I am seeking your vote for a position on our local regulatory groundwater board. With my commitment to conservation and preservation, and my family ties to Kinney County, I feel I would be qualified to be your board representative for Precinct 3.

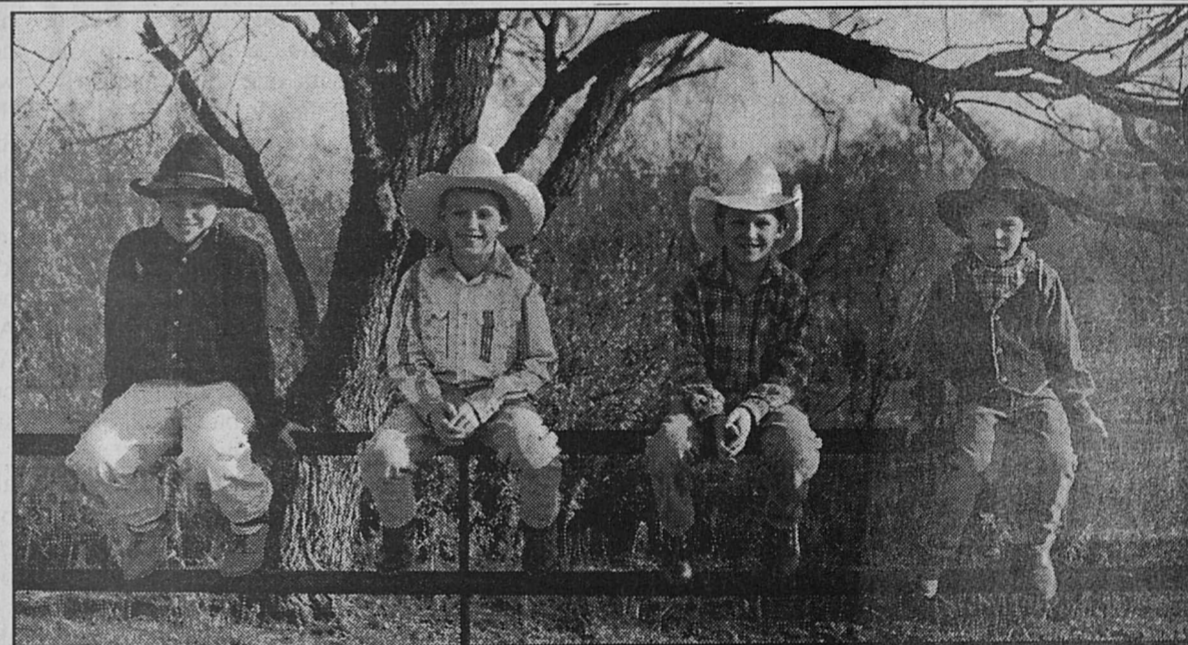
Please vote for me, Christopher Ring, for the position of director on the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board, and together we can secure a future for the next generation of Kinney County.

Sincerely, Christopher Ring  
Candidate for Precinct 3

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**Director, Precinct 1**

**Tom Dorrell**

I was born on October 28, 1932 in Crockett, TX. I went to Huntsville High School and graduated in 1950.

I attended college at Texas A&M.

In 1958 I received my BS, AS, and DVM. I also have practiced veterinary medicine and been ranching for over forty years.

My interests are God, country and Kinney County.

I have been chairman of Temp H<sub>2</sub>O Board since inception.



**Director, Precinct 2**

**Cecil Y. Smith**

I, Cecil Y. Smith was born on June 12, 1933 in Woodland, AL. I was reared on a farm there, growing cotton and corn with my parents until I joined the U. S. Air Force in 1950.

After Basic Training in San Antonio, TX and Aircraft Mechanic School in Amarillo, TX, I served 27 months in Korea. From Korea I came back to this part of the world, Laughlin A.F.B., where I had a ten year tour with Air Training Command and SAC Command.

Prior to retirement from the U.S.A.F. in 1978, as First SGT of Randolph A.F.B., Aircraft Maint. Sqd., I served 30 months in Viet Nam.

I became a Kinney County resident in 1994 after buying a place on Ranch Road 334. I saw what happened to the water in the early fifties due to a drought. I wasn't



here in the 70's but am told it was probably worse.

In 1955 I married Rosa Besa from Eagle Pass, TX. We are still pressing on at our place 5 miles out on Ranch Road 334, with our goats and barbados.

I want to try and preserve the water in Kinney County for us and our future generations. I would appreciate your vote as your representative from Precinct 2 so I can strive for this preservation.

**Sandra Watkins**

I am a wife, mother of two, county auditor and a certified public accountant (CPA). I am running because this is an important election. I feel this election and the board could influence the quality of life in Kinney County. I want to protect the people of Kinney County's water. I do not want Kinney County's water quality or availability to suffer.

I have experience dealing with difficult people and situations. I have had to do public speaking. I was in public accounting for over

5 years (income taxes). I helped build a corporate tax department for a large multi state corporation. This job involved trouble shooting, problem solving and interpreting different city, county, state and federal laws.

I recently worked five years helping with the implementation of a \$16 million dollar cost system. As the regional cost manager over plants in Mexico and the U.S. I helped with budgets and cost savings.

I just want the voters to have a choice. I always try to do the right thing. Please vote.

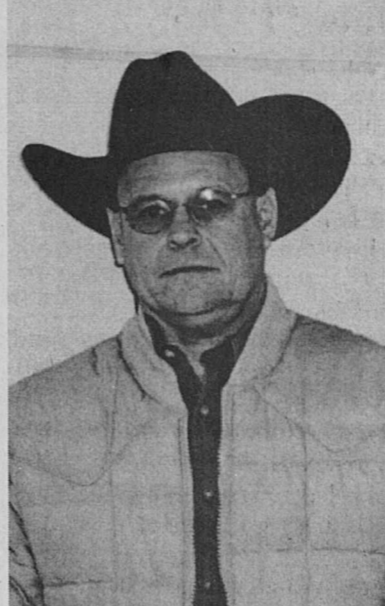
**Director, Precinct 3**

**Zachry H. Davis**

I graduated from Brackett High School in 1971. In 1975 I majored as a Biomedical Science (B.S.) from the Texas A&M University. I attended the College of Veterinary Medical University (TAMU) in 1977 and received my D.V.M.

I served two terms on City Council of Brackettville and on the B.I.S.D. Board of Trustees. I also currently serve on board of Region J Water Planning Group and liaison to Region M (Rio Grande Valley) Water Planning Group. I am involved in irrigated stock farming and retail hardware business in Brackettville and Kinney County.

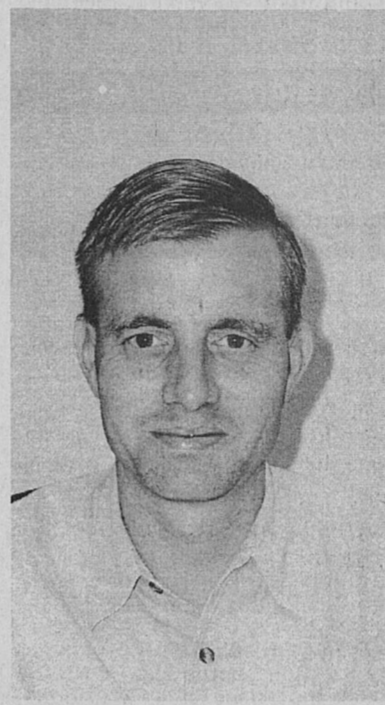
I strongly believe in preservation of water and water resource areas for future generations while



simultaneously protecting our private property rights.

**Christopher Ring**

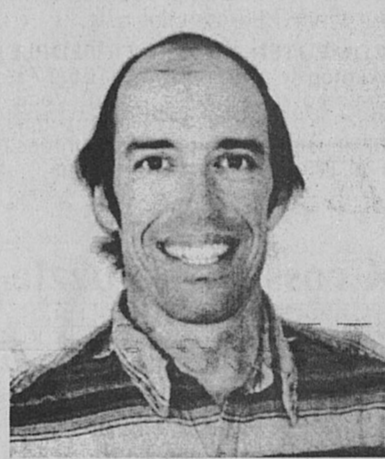
Christopher Ring, 38, grew up in Houston, Texas. I am the son of Gregg and Betty Ring of Houston, Texas. My family has owned the old Cliff Belcher (Mariposa) Ranch for over thirteen years, we have enjoyed Kinney County since the early 70's, and are extremely concerned that there be water for the future generations here. My family also owns a ranch in Sanderson, Texas. Prior to moving to Brackettville I was employed in family business in Austin, Texas for eleven years. Have been a full-time Brackettville rancher and wildlife manager for the last four years. I am interested in conservation of Texas wild game. A member of Brackettville Church of Christ.



**Roy Jay Harris**

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**Director, Precinct 4**

**Stan Conoly**

I am a candidate for the Groundwater District in Precinct 4. My qualifications for representing our community consist of being a life long resident of Kinney County, a BBA from Texas Tech University, Real Estate Broker and Real Estate Appraiser. I have been involved in Management and Sales and I have been managing our family's ranch for a number of years. The management of our water resource is important to ensuring that our water will be there for us now and for generations to



come. Please vote on Saturday, January 12, 2002.

**Don Hood**

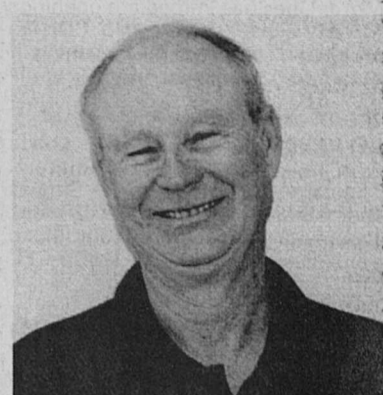
I am Don Hood, a candidate (Precinct 4) for the position of Director on the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board. I am 62 years old, and an active independent oil and gas operator. I have lived in Kinney County for the past 28 years, 20 of those years on Fort Clark. I now reside with my wife, Jean, on our ranch.

Education: Midland, Texas, High School, Texas Christian University, B.A.

**Water is not regulated.**

With no limit to the amount of water that can be pumped and exported by a pipeline, how long before this county could be pumped dry? When the large irrigation wells are fired up, Las Moras Springs declines in volume. These irrigation wells are run a short period of time. What if they and others are run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?

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port them and their right to market their water. My position is as follows; the criterion as to how much water can be sold should be based on two things, 1) does not infringe on his neighbor's water, and 2) does not exceed the ability of the recharge zone to replenish itself.

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**UMH Earns Texas Ten Step Hospital Designation**



Pictured from left: Angie Mudd, MSN, RNC, SW, UMH Chief Nursing Officer; Ben M. Durr, FACHE, UMH Administrator; and Pauline Garcia RNC, IBCLC, Director of the UMH Women's and Newborns' Center.

Uvalde, Texas, January 3, 2002—Uvalde Memorial Hospital has taken a giant step toward improving the health of newborns and infants by earning the Texas Ten Step Hospital designation from the Texas Department of Health and the Texas Hospital Association.

The Texas Ten Step Program encourages breast-feeding as the preferred method of feeding newborns and infants.

Uvalde Memorial Hospital joins a growing number of Texas hospitals now teaching new mothers that breast-feeding is the best nutritional choice to improve their baby's health. Through the use of 10 goals or "steps," the program aims to help hospitals support breast-feeding mothers before, during and after delivery; encourage hospitals to identify breast-feeding resources for the mother after she is discharged from the hospital; and encourage hospitals to reach the Texas Breast-feeding Initiative's goal of having 75 percent of their mothers breast-feeding before they go home from the hospital with their newborn.

Texas Ten Step hospital maternity staffs receive breast-feeding

training within the first months of employment and receive annual updates.

This training includes the advantages of breast-feeding, anatomy and physiology of breast-feeding, how to solve common breast-feeding problems and the impact of introducing formula and pacifiers before breast-feeding is established. Training also includes supervised clinical experience, a system of referral to breast-feeding specialists after hospital discharge and a list of community resources.

According to Pauline Garcia, RNC, IBCLC, Director of the UMH Women's and Newborns' Center, to earn this designation the Department had to fulfill ten requirements and to retain the designation the staff must maintain special education requirements. The department currently has two Texas Department of Health-certified breast-feeding instructors and a certified lactation consultant on staff to provide support to the new mothers in the community. For more information call Hellen Sullivan at (512) 406-0744, or visit the web site at [www.tdh.state.tx.us/lactate/bfi/htm](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/lactate/bfi/htm).



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**JANUARY 2002**  
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January 2002 Outpatient Clinic Calendar				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Happy New Year!</b>				
Sammy Vick, M.D. (7) Urologist 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430			George Swanson, M.D. (3) Otolaryngologist / ENT 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	David Dean, M.D. (4) Neurosurgeon 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430
Andamo Guillaume, M.D. (8) Otolaryngologist / ENT 1-830-773-6555			Carlos Morales, M.D. (10) Pulmonary Diseases 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	Sudha Kumar, M.D. (11) General Psychiatrist 1-210-615-8877
Kurt Meissner, M.D. (14) Urologist 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	Jerry Kruse, M.D. (15) General Psychiatrist 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	Stephen Miller, M.D. (16) Dermatologist 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	Randall Bell, M.D. (17) Pulmonary Diseases 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	David Dean, M.D. (18) Neurosurgeon 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430
Andamo Guillaume, M.D. (14) Otolaryngologist / ENT 1-830-773-6555	Elizabeth Parten, M.D. (16) General Psychiatrist 1-830-810-2251	Fernando Triana, M.D. (16) Cardiologist 1-210-614-5400	George Swanson, M.D. (17) Otolaryngologist / ENT 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	Sudha Kumar, M.D. (18) General Psychiatrist 1-210-615-8877
Sammy Vick, M.D. (21) Urologist 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	Theresa A. Hoppers, M.D. (22) Pediatric Cardiologist 1-800-497-7008	Charles Machell, M.D. (23) Cardiac Pacing/Electrophysiology 1-210-615-1234	Carlos Morales, M.D. (24) Pulmonary Diseases 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	Sudha Kumar, M.D. (25) General Psychiatrist 1-210-615-8877
Andamo Guillaume, M.D. (21) Otolaryngologist / ENT 1-830-773-6555				
Kurt Meissner, M.D. (28) Urologist 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	James Simpson, M.D. (29) Pediatric Cardiologist 1-800-242-0008	Elizabeth Parten, M.D. (30) General Psychiatrist 1-830-810-2251	Randall Bell, M.D. (31) Pulmonary Diseases 1-830-278-6251, ext. 1430	
Andamo Guillaume, M.D. (28) Otolaryngologist / ENT 1-830-773-6555				

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Bitar, Jamil, M.D. (Internal Medicine & Cardiology) 591-1294	Gaitonde, G. V., M.D. (Surgeon) 278-4568	Shudde, John L., M.D. (Family Practice) 278-3118
Box, Gloria G., M.D. (Orthopedic Surgery) 278-2292	Garza, R. Steve, M.D. (Family Practice/OB) 278-4453	Sosa, Isaac, M.D. (Internal Medicine) 278-6265
Carpinteyro, Ralph, M.D. (Internal Medicine) 278-6681	Guajardo, Frank, D.O. (Family Practice/OB) 278-1494	Utterback, Carl, M.D. (Family Practice/OB) 278-4588
	Lewis, J. Brandon, M.D. (Family Practice) 278-4426	Watkins, Harry O., M.D. (Surgeon) 278-3213
	Lutton, Richard B., M.D. (Family Practice/OB) 278-4453	Zarzar, Francisco J., M.D. (Pediatrics) 278-7105

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Sanjiv Kumar, M.D. (Ophthalmologist) (830) 278-2020
Rodolfo Molina, M.D. (1/17) (Rheumatologist) (210) 690-8067
Matthew Mossbacher, M.D. (1/03) (Rheumatologist) (210) 690-8067
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POTATOS	SALAD	NOW
MAN	SMILED	
BAD	REP	ANIMATE
ELECTRON	VOTED	
LIAR	STAIR	TINS
LACES	PRETENSE	
ESTREMS	SPA	GEL
IDEALS	ORA	
NOV	PREARRANGED	
IBAR	LEGIT	DOPE
TITO	APACE	ERIN
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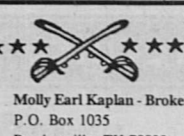
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF DETENTION FACILITY**

(Kinney County Commissioners Court)

Sealed proposals addressed to the Kinney County Commissioners Court will be received on or before 9:00 o'clock A.M. on February 11, 2002, at the office of the County Judge, Herb Senne, P.O. Box 348, Kinney County Courthouse, 501 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas, 78832 for the financing, design, construction, operation and management of a 288-bed adult detention center/facility. The proposal shall be in conformance with the Request for Proposal Specifications available at the above address.

Significant bond, indemnification and insurance requirements will be placed on the successful respondent, including the provision of performance and payment bonds. All contract requirements of the Request for Proposal Specifications and Section 351.103 of the Local Government Code (V.T.C.A.) will be required to be agreed to and met by the successful respondent.

The financing proposal shall provide for lease-purchase of the Facility by the County, with an option to purchase, and transfer of legal title upon payment of all lease payments. The County shall have no liability or cost for the Facility financing except to the extent of prisoner housing contract revenues actually generated by the Facility. The financing proposal shall include all costs of planning, financing, design, construction, equipping, furnishing and start-up of the Facility, including all costs of land and professional fees.

Operation and management will be required to be in conformance with the rules and regulations of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, the Operation and Management Agreement between the successful respondent and the County, and rules of jurisdictions housing prisoners at the Facility to the extent made applicable by the terms of the prisoner housing contracts with those jurisdictions. The compensation for the operation and management of the Facility will be paid on the basis of a per prisoner, per day fee, payable solely out of the net revenues of the Facility, and from no other source, after first application of gross revenues to the Lease obligations.

Design of the Facility must be by competent design professionals licensed in the State of Texas with significant experience in the design of detention facilities. The design and construction of the Facility must be in accordance with the standards of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, and the successful respondent must obtain all required approvals and certifications of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Respondents shall present a firm bid for the design, construction, equipping, and furnishing of the Facility in accordance with the requirement of the Request for Proposal Specifications.

The successful respondent will be required to provide all development and project management services necessary to assure timely financing, design and construction of the Facility in accordance with the successful proposal, the plans and specifications, applicable contracts, and the project budget.

The County will not obligate its funds or tax revenues to pay for any component of this project, including the operation and management of the Facility, and the sole source of funding for repayment of financing, operation and management or other associated costs and expenses shall be the revenues actually generated by the Facility and received. The financing shall not be a debt or obligation of the County, and, upon, termination of or default on the financing, the County must have no liability or obligation for repayment of the financing.

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