

The Brackett News



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Kinder Round Up

Kindergarten is having registration for all children that will be five years old on or before Sep. 1. Registration will be on Thursday, March 9 from 8am - 11am at Jones Elementary. All Headstart students and children that are beginning their school years will need to register. Parents will need to bring their child's immunization records and Social Security Card in order to complete the registration process. State law requires that all students have updated immunization records in order to attend school. Parents will also need proof of residency. Students already attending Jones Elementary in the Pre-K program will not have to register. A small educational gift will be given to each student who registers on this day.

Little League Sign-ups

Little League registration for all age divisions will be as follows: March 2 - 3, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, EMS Building, March 4, 10 - 2 PM, HS Gym.

The registration fee will be \$30 for one child and \$55 for 2 or more children. Also please bring a 12-pack of sodas for the concession stand. You will need to bring the child's birth certificate and be able to show proof of residency.

TPWD Hearing

The Texas Parks and Wildlife announce recommendations of changes in the hunting and fishing rules and regulations. There will be a public hearing to discuss the changes in the District Courtroom at the Kinney County Courthouse on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

Youth Bible Study

All youth are invited to study "The Prayer of Jabez". This little book is full of life changing information. Leave your old routine behind and begin a new routine for each day. See you Sunday evenings, 5:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church Brackettville.

FCS Annual Festival

The 5K Run/walk and children's fun run is Saturday March 11, 2006. Awards will be given to the overall male and female winners in the 5K and children's fun run, as well as the top 3 males and females in each age division.

Adult FCA Meets

FCA's Adult Chapter will meet on Sunday, March 5 at 2 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal/Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at the corner of Fort and Henderson. All adult members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting. For more information, contact Rhonda Marquardt at 563-5181 or Carolyn Conoly at 563-3699.

City Hall Holiday

City Hall and Landfill will be closed on Thursday, March 2 for Texas Independence Day.

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County commissioners accused of election tampering

Last Friday complaints were filed against Kinney County Commissioners Marvin Davis, Precinct 1, and Joe Montalvo, Precinct 2, regarding the upcoming Democratic Primary.

The complaints allege Davis and Montalvo took action to remove an election clerk from their respective precincts. The complaints were filed with County Attorney Tully Shahan and the Secretary of State's office.

"That's exactly what happened," said Mary Flores Democratic County Chair during an interview with *The Brackett News*.

"Why they took it upon themselves to fire or to tell the presiding judge to let Helen Seargeant go, I don't know," Flores said.

"It's not their job. They (Davis and Montalvo) are wrong and it is illegal," Flores added.

According to Flores she was told by an attorney with the Secretary of State's office "County Commissioners have no power to remove a clerk."

Seargeant, who filed the complaints, says she was approached by Bob McMahan, Democratic Primary Precinct 1 Presiding Judge, in early Jan. to be a clerk. According to Seargeant, McMahan was supposed to subsequently call her but never did.

Seargeant was contacted in early Feb. by Presiding Judge Precinct 2, Monica Castillo, to be a clerk. Seargeant informed Castillo she was already committed to be a clerk in Precinct 1.

According to Seargeant, she was told by Castillo she was not on the list as a clerk. Seargeant then agreed to work as a clerk for Castillo.

Seargeant attended an election clerk seminar the following day at the county courthouse. Seargeant says following the seminar she was approached by McMahan, who apologized for not calling. According to Seargeant's statement McMahan explained he had not called her because a commissioner had expressed a problem with her serving as a clerk in precinct 1.

Seargeant says when she

asked McMahan which commissioner, he would not give her a name. Seargeant states she informed McMahan it could only be Davis and the problem must have to do with Seargeant's friendship with Pat Hidalgo. Hidalgo is an employee at the Kinney County Justice of the Peace office. Seargeant says McMahan confirmed it was Davis and Hidalgo's name had been mentioned, as well.

Seargeant then went to County Clerk Dora Sandoval. Seargeant asked if Sandoval knew of any problems Davis had with Seargeant serving as an election clerk. According to Seargeant's statement, Sandoval told her, Davis had attempted to have Seargeant removed as a clerk. Sandoval purportedly told Seargeant, Davis had stated it was due to a personal conflict. According to Seargeant, Sandoval informed Davis he should keep his personal issues out of the courthouse.

Seargeant's statement says Sandoval defended her saying she was a good worker and could

be trusted. Seargeant states Sandoval told her Davis responded angrily and left the office.

Democratic County Chair Mary Flores said in a written statement she was contacted by Sandoval the morning of Feb. 12. According to Flores, Sandoval said neither Davis or Montalvo wanted Seargeant to work in the primary elections.

"I could tell something was wrong," said Flores regarding the conversation with Sandoval.

"That's when she (Sandoval) started telling me what had happened," Flores added.

Flores says Sandoval also informed her Montalvo had selected a replacement for Seargeant and the replacement would report to Sandoval's office the following day for training.

"I was very upset, I asked, 'Who told him to do my job?'," Flores said in her statement. According to Flores both she and

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Beloved citizen dies at age 97

Brackettville native Agnes Fritter Vondy passed away Feb. 17, 2006 at Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio.

"Miss Vondy" as she was affectionately known to friends was born Feb. 8, 1909 in Brackettville. Her parents were Patrick Henry Fritter and Lucy Stratton Fritter.

The Fritter family were French immigrants who migrated to the United States in 1815.

The Fritter family did much to assist in the development, advancement and civilization of Kinney County and Brackettville.

Vondy graduated in 1917

from Brackett High School. She was valedictorian of her class.

Vondy then studied to be an educator at Our Lady of the Lake in San Antonio.

Thomas Vondy of Houston and Agnes Fritter were married in 1929 at the little Catholic Church on Sweeney Street in Brackettville.

Vondy fondly recalled having the would-be Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe as a student and doing business with then construction mogul John Nance Garner.

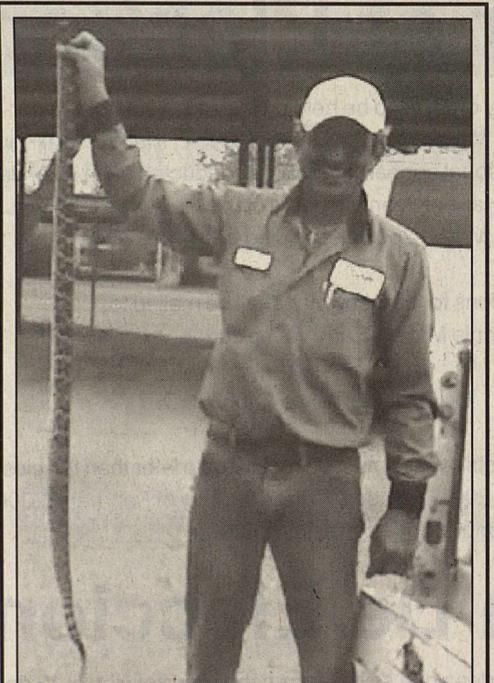
After time away from Brackettville, Vondy returned and taught school from 1959 until 1971.

Vondy was a member of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, The Daughters of the Confederacy, Descendants of The Republic of Texas and the Kinney County Historical Society. She was instrumental in getting the Kinney County Heritage Museum established.

Vondy was preceded in death by her husband Thomas and daughter Lou Ann Davis.

She is survived by her son Harry Vondy, grandson Blair Davis, granddaughter Diane Davis, niece Tiny Fritter Lomax and nephew Johnny Fritter.

She was buried Feb. 22, 2006, in the Brackettville Cemetery.



Brackett B-B-Q Photo by Paula Renken

Gus Sandoval holds up a five foot rattlesnake that he killed at the BISSD Trackfield and later grilled for Sunday dinner.

School issues rattlesnake warning

EMS Director Guerra offers first aid advice

Brackett ISD school officials issued a rattlesnake warning for the track field on HWY 334 after maintenance employees killed two snakes in a three day period.

School maintenance employee Armando Sanchez was working to clear trash and debris from the trackfield last Friday when he heard a distinct sound coming from a piece of pipe that he had just moved.

Fellow maintenance worker Gus Sandoval then lifted the pipe from one end and a five foot rattlesnake slid out onto the ground.

"The snake had a blue haze over his eyes and was striking in every direction," said Sandoval.

"He (the rattlesnake) was blind from hibernating," Sandoval continued.

Sandoval grabbed a garden hoe and chopped off the head of the snake.

The large snake had 18 rattles.

A three foot rattlesnake found on Feb. 21, was also killed by Sandoval.

According to Sandoval, the skins from both snakes are being tanned.

Sandoval is keeping the largest skin as a souvenir and the smaller one will be donated to science teacher B. Schroeder for her classroom.

The meat from the large snake was later grilled and served up at a private barbecue hosted by

Sandoval this past Sunday.

A safety memorandum has been issued by School Nurse Francine Collins that read, "Please be advised, especially coaches, an extremely large rattlesnake was killed at the track."

The memo also included instructions from EMS Director April Guerra.

"Call 911. Keep the person calm. If possible wash area with soap and water. If possible, keep area below heart.

"Do not apply ice or tourniquet. There will be swelling of the area. Loosen tight clothing and jewelry.

"If ambulance crew is out on a call, proceed to hospital," the memo concluded.

Stampede to clean up for festival

By Woodie Hornberg
Contributing Writer

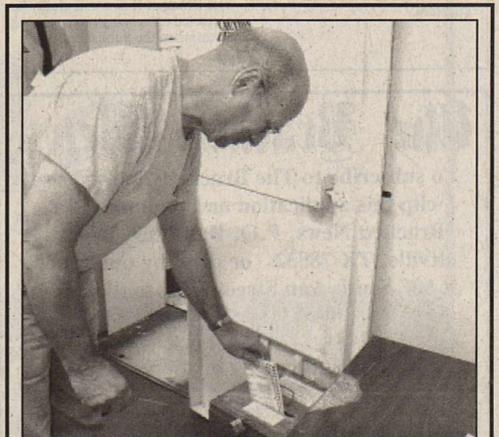
It is a great collision with the "Cavalry Brigade" as the happy victim! With the volunteer stampede continuing and the use of "high tech" elbow grease in action, FCS's historical buildings

will shine for the upcoming "Festival." On Saturday March 4th at Shafter Hall at 9 a.m., dedicated volunteers will be mustering for "spit and polish" time.

No volunteer will be side tracked for there are jobs for all levels of abilities, with inside and outside assignments.

Good deeds don't go unnoticed for FCS's community council rewards the volunteer troopers with a delicious lunch from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

So, plan to be a volunteer cavalry man and sign up for this worthy mission and join the stampede!



Voting Early Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Henry Trautwein of Fort Clark Springs voted during the primary early voting period at the County Courthouse.

Early voting brisk; slow

Early voting in the primary election has been brisk for the democrats and slow for the republicans.

According to primary early election clerk, Josie Meyers, 340 Kinney County Democrats and 12 Republicans have voted during the early voting period that started on Feb. 21.

The last day to vote early in the primary election will be Mar. 3 at the county courthouse.

The courthouse will be closed on Mar. 2, in celebration of Texas Independence Day.

County Clerk Dora Sandoval will be administering an election training class, for election judges and clerks, Mar. 6.

The primary election will be Mar. 7, at the designated precincts.

•Precinct 1: EMS Building on Helen Street

•Precinct 2: BHS Auditorium on Ann Street

•Precinct 3: Senior Citizen Apartments on East Spring Street

•Precinct 4: Library Annex on West Spring Street

Voters are required to have their voter registration card or driver's license in order to vote.

Local Republican Primary Commissioner Precinct 2

Wes Robinson is running unopposed.

Republican County Chairman

Rendall Moore is running unopposed.

Local Democratic Primary County Judge

Incumbant Herb Senne is being challenged by former Kinney County Sheriff's Department

Chief Deputy John S. Fritter.

District and County Clerk

Dora E. Sandoval is running unopposed.

County Treasurer

Joy N. Ralston is challenging Incumbant Janis J. Floyd.

Commissioner Precinct 2

Incumbant Joe Montalvo is being challenged by Vito La Gioia.

Commissioner Precinct 4

Incumbant Pat Melancon is being challenged by J.E. Miel.

Justice of the Peace

Santos Yerena, Charles W. "Chuck" Hall, Roy Lane Dyer, Francie Wylie, Narce Villarreal, Woody Massingill and Ron Ring are all running for the vacant position of Justice of the Peace.

Democratic County Chairman

Mary V. Flores is running unopposed.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The County of Kinney has lost one of its precious treasures. Agnes Vondy closed her eyes to all worldly functions on Feb. 17, 2006, after 97 years on this earth.

Agnes always had a zest for life and lived it fully. She was proud of her Texas heritage. Many of her former pupils will remember her from her teaching years. Others will recall her as the daughter of a rancher and local businessman. I will remember her as my friend.

As a history buff, she collected important memorabilia about the area, taking anyone

who had an interest on tours of the town and the Fort pointing out any and all places of interest. An active member of the daughters of the Republic of Texas, she often gave presentations at the meetings. Her sense of humor was renowned. A delightful addition to her persona. Agnes was in great demand as an historian who was there! The Red Hatters was a day of fun and camaraderie. Agnes enjoyed participating in life.

Goodbye Agnes. You will be missed. I shall remember you always - Your Friend,

A. Biddie Legg

Think before you vote

In my opinion the credibility of the current Fort Clark Springs (FCS) Board and Director of Operations (DOO) has dropped well below that of President G. W. Bush.

I fault the current board members for giving the DOO authority to sign a contract with Mr. Bizzell, a member of FCS, that would allow Bizzell to profit from FCS. I would personally like to see those members running for re-election be replaced. I believe that when you have to hide a business transaction from the members then you are not for FCS. However when a board member (who is employed by the government) becomes a party to such an action it reflects negatively on the government.

It has also come to my attention that shortly after this board took office the FCS restaurant/bar was closed by the administration due to lack of profits, yet one of the board members shortly thereafter opened a bar/restaurant just east of town. A major conflict of interest?

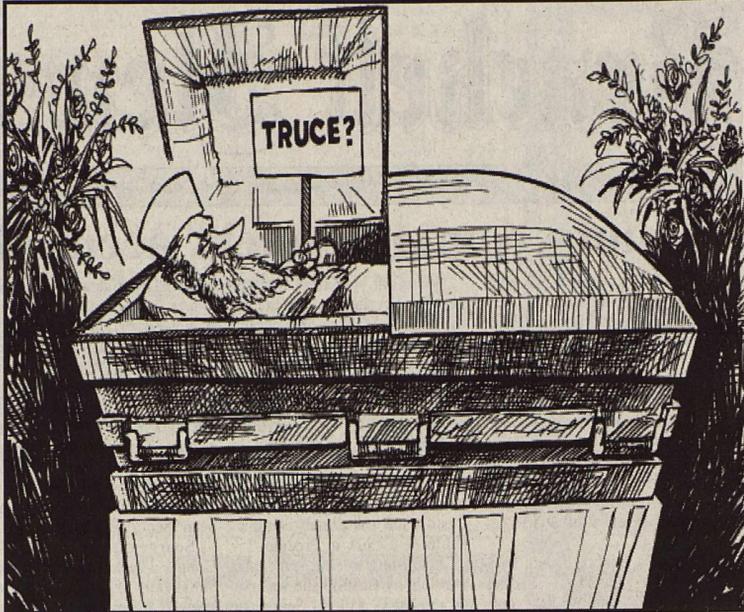
In another matter all roads, parking lots, and etc were transferred to FCS Municipal Utilities District (MUD). Initially all road repairs were to have been

paid for equally by all members, however it now stands that only members with a water meter will foot the bill. Interesting how things change even after the members vote!

Also...for the benefit of those who care...this is a Members Owned Association (MOA) not a Home Owners Association (HOA) that some would like you to believe. I for one believe that FCS could really grow with proper management, advertisement, promotional programs, member interaction, return of amenities (not clubs), with businesses such as the Golf Course, Restaurants, etc. paying their own way. This would require a financial report (a copy available to any member at a cost) of all transaction from every department down to the minutest detail. That would mean no cover up transfers to various funds.

FCS is now on a down hill run with members leaving and/or renting their homes to non-members who could care less. On the present course it won't take many months/years for FCS to look like Brackettville. It takes muscle and sweat to clean a place up...not money.

Jerry E. Miller



Cities Close Churches

By Gina Parker
Contributing Writer

Do not bother to lock the door to your house, your church, or your business. Thanks to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Kelo v. New London* last June, locking your door will not protect your property from seizure by city government. It may work against a petty burglar, but not against a powerful development interest that wants to take your home from you.

In *Kelo*, the Court's liberal majority said cities have the power to use eminent domain to take private property and sell it to Mega-Lo-Mart in order to create a better tax base. This is one more example of the loss of private property rights to the power of government - something worldwide communism has pressed for since Karl Marx wrote the Communist Manifesto.

Before last June, cities had to prove that the seizure of private property was for "public use," like building a school or a new highway. Now, if a developer

likes the location of your home, the city can take your house away from you and sell it to build a parking lot for the newest home center. The Court considers this commercial need to be a permissible "public purpose," a phrase not found in the Constitution. It makes one wonder, "What has become of the American dream in the hands of the liberals on the Supreme Court?"

Since *Kelo* became law, cities across the country have been using their power to force citizens to sell their properties against their wills. For example, the City of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, wasted no time in using the *Kelo* wrecking ball to take the property of Centennial Baptist Church to make room for the new "economic development plan."

Centennial's pastor, Rev. Roosevelt Gibson, said the church could not afford to move elsewhere. He asked, "And if we can't move, and they take our building, what happens to the church? If we leave, who is go-

ing to minister to the black community in Sand Springs?" Think about it: government is forcing a church to sell the property bought and paid for by its members' faithful tithing and to relocate not just the church property but leave an area where its congregation heard the call to minister to the needs of a community.

Thanks to the *Kelo* Court, every church, synagogue and non-profit center is now a target. Because of the growth of cities, churches today own some of the most prized real estate across the nation. For example, First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas sits in the middle of downtown Dallas. The use of *Kelo*'s expanded eminent domain power puts government in control of where churches can be located and what communities they will serve. Where is the separation of Church and State when you need it?

Gina Parker is the CEO of Dental Creations, a dental manufacturing company, and is also a successful attorney.

Despite roadblocks, economy keeps truckin'



Weekly
Report

Henry
Bonilla

On January 31, 1999, all Americans celebrated the new Millennium while anticipating the greatly hyped trepidation that Y2K would doom the world's electronic systems or crash the World-Wide Web. Though January 1, 2000, was not marred by global technology issues, the new century has presented several unexpected economic roadblocks to the United States economy. The tragedies of September 11th and the destruction caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were unexpected, but did not deter the resilience of the American economy.

September 11th devastated the nation emotionally, spiritually, and economically. The Twin Towers were not only a highly recognizable symbol of financial strength, but also the pulse of New York City's renowned Financial District. The complete destruction of the World Trade Center was witnessed by millions of television viewers around the world. Condolences from sympathetic nations poured in as First Responders from West Coast to East Coast loaded up fire trucks and ambulances with supplies and then headed to aid their fellow heroes. While the strike against the United States was severe, it only steered the resolve of all Americans to overcome adversity and prove to the cowardly terrorists that we will not be deterred by such attacks.

Though the offices of the Wall Street Journal are located less than a block from the Twin Towers, the newspaper was able to produce an abbreviated edition for September 12th. Despite catastrophic losses to many financial corporations, the New York Stock Exchange opened the following Monday. We pulled together as a nation to help those who needed help and comfort those who were hurting.

More recently, Mother Nature has taken a dramatic toll on the Gulf Coast region. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita generated destructive winds and rains with an intensity not witnessed in centuries. Those who had not heeded the warnings to evacuate found themselves seeking cover from Category 5 devastation. Only after the storm finally broke and the skies cleared did the world witness the true brutality of Mother Nature. Hundreds of thousands of people evacuated Louisiana and Mississippi in desperate need of shelter, food, and medical care. Within hours, bus loads of evacuees pulled up to the Astrodome in Houston while thousands more headed to cities and communities throughout Texas. Without medical records, prescriptions for medications, or access to treatment, many feared for their lives. While there were substantial failures at all levels of government, I contend that the outpouring of emotional, financial, and volunteer assistance from communities and individuals across Texas proves that the strength of the American Spirit can overcome all obstacles.

With all that the American economy has had to overcome in the past five years, I am amazed at the resilience of the United States economy. Through economic freedom and proactive legislation, America continues to have the strongest economy in the world. Our income per person is without equal and the current 5.6 percent rate of unemployment is below the national averages from the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. Since the full implementation of the President's tax relief plan in 2003, more than 4.7 million new jobs have been created, productivity has increased at a remarkable 3 percent annual rate, homeownership has reached all-time highs especially for minority homeowners, and the American economy is growing faster than those of other major industrialized nations.

Earlier this month, President George W. Bush signed the Deficit Reduction Act, which will reduce the deficit by \$39 billion and reform important government programs by helping to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse.

Big Mama
Sez!



To Speak kindly does
not hurt the tongue.

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Order of Election

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 13, 2006 for the purpose of the election of Mayor, Councilperson, Place 2, Place 4 and Place 5. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Brackettville City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on May 1, 2006 and ending on May 9, 2006.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Bonnie Mayes, Early Voting Judge
PO Box 526
Brackettville, Texas 78832

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 5, 2006. Issued this the 23rd day of February, 2006.
Bonnie Mayes, Presiding Officer

Orden De Eleccion

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 13 de mayo, 2006 con el proposito de: eleccion de Mayor, Councilperson, Place 2, Place 4 and Place 5
La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en la oficina de Brackettville City Hall entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 1 de mayo, 2006 y terminando el 9 de mayo, 2006.

La votacion en adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo de tal manera: Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Bonnie Mayes, Early Voting Clerk
PO Box 526
Brackettville, TX 78832

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 5 de mayo, 2006.

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Bonnie Mayes
Oficial Que Preside

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Girl's Varsity track wins 1st place in Uvalde

The Varsity girls track team won first place overall in the Uvalde Track meet on Feb. 25.

The 400 meter relay won first place with a time of 53.3 seconds. The team consisted of Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart and Rachel Swinson.

The 800 meter relay also won first place with Stewart, Hunt, Bianca Terrazas and Watkins with a time of 1 minute and 56.1 seconds.

The 1600 meter relay, including Stewart, Hunt, Harmony Pettett and

Swinson placed second with a time of 4:26.6.

In the 3200 meter run Harmony Pettett placed sixth with a time of 13:48.

In the high hurdles Bailee Allen took second place with a time of 17.5

In the 800 meter run Pettett took sixth place with a time of 2:47.

In the 100 meter dash Samantha Moore took sixth place with 13.9 seconds.

In the 400 meter dash Swinson

took first place with a 62 second time.

In the intermediate hurdles B. Allen took fourth place with a time of 54.7 and Becca Mann took fifth place with a time of 55.2.

In the 200 meter dash Watkins took third place with a time of 28.3.

In the 1600 meter run, Gabby Schroeder placed fifth with a time of 6:21.0

In the shot put, B. Allen placed fourth with 31 feet 5 1/2 inches.

In the discus B. Allen placed third

with 85 feet 5 1/2 inches and Bianca Martinez placed sixth with 79 feet and 10 inches.

In the triple jump, Hunt took fourth place with 29 feet 10 inches and B. Terrazas took sixth place with 28 feet and 10 inches.

In the long jump Swinson placed third with 14 feet 6 inches.

In the high jump, Stewart placed second with a height of 4 feet 6 inches. Moore placed fifth with the height of 4 feet 4 inches in the high jump.

2006 Varsity Track Schedule

Feb. 25	Uvalde
Mar. 2	LaPryor
Mar. 11	Crystal City
Mar. 16	La Pryor
Mar. 23	Rocksprings
Apr. 1	Jourdanton
Apr. 6	* District (LaPryor)
Apr. 12	* Area (Flatonia)
Apr. 28-29	* Regional (Brenham)
May 12-13	* State (Austin)

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Feb. 20

8:04 a.m. A woman reported stolen signs and cones on Second St. She requested that a deputy patrol the street.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

5:30 p.m. A Fort Clark Springs Security employee requested a deputy in reference to personal property. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was enroute to the location.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

9:49 p.m. A woman called to report an incident at a local bar and requested deputy assistance. Deputy Kenneth Freitag, Deputy Ron Ring and Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. were dispatched.

10:35 p.m. Larry Munoz Jr., 30, of Uvalde was arrested by Deputy Donald Page for Violation of Probation, Failure to Identify out of Uvalde County. Munoz is still being held at press time.

Thursday, Feb. 23

11:49 a.m. Rudy Louis Gutierrez, 18, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Anguiano for vehicle theft out of Brazos county. Gutierrez was released the same day on a \$1,500 bond.

Friday, Feb. 24

3:22 p.m. A 911 caller reported that he had been hit by a car about 15 miles east of Brackettville. He stated the car pulled over a half a mile from his location. Trooper Tully Welch was dispatched to the location.

4:05 p.m. Lorenzo Hernandez, 20, of Del Rio was arrested by Deputy Freitag for Possession of Marijuana. Hernandez was released the same day on a \$1,200 bond.

11:10 p.m. A 911 caller reported an intoxicated individual with a knife on him. Deputy Ring was dispatched to the scene and reported a false alarm.

Saturday, Feb. 25

1:25 p.m. A woman reported a vehicle had struck her vehicle on Fort Clark.

3:22 p.m. A 911 caller reported an ATV accident on Scales Road. EMS and Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.

4:25 p.m. Eagle Pass ER called in reference of a child bitten by a dog and requested a deputy. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

5:42 p.m. A caller reported smoke behind the Carver School and thought that it might be a fire. Deputy Freitag and Deputy Ring were dispatched.

8:28 p.m. Deputy Pena radioed that he had an individual who was DUI on HWY 277.

10:00 p.m. Victor Rodriguez III, 30, was arrested by Deputy Manny Pena and Deputy Pena Jr. for DWI. Rodriguez is still being held at press time.

Sunday, Feb. 26

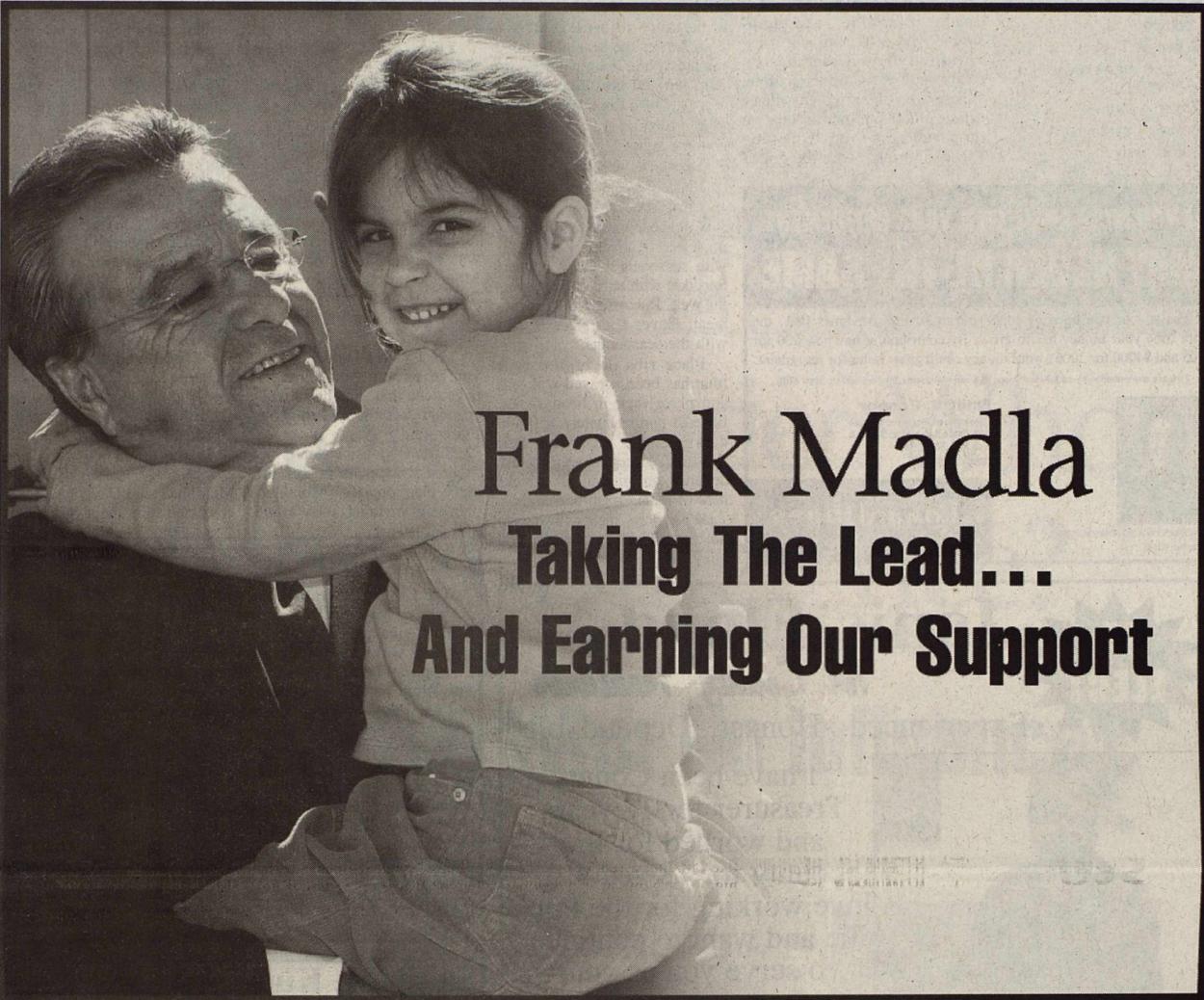
3:42 p.m. A 911 caller reported a car on fire on HWY 277 South. Fire department was dispatched.

4:45 p.m. A caller reported illegal aliens by a house east of Las Moras Creek. Deputy Freitag was advised of the situation. He then called Maverick County Sheriff's office and advised them of the situation.

5:53 p.m. A woman reported livestock on her property. Deputy Pena and the sheriff were notified of the situation.

Monday, Feb. 27

3:58 a.m. A 911 caller reported something rattling near her screen door and requested a deputy to check it out. Deputy Ring was dispatched.



Frank Madla Taking The Lead... And Earning Our Support

Leading Texas Democrats Back Madla!

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Chicken or Turkey Tetrazzini
4 cups cooked spaghetti (about 1/2 LB)
1/4 tsp. Nutmeg
3 tsp. Dry Sherry
Salt to taste

* Velout's Sauce
2 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 cup sliced mushrooms (or 1 lg. can)
8 or more slices cooked chicken or turkey (or enough to cover entire dish generously; pieces may be used)
1/2 cup grated ramanos or parmesan cheese
Heat oven to 400 degrees. Butter a 2 qt. shallow baking dish and spread the cooked spaghetti in it. Stir the nutmeg, sherry, salt into the warm velout's sauce and set aside. Melt butter in a skillet; add mushrooms and cook until soft if using fresh. If using canned, cook only until warm. Spoon half the sauce over the spaghetti. Place meat pieces and mushrooms on top and spoon on remaining sauce. Sprinkle with the grated

cheese and bake for 30 minutes. Serves four
Velout's Sauce
2 tbsp. butter
3 tsp. flour
* 1 cup hot chicken broth
1/2 cup heavy cream (may substitute 1/2 cup canned milk)
* may use 1 tsp. chicken bouillon and 1 cup water
Melt butter in a heavy-bottomed pan. Stir in flour and blend over medium heat until smooth. Cook, stirring constantly for 2 minutes. Add chicken broth, continue to stir as the sauce thickens. Bring to a boil. Lower the heat and cook 2 minutes more. Pour in the cream. Add salt and heat thoroughly.

Crisp Pork Ribs
* Package pork ribs (not country style)
Seasoned salt
Black Pepper
Corn Meal
Cut ribs into portions/serving pieces. Sprinkle generously with seasoned salt and pepper. Sprinkle with corn meal, covering well. Rub, press mixture into meat. Cover both sides of ribs with the seasonings.
Place ribs on broiler rack (that has been sprayed with oil) and place rack in broiler pan. Bake at approximately 350-400 degrees until crisp and well browned. Time and temperature depends on amount and thickness of meat on rib bones.
When done, meat will be crisp on the outside, but tender and juicy inside.

LAFB - hanging up

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas - Starting Monday, motorists cannot use hand-held cell phones while driving on Laughlin Air Force Base. A Department of Defense and Air Force policy requires motorists using cell phones while driving to use hands-free

devices like speaker phones or earpieces (with or without wires). The new policy says operators of privately owned vehicles on Laughlin or government vehicles on or off Laughlin can use hand-held cell phones only when the vehicle is safely parked. Using a cell phone without a

hands-free device while driving is a primary offense, according to the policy. Violators can be stopped solely for this offense. Citations will result in a three-point assessment on the driver's base driving record.

Demo chair says commissioners infringed upon her duties

Continued from Page 1
Sandoval looked at the election code and concurred county commissioners have no authority over the selection of election clerks. Flores says she went to Sandoval's office the following day to call the Secretary of State's office. According to Flores the Secretary of State's office confirmed election judge's act independently in the selection of clerks.

Flores also said while she was at Sandoval's office Montalvo's replacement clerk arrived and was sent home. Flores said Montalvo also came by to tell Sandoval he (Montalvo) had hired a replacement clerk for Sargeant.

"That's when I told him, 'Joe, you're wrong, you shouldn't have done that. She has already been here and I sent her home,'" Flores said.
"I am responsible for everything that happens in this primary election. He (Montalvo) didn't say anything. I don't think

he really liked what I told him but I told him the truth. It upset me for him to do that," Flores added.

Sargeant contacted Dora Sandoval on Feb. 13 to resign as election clerk. Sargeant said she resigned because her integrity had been questioned. According to Sargeant, that is when Sandoval informed her Montalvo did not want her working in his precinct either. Sargeant states Sandoval also informed her about the replacement clerk.

Sandoval declined to be interviewed concerning the matter.

"The Secretary of State's office has advised me not to get involved," said Sandoval.

"I believe all of our election clerks are trustworthy and honest. They have all received the proper training to conduct the election," Sandoval added.

In an interview with *The Brackett News* on Feb. 21 McMahan said Davis had never contacted him about Sargeant.

According to McMahan, the first time he heard about a problem was from Sandoval when she contacted McMahan about the election seminar.

McMahan stated he was told Sargeant could not be a clerk in precinct 1.

"I don't know why," said McMahan. When asked why he never contacted Sargeant, McMahan replied, "Because it slipped my mind."

According to the written statement by Flores, she spoke with McMahan on Feb. 20. Flores attested that McMahan said he had spoken with Davis about Sargeant and Davis had told McMahan not to hire Sargeant.

Flores also states McMahan told Davis he had no reason not to hire Sargeant; she was a good worker and had already been trained. According to Flores' statement McMahan told her Davis got upset and told McMahan to do whatever he wanted.

Flores told *The Brackett News* she feels both commissioners have infringed on her duties as democratic county chair. According to Flores, Davis and Montalvo used their influence and power as a county commissioner to remove an election clerk.

"They were using their authority, they say 'I'm the county commissioner and you let her go' and of course the presiding judge thinks they do (have the authority)," said Flores.

"I believe they (precinct judges) should have called.

"But nobody bothered to call and ask me, what's going on," Flores said.

"I really believe that commissioners like that need to be removed or taken off the ballot. This is the first step, will they continue to do that," Flores asked.

According to the election code county commissioners appoint presiding judges and alternate presiding judges for general elections.

County chairs for political parties appoint presiding judges for their respective primary elections.

Neither commissioners nor county chairs have any authority over who is selected as a clerk by a presiding judge.

In addition, presiding judges and alternate presiding judges for general elections are supposed to be affiliated with different political parties.

Since the last governor's election, general election presiding judges in Kinney County should be Republicans and the alternate presiding judges should be Democrats.

This is due to Kinney County voting 62.3 percent in favor of the Republican candidate and 37 percent in favor of the Democratic candidate during the last gubernatorial election.

Kinney County Commissioners Court failed to appoint alternate presiding judges for the last general election.

County records indicate party status of election judges was not even considered.

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Applications are presently being accepted for these positions. The filing period for the positions began February 13, 2006 and the deadline for filing a candidate application is March 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the City Hall, 119, West Spring Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., beginning May 1, 2006 and ending May 9, 2006 at 5 p.m.

March 14, 2006 is the first day applications will be accepted to vote early by mail. Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Bonnie Mayes, City of Brackettville Early Voting Judge, PO Box 526, Brackettville, Texas 78832. All applications to apply for a ballot by mail must be received by May 5, 2006 at the close of the business day.

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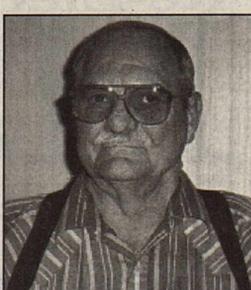



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At left, Brackettville Rotary President Lynn McCarson presents a commemorative coin to guest speaker Brian Gresley at the regular luncheon meeting on Feb. 2. At right, Brackettville President-Elect Glen White presents First Baptist Pastor Jeff Janca with his coin for his speech entitled "Community" on Feb. 9.

New Ag Teacher at School

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

From left: Clint Cooper, Shatona Hicks and Paula Renken. Hicks began as the new ag teacher for BISD on Feb. 20.

End of the Month Golf

There was a total of 32 people who participated in February scramble. The teams were made from the handicaps of an A, B, C, and a D player.

First place went to the team of Choppy Ambler, Loyd Alvis, Dorothy Stute and Jim Burns with a score of 63.

Second place went to the team of John Ballard, Ann Malin, Carl Dalton and Don Vermalya with a score of 64.

Third place went to the team of Norm Butler, Jack Christ, Carl Green, and Joyce Ambler with a score of 65 after Joyce defeated two other putters in a putt off tie, from two other teams with a score of 65.

The Scramble is open to all players on the last Saturday of the month, March 25 the scramble will be played at 1:00 because of the General Membership meeting at Fort Clark Springs that takes place at 10:00. All entries must be signed up before game day and pay \$5.00 per person at sign up.

Weatherization Assistance

Through an arrangement with the Kinney County Church Alliance, Caro Valdez, Weatherization Program Assistant of the Community Services Agency of South Texas will be in Brackettville Friday, March 10, from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., at Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, to take applications for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). This program examines and evaluates the homes of both eligible homeowners and renters, and makes necessary modifications to weatherize them.

Those applying for services should bring the following items:

- Recent electric bill
- Recent gas bill
- Proof of monthly income: pay stub/tax return
- Assistance with completing the application will be provided.
- Applicants must meet income criteria, and the actual home must meet certain requirements in order to qualify for assistance.
- A home will be eligible for weatherization if it is occupied by a family whose income does not exceed 125% of the Federal Annual Income Guidelines at the time of the application. Priority will be given to households with elderly (62 years of age and up), persons with disabilities, and children under 6 years of age.

Texas Income Guidelines:

# In Family	Max. Income
1	\$11,963
2	\$16,038
3	\$20,113
4	\$24,188
5	\$28,263
6	\$32,338
7	\$36,413

Free Weatherization Supplies

In addition to the WAP application process, the Kinney County Church alliance will be providing free weatherization materials. These items include caulking, caulk guns, insulation, weather stripping, etc. Supplies are limited, and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Materials on simple energy saving techniques, reference materials on weatherization, and energy-saving compact florescent bulbs will be provided by Rio Grande Electric Co-op.

For further information, contact Rev. Nathan Lafrenz, at 830-719-2082.

You Don't Say!

Magnets got their name from Magnesia, a province in Greece.

On average, 9,000 earthquakes take place worldwide every day.

In 1508, Leonardo da Vinci first described and sketched contact lenses.

On "Star Trek," William Shatner's character, Captain Kirk, was the first to utter "hell" and engage in an interracial kiss on primetime television.

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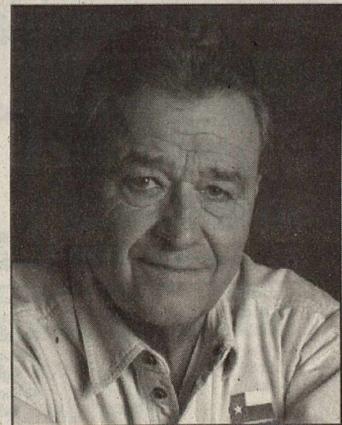
Over the next year, the Senate will make big decisions on how much money is spent on public education and health care.

With Frank Madla as our Senator, we'll have a strong, Democratic voice in these decisions, someone who will make a real difference. Senator Madla is an established force in the Senate who stands up for what he believes in - and wins.

We cannot afford to replace our strong, effective Senator with a rookie who has no influence and no power.

As a member of the powerful Finance Committee, Frank Madla will play a key role in writing the state budget and determining how much money is spent on education and health care.

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Gideons visit Brackett

Doors opening in muslim countries

Al Weiss, a Gideon International representative, presented information about his organization to the First United Methodist Church on Feb. 19.

"The Gideons International, founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the church and is the oldest Christian business and professional men's association in the United States of America," said Weiss.

Weiss, of Del Rio, explained that Samuel E. Hill (1867-1936), John H. Nicholson (1859-1946) and William J. Knights (1853-1940), all traveling salesmen from Wisconsin wanted a bible at every hotel reception desk in America.

Today more than 170,000 men and 90,000 women in 181 countries distribute free bibles in 83 different languages.

"They are united in carrying out the same program using the same methods to accomplish the one objective of winning others to Christ," the Gideon website explained. Today the all volunteer organization distributes free bibles to:

- Hotels and Motels
- Hospitals & Nursing Homes
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Schools, Colleges, and Universities
- The Military, Law Enforcement Personnel, Firefighters and EMTs

Prisons and Jails
Last year, 63 million bibles were given out by the Gideons worldwide.

Over one billion bibles have been distributed since the founding in 1899.

In Jan. of this year, the leaders of Qatar have allowed the Gideons to distribute bibles in their predominately Muslim country for the first time.

Currently, seven Gideons and five auxiliary members are working to provide the 744,000 people of Qatar with a free Christian message.

The Gideons have set a goal to give away 100 million bibles each year by 2020



Gideon Givers
From left: Gideon Al Weiss and his wife Lucy break bread with Methodist Pastor Jean Reardon after Sunday service on Feb. 19.

OBITUARY

Jerry Adams

December 27, 1932 - February 24, 2006

Jerry Adams, 73, of Rockport, TX, passed away Thursday, February 24, 2006. He was born in Lovelady, Texas December 27, 1932.

He was retired from Exxon. He was an avid outdoorsman. He loved playing golf, fishing, and hunting. He enjoyed woodworking and creating things for his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Steve Adams and wife Mary, Daryl Adams and wife Virginia, Staci Adams; grandchildren, Lauren Adams, Megan Adams, Craig Adams, Blake Adams, Tyler Adams; brothers, Earl Adams, L. J. Adams and wife Margie, Ed Adams and wife Nancy; sister, Wanda Williams and husband Jimmy; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.



His family received friends at Navarre Funeral Home on Sunday, Feb. 26. A graveside service held on Monday, Feb. 27 at Memory Gardens Cemetery, officiated by L. J. Adams.

On The Road Again

By Glenn Arnette, III

There is a small community between Daytona Beach and St. Augustine, Fla., known as Palm Coast. About 10 years ago, you could have bought a beautiful lot and house for \$85,000. Today, that house would cost anywhere from \$295,000 - \$325,000. What happened? Well, New Jersey moved in and told all of their friends about "paradise."

Why would anyone leave the Garden State? The place with the nasty view of industrial plants and laboratories from the Turnpike. What about the Island Beach State Park, truly the best-kept secret along the Jersey coast? There is nothing more beautiful than the 127 miles from Sandy Hook to Cape May. There is the board game, "Monopoly," and the making of saltwater taffy! Don't forget the casino industry, the first east of Las Vegas. Why, at one time it was known as the "Hollywood on the Hudson" when the film industry started back in 1916. Times really changed!

The Garden State, even with all of its faults and beauties, still supplies all of New York and Philadelphia with its tomatoes, strawberries and peaches. Now what does that say about the South?

But why do you move from the New Jersey area to live in a small community like Palm Coast? No question, it is the relaxed "pace of life" and "taxes," and, needless to say, the warmth of the Florida sun! It is a community where you can still find a reasonable place to own and live and have all the luxuries of home, including wonderful Italian restaurants.

Palm Coast is alive and coming. It now has the beginning of what will soon be malls, corpo-

rate business, and RETIREMENT! Once a "snowbird" tries one winter in Florida, he seems to plan that move immediately.

However, there is one thing to ponder. Many of the transplanted Palm Coast residents are moving back to the Garden State, claiming they really want to be near family and have the "four seasons."

What goes around comes around again! So, stay in touch and know that there is a house for you somewhere in Palm Coast, Fla., and you will also be able to find a place in New Jersey. The only problem is the price, and it will keep going up!

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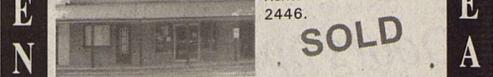
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If you have questions on any information in this notice or in the event you require additional information on hearing procedures, you may contact the General Manager or other staff at the District office at 830/563-9699.

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- Proposal A: Track Renovations for Brackett ISD.
- Proposal B: New Concession Building for Brackett ISD.
- New Storage Building for Brackett ISD.

Proposals shall include the information requested in the Contractor's Qualification Statement Form. Proposals will be publicly opened and amounts read aloud. The District will evaluate and rank each proposal in relation to selection criteria in the proposals within 30 days. Contract Documents may be examined and obtained with deposit of \$100.00 at the following locations: Office of Paula Renken, Superintendent, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832 or John S. Graves & Associates, Inc., Architects, 202 Hornby Place, Uvalde, Texas 78801. The Owner reserves the right to waive formalities, reject any or all proposals, and award the contract for the most advantageous proposal. Each proposal shall include a Certified Check or Bid Bond of a satisfactory Surety Company in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of proposal. 100% Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

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