

# The Brackett News



**March 14th is Election day. Don't forget to Vote!**

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## The case of the missing Republican ballots

Submitted by Ray Melton  
Republican County Chairman

Why were the Republican early voting ballots late? Here is a "Who dunnit" or who "didn't do it" mystery.

Like any good story there has to be a beginning, so here we go.

Yours truly somehow inherited the job of Kinney County Republican Chairman. The man who had the job moved to Castroville (I now know why), and left me with three cardboard boxes full of foreign looking documents. About this time I received a call from the State Chairman, congratulating me on my new appointment and assuring me there wasn't much to the job.

Well! Well! Fool me! Within two days I started receiving tons of paper work, full of this code, that code. This rule, that rule. I could go on with this, but just let me assure you that I've received and I am still receiving enough paper material to fill a boxcar.

Somewhere there is a missing

forest!

My next nightmare was to figure out the language in the afore mentioned documents, which was difficult since I graduated thirteenth in a class of twelve. If all that wasn't enough, here comes another tractor trailer load of paper notifying me of the upcoming March Primary Election. Then would you believe it, someone from Kinney County actually filed as a Republican. This good man handed me his filing fee and paper work. I grinned, thanked him and immediately panicked. Why? Because I didn't know what to do next. So, I go down to the courthouse to see Dora Sandoval. Why? Because she is smart, efficient, dedicated, educated, helpful, happy, loyal, honest, calming, thorough, patient and a great public servant.

Dora tells me to call the Secretary of State, which I did. I explained to them that someone had filed as a Republican and I needed to know how to get his name on the Primary Ballot. (Now keep in

mind I meant on the actual physical paper ballot on which we place our vote). They told me I had to do that at the county courthouse which gave me great relief because that had been done. However, just to be safe I called the Republican State Chairman in Austin and asked the same question, to which I received the same answer.

Feeling on top of things and thoroughly efficient I then placed the actual order for the paper ballots. The ballots failed to arrive on the deadline. Poor Dora called me in a panic needing those ballots. I met her at the courthouse and we called the printing company to find out what happened.

They simply had not printed them, because they had not received from me a form with the names of all candidates from the national races on down to state and local. Well ignorant me; I didn't know I had to do that. Somehow I thought all that information was in the hands of the Secretary of State and the State Republican

Headquarters. Since they required me to fax that very same information to them. I then assumed the printing company received the list of candidates from those two sources. Wrong again! The folks at the printing company informed me that the state had sent me a list of candidates that I was to put on a form ballot and send to them.

Not only that but, I was to draw the names of the candidates as to the order they would appear on the ballot. Well, kiss my grits. That was what I was trying to find out when I called the Secretary of State and the State Republican Chairman the first time.

Thanks to good people, fax machines and telephones the problem was solved. However the ballots were late arriving.

Now if you've been wondering whose fault it was for their late arrival. It's mine, "I dunnit." Beat me, flog me, hang me from the light yard arm. If you don't, I might just be forced to keep this job since no one else seems to want it.

In the meantime I wish the former chairman would move back. He certainly can have his job back along with fifty cardboard boxes of various paper materials. I'm sure he will take it back because the job pays three hundred dollars a year. By the way it won't be long until the General Election. I thought about resigning immediately after the Primary Election but I'm not. Why? Three reasons. First, I'm starting to get

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From left: Miguel Matute, EMS Director Carolyn Rutherford and Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry at the scene of the accident.

## Man dies after refusing medical attention

91 year old, Miguel Matute, the driver in a one vehicle accident last Friday, died in Uvalde later that day.

The accident occurred at 2:10 pm approximately 3 miles West of Brackettville. Matute, a resident of Uvalde, lost control of his vehicle as he was traveling east toward Brackettville.

According to an eye witness, Matute's '94 Plymouth Acclaim ran off the shoulder of the highway, over corrected and crossed the center stripe before making a second over correction. The vehicle again ran off the shoulder, over corrected, crossed in front of a tour bus and crashed into the

fence north of the highway.

Upon arrival, the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, requested EMS and wrecker service at the location.

Matute repeatedly refused medical attention, insisting he was not hurt.

The vehicle not drivable, Matute rode the bus to Uvalde. After reaching Uvalde he walked to the police station and was apparently waiting for help when someone noticed he was not breathing. He was dead on arrival at the hospital. An autopsy was ordered to determine the cause of death.

## Polling locations for the March 14th Primary election

By Dottie Cruz  
Staff Writer

Tomorrow is the final day to participate in Early Voting for the Democratic and Republican Primaries. When the County Clerk's office closes Friday at 5:00 p.m., the next available time to vote in person will be Tuesday, March 14th. That's 'Big Tuesday' for Texas voters to decide which candidate will represent them in the November general election.

As of yesterday morning, 189 Democratic and 32 Republican voters had already decided by voting early in person.

These numbers break down by

party and precinct as: Democratic/Precinct 1-77, Precinct 2-20, Precinct 3-41 and Precinct 4-51. Republican/Precinct 1-17, Precinct 2-2, Precinct 3-1, and Precinct 4-12.

There have been 121 Ballots received by mail. The count and break down are by precinct only: Precinct 1-25, Precinct 2-47, Precinct 3-41, Precinct 4-8.

There was no distinction between parties reported by the early voting clerk. Ballots by mail are accepted up to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday night.

Polling locations for the March 14th Primary Election for parties represented in Kinney County are:

Democratic/Precinct 1-Kinney County Aging Service Office at 400 South Ann Street, across from the Courthouse.

Precinct 2-Brackett I.S.D. High School Auditorium at 400 North Ann Street, across from Super S.

Precinct 3-Brackett Senior Apartments Office at 600 West Spring Street, across from Kinney County Wool & Mohair.

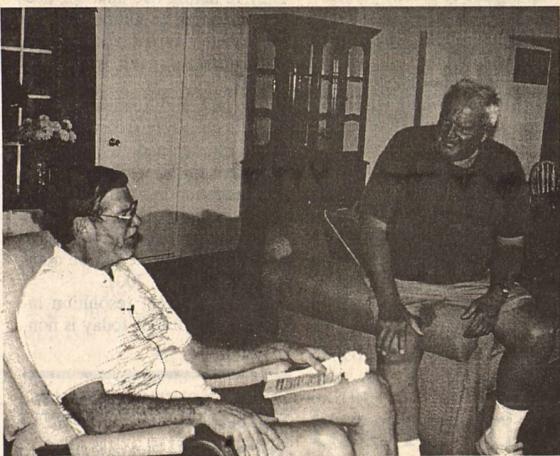
Precinct 4-Kinney County Library Annex located at East Spring Street and Ellen Street.

Republican Party will have all four precincts voting at the Kinney County Civic Center located at 200 East Spring Street in different locations throughout the center.

Along with the County Clerk and Tax Assessor-Collector Office, all polling locations are opened from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, for assisting the Precinct Judges, election workers and the public with any inquiries.

In the event of a Primary Run-off Election, please keep in mind that since the 30th day before the runoff election falls on a Sunday, March 12, 2000 is the deadline for an application to be timely received in order to be effective for the April 11th runoff election has been extended to Monday, March 13, 2000.

Any other information pertaining to the Primary Election including the expected April 11th Run-off Election should be directed to the Party's Chairperson. Mary Flores for Democrats and Ray Melton for Republicans.



From left: Rick Bacon and Hoagy Nelson rehearsing "Nuts, Bolts and Carnations", to be presented by The Old Quarry Society on March 10 and 11, at the Post Theatre on Ft. Clark.

## School Board may lose an estimated \$375,000 in state funds

By Dottie Cruz  
Staff Writer

Board members listened as Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn explained the Property Tax Division Ratio Study.

Haenn received a "Value Study" letter on June 24, 1999 from the Texas Comptrollers Property Tax Division, but didn't understand what it was about until now.

"The property value study is important both to state and local communities because it ensures equity in school funding," said Haenn. "So if you look at what we're confronted with, the Appraisal District has not performed, this was a report card and it was an 'F'."

With the help of Mick Mikulenko as Field Appraiser, Haenn outlined in writing his strategy to combat the problem.

"The monetary impact that this years study is going to have on us; well, we have a mountain to climb to get to where the state

thinks we should be - value wise," said Haenn. "Basically the prices or the value of rural land is what hurt the most."

Values need to be by law, in the 95 percentile range of market value.

"In the study it was dragging it down into the 84 percentile; 77 percentile," said Haenn.

There were 48 residences randomly checked and the appraisal values were in the 90 percentile.

"In some cases we were over 100 percent between the appraisal and sell price. In other cases we were 63 percent to 54 percent," said Haenn.

According to Haenn what would help is to find property that has not been on the tax rolls.

"We continue to discover property, to find things that have not been on the tax rolls, said Haenn.

"I'm not bashful about telling you, a simple drive down Colony Row produced 6 garages that have never been on the tax rolls," added Haenn.

A number of letters requesting

information about new property owners were mailed out the previous week and the appraisal office were receiving responses as early as the beginning the next.

"After the sell is identified by deed records. A letter goes out now to the buyer to ask, how much did you pay for your property," explained Haenn.

Along with property values not being what they should by state standards. Haenn reported on the percentile rate of utilities being at 92 percent.

"The utilities are being addressed at the Comptrollers level by Southwestern Bell and Union Pacific Railroad. They are not happy with the way the state came up with their numbers," said Haenn.

Kinney County utility appraisals are contracted out to T.Y. Pickett. Pickett is joining with Southwestern Bell and Union Pacific Railroad to fight how property tax divisions are done.

"So, if they don't resolve it by the 13th of March, which is our

deadline for protests, Pickett will file a utility portion of the School Districts protest." Haenn explained.

There is no problem with market value in the county. Rural land is selling in the county for what the appraisal district has it valued at. Averaging \$450 to \$500 per acre.

"The problem is the agricultural values. The Ag or open space appraisal were way off," said Haenn.

For four consecutive years the irrigated croplands have been priced at \$11 per acre. In 1997 it was four times higher at \$44.77.

Kinney County doesn't have a Ag Advisory Committee at this time but was mandated by law.

"An Ag Advisory Board (Committee) was mandated about 6 years ago. It should have been in place, this Advisory Board helps to assists the Chief Appraiser in that type of work," explained Mikulenko.

One source of information comes from the extension agent.

"In the case of irrigated cropland. The extension agents numbers were \$55 per acre," explained Haenn. "There's a distinct possibility that amount of irrigated cropland in the county is underestimated by the appraisal."

The extension agent has dry cropland at \$20 per acre.

"We have it at \$10 and the state has it at \$20 because that was the only data they received, from the extension agent," stated Haenn.

"With Ag prices, income hasn't changed either, in fact its getting lower," stated Board President Lloyd Lee Davis.

"My observation has been, there is less demand for grazing land and farmland than ever before. There's just not a lot of interest in it, due to the falling livestock prices mainly sheep and goats," said Board member Tim Ward.

Local values is critical to the school district, it determines the amount of state funding for each school district.

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of The Brackett News represent the media for this committee.

A representative from the Fire Department is being temporarily filled by Carolyn Rutherford. There is a vacancy of Owner/operator of Covered Facilities.

"They have done really well, I'm really thrilled with the support," said Rutherford.

"The Independent School District has made an agreement with the American Red Cross that the Red Cross would be permitted to use the schools as a sheltering area, for people coming into town that were evacuated from other areas," said Rutherford.

"Along with that comes training and that is part of the agreement. Red Cross does things a specific way and we have to get trained into how they do it and that is everybody that would be involved with it from the school," added Rutherford.

"If people are concerned about chemicals that come through here (Kinney County) or they may have in their possession and they have questions about it. That's one of the main purposes of the LEPC,

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# Got a penny?

I could be wrong!  
By Chuck Hall

There are some new memorial marble benches at our school. Stop by and view them when you get the opportunity. But be sure you also stop by and obtain a visitor's pass. Due to circumstances beyond our control it now becomes necessary for each and every guest to register. I don't like it either but it's a must. We have to protect our kids at all costs. Even if that expense is the inconvenience of fine folks with good intentions.

But back to these benches. They are very nice and memorialize some great individuals. I enjoy looking at them and recalling all of the times I spent with many of the people that have benches in their honor. I was passing by while several of them were

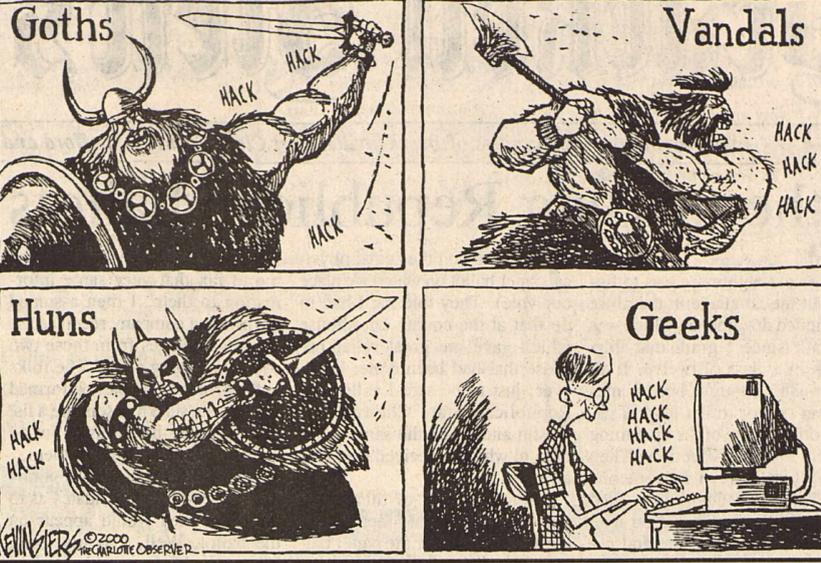
being set up. Mr. Schuster's class was doing their usual outstanding job.

Part of the process involved using penny-sized spacers between the seat and the legs. Mr. Schuster's bunch ran out of spacers.

I volunteered to get some. I stepped into the nearest classroom, which happened to be Mrs. Bader's. I told the group what I needed and they responded in true Brackett ISD fashion.

I left that room with a large handful of copper pennies. The students were eager to pitch in to help on a worthy project. One more time the student's of BHS had displayed that special pride that truly makes them unique. Once again I am glad that I am a part of the very best school system in Texas. Nothing wrong with that.

## BRINGING CIVILIZATION TO ITS KNEES...



## OSHA is rushing and the public needs to be heard

Submitted By  
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, today introduced legislation calling on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to wait for a "sound scientific basis" before allowing its proposed ergonomics regulation to take on the power of law. The resolution also calls on OSHA to extend the public comment period, so that businesses will have time to adequately voice their concerns.

"It's ridiculous for OSHA to pretend to truly include the public in the process when the comment period has only lasted a few months, and not one single hearing on the ergonomics proposal has been scheduled anywhere south of Washington, D.C.," said Bonilla. "OSHA should extend the deadline and give the public a real say." Hearings have been scheduled for Washington, D.C., Portland and Chicago.

Ergonomics refers to injuries caused by repeated motions. Scientific and medical researchers have not reached a consensus on the best ways to treat these injuries. The definition of a work related ergonomics injury also gets blurred when the initial injury is received outside of work. For example, a person who plays for a softball team might pull an arm muscle during a game, and then find that injury aggravated by typing all day at work. Under OSHA's proposal, about 1.6 million companies that employ workers in very physical jobs, such as production or manufacturing, would have to have a basic ergonomics program. Other companies are pulled into the regulation if they report a musculoskeletal injury. While OSHA claims the regulation would cost around \$4 billion, the Small Business Administration estimates the proposal will cost more than \$18 billion per year.

"OSHA is rushing to administer the medicine before the problem's fully diagnosed. They're acting like amateur doctors, guessing at solutions which we should wait for medical professionals to give us," said Bonilla.

The National Academy of Sciences is currently studying ergonomic injuries and any link they may have to the workplace. The administration has fought against this study by experts. The study was commissioned by Congress in 1998 and is expected to be completed in January 2001.

The concurrent resolution introduced by Bonilla today is non-binding.

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## Morally bankrupt entertainment industry

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

This is not as current as I would like, and normally I don't critique movies. In this case however, because of something I heard yesterday on American Family Radio, I am going to make an exception.

I don't know how many of you have seen the animated movie South Park. None of you I hope, considering the content. I haven't seen it either and I won't, but I have read the reviews. It is to all intents another nail in the coffin of moral America. Let me give you a quote from one of the reviews. This was written by a critic named James Berardinelli.

"But this production isn't all toilet humor, obscenities, and flatulence jokes. As is true of the TV series, there's a lot of subversive material to be found herein - satirical thrusts struck against a diverse array of opponents. Those include (but are not limited to) the MPAA and its ratings system, small town America, middle class "family values," traditional Judeo-Christian religious icons," and etc....

The reviewer goes on to say: "And while there aren't more than a handful of gut-busting, laugh-aloud moments, there is enough sly, slick humor to keep the average viewer chuckling throughout."

Another critic says, "South Park: Bigger Longer and Uncut is ninety minutes of nearly continuous profanity, vomiting, sexual innuendoes and (deleted) gags. It's crude, horrifying, shocking, and disturbing... and the funniest movie I've seen since 1993's Clerks."

This is unspeakably perverted. We have fallen so far in our quest

for sick, slimy, satanic thrills, that we think such filth is humorous. Now, would you like to hear what really tripped my trigger and started this piece?

When the movie was submitted for a rating the producers were informed that if they would clean it up, make it fit for viewing by a general audience to the point where it could be given a PG rating, it would make them a lot more money. Their response was that they knew that to be true, but couldn't oblige because they couldn't "betray their principles."

Principles? What principals? These men, Trey Parker and Matt Stone, have no ethics, no morals, and no values. They are interested only in tearing away at the moral foundation of the country and shocking as many of us as they can. They are tools of evil, and willingly attack anything and everything that could possibly be construed as good, wholesome, clean, or moral. They attack small town America, family values, and Christian ethics. These are the very things our society is based on. If they succeed in tearing away this base, what will this country stand on, or stand for? Perversion - evil, anarchistic, amoral, satanic, unprincipled, ungodly, un-American perversion.

This is not humor! This is not entertainment! This is not art! This is nothing more than an attack on you and me and our values. We are being told that morals and values are mere anachronisms. Outmoded, antiquated ideas from a by-gone age. We and our values are no longer needed or wanted. We are being replaced, we are told, by more enlightened, more liberal views of morality.

Hogwash! Christian family values are not now, and never will

be outmoded. The perversions touted today as enlightened views of morality are just the drug-induced dreams of sick and demented minds. There is no valid reason to produce such filth. What possible reason could there be to fill a cartoon with foul language, sexual perversion, and vicious attacks on good morals? Here we are, the Christian conservative right, trying to persuade the rest of the world that the reason for the skyrocketing crime rate, the aids epidemic, increased juvenile delinquency, and a myriad of other currently rampant social ills is that we have abandoned the Judeo-Christian-American-family based ethics that made us great, and meanwhile the morally bankrupt entertainment industry is launching an all-out offense against those very concepts.

Ephesians 5:3-5 - "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person - such a man is an idolater - has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

Stand firm, pray for guidance, and fight back. Make sure your children know the difference between humor and perversion. If you don't teach them Christian ethics, they will learn from the same sources that produced South Park. Please don't let that happen. If you don't currently belong to a church, find one as quickly as you can and take your children. Don't just drop them off for Sunday school. Make God a part of your family.

## A special day for Texans to be proud

Submitted by  
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

March 2 is a special day for Texans. It is a day that fills our hearts with pride, and it is a day for remembering what we owe to those who went before us.

On that day, 162 years ago, a solemn convention of 54 men met in the small settlement of Washington-on-the-Brazos to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The declaration stated: "We therefore, do hereby resolve and declare... that the people of Texas do now constitute a free, sovereign and independent republic..."

At the time, Texas was a remote territory of Mexico, hospitable only to the bravest and most determined of settlers. After declaring our independence, the founding delegates quickly wrote a constitution for the newborn republic and organized an interim government.

My great-great grandfather, Charles S. Taylor, was one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

As was the case when the American Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, our declaration only pointed the way toward a goal, the price of which

was enormous effort and great sacrifice.

While the convention sat in Washington-on-the-Brazos, 6,000 Mexican troops were marching on the Alamo to challenge the newly created republic. Several days earlier, from the Alamo, Colonel William Travis sent his immortal letter to the people of Texas - and to all Americans. He knew the Mexican Army was approaching, and he knew that he had only a very few men at arms to help defend the San Antonio fortress.

Colonel Travis wrote: "Fellow citizens and compatriots: I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna - I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man - the enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken - I have answered the demands with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the wall - I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and of everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days.

If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country - Victory or Death. William Barret Travis, Lt. Col., Commander."

What American, Texan or otherwise, can fail to be stirred by Col. Travis' resolve?

In the battle that followed, 184 brave men died in a heroic but vain attempt to fend off Santa Anna's overwhelming army. But the Alamo was crucial. Because those heroes at the Alamo held out for so long, Santa Anna's forces were battered and diminished. General Sam Houston gained the time he needed to muster his forces and devise a strategy to defeat Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 1836.

The Lone Star was visible on the horizon at last.

We Texans continue to commemorate the heroic times during which we won our independence, existed as a republic and finally joined the Union.

Each year on March 2nd, I read Colonel Travis' letter to my colleagues in the Senate to remind them - and all of us - of the pride Texans share in their history, and in being the only state that came into the Union as a republic.

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# Appraisal district receives Emergency Planning Committee to establish bylaws F on property value study

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 "If you do not receive what is called 'local value', assigned from the state. The appraisal district cannot perform sufficiently enough to get within that margin of error of 5 percent or even inside the lower limit they allow, the school district is penalized," explained Mick Mikulenska Field Appraiser. "You're not going to receive 'X' amount of funds. What is at stake here is not small potatoes," added Mikulenska.  
 The issue here is Brackett ISD could lose an estimated \$375,000 in state funding.  
 "Non performance of recalculating of AG, can devastate your state funding," said Mikulenska.  
 For instance land is reported as being leased out at \$15 an acre and it should be \$55 per acre.  
 "Whatever it is, pasture land or irrigated land, dry land, cropland or wasteland. Whatever it's leasing for. If that number is different then that number has to be adjusted," added Mikulenska.  
 The appraisal district will file a protest about the findings the state reported in the study.  
 Haenn reported an appraisal notice will be going out in May to notify people of a MUD tax that

will be on their tax notices.  
 "Myself and the District Attorney will be meeting with the MUD Board to hopefully set this in motion so the appraisal notice that goes out to everyone, will include that MUD tax," said Haenn.

## Water puzzle: putting the pieces together

COLLEGE STATION - Experts will be putting the pieces of the water puzzle together for city and county officials and interested citizens at a workshop on April 19 at the San Marcos Activity Center.

Its purpose is to provide decision makers with information enabling them to make effective management decisions concerning their communities' future water needs. According to Dr. Bruce Lesikar, "We're in the middle of the regional planning process that will decide how we're going to manage our water in the future." "Policy makers need to understand all of their options when making decisions. For instance, they can see how other states have approached their planning effort. They can take advantage of what's already known," Lesikar said.

The workshop begins at 8:30 a.m.

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said Rutherford. "The secondary function is Emergency Planning and is responsible for reviewing that program and maintaining it."

The different areas of expertise the committee members bring to the meeting are unique because

Private planners and public officials will discuss wise water planning, recycling and reuse of waste water, legal responsibilities, marketing groundwater, supply options, conveyance devices, brush removal, home conservation, land management planning, drought management and subdivision restrictions.

Preregistration is \$40 if paid before April 1. After that date, the registration fee is \$50. The workshop is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, City of San Marcos, Southwest Texas State University, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Heart of Texas Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Further information is available from Billy Kniffen, Hays County Extension agent, (512) 393-2120, or from the Southwest Texas District Extension office, (830) 278-9151.

they each represent a piece of the puzzle that will make up the entire local emergency plan. The combining of their plans that are already in place can be organized into one 'Emergency Plan' that would be beneficial for the entire county as a whole.

"We work with businesses and community organizations that have their own emergency plans. One of the best ones I've ever seen in my whole life came from the Independent School District," said

Rutherford. "It is easy to read, its assessable, its in multicolored sections that you can flip over to it quickly, its short and easy to understand," added Rutherford.

The committee is in the process of establishing Bylaws. Each member received a handbook the state provides that explains LEPC functions and sample Bylaws. The committee can take them or change them to accommodate the needs of our county.

"That's our next big goal. We will have them in place so when the state comes back they can say the LEPC is in good shape," explained Rutherford.

Hernandez and Fritter committed their resources to help install the poles and attach the 911 signs needed to identify roadways outside of any incorporated areas in the county. EMS employee Michelle Rosas will be making the signs with a hand pressing device.

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

**Monday, February 28**  
 3:55 p.m., A Ft. Clark resident reported the driver of a Brackett Independent School District school bus was driving over the posted speed limit. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter reported the woman would be glad to talk to Superintendent Taylor Stephenson.

**Tuesday, February 29**  
 7:57 a.m., A mother reported her daughter had not come home all night. Deputy Bobby Guidry went and looked for the girl, couldn't locate her. The mother called in at 8:15 a.m. stating her daughter had returned home.

8:30 a.m., A Jones Elementary School employee reported two students truant and where they could be found. Deputy Guidry located the students and transported them back to school.

10:15 a.m., Reserve Deputy Manny Pena reported a white Ford truck traveling on Hwy 334 had lost a piece of sheet metal. The Texas Department of Transportation was advised of the situation.

1:05 p.m., A local business called and requested a local man be advised never to come back into the store or the manager would file charges for criminal trespass. Deputy Guidry spoke with subject and he agreed to stay away from the store.

7:40 p.m., A fire was reported at Shorty's Cafe on Hwy 90 West.

8:01 p.m., A local man reported hitting a deer. Deputy Karl Chism gave the form needed for the man's insurance company.  
 8:43 p.m., Unit 108 reported a blue and white truck was sounding a siren in order to get other vehicles to move out of the way. Deputy Chism patrolled but never located the vehicle and didn't receive any other calls concerning it.

9:58 p.m., A cellular phone call reported a gray vehicle driving recklessly around the baseball field. Deputy Chism was notified.

11:10 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol Checkpoint East on Hwy 90 reported a motorist had hit a deer. His vehicle was drivable but needed an accident report for his insurance. Motorist came in person to the Sheriff's Department to pick up form.

**Wednesday, March 1**  
 A local woman reported her cellular phone had been stolen. She noticed her phone was gone on Sunday.

10:05 a.m., An employee with the Housing Authority called and reported someone had gained access to an empty apartment over the weekend and had been smoking marijuana and had left evidence behind. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter went to investigate.

2:45 p.m., The Uvalde Police Department alerted Kinney

County Sheriffs' Department to be on the lookout for a dark Brown truck with two subjects with possible drugs in the vehicle. Trooper Slubar was notified of the situation and later was alerted Uvalde Police had located the truck.

4:23 p.m., A local woman reported a vehicle in tow did not have a license plate. Local wrecker service was informed of the situation.

**Thursday, March 2**  
 8:45 a.m., Mariano Gomez, 25 from Fort Worth was arrested by U. S. Border Patrol Agent V.M. Saucedo for an outstanding warrant from Ft. Worth for DWI. As of Monday morning he was still being held in the Kinney County Jail.

3:55 p.m., A local woman reported an 18 wheel truck was driving on Hwy 90 West from Del Rio was taking up both lanes. Informed Chief Deputy Fritter and Del Rio-DPS. Fritter went to county line and did not locate truck.

5:53 p.m., A local rancher was notified his sheep were out of their fenced in area.

6:36 p.m., A local man brought in a license plate that belonged to a woman that lived in Ozona.

**Friday, March 3**  
 2:10 p.m., A cellular caller reported a one vehicle accident located approximately 3 miles West on Hwy 90. EMS and wrecker service was requested to the location.

4:50 p.m., Trooper Ashley requested assistance from Deputies Guidry and Robinson to help transport subjects and their vehicles to the Sheriff's Department.

5:45 p.m., Edwards County Sheriff's Department reported a girl had been hit by a vehicle on road going to Campwood. Trooper Wylie was sent to the location. Real County EMS was also

dispatched.  
 6:17 p.m., Debra Ann Arriola, 37 was arrested by Trooper Ashley for DWI 1st offense. Arriola bonded out the same day.

**Saturday, March 4**  
 10:10 a.m., Roland James Sustaita, 34 from Macdonna, Texas was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for speeding - failed to appear. As of Monday morning Sustaita was still being held in the Kinney County Jail.

3:30 p.m., Jo Ann Payne Reid, 53 from Belton, TX was arrested by Trooper Ashley for driving while license suspended. Reid bonded out the same day.

6:07 p.m., A local woman reported a black pick-up was speeding on Gove Street. Notified Police Chief Ron Ring of the situation.

7:35 p.m., The Jailer from Kinney County Sheriff's Department requested assistance from Deputy Guidry and Mendeke for a woman that was choking on something. EMS was enroute. As the deputies entered and found the woman, she dislodged whatever she was choking on. EMS arrived and took over the situation.

**Sunday, March 5**  
 12:46 a.m., An agent from the U.S. Border Patrol Checkpoint East of Brackettville requested a Deputy or DPS to their location because someone had jumped off a train. Trooper Wylie and EMS was notified.

**Monday, March 6**  
 12:45 a.m., Shaver Park Police Department called and asking if a local man had been reported missing. The sister of the subject was located and explained her brother had caused some problems at a Broadway Bank and got out of her car. She was notified where to pick him up and would do so. He is considered dangerous when he is off his medicine.

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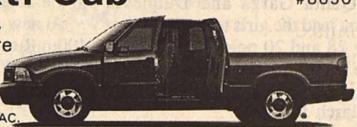
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# Tracksters open season with a bang

Brackett Independent School District's Track program had an outstanding first track meet. For the high school, the Tigers claimed Division II team Championship at the Queen City Relays in Del Rio. The Tigerettes were runners-up in Division IV. At the junior high level, the boys placed third and the girls won the Team Championship at the Angora Relays in Rocksprings.

Damien Toms and Steven Hagler led the boys team by claiming 35 and 25 points. Damien won the 100 meter dash with a 11.62. He set a new meet record on Friday with a 11.36 in the preliminary heat. He took another first and set another record in the 200 meters with a 24.51. He also broke a record in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet 3 1/4 inches.

Steven Hagler also set two new records and claimed two gold medals. In the shot putt. Steven took first with a throw of 40 feet 10 inches. In the discus, Steven beat the old record by 9 feet with a throw of 125 feet 8 inches.

Both Hagler and Toms were members of the winning 400 meter relay.

Queta Garza and Duquessa Hunt lead the girls teams by claiming 28 and 20 points. Garza won the triple jump with a distance of

29 feet 5 inches. She also placed third in the long jump, third in the 400 meter Relay, second in the 800 meter Relay and first in the 1600 meter Relay. Duquessa Hunt won the 1600 meter run with a new meet record of 6:21. She also placed third in the high jump and second in the 2 mile relay.

Team highlights at the Queen City Relays in Del Rio: High School/Boys placed 1st with 136 points.

400 m Relay Team won 1st place with a 46.52. The team was Steven Hagler, Jared Hobbs, Raymond Gomez and Damien Toms. In the 1600 Relay, Crow, Hidalgo, Hobbs and Palomo were 4th. In the 3200 Relay Brackett came in 3rd with runners Thomas Crow, James Burks, Isaac Gutierrez and Boyd Brotherton.

110 Hurdles- In 1st place with 18.26 points was Sam Hunt and in 2nd place with 19.3 points was Chris Polomo. 300 Hurdles - Sam Hunt took 5th place with 46.39 and Chris Polomo was 6th with 47.96.

In the 100m Dash - Jared Hobbs was in 3rd place with 12:12. Juan Hidalgo was 4th place in the 200m Dash with 25.81.

A new record was set in the 400m Run by Thomas Crow who was in 1st place with 54.48. In

the 1600m Run- 5th place went to T.D. Smith and in the 3200m Run James Burks was in 5th place, with Isaac Gutierrez in 6th.

High School Girls team brought home 2nd place.

3200m Run - Nicole Mata came in 1st with 14:39. 800m Run- Lacy Dodson was 5th. In the 400m Run - Melinda Villarreal was 1st with 66.37 and Leslie Meyer placed 6th.

The 400m Relay Brackett's Queta Garza, Tammi Smith, Julie Juarez and Cuddy DelosSantos placed 3rd with 56.3. In the 800m Relay the same team placed 2nd.

In the 1600m Relay- Queta Garza, Melinda Villarreal, Tammi Smith and Cuddy DelosSantos was the team in 1st place with the time of 4:32. In the 3200m Relay Brackett team placed 2nd with Lacey Dodson, Duquessa Hunt, Leslie Meyer and Brittney Shewbart.

The 100m Dash- Candace Ingram was 3rd place with a time of 14.74 and in 5th place was Jennifer Nickerson. In the 200m Dash- Julie Juarez had a time of 30.13 which put her in 4th place.

A new record was set in the High Jump by 1st place jumper Leslie Meyer with a clearance of 4 feet 10 inches. 1st place was also taken by Queta Garza in the Triple Jump with a total of 29 feet 5 inches. Susanah Davis was 5th place in the Shot Put toss.

Rocksprings was the site where

the Brackett Jr. High school boys and girls received several medals the same day.

Team results included Brackett Jr. High placing Third overall.

Highlights of the top three places received medals and were reported by first names only:

400m Relay- Nathan, Dietrich, T.J. and Beau with 3rd Place.

200m-Beau placed 2nd. 100m-Nathan placed 1st. 110m HH-Beau placed 3rd. 800m Omar was in 1st place. In Discus 1st place went to Jason. Jason also came in 3rd with the Shot Put.

The Brackett Boys team came in 4th place in the Mile Relay. 4th place went to Nathan and 5th place went to T.J. in the High Jump competition. Dietrich was 4th place in the 110 HH.

Brackett Jr. High School Girls Team brought home several medals and were reported by first names only:

In 1600m- Julianne placed 2nd and Sabrina was in 3rd place. Then in the 1600m Relay the Brackett Team was 1st with Ashley, Sarah, Stephanie B. and Stephanie C. In the 3200m-Julianne placed 2nd.

In the 100m H-Celeste was 1st and Ashley was 2nd.

In the 200m- 2nd place went to Celeste and then in the 800m-Stephanie C. was 2nd. Finally in 300m H- Ashley placed 3rd.

Celeste brought home 1st place in the High Jump Competition.



## Schmidt and Rose to Wed

Ashley Rose, the daughter of Major and Mrs. Bowen Rose, Jr. of Mason Neck, Virginia, and Eric Schmidt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidt of San Antonio, Texas, are engaged to be married.

the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schmidt of D'Hanis, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haller of Brackettville, Texas.

The couple is currently attending Abilene Christian University and both are majoring in Music Education. The bride-elect will be graduating in early May.

The couple plan a July 1st wedding at Northwest Church of Christ in San Antonio, Texas.

## The missing ballots

Continued from Page 1

"the hang of things." Second, poor Dora Sandoval can't take the pressure and strain of training someone else. The third reason for not resigning is that I'm a kind, gentle fellow who wouldn't wish

this job on anyone, unless they believed and were willing to sacrifice time, energy and money, for everyone privileged to vote. Thanks for your patience. Ray (I dunnit) Melton, Chairman Kinney County Republican Party.

March 10, 2000  
This is the ballot for replacement of 4 Chamber of Commerce Board of Director Positions coming open for 2000. Please show your approval of the following nominees by marking four or writing in your own nominees. *Ballots must be returned for tallying by March 31st.* If you are a member in good standing of the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, please send your marked ballot to:

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# Ag Mechanics students win two Blue Ribbons

Making a Difference  
By Taylor Stephenson

Spring Break at BISD, March 13 to March 17! It finally arrived and students and staff are excited about the time to travel, rest and get away from the grind a few days. School will resume on Monday, March 20.

In a March 1, 2000, issue of The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches the following was written: "The AA Brackett Tigers, located in Brackettville west of San Antonio, cruised to a 16-8 record this year and made the boys playoffs, something they hadn't

done since 1985. They are coached by Jimmy Thomas, now in his second season. According to interested observers, the Brackett boys "believe they are going to win every time they take the floor!" That's a nice compliment for players and coaches. Congratulations.

How about John Paul Schuster's Ag Mechanics classes at BHS? They built two trailers, one 20 foot low boy, and a 12 footer for school maintenance.

The Class of six students accompanied by Chuck Hall and John Paul Schuster took the trail-

ers to competition in Houston this past weekend and came home with two Blue Ribbons! The trailers were well built and are a compliment to Schuster and his well trained Ag Mechanics classes. The trip included a visit to the Astrodome, to a rodeo as well as eating some great coast sea food. Good job!

Thank you to the staff at Jones Elementary School for hosting the Open House last Tuesday. Parents, staff and students enjoyed the chance to see a fine school show off its product, student work.

The Junior High and High

School will be holding a couple of parents meetings this next month or two with topics ranging from TAAS changes for seventh graders and drug abuse.

We were short a judge for the Science Fair a couple of weeks ago. I called John Harrell, Uvalde Superintendent and asked for help. Harrell sent a wonderful science teacher from Uvalde High School named Valerie Pena to help judge our fair. Ms. Pena is a fine representative of the Uvalde School System. She's also very knowledgeable in science. We're very appreciative of the efforts from Valerie and John.

Have you checked out the new sidewalks and concrete slab in front of the Annex (across from Super S).

We plan to place about 3 of the new memorial benches and a picnic table on the slab. Students are proud of the improvements. This improvement is part of the school board's master plan to improve the looks of the school campus.

This Saturday, we'll fly to Missouri to visit our son, Michael and his family. We can't wait to see the little grandson! Have a great week.

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## Tigers take D'Hanis

The Brackett Tigers took on the D'Hanis Cowboys on Tuesday night in Brackett. It was the home opener for the Brackett Tigers. The D'Hanis Cowboys got off to a two nothing lead in the first inning. The Tigers scored two in the bottom of the second inning and five runs in the the third and one more in the fourth.

The Tigers extended their lead 8-3 in the fourth with a Alex DeLeon home run. The Cowboys came back in the fifth to score eight runs to take a 11-8 lead, but the Tigers scored four runs in the fifth to take a 12-11 lead. The Tigers put it away in the bottom of the sixth inning, scoring three runs, which gave the Tigers a 15-11 victory. The winning pitcher was John Wylie with 1W-1L.

## Tigers 1-2 at Natalia

The Tigers were invited to a Dilley tournament on March 2nd and 3rd.

The first game was against the Natalia Mustangs. The final score was Natalia 16, Brackett 13.

The second game was against the LaPryor Bulldogs. The Tigers played very hard but did not get the victory they lost 10 to 5.

The last game was played against the Dilley Wolves on Friday, March 3th and the Wolves were victorious in five innings 10-0. Team Record 2W-5L.

## Empowering families for the new millennium

By Dr. Donald Smith  
Contributing Writer

Families today need empowerment if they are to survive into the new millennium. This is the theme of a series of sessions for parents which will be presented at Jones Elementary School. The dates will be March 20th, 27th and April 3rd and 17th. These dates are on Monday evenings. Times will be from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Childcare and refreshments will be provided at the school.

The series is being presented at no cost to participants as a community partnership effort between Jones Elementary School and the St. Henry deOsso Family Project. Sessions will be in English and Spanish. The English sessions will be taught by Dr. Donald Smith. The Spanish sessions will be taught by Dr. Anita Torres Smith. The Smith's are retired educators living at Ft. Clark Springs.

Sign up forms can be obtained at the Principal's office at Jones Elementary School or at the Causals Plus store. Many of the Churches also have forms available. Parents, young adults contemplating marriage or married

young adults without children as well as grandparent caregivers are encouraged to attend. Others interested in this theme such as law enforcement, public officials, pastors and other religious workers are welcome.

We are living in violent and unprincipled times. Children are killing other children, parents are killing their children, are abandoned by adults to the care of television, computer games and websites. Children are giving birth to children and sexually transmitted disease spreads most rapidly among teenagers. Children are being prescribed medications to speed them up or to slow them down.

To build for success in the new millennium we need strong families, strong faith, and strong education. Come to the sessions and commit yourself to becoming part of the solution. Change comes one family at a time. It doesn't take a village to raise a child; it takes a family.

Volunteers are needed to help with the childcare. For information or to volunteer, call the Smiths at 563-2285 of the Jones Elementary School office at 563-2491 ext. 2.

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MAGIC MAZE — CART

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Apple	Farm	Hot dog	Tea
Beverage	Grocery	Pastry	Tip
Coffee	Hand	Push	Wine
Dog	Horse	Shopping	

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Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your natural leadership qualities will be put to the test when a workplace situation threatens to turn from turmoil to real trouble. Expect someone to block your way.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Knowing what to say and when to say it is one of your strengths. Use it wisely when confronting those who are looking to see if you will meet their requirements for a special workplace project.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The arts are highly favored at this time. Even if you don't plan to outpaint Picasso, spend some time at a museum or gallery. It will help get those soothing endorphins flowing.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Learn to let go! Your need to hold onto grudges keeps you from reaching out to more rewarding relationships. You can start now to make a better future.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A night out or a weekend away is like catnip for a winter-weary kitty who needs some cheering up. Enjoy a fun time with close friends or, better yet, with just one very special someone.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) It's not too early to plan your spring wardrobe. You'll need a few special outfits for those special occasions that will be coming your way. A phone call from an old friend reignites those once warm feelings.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A chance to enhance your skills gives you the edge when a new opportunity opens up. A family member reveals a secret that could change how you feel about another relative.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It's a good time to go through things that you've stored away. Share some precious mementos with family members. A long-lost letter gives you a chance to re-establish an old relationship.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Looking for a change in the direction your life is taking is like looking for loose change under your sofa pillows. It's all there waiting to be found — just as soon as you start your search.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Don't be so thin-skinned where a friend's comments are involved. Instead of storming off in high dudgeon, stop to listen to some of the best advice you've had in a while.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're entering a relatively quiet period. This gives you a chance to refresh, both body and soul before things begin to bubble and boil again. Your family responds to the quality time you've been sharing with them.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your renewed immersion in a more active social life is already paying off with new friendships. Someone calls to give you important information you might be able to put to good use in your career.

**YOU WERE BORN THIS WEEK:** You like solitude. But you also enjoy being with family and good friends. You love to put your thoughts into writing. Your eye for detail makes you an exceptional diarist. You would also excel as a journalist.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hand is not showing. 2. Whisker is different. 3. Window is bigger. 4. Hair is different. 5. Bush is smaller. 6. Belt is added.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

March 9.....Johanna Smith	March 10...Woodie F. Trotter
March 10.....Delma Benites	March 11.....Margo Kendrick
March 10.....Jesse Davis	March 12.....Connie Hall
March 10.....Joe Escamilla	March 12.....Christina Meek
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# Late 1700's, Methodism Thank God for America has its first woman pastor

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

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was the fifteenth child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. His brother Charles, the great hymn writer, was the eighteenth and next to the last of the children. So, one would think, "Here is a great example of the little stay-at-home-barefoot-and-pregnant woman of the old school." Nothing could be farther from the truth. Though John and Charles' father Samuel was a country rector in the Anglican Church (Church of England), Susanna was of more influence in their lives.

Susanna often led Bible study for the women of the parish in the rectory at Epworth. She also home schooled all eleven of the children that did not die in infancy. When John and Charles went off to

school, first to London at age 11 and then on to Oxford at age 17, it was their mother's tutoring which had prepared them for scholastic pursuit and eventually holy orders within the Church.

Late in John Wesley's life, after Methodism (initially just the poor folks version of the Church of England) had been exported to "The Colonies," John was faced with many attacks from within the Church of England (he never left the Church) and from within the Methodist Societies. One of these confrontations was related to a woman who was leading one of the "societies" (like a "home church") and who was beginning to "exhort" (preach) at the meetings. John had specifically forbid women within the societies to do more than read and explain scripture. When John was trying to determine just how to respond to

the brazen disregard of his "rules" (and he was a strict pastor), he asked Susanna for her advice. Always outspoken, Susanna responded by suggesting that "this woman" might just have more spiritual insight to offer than even John himself. John did not restrict the woman's "exhortations" based on this advice from his mom. And thus, in the late 1700's, Methodism has its first woman pastor (though she was a lay preacher and not an ordained minister).

On Sunday, First United Methodist Church will celebrate Women in Ministry as part of Women's History Month. Come join us at 10:45 am (Bible School at 9:45) as Sister Judith Adams of St. John's Missionary Baptist Church brings our message of hope through Christ.

*Gateway Ministries  
By Pastor Charolette Cory*

Driving to Guadalajara, Mexico, and back gave my husband and I a wake up call to the conditions around us in the world. We have lived in an area that has clean air, clean streets, and is basically a small, clean town and have taken it for granted. The same thing can happen with our attitude towards God's love and blessings.

I could not understand how people can live in conditions where there is extreme pollution, poverty and an environment of fear, sexual perversion, witchcraft, and control. Then, God reminded me of the story about cooking a live frog. If it is dropped into a pot that is already extremely heated, it will jump out, but if you put it in at room temperature and let it slowly heat up, it will not realize it is being cooked alive until too late. Satan uses the same strategy on people. If you put them in conditions where they have ease or can tolerate where they are, pour over them the water of apathy and slowly, very slowly turn up the heat, they won't know that they've been spiritually "cooked" until too late. Our country needs to be aware that it could happen to us too.

Thank God that all things that are temporal are subject to change and that greater is the power of God within us than the power of the devil in this world.

Each one of us can make a difference. It is simply a matter of stopping the apathy and getting busy with prayer and listening to the voice of God. My heart will

surely continue to cry out in behalf of the people of Mexico. They are precious people and we were treated well everywhere we went. God protected us in situations where they could not understand our language and we could not understand theirs, but the love of God prevailed.

I was not used to the many checkpoints where at each place a person or several people were wearing uniforms and carrying "oozies" or high-powered rifles; where another person could mistake a move we made and feel like they had the right to shoot us. It kept my husband and I in prayer at all times. We remembered that "no weapon formed against us shall prosper" and that the 91st Psalm was as effective today as in the past.

At the same time, I thank God for America; even at its worst, we are still so much more blessed than other nations. One's view of the world changes when you see it first-hand instead of on TV or in a book.

It then becomes personal. When you see how apathy can be as dangerous as a bullet or a gas chamber, it causes you to make choices. Our choices now center around caring not only for the people we know, but also for the people we don't know and their hearts' cries. We join our prayers with the thousands of Christians that live in Mexico, please also choose to put them on your prayer list. You can help make a difference.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

## Church is alive and growing

*Frontier Baptist Church  
By Pastor Dave Crowe*

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You could be a viable part of our church family. Believe me, when I say that we need you, just as badly as you need us or rather what God is waiting to give you. Only through God's love can we strengthen one another and be a blessing to one another.

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Come grow with us. Everyone is welcome, and I do mean everyone. We're all sinners and we all need God, He is the only answer. We at the Frontier Baptist Church are not judgmental, whatever your sins are! That's between you and God.

We do not care about your race, social standing, or financial status, if we can help in any way we will. You are a child of God, just as we are. Allowing God to lead us, that is the key, that opens the door between God and us.

The congregation at Frontier Baptist Church are dedicated to

serving Him and doing His work. We praise and glorify His name, love and worship Him. We give thanks to Him from whom all blessings flow. We ask daily that He forgive us of our sins and trespasses. We live with the knowledge that we are both forgiven and loved, and you can too.

The doors of our Church and of heaven are open to you. Please come and worship with us on Sunday, if not, please think about it, please.

## Hold thou me up

*St. John's Missionary Church  
Pastor William P. Adams*

I hate vain thought, but thy law do I love.

Thou art my hiding place and my shield; I hope in thy word.

Depart from me, ye evildoers; for I will keep thy commandments of my God.

Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe; and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

Thou hast trodden down all those who err from thy statutes; for their deceit is falsehood.

Thou puttest away all thy wicked of the earth like dross; therefore, I love thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee, and I am afraid of thy judgments.

I have executed justice and righteousness; Leave me not to mine oppressors.

Be surety for thy servant for good; Let not the proud oppress me.

Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for thee, Lord, to work; for they have made void thy law.

Therefore, I love thy commandments above gold; yea above fine gold.

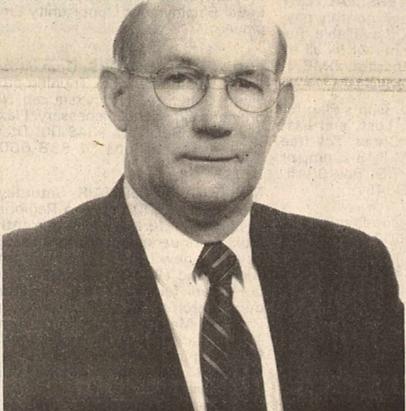
Therefore, I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right, and I hate every false way. Psalms 119: 113-128 Praise God!

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CALL OF ELECTION.** J.B. Herndon, in my capacity as Mayor of the City of Spofford, Texas do hereby order that an election be held in said City on the 6th day of May, 2000 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and five (5) Alderman to serve on the City Council from May, 2000 to May, 2004. The polling place for the election will be City Hall, Spofford, Texas. The poll will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the County Library, Brackettville, Texas between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Beginning April 19, 2000 and ending May 2, 2000. Sara S. Terrazas, City Clerk is hereby appointed Clerk for early voting. In election Precinct No. four at City Hall building in the City of Spofford, Texas, Paulita Solis is hereby appointed as Presiding Judge and she will appoint two clerks to assist her. The Presiding Judge and the two clerks will be paid \$5.15 per hour. Hours must not exceed maximum hours required by law.

The first day that candidates are permitted to file their application for a place on the ballot will be February 21, 2000. The last day for candidates to file application for a place on the ballot is March 22, 2000. It is the responsibility of the candidates to have all paperwork filled out, notarized and in the hands of the City Clerk before 5:00 p.m. no exceptions.

The drawing for place on ballot to determine the order in which names for candidates are to be printed on the ballot for May 6, 2000 Election will be held on March 23, at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall, Spofford, Texas.

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