

EARLY MORNING FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Fire engulfed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Paniagua Sr. of Tahoka during the early morning hours of New Year's Day. The retired couple awoke to smoke-filled rooms and escaped unharmed from their home, but lost everything in the fire. The photo at right shows an interior view of the mobile home at 1721 South 7th, showing a charred bed from a bedroom on the east side of the home, and the photo at left shows gaping holes left by the fire and scattered debris.



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IF YOU ARE a short person, says the *Ladies Birthday Almanac* for 1999, "wear all one color or mix soft tones. Bold, contrasting colors tend to 'chop up your body'."

The day I read that, I was wearing a bright yellow shirt and medium blue pants, black socks and off-white shoes and, after I read it, a red face.

Maybe I shouldn't have been reading this book for ladies, anyway, but if the advice is good for ladies, it probably is the same for short men.

I conclude from this that tall persons can wear any color combinations they want to, probably because they are big enough to get away with it, without fear of being challenged. Just look at Dennis Rodman (if you can stand it).

This almanac, which comes as a supplement to the Cardui calendar, is full of information, some possibly useful and some highly questionable.

There's an advertisement about a book called *Free for Seniors*, only it's not free. It costs \$14.95.

A chart tells you when will be the best times to go fishing this year. Of course, the best time to go fishing is whenever you can get away.

There's an ad for herbs, ginseng and other products which will help you lose weight, cure cancer, help diabetics, and give you vitality and strength. Included are bottles of "footbath liquid" and bars of "defat scented seaweed soap."

There's a page called "Lunar Fishing Guide," for anyone who wants to go fishing on the moon.

Hints to Farmers and gardeners are "based on the maxims of ancient astrologers." For example, it says plants, trees and vegetables planted "at the New of the Moon will grow vigorously." Also, it advises:

"Pick apples and pears in the Full of the Moon, as astrologers says that the bruised spots will then dry up; but that, if picked in the New of the Moon, the spots will rot."

(However, just remember that when you're out there picking fruit under a full moon, that's the time when the Wolf Man's beard starts growing and he could come around and spoil your whole evening).

One thing I did learn from the almanac was an explanation of the phrase "Dog Days." This, says the publication, is the name applied by the ancients to the hottest season of the year—40 days in July and August when the sun rose about the same time as the Dog Star, Sirius. It was also believed that dogs more frequently had rabies at that time.

I never knew a dog that had rabies more than once. And I was only vaguely aware that there was a dog star other than Pluto. Don't laugh, you Mickey Mouse fans, this is a Sirius discussion.



SURFING THE INTERNET - Librarian Shirley Draper observes as Katy Huffaker goes on-line at the City-County Library's computer system which provides free public access to the Internet. Two computers offer Internet access for patrons of the library, providing a wide range of information on an almost limitless variety of topics. (LCN PHOTO)

The almanac includes some really dumb things, like an ad for a talisman which will "make the Devil run and keep enemies away...stops witchcraft and all evil" and costs \$12.95, with a 24-inch chain for your neck. It also includes some very good advice, the best of which are these 12 Thoughts for the Day:

1. Find pleasure in simple things.
2. Make the most of your circumstances.
3. Don't take yourself too seriously.
4. Know that you can't please everybody.
5. Be yourself. Don't let others set your standards.
6. Do things that you enjoy doing.
7. Don't borrow trouble.
8. Avoid people who make you unhappy.
9. Develop many interests.
10. Keep busy at something.
11. Don't brood over sorrows and mistakes.
12. Do what you can for others.

New Year's Day Fire Destroys Home Here

It was barely three hours into the new year, Jan. 1, 1999, when 70-year-old Elias Paniagua Sr. of Tahoka awoke to find his home filled with smoke, with flames engulfing the far side of the mobile home at 1721 South 7th Street. He and his wife, Gregoria, escaped unharmed from their home and called the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department at approximately 3 a.m., but the fire had already engulfed much of the home. Firefighters doused the flames as quickly as possible, but the couple's home was a total loss, according to family members.

All furniture, clothing and personal items were destroyed by fire or smoke, and family members say Mr. and Mrs. Paniagua did not have any

insurance on the home or belongings.

The 70-year-old Paniagua is retired, as is his wife, age 64, and both rely heavily on Social Security, living on a fixed income. Local fire officials contacted the American Red Cross to help with immediate assistance to the family, with food and clothing.

The couple is staying temporarily with relatives, at 2109 38th Street, Lubbock, TX 79412, and can be reached at (806) 744-7636.

Donations will be very appreciated by the family, and can be given to the Elias Paniagua Sr. Catastrophe Fund at any Norwest Bank Branch (account #4231195528) or at First National Bank of Tahoka.

Domestic, Teen Violence Cases Reported Here

Domestic violence, teenage girls fighting each other, and mistreatment of an elderly woman were among incidents investigated by Tahoka Police Dept. during the last week.

An 82-year-old Tahoka woman reported being physically and verbally abused by her 21-year-old granddaughter. The most recent incident, in which the younger woman apparently struck her grandmother on the back and spit in her face Dec. 28, was reported to police by Adult Protective Services.

A fight between girls age 15 and 17 on a convenience store parking lot on Main St. Tuesday night brought officers to the scene. There were no injuries, but details of the case were forwarded to the city judge and juvenile probation office. Another teenage girl said her pickup was damaged when the door of another vehicle was pushed into her vehicle during the altercation.

A 24-year-old Amarillo man was jailed on warrants from that city after he was stopped for speeding on US 87.

Also jailed during the last week were four persons for driving while intoxicated (DWI) first offense, one for possession of a controlled substance under 5 pounds and over 4

ounces plus possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and 5 other persons on charges of criminal mischief, felony DWI plus failure to appear on charges of driving while license suspended, DWI third offense or more, failure to identify to a peace officer plus traffic warrant from Lubbock County, and warrants on speeding plus no liability insurance.

During December, dispatchers at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office answered 246 calls, including 105 for the county, 99 for Tahoka Police Dept., 20 for O'Donnell police, 14 for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulances, and 8 for fires.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 30	71	29	
Dec. 31	52	29	
Jan. 1	67	32	
Jan. 2	39	30	
Jan. 3	34	23	
Jan. 4	43	17	
Jan. 5	71	17	
Total Precip. 1999 to date: 0"			
Total Precip. for 1998: 11.98"			
Total Precip. for 1997: 25.31"			

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STORK REPORT

Kary and Clayton Laws of Lubbock announce the birth of a daughter, Kailey Brooke, born Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Larry and Karon Durham of New Home and Terry and Sandra Laws of Grassland. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards of New Home, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Laws of Grassland and Mrs. Idrys Davis of Tahoka. Great-great-grandmother is Ida Mae Edwards of New Home.

Danny and Nikky Alvarado of Tahoka announce the birth of a son, Daniel Ryan Alvarado, born at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, in Lynn County Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long.

He has a six year old brother, Troy Allen.

Grandparents are Joe and Margie Leal and Jessie Alvarado, all of Tahoka and Gertrude Alvarado of Pasadena.

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*Happy Birthday,
Rachel*

*Love --
Bruce, Kaitlyn,
and Curry*

Cancer Society Board To Meet

The Lynn County Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at noon Monday at the Lynn County Hospital Board Room.

"Anyone interested in joining the board is invited to attend the meeting," stated Vondell Elliott, president. "We are currently working on two different fundraisers — the Barn Dance which will be held January 23rd; and a Relay For Life to be held in early June," she added.

All board members are volunteers; the board meets approximately six times a year.

BBQ, Auction Set In Wilson Sunday, Jan. 17

The Wilson Livestock Association is hosting their annual Barbecue and Auction on Sunday, Jan. 17 in the Wilson school cafeteria. The event will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Cost of the meal is \$6 per plate for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Cabral Receives Degree From Kansas State

Jennifer Cabral, daughter of Herman and Judy Freeman of Tahoka and Al and Diane Cabral of Manhattan, Kansas, recently received a Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University.

Ms. Cabral's degree was in Psychology with a secondary major in Women's Studies.

The following names were inadvertently left off the Phebe K. Warner Christmas Greeting ad:

Ma Hill
Gerald & Linda Huffaker,
Tiffany & Christy



HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATION — Jay Dee House, chairman of the Lynn County Harvest Festival committee, presents a check from the Harvest Festival for \$500 to the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program. Accepting the check is Janet Porterfield. This Christmas, the program provided gifts for 243 needy children in Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell. (LCN PHOTO)

Sign-Ups Set For Boys Little Dribblers

The Tahoka Boys Little Dribbler's basketball season will begin for all boys in third through sixth grades with three sign-up dates.

The first date will be this Friday, Jan. 8 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Additional dates will be Tuesday, Jan. 12 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Lyntegar Meeting Room and Friday, Jan. 15 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Cost to play will be \$15. Cost for each additional child in the same family will be \$10. Boys must be accompanied by a parent and must bring their birth certificates to registration.

Tahoka School Menu

January 11-15
Monday: Sausage, Biscuit, Apple Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Donuts, Pineapple Chunks, Milk.
Wednesday: Sausage & Egg Burrito, Pineapple Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Cinnamon Roll, Pears, Milk.
Friday: Cereal, Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch
Monday: Corn dogs, Sliced Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Orange Slices, Milk.
Tuesday: Turkey Roast w/Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Milk.
Wednesday: Chalupas, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Sliced Peaches, Milk.
Thursday: Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk.
Friday: Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, Purple Plum Cobbler, Milk.

We believe that everything and every one is forgivable.

Come share the Spirit!
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Sunday School 9:30; Worship 10:45
Linda Alessandri, Intern Pastor

OBITUARIES

Ronald Kuhl

Memorial Services for Ronald L. Kuhl, 51, of Lubbock will be held Friday, Jan. 8, in Christ Lutheran Church in Lubbock with the Rev. Mark A. Paul and the Rev. Alan W. Korinek officiating.

Burial with full military honors will be Wednesday, Jan. 13, in Arlington National Cemetery.

He died Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, in Covenant Medical Center.

He was born June 15, 1947, in Osmond, Neb. He graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He received his master's degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1970 until his retirement in 1995. He had logged more than 3,750 flying hours in T-37, OV-10 and F-111 aircraft, including 160 combat missions over Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. He achieved a command pilot rating and retired as a colonel. His most recent employment was as Department of Defense Base Transition Coordinator for the closure of Reese AFB. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters, and Air Force Longevity Service Award with five devices.

He married Ann Alexander on Dec. 28, 1972, in Lovington, N.M. She died Feb. 5, 1996. He married Joyce L. Holeman on March 1, 1997, in Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Amy Lazerson of Woodbridge, Va., and Emily Kuhl of Lubbock; four stepsons, Russell Holeman of Tulsa, Okla.; Terry Holeman of Lubbock, Mark Holeman of Wilson, and Kevin Holeman of San Antonio; his mother, Erma P. Kuhl of Council Bluffs, Iowa; his sister, Linda Kuhl of Peachtree City, Ga.; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Christ Lutheran Church, 7800 Indiana, Box 6303, Lubbock 79493; Lutheran Home of West Texas, 5502 4th Street, Lubbock 79416; or American Heart Association, 3403 73rd Street, Lubbock 79423.

Sarah Holsenbeck

Services for Sarah Estelle "Sally" Holsenbeck, 92, of Lamesa were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, in Second Baptist Church in Lamesa with the Rev. Clifton Igo, pastor emeritus, and the Rev. Jody Boudreaux officiating.

Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park.

She died Sunday, Jan. 3, 1999, in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born Feb. 13, 1906, in Breckenridge. She married David Holsenbeck on Dec. 18, 1925, and he died in March 1974. A daughter, Juanita McGuire, also preceded her in death. She moved to Lamesa in 1944. She worked at several businesses in Lamesa. She was a member of Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Christine Medlin and Jean Lee, both of Lamesa, Laverne Meeks of Tahoka, and Mae Kotal of Baytown; a son, Leon Holsenbeck of Big Spring; 20 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Guadalupe Morada

Rosary for Guadalupe Morado, 65, of O'Donnell was held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, at St. Pius Catholic Church in O'Donnell.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4, in the same church with the Rev. Bert Mead officiating.

Burial was in City of Tahoka Cemetery under direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Morado died Saturday, Jan. 1, 1999, at University Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 12, 1933, in Laredo and married Josephina Gomez Sept. 10, 1979, in O'Donnell. She died Feb. 13, 1996.

He worked as a farmer and was a Catholic.

Survivors include seven sons, Felipe of Dallas, Billy of Lamesa, Pedro of Lubbock, and Lupe Jr., Miguel, Aurthor and George, all of O'Donnell; ten daughters, Leonard Westwood of Mesquite, Mona Gomez Jeffers of Dallas, Cathy Jo Morado and Rosalinda Martinez, both of California, Ernestine Vargas of Lubbock, Maria Guadalupe Morado Barriente of Blanco, Maria Ignacia Olvera and Dora Alicia Burros, both of Florida, Alma Sierra of Bayton and Teresa Gonzalez of San Antonio; nine brothers, Alfredo of Michigan, Jesus and Chon, both of O'Donnell, and Ramon, Edward, Joe Manuel, Juan, Mathew and Robert, all of Colorado; a sister, Esperanza Cediillo of California; 49 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Benito Martinez

Services for Benito G. Martinez, 58, of Meadow were held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at Head Family Funeral Home Chapel in Brownfield with Father Reynaldo Reyes officiating.

Burial was in Meadow Cemetery.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998.

He was born March 13, 1940 in Karnes City. He married Herminia Martinez on Sept. 17, 1974. He was a lifelong Texan and moved to Meadow in 1974.

Survivors include his wife; eight sons, Rudy Gonzales of Virginia, Raul Martinez and Ricky Gonzales, both of Meadow, Alvino Gonzales of Levelland, Gilbert Martinez of Sundown, Roger Martinez and Benito Martinez, both of Tahoka; and Daniel Martinez of San Marcos; four daughters, Lucia Sanchez and Alicia Sanchez, both of Levelland, Gloria Martinez and Alicia Sanchez, both of Houston; four brothers, Raul Martinez of Meadow, Jose Martinez of Ralls, Sam Martinez and Clemente Martinez, both of Brownfield; and five sisters, Consuelo Rodriguez of Levelland, Eloisa Guzman of Loop, Adelita Alonzo of Meadow, Ofelia Garza of Lubbock and Lily Cordova of Arizona.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:
I am a lover of history and I have a somewhat unusual hobby. I collect old tokens used by stores, barber shops, pool halls, bakeries, saloons, forts, and other businesses years ago. The tokens were "good for" 5¢, 10¢, 12 1/2¢ or such in trade or merchandise or "good for" a loaf of bread, one drink, one shave, one ride on what ever. They were usually made of metal, and while having the general appearance of a coin, they were made in all shapes and sizes.

I am hoping that if you have a "Letter to the Editor" section or such in your paper that you might mention my search. I know that this request is relatively unimportant, but as your elderly pass away and the younger members of the family inherit their possessions, tokens and other items are considered junk and thrown out. I do get a great deal of enjoyment from my hobby and I do believe that these concrete reminders of our great heritage are worth preserving.

I have reason to believe that some of these tokens were used in your area and I would be most interested in obtaining some of them for my collection.

I would like to hear from anyone; having one or more of these tokens or from anyone that might be able to help me. Any help that you can give me of any kind is greatly appreciated. My address is Travis Roberts, Box 1168, Bellaire, Texas 77402.

Thank you kindly in advance and best wishes.
Travis Roberts

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The world can be just a (mouse)click away, with information on travel, history, geographic sites, diseases and cures, and all that the imagination can conjure - if one has a computer and Internet access. And even if one doesn't personally own such equipment, there is a place where such access is free and open to the public.

The City-County Library, located at 1717 Main Street inside the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka, has two computers for public use, both with Internet access available to patrons of the library. There is no charge for the service, although there are rules which will be enforced concerning computer use.

"This will be an invaluable tool for the public, and especially for research capabilities, in addition to our other resources here at the library," says Shirley Draper, librarian.

Rules for using the library computers include:

- You must have a current library card.
- You must be free of any overdue materials and library fines.
- You must have a City-County Library Computer and Internet User Agreement signed and on file at the library circulation desk. Patrons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian when registering for computer/Internet use. Patrons under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian when using the computer and/or Internet.

Computer and Internet access will be available on a first come, first served basis. However, you may reserve a computer up to one day in advance at the circulation desk.

Computers will be available during the library's regular business hours only.

Each patron may use the computer for up to 30 minutes, longer if

no one is waiting.

- Patrons may print materials from the computer. The cost is 10-cents per page for printed material and 25-cents for graphics.
- Patrons may not use their own software programs on the computer. This will prevent computer viruses that are common on public computers.
- You will have to ask the librarian if you wish to save files.

the computers, and the filter is automatically engaged when the computers are on. However, there is the capability of unlimited access if requested, officials said.

Children's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian, as library staff have no control over the information found on the Internet, and cannot be held responsible for its content. The filter will provide some control over subject material available, says library staff.



"If someone tries to access a subject which the filter screens, a graphic of a golden retriever called Bess will come up on the screen and say that the site, or information, is not available at this station," said a city official.

The Internet access, computers and equipment were all provided to the library through a \$7,020 TIF (Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund) grant which was awarded last year. Eight days of TIF training were provided for Mrs. Draper, and City Administrator Jerry Webster and Assistant Retha Pittman also attended.

"I want to express my appreciation to Jerry Webster and Retha Pittman, for all of their assistance both in obtaining the TIF grant and for their support in going to the training. I was told that very few city officials attend the training with the librarians, and it has been very beneficial to have that kind of support. I also appreciate the city and county for their funding in providing the filter service for the Internet," said Mrs. Draper.

The library is open five days a week, on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Mondays and Wednesdays 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (closed for lunch 1-2 p.m.); and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m. For more information about Internet usage at the library, contact Mrs. Draper at 998-4050.

Library staff will offer assistance in accessing the Internet and getting patrons to the appropriate location. However, staff can not offer personal instruction in computer usage, nor will the staff do personal research for any patron.

There is a filter service on the library's Internet, provided through funding from both the City of Tahoka and Lynn County. The M2H2 filter is an ongoing filter service which is upgraded every night, according to Mrs. Draper, who said that thousands of new web sites are added to the Internet daily. City and county officials voted to provide safe Internet access, especially for children using

Services Available For People With Disabilities

The Life/Run Centers for Independent Living is a private, non-profit organization in Lubbock and Amarillo that provides independent living services to adults and children with disabilities. Counties served include Lubbock, Lynn, Terry, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Dickens, Crosby, King, Bailey, Briscoe, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Carson, Hartley, Donley, Gray, Moore, Hutchinson and Castro.

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Wilson School Menu

January 11-15 Breakfast
Monday: Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast Burrito, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Donuts, Juice, Milk.
Friday: Pancaked, Juice, Milk.

Lunch
Monday: Cheeseburger, Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Graham Cracker Treats, Milk.
Tuesday: Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Milk.
Wednesday: Fish Sticks, Hushpuppies, Salad, Tator Tots, (H.S.-Salad Bar), Milk.
Thursday: Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Pineapple, Milk.
Friday: Turkey on Toast, English Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Fruit, Milk.

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Keeping an eye on Texas

New Texans

The top 10 names for babies born in 1997 included Jose for boys and the top girls name of the decade: Ashley.

Boys' names	Girls' names
Jose	Ashley
Michael	Emily
Christopher	Jessica
Jacob	Sarah
Joshua	Alexis
Matthew	Jennifer
David	Hannah
Daniel	Samantha
Jonathan	Victoria
Brandon	Taylor

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Department of Health.

Senior Citizens MENU

January 11-15

Monday: Chicken Fried Steak, White Gravy, Baked Potato, Broccoli, Wheat Roll, Oranges & Bananas.
Tuesday: Chicken & Dumplings, Green Peas, Cauliflower, Cheese Sauce, Hot Roll, Pumpkin Pie or Bars.
Wednesday: Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Zucchini, Tossed Salad/French Dressing, Wheat Roll, Frosted Spice Cake.
Thursday: Carne Con Papas (Meat w/Potatoes), Colache, Pudin De Pina Colada, Flour Tortilla.
Friday: Polish Sausage, Kidney or Pinto Beans, Cabbage, Cornbread, Rice or Bread Pudding.

The NEW HOME News

by Karon Durham
 924-7448

You can still make an appointment for the St. Mary's Mobile Mammogram Unit. It will be in New Home on Wednesday, Jan. 13, beginning at 9 a.m. Please call Karon Durham for an appointment at 924-7524.

Tahoka Bulldogs Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Jan. 8	Plains *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 12	Coahoma *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 14, 16	Dist. JV +	Seagraves	Boys/Girls' JV	TBA
Jan. 15	Stanton *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 19	Post *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 22	Seagraves *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 26	Plains *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 29	Coahoma *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Feb. 2	Stanton *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Feb. 5	Post *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Feb. 9	Seagraves *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00

© Scrimmage + Tournament * District Game

New Home School Menu

January 11-15 Breakfast
Monday: Cheese Toast, Milk.
Tuesday: Rice Krispie Bars, Milk.
Wednesday: Figure 8's, Milk.
Thursday: Cereal, Hash Browns, Milk.
Friday: Sausage Kolache, Milk.

Lunch
Monday: Tamales, Cheese Sticks, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Fruit Cup, Milk.
Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets, Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Wednesday: Beefy Nachos, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Fruit Cup, Milk.
Thursday: Stuffed Potato, Broccoli with Cheese, Green Beans, Chocolate Pudding, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Friday: Chili Cheese Dog, Tator Tots, Ranch Style Beans, Pickle Spears, Cookie, Milk.

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Tahoka Sports News

by TMS Growl Staff

Varsity Girls

by Courtney Stennett and Mandi Tejada

The Lady Bulldogs faced the Idalou Wildcats on Dec. 15 and lost 21-46.

Leading scorer was Courtney Stennett with 15. Other scorers were Chelsea White with 3, Lezli Gandy 2, and Amanda Fuentes 1.

Leading in rebounds was Courtney with 6. Tancy DeLeon pulled down 5, Chelsea, Jana Eudy, Kassidi Andrews and Amanda had 3 each and Lezli had 1.

The Ladies fell to powerhouse Sudan 28-55, Dec. 18.

Courtney led in scoring with 14 points and in rebounds with 8. Others scoring were Chelsea 8, Tancy 4, and Kelli Whitley 2.

The Lady Dawgs suffered three losses in the Littlefield Tournament.

Leading tournament scorer was Courtney with a total of 45. Others scoring in the tournament were Amanda 23, Lezli and Chelsea 17 each, Tancy 13, Kelli 9, and Kassidi 7.

The Lady Bulldogs also fell short to Lorenzo, Jan. 2.

Chelsea and Kassidi led scoring with 8 each. Other scorers were Tancy 7, Amanda 6, Courtney 4 and Kelli and Jana 2 each.

The girls will play the Plains Cowboys here Jan. 8.

Varsity Boys

by Brad Pebsworth and Mandi Tejada

The Dawgs held off Idalou, 50-48, the #1 pre-season pick in district 7-2A in a game played Dec. 15.

Sedrick Williams led the Dogs with 19 points. Brad Pebsworth dropped in 12, Brady Raindl had 6, Shaun Williams put in 5, Matt Chancy 4, and Jordan Sarchet and Anthony DeLeon 2 each.

The Bulldogs pulled through for the win against Sudan, 38-34 on Dec. 18.

Leading scorer was Brad Pebsworth with 13. Other scorers were Sedrick 9, Shaun 7, Chancy 5 and Blandon Hancock and Anthony DeLeon 2 each.

The Dawgs suffered a loss to Littlefield, 57-67 and a loss to Panhandle, 44-55 in the Littlefield Tournament Dec. 28-30.

High scorer in the Littlefield game was Pebsworth with 22. Adding to the total were Sedrick 14, Chancy 8, Hancock 5 and Raindl and Sarchet 4 each.

Pebsworth also led scoring in the Panhandle game adding 28. Others scoring were Raindl 5, Hancock and Sedrick 4 each, Chancy 2 and Jaquess 1.

The varsity Dawgs lost to Lorenzo, 57-74 on Jan. 2.

Leading scorer was Pebsworth

with 26. Other scorers were Hancock 6, Raindl 5, Sedrick, Shaun and Sarchet 4 each, Vega and Jaquess 3 each and Chancy 2.

JV Girls

by Meg Flynn

The Idalou Wildcats caught the junior varsity Lady Bulldogs 9-38, Dec. 15.

The Ladies will next compete against the Lorenzo Hornets Sat., Jan. 2 in Lorenzo.

Leading scorers were Kalah Bartley, Lesley Chapa, Mandy Sanders, and Molly Sarchet with 2 each. Also scoring was Kimberly Craig with 1.

JV Boys

by Casey Jones

The Tahoka junior varsity team was grounded 34-43 by the Idalou Wildcats on Dec. 15. After a first half lead slipped away, the opponents outscored the Bulldogs 17-27 to secure themselves a win.

Randy White scored a season high 15 points while Larry Davis added 7. Additional scorers were Jeff Elmore 4, Bobby Benavidez 4, J.B. Sepeda 2, and James Eudy 2.

The Tahoka JV boys opened the new year with a 47-43 triumph over Lorenzo Jan. 2. The win gives the Bulldogs a record of 3-11 with district play to start Friday at home against Plains.

High scorer for the Bulldogs was Josh Thompson with 11 points. Larry Davis chipped in with 10 points and Kevin "Mo" Rodriguez had 8 points.

Freshmen Boys

by Sarah Hawthorne

Freshmen boys took on Abernathy Jan. 4, but came home with a 51-59 loss.

The freshmen play again Jan. 7 at Seagraves. The team's record stands at 4-4.

Leading scoring was Cory Gardner with 27 points.

"Offense was good but our defense could have been better," said Gardner.

Josh Thompson put in 14, Derrick Barrientez 6, and Jordan Vega 4.

Other players were Clayton Chancy and Stephen Solorzano.

8th Grade Girls

by Chelsey Miller

The eighth grade Lady Bulldogs A team is now 4-1 after a win over Seagraves, 25-15.

The girls will play in the New Home tournament starting Jan. 9.

The high scorer for the Seagraves game Kammie Williams with 12. Other scorers were Marissa Chapa 9, Kirsten Tillman and Emily Gill 2 each.

The eighth grade B team won against Seagraves, 4-0.

Jennifer Cantrell and Tara Stanley each had 2 points. Other players were Jeanine Wilson, Leigh McAfee, and Johna Alvarado.

TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended December 23

Bearish cotton consumption data from the Census Bureau pressured prices this week and facilitated a plunge to new life-of-contract lows at the New York Cotton Exchange while lackluster pre-Christmas holiday trading also resulted in low volume.

U.S. Census Bureau consumption data confused and shocked the market with low domestic mill consumption for the month of November. The figures represented an annualized domestic consumption rate of 10.233 million bales, well below USDA's current forecast of 10.6 million bales. Usage figures were expected to fall only 5 percent below the October level of 10.958 million bales since Step 2 funds still had been available during November. The annualized rate for November also was the lowest for any month since July 1995, according to a market analyst.

One market watcher believes a foregone conclusion for consumption data in upcoming months is that most mills ran as long as they could and postponed Thanksgiving holiday shutdowns to capitalize on the remaining Step 2 funds. Due to anticipated lower demand, mills are expected to shut down for two or three weeks during the Christmas and New Years Day holidays which could mean a much lower consumption number for December that might carry over into January.

New life-of-contract lows were set during the week indicating a cotton

market without full participation and suggesting it has the potential to go even lower, according to an analyst. Cotton futures dropped below the lowest levels on a continuation basis since late 1993, with March futures plunging to 59.46 cents per pound. The decline was attributed to fund selling. Low volumes also were posted, and one daily volume of 3,500 contracts was recorded as the smallest since the middle of August.

The A Index remains unchanged at 56.05 and still posts a nominal quote for Spanish Middling cotton. If the sixth quote, African cotton, which is just outside the range of the index (the average of the five cheapest world growths) replaces the nominal quote, it could raise the index by 20 points to 56.25 and narrow the price margin between world and U.S. growths. Inclusion of the African quote also would mean reduced Producer Option Payments and a reduction in revenue for producers already faced with the decline in futures prices. USDA will not release its Adjusted World Price until 7 a.m. CST on December 28 because of the Christmas holiday.

The ten-week period preceding the first Step 3 import quota has begun and cotton imports could begin entering the United States by February 26. The U.S. quote for upland cotton to be delivered in northern Europe must remain more than 125 points above the A Index for 10 consecutive weeks to trigger the first

quota. Market conditions indicate that a new quota could be announced each week for many weeks. The USDA Interagency Cotton Estimates Committee has projected imports under the quotas to reach 400,000 bales in 1998-99.

The market this week also was bracing for export cancellations in weekly export sales reports over the next few weeks. USDA reported new U.S. export sales of 30,800 running bales for the week ended December 17. After cancellations and destination changes, net sales for the week only increased by 7,400 bales, more than 10,000 bales lower than the previous week's net sales. Hong Kong was the largest buyer of U.S. cotton with purchases totaling 14,700 bales followed by Taiwan and Mexico.

The spot cotton market continues to be affected by the decline in futures prices. In the four trading days ended December 23, sales of cotton on TELCOT totaled 26,689 bales, lower than the previous week's sales of 76,804 bales. Average daily prices received by producers on TELCOT ranged from 47.95 to 50.59 cents per pound during the week. The average daily gross premium ranged from 1,118 to 865 points, steadily declining throughout the week.

Barn Dance To Be Held January 23

The Lynn County Chapter of the American Cancer Society is hosting a "Boot Scootin' Cancer Kickin' Barn Dance" on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Lynn County Stock Show Barn, located two blocks west of Highway 87 on South 9th in Tahoka.

Music will be provided by Clarence Niceman and The Midnight Cowboys, Snacks, live entertainment and a Silent Auction will be held.

Admission is free, however a donation to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Everyone is invited to come join the fun.

Michael Nance led the pack with 9 points and Zach Collins followed with 5. Other Dogs scoring were Chris Engle 4, Frankie Arriage, Erik Green, and Michael DeLeon 2 each and Casey Hall 1.

The Dogs will play in the New Home Tournament starting Jan. 9.

8th Grade Boys

by Kelly Boone

The eighth grade Bulldogs plucked the Seagraves Eagles 52-32. Their record is 7-1.

High scorer was Brandon McCord with 15. Close behind was B.J. Andrews and Adrian Moore with 11 each. Brian Valdez put in 7, Kellen Flowers, Pedro Sepeda and Josh Pridmore put in 2 each.

The Dogs next game will be the New Home Tournament Jan. 9.

7th Grade Girls

by Mandi Tejada

The seventh A team Lady Bulldogs are 5-0 after a win over Seagraves, 33-14.

High scorer was Damesha Harris with 16. Other scorers were Emily Botkin 6, Victoria Charo and Ashanti Hood 4 each and Amy Garcia.

The A team's next challenge will be the New Home Tournament Jan. 9.

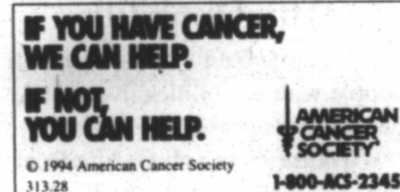
The seventh B team Lady Bulldogs suffered a loss to the Seagraves Eagles, 4-14.

Jakie Diggs scored the only 4 points. Other players were Corey Green, Meredith Pittman, Ashley McNeely and Lindsay Preston.

7th Grade Boys

by Fernando Castro

The seventh grade Bulldogs started off the new year with a 25-41 loss to the Seagraves Eagles.



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Part of Lot 7, Block 3 of the Shook Addition to the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 195, Page 95 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas.

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgement for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgement for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED December 28, 1998, at Tahoka, Texas.
By Jake Diggs, Sheriff, Lynn County, Texas. /s/ Miguel Reyna Jr. DEPUTY SHERIFF, Lynn County, Texas. 1-3tc

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Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of The Lynn County News.

A.M. Bray Is Murdered By Burglar Thursday Morning

A.M. (Maurice) Bray, 57, one of Tahoka's most prominent citizens, was found dead early Thursday in Bray Chevrolet Co. building, evidently murdered by one or more burglars some time between 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and 2:30 a.m. Thursday. A sawed-off shotgun was found on the floor at the rear of the parts department several feet from his body.

Funeral rites are pending. The body is at White Funeral Home. Examination at Tahoka Clinic revealed Mr. Bray had been shot from close range in the chest with the shot ranging downward in his body. Unofficially, the theory is he surprised his assailant and was leaning forward toward the gunmen at the time of the shotgun blast.

He was found about 2:30 a.m. by Policeman Joe Raindl, after Mrs. Bray had awakened at about 2:00 a.m., found Mr. Bray had not come home, called Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Chestnutt for the keys to the automobile agency building, Mr. Raindl joined them there, and found the body.

Mr. Bray and Mrs. Frances Chestnutt, business manager of the firm, and Lionel Miller, service department manager, were working on books at the office Wednesday night. Mrs. Chestnutt went home about 9:00 p.m. and Mr. Miller a short time later. Mr. Bray remained to work a while longer in his enclosed office near the front of the building.

When Mrs. Bray awakened later in the night and not finding him in bed became alarmed and called for help. His car was parked in front of the building.

Theory is that someone had gained entrance to the rear of the building with burglary in mind. A rear window pane was broken out, the window raised, and a rear door was left open probably by the burglar on leaving the building because it could not be opened except from the inside.

The assailant is then believed to have pried open a bolted door to the parts department. Mr. Bray in his office about 50 feet away, is then believed to have heard the noise, went to the rear of the parts department, and as he rounded a corner was shot from close range.

One shell had been fired from the sawed-off shotgun found nearby. Parts, supplies, radios and first aid kits from the parts department were found scattered on the floor of the shop and in the lot at the rear of the building.

Mrs. Chestnutt said they frequently worked at night, and Mr. Bray always cautioned others about not being in the building alone.

She said that when in the enclosed office, even if a noisy heater were not running, one would not likely hear the breaking of a window glass at the rear of the building 100 or more feet away and through two partitions.

Shortly before noon Thursday, Justice of the Peace Horace Brunette of O'Donnell, acting in absence of Judge H.L. Roddy, indicated he would

rule "Mr. Bray was shot and killed by an unknown gunman or assailant." Immediately on finding the body, Mr. Raindl notified other officers, and Texas Ranger Razz Renfrow from Lubbock was leading investigation. Among others helping were Police Chief Jack Miller, Deputy Sheriffs Bill Wilkinson of Tahoka and Doyle Woody of Wilson, and possibly others. Footprints and fingerprints were found on the premises, and officers indicated there was other possible evidence available....

Andrew Maurice Bray was born at Paducah August 27, 1909, and lived successively with his parents at Amarillo, Hedley and Clarendon. His last two years in high school were at Abilene, where he played football, and graduated in 1927.

He attended Southern Methodist University, Dallas, where he was an All-Southwest Conference tackle for the Mustangs, and graduated with a B.A. degree in 1932.

While attending college, he met LaNeyl Brown of Ennis, whom he married several years later, Sept. 18, 1937, at Dallas.

He played professional football with the old Pittsburg Pirates, later the Steelers, from about 1934 to 1936, and became acquainted with many of the old time football greats.

He then joined Chevrolet Motor Co. Dallas Division and became district commercial manager.

During World War II, he served as an officer in the Navy, and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Following the war, he went back to Chevrolet, and soon became a partner in Morris-Bray Chevrolet agency at Coleman.

Mr. Bray sold his interest in this firm in 1948 and established Bray Chevrolet Agency in Tahoka.

Since coming here, Mr. Bray has become one of the town's most outstanding and best loved citizens, and has held about every position of honor and trust in the town's civic affairs...

The oldest son, David, a graduate with honors of SMU, won a Rotary International fellowship and studied a year in Oxford University in England, and currently is a graduate student and student teacher in University of Maryland.

The second son, Andy, is a Peace Corp worker in Ij-bu-ODE, Nigeria, Africa. Congressman George Mahon was negotiating Thursday morning for his return home for funeral rites.

A daughter, Marla of the home, a senior in Tahoka High, recently was a contestant in the Miss Teen Age America contest...

- Dec. 9, 1966

Bray Slaying Investigation Continues As Leads Sought

Officer reported early Thursday "we are nearly back where we started" on investigation into the slaying of A.M. Bray here Wednesday night of last week by one or more burglars at Bray Chevrolet Co.

Police Chief Jack Miller said lie detector tests this Wednesday night cleared two young men who have been under suspicion and questioned.

Officers are still seeking identity of two young men seen in Tahoka under suspicious circumstances at about 12:30 a.m. Thursday, two hours before the slaying was discovered.

They are also seeking information on an old 20-gauge sawed-off shotgun and an extra shell dropped at the scene of the crime.

Texas Ranger W.E. (Razz) Renfrow of Lubbock, Chief Miller, Policeman Joe Raindl, and Deputy Sheriffs Bill Wilkinson and Doyle Woody have been working on the case.

The shotgun, some of Mr. Bray's clothing, and other items were taken to Austin last week and are undergoing tests at the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory. Test results are not expected before next week.

Justice of the Peace Horace Brunette of O'Donnell is withholding an inquest verdict pending the investigation.

Friends and associates agree Wednesday, Dec. 7, was a normal day for Mr. Bray. He was happy and cheerful, proud of his family, drank coffee both morning and evening with friends, and was making plans for Christmas.

Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. G.H. (Frances) Chestnutt, firm manager, plans were completed with Al Smith at the Cafeteria for the annual company Christmas party to be held there on the coming Saturday night.

Not unusual was the fact he and Mrs. Chestnutt and Lionel Miller, service manager, remained for night work...

Mrs. Bray awakened about 11:30 p.m. was slightly concerned that her husband had not come home, but went back to sleep. However, when she awoke again at about 2:00 a.m. and found Mr. Bray not home,

she became alarmed. Mr. and Mrs. Chestnutt accompanied her to the firm with the keys, Mr. Raindl met them there, and he found the body slumped on the floor face up adjacent to a desk at the extreme southeast corner of the parts department. Under his arm was his pipe, in his shirt pocket was the list of Christmas presents he had been buying for his employees. About four feet away was the shotgun, under the desk an empty shell like the one that had been fired. Mr. Bray had been shot once in the upper chest, the shot ranging down into the stomach, tests made by Dr. Emil Prohl at Tahoka Clinic showed.

Officers theorized Mr. Bray working in his enclosed office near the front of the building, and about 60 feet and two partitions removed from the site, heard a noise, went to investigate. Possibly he was stooping over to avoid being detected as he walked down the aisle between parts shelves and was shot when he rounded the corner. Or, he may have been grabbing for the gun held by the assailant. Possibly he recognized the intruder.

Entrance had evidently been gained by a rear window. Two barrels had been moved to a spot under the window. Adjacent to the inside latch, the glass was broken. The rear door, bolted from the inside, was unlatched. Rear door to the parts department, also bolted from the inside, had been pried open. The assassin could have climbed on any one of several vehicles in the lot at the rear of the building and jumped over the enclosing fence in leaving.

Probably the intruder knew the layout of the building. Lights are left burning all the time at the front, and the intruder probably never knew Mr. Bray was there until the latter discovered the burglary in progress.

Some car radios were found stacked outside the rear shoproom door, other radios, first aid kits, and tools were found moved to the floor ready to be taken from the building.

Some other evidence has been uncovered, and officers are expecting something more definite to develop as investigations proceed, The News is informed.

- Dec. 16, 1966

Bray Slaying Lab Tests Little Help

State Crime Laboratory test results received by Police Chief Jack Miller early this week failed to reveal much new information that will be of help in solving the December 8th murder of A.M. Bray in his place of business.

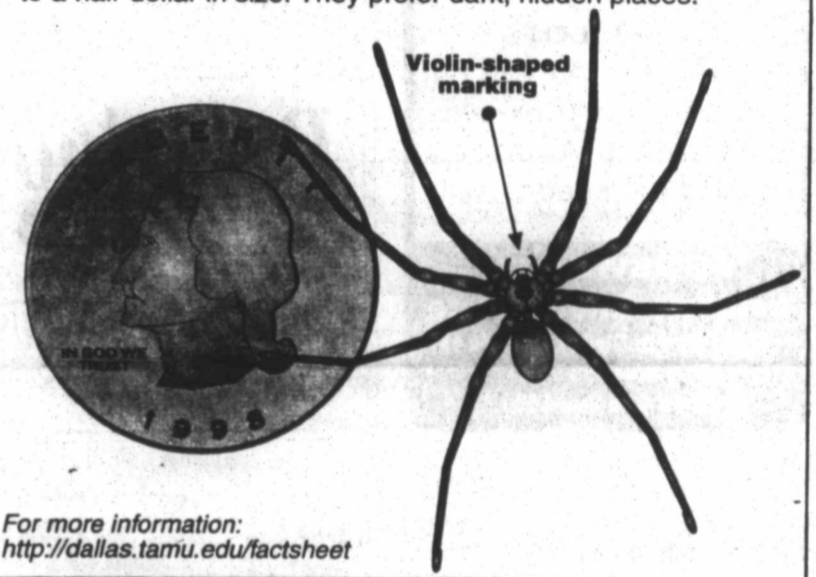
Mr. Miller told The News this Thursday there have been no new developments in the investigation.

Texas Ranger W.E. (Razz) Renfrow of Lubbock is working with local officers on the case.

- Dec. 30, 1966

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