

Goodbye 1999 -- See photos of the Year in Review, pages 4-5. (If a picture is worth a thousand words, these pictures should be worth a million!)

# ELvnn County News

TAHOKA, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1999

# City, Banks, Other Businesses Here Prepared For Midnight Hour Friday

by JUANELL JONES

When the clock ticks toward the end of 1999 and the beginning of the year 2000, several folks in Tahoka will be doing something they don't normally have to do: be at work at midnight. It's all because of a muchanticipated Y2K computer bug, which some fear will wreak havoc among the world-wide population, causing electrical blackouts and shortages, food/water/gasoline shortages, utility problems, and all manner of minor and major problems due to computers not recognizing the year 2000 date change.

Most companies, however, have been preparing for months, and even vears, for such computer-related problems when the new millennium

City of Tahoka officials say that the city water supply should be okay and are not anticipating any major

problems. However, if problems do arise, city officials say they are prepared to deal with that too.

"We want to assure our citizens that everything should be okay - all of our equipment has been checked in the past months and re-checked this week, and all the water department equipment is Y2K compliant," said City Administrator Jerry Webster. "We also have backup generators for electrical needs for the city water supply system. And, if unforeseen problems do occur, the city has a full five days of water supply in storage tanks, as well as access to Lubbock's emergency reserve supply of 120 days for surrounding areas," he added.

Webster and other city officials will be at Tahoka City Hall Friday night, to answer phones if needed and

to ensure systems are working when the date changes at midnight.



I HAVE BEEN led to believe that the human brain is a super computer. That's why I have a T-shirt which says "Insufficient Memory at This Time", referring to both my computer and my brain. With the dreaded Y2K coming up in just a day from now, I have been wondering if my brain will cease functioning properly at midnight Friday, like some computers are supposed to

"Hey, don't worry about it," said one of my fellow office people. "Your brain hasn't functioned properly in years."

I'm not doing much to prepare for possible malfunctions this weekend. I did see that I have enough firewood to keep us warm for a day or so if the utilities fail. If it lasts longer than that I can always burn the furniture and the doghouse (our dog is too dumb to get inside it anyway, even if it is freezing or raining). I'll draw up enough water to flush the commode a few times and have enough bottled water on hand to provide drinks for several days.

We have enough canned food in our pantry to last for weeks, although some of that stuff I would eat only in extreme emergency.

I don't expect to need any of that stuff, since I think the utilities will stay on, at least in rural areas. I don't plan to withdraw my twenty-six dollars out of the bank, either, since the local banks have assured that my money will be available after Jan.

I'm not sure that we are starting a new century or new millennium Saturday, like nearly everybody says. Some are saying that the 20th century doesn't end until the end of the year 2000. They make this contention based on the fact that when you count to 10, or 100, or any other number, you start with 1, not zero. So far as I know, there's nobody who can officially settle that question, so I'll just go along with the majority, I guess, and figure that on Saturday we're starting a new century. Even if it may not really start until Jan. 1, 2001.

Anyway, here's wishing everybody a happy next 100 years.

Energas, which supplies natural gas service to Tahoka and surrounding areas, will have employees on duty the evening of Dec. 31 monitoring the gas supply.

"In the unlikely event there is an emergency with your natural gas service, please call our customer support center at 1-888-363-7427 to report the emergency," Energas officials say. The company also notes that if telephone communication problems occur, Tahoka citizens should report natural gas service emergencies in person to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, located at 1008 Main Street just southeast of the county courthouse.

The Sheriff's Department will have a regular crew working on New Year's Eve, with extra personnel on call if needed, according to Sheriff Jake Diggs.

"We're not expecting this to be much different than any other New Year's Eve, and are not anticipating a great deal of problems. The 9-1-1 system has been checked and should work without any problems," he

First National Bank of Tahoka will have several officers on hand at midnight to check computers as the date changes, but bank president John Krey says he is confident that the equipment is Y2K compliant and that the bank will be able to handle its customers' needs as usual. The bank

is closing at noon Friday and will begin their end-of-year processing

Wilson State Bank is also closing at noon to begin processing for the end of the year. Kelly Livingston at the Tahoka branch of WSB said that the bank is ready for the date change and officers are not anticipating any

"The whole banking industry has been ready for a long, long time we started about five years ago looking at equipment needs and preparing for this Y2K - we're just ready to get it over with now," said Livingston with a laugh. "We are 99.9 percent sure that everything is ready, but there's always a chance that something totally unforeseen will occur, and if it does we are ready to work on it," he added.

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative reportedly will have several employees at their headquarters office in Tahoka at the midnight hour, with all other employees available by phone

Southwestern Public Service Co. is also prepared and anticipates that electricity will be available for their customers. SPS officials say that all service crews will be on call if needed, however, should unforeseen problems occur. Some service crews will be stationed at strategic service areas for quick emergency response. The toll-free number to call for emer-

gency electrical needs is 1-800-750-

Tahoka Drug and Dayton Parker Pharmacy owners don't expect any major problems with supplying prescription medicines to their custom-"I am thoroughly convinced that

our computers are ready to go - they were all certified in July as Y2K compliant," says Haney Wells, owner of Tahoka Drug. "We have seen a lot of the older people who are alarmed about Y2K problems and have had quite a few getting extra prescriptions filled recently, but I am confident that even if we lost electricity and phone systems - which I don't expect to happen - people could still get their medicine here. We have extra supplies on hand in our store, as well as assurances from our wholesalers that they can deliver whatever we might need," Wells added.

Dayton Parker at Parker Pharmacy said that some customers have been stocking up on prescriptions somewhat more than usual - not a great deal more, but it is noticeable,

"We are not anticipating any more problems than usual at this time of year, and expect to be able to meet our customers' needs," Parker added.

Lynn County Hospital Administrator Louise Landers says the hospital is prepared for the date change

"We started over a year ago updating computer systems and software, testing equipment and making sure backup systems are in place. The maintenance supervisor has been conducting tests on all equipment, and we feel pretty comfortable that everything will work as it is supposed to," said Mrs. Landers.

She said the hospital staff is prepared as well, although not anticipating any more problems than (See Y2K OKAY, page 2)



**RICKY SMITH** 

#### Ricky B. Smith **Seeks Re-Election As District Attorney**

Ricky B. Smith announces this week his bid for re-election as District Attorney of the 106th Judicial District, which includes Lynn County. He is running on the Democratic ticket, and is asking for support in the Democratic Primary on March 14, 2000.

In making his announcement, Smith said, "It has been a high honor to serve as your District Attorney. I sincerely thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in this important office and I am very appreciative of the support you have given me. I am seeking re-election and pledge that I will continue to work hard for you as District Attorney of the 106th Judicial District."

PAID POL. ANNOUNCEMENT

Weather			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 22	48	27	
Dec. 23	56	24	
Dec. 24	61	25	
Dec. 25	47	31	
Dec. 26	61	37	
Dec. 27	60	33	
Dec. 28	69	33	

Total Precip. this time last year: 11.66'

CAR CRUSHED, BUT PASSENGERS SURVIVE - Three Tahoka teenagers were in this 1991 Dodge Acclaim when it veered off U.S. Hwy. 87 early Sunday afternoon, struck a culvert and rolled. Driver was 17year-old La'Shea Pridmore and passengers included twin brothers Jerid and Josh Pridmore, 15, all of Tahoka. All were taken by EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital, where La'Shea and Jerid were treated and released, and Josh was kept overnight for treatment of a broken arm and internal bruising. (LCN PHOTO)



Mr. and Mrs. James L. Bray of Tahoka announce the birth of a son, Logan Hunter Bray, born at 7:58 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13, 1999 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He as an older sister, Caitlynn,

Grandparents are Fred and Lynda Martin of Tahoka, Jim and Marilyn Bray of Lubbock, and the late Linda Bray.

Mike and Lisa Ramirez of Slaton announce the birth of a son, Miguel Alesander Tobias. He was born Friday, Dec. 3, 1999 at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. ad was 21 1/2 inches long.

He has an older sister, Kaitlyn. Grandparents are Mike Ramirez of Lubbock, Janie Ramirez of Tahoka, and Maria Ruiz of Slaton.

Great-grandparents are Amalia Arausa of Tahoka, Martina Baeza of Plainview, and Ramon and Viviana Cruz of Pearsall.

family.

A POEM FOR RUTHA:

We would like to express our

appreciation to everyone who helped make

Mother's 100th birthday party such a marvelous success.

We would like to say a special "Thank You" to some of

those who went out of their way to help: Retha Pittman for

the absolutely perfect poem, to Maxine and Barbara at

Friends Too for the beautiful flowers and all of the extra

things you did, to Lamesa Printing Co. for the wonderful

invitations and to all of those who came to the party, sent

and caring mother and by so many friends and extended

flowers and cards to express their love and amazement of

100 wonderful years. We have been truly blessed by a loving

Thanks again and here's hoping for many more years.

She gently cradled her family in her arms

And guided our lives with her wisdom,

Her prayers, and the velvet touch

Of her unconditional love.

Perhaps you too have been blessed;

By the touch of her wisdom, a moment of laughter,

Or the special tenderness of her presence

Possibly you have also persevered

Because she, without hesitation,

Cradled you in her prayers

Or loved you unconditionally.

As her family we see the uniqueness of her life

Imprinted in each of us and in others

Who join us in experiencing her life.

For this we are thankful.

We are grateful

And,

We celebrate her life.

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#### **News Office** To Close For Holiday

The Lynn County News Office will be closed Friday, Dec. 31 for New Year's Eve. The office will open at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3.

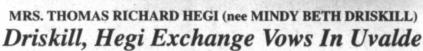
#### Sign-Ups Set For **Boys Little Dribblers**

The Tahoka Boys Little Dribbler's basketball season will begin for all boys in third through sixth grades with three sign-up dates at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main.

The first date will be Saturday, Jan. 8 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Additional dates will be Monday, Jan. 10 and Thursday, Jan. 13 from 5 to 6:30

Tryouts will be held January 15. Cost this year will be \$25 for the first child with each additional child in the family paying only \$20. This fee covers the cost of a t-shirt that the participant may keep at the end of the season instead of turning the shirt in as has been the policy in the past. Boys must be accompanied by a parent and must bring their birth certificates to registration.

-- THE CHILDREN OF RUTHA TILLEY



Mindy Beth Driskill and Thomas Richard Hegi were united in marriage during an evening ceremony Nov. 27, 1999 at the First United Methodist Church in Uvalde. The Rev. Debby Lake of the First United Methodist Church in Sabinal performed the double ring cer-

and George Driskill of Sabinal and the granddaughter of John and Patty Driskill of Sabinal and Herbert and Alvina Boerner of Comfort. The groom is the son of John and Sharon Hegi of Lamesa and the grandson of Maxine Edwards of Lake Brownwood, Madeline Hegi of Tahoka and the late F.B. Hegi.

The altar was decorated with two organza and tulle. Cascading clusters of English ivy, springeri and variegated foliage followed the lines of the arches and arrangement of ivory roses, Casa Blanca lillies, stock, snapdragons, Monte Casino

Given in marriage by her father, the de wore a formal designer gown of ivory and rum pink Dulciana and Italian satin. The gown featured off-the-shoulder cap sleeves with a soft scoop neckline trimmed in rum pink satin. The basque bodice was adorned with re-embroidered Alencon lace hand-beaded with pearls and sequins. The full gathered skirt of satin was trimmed at the scalloped hemline with a wide border of beaded Alencon lace. A twin layered overskirt, accented with rum pink satin and beaded lace adorned the Castillian train, embellished with lace motifs throughout. The waistline was accented with tiny satin

A band of satin roses, accented with rum pink and pearls, held a two-tiered veil of silk illusion, edged with a rum pink trim. She carried a cluster of Virginia Escimo and champagne roses, lemon leaf and boxwood ties entwined with ivory sheer ribbon.

carried a family heirloom cameo as "something old." "Something borrowed" was a handkerchief from her mother and "something new and something blue" was her garter.

Bridesmaids were Cathy Roosa, cousin.

Each wore a formal gown of black Italian satin in a princess design, accented with a pearl necklace given to them by the bride. They carried nosegays of Virginia Escimo and champagne roses tied with ivory silk ribbon.

John Hegi, Jr. of Dallas served as his brother's Best Man.

Groomsmen were John Driskill of Addison of Lamesa; David Bethel of Houston; Will Looney of Edinburg; and

Lubbock; Justin Claiborne of Tinnie, N.M.; Brian Hegi and Peter Hegi of Dallas, cousins of the groom; and Adam Roark and Chad Uphan of Houston.

Reagan Williams of Lexington, Ky., cousins of the bride, were flower girls. Each wose a formal gown of ivory Dulciana satin trimmed with tiny ivory and rum pink satin rosebuds and satin streamers. They carried matching rose baskets.

Joanne Walker of El Paso registered

Organist and pianist Glenda Story of Sabinal provided musical selections for the ceremony which included "Jesus, Joy of Mans' Desiring," "The Bridal Chorus," and "The Wedding March."



Following the ceremony, a reception

Guests were seated at linen covered

with large Old English style arrange-

ments of mixed white flowers and fea-

tured assortments of meat, fruit, cheese

length skirt of organza and satin featured

a traditional tiered Italian cream cake

topped with ivory roses, white crystalized

grapes, ivy, pearl-trimmed silk ribbon and

German chocolate cake with fresh glazed

fruit and chocolate dipped strawberries

cascading from the tiers. Coffee was

served from a sterling silver service that

had belonged to the bride's paternal great-

grandmother. A multilevel clear candle

stand on a large silver base and a silver

cloths and centered with layered terra

cotta containers filled with moss, fall fo-

liage, tapers and roses of all colors.

Southern Edge featuring Chris Story.

eastern Caribbean, the couple will reside

Sabinal High School and graduated from

Texas A&M University with a degree in

accounting. She received her master's

degree in finance this past May and is

now employed by Deloitte and Touche

Lamesa High School. He graduated from

Texas A&M University with a degree in

accounting, then received his master's

degree in finance in 1998. He is employed

by PricewaterhouseCooper LLP in Hous-

their eggs inside their body.

Some sharks lay their eggs in the

Most female sharks hatch

The groom is a 1993 graduate of

LLP of Houston.

Patio tables were covered with white

Following a wedding cruise to the

The bride is a 1994 graduate of

punch bowl completed the table.

The groom's table featured a tiered

hand-made confection roses.

The bridal table, topped with a floor-

and hor d'oeuvres.

ding Song," and "The Lord's Prayer." was held at the Uvalde Country Club. tables centered by hurricane globes, pillar candles and mixed white floral arrangements. Buffet tables were topped

The bride is the daughter of Karen

large arched candelabras draped with silk spilled to the floor into a bank of green plants. The bridal arrangement was a large urn filled with an Old English style and soft greenery. The aisles were lined with ivory tulle and greenery.

In keeping with tradition, the bride

Kristi Hinds and Becky Williams, all of San Antonio; Krista Upham of Houston; Jeanette Keilman of Sabinal; and -Marlayna Driskill of Sabinal, the bride's

Sabinal, brother of the bride; Louis Blaine Sheppard of Midland.

Ushers were Courtney Brown of

SaVanna Boerner of Comfort and

Cameron Mena of Allen, cousin of

Casey DeFee of Lamesa sang "The Wed-

# Y2K Okay: Businesses Are Prepared For Midnight Hour

... continued from page 1 any other New Year's Eve. "Of course, it is unpredictable but hopefully it won't be as bad as some people think it may be," she said.

Thriftway grocery store in Tahoka has experienced a boom in sales of batteries and bottled water, according to manager Steve Sanders, as locals prepare for the end of the

"Batteries always sell well at Christmas, but I have noticed more sales than usual on batteries lately, and we have sold about ten times more than usual of the gallon size bottled water," Sanders told The News. "The water machine outside the store is also busy all the time, and keeps running out, and it takes 4-5 minutes for the machine to refill when empty, so customers sometimes must wait a few minutes there," he added.

He says the store is stocked and ready to handle customers' needs, and that he does not anticipate any problems with supplies, although he does say the store will not have extra cash on hand and encourages people to cash paychecks at banks instead of at the store.

Sanders said the store will close as usual at 8 p.m. Friday night, but will not open until 9 a.m. Saturday, New Year's Day, and close at 6 p.m. that evening.

All in all, it appears that businesses and individuals are prepared for the beginning of a new millennium, and keeping level heads about the issue. If problems do occur, citizens are encouraged to let the proper authorities know about the problem, stay calm, and have patience as solutions are presented.

This is the last issue of The Lynn County News in 1999. See you in the new millennium.

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## OBITUARIES

#### Winston Joseph **Johnson**

and seven Lubbock municipal war-

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suspended and failure to identify; one

for failure to stop and render aid; one

for no drivers license and three Lub-

bock municipal warrants; one for

DWI first offense and open container;

one for public intoxication and open

container; one for DWI first offense.

no drivers license and three Lubbock

municipal warrants; and finally, four

New Home

school Menu

January 3-7

Breakfast

Thursday: Blueberry Muffins, Milk.

Friday: Cereal, Graham Crackers, Milk.

Lunch

Tuesday: Stuffed Potatoes, Green Beans,

Broccoli w/Cheese, Hot Rolls, Chocolate

Wednesday: Tamales, Mini Burrito,

Cheese Sticks, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish

Thursday: Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn,

Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger,

Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles, French

Tahoka

School Menu

January 3-7

Breakfast

Tuesday: Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal

& Graham Crackers, Apple Juice, Milk.

Wednesday: Donuts or Cereal & Toast,

Thursday: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal &

Friday: Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice,

Lunch

Tuesday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Veg-

etable Soup, Mixed Salad, Cookie, Milk.

Wednesday: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad,

Thursday: Nacho Supreme, Lettuce,

Tomato, Potato Chips, Orange Slices,

Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger.

Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, French Fries,

Apple, Cherry Shape-Ups, Milk.

Monday: No School.

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Rice, Fruit Cup, Milk.

Monday: No School.

Pineapple Bits, Milk.

Monday: No School.

Cookie, Milk.

Apple Cobbler, Milk.

Milk.

Toast, Mixed Fruit, Milk.

Pudding, Milk.

Jello, Milk.

Fries, Milk

Tuesday: Waffles, Milk.

Wednesday: Donuts, Milk.

for Lubbock municipal warrants.

Services for Winston Joseph Johnson, 81, of Wolfforth were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at White Memorial Chapel in Tahoka with Oscar Batton of Ropesville Church of Christ officiating. Jim Halloway assisted.

Burial was in Nevels Memorial Park under direction of White Funeral Home

He died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999 in Lubbock.

He was born Jan. 2, 1918 in Ruby, South Carolina. He graduated from Ruby High School. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II. He married Allene Williams on Dec. 16, 1948, in Fort Worth. They moved to Wolfforth in 1983 after living in Fort Worth for 34 years. He worked in Aircraft Assembly for Bell Helicopter and retired in 1983. He was a member of Ropesville Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Nathan Johnson of Lancaster, South Carolina; and two sisters, Ethel Moore and Gladys Johnson, both of Kannapolis, North Carolina.

# C.W. Bradshaw

Services for C.W. "Neal" Bradshaw, 82, of Muleshoe were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Muleshoe Church of Christ with David Bennett and Harry Riggs offi-

Burial will be at a later date in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

He died Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999, at White Dove Rehabilitation and Nursing Home.

He was born Sept. 20, 1917, in Waxachie. He married Gladys "Skeet" Smith on Oct. 14, 1939 in Lubbock. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of World War II. He received three Battle Stars and the Combat Badge. He was a farmer and a member of the Muleshoe Church

He was preceded in death by a son, Odis Neal Bradshaw on Aug. 14,

Survivors include his wife; a son, Lloyd of Lazbuddie; a brother, Ted Melugin of Wilson; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchil-

The family suggests memorials to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 N.M 236, Portales 88130-9411

#### Wanda Hash

Services are pending at press time at White Funeral Home for Wanda Hash, 74, of O'Donnell. She died Tuesday, Dec. 28.

#### Vada Gollehon

Services for Vada Gollehon, 86. of Portales, N.M. were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at Calvary Baptist Church in Portales.

Burial was in Post Cemetery. She died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis, N.M.

She was born Feb. 13, 1913, in Sentinel, Okla. She married E.D. "Gene" Gollehon on June 29, 1935, in Lovington, N.M. They farmed near Post until 1945 when they moved to House, N.M. They moved to Portales in 1963. She was a cook at the boy's cottages at New Mexico Baptist Children's Home. She was active in 4-H leadership and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Portales

Survivors include three sons, Ron of McLean, Va., Mike of Portales and Noel of Gaithersburg. MD; a brother, Eldon Roberts of Abilene; a sister, Ann Adams of Tahoka; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to New Mexico Baptist Children's Home in Portales.

& Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad/Italian Dressing, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding.

Potato, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Wheat Roll, Cookies.

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# MENU

Tuesday: Lasagna, Corn, Green

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# Senior Citizens

Monday: Closed.

Beans, Coleslaw, Wheat Roll, Dry Jello Salad. Game Night—6 p.m. Wednesday: Tuna Patties, Macaroni

Salad/Ranch Dressing, Wheat Roll, Frosted Cake. Friday: Cube Steak, Brown Gravy,

# January 3-7

Thursday: Roasted Chicken, Scal-

#### Jhank You ...

I want everyone at Tahoka Independent School District to know how much I appreciate them and how much I will miss seeing them. I have made a career change from my position at Tahoka I.S.D., and am now driving a truck.

I love our school and enjoyed my time there, and have the highest respect for everyone there. Thank you for those years!

- Reggie Moore Sr.

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# FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TAHOKA

will close at

12:00 noon Friday, Dec. 31st

for the New Year's holiday.

The bank will be open Monday, Jan. 3, 2000.



Member F.D.I.C.

# Pages From The Past ...

well, and the family is thankful that for DWL first offense; one for no driv-

WRECK SENDS DRIVER TO HOSPITAL - A one-vehicle rollover

Tuesday morning 10 miles north of Tahoka on U.S. 87 caused injuries to

the driver. Vicky Andrade, 27, of Lubbock was driver of this 1994 Sat-

urn which rolled over into a ditch at 11:30 a.m. as she was traveling

south. Another female adult and infant female, passengers in the car,

car, and were reportedly treated and

released after being transported by

Lynn County EMS to Lynn County

Hospital. The driver was taken by

EMS to Lynn County Hospital and

then transported to a Lubbock hos-

gated a case of shoplifting reported

at Allsup's Convenience Store in

Tahoka last Tuesday. Two male ju-

veniles, ages 14 and 15, both of Wil-

son, were charged with attempting to

shoplift two boxes of cookies and

were turned over to juvenile authori-

involving forged checks from a lo-

cal business, and officers also inves-

tigated a report of stolen Christmas

decorations from a home on N. 3rd

Street. Seven Smurf lawn decorations

were reported missing, five of which

were recovered by police officers

shortly afterward on Christmas day.

week, with 25 persons arrested on

various counts during the past eight

days, mostly during the weekend.

The list includes one for capias child

support, issuing a bad check and

speeding; one for unauthorized use

of motor vehicle and warrant; three

ers license and no insurance; one for

bond surrender, no drivers license

and no insurance; one for driving

with license suspended; one for pos-

session of narcotic paraphernalia,

forgery, and failure to appear on pos-

session of marijuana charges in

Denton County; one for no valid driv-

ers license; one for terroristic threat;

one for theft; and one for aggravated

Also, one for failure to identify

Lynn County Jail was full this

Investigation continues on a case

Tahoka Police Officers investi-

pital for treatment.

Two One-Vehicle Accidents

Cause Injuries To Several

were reportedly treated and released.

Two one-car rollovers on U.S. 87

caused injuries to a Lubbock woman

and three Tahoka teenagers, and law

enforcement officers investigated

those and other incidents in the

accident involving three Tahoka teen-

agers sent all three to Lynn County

Hospital by EMS ambulance, and

one 15-year-old boy was kept over-

night for observation and treatment

of a broken arm as well as internal

bruising. Driver of the 1991 Dodge

Acclaim was 17-year-old La'Shea

Pridmore, and passengers included

twin brothers Josh and Jerid

p.m. approximately three miles north

of Tahoka, as the vehicle was travel-

ing north on U.S. 87. The car report-

edly veered off the highway and

struck a culvert, sending the vehicle

airborne, and it reportedly flipped

and rolled on impact. The driver was

treated for scrapes, cuts and bruises

and Jerid was treated for concussion

before being released by medical

personnel. Josh was kept overnight

in the hospital for treatment and re-

leased the next day. Parents of the

children report they are all doing

Department of Public Safety Of-

ficers investigated another one-ve-

hicle rollover Tuesday morning in

which two women and an infant were

involved. Vicky Andrade, 27, of Lub-

bock was the driver of the 1994 Sat-

turn which rolled over into a ditch at

11:30 a.m. as the vehicle was travel-

ing south, 10 miles north of Tahoka

on U.S. 87. Another adult female and

infant female were passengers in the

injuries were not more severe.

The accident occurred at 12:15

Pridmore, 15, all of Tahoka.

Early Sunday afternoon, a one-car

county during the past week.

by Vondell Elliott

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

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Construction officially got underway on Saturday, Feb. 1, for the 12-unit housing for elderly people on South Second Street in Tahoka.

Completion date has been set for May 30, according to J.M. Uzzle of the local Housing Authority. Total cost of the construction is \$123,450.00 and has been made possible by the Housing and Home Finance Company under the Public Housing Administration.

Persons 62 years of age and older are eligible to rent the units. Those wishing to apply for residence should contact Mr. Uzzle at the City Hall.

Eight of the units are designed with a partially partitioned bedroom, or called no-bedroom, and are suitable for single persons. Four units are one bedroom and can be utilized by couples. The project also calls for a sheltered recreation area, a utility room, a maintenance office and a garden area, all connected by walks.

Rent of the units will be required to pay expenses of the project's maintenance and to help pay off the long-term bonds, which will be subsidized by the government. - Feb. 7, 1964

#### **New Home Theatre**

**Destroyed By Fire** 

A grass fire, caught by burning trash, was responsible for the flames that caused \$20,000 damage to the New Home theater Saturday afternoon at about 5:45 p.m.

The burning grass spread under the edge of the quonset-type theatre building and caught the building afire. The Tahoka Fire Department and Lubbock firemen answered the alarm and the local volunteers battled the blaze and remained at the scene until 11:00 p.m. Saturday.

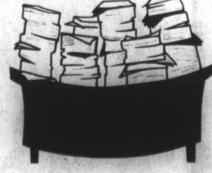
The building, which seats about 600, had been closed for several weeks. It is located on the main street of New Home.

Don Sharp, manager, said the building and equipment were "cleaned out." Estes Burgamy of route 5, Lubbock, is the owner of the theater. Jan. 24, 1964

Most animals walk and run on their toes but a bear puts its whole foot firmly on the ground with each step. That may be why it seems to



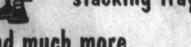
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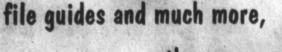


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may be shown in one of these photos taken from the 1999 issues of

The Lynn County News



STUCO DONATES \$850 - Tahoka High School Student Council organization (not NHS, as reported last week) raised \$850 through their Christmas Home Tour in December, donating \$750 to the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program and \$100 to Rev. Gloria Moore's local jail ministry program. Here, StuCo members Klyssa Kelln and Ryan Curry present a \$750 check to Janet Porterfield for the Christmas for Kids program. Our apologies to both NHS and StuCo for incorrectly naming the organization in last week's issue of The News. Mrs. Porterfield reported this week that the Christmas For Kids program served 210 children in the county this Christmas, 74 of whom were "adopted" by various individuals/organizations, and a total of \$3,646.62 was donated for (LCN PHOTO) the program this year.

In a table tennis tournament match in 1936, Alex Ehrlich of Poland and Paneth Farcas of Rumania volleyed for 2 hours and 12 minutes on the opening serve.

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# GTE Seeking To Sell Tahoka, Wilson Telephone Exchanges

GTE Southwest Incorporated has entered into a contract with Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, to sell several telephone exchanges, including the cities of Tahoka and Wilson. The sale, if approved, should be closed in midyear 2000, according to officials at GTE.

On December 13, 1999, Valor Telecommunications filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to Tahoka and Wilson. If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service.

"This is something that the City of Tahoka, and GTE customers here, have no say in the matter," said Jay Dee House, a member of the Tahoka City Council. "The way I understand it, GTE put several exchanges up for bid, including Tahoka and Wilson, and this other company had the highest bid," he told The News.

Carl Erhart with GTE said that GTE anticipates the sale to close in mid-year 2000 and that customers here should see no immediate change except in the billing process. "As far as changes that occur after the sale, I couldn't say," he said.

"GTE has sold property in 12 or 13 states, as a part of an ongoing effort to raise capital to focus in other areas," Erhart explained. "GTE doesn't expect any issues with approval of the sale from the affected state and federal agencies, and as soon as the sale is approved will close the proceedings with Valor Telecommunications," he added.

In a public notice printed inside this edition of The News, a statement from Valor Telecommunications notes that Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. "If, in the future, the company (Valor) proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time," the notice says.

A call to Valor Telecommunications from The News was not returned as of press time Wednesday morning.

The public notice includes a name and phone number for more information: Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940, and Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Anyone who wishes to intervene or comment on the action may contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas toll-free at (888) 782-8477.

# CRP Sign-Up Scheduled Jan. 18 through Feb. 11

The 20th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up period will be from Tuesday, Jan. 18 through Friday, Feb. 11, according to information released this week by the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Tahoka. All contracts that expired prior to 2000, contracts that expire on Sept. 30, 2000, or any land not under contract may be bid if the land meets the eligibility criteria.

The new Conservation Reserve Program is designated to target the most environmentally sensitive land. The primary goals of CRP are erosion reduction, water quality improvement, and wildlife habitat enhancement. All eligible offers will be ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), which is used to evaluate all offers based on the potential environmental benefits.

The criteria that will be used to determine the EBI ranking include: wildlife benefits, erosion control, water quality, air quality, and cost. Producers who bid their land into the Conservation Reserve Program will sign a lease with the United States Department of Agriculture if their bid accepted.

"Participants must establish a cover on the land that is accepted into CRP, and they receive cost-share assistance for establishing the cover, as well as an annual rental payment for taking the land out of production. After the cover has been established, the producer must maintain the cover for the life of the contract," said an NRCS spokesman.

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maintenance. Acres that are accepted into the new CRP program must benefit the nation more from the land being retired than keeping the land in agricultural production," added the spokesman.

Owners who are interested in bidding their land into the Conservation Reserve Program, or have any questions about CRP, should contact the local Natural Resources conservation Service at 998-4507 ext. 3, or come by the local office at 1600 S. 2nd Street in Tahoka. Information is also available at the Farm Service Agency located at 1602 S. 2nd in Tahoka, or call 998-4501 ext. 2.

Producers who know they are going to bid land into CRP are encouraged to contact the local Farm Service Agency as soon as possible for an appointment.

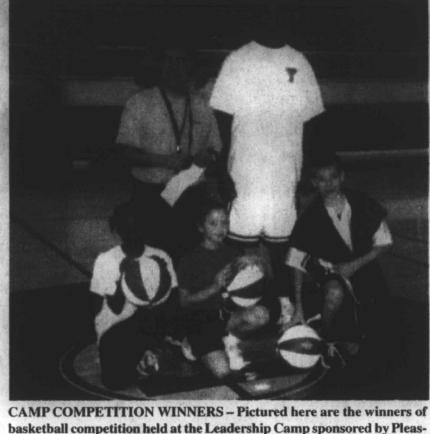
"Appointments should be scheduled early in the sign-up to ensure all documentation can be completed. If producers wait until the last few days of the sign-up to schedule an appointment it may not be possible to get all the documentation completed before the deadline," said local FSA offi-

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basketball competition held at the Leadership Camp sponsored by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Tahoka, which was held Dec. 20 in the Tahoka gym. Standing are camp director Toby Villa and his assistant Rocky Moore. Kneeling, left to right, are winners Kyra Helm (3rd), Kalie Wuensche, (2nd) and Chris Engle (1st).

#### Pleasant Grove Holds First Annual Leadership Camp

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Tahoka sponsored the First Annual Leadership Camp, Monday, Dec. 20 at the Tahoka High School gym. Twenty-four children in grades one through eight participated in the

The director of the basketball

camp was former THS coach Toby Villa. He was assisted by former THS player Rocky Moore.

In ball handling, free throw, and hot shot competition, Chris Engle placed first overall. Second place went to Kalie Wuensche while Kyra Helm took home third place honors.

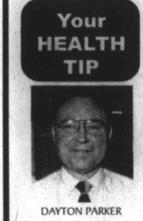
All proceeds from the camp went to the Pleasant Grove Youth Department.



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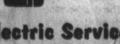
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Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: Christmas is past for another year and those with cut, real trees need to check them and be sure that they are not getting too dried out to keep in the house. Most of them are beginning to drop their needles and are becoming dry and brittle to the touch. It would be best to take them down and remove them from the house. Many people like to cut the tree up and burn it in the fireplace, however this can be dangerous. Pine trees are full of resin which is a substance that can burn very quickly and with very high heat. Never burn the branches and needles in a fireplace as they will burn very quickly and with a large amount of

## **Political Calendar**

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY** March 14, 2000 (Political advertising paid by the candidates listed)

**Lynn County Sheriff** MARVIN PIERCE

(INCUMBENT)

Lynn County Pct. 3

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**Lynn County** Tax Assessor/Collector SHERRY PEARCE

**District Attorney** RICKY B. SMITH (INCUMBENT)

heat which could cause a flashback in your fireplace or chimney. Many communities provide places to drop off the discarded trees and then they are ground up and used for mulching purposes.

\*\*\* Several of the Wilson churches have planned services for New Year's Eve.

St. Paul Lutheran will have New Year's Eve services beginning at 6:30. p.m.; no New Year's Day services; and regular services on Sunday

First Baptist Church of Wilson will have New Year's Eve services at 11:30 p.m.; no New Year's Day services; and regular services on Sunday.

St. John Lutheran church has no services planned for New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, but regular services are scheduled for Sunday, Jan.2.

Tentative plans call for New Year's Day services at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church to begin at 9 a.m. There will be no New Year's Eve services, and Sunday services will be held at the usual

Many business and governmental offices are planning for a long New Year's weekend.

The Cotton Boll, Wilson Coop Gin, Robert Abbe's office, and Morton Manufacturing will all be closed Friday.

Wilson City Hall, Wilson State Bank, and the Wilson Insurance Agency will all close their doors at noon on Fri-

The Wilson Post Office will be open until 3 p.m. (at least) on Friday and will be closed on Saturday. No mail will be put up Saturday and no rural routes will run on Saturday.

The Country Store and Mustang Grill will both be open on their regular schedule.

Six youth and two adult leaders from the Wilson First Baptist Church are in Dallas this week for the Mid-Winter Youth Congress. Activities began Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. and continue through Friday morning. The group is expected to return late Friday evening.

Wilson schools will resume classes on Tuesday, Jan. 4 at the regular time with busses running according to schedule.

The expression "apple pie order" has little do with apple ples but is a corruption of the French phrase "nappe plié" meaning folded linen.

# O'Donnell Man Travels To Korea In U.S. Army Training Exercise

by Rich Lamance, Army & Air Force etown News Service

When the son of an O'Donnell couple first arrived in Tongduchun, Republic of Korea, his glimpse of the serene and tranquil setting of farmers tending rice paddies neatly tucked between rugged mountains held an eerie, almost surreal appearance. What made this rural farmland in South Korea's northern provinces different from most was its setting just a few short miles from one of the world's most tense and potentially dangerous borders.

Army Sgt. Joe Contreras, son of Salvador and Maria Contreras of O'Donnell, traveled over 7,000 miles as part of an exercise called "Foal Eagle '99," designed to test the readiness abilities of units both in the area and back in the U.S. to respond to a crisis along the potentially volatile border between the two Koreas.

"Foal Eagle" involved over 500,000 Republic of Korea and more than 30,000 U.S. forces with elements from every service. In an exercise of this nature, half the battle is just getting there, with the loading and picking up of supplies, vehicles and equipment just as important as the simulated battle itself. For Contreras and his unit, preparation began months before.

"We spent months preparing for

ROCKY MOORE

Rocky Moore, a 1997 graduate

of Tahoka High School, was recently

informed he has been awarded a full

basketball scholarship from Wayland

Baptist University in Plainview, be-

ginning with the spring 2000 semes-

Junior College in Hobbs, N.M. for

one year, playing basketball for the

Gloria Moore of Tahoka

**Pickup Purchase** 

Okayed For Pct. 1

Moore attended New Mexico

He is the son of Reggie and

Lynn County Commissioners ap-

proved the purchase of a new pickup

for Precinct 1 during a special ses-

sion held Wednesday, Dec. 22, and

approved monthly bills. Commis-

sioners noted that the county court-

house would be closed for New

Year's holiday on Friday, Dec. 31 and

Three commissioners were

present for the meeting, including

Sandy Cox-Kizer, Mike Braddock

and J.T. Miller. Commissioner Don

Morton and Judge J.F. Brandon were

Monday, Jan. 3.

Moore Receives

Scholarship To

**Wayland Baptist** 

this exercise," said Contreras. "My unit spent six weeks in the field at Fort Hood familiarizing ourselves with the Korean terrain by living in a simulated combat environment."

Contreras was part of a task force from elements of the 4th Infantry Division based at Fort Hood, Texas. "I'm a claims processor who's needed when U.S. Army soldiers mistakenly destroy Korean property during this exercise," said Contreras. "It's my job to determine how much is paid to replace damaged property or items. I'm also involved in the legal process that discipline soldiers."

Contreras is a legal specialist assigned with Headquarters, 2nd Brigade at the Central-Texas-based post of Fort Hood. "Back at Fort Hood I'm the supervisor of a section in the post's legal office," said Contreras. "We handle divorces, wills and other legal matters for our soldiers and their

"Off duty, I attend college classes and spend time socializing with my friends."

With 1.2 million North Korean soldiers posing a constant threat to peace on the Korean peninsula, Contreras and his fellow soldiers realize that, whether a few miles from the DMZ or half a world away at their home base at Fort Hood, readiness is not so much a word as a way of life.

O'DONNELL MAN IN KOREA - Army Sgt. Joe Contreras, a legal office supervisor, helps set up camouflage during a recent military exercise in South Korea. The O'Donnell native traveled to Korea along with his unit from Fort Hood to participate in the annual military exercise "Foal Eagle." (Photo by John Lasky)

# **Lynn County Charitable Bingo Players** Win \$184,721 In Third Quarter of 1999

third quarter of 1999 brought more fun and more prizes, over a half-million dollars more than in the last quarter," said Billy Atkins, charitable

"Players in Lynn County not only won big prizes, they also helped local charities continue their work on behalf of the less fortunate," Atkins

Charitable Bingo players who frequented the four licensed Bingo

The charitable organizations in Lynn County with an annual license to conduct Charitable Bingo reported the following attendance for the quar-

· St. Pius X Catholic Church-

LULAC Council 4498 of Lynn

of the \$108.5 million in prizes that Bingo charities across the state paid to winners. That includes \$84.9 million for regular bingo prizes and \$15.3 million in prizes for pull tab

Lynn County last week received \$4,614.67 in Charitable Bingo prize fees covering the third quarter of 1999, Atkins said.

The payments cover prize fees collected by Charitable Bingo organizations from winning players in Lynn County for July, August and September of this year. Cities and counties that imposed the gross re ceipt tax on a local-option basis prior to Jan. 1, 1993, receive quarterly payments of up to 2.5 percent of the prizes won by Bingo players in their jurisdictions.

The state also receives a 2.5-per-

cent share of the prize fees. The payments to Lynn County were part of the \$2.4 million in prize fees allocated to Texas cities and counties this month. In total, 65 county governments received \$1.3 million in prize fees, and 118 city governments received \$1.1 million.

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**DOLLARS FIGHT CANCER** IN TEXAS

This diagram shows how contributions raised

in Texas last year are being invested this

year in cancer control programs.

#### Tahoka Care **Center News**

by Barbara Stice

Well, Christmas has come and gone and things here at Tahoka Care Center have begun to slow down some. Everyone had a big Christmas — a lot of good things to eat, and a lot of good gifts. Santa and Mrs. Claus came by on Christmas Eve and gave lap covers to the residents. Thank you so much!

Thanks to the community service kids for coming by and singing Christmas carols and dropping off sacks of goodies for the residents.

The new year is almost here, we are looking forward to it. We will have three birthdays in January, one being the 100th birthday of Mr. Henry Hood. I will have more about him in next week's column; I'll bet he could tell us a lot of things that

have happened in his lifetime. The residents enjoy Bingo and the other games that we play, and we would like to thank everyone who brings game prizes and volunteers time to play with the residents. Anyone with free time is invited and encouraged to come out and play games with the residents - they would love the company.

I would like to thank everyone again for all your help and for all the donations of gifts, time, etc. for the residents. You have helped so much to make it a good year for them.

I enjoy it here at the Care Center, the residents are a big blessing to me, and to see them happy makes me

Happy New Year from all of us at Tahoka Care Center! Thanks again for a good year here.

The term skyscraper was first applied to The Auditorium building. Built in Chicago it was completed in 1889. It was ten stories

# "For Texas Bingo players, the Bingo games.

bingo Director.

charities in Lynn County won \$184,721 in July, August and September of this year, Atkins reported.

· Lynn County Pioneers Inc.:

O'Donnell: 2,195

County: 2,045 • St. Jude Catholic Church:

The \$184,721 won locally is part

#### Wilson School Menu

#### January 3-7 Breakfast

Monday: No School. Tuesday: Cinnamon Roll, Juice, Milk. Wednesday: Waffles, Juice Milk. Thursday: French Toast Sticks, Juice,

Friday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk. Lunch

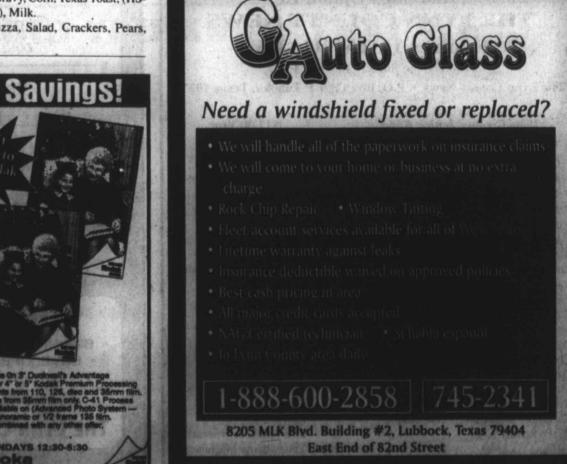
Monday: No School Tuesday: Corn Dogs, Chips, Pork & Beans, Peaches, (HS-Nacho Bar), Milk. Wednesday: Nachos w/Meat, Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Peppers,

Pineapple Chunks, Milk. Thursday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Texas Toast, (HS-Potato Bar), Milk.

Friday: Pizza, Salad, Crackers, Pears,

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Lynn County: Tahoka, Wolfforth, Wilson. On December 13, 1999. Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any Increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Vaior at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

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