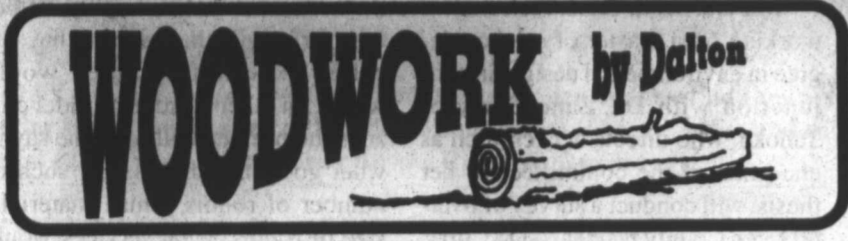


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OVER ALL THESE YEARS, never mind how many, I have learned a few things, well, three anyway.

One is that there is no easy way to open things sealed in plastic. No. 2 is Never make jokes about a pie cooked by your wife (can lead to serious injury and/or a short marriage), and No. 3, It pays off in the long run to be nice to people, even those you can't stand.

So that's the extent of my learning. However, other people have learned more important things, and someone sent me a list the other day. I don't know the origin of the list, but there are some good things in it. It's supposed to be a list of answers to the question, "What have you learned?" as put to people from the age of 6 to 92:

### WHAT I'VE LEARNED

I've learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. Age 6

I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night". Age 7

I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. Age 9

I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up. Age 12

I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. Age 13

I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. Age 15

I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice. Age 24

I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there. Age 29

I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. Age 39

I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it. Age 41

I've learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little card. Age 44

I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his need to cast blame on others. Age 45

I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. Age 46

I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours. Age 49

I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone. Age 50

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. Age 52

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. Age 53

I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life. Age 58

I've learned that if you want to do something positive for your children, try to improve your marriage. Age 61

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. Age 62

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. Age 64

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. Age 65

I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. Age 66

I've learned that everyone can use a prayer. Age 72

I've learned that it pays to believe in miracles. And to tell the truth, I've seen several. Age 73

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. Age 82

I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. Age 85

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. Age 92



**TOP DOGS IN AREA**—Some of the Tahoka Bulldogs are shown here with the area championship trophy after beating Ozona 77-64 at Big Spring Friday. The Dogs were nosed out in the Regional quarterfinals game against Wall Tuesday night. Kneeling in front are Blandon Hancock, Matt Chancy and Randy White. Standing are Anthony DeLeon, Bobby Benavidez, Brady Raindl, Jason Jaquess, Brad Pebsworth, Sedrick Williams, Larry Davis, Jordan Sarchet and Jeremy Vega. Not shown is Shaun Williams. (LCN PHOTO)

## Wall Crushes Dog's Hopes For Regional Tournament

The Tahoka Bulldogs ended a fine season Tuesday night, claiming the titles this year of District Runnerup, Bi-District Champions, and Area Champions before bowing out to Wall 43-38 in the Regional Quarterfinals held in Big Spring.

The Bulldogs, under the leadership of Coach Rusty Frazier, struggled throughout the Wall game, gaining the lead by a point or two only a few times. The Dogs trailed by four at the end of the first period (14-10) and again at the half (27-23). It was a low-scoring third period as both teams struggled underneath the baskets, with Wall tossing in 6 points for the period and Tahoka gaining a little ground with 8 points.

Going into the fourth, Tahoka trailed by only two points, 33-31, but personal foul trouble loomed ahead for the Dogs. Brady Raindl fouled out with just under 3 minutes left in the game, and Brad Pebsworth came close, chalking up four fouls in the game. The Dogs pulled ahead with a three-pointer from Sedrick Williams about a minute into the last period, leading 34-33, and three minutes later the score remained the same, as both teams fought for possession of the ball. Wall gained the upper hand again with 3:21 remaining and Tahoka never regained the lead, trailing by 5 at the final buzzer.

Jordan Sarchet led his team in scoring, chalking up 12 points, followed closely by Sedrick Williams with 11 and Pebsworth with 9. Raindl, Shaun Williams, and Anthony DeLeon added 2 apiece.

For the three seniors on the team, the regional quarterfinal game was their final for the Tahoka Bulldogs, with Matt Chancy seeing quite a bit of action in the playoffs. Anthony DeLeon had some playing time, and Jeremy Vega suffered a wrist injury before the playoffs.

### Dogs Beat Ozona

In the Area win over Ozona last Friday night, three Bulldogs scored in double figures to lead their team in the 77-64 victory. Pebsworth led all scorers with 30 points, Sedrick Williams added another 23 and Sarchet pitched in 10 points in the game held in the Dorothy Garret Coliseum on the Howard College campus in Big Spring.

Ozona led by one at the end of the first period, with Tahoka trailing 18-17, but the Bulldogs captured the lead in the second quarter and never got behind after that, outscoring Ozona by 23 to 10 points, respectively, to claim a 40-28 halftime lead.

The Dogs again outscored Ozona with 18 points to their 8 in the third period, and led 58-36 going into the final period. Ozona rallied with a 28-point effort in the final act, several of which were three-pointers, but the Bulldogs were not to be deterred, scoring another 19 points before the buzzer sounded.

Sedrick Williams tossed in 7 of 8 free throws (88%) in his 23-point game total. Brady Raindl, Shaun Williams and Matt Chancy assisted their team with 4 points each, and Jason Jaquess tossed in a last-second basket for 2.

## Second-Quarter Surge By Hornets Kills Eagles

A disastrous second quarter was the big difference as Lorenzo beat O'Donnell 72-58 in the regional quarterfinals Class A basketball game at Lubbock Tuesday night.

O'Donnell led 14-12 at the end of the first period, but the Hornets came back with 22 points in the second while holding the Eagles to 9 points, and putting Lorenzo in front 34-23 at halftime.

The Eagles were outscored 16-14 in the third and 22-21 in the fourth quarter.

Manny Gutierrez led O'Donnell with 18 points. Tatum Bessire and Ramiro Montez had 10 each. Bessire and Montez each had two 3-point goals.

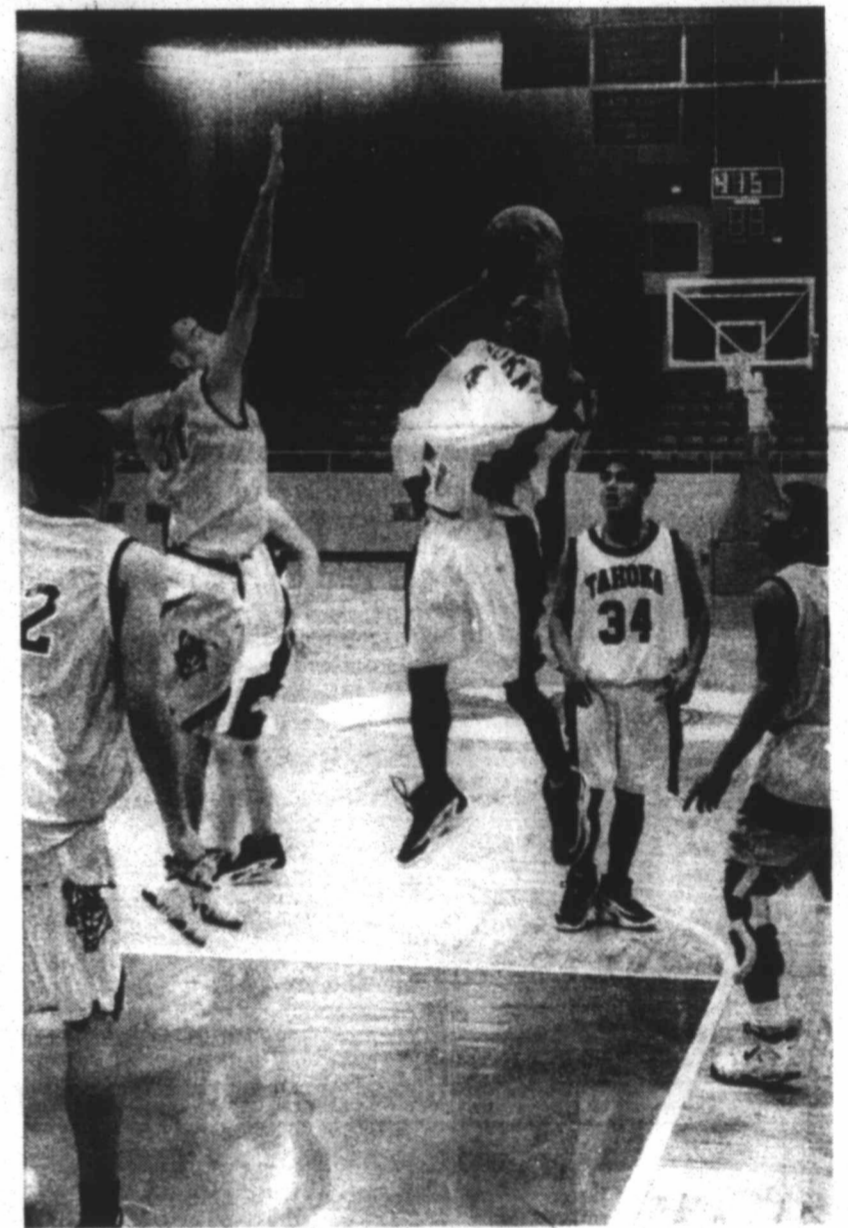
The loss ended a fine season for the Eagles, who finished up with 19 wins and 6 losses.

### Eagles Win Area

The Eagles advanced to the game with Lorenzo by clipping Motley County 57-44 Friday night the Class A area-round playoff game at Hutcherson Center, Wayland Baptist University, Plainview.

Manny Gutierrez scored 17 points and Ramiro Montez added 14 as the Eagles built their season mark to 19-6.

The game was tied at 9 at the end of the first period, but O'Donnell went on a big 23-point spurge in the second to lead at halftime 32-21. The second half was about even.



**JUMPER**—Sedrick Williams of Tahoka goes up for a shot against Ozona in the Class AA Area championship game won by the Bulldogs in Big Spring Friday, 77-64. Tahoka's No. 34 is Anthony DeLeon. Ozona players include Jomie Tebbetts (30) and Peter Rodriguez (10). (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

## Kim Compton Wins Brain-Bee Event

Wilson High School senior Kim Compton won the South Plains area "Brain-Bee" this past Saturday at the Science Spectrum in Lubbock.

The competition, sponsored by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Department of Neurology, was designed to test students' knowledge of the brain and its function. Each student was given a book with information about the brain's anatomy, chemical response, reaction to drugs, diseases, molecular structure, and relationship with the central nervous system; and then competed against one another in an oral quiz format.

Miss Compton defeated students from 1-A to 5-A schools for a chance to represent the South Plains in the National Brain-Bee in Washington DC on March 16. An all-expense paid

trip will be provided for her and one parent.

Miss Compton is the daughter of Gates and Theresa Compton of Wilson.

### Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 24	79	26	
Feb. 25	81	41	
Feb. 26	79	43	
Feb. 27	64	41	
Feb. 28	80	40	
Mar. 1	78	40	
Mar. 2	67	40	

Total Precip. to date: 1.02"  
Total Precip. this time last year: 1.26"

# Two More File For City, School Elections

Filing was slow this week as only two more candidates filed for places in the Tahoka city and O'Donnell school elections. Candidates have about two more weeks to file.

Deadline to file for a place on city or school ballots is March 17, and elections will be held May 1. For information on filing, contact city or school administrative offices.

Following is election information as of Wednesday morning:

### SCHOOL ELECTIONS

**Tahoka I.S.D.:** 2 single-member district seats, all 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Ginger Henry, Place 3; Brad Hammonds, Place 4. Filing, Place 3: Math Bartley, Ginger Henry, Mitch Raindl; Place 4: Brad Hammonds.

**Wilson I.S.D.:** 3 seats (one 1-year unexpired term, two 3-year terms), cumulative voting. Terms expiring: John Earl Fields, one open seat due to resignation of David Wied, and the unexpired term of Keith Wied, due to resignation. Filing: none.

**New Home I.S.D.:** 2 seats, At-Large, 3-year terms. Terms expiring:

Andy Fillingim, Rick Clem. Filing: Gary Crambler.

**O'Donnell I.S.D.:** 2 seats, 3-year terms, cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Jackie Stidham, Danny Willis. Filing: Danny Willis, Regina Crutcher, and Cody Furlow.

### CITY ELECTIONS

**City of Tahoka:** Mayor (At-Large), 2 single-member district council seats, all 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Mayor, Mike Mensch; John Chapa Jr., District 1; Amy Preston, District 3. Filing for mayor: Mike Mensch.

**City of Wilson:** 3 council seats, all at-large, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Victor Steinhauser, Oscar Ortega, David Cook. Filing: Lupe Guzman.

**City of New Home:** Mayor, 2 council seats, all at-large, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Mayor, Don Sharp; councilmen Leroy Nettles and Kyle Johnston. Filing: none.

**City of O'Donnell:** 3 council seats, 2-year terms, cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Phil Bairrington, Bryan Snellgrove, Max Mendieta. Filing: none.

## City Council Meet Reset For Monday

Because several members of the Tahoka City Council were ill or had other commitments, last Monday's scheduled meeting of the council was canceled.

City Manager Jerry Webster said the meeting, which had a major agenda including several actions related to construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in Tahoka, will be at 7 p.m. this coming Monday.

Obligations of the city to the federal government related to the construction of the Canadian River water project also are on the agenda for consideration.

Earthworms get air from spaces between particles of soil. When it rains, earthworms come to the surface to avoid drowning!

## STORK REPORT

Lani and Bernie Schom of Houston announce the birth of a daughter, Brooke Kaela, born at 3:26 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19, 1999 in Houston. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 inches long.

She has a 2-year-old brother, Levi.

Grandparents are Jerry and Sandra Brown of Tahoka and Bill Schom of Winnipeg, Canada.

Great-grandmother is Verna Lee Brown of Tahoka.

Just as my fingers on these keys make music, so the self-same sounds on my spirit make a music too.

—William Shakespeare



**FIVE GENERATIONS** - The women pictured here represent five-generations of the same family, all residing in Tahoka. They are (front) baby Leticia Olvera; Manuela Lopez, great-great-grandmother; Lucinda Rodriguez, mother; and (back) Becky Rodriguez, grandmother; and Naomi Aleman, great-grandmother.

## May Election Set For Hospital Board

An election to fill two seats on the Lynn County Hospital board of directors is scheduled for May 1. Terms of board members Peggy Morton and Mike Rivas are scheduled to expire.

In a regular monthly meeting last Thursday, board members approved a new set of guidelines presented by the medical staff regarding emergency room procedures.

The board also looked at several reports involving ambulance policies and letters from citizens regarding a recent denial of the ambulance service of a request to transport a patient from his home in Tahoka directly to Lubbock without first taking him to the nearest emergency room, which in this case would have been Lynn County Hospital.

Legal advisors for the hospital affirmed that the ambulance policies are proper, primarily because the hospital could face liability if something happened to a patient en route to a facility which was not the nearest one.

Medical staff privileges for a group of doctors with Lubbock Radiology Associates were approved by the board.

Presiding in the absence of board president Billy Tomlinson was vice-president Jerry Ford. Others present were Administrator Louise Landers and members Rivas, Morton, Virginia Griffing and Dalton Wood. Member Joe Hays also was absent.

Iced tea is the most popular form of the beverage in the United States.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(Editors Note: This letter, addressed to the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, was provided to the Lynn County News by E.L. Short, author of the letter.)

Steve Miller, Fire Chief  
Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department  
Dear Steve,

Enclosed — my check for \$500. This is the third check for this amount in five years. I personally do understand the volunteer's good work. You folks have done our area a tremendous service for many years. I did cancel my \$3.00 monthly fee because I am willing to help more by just sending you larger amounts.

I find reason to believe your recent letter to me was lacking valuable information. First, the City Government was not mentioned. Second, (and I stand corrected), the City owes for the trucks, not the fire department. Many of us, after receiving your letter, wonder who owns the trucks and equipment. Of course, we all believe that the City owns them and that they are obligated to pay the indebtedness on them. In other words, the citizens are confused by the lack of information we have received. No one I've talked to has ever stated how many households ever paid the \$3 per month. How much as paid on various months? How much was needed each month to meet the debt? How long is the fee expected to be collected? Will the citizens be told when the debt is cleared and told that the \$3 will no longer be needed? I suspect many, many households do not pay the assessments. Therefore, I consider such fees unfair. I'm sure no lender would loan money based solely and only on volunteer money.

I recommend the City government get behind your efforts and that they send a letter to everyone to clear up the details. They (the City Council) should be straight forward with the citizens and inform them. How much the debt is — if they raise fees on taxes I'm all for it.

I know each person in your department and write this letter in your defense, not in opposition of your efforts.

Sincerely,  
E.L. Short

## New Survey Seeks Data On What County Seniors Want In An Assisted Living Facility

By DALTON WOOD

Another survey of what Lynn County citizens would prefer if an assisted living facility were to be built in the area is to be conducted in the next few weeks. Similar surveys were conducted in 1989 and 1993 by Texas Tech researchers who want to compare the results to see what, if any, changes in preferences are indicated.

Mareta Scott, Texas Tech student working on a master of science degree in environmental design, in conjunction with Dr. Zane Curry of Tahoka, who directs her research as chairman of the committee for her thesis, will conduct a survey of over-60 Lynn County residents. Dr. Curry, associate professor of environmental design and consumer economics in the College of Human Sciences, also organized and carried out the first two surveys.

Ms. Scott is combining personal interest in design with her interest in designing living environments for the elderly as she plans to send out questionnaires to randomly selected registered voters age 60 and over in Lynn County.

The graduate student, who has a bachelor of fine arts degree, said her research to date shows that "the majority of the elderly who live independently say that they would prefer to continue living in their own homes as long as it is feasible. The

unavoidable decline in mobility and health, however, suggests that many of them must eventually receive support to allow them to remain independent, yet secure."

"After the survey is done, Ms. Scott will design a prototype facility for older persons," said Dr. Curry. "This design should be primarily based on what the older citizens say they want in such a facility, rather than primarily based on what so-called experts think they would want...In other words, the older citizens themselves will have the say in what goes into the design, such as number of rooms, finish materials, size of rooms, what services would be provided, the location of the facility, and other desired amenities."

The study will basically repeat two earlier studies of Lynn County over-60 residents, and will give the sponsors a chance to compare results and see what, if any changes are shown in preferences or demographics.

The questionnaires should be mailed to randomly selected citizens by March 15, and should be returned within a few weeks.

"We hope that everyone who gets a questionnaire will return it to us in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided, regardless of how they feel about a facility being built locally," Dr. Curry said.

## 17 Jailed Here For Violations Of Liquor Laws

An unusually high number of persons — 23 — were jailed during the last week in Lynn County, with 17 of those arrested in connection with drinking. Ten were arrested for first offense driving while intoxicated (DWI), with some of these enhanced by charges including application to revoke probation, possession of marijuana, and no valid drivers license.

Five persons were jailed for public intoxication, and two were arrested for DWI second offense.

Other persons jailed during the week faced charges of theft over \$50 and under \$500, grand jury indictments for forgery and deadly conduct, driving while license suspended, burglary and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

During the month of February, dispatchers at Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. processed 213 phone calls, including 96 for the county, 85 for the City of Tahoka, 10 for City of O'Donnell, 15 for EMS ambulance and seven for fires.

A 37-year-old New Home man was bitten on the hand by a 31-year-old Tahoka man who was arrested and charged with simple assault. The case is to be handled in city court. The incident occurred at a party on S. 4th St. in Tahoka early Sunday.

On Thursday at the intersection of Ave. L and N. 3rd St. in Tahoka, a 1995 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Courtney Stennett, 17, of Rt. 4, Tahoka and a 1993 Pontiac Sunbird driven by Maria Guerro Morales, 64, of Tahoka collided. No injuries were listed.

On Sunday a 1987 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Fidel Garcia Jr., 31, of Tahoka collided with a parked 1999 Ford pickup owned by Auther Chapa of Tahoka in the 1900-block of S. 4th St. No injuries were reported.

### NEW AT THE LIBRARY

*Tuesdays With Morrie*  
by Mitch Albom

Maybe it was a grandparent, or a teacher, or a colleague. Someone older, patient and wise, who understood you when you were young and searching, helped you see the world as a more profound place, gave you sound advice to help you make your way through it. For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly twenty years ago.

Maybe, like Mitch, you lost track of this mentor as you made your way, and the insights faded, and the world seemed colder. Wouldn't you like to see that person again, ask the bigger questions that still haunt you, receive wisdom for your busy life today the way you once did when you were younger?

Mitch Albom had that second chance. He rediscovered Morrie in the last months of the older man's life. Knowing he was dying, Morrie visited with Mitch in his study every Tuesday, just as they used to back in college. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final "class": lessons in how to live.

*Tuesdays with Morrie* is a magical chronicle of their time together, through which Mitch shares Morrie's lasting gift with the world.

Available at the City-County Library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street in Tahoka; phone 998-4050. Open Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed 1-2 p.m. for lunch); Tuesday and Thursday, 2-7 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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**A DAY AT THE BEACH** - These audience members believe that they are relaxing on the beach while they are under the hypnotic spell of Dr. Jim Wand (front). The hypnotist and motivational speaker was the featured guest at last week's fundraiser for the City-County Library.

**Tahoka School News**  
by THS Growl Staff

**THS Students Named 'Most'**  
by Amanda Fuentes

Twelve students were recently named "most" by popular vote of the high school student body. Amanda Fuentes and Mario Luna were voted "Most Versatile", "Most Unpredictable" honors went to D.J. Sims and Courtney Stennett; while Jessica House and Gary Chapa were named "Most School Spirited".

Natasha Mensch and Marlon Womack took "Most Likely to Succeed" honors and "Best Attitude" was awarded to Jared Gandy and Melissa Pedroza. "Friendliest" was awarded to Chris Craig and Kelsey Cloc.

**Clean Sweep At Band Contest**  
by Meg Flynn

Five Tahoka students took a clean sweep at the Solo and Ensemble Contest, Feb. 27.

Each participant received a Superior or 1st Division rating.

Participants were Fernando Castro, bass clarinet; Gary Davis, trombone; James Moss, trombone; Callie McKay, clarinet; and Lesley Chapa, alto saxophone.

Callie and Moss performed Grade 1 solos by memory. They qualified to go to San Marcos for the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest the last weekend of May.

"Mr. Brown and I are very proud of the students and their hard work," said Band Director Carroll Rhodes. "They represented Tahoka very well and battled 100%."

Tahoka was one of the few schools to go home with a clean sweep according to Mr. Rhodes.

**Powerlifting**  
by Fernando Castro

The Tahoka Powerlifting team traveled to Petersburg on Feb. 13.

Anthony Garza placed 6th in the 132 pound weight class. Colton McNeely placed 13th in the same class.

Martin Garza placed 26th in the 148 pound class.

**Varsity Baseball**  
by Mandi Tejada

The Tahoka Bulldog varsity baseball team suffered a loss to the Shallowater Mustangs, 0-10, in their season opener. The game was cut short in the fifth inning by the 10 run rule.

**SPC Basketball Camp Sign-Ups Underway**

The South Plains College Athletic Department has announced the dates for their annual Boys and Girls Basketball Summer Camps.

Texas Head Coach Shawn Scanlan's camp is scheduled for July 25-29 on the campus of SPC in Levelland. The cost of the overnight camp is \$200. A \$60 deposit is due with registration.

The camp will offer boys in third through twelfth grade the opportunity to learn and develop better basketball skills. Scanlan will personally instruct participants. He has been the basketball coach at SPC for four years and has 22 years of coaching experience.

Lady Texan Head Coach Lyndon Hardin's camps are scheduled for June 13-18 and June 20-25. The cost of the camp is \$125 for day campers not eating in Texas Hall; \$185 for day campers eating in Texas Hall; and \$225 for overnight campers with a meal ticket. A \$75 deposit is due with registration.

The camp will offer girls in fifth through twelfth grade the opportunity to learn and develop fundamental basketball skills. Hardin has been the coach of the Lady Texans for 16 years.

For applications or more information, contact the SPC Athletic office at 894-9611 ext. 2221 or visit the SPC website at (<http://www.spc.tx.us/sports>).

**Museum, Students To Collaborate On World War II History Project**

The Dawgs will travel to Lubbock Christian Tuesday, March 2 for a game at 5 p.m.

**JV Baseball**  
by Mandi Tejada

The Tahoka Bulldog junior varsity baseball team lost to the Littlefield Wildcats, 2-5.

Gary Chapa hit a double early in the fourth inning. Jeff Elmore was sent in as a pinch runner and stole third and home for the score.

At the top of the fifth inning, Martin Garza walked to first and stole second. Chapa hit an RBI double to bring Garza home.

The JV Dawgs will travel to Lamesa Saturday, March 13 for an 11 a.m. game.

**Varsity Basketball**  
by Brad Pewsorth

The Tahoka Bulldogs captured the area championship last Friday against the Ozona Lions, 77-64.

Brad Pewsorth led the Dawgs with 30 points, Sedrick Williams put up 23, Jordan Sarchet had 10, Shaun Williams, Brady Rainold and Matt Chancy all put in 4. Jason Jaquess ended the game with a basket, giving him 2 points for the game.

"Our up tempo game was the decisive factor," said Coach Rusty Frazier. "They were down and we dominated the glass. We won the war on the boards, 49-30."

**Varsity Girls**  
by Courtney Stennett

The Girls All-District Basketball Team was named recently with six Lady Bulldogs taking home honors.

First team selections were Courtney Stennett and Amanda Fuentes. Tancy DeLeont and Chelsea White received 2nd team All-District. Honorable Mention selections were Kassidi Andrews and Lezli Gandy.

**8th Grade Boys**  
by Keely Boone

The Tahoka eighth grade boys basketball team ended their season as district champions with a 13-2 record.

"They were a good team, set goals for themselves, and they worked hard to reach their goals and I am really proud of them," said Coach Brent John.

The dogs had a total of 679 points for the year. The leading scorers were Adrian Moore with 196 points and B.J. Andrews with 151.

**7th Grade Boys**  
by Fernando Castro

The seventh grade Tahoka Bulldogs finished up their season a little earlier than expected when their game against Seagraves was canceled.

"Their overall record was 2-13, but did not show the overall effort and hard work that was given by this team," said Coach Scotty Bruntington.

The season leading scorer was Michael Nance with 153 points. Franke Arriage followed with 96.

**Watercolor Show Slated In Lubbock**

The Best of West Texas Watercolor Show, in which members of the West Texas Watercolor Society as well as non-members may exhibit their art, is scheduled for May 7-28 at the Garden and Art Center, 4215 University, in Lubbock.

Entry fee for members is \$20 for up to four paintings, and \$30 for non-members, up to four paintings. Prizes in the various divisions will range from \$500 to the Best of Show to \$50 for third place in the beginner division.

A reception will be on Thursday, May 13, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the center, when winners will be announced. Visitors are invited to view the artwork from May 8-27.

Entries should be made between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. May 7 at the Garden and Art Center. More details are available from Renee Simpson, (806) 783-0506, or Margie Fowler, (806) 829-2867.

**Museum, Students To Collaborate On World War II History Project**

With the recent release of the movies *The Thin Red Line* and *Saving Private Ryan*, and Tom Brokaw's book, *The Greatest Generation*, veterans of World War II are getting the type of recognition they have not seen since the war ended in 1945. The Tahoka Pioneer Museum and Julie Scarborough's Tahoka High School History class will collaborate on a project honoring Tahoka's veterans the week of March 22-26.

While going through old papers at the museum, employee Dana McKay came across several pages entitled "Information For War Service Book". These forms were filled out by veterans or their parents and listed information about the serviceman including dates of service and what battles they were involved in. Each of Ms. Scarborough's students will be assigned a local veteran, and then research the conflict the veteran was engaged in. As part of the research, veterans will be contacted by phone for their personal experiences.

"We understand that some veterans do not wish to talk about their war experience," said Mrs. McKay. "If a veteran would rather not be contacted by a student, they should call me at the museum and we will make sure they are not bothered."

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday; the phone number is 998-5339.

**Tahoka School Menu**

**March 8-12 Breakfast**

Monday: Egg Burrito, Peaches, Milk.  
Tuesday: Sausage & Pancake Sticks, Fruit Punch, Milk.  
Wednesday: Donuts, Pears, Milk.  
Thursday: Cereal, Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.  
Friday: Cinnamon Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk.

**Lunch**

Monday: Ham, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears, Hot Roll, Milk.  
Tuesday: BBQ Chickenburger, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Cookie, Milk.  
Wednesday: Corn Dogs, Salad, Sliced Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, Milk.  
Thursday: Hamburger, Lettuce, Onions, Pickle, French Fries, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.  
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**Consuelo Rodriguez**

Prayer services for Consuelo Lomas Rodriguez, 87, of Lubbock were held at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, in Templo La Hermosa in Lubbock.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, in the same church with the Rev. Richard Rodriguez officiating.

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

She died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1999, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born March 11, 1911, in Crystal City. She married Mateo Rodriguez on May 1, 1927 in Crystal City. He died Feb. 17, 1995. She moved to Lubbock from Tahoka in 1991. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include seven sons, Juan Mateo and Manuel, both of Minnesota, Pedro of O'Donnell, Robert of Tahoka, Armando of Austin and Ricky and Andy, both of Lubbock; three daughters, Beatrice Torrez of Hereford, Pura R. Perez of New Home and Mandi R. Rodriguez of Lubbock; four brothers, Arturo Jr. of Crystal city, Manuel of San Antonio, Enrique Castro of California and Mike of Mississippi; a sister, Maria Erlinda Martinez of California; 81 grandchildren; 134 great-grandchildren; and 60 great-great-grandchildren.

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**Bulah Campbell**

Graveside services for Bulah Lorena Campbell, 99, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, in O'Donnell Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Horn officiating.

Burial was under direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died Thursday, Feb. 25, 1999, in Bender Terrace Nursing Home in Lubbock.

She was born July 22, 1899, in Erath County. She attended Erath and Scurry County schools. She married Fletcher Watson in 1918, in Hermleigh. He died in 1927. She married Golder Hale in 1929, and he died in 1956. She married Harry Campbell on July 11, 1966, in Lordsburg, N.M. He died in 1983. A son, F.W. Watson, died in 1925. She moved to Lubbock from O'Donnell in 1982. She was a homemaker and a farmer. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Jack Hale of Abilene; five daughters, Violet Jones, Neta McMillan and Lovena Gryder, all of Lubbock, and Veda Adams and Reba Adams, both of Odessa; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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**STORY TIME** - These little listeners at the City-County Library seem engrossed in the story being told to them by Phebe K. Warner member Grace Huffaker (right). The study club hosts the story time each Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the library. Kim Mercer is the coordinator of the event.

**Senior Citizens MENU**

**March 8-12 Breakfast**

Monday: Carne Con Papas (Meat With Potatoes), Spinach, Flour Tortilla, Pudin De Pina Colada.  
Tuesday: Chicken Fried Steak, White Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Coleslaw, Wheat Bread, Gelatin.  
Wednesday: Beef Stroganoff w/ Noodles, Chinese Vegetables, Fruit, Wheat Roll, Strusel Bar.  
Thursday: BBQ Chicken, Corn, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Biscuit, Cobbler.  
Friday: Baked Ham, Green Peas, Cauliflower, Pears, Wheat Roll, Cookies.

**City-County Library Receives Grant**

The City-County Library, located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka, recently received a check in the amount of \$6,000 from the Catherine Dumraese Trust, which invited the library to submit a grant proposal. Retha Pittman, Administrative Assistant for the City of Tahoka, wrote the grant application.

Two thousand dollars will be used to purchase books for the library's Summer Reading Program. The remaining \$4,000 will be used to upgrade reference material and purchase non-fiction books for the Accelerated Reader program.

"We are thrilled to receive these funds for books," said Librarian Shirley Draper. "This grant opportunity just fell in our laps and we are thankful for these trusts that are set up to help small libraries. They were just accepting applications for libraries of a service area of 7,000 people or below."

Mrs. Draper added, "Retha did an excellent job of letting them know how deserving the library was of these funds."

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**SPELLING BEE WINNERS** - Recent winners in the 1st through 3rd grade division at the Tahoka Elementary Spelling Bee were (left to right) Gabby Cantu, Kindace Druessedow, Ernest Gomez, Kristin Box, Tiffany Lam and Joshua Freitag. (LCN PHOTO)



**SUPER SPELLERS** - These lucky winners in the 4th through 6th grade division of the Tahoka Elementary Spelling Bee will advance to county competition on March 8. They are (front) Jennifer Rodriguez, Josh Deleon, and K'lyssa Selmon; and (back) Kayla Selmon, Sarah Blaylock, Ashley Lam and Justin Rivas (alternate). (LCN PHOTO)

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**January Weather Much Warmer Than Normal**

The weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of January was significantly warmer than normal according to the National Weather Service in Lubbock. Temperatures averaged 4.8 degrees above normal and ranged from 1.3 degrees above normal at Silverton to 6.7 degrees above normal at Lockettville. Precipitation averaged .79 inches above normal. Snowfall averaged 3.41 inches across the South Plains and ranged

**Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS**

The Phebe K. Warner Study Club met on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Center for Housing and Community Development.

After refreshments, Tina Wuensche introduced guest speaker Helen Shiver. Ms. Shiver gave a very moving account of her life, especially her experiences in the Dachau concentration camp during World War II. She was sent to the camp as a 13-year-old on Jan. 6, 1942. The camp was liberated on April 29, 1945 after American troops overcame the German forces. One of the American soldiers to liberate the camp later became Ms. Shiver's husband.

The next meeting of the study club will be Tuesday, March 9, in the home of Lahrué Tippit.



**HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKS HERE** - Phebe K. Warner Study Club last Tuesday hosted Helen Shiver, a survivor of the Holocaust, as she spoke of her experiences as a prisoner in the Dachau concentration camp during World War II. Shown with Mrs. Shiver are club members, from left, Mary Belew, Tina Wuensche, Mrs. Shiver, and Tammy Sodd. Several area residents also attended the program, held at The Center for Housing and Community Development.

**The Wilson News**  
by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

**Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week:** Lawn and yard care time is just around the corner and a little common sense can help eliminate some associated fire possibilities. Always fill yard equipment fuel tanks outside, away from enclosed areas and ignition sources. Start the equipment at least 10 feet away from where you filled the fuel tank and never clean floors or do general cleaning with gasoline or other flammable liquids. Also, keep a Class C fire extinguisher close by the fueling and fuel storage area.

**WAY**

Don't forget that the Wilson Cemetery Association is still accepting donations for the summer maintenance of the cemetery and the upgrading of the cemetery water system. Donations may be made to the associations' board members: Curtis Gickhorn, Curtis Wilke, Leland Zant or Floyd Heck; or made directly to the association's bank account at Wilson State Bank.

**TO**

It is time to sign up for ballot positions for the Wilson City Council and the Wilson School Board. Those wishing to apply for a position on either of these boards have until Marcy 17 to turn in their completed applications. As of Tuesday, March 2, no one has submitted an application for the school board and only one candidate, Lupe Guzman, has signed up for the City Council. Both boards will elect three members so there is still plenty of room for applicants to sign up. Packets may be picked up and returned at City Hall and the school administration offices during normal business hours.

**GO**

The Wilson Lions Club is attempting to do some improvements to their BBQ pit and to do this, they are searching for two wheels to replace the ones currently on the pit. They are looking for two 15 inch Ford, white, spoked rims with the large center hole. If you have a couple of these rims just lying around, the club would be interested in working a deal with you. Contact Ronnie Nettles at the Wilson Coop Gin, or Robert Abbe for more information.

**KIM**

Wilson schools will have spring break the week of March 15-19. School will dismiss at 1 p.m. Friday, March 12. Buses will run as soon as possible following dismissal.

**COMPTON**

School officials report they still have very few open spots for the upcoming evening computer classes. For more information, or to sign up for classes, contact a school administrator or the superintendent's office at 628-6271.

**AND**

The Wilson track team will travel to Morton Saturday, March 6 for a meet. Parents and other Mustang backers are invited to attend and show their support for the athletes.

**ALL-**

The Wilson High School one-act play team will travel to Ropes on March 23 for district competition. More information as the performance date approaches.

**DISTRICT**

School Librarian Shelly Livingston and Carol Holder are spearheading a project for a Wilson Area Recipe and Cookbook. They are asking for community members to submit one or two of their favorite recipes which will be included in the book. For more information,

tion, contact Shelly or Carol at the school library.

**BASKETBALL**

Several Mustangs were named to the All-District Basketball team. Steve Johnston and J. Paul Kirk were named to the first team. Second team honors went to Patrick Zavala. Bryan Isham, Billy Cavender, G.V. Valdez and Jay Mac Yowell were all named Honorable Mention.

**PLAYERS**

Wilson Elementary recently named its honor roll for the fourth six weeks. Honored students were: **Pre-K:** "Perfect Attendance" - Ky Houchin, Ricky Mendoza, Richard Rex, Tyler Wilson. **Kindergarten:** "Perfect Attendance" - Taryn Bishop, Alex Cantu, Eli Lopez, Dillon Rodriguez, Brittany Gaylor, Johnny Valdez, Laura Villarreal, Johnnie Gutierrez. "Student of the Six Weeks" - Johnny Valdez. **1st grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Jenna Autry, Cody Cross, Tiffani Thomas, Guadalupe Valdez, Sierra Vestal; "B" Honor Roll - Lindsey Bjork, Arthur Castillo, Felipe Ortega, Savannah Pena, Frederick Ramos, Stetson Willis, Stacie Marquez; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Arthur Castillo and Sarah Frausto. **2nd grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Dominique Escobar, Sydney Pierce, Gabrielle Vergara, Alyssa Moreno; "B" Honor Roll - Ramsey Cardenas, Samantha Gill, Andres Martinez, Benjamin Valdiviez, Tyler West; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Samantha Gill. **3rd grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Brittany Holder, Carol Pabon, Rayley Parmer, Trella Rex, Jesse Rios, Danielle Chance, Dain Jones; "B" Honor Roll - Donna Rodriguez, Kyle Hare, Jenna Joplin, Billy Kirk, Marcus Martinez, Robin Taylor; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Brittany Holder, Jessie Rios. **4th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Yessica Gonzalez, Tyler West; "B" Honor Roll - Ricky Vergara, Gilbert Vasquez, Victoria Zepeda, Chris Guzman; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Yessica Gonzalez. **5th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Amber Autry, Jared West; "B" Honor Roll - Sarah Bednarz, Leticia Hernandez, Kyler Livingston, Joline Martinez, Justina Unger, Gavino Valdiviez, Pricilla Valdiviez; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Johnny Unger. **6th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Ashlii Holland, Kathy Soto, Sonya Quezada, Lori Garces; "B" Honor Roll - Tiffany Benavides, Nick Simmons; "Student of the Six Weeks" - Kathy Soto.

**Wilson School Menu**

- March 8-12**
- Monday:** Pancakes, Juice, Milk.  
**Tuesday:** Biscuits, Sausage, Juice, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast Burritos, Juice, Milk.  
**Friday:** Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.
- Lunch**
- Monday:** Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Sweet Rewards, Milk.  
**Tuesday:** Fishsticks, Hush Puppies, Potato Salad, Corn, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Corn Dogs, Pork & Beans, Fruit, (H.S.-Nacho Bar), Milk.  
**Thursday:** Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk.  
**Friday:** Burritos, Fries, Cherry Cobbler, Milk.

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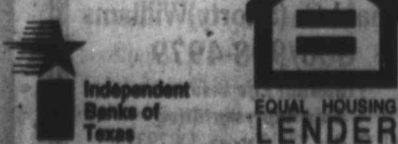
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## The New Home News

by Karon Durham • 924-7448

The junior class will have a car wash Wednesday, March 10 at the entrance to New Home School from 3-6 p.m., weather permitting. Tickets can be purchased from any junior class member.

The faculty at New Home High School recently named Mr. and Miss NHHS and Who's Who for the 1998-99 school year. Students were chosen based on their attitudes, performance, and effort. Mr. and Miss NHHS are Josh Gandy and Brooke Fillingim. Named to Who's Who were seniors Jami Burrow, Joey Garcia, and Lisa Vineyard; and juniors Danielle Flores, Tabitha Swartz, and Lexi Wied.

New Home ISD recently named its honor roll for the fourth six weeks. Honored students were: **1st grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Hannah Lamb-Vines, Shelly McCann; "AB" Honor Roll - Travis Bergin, Joshua Correa, Sterling Ford, Kenneth Graves, Rolando Mendoza, Kris Silva, Samantha Silva, Olga Vitelas, Ethan Willis. **2nd grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Chelsea Byerly, Stephanie Castro, Mary Maeker, April Torres, R.H. Whitten; "AB" Honor Roll - Hector Fiscal, Tanner Foster, Nicholas Moore, Jett Rodgers. **3rd grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Jordan Clem, Kelsi Kieth, Nicholas Ramirez, Jori Rodgers, Damien Rodriguez, Tyler Thornhill, Trevor White. **4th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Meghan O'Rourke; "AB" Honor Roll - Natalie Bruton, Sarah Clem, Adam Fiscal, Tyler Nieman. **5th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Katie O'Rourke; "AB" Honor Roll - Blake Brown, Matthew Hymes, Blaine Paul, T.J. Johnston, Laura Maeker, Maricela Rodriguez, Stefanie White, Ryan Wied. **6th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Tyler McAllister, Evan Clem, Jacob Tyler, Rayanne Melot, Krystal Muniz, Karen Muniz, Jacki Rodgers. **7th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Joe Melot; "AB" Honor Roll - Terry Brand, Karla Cervantes, Britany Kieth, Brooke Kieth, Angelica Rodriguez, Lauren Wied. **8th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Lori Emerson, Joanna Garza, Jessica Holder, Stephanie Kieth; "AB" Honor Roll - Kayla Durham,

Michael Garcia, Justin Garza, Zachary Morris. **9th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Keaton Askew, Kaci Wied, Michael Wied, Shaun Wied; "AB" Honor Roll - Matthew Cramblet, Stormi Emerson, Heather Kieth, Jonathan Rodriguez, Ksatie Schoppa. **10th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Larry Brand, Mindy Dion, Cecilia Garza, Jim Vineyard; "AB" Honor Roll - Clifton Bearden, Chantill Holler, Bobbie Mansker, Courtney McNeely. **11th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Jessica Brown, Danielle Flores, Joe Thaggard, Lexi Wied; "AB" Honor Roll - Joshua Garza, John Gonzales, Tabitha Swartz. **12th grade:** "A" Honor Roll - Joshua Brown, Jami Burrow, Elizabeth Fillingim, Angela Holler, Lisa Vineyard; "AB" Honor Roll - Bethany Clem, Stephen Fillingim, Josh Gandy, Joseph Garcia, Maria Lopez, Steve Ramirez, Misty Swartz, Jeffrey Tumlinson.



**BIG BAND WINNERS** - Five Tahoka students took home "superior" or "I" ratings at the Feb. 27 Solo and Ensemble Contest. James Moss and Callie McKay (front) qualified for state competition in May. Other winners were (back) Gary Davis, Lesley Chapa and Fernando Castro. (LCN PHOTO)

### Moore Named To Dean's List At Tech

More than 3,700 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the 1998 fall semester.

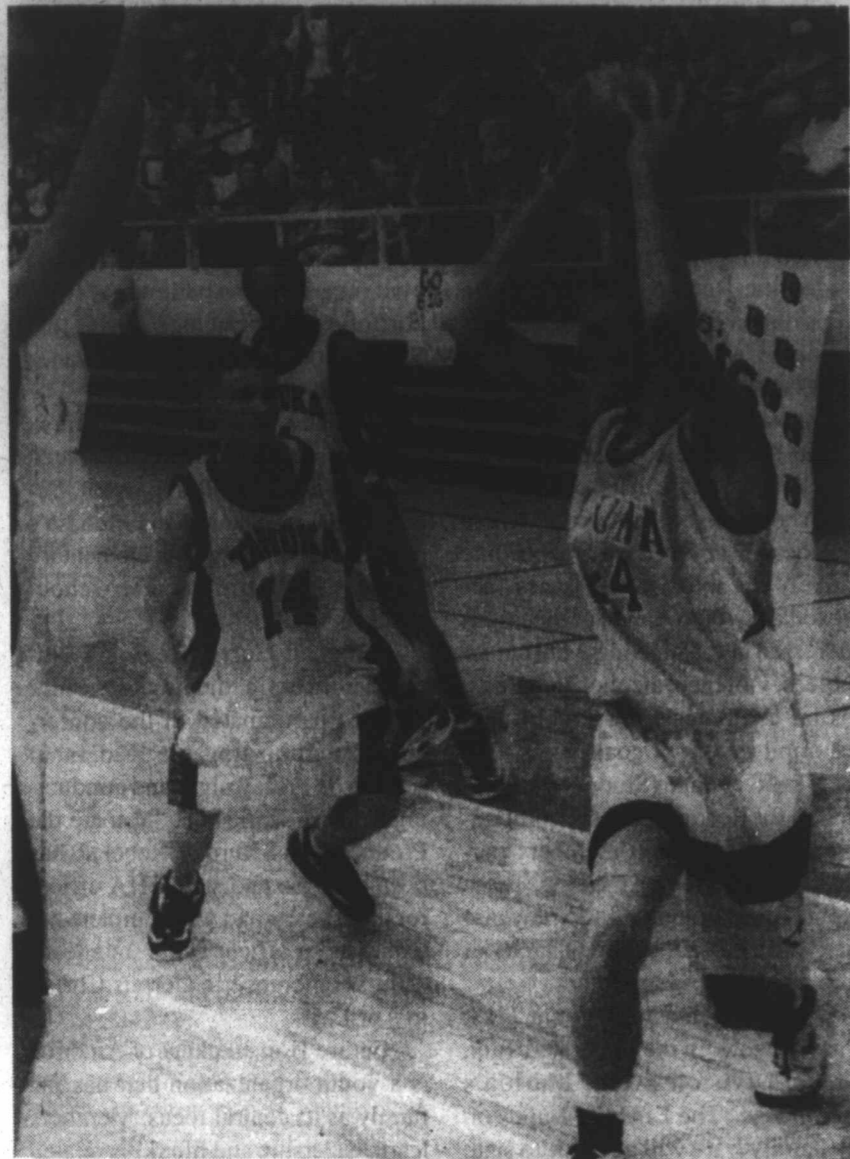
Included on the Dean's List was Detra Lashay Moore, a junior English major from Tahoka. She is the daughter of Sylvia and Roosevelt Moore Jr. of Tahoka (currently residing in Rota Spain), and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Moore Sr.

of Tahoka.

Students on the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work.

### YOUTH CURFEW

Tahoka youth under 17 are subject to CITY YOUTH CURFEW 11 p.m. Week Nights Midnight on Saturday-Sunday



**WE WANT THAT**-Tahoka players Matt Chancy (14) and Sedrick Williams, plus some Bulldog with his arms up high, are hoping to get the ball away from Dustin Faught of Ozona, in last Friday's game won by the Bulldogs. (LCN PHOTO)

### Farmers Have Several Tools To Fight Boll Weevil On South Plains

Seven mild winters in a row and more overwintering habitat have helped push boll weevil numbers to unprecedented levels on the High Plains.

A 1997 economic impact study on weevil damage estimates that the Texas South Plains alone could lose \$500 million annually in lost production, processing and jobs if weevil numbers go unchecked. "We haven't had a harsh, weevil-killing winter in the last seven years and our Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) grasslands provide an additional habitat for migrating weevils to hide and survive the winter," said Dr. Don Rummel, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research entomologist in Lubbock and chairman of the Texas High Plains Boll Weevil Task Force. The task force is composed of 12 Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University and agribusiness scientists and consultants.

Further aggravating the problem is the weevil's apparent adaptability to the High Plains climate. "Their rapid spread during the past five years leads us to believe we now are dealing with cold-hardy weevils that can successfully overwinter just about as far north as cotton can be grown on the Texas High Plains," Rummel said. Drought in 1996 and 1998 didn't slow the weevil's progress significantly, and High Plains producers are still deciding whether they want to participate in the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's eradication effort now operating in three other Texas zones.

But farmers can fight back by cleaning up sites where weevils hibernate, by managing their cotton crop for early maturity and timely harvest, and by applying in-season chemical treatments when needed, task force scientist say. "Destroying the brushy, leaf-litter habitat that harbors overwintering weevils is crucial. Prune tree branches on existing windbreaks and use wider tree spacings on new windbreaks so you can get in there with a tractor and disk the litter under," said Dr. Jeff Slosser, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research entomologist in Vernon. "Clean up leaf litter on old farmsteads and in fence rows.

Consider a combination of burning and herbicide treatments (tebuthiuron) to remove native stands of sand shinnery oak. Shredding isn't

enough to control native brush because it encourages re-sprouting and re-accumulation of leaf litter."

Farmers can also burn their CRP grasslands in winter, using a prescribed burn plan approved by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, to reduce overwintering weevil numbers. Haying or grazing CRP land also will reduce weevil habitat, but requires special permission from FSA officials, the task force noted.

"Any area near a cotton field that has accumulated plant debris is a potential harbor for weevils and should be cleaned up," Slosser said. "But treating these areas with insecticide is useless — there aren't any products labeled for this, and they aren't likely to reach sedentary weevils hiding in plant debris."

Producers can also suppress weevil numbers and crop damage by managing their crop to shorten the time between planting and harvest. Short-season management strategies that will help reduce the window of crop vulnerability include:

- preplant irrigation to provide 3 to 6 inches of stored soil moisture
- planting when soil temperatures and weather favor good stand establishment
- planting a moderate stand of 30,000 to 50,000 plants per acre
- avoid full-season picker cottons, lean toward well-adapted stripper varieties
- planting high-quality, treated seed to ensure healthy seedlings
- scout for early-season insects and treat if necessary to avoid loss of early squares
- monitor the crop during early squaring and bloom, keep up with crop progress
- ensure good fertility prior to the crop reaching cutout
- reduce irrigation after cutout to gradually dry the soil and hasten boll maturity and opening
- use harvest-aid chemicals to prepare plants for an early harvest
- destroy stalks as soon as possible after harvest, to prevent regrowth

Farmers can learn more about managing and reducing boll weevil populations from *Boll Weevil Management in the Texas High Plains* — an entomology fact sheet currently available through county Extension offices. A guide to boll weevil management also is available on the Internet at (<http://insects.tamu.edu/extension/bulletins/b-1721.html>).

### New Home School Menu

March 8-12

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### FSA Needs \$152 Million For Fiscal Year 1999

The Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) needs \$152 million in fiscal year 1999 to provide credit and delivery of services to farmers and ranchers.

The Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account would receive \$109.6 million in budget authority including \$105.6 million of subsidy budget authority to support credit of \$1.1 billion through five programs and \$4 million for program expenses:

- \$350 million for guaranteed farm ownership loans,
- \$200 million for direct farm ownership loans,
- \$185 million for direct farm operating loans,
- \$185 million for guaranteed farm operating loans,
- \$175 million for emergency farm loans,
- \$4 million for program expenses.

This request for emergency supplemental appropriations for farm loans is in response to unprecedented demand for agricultural credit due to persistently low commodity prices.

P.L. 105-277, Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, provided \$2.8 billion in farm loans supported by more than \$121 million in credit subsidy. That funding is expected to be depleted for all USDA farm loan programs by April 15, 1999.

In fiscal year 1998, USDA loan programs served 26,000 farmers. The Appropriations Act increased that number for fiscal year 1999 to 31,000. With this supplemental funding, USDA would have the ability to help more than 12,000 additional farmers in need of capital, bringing the total to over 43,000.

The FSA Salaries and Expenses Account would receive \$42.7 million



**ATTEND REGIONAL CONFERENCE** - These Tahoka High School FHA members participated in the Region I Future Homemakers of America Conference in Amarillo recently. They are, from left, Sandy DeLeon, who will advance to state competition; Natasha Garza; Marlon Womack, who will advance to state; Melissa Pedroza; and Rebekah Curry, Region I National Officer Candidate who will complete her tenure at the state leadership conference in Corpus Christi in April. (LCN PHOTO)

to support temporary staffing needed to provide services to farmers and ranchers.

Low commodity prices have led to increased demand for services in FSA county offices.

P.L. 105-277 provided \$5.9 billion in emergency payments to producers. The Act also provided \$40 million in emergency salaries and expenses funds in recognition of the administrative burden placed on the FSA by the disaster assistance provisions in the Act. FSA estimates the need for additional temporary staffing for five months to implement those provisions. This proposal would not fund additional permanent staff.

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### Tahoka Students Attend Region FHA Conference

Tahoka High School's Madeline Hegi Chapter and Tahoka Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region I Conference in Amarillo on Feb. 26-27. The chapter members were among 1,300 delegates who attended the two-day conference. The youth developed the theme "FHA/HERO: Spotlight on Excellence", was carried out through workshop and general sessions where members discovered ways to become actively involved in the issues facing today's youth. Some of the issues addressed at the meeting were career choices, violence, alcohol and drugs, sexual awareness, leadership, and accomplishment of goals.

STAR events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members participated at the region meeting. These events allow members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition.

Marlon Womack, senior at THS, placed second in the Illustrated Talk, Senior Division event. Marlon's speech was "The Effect of Lupus on the Family". He will advance to state competition in Corpus Christi in April.

Sandy DeLeon, junior at THS, placed fourth in the Job Interview, Senior Division. Sandy participated in the process of completing an application and interview during the

competition. Prior to the competition, Sandy was required to develop a portfolio of skills, references, and evidence of job shadowing. This portfolio was presented during the competition. Sandy will also advance to state competition.

Natasha Garza and Melissa Pedroza, seniors at THS, participated in the Focus on Children event, Senior Division. Natasha and Melissa's project was working with elementary students on nutritious after-school snacks.

Rebekah Curry, Region I National Officer Candidate and a senior at THS, participated in the conference by co-hosting the leadership session on Friday night and conducting her own workshop, "You are the Producer" on Saturday. Rebekah has been a region and state FHA officer for three years, and will complete her tenure as an officer at the state leadership conference in Corpus Christi in April.

Future Homemakers of America is a youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Members learn leadership and life skills related to parenting and child development, management, interior design, food science, institutional maintenance, hospitality, and career awareness. FHA is sponsored at Tahoka High School by Patti Rambo and Donna Stone.

## Cotton PGG News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc

### First Step 3 Import Quota Opens March 4

LUBBOCK, February 26, 1999

By Shawn Wade

With the announcement of the first, of what will no doubt be many, Step 3 import quotas by the United States Department of Agriculture many producers are probably wondering what to expect in terms of foreign cotton making its way into U.S. textile mills.

The quota announced yesterday will be established March 4 and allow the importation of 93,806,582 pounds of raw cotton. That equates to 195,430 480-pound bales of cotton. The quota will be open for 180 days beginning March 4. This the maximum amount of cotton that could be brought in under a single quota and approximates the amount of cotton consumed by U.S. mills in one week.

The reality of the quota situation is that several important considerations are probably going to keep the flow of imports in check. The high cost of shipping cotton from foreign ports to U.S. destinations, the ability to obtain acceptable qualities of cotton for desired end-products and fact that many mills are geared to receive just-in-time shipments of raw cotton will all figure into mill decisions of when and if to buy foreign cotton.

Importing cotton is also a buyer beware proposition since the sales are not automatically subject to Southern Mill rules that allow a buyer to turn back damaged or otherwise unacceptable bales. Unless the buyer and importer specifically agree to use the Southern Mill rules then buyers run the risk of being delivered bales which would normally be turned back as unacceptable.

Mills may also find it difficult to manage larger shipments of cotton since most have gotten away from the inventory control procedures involved with storing cotton prior to use.

On the quality side of the issue imported cotton is also generally sold on type and will not have an independent quality grade like U.S. cotton. The preference for most

mills will be to continue to purchase available U.S. cotton unless they need cotton in qualities, specifically high-grade longer staple qualities, that are currently unavailable from U.S. sources.

USDA estimates only about 350,000 bales to be landed under Step 3 quotas during the remainder of the marketing year which ends July 31, 1999.

### New Acreage Reserve Program Proposed

LUBBOCK, February 26, 1999

By Roger Haldenby

Reports from USDA indicate Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman intends to support new legislation to be

The bill is expected to be presented in the next three weeks and will propose the creation of a new conservation program that pays farmers to leave cropland idle.

However, the proposed new Conservation Reserve Program will differ from the current CRP which idles around 30 million acres. The proposed program would only request farmers leave land idle for five years rather than 10 years. Neither Glickman nor Roberts have yet commented on the number of acres the program is to target for inclusion or the payment rate for idling land.



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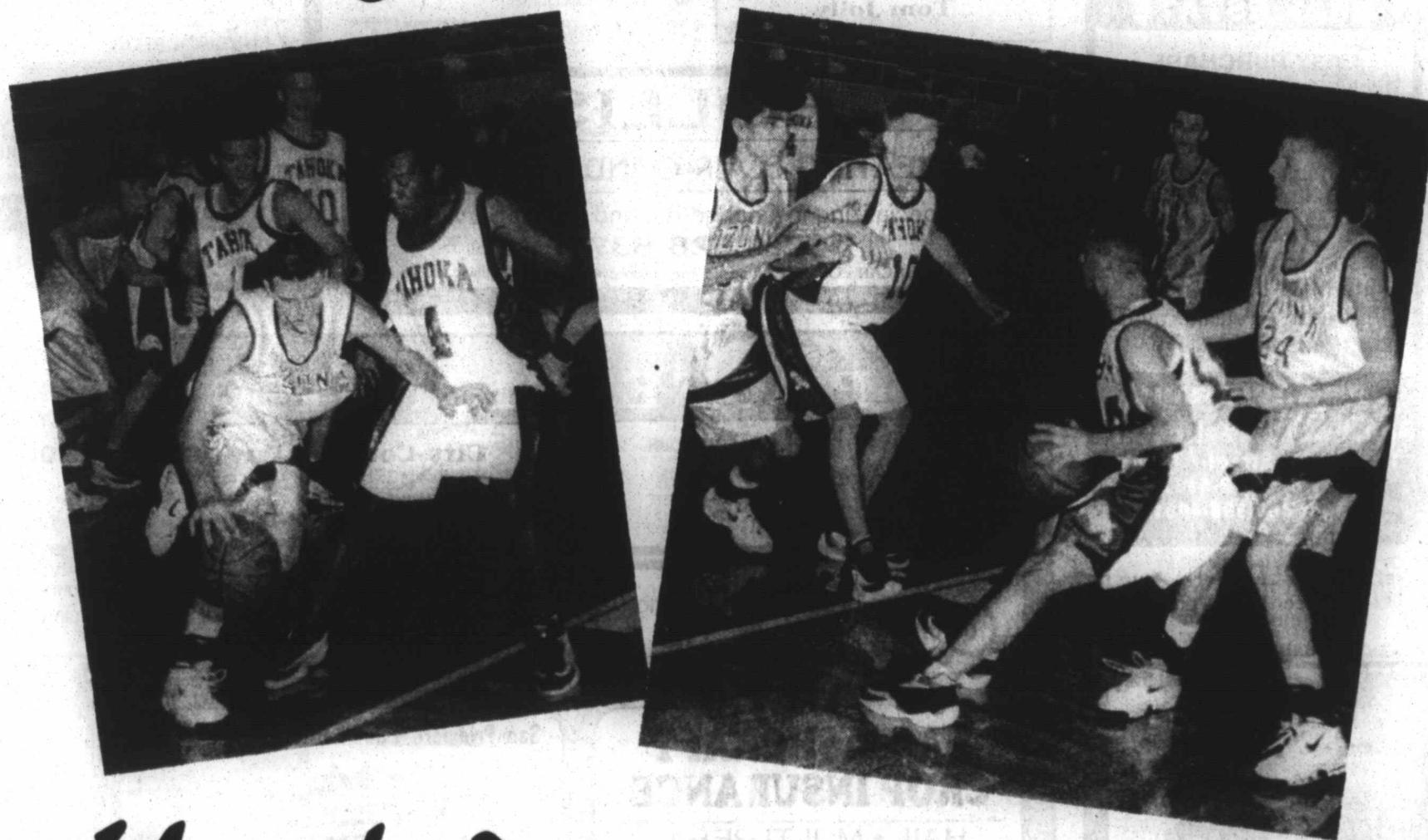
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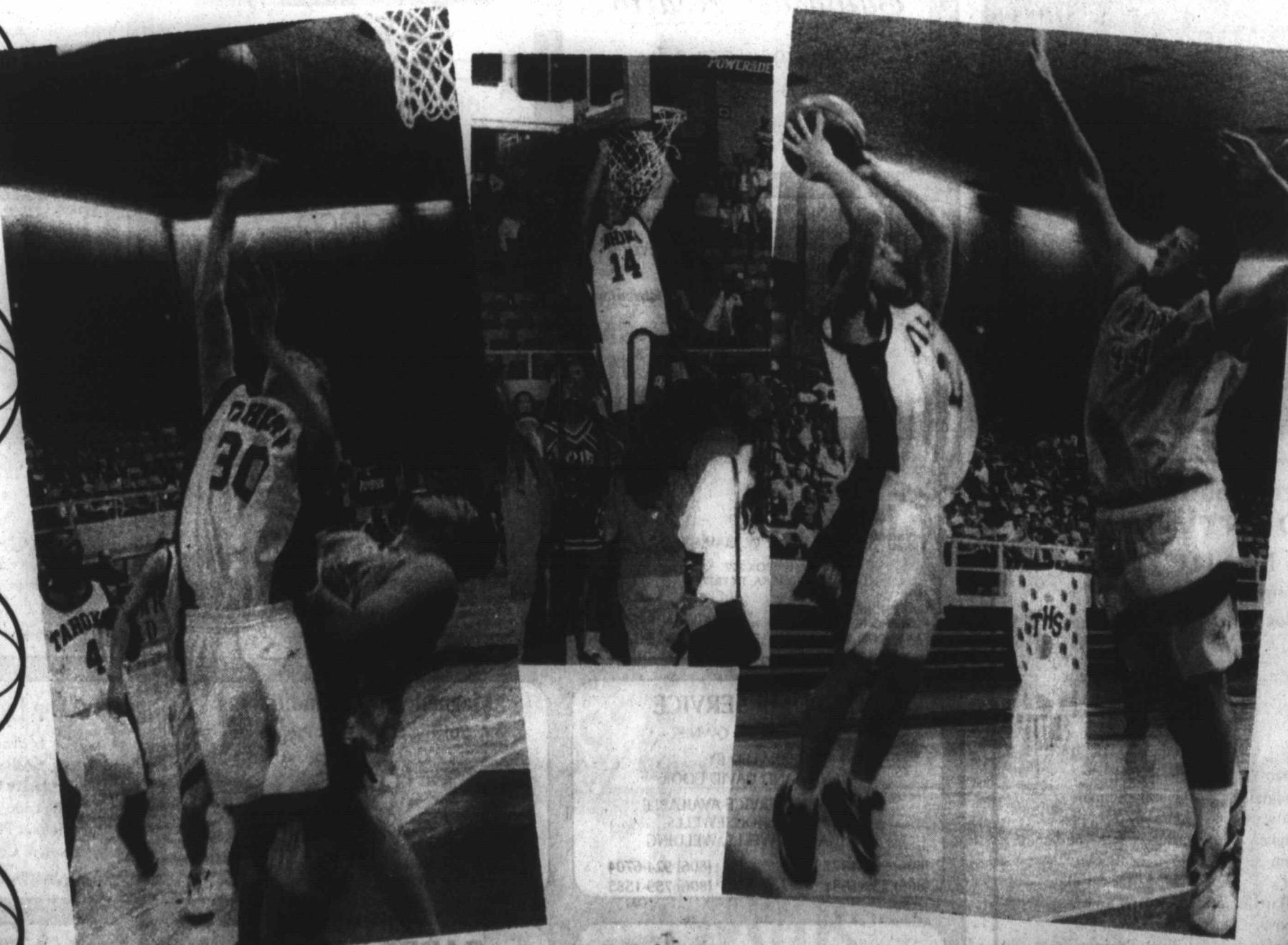
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