



**LET'S HUNT EASTER EGGS** - Children at Small Wonders Head Start program in Tahoka enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt at the headquarters office of Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. last Friday morning, with Poka Lambro employees hiding the eggs for the children before they arrived. In the photo at left, the children are lined up ready to take off on the word "go," and the photo at right was taken just a few moments later, as they darted off with their handmade baskets, much to the delight of the Poka Lambro employees watching in the background. (LCN PHOTO)

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**WOODWORK** by Dalton

ALL ABOUT water and beer and strange lights in the sky: The water part is not related to the other two, but listing all the topics this week seemed like a good way to attract attention.

First, the beer and the lights. Miller Brewing Co. has announced that "Miller Lite has been in negotiations to acquire an exclusive sponsorship for the Marfa Lights, also known as the Mystery Lights of Marfa, and if successful the brewer plans to rename them the 'Miller Lites'."

That statement comes from a news release sent to this newspaper from the Miller Co. Nowhere in the two-page release does it say who the company is negotiating with to buy the lights. (God, maybe?).

Mysterious and unexplained lights have been reported in the Marfa (Texas) area for more than 100 years; the first listed sighting was by a rancher in 1883. Lots of investigation has been done, and they have variously been explained as campfires, phosphorescent minerals, swamp gas, static electricity and "ghost lights." The lights are seen at night (I suppose people still see them), change colors, move about and vary in intensity. Scholars have reported more than 75 local folk tales dealing with the phenomenon.

There is even a web site, [www.marfalights.com](http://www.marfalights.com), which I have not visited.

I've been to Marfa several times, mostly on motorcycles in the daytime and more recently, in a car. I have never seen the lights (some around here say I've never even seen the light).

I don't know how a beer company could claim sponsorship of something in nature. If this works, I think our church ought to claim sponsorship of Carlsbad Caverns and rename them "Holey Ground."

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YOU THOUGHT I had forgot about water. But I recently read on an internet health page that everybody ought to drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day. They've been telling us this for years, but there were these additional comments of interest:

An expert was quoted as follows:  
 Most adults lose about two to three quarts of water every day. Athletes, people who live or work in hot environments, and people who perspire heavily lose more water and need to drink even more to keep up with the loss.

Drinking fluids helps to maintain your body, which is primarily made up of water. By weight, men are about 60% water and women are about 55% water.

Yet many people are walking around mildly dehydrated simply because thirst is a poor indicator of fluid needs, especially as they age. Mild dehydration can decrease one's energy level and mental functioning and increase stress on the body.

- The three rules of thumb when it comes to water are:
1. Drink twice as much as it takes to quench your thirst.
  2. Drink frequently throughout the day to prevent dehydration.
  3. Drink at least eight glasses daily or one cup for every 20 pounds of body weight. For example, a 150-pound person who does not exercise or work in hot climates needs 7.5 cups.

You can count fruit juices and bottled water in your tally. However, beverages such as coffee or alcohol have a mild diuretic effect, which promotes urination and therefore water loss. Green tea is another way to add fluids, and this beverage is chock-full of phytonutrients that may help lower your risk of developing cancer.

One way to ensure you have those eight glasses each day is to fill a pitcher with your allotment of water and keep it on your desk at work or on the kitchen table at home. You also can fill eight glasses and place them in a convenient spot out of the way, such as on the kitchen counter or dining room table. Your goal is then clearly marked, and that goal is reached when the pitcher or glasses are empty.

If you are a student, make it a point to take 10 large gulps of water every time you pass a water fountain at school. The best indicator that you're drinking enough water is when your urine is pale yellow to clear. A dark yellow color is a sign your body is dehydrated and is concentrating the urine in an effort to conserve water.

I get thirsty just thinking about it.



**READY FOR PLAYOFFS** - The Tahoka Bulldog baseball team is gearing up for the playoffs with only two home games left on the schedule. The Dogs will meet Coahoma this Friday and will take on Morton next Tuesday (moved from Morton), with both games starting at 5 p.m. The team's record puts them in second place in district. Team members include: (back) Coach Brent John, Manager Jon Luna, Blandon Hancock, Michael Garcia, Brandon McCord, Justin Antu, Bryan Valdez, Coach Travis Breitschopf; and (front) Derrick Barrientez, Jason Alvarado, Stephen Solorzano, Martin Garza, Kellen Flowers, Matt Wells, and Matthew Benavidez. Not pictured is Jeff Antu. (LCN PHOTO)

## Early Voting Underway For School, City Elections

Early voting for area school and city elections began Wednesday, April 19 and continues through May 2 at designated early voting locations. Election day is Saturday, May 6.

Lynn County Hospital District, City of New Home, and City of Wilson have cancelled their respective elections, with the unopposed candidates in those uncontested races to be declared elected.

The City of O'Donnell will have an election only for the one-year unexpired term on the city council, as the candidates for the two full terms and mayor are unopposed in their respective races.

Early voting locations for all local elections are as follows, with the candidates listed:

**CITY ELECTIONS**  
**Tahoka:** Three seats (one at-large, two single member districts), 2-year terms. Early voting at Tahoka City Hall. Candidates: District 2 - Clara Calvillo (Incumbent); District 4 - Jay Dee House (I); District 5 (At-Large) - Ray Don Box (I) and Jimmy McMillan.

**O'Donnell:** Special Election for one-year unexpired term on City Council. Early voting at City Hall. Candidate: Rex Little.

**SCHOOL ELECTIONS**  
**Tahoka I.S.D.:** Two at-large seats, 3-year terms. Plurality voting, which means the two candidates with the most votes are elected. Early voting at Tahoka City Hall. Candidates: Greg Henley (I), Valton Stephens, Mitch Raindl, David Ehlers, Leonard Dunn, Tommy Botkin, Abraham Vega.

**Wilson I.S.D.:** Special election for one-year unexpired term. Early voting at Central School Office. Candidates: John Fields and Michael Taylor.

**New Home I.S.D.:** Two at-large seats, 3-year terms. Early voting at Superintendent's Office. Candidates: Michael Rodriguez (I), Marinda Tyler, Johnny Morris, Alan Nettles.

**O'Donnell I.S.D.:** Two at-large seats, 3-year terms, cumulative voting. Early voting at School Tax Office. Candidates: Renn Dorman (I), Nelson Hogg (I), Ernie Cruz.

## Pebsworth Honored By Sports Writers

Brad Pebsworth, a senior at Tahoka High School, was recently named third team All-Class 2A by the Texas Sports Writer Association. The team, voted on by sportswriters around the state, includes first, second and third teams, with five players on each team.

Pebsworth led the Bulldogs to District and Area championships and to a second place finish in the Regional tournament. He averaged 19.6 points and 8.8 rebounds per game.

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr. 12	62	47	
Apr. 13	84	45	
Apr. 14	89	45	
Apr. 15	83	56	
Apr. 16	78	43	
Apr. 17	88	43	
Apr. 18	95	49	
Total Precip. for April: 1.77"			
Total Precip. year to date: 5.90"			
Total Precip. for 1999: 19.21"			

## Alcohol-Related Cases Keep Officers Busy

Incidents related to alcohol abuse kept Tahoka Police Dept. busy during much of the last week, as several persons were arrested for public intoxication, and police officers also answered calls to domestic disturbances and altercations, jailing one Tahoka man for assault on his live-in female companion.

Charges against the man were dropped by the complainant, however, the next day, although officers said she was struck in the face several times and kicked. She was taken to Lynn County Hospital emergency room by police car, treated and then released. Justice of the Peace Terri Walker issued a restraining order to keep the man away from the woman, but the woman told police the next day that she was dropping charges and that they wanted to live together again.

A cat was to be tested for rabies after it bit a 6-year-old girl on N. 3rd St. Sunday.

In jail during the week were three persons for public intoxication, two for driving while intoxicated, two for disorderly conduct, and one each for assault/domestic violence, application to revoke probation on conviction for DWI, probation violation with a motion to proceed adjudication/failure to leave information, warrants on issuing bad check plus speeding plus expired drivers license, minor in possession of alcoholic beverage, and harassment.

## Happy Easter

### City Property Lease Approved

Tahoka City Council met in special session last Thursday to consider bids for leasing city property north and south of the proposed sewer plant project and to consider a zoning request.

Bids for leasing the property were opened, with three-year leases awarded to Joe Calvillo and David Cook. A zoning request for a commercial building in the 2200 block of Lockwood was approved by the council at the request of Bobby and Peggy Jolly.

Council members present at the meeting were Ray Box, John Chapa Jr., Clara Calvillo and Amy Preston, with councilman Jay Dee House absent.

The Lynn County News will be **CLOSED** April 21 for Good Friday Happy Easter!

## Hospital Opens Bids On Assisted Living Center

Bids on construction of a new 20-unit assisted living center to be operated by Lynn County Hospital on a site just north of the hospital were opened Tuesday, with the low bid of \$1,532,000 coming from Denton-Renfroe Inc., of Lubbock.

After architect's fees are added, the project is expected to cost about \$1.6 million. Bids from six prospective builders were opened at the hospital in the presence of hospital administrator Louise Landers, architect Ken Condray of Lubbock, and board member Jerry Ford, plus representatives of all the contractors who bid on the project.

The hospital board now will meet to consider awarding the contract, contingent on a financing proposal to come from an Irving firm which will include the necessary steps for the hospital to issue revenue bonds to pay for the project.

Denton-Renfroe also was the low bidder on an alternate project, combining the reception areas for two of the hospital's three physicians into one clinic reception area. The Lubbock building firm has offered to do that job for \$37,500, and the hospital board will decide soon on that separate project.

Denton-Renfroe estimated that the new facility would be finished within 260 days after the beginning of construction.

### New School Business Manager Hired; Student Transfers, Calendar Approved

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met last Thursday, approving student transfers and the 2000-2001 school calendar among other routine business, and interviewing three prospective candidates for the position of school business manager.

Trustees and Superintendent Jimmy Parker met in executive session for personnel interviews regarding the business manager position, speaking with Ducey Riddle, Norman Clement and Nathan Ehler. Upon returning to open session, trustees unanimously authorized Supt. Parker to hire a person to replace Ken Eudy, who is resigning next month, as business manager for the district. Nathan Ehler of Tahoka was reportedly hired the next morning by Supt. Parker for the position, and he begins training for the position this week.

Six student transfers were approved as presented and the proposed 2000-2001 school calendar was approved, with the first day of school for students set for Aug. 14, ending May 24, with graduation on May 25, 2001. Spring Break is March 12-16, and students will get a full week off at Thanksgiving with two staff development days and three holidays set for that week. Christmas break will be Dec. 21 through Jan. 1, with another staff development day set Jan. 2 and students returning Jan. 3.

Supt. Parker reported that high school principal Tommy Varner, who submitted his resignation last month

effective at the end of the school year, adjusted his resignation date to be effective April 7. The superintendent will assist in overseeing high school activities until the end of the school year.

Student accident insurance was approved, with the district absorbing the cost of one-half of the varsity football player's insurance only. Trustees unanimously approved a resolution honoring Juanell Jones and the Lynn County News for the State-wide Media Honor Roll for fair and balanced reporting on the school district.

Supt. Parker presented a proposed 10-year exclusive vending and pouring rights contract with Coca-Cola, but trustees voted to table any action on the contract pending further review.

Local resident Jay Kelln addressed the board regarding extra-curricular absences and asking the board to consider increasing the current 12-day absence limit for students involved in extra-curricular activities. FHA regional champion students Malena Carrasco and Mickey DeLeon presented their winning program on childhood literacy to trustees. FHA student Christie Garcia made a presentation on the effects of television watching in young children, and FHA regional champion Amada Aguilar made a Power Point presentation on Folklorico and Spanish culture.

Business Manager Ken Eudy reported tax collections totaling \$1,047,332 which is 93.29 percent complete, and monthly bills were approved. Counselor Sherri McCord reported that 94 percent (48 of 51) of TISD students taking the exit-level TAAS exam earlier this spring passed in all three areas, and high praise was offered to the students and their TAAS night-review teachers.

A previous month's motion appointing election judges for the May 6 trustee election was rescinded by vote of trustees, which had named Dean Bartley as election judge, Jackie Stephens as alternate judge, and Jerry Webster as early voting judge with Ken Eudy as alternate early voting judge. Trustees unanimously approved a new motion appointing Jackie Stephens as election judge, Donna Brooks as alternate judge and Jerry Webster as early voting judge for the May 6 election.

Trustees set a noon meeting on May 9 at the Harvick Educational Center to canvass the May 6 election, in which seven candidates are seeking the two at-large seats on the board. The next regular meeting will be May 11 at the Harvick Center, preceded by a meal honoring incoming/outgoing board members at the Life Enrichment Center.

Six trustees were present for the five-hour meeting, of which a little over two hours were spent in closed session. Vice-President Brad Hammonds presided in the absence of board president Greg Henley, and trustees Carmen Chapa, Math Bartley, Joe Calvillo, Leighton Knox, Jr. and Ty Askew were present.

#### Nazarene Church To Present Easter Cantata

The Grassland Church of the Nazarene Choir will present the Easter Cantata "Rise Again" at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, April 23. A special presentation by Rev. Greg White will follow the cantata. Area residents are invited to attend the church's Easter celebration.



#### LORA YOWELL and SHELBY SMITH Couple Plans June Wedding

Rickie and Carol Yowell of Wilson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lora, to Shelby Smith of Lubbock. He is the son of John and Glenda Smith of Nickerson, Kansas.

Ms. Yowell is the granddaughter of Mary Downey of Wilson and Ida Yowell of Brownfield.

The couple will marry June 3 in the Church of Christ in Tahoka. The future bride is a graduate of Wilson High School and is a senior at Lubbock Christian University. She is employed at LCU.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Nickerson High School and is currently a senior at Lubbock Christian University. He is also employed by LCU.

**Wedding Announcement Policy**

The Lynn County News accepts wedding announcements at no charge if run within 8 weeks following the event. A \$35 fee will be assessed if run after that time. All information is subject to editing. Wedding and Engagement forms are available at the Lynn County News Office, 1617 Main, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 998-4888, Fax 998-6308.

**Tahoka School Menu**

April 24-28

**Breakfast**

**Monday:** No School.  
**Tuesday:** Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Waffles or Cereal & Graham Crackers, Fruit Punch, Milk.  
**Thursday:** Sausage & Egg Burrito or Cereal & Toast, Grape Juice, Milk.  
**Friday:** Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.

**Lunch**

**Monday:** No School.  
**Tuesday:** Taco Salad, Lettuce, Tomato, Pears, Sugar Cookie, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Mixed Salad, Cherry Shape Ups, Apple Halves, Milk.  
**Thursday:** Hot Dogs, Pinto Beans, Cole-slaw, Lime Jello, Milk.  
**Friday:** Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Onions, Pickles, French Fries, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.

**Senior Citizens MENU**

April 24-28

**Monday:** Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion, Cheese, Picante, Stewed Tomatoes, Pinto Beans, Apricots, Oatmeal Cookies.  
**Tuesday:** Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Potatoes, Zucchini, Tossed Salad/French Dressing, Frosted Cake.  
**Wednesday:** BBQ Chicken, Baby Limas, Yellow Squash, Wheat Roll, Lemon Pudding.  
**Thursday:** BBQ Polish Sausage, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/Cheese, Wheat Rolls, Pears, Peanut Butter Cookies.  
**Friday:** Chicken Strips, White Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Wheat Roll, Apple Cobbler.

#### Passover Service Set At Methodist Church

"Christ in the Passover," a service of worship and preparation, will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

Easter morning, Sunday worship services include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. Rev. Marvin Gregory is pastor of the church, located at 1801 Ave. J.

#### Free Concert Set For Today In O'Donnell

Ed Encoch and Golden Covenant (formerly known as the Stamps Quartet) will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

Admission is free, however a love offering will be taken. The church is located at 701 Standefer.

For more information contact the church office at 428-3236.

#### City/County Library Awarded \$2500 Grant

The City/County Library at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka has received a \$2500 grant from the Texas Book Festival to be used for purchasing books for the Accelerated Reading program, the Texas Blue-ribbon list books and for non-fiction and reference books.

Shirley Draper, librarian, and Retha Pittman, Assistant to the Tahoka City Manager, collaborated on submitting the grant on behalf of the library. "We received a grant from the Texas Book Festival in 1998, so we are thankful to be considered again in 2000 for this award," said Mrs. Draper. "This gift will enhance the invaluable services the City/County Library provides to our community," she added.

The Texas Book Festival was created by the First Lady of Texas, Laura Bush, who has long been committed to books, reading, and libraries. The Texas Book Festival was created to conduct an annual book festival to celebrate words, reading and published works. The fourth Texas Book Festival raised a significant amount this past year, awarding \$301,829.30 to 125 winning libraries.

The purpose of the awards as defined by the First Lady is "to put a book in the middle of the family circle." Accordingly, the Texas Book Festival funds are to be used to enrich the reading and cultural resources of Texas communities through their public libraries.

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#### Rodney W

Graveside service for Joe Weathers, 36, of held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Navajo Cemetery. Weathers officiating. He died Tuesday 2000.

He was born J. Vanhorn. He attended high school in Tahoka in 1982 and graduated from McMaster Construction Co. in Tahoka. He was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include Ethel Weathers of Tahoka, Mike W. Weathers of Tahoka, and his aunts, uncles and cousins. The family suggests a service at the Navajo Cemetery.

#### Christophe

Rosary for the soul of Moya, 17, of O'Donnell, Texas, Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at the Catholic Church in O'Donnell.

Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Thursday (today) in O'Donnell with Rev. Bert Meacham officiating.

Burial will be in the cemetery under the direction of the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka.

He died Tuesday at his home. He was born July 1, 1983, in Tahoka. He was a member of the Catholic Church. He was a senior at O'Donnell High School. He was a member of the Catholic Church. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his mother, Clara Moya; his father, Cuca O'Donnell; three brothers, Lupe Sr., and Cuca O'Donnell; and his sister, Moya, all of O'Donnell, Texas. He was a member of the Catholic Church. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Rodney Weathers**

Graveside services for Rodney Joe Weathers, 36, of Blair, Okla. were held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 24, at the Navajo Cemetery with Dick Weathers officiating.

He died Tuesday, March 21, 2000.

He was born Jan. 16, 1964 in Vanhorn. He attended junior high and high school in Tahoka. He moved to Blair in 1982 and worked for McMaster Construction of Oklahoma City for 10 years. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his mother, Ethel Weathers of Blair; a brother, Mike W. Weathers of Blair; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family suggests memorials to the Navajo Cemetery.

**James R. Parker**

Services are pending at Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors for James R. Parker, 57, of Wilson.

**Jacob Moore**

Services for Jacob Moore, 24-day-old son of Travis Moore and Myra McGuder Moore, were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Gloria Moore officiating. Assisting were Rev. Roosevelt Moore, Rev. Andrew Nance and Elder Roy Rogers.

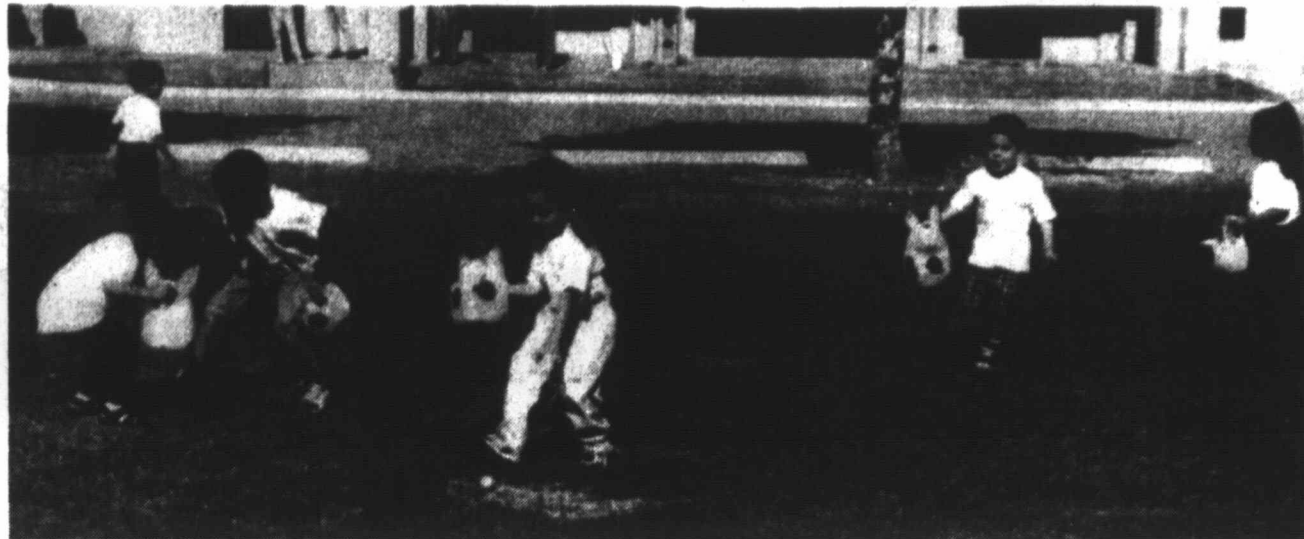
Burial was in Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Tuesday, April 11, 2000 at University Medical Center.

He was born March 18, 2000 in Lubbock.

His twin sister, Chandolyn Moore, died March 18, 2000.

Survivors include his parents; paternal grandparents Roosevelt and Dora Moore of Tahoka; maternal grandparents, Reggie and Gloria Moore of Tahoka; great grandparents, L.C. and Henrietta Burselson of Tahoka; and three brothers, Byron and Stormy, both of Tahoka, and Joshua of Lubbock.



**LOTS OF EGGS TO FIND** - Children from the Small Wonders Head Start program in Tahoka found lots of Easter Eggs at Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. headquarters Friday morning. Employees hid the eggs for the children, who delighted in finding the candy eggs in the grassy lawn. (LCN PHOTO)

**Comptroller Rylander Forecasts A Strong, Diverse Texas Economy**

Texas experienced explosive growth and added more jobs than any other state during the 1990s, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said as she unveiled the latest economic data and trends in the Winter 2000 edition of the *Texas Economic Update*.

"For every three jobs in 1990, Texas now has four," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Texas unemployment rate is at a 20-year low, at 4.5 percent, and our indicators point to a bright economic future for our state."

Texas ended the millennium with an estimated 9.31 million jobs, more than 25 percent of them created during the 1990s. The total number of unemployed Texans has decreased by 15 percent in the past decade.

Comptroller Rylander's economists forecast slower growth during the current decade, when the Texas economy is expected to slow from its 1990s exuberance. Real gross state product grew at 4.6 percent annually during the last decade and barreled ahead at 5.5 percent per year during the last five years. The Comptroller predicts real gross state product will increase at a rate closer to historical levels at 3.6 percent annually between now and 2010.

High tech and healthcare will make up a large share of the state's fastest-growing occupations. However, the majority of the new jobs in Texas will come from more traditional sources. Retail sales, childcare and nursing are among the occupations with the projected highest number of new jobs in the state.

Texas will create more than 230,000 new jobs per year between 2000 and 2010, but most of those new jobs will be in large, slower-growing occupations such as cashiers, retail salespeople, office executives and office clerks. The business services sector, dominated by temporary help agencies, will account for the greatest number of new jobs, averaging 44,100 new jobs annually during the next 10 years. Retail trade will create the second-largest number with 36,700 new jobs each year.

Comptroller Rylander explained that the Texas economy continues to shift away from goods-producing jobs, moving more toward the service industry. In 1980, 29.4 percent of Texas nonfarm jobs were in the goods-producing sectors of manufac-

turing, construction and mining (mostly oil and gas). The share of goods-producing jobs dropped to 21.4 percent of all nonfarm jobs by 1990 and is at 19.3 percent today. By 2010, that number is projected to drop 17.4 percent. By contrast, Texas employment in the service industry has more than doubled during the last 15 years, with these jobs ballooning by nearly one million in the 1990s alone.

For rural Texas, the economic picture is better than one might expect, despite several droughts and periodic farm price instability. Farm and ranch employment grew during the 1990s, after falling during most of the latter half of the century. The real gross state product from Texas agriculture grew an average of 4.5 percent per year in the 1990s, nearly matching the state's average annual growth rate.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that by the year 2030, 25 percent of the state's new jobs will require at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Yet, nearly 60 percent of all Texans will have only a high school education or less. The highest job growth rates during the next decade will be in industries requiring specialized education and skills, including high tech engineering, communications, research and business services.

"One of my 10 Principles for Texas in the New Century is to develop a better-educated workforce," Comptroller Rylander said. "If we don't raise the level of educational attainment for all Texans, our future workforce will be less well-educated, more likely to work in low-paying jobs, and more likely to earn lower wages than our current workforce. That's unacceptable!"

The *Texas Economic Update* reports that for workers without college degrees, the major route to high-wage jobs will be through an associate's degree from a junior or technical college, sufficient work experience in a related occupation, or formal post-secondary vocational training.

As Comptroller, Rylander is the chief financial officer and economic forecaster for Texas. The Winter 2000 edition of the *Texas Economic Update* can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at <<http://www.window.state.tx.us/ecodata/teu00/>>.

**NEW AT THE LIBRARY**

**Where You Belong**

by Barbara Taylor Bradford

A young American photographer, Valentine Denning, leaves behind the comforts of her home in Paris to record the war in Kosovo from the front lines. Drawn together by the perils of war Val finds romance with British photographer Tony Hampton. The romance is tragically cut short when Tony is killed in an ambush.

When Val and her American colleague Jake Newberg attend Tony's memorial service in London they realize that he as betrayed them with his lies. As Val and Jake try to make sense of Tony's lies and put the events of the war behind them, Jake confesses his love for Val.

But Val wants something different and trades in war photojournalism for a position as a photographer of celebrities. She finds herself a new admirer in Alexander St. Just Stevens, an artist of international renown.

Even with a new job and a new man, Val can't ease her sense of searching for something, a sense that will lead her to retrace paths she thought were left behind.

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**Christopher Moya**

Rosary for Christopher Lee Moya, 17, of O'Donnell was said at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Apr. 19 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka.

Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Thursday (today) in the same church with Rev. Bert Mead officiating.

Burial will be in Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at his home.

He was born July 27, 1982 in Tahoka. He was a lifelong resident of O'Donnell. He was a high school senior at O'Donnell Independent School District. He played football and participated in track. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his parents, Lupe Sr. and Cuca Moya, both of O'Donnell; three brothers, Joe Garcia, Lupe Jr., and Jesse Ignacio Moya, all of O'Donnell; three sisters, San Juanita Rentia, Dolores Carmen Pena and Suana Pena, all of O'Donnell; and his paternal grandmother, Clara Moya of Tahoka.

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**Do I have to apply each year?**  
No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1999, you won't need to reapply for 2000. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home -- or if you've moved to a new home -- you'll need to file for an exemption for 2000. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 1999, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

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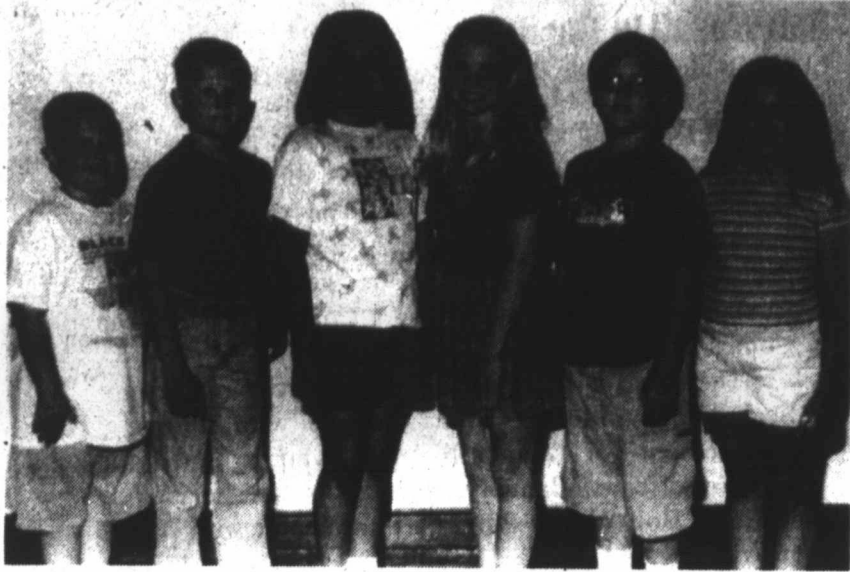
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**HERE'S TO THE WINNERS** - These Tahoka Elementary third graders took home ribbons in the UIL Academic Meet held March 30 at Plains. They are (left to right) Chaz Jackson, Graham Henley, Araceli Lopez, Samantha Pridmore, Brandon Moss, and Sarah Calvillo. (LCN PHOTO)

### Elementary Students Compete In UIL Meet

Several students from Tahoka Elementary School competed in the Elementary UIL Academic Meet which was held March 30 in Plains. Winners are listed below.

**Ready Writing:** 3rd grade-Sarah Calvillo, 1st place; 4th grade-Cass Tatum, 3rd place.

**Number Sense:** 4th grade-Josh Freitag, 1st place and Britt Wuensche, 6th place.

**Art Contest:** 4th grade-team of Kristin Box, Lindsey Barrientez, James Griffin, and Levi McKay, 5th place; 5th grade-team of Ashley Lam, Christa Muñoz, Daniel Baker, and Amanda Paredes, 5th place.

**Music Memory:** 3rd grade-team of Chaz Jackson, Araceli Lopez, Brandon Moss, Graham Henley, and Samantha Pridmore, 2nd place; 4th grade-team of Kindace Druessedow, Ernest Gomez, Anthony Rodriguez, Alex DeLeon, and Steven Lara, 2nd place; 5th grade-team of Shamar Autry, Haley Hall, J.B. Rivas, Samantha Santos, Stephanie Lara, and Josh Valdez, 1st place.

**Spelling:** 5th grade-K'Lyssa Selmon, 5th place.

**Oral Reading:** 3rd grade-Graham Henley, 5th place; 4th grade-Lauren Botkin, 3rd place.

**Maps, Graphs, and Charts:** 5th grade-J.B. Rivas, 4th place and Garrett Autry, 6th place.

**Dictionary Skills:** 5th grade-Daniel Baker, 3rd place.

Other students participating in the meet included Jynna Askew, Ryan Rios, Matt Taylor, Gabby Cantu, Michael Benson, Wilson Villegas, Virginia Aleman, Adrian Webster, Alan Henderson, Valeria Sosa, Kourtney Sodd, Brandy Gonzales, Cori Sternadel, A.J. Flores, Tiffany Lam, Jessica McLelland, Shon Overton, Erika Chavarria, Erica Villegas, Allison Sharrock, Vincent Cowan, Kasen Stanley, Damon Moore, Josh DeLeon, Josh Hawthorne, Matthew McLelland, Linda Salazar, Jaci Hammonds, Kami Owens, Jeni Hammonds, Kathryn Webster, and Martin Garcia.



**UIL WINNERS** - These members of the Tahoka Elementary fourth grade class returned home winners from the UIL Academic Meet held March 30 at Plains. They are (back) Cass Tatum, Joshua Freitag, Anthony Rodriguez, Levi McKay, Lindsey Barrientez, Ernest Gomez, James Griffin; and (front) Kindace Druessedow, Lauren Botkin, Alex DeLeon, Britt Wuensche, Kristin Box, and Steven Lara. (LCN PHOTO)

### AHA Releases Cardiovascular Death Statistics For Texas

On an average day in Texas, 153 residents die from cardiovascular diseases, according to data released by the American Heart Association (AHA), Texas Affiliate. The association compiled these statistics using 1998 mortality information recently released from the Texas Department of Health.

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) remains the number one killer in Texas, claiming the lives of 56,007 people in 1998 (39 percent of the 142,389 Texas residents that died). That translates into two of every five deaths. As a comparison, in the same year cancer was the state's second leading cause of death, claiming 32,275 lives. Accidents accounted for 7,385 deaths and 937 people died of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in 1998.

In Lynn County, 19 of 60 total deaths in 1998 were attributed to CVD, or 31.7 percent, and that figure compares to 34.5 percent in 1997 (20 of 58 total deaths), and 36.4 percent in 1996 (28 of 77 total deaths).

Nationally, statistics show that from 1987 to 1997 the number of deaths from CVD has declined only 2.1 percent. One reason for this small decline is that the total U.S. population, and particularly the population of middle-aged and older people, is increasing. Another reason is that recent advances in medical treatment have allowed more people to survive previously fatal cardiovascular events, and now these people are dying of subsequent cardiovascular illnesses.

The mission of the American Heart Association is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. To accomplish this, the association concentrates its efforts in four areas: education, community service programs, research, and revenue generation.

Last year the Texas Affiliate reached over five million people in Texas with interactive programs and awarded over \$8 million in research funding in Texas.

"To reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke, the association recommends having your blood pressure checked regularly, not smoking, eating nutritious foods in moderate amounts, having regular medical checkups, and exercising. If you feel that you might be one of the 60 million people in the United States who has some form of cardiovascular disease, please call your local American Heart Association office for more information, or call 1-800-AHA-

USA!" says an AHA representative. A non-profit health organization funded by individual and corporate donations, the AHA Texas Affiliate is the state's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to reducing disability and death from heart and blood vessel diseases.



When the United States celebrates Columbus Day—the second Monday in October—Canada is celebrating Thanksgiving.

## The New Home News

by Karon Durham • 924-7448

Kindergarten registration will be held from 2-3 p.m. Thursday, April 27 in the school cafeteria. Parents need to bring birth certificates, social security cards, and current immunization records.

Cafeteria Supervisor Betty Holder held a coloring contest for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. The students colored Easter eggs and butterflies to help decorate the bulletin board on the cafeteria wall. Two winners per grade were chosen and received a Coke and a chocolate Easter bunny.

The winners were: Kindergarten-Benjamin Jackson and Audra Bruton; 1st Grade-Oscar Saenz and Sebastian Ruiz; 2nd Grade-Olga Vitolas and Ethan Willis; 3rd Grade-R.H. Whitten and Hector Fiscal; 4th Grade-Nick Ramirez and Kasandra Hale; 5th Grade-Natalie Bruton and Adam Fiscal; and 6th Grade-Stefanie White and Matt Miller.

NHHS golfers Stephanie and Heather Kieth will advance to Regional competition and tennis team members Stephanie Kieth and Tiffany Nettles won at District and will advance to Regionals.

Several members of the track team will also advance to Area competition. They are Stephanie Kieth (long jump, triple jump, 400m relay, 100m run and 200m run), Heather Kieth (400m relay), Randi Thornhill (400m relay, 400m run), Angelica Gonzales (1600m run), Tamara

Moreno (400m relay), Angel Silva (300m hurdles) and Shaun Wied (800m run).

The Livestock Judging Team has advanced to State competition. Team members are Kayla Durham, Keaton Askew, Johnathon Rodriguez, and Zach Morris.

The school board met in regular session on Monday, April 10. Shawn Harrison was hired to fill the vacant head basketball coach position. He is currently the head coach at Three Way where he has made the playoffs for four consecutive years. He will also teach elementary P.E. classes next year.

The board approved all student transfers as presented for the 2000-01 school year and heard reports from Athletic Director Joe Helms on spring sports (see above) and Superintendent Herb Youngblood on attendance (204) and the livestock judging team.

Johnson controls has had engineers at the school conducting a facility and energy study. They hope to have a proposal for upgrading the electrical, heating, and air conditioning ready for the May board meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, May 10. The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. to canvass the board election and reorganize and then have the regular meeting at 8 p.m.

### New Home School Menu

**April 24-28 Breakfast**  
**Monday:** No School.  
**Tuesday:** Cereal, Muffin, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Granola Bars, Milk.  
**Thursday:** Hash Browns, Cinnamon Toast, Milk.  
**Friday:** Biscuit, Sausage, Milk.

**Lunch**  
**Monday:** No School.  
**Tuesday:** Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn, Banana Pudding, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Sub Sandwich Bar, Pickle Spears, Carrot Sticks, Celery Sticks, Orange Wedges, Milk.  
**Thursday:** Enchilada Casserole, Lettuce, Tomato, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tortilla Chips, Milk.  
**Friday:** Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, French Fries, Milk.



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**March Weather Warmer, Wetter Than Normal**

The weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of March was significantly warmer and wetter than normal according to the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

Temperatures averaged 2.7 degrees above normal and ranged from 0.9 degrees above normal at Dimmitt to 4.5 degrees above normal at Brownfield. The highest temperature reported during the month was 86 degrees at several locations on the South Plains.

Precipitation averaged 1.95 inches above normal and ranged from 0.22 inches above normal at Levelland to 4.77 inches above normal at Snyder.

Tahoka's average temperature for March was 54.8 degrees with 2.55 inches of total precipitation.



**NEW SIGN COMPLETED** - The Texas Highway Department (TxDOT) recently completed a beautification project in Tahoka, including this brick wall and city sign at the outskirts of Tahoka, just off the first exit into town from southbound Highway 87. The landscaping project has been underway for over a year.

(LCN PHOTO)

**Scholarship Funds Available Now**

The Permian Basin Area Foundation announces that applications for the Marie Hall Scholarships are available for distribution to students

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- Texas Tech University, Lubbock
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Midland Odessa or Lubbock
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa

Applicants may request an application by contacting the financial aid office of one of the above educational institutions. Completed applications are to be returned to the financial aid offices by May 31, 2000.

The warmest temperature ever recorded in the United States was 134°F, at Greenland Ranch, California, July 10, 1913.

**Boll Weevil in The News**

LUBBOCK, April 14, 2000

By Roger Haldenby

**TWWEF Board Meeting Scheduled April 19**

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board meets Wednesday April 19 in Abilene. On the agenda is discussion of Quarantine, a timely issue as the Southern Rolling Plains Zone gets closer to a Declaration of Eradication by Ag Commissioner Susan Combs.

The board will also hear from its Program Director Search Committee which is charged with finding a replacement for Osama El-Lissy who resigned the position effective January. El-Lissy is now serving as National Boll Weevil Program Coordinator with USDA in Washington D.C.

**Former FSA Dep. Administrator Joins TWWEF Team**

A new staff position, Chief Administrative Officer, has been created at the TWWEF Abilene HQ.

The post has been filled by Richard Newman who comes with a solid background in USDA administration. Newman retired in 1998 from a career that culminated in him serving as Deputy Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency.

**AgriPartners Boll Weevil Trapping Begins**

As cotton farmers prepare for planting, PCG and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are joining forces for their sixth year of the AgriPartners Grid Trapping Project.

Approximately 1,000 traps set out in 27 counties across the High Plains provide IPM agents, crop consultants and growers with a timely indication of boll weevil activity across the area. Trap catches and maps will be posted each Friday to PCG's web site and to PCG's pages on DTN.

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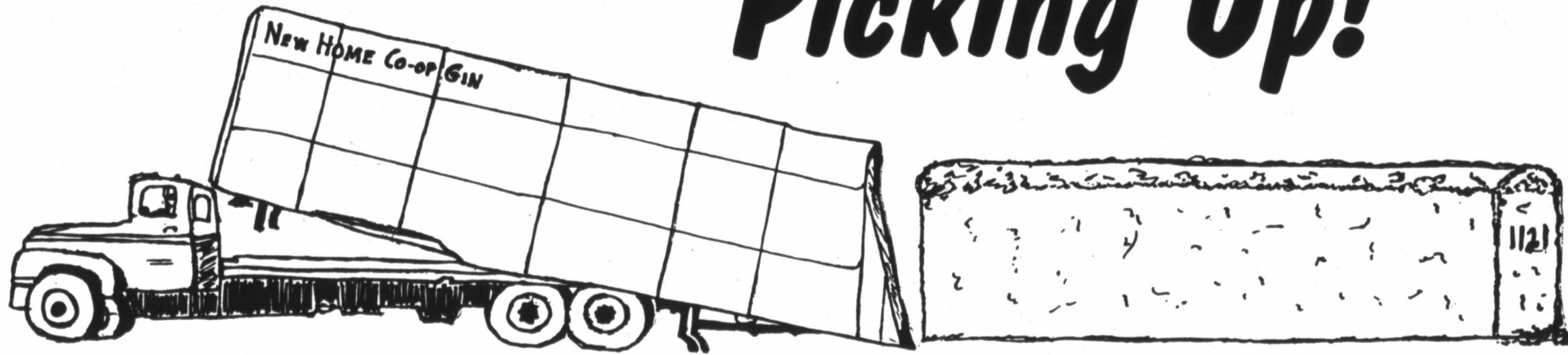
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