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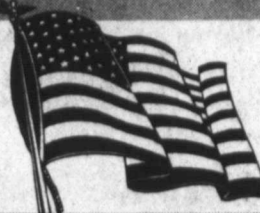
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Grandparents...
Get your pictures ready!



Kyla Malee Pierce
Joe & Kelle Crain
Joey & Jane Pierce
Leslie & Maxine Paris

Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 3 to turn in Valentine Brag pictures for our Feb. 10 edition
Cost is \$9 for single space

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 01-11-11)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	*97,646
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	81,325
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	52,503
Wells Coop Gin.....	50,755
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	*45,410
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	*38,264
Grassland Coop Gin.....	*11,743
Close City Gin, Post.....	*9,793
TOTAL.....	387,439

* Final Bale Count

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 5	61	22	
Jan. 6	59	28	
Jan. 7	61	28	
Jan. 8	56	27	
Jan. 9	65	26	
Jan. 10	39	28	Trace
Jan. 11	37	12	

Precipitation for Jan: 0"
Total Precip. for 2011: 0"

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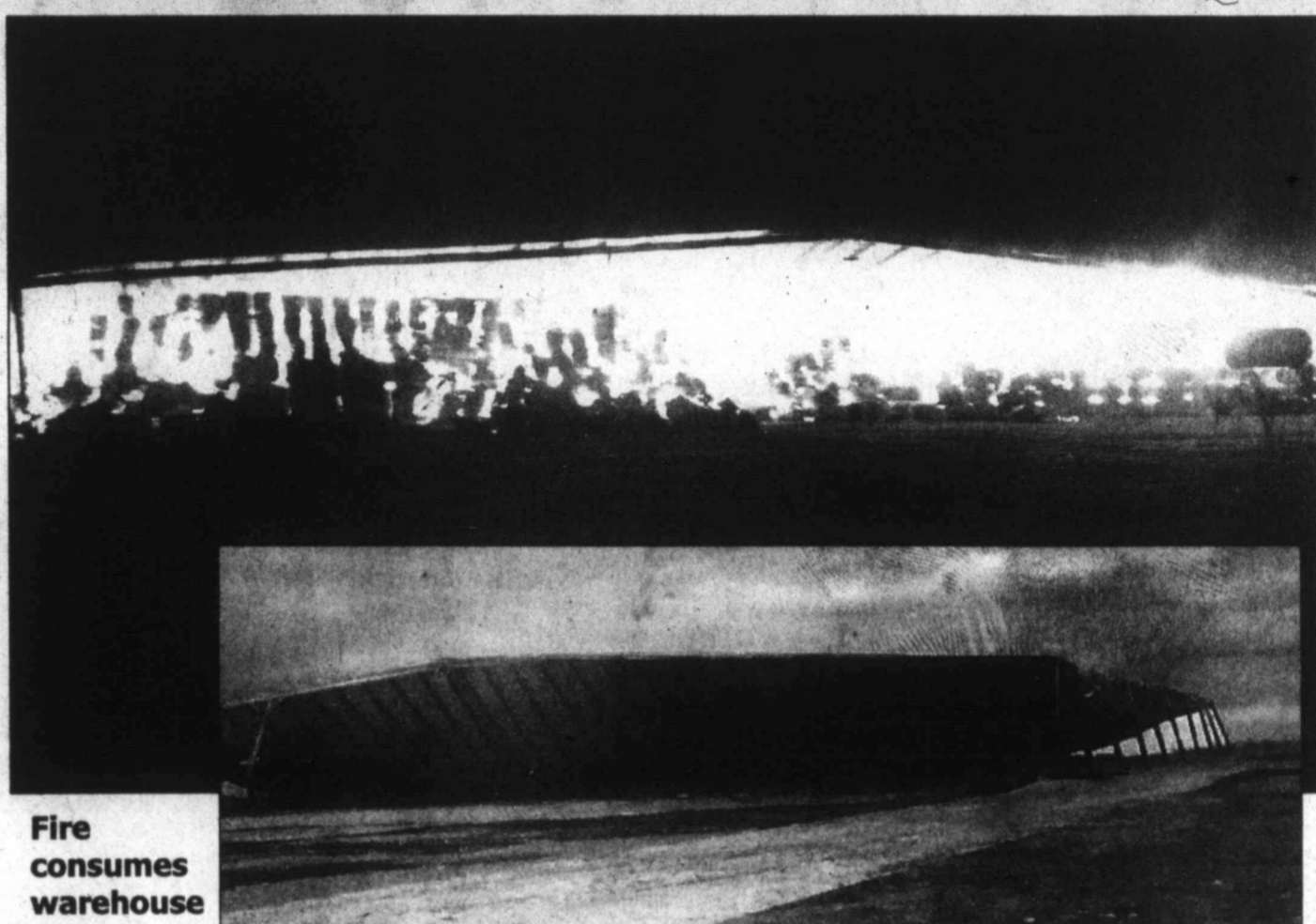
Damage high in Wilson cotton warehouse fire

Damages estimated at \$4.5 million were caused by a cotton warehouse fire in Wilson last Friday, Lt. David Maldonado of the Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. reported.

The fire at the Fiber Brite Ltd. warehouse was discovered around 5:30 a.m. Friday, and while firefighters from Wilson and Slaton contained the blaze, it continued to smolder through the weekend. Officials also estimated that at least 10,000 and possibly as many as 15,000 mote cotton bales were lost, after the fire was accidentally caused by static electricity or by a hot bale that recently entered the warehouse.

Fiber Brite stores and processes mote cotton, a gin by-product used in nonwoven items.

Company officials plan to bury the burned bales in a large pit once the insurance adjustors complete their evaluation.



Fire consumes warehouse

A cotton mote warehouse fire at the Fiber Brite facility in Wilson burned for days and caused what is estimated at millions of dollars in damage after thousands of bales ignited in a fire that started about 5:30 a.m. Friday. Fire crews with the Wilson and Slaton volunteer fire departments responded to the fire in the open-air building that contained an estimated 10,000+ bales of mote. Members of the 14-man Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. continued to observe the fire and kept it from spreading to other areas throughout the next several days.

Bird blamed for power outage

A bird was apparently to blame for a power outage in portions of Tahoka Monday afternoon -- but this story is just about one bird, not 4,000 dead birds falling from the sky as has been reported in recent events.

According to a city official, Xcel officials said a bird that landed on a powerline apparently got into something called an OCR and the line was popped offline, causing a power outage for about 45 minutes in several areas in Tahoka. Power was restored within the hour.

Xcel workers found the dead bird at the site where the outage occurred.

Thefts of computer, credit card reported

Police this week were investigating two reports of thefts, one of them a Dell laptop computer missing from the pastor's office at Tahoka First United Methodist Church.

The church's minister, Rev. Vernon Baker, told police that the computer, valued at \$700, apparently was taken from his unlocked office Sunday, Jan. 2, possibly during the Sunday morning service.

Police also took a report from a Tahoka man who said a company credit card apparently had been stolen from his wallet and an attempt was made to use the credit card in Lubbock. It was learned that a relative, who later claimed she had shredded it, had taken the card.

Sheriff's officers were advised by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative Monday that someone had spray-painted graffiti on two signs at Lyntegar's substation about two miles southwest of Wilson. Workers removed the graffiti.

Only 14 persons were being held in Lynn County jail this week, with none held for other counties.

County stock show set for next week

The Lynn County Stock Show will be held next week, when county youth will show their barrows, lambs, steers, and goats in the annual event.

Steer judging kicks off Thursday evening events, which will also include goat judging and conclude with lamb judging. Barrow judging begins Friday morning. The annual Barbeque Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, with the presentation of awards and the auction sale beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Council okays sales tax funds for three projects in Tahoka

by JUANELL JONES

The funds collected from the half-cent sales tax in Tahoka have accumulated to \$23,940.71 since June 2010, and the ACT Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka, formerly known as the 4B Sales Tax Board) presented the first three project proposals using these funds to the Tahoka City Council Monday night. City Council members gave their unanimous consent for the ACT Board to expend the funds on the proposed projects.

Vernon Baker, chairman of the ACT Board, presented the proposals to the council, with projected costs totaling up to \$18,500. Project #1 is listed as "Welcome and community/business signage for Tahoka" and the first phase involves renovating/upgrading the triangle area at the north entrance to Tahoka, where TxDOT has the Hwy. 87 exit triangle. The project includes replacing the "Tahoka" sign on the brick wall there, as well as landscaping and lighting. Cost of this project is estimated at up to \$10,000. In time, the ACT Board would like to have signage at all entries in Tahoka.

Project #2 is listed as "Mini-Park renovation and upgrades" and at this point the ACT Board is estimating a cost of up to \$3,500 to contract for a master plan for a redesign of the mini park area. The renovation project will most likely take several years, but a master plan is needed before any work can be done. Project cost for the master plan is estimated at up to \$3,500.

Project #3 is "Tahoka city swimming pool repairs, renovation and upgrade." During this first phase of the project, bathroom fixture replacement and plumbing repairs will be made at a cost estimated up to \$5,000, and this portion is expected to be completed before the pool opens this summer. Other renovations/upgrades may be considered in future projects.

In other business, the council ordered a general election to be conducted on May 14 for the purpose of electing a mayor and two council members, for Districts 1 and 3. Currently holding these positions are Mayor John Baker, Dist. 1 council member Rudy Fuentes and Dist. 3 council member Amy Preston. Interested candidates may file at City Hall from Feb. 12-March 14 (but since Feb. 12 falls on a Saturday, the

first day for filing is actually Feb. 14). The council named County Clerk Susan Tipton as the Early Voting Judge for the election.

City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News* that the boil water notice had been lifted for city residents as of Monday, after test results came back. City water was cut off over the weekend due to breaks in the line. He also said that the application process for grant funds for a new waterline system for the city is continuing, and that he and other city officials answered further questions from grant representatives about two weeks ago regarding the city system.

Webster also said that although the city has not received any official no-

tification regarding the 2010 census figures, that the census webpage shows the City of Tahoka population declined by 445 from the 2000 census. In 2000 the city population was 2910, and in 2010 was reported at 2465. County population figures also showed a decline, from 6549 in 2000 to 5674 in 2010, a decline of 875 people.

The council appointed Brady Aske as the city's representative to the Lynn County Appraisal District Board of Directors, and monthly bills were approved.

Mayor John Baker led the meeting, and council members present included Amy Preston, Ronny Jolly, Jeff Martin and Ray Box. Councilman Rudy Fuentes was absent.

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by dalton



DEAD BIRDS are falling from the sky in various places in the world, and dead fish are being found in large numbers, all of which have caused some to predict the end of the world is near, others to say aliens from outer space are the cause, and others are saying these things happen all the time, only now there is more reporting of the incidents.

First there were the dead blackbirds falling from the sky in Arkansas, then in Louisiana, then Sweden, and closer to home, in Plainview. (One smart-aleck reader sent me an e-mail saying there's a perfectly good reason those dead birds fell from the sky: dead birds can't fly. Wish I had thought of that). Then 100,000 dead fish were reported in Arkansas, supposedly victims of disease.

Not to be outdone, Maryland authorities reported about two million dead fish found in Chesapeake Bay, supposedly victims of cold water. This was reported a day after the University of Maryland decided not to hire Mike Leach as coach. Not sure there's any correlation there, but both stories sound a little fishy.

Come on, there's always cold water in that bay in the winter, and we've never heard of so many fish dying at once, although they claim this also happened in 1976 and 1980. Also, the story didn't say who counted these two million fish.

By the time this gets into print, there likely will be new reports of dead birds falling from the sky and dead fish in the water.

We should be alarmed only when there are reliable reports of dead fish falling from the sky.

THE MOM on Main St. wonders why it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

FUMC O'Donnell to celebrate 100th Birthday in March

The O'Donnell First United Methodist Church is on a countdown to its 100th birthday celebration. The church has formed a centennial committee to plan this event. In honor of this special occasion on Sunday morning, March 6, the church will be having a two-hour worship service from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. A catered meal will fol-

low the worship service in the fellowship hall.

Rev. Monty Barnett is in the process of planning a worship service with lots of church history. The District Superintendent and Bishop of the United Methodist Church will be joining in the celebration.

"Everyone is invited, and this is definitely a celebration you won't want to miss. If you know of anyone who has ever been a member of the O'Donnell FUMC, please spread the word and invite them," said a spokesperson for the event.

The FUMC began as the O'Donnell station of the T-Bar Methodist Church which was organized in 1911 by Rev. T.A. Knight. From 1911-1925, the now O'Donnell Circuit included Draw Methodist and T-Bar Methodist. In 1943, T-Bar Methodist Church closed and moved its membership into the O'Donnell church.

L.G. Phillips was the organizing Sunday School Superintendent at the same time the church was formed. The land for the church building was donated by H.E. Baldrige and C.H. Doak.

The first building was constructed in 1920 under the ministry of Rev. W.C. Hart. The sanctuary was completed in 1929 while Rev. C.A. Duncan was pastor. In 1948, Rev. Alby J. Cockrell began the fellowship hall, which was completed in the 1950's. The parsonage was built under the ministry of Rev. Cockrell. Rev. H.A. Longino and family were the first to live in the new parsonage. This house was remodeled under the ministry of Rev. Elmer E. Ward.



ABBEY REDMAN and MITCHELL ELROD Couple announces engagement

Penny Redman of Tahoka and Wes Redman of Post announce the engagement of their daughter, Abbey Gail Redman to Mitchell Wayne Elrod, son of Allen and Pam Elrod of Tahoka.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of O.R. "Pug" and Billie Wayne Parker of Tahoka and Jane Redman Criswell of Post. She is a graduate of San Angelo High School and is employed by Lynn County as the Emergency Management Coordinator/Animal Control Director. She has a daughter, Zoey Redman.

The future groom is a graduate of Tahoka High School and is employed by Lynn County Sheriff's Office as a jailer.

The couple plans to marry March 12, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

Boys Youth Basketball signups

Sign-ups for Tahoka Youth Basketball for grades 2-6 will be held Monday, January 17th from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Tahoka Elementary gym.

Additional sign-ups will be held Tuesday, January 18th beginning at 5:30 in the High School gym.

You must have a copy of your original birth certificate in order to sign-up.

For questions, contact Lana Stice at 632-6973 after 5 pm.



Adopt a Pet!
Check with the Lynn County Animal Shelter about adoptable pets.

Lynn County Animal Shelter
Abbey Redman, Director
806-561-4056

Pages from the Past...

By Vondell Elliott
The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

Diphtheria in County, report

Dr. E.E. Calloway, county health officer, reports that a number of diphtheria cases have developed in different localities in the county. It is hoped that no other cases will develop but parents are warned against a possible outbreak of this dreaded disease and it is suggested that they have their children immunized against it.

Some cases of smallpox have also been reported.

-Feb. 11, 1932

Noel Cooper has calf without tail

Noel Cooper has a calf out at his place that is a freak in one respect. It was born without any tail. It doesn't even have a ghost of a sign of a tail. It is now two or three months old and appears to be perfectly normal in every other respect. We are going to feel sorry for that calf in fly time.

-Feb. 11, 1932

Tahoka now has woman doctor

Dr. Ann West has placed her professional card in this issue of the News.

Dr. West is the daughter of Mrs. W.J. West who resides nine miles north of Tahoka and has been reared in this county. She took her Freshman work in Baylor University and then attended Texas Tech one year. She was the first Tech student to afterwards receive a degree in Medicine. She took Medicine courses in Baylor Medical School, graduating in medi-

cine in that institution in 1930. She did her intern work in Baylor Hospital in Dallas in 1931 and during this time she was the only woman intern in Texas.

She has now located here to practice her profession and will have her office temporarily at her mother's residence.

So, far as we know, Dr. West is the only woman physician anywhere on the plains outside of Amarillo. She is certainly the first and only one in Lynn County.

-Feb. 25, 1932

First telephone in Tahoka at 'News'

The first telephone in Tahoka, an exchange of Southwestern Associated Telephone Company, was installed in the Lynn County News office in 1905, with Mrs. Crie, the editor as operator.

-excerpt from a story in the Feb. 25, 1932 issue

Matthews friend of 'Pretty Boy'

"When I saw that picture of 'Pretty Boy's' little son in the Star-Telegram a short time ago, I recognized it at once," Fred Matthews of Grassland confided to the News Monday. "He is just like his daddy."

"Pretty Boy," you know dear readers, is that notorious Kansas bank robber.

Then Fred told us this story. When he and "Pretty Boy" were each seventeen years of age they worked for a period of two months as employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company out of Amarillo along Sante Fe Lines. "Pretty Boy" wore that nickname then, Fred says, due to his sporty dress and appearance but he exhibited no criminal tendencies whatever. "He was just a boy like the rest of us," Fred stated.

-March 31, 1932

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-Classified ad from March 31, 1932

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<p>Sweet Street Baptist Church 1300 Avenue J • Box 751 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-5310</p> <p>PASTOR: LYNN LONG Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. (A Bible Study Class for all ages) Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m. (Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word) Evening Worship - 6 p.m. (Praise & Worship - Gospel Message) Wednesday Night - 7 p.m. (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries) EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</p>	<p>PRAY FOR OUR NATION</p> <p>Jesús replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." - Luke 18:27</p>	<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333</p> <p>PASTOR: BILLY PARMER</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays: Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages • Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth</p>	<p>Grassland Nazarene Church 2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 327-5656, 327-5655</p> <p>PASTOR: Rev. James Miller Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone (806) 561-5317</p> <p>PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m. For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</p>	<p>New Home United Methodist Church 350 N. Main New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7549</p> <p>PASTOR: RICK WOLFE Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth Activities</p>	<p>New Home Church of Christ St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7579</p> <p>MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON</p> <p>Bible Class - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573</p> <p>Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.</p> <p>LEADERS: REV. YVONNE KIEBLER TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</p>
<p>Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907)</p> <p>P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. MONTY BARNETT Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following</p>	<p>Not What Is Easy READ HEBREWS 13:1-8 We can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid." What can anyone do to me? - Hebrews 13:6 (NRSV)</p> <p>When my father-in-law, Bob Alexander, was a young man he was well known for his physical strength. He was also a minister. His strong sense of God's desire for justice caused him to fight hard for the dignity and rights of the underprivileged in the churches he served.</p> <p>In the late 1950s, along with other courageous clergy, Bob took a stand against racial segregation not only in the community but also in his church. He was tough, confident of what God wanted, and in the right. Nevertheless, Bob's young family was threatened; his job was at risk; a cross was burned in protest of his work. His reputation for being able to lift the front end of a Ford could not help him in this situation.</p> <p>Bob's actions highlight a difficult truth: God calls us to do what is right, not what is easy. Yet my father-in-law was able to allow himself not to be controlled by worry because he knew that the Lord was his helper. His opponents did not disappear, but the Lord gave Bob and his family confidence and peace. No threat then or now has the power to separate any Jesus-follower from the healing love of our faithful God.</p> <p>PRAYER: Dear God, give us the courage to stand up for the rights of all people, trusting that you stand with us. Amen.</p> <p>Derek Maul ... from The Upper Room</p>		<p>First United Methodist Church 1801 Ave. J • Box 500 Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4503 email: tumctahoka@poka.com</p> <p>PASTOR: VERNON BAKER SUNDAYS: Praise Worship - 8:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m. TUESDAYS: Branded Ministries - 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Youth - 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4436</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO DEACON: FRANCISCO AGUILAR Mass - 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur. Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues. CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.</p>	<p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com</p> <p>PASTOR: DAVID W. RHODE Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Divine Service - 10:15 a.m. "Where Christ Serves People"</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m. Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p>	<p>TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com</p> <p>MINISTER: RON FANT Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>
<p>NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of Fourth & Smith "Serving the Lord for 100 Years"</p> <p>SERVICES: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm Pastor: Calvin Gray</p>	<p>O'Donnell First Baptist Church 701 Standefer • O'Donnell, TX 79351 (806) 428-3236</p> <p>PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.</p>		

Pauline Barrier

With great celebration Pauline Barrier is going home who will be living over us a life, on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Church of Teo, pastor was at Neve hoka under the villo Funer held in urday, January p.m. at Cal Chapel in T Our lo grandmothe the Lord of 2011. She w 1923 in Bu Roman and married our Barrientez, in Cameron the Lord or was a home Catholic. She wa by a son, R 1946. Survivo sons, John Linda and Sissy E Hill, Joe a of Tahoka; verita and Corpus Chi Alvarado o Arnold He Helen and J hoka and J larreal of F Maquel Ric grandchild children a grandchild Pallbea varado, Br Barrientez, Ricky Bar rientez, M Joe Hernar

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County land lease sought by oil company

Lynn County Commissioners met Monday morning, considering an inquiry about leasing land located in O'Donnell for oil and gas development, and several other issues pertaining to the county.

County officials had received a letter from a representative of Mark P. Hardwick Oil and Gas Properties in Midland, a land company representing Raw Energy, LC of Lubbock, inquiring about leasing some county-owned property in O'Donnell. The county owns two small tracts of land, one where the Precinct 3 barn is located, and a lot by the O'Donnell Museum, together amounting to just over an acre of land. Commissioners voted to begin the process to accept bids for the lease of the O'Donnell tracts of land for the purpose of oil and gas development.

In other business, commissioners approved a new 2011 list of Lynn County Historical Commission members, adding two new members to the group. Robbie Roberson and April Moore are new members in the Historical Commission, and

will be serving with the group under the direction of chairman Harold Hohn. Other members include Bettye Green, Bill Chancy, Barbara White, James H. Sanders, Walter Steen, Sandra Laws, Clyde May, and Dana McKay.

Commissioner Don Blair was given permission to get prices for the purchase of a new maintainer for Precinct 3, and the county finance report was approved. Monthly bills were approved and Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities.

County Judge H.G. Franklin led the meeting with all four commissioners present including Blair, Mike Braddock, Keith Wied and Danny Martin.

Senior Citizens MENU

JANUARY 17-21

Monday: Sloppy Joe's, oven fries/chips, three bean salad, pears

Tuesday: Green chili chicken enchiladas, white rice, red beans, lettuce/tomato, Jell-o

Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet peas, rolls, cobbler

Thursday: Pasta & meatballs, Italian vegetable medley, garlic bread, bread pudding

Friday: Grilled chicken patties, buttered noodles, sliced tomatoes, ice cream

Reminders & Activities:

• Domino Nights are continuing each Monday at 6 p.m.

• The recycle bin for aluminum cans is located on N. 5th across from City warehouse. All donations will continue to be long to the Center.

• The Center has gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Please call 561-5264.

• "Feed Our Community" program: a 10-day lunch ticket is a suggested donation of \$35. If the individual is under 60, a ten-day lunch ticket is \$50. The lunch ticket can be used for an on-site meal, a take-out meal, or if eligible, delivery.



Not in my gym ... Tahoka's Blake Turner (23) stays with a Lubbock Christian player in action here Jan. 4, and Tanner Hall (4) is in the background. The Bulldogs beat Lubbock Christian High School 68-52 and New Deal 65-55 and now are 14-4 on the season. They were to begin District play against Sundown here Tuesday night.

(LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)



Party time... O'Donnell's Girl Scout Brownie Troop 6458 had a great time celebrating the holiday season and closed out the year with a Christmas party with fellow sisters. Girls enjoyed snacks and had a gift exchange. Scouts are Autumn Baltazar, Gabrielle Rosales, Marina Rosales, Zaelan Gloria, Maddye Sumners, Kenna Hagler, Chloe Turney, Shelby Vargas, Miarah Ramos, Bryannah Pedroza, Emily Renteria, Desiree Lopez, and Destiny Velasquez. The bake sale that was held in Tahoka Thriftway this past Saturday, was a great success. The brownies appreciate the support of the community.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Grateful for the Season of Giving

Again, this past Christmas season, our Senior Citizens Center enjoyed the continuing generosity and goodwill of the residents of Tahoka and surrounding communities.

Thank you to Elizabeth Tew for once again spearheading the U Can Share Food Drive 2010. Her hard work and dedication together with the generosity of you in the community who donated, resulted in our center receiving approximately 1,000 pounds of canned foods.

We also want to thank the individuals and businesses who helped decorate our Christmas tree this year with handmade and individual calligraphic ornaments. A \$100 donation purchased a gold ornament, a \$50 donation, a silver ornament and a \$25 donation the choice of purple, blue or red ornament. This year's contributors were The Elrod family, Bobby and Nancy Guillems, Jerry Slover and Tahoka Drug.

We are truly blessed to be a part of the Tahoka Community. Happy New Year to everyone.

Bianca Baker
Director, Lynn County Senior Citizens Center

Christmas for Kids is successful

We are, again, humbled by the out-pouring of caring and support for the "Christmas for Kids" program. With your help, we provided gifts for 224 children. For all of you who so generously donated money, time, toys and labor, we are truly grateful. To all our shoppers, wrappers, and those who adopted families, a heartfelt thanks.

Special thanks to Lee and Judy Holden, Linda Owen, Becky Hardt and family, Tammi Fisher and family, Linda Newson, Pam Elrod, Della and Rooster Swartz, Tahoka Rotary Club, John Powell, Tahoka Drug, Harvest Festival Committee, Tahoka Fire Department, THS National Honor Society, Ike and Margaret Carter, Bettye and Harold Green, Poka Lambro, Tahoka Elementary School staff, FBC Adult II Sunday School Class, Trent and Donnis Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Don Blair, Terry Censeiros, Sandra and Jerry Brown, H.G. and Janel Franklin, Elsie Hinds, Lucinda Olveda, Jimmy Woodard, Janice Dube, Church of Christ, Bianca Baker, THS Student Council, Shanon Holden and Melissa, Julia and Mike Allen, Chad and Leah Swinford, Virginia Herrera, Vendell

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Obituaries



Pauline Barrientez

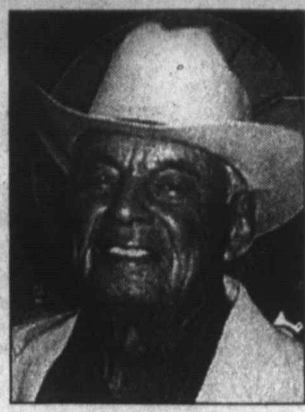
With great sadness we celebrated Pauline R. Barrientez going home to be with the Lord, who will be watching and praying over us as she did during her life, on Sunday, January 9, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church with Father Edward Teo, pastor officiating. Burial was at Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home. A rosary was held in her honor on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka.

Our loving mother and grandmother went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011. She was born on June 30, 1923 in Burlington to the late Roman and Maria Riojas. She married our beloved father Juan Barrientez, Sr. on Sept. 6, 1941 in Cameron. He went to be with the Lord on Jan. 10, 1980. She was a homemaker and a faithful Catholic.

She was preceded in death by a son, Roman Barrientez in 1946.

Survivors include three sons, John Barrientez, Jr. and Linda of Tahoka, Raymond and Sissy Barrientez of Liberty Hill, Joe and Linda Barrientez of Tahoka; five daughters, Severita and Carlos Hernandez of Corpus Christi, Tome and Juan Alvarado of Tahoka, Carol and Arnold Hernandez of Lubbock, Helen and Rudy Fuentes of Tahoka and Janie and Ziggy Villarreal of Ft. Worth; one brother Maquel Riojas of Plainview; 30 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Johnny Alvarado, Bryan Fuentes, Derrick Barrientez, Joey Barrientez, Ricky Barrientez, Angelo Barrientez, Mario DeLaRosa and Joe Hernandez. (PAID)



Joe B. Castillo

Mass of Christian burial was held for Joe B. Castillo, 84, of O'Donnell, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at the St. Pius Catholic Church in O'Donnell. Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011 at St. Pius Catholic Church. Interment was at O'Donnell Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes in O'Donnell.

He was born November 6, 1926 in Ballinger to Andres and Abigale (Bonilla) Castillo. He married Tina Ortiz on Feb. 19, 1964 in Lamesa. He was self-employed as a truck driver until retiring at the age of 67. He was a member of St. Pius Catholic Church in O'Donnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife Tina; one daughter, Anita (Aurelio III) Hernandez of O'Donnell; three sons, Robert Castillo, John (Soyla) Castillo and Joe Castillo, Jr. all of Lubbock, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



O.B. Corley

Services for O.B. Corley, 78, of Amarillo, formerly of Tahoka, were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Interment was at Tahoka cemetery. He died on Sunday, January 9, 2011. Arrangements were under the direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes in Tahoka.

He was born in Wilson November 26, 1932 to W.B. and Nellie Irene (Eskew) Corley. He married Joyce Isbell May 9, 1953 in Tahoka. He was a Staking Engineer for 40 years before retiring from Lyntegar Electric. He was a veteran of the US Army and was a member of The First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bob and J.W. Corley; and three sisters, Allene Zirkle, Ima Yocham, and Joy Townsen.

Survivors his wife, Joyce; one daughter, Teal Ann Carter and husband Phillip of Amarillo; one son, William Corley and wife Paula of Abilene; one brother, Dewey Corley of Arkansas; three grandchildren, Cristin Bradshaw and husband Andrew, Jessica Anderson and husband Justin, and Kimberly Carter; and five great-grandchildren, Jaycee Anderson, Jolie Anderson, Jackson Anderson, Caroline Bradshaw, and Landon Bradshaw.

The family suggests memorials to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Tx. 79106-1799, or First Baptist Church, PO Box 1547, Tahoka, Tx. 79373. To register or send condolences online, please visit www.combest-familyfuneralhomes.com (PAID)

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Bobcats win ... Tahoka Sophomore Mattie Turner (21) takes the ball up strong against a host of Smyer Lady Bobcats here on Friday night. The #21 ranked Tahoka Lady Bulldogs (14-7, 0-1) lost their district opener at Tahoka 50-56 to #2 TABC State Ranked Lady Bobcats of Smyer (19-2, 1-0) the defending 1A, Division 1 State Champions. Tahoka and Smyer have shared the District Co-Championships the last two seasons.
(LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Tahoka Middle School /High School honor roll

The Honor Roll for the 3rd six weeks for Tahoka Middle School is as follows; Sixth grade: Olivia Hammonds, Kylynn McCleskey, and Grant Tekell. Seventh grade: Miranda DeLeon, Maci Dimak, Andrea Garcez, Grant Garvin, M'Lyn Hill, and Clarissa Lopez. Eighth grade: Jeremiah DeLeon and Roman Parmer.

High school Honor Roll: ninth grade: Kristal DeVine, McKenzie Dimak, Cort Fisher, Kaitlynn Lehman, Madison Lockaby, Elizabeth Locke, Virginia Lopez, Gabriella Pando, Andrew Rohlf, and Abigail Santos.

Tenth grade: Taya Bishop, Jori Chapa, Mady DeLeon, Sarah Freitag and Smith McLelland. Eleventh grade: Braiden Fisher, Zach Garcia, Gretchen Henley, David Jolly, Carson Lehmann, Brittney Liggins, Kayla Long, Ariana Monsivias, Logan Tekell and Hannah Thomas.

Eleventh grade: Bryan Callahan, Braiden Fisher,

Twelfth grade: Taryn Bishop, Niki Box, Tanner Hall, Kadi Larpenter, Morgan Lockaby, Sabripa Moralez, Michael Paris, Caleb Renfro, Kaitlyn Reno, Monica Strickland and Patrick Wells.

DeLeon makes Dean's List at SPC

Stephanie DeLeon, a 2010 graduate of Tahoka High School, made the Dean's List last fall at South Plains College.

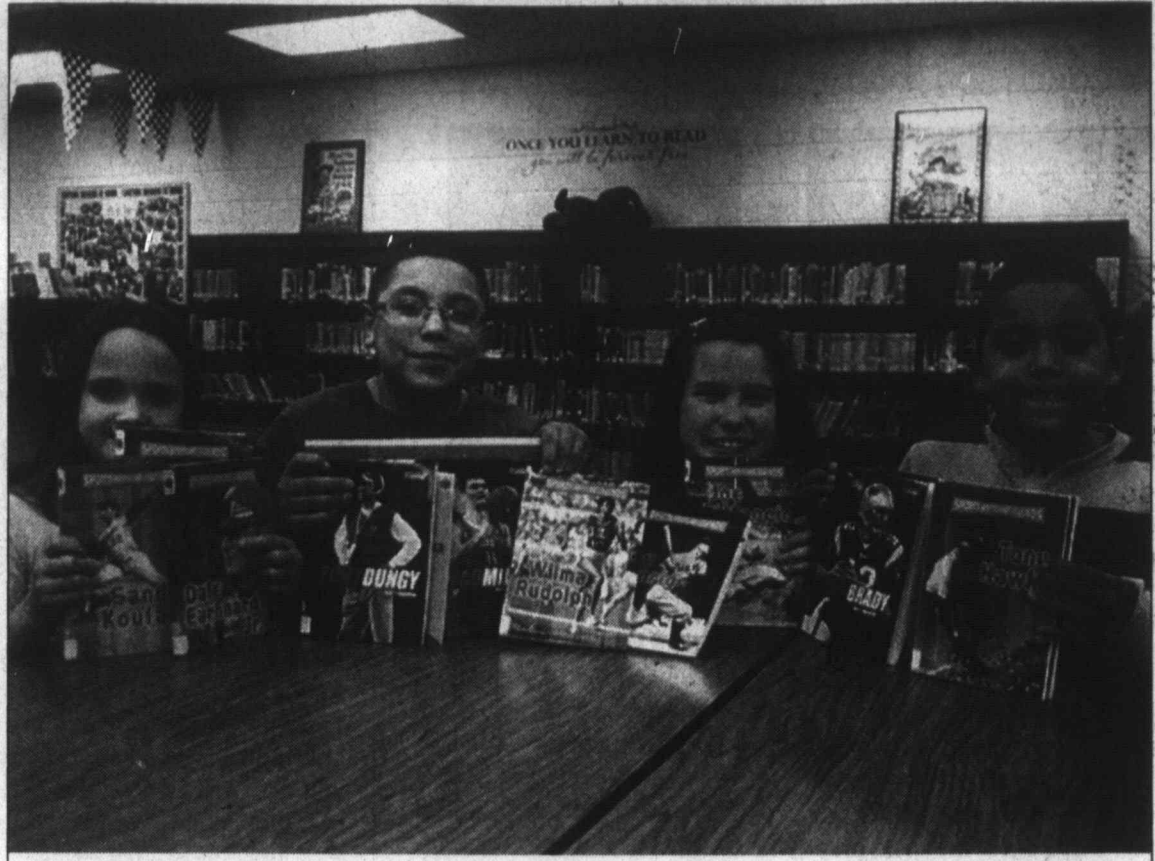
She is the daughter of Habiell and Delia DeLeon of Tahoka, and the granddaughter of Porfirio and the late Rosa Riojas and Mike and Sara DeLeon, all of Tahoka.

Ag computer training set for Jan. 26 in Lubbock

A free Texas AgriLife Extension Service training from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock is geared toward farmers who know nothing about computers or spreadsheets, but wish they did. The center is located north of the Lubbock airport a half-mile east of I-27 on FM 1294.

The training is meant for those new to computers who think they might be interested in learning to use agricultural computer spreadsheets. Excel will be the spreadsheet program used.

The Jan. 26 workshop will prepare those for more in-depth training at the center on Feb. 15 and March 15.



Memorial donation supports school library ... A generous donation has been given to Tahoka Elementary Library in loving memory of Bradley J. Huffaker. The contribution purchased a series of sport biographies that will benefit students now and in the future. In honor of Mr. Huffaker, a label with his name will be placed inside each book for the reader to see. "The students and staff at Tahoka Elementary would like to say thank you for the memorial gift and we appreciate your thoughtfulness during your difficult time," said a spokesperson.

USDA safeguards prove successful in administration of farm programs

Juan M. Garcia, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Texas used the release of a final rule that targets fraud and abuse of farm programs to join FSA Administrator Jonathan Coppess and state again his unequivocal commitment to accuracy. At issue has been the dispersal of payments to agricultural producers after an individual's death, a situation that is covered in the final rule published in the Federal Register on Dec. 28, 2010.

"It is common and legally required for USDA to pay estates of producers who die, because heirs have legal rights to receive program payments earned during the farmer's lifetime," said Garcia. "Generally, error rates have been small, but an audit in 2007 highlighted areas for improvement. Since then, we at FSA have worked hard to make procedural improvements that have further reduced error rates and are saving taxpayers significantly. We are codifying those improvements with this final regulation."

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) audit in 2007 found that the vast majority of farm payments were made properly. Only two percent of payments to estates of deceased farmers were paid when the estate was not entitled to payment. Still, this error rate prompted USDA to implement additional safeguards and to strengthen data reconciliation procedures to ensure that payments made on behalf of deceased persons were not distributed incorrectly. As a result, in 2008, errors dropped to .008 percent, and in 2009, they fell even further to .007 percent.

FSA additional safeguards

include:

- Each quarter (double the amount of time required by the law); USDA matches individuals who receive FSA program payments with data provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine if any program recipient is deceased.
- Under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program, counter-cyclical payments may be legally issued up to two years, and three months after program enrollment. The same taxpayer identification number must be used for the entire program pay-

ment period to properly track the issuance of program benefits.

- Deceased individual listings are investigated through local FSA county offices. FSA would only pay a farmer after death when the farmer applied for the benefit before death and is eligible to receive the benefit, but died before the payment was received. These cases account for payments made by FSA to deceased individuals.

For more information about the Farm Service Agency and Farm Programs please visit your local USDA Service Center or FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

TSCRA applauds emergency designation for eminent domain reform

FORT WORTH, Texas - The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) applauded Governor Rick Perry's designation of eminent domain reform as an emergency item during the opening day ceremonies of the 82nd state legislative session.

"Eminent domain reform is badly needed and today we are one step closer to that becoming a reality," said Dave Scott of Richmond, rancher and president of the TSCRA.

"Property owners across Texas have been working to reform eminent domain laws for years. Legislation must get signed into law this year before more property owners are negatively impacted," Scott said.

TSCRA supports Senate Bills 18 and 180 filed by Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) and House Bill 279 filed by Representative Charlie Geren (R-Fort Worth). This legislation helps reform the eminent domain laws in Texas by requir-

ing the following:

- A public and record vote to initiate eminent domain proceedings.

- All entities with eminent domain authority to register with the Comptroller by December 2012.

- Condemning entities to make a bona fide offer in writing and if not, pay the property owner's expenses and attorneys fees.

- Impairment of direct access to the remaining property be identified and taken into consideration when determining compensation.

- Land to be sold back at the price it was condemned if not used within 10 years.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma.

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FSA disaster sign up underway

Lynn County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rodney Schoppa, announced that the 2009 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program sign-up begins on Jan. 10, 2011. SURE is a disaster program that provides assistance to farmers and ranchers who have experienced losses caused by natural disasters.

"Natural disasters can turn what would be a profitable crop year into a year of hardship and financial loss," said Schoppa. "The SURE program is part of the 'safety net' that provides assistance to farmers and ranchers when disaster strikes," he said.

For info on the 2009 SURE program eligibility requirements visit your local FSA office or www.fsa.usda.gov/sure.

Friends and Neighbors,

I am Bob Greene -- a fifth-generation landowner from Lynn and Terry Counties. It seems that suddenly we are the focus of many oil companies that are leasing up all the land they can in our area. Let's pray they find oil and gas so that our tax base can increase and our schools, hospitals and area governments can benefit.

The reason that I am paying for this space out of my own pocket is because I want all mineral owners to be aware all Oil Companies are not alike. In fact, who you sign with does make a difference. I recently went to a meeting where the representative for the Oil Company could not disclose who the Oil Company was. It could be any company including a foreign company.

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Friends, if you are going to lease your land you have a choice as to who you lease it to. I certainly am not saying that all Oil Companies are bad, but if you are faced with making a choice, please call me and I will give you more details on this local company.

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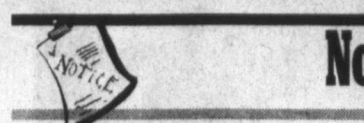
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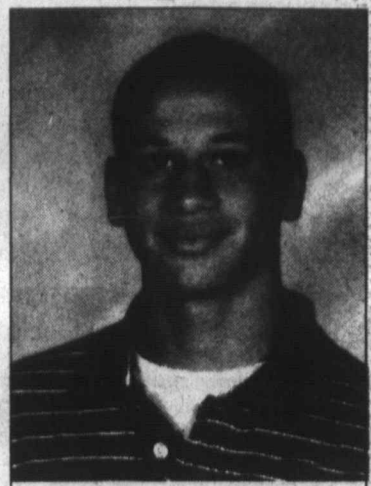
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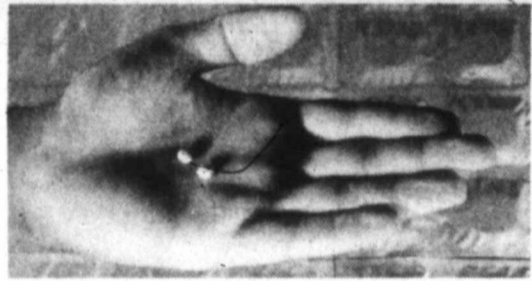
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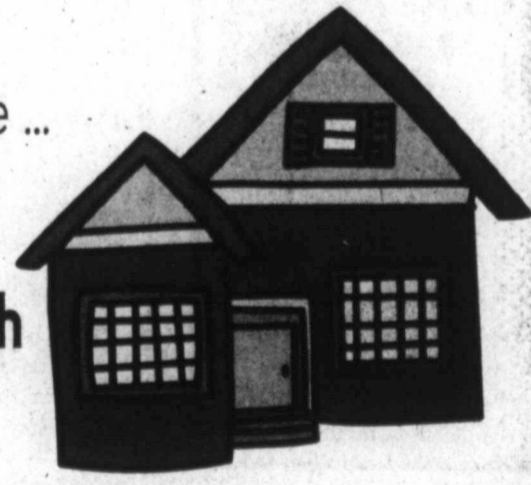
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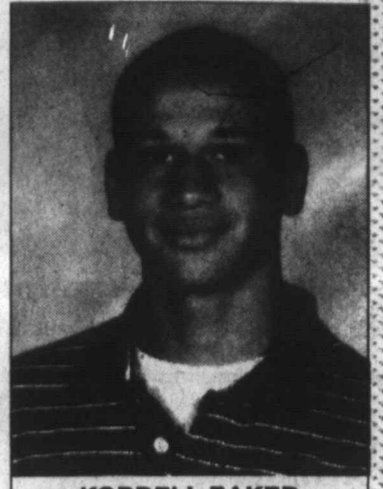
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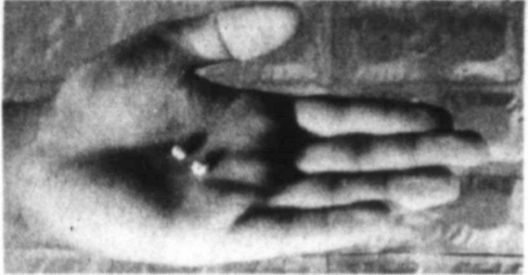
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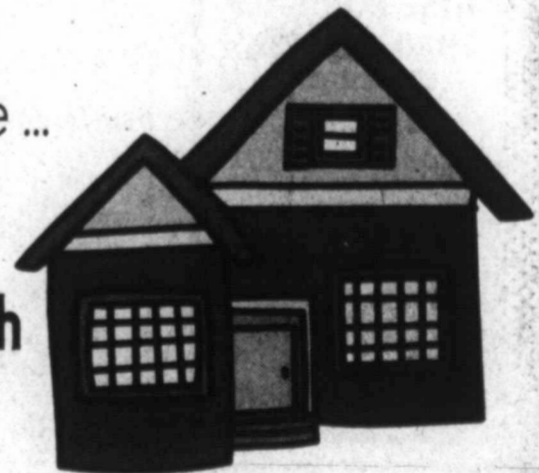
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