

# The Groom News

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## We Saw



Julie Friemel cooling off during the shootings eating a little ice cream. ....

Brenda Homen and Mallory working as extras in the movie and feeling the retakes were getting a little tiring. ....

Mayor Jimmy Britten getting a picture of Publisher Phil Miller and Harry Belafonte. "I will take the pictures, Mr. Mayor." ....

Bob Pool stops by the motel to snap a picture of the movie shootings. ....

Billy Cornett watching the downtown traffic jam on Attebury's front steps and thinking what if Groom could be this busy every day. Some would believe it to be great! Some, not so great. ....

Groom Grocery becoming Grady's Market for the weekend while the Groom News became a Rock Shop and Curios. ....

Billie Bivens' garage sale items getting extra mileage by being used in the movies' craft corner on main street.

Mrs. John London and Mrs. H.F. Britten shopping Sunday at the movies' craft corner. ....

Gloria Ledwig sitting in her car and waiting for the director to yell, Rolling. ....

Scottie Brown and Joe Varone watching the filming of the movie late Wednesday evening. ....

Location Director Mike Casey enjoying another meal at the Grill. ....

Harry Belafonte and granddaughter visiting the movie site "Leap of Faith" in Groom last Thursday night and again on Sunday.

Wynona Koetting, slightly damp, after the rain scene. .

Norman Baxter, new superintendent of Grandview-Hopkins School, stopping by the News Office. ....

Melvin Wills continuing to pull off as many miracles as Jonas. ....

## Downtown Groom Sees First Traffic Jam



The scene Sunday morning in downtown Groom for those who happened to be there to see was of a very busy business district. Especially, the intersection of Broadway and Old 66 where crafts, clothes, and souvenirs of all types were set out for vendors to sell their goods to revival goers in search of miracles.



The old Whatley building next to Groom Grocery had T-shirts, and posters hanging on the front to sell in the movie. An estimated 600-700 vehicles of extras hired for the movie jammed the Groom's two main streets.



The crowd of people shown above were stationed on three corners headed for the tent where they were hopeful to meet up with Preacher Jonas Nightengale. Harry Belafonte visited Groom and is pictured above crossing Main Street.

## Vendors Ready For Miracle Searchers

Mike Casey, location director, for the movie "Leap of Faith" said on Monday that they expect Paramount Pictures last day to be July 27th.

"The first unit film crew will pull out of here Friday or Saturday unless the weather holds them up," he stated. Some of the carpenters have already gone ahead to Dallas.

Casey, a resident of

California for 20 years, recently moved back to Texas, his native home. He lives near Austin. He has relatives in Wheeler, whom he has had the opportunity to visit while he was here.

He, most recently, worked on a movie called "Sinatra." He worked on "Equal Justice," and several years on "Cagney & Lacey." These are just a few of his works.

## Melodrama, Fireworks Highlight Groom Day

Groom Day '92 is just around the corner as Groom residents past and present gather together to celebrate her 90th birthday.

A new event this year is the Melodrama titled "Unhand Her, You Villain". Two performances will be given, using local villains, local heroes, and local beauties and from what we hear some very interesting surprises.

Back by popular demand will be the fireworks. Anyone who attended last years extravaganza knows what a breath taking sight

they were. There will be lots of fun before hand as well as Birthday Cake afterward.

Everyone needs to remember to buy a chance at the drawing for a \$600.00 trip sponsored by the Groom Day Committee. This is their only fund raising event.

The center of Groom Day has always evolved around the barbecue dinner. Thick sliced chunks of beef slow cooked over mesquite, tangy BBQ sauce (a secret recipe of Sambo Kotara's,

See Groom Day, pg. 8

## Community Calendar

**NEW PRICE** for BBQ on Groom Day is \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for kids 6-12, under 6 free.

**DON'T FORGET** to buy your Groom Day raffle tickets for the trip to anywhere and the Boy Scout raffle of the scooter.

**GROOM DAY DIRECTORY**  
Booths under the tent - Kay Britten - 248-7252 or Karen Brown - 248-7210.

Parade - Marion and Bobby Pool - 248-7286.

Volleyball - Donald and Nila Burgin - 248-7916.

Quilt Show - Adela Kotara - 248-7585.

Class Reunions - Debbie Anthony - 248-7954.

Craft Booth - Sandra Britten - 248-7406 or 248-7226.

Tennis - Shirley Fields - 248-7435.

Mini Museum - Karen Brown - 248-7210.

**HIGH SCHOOL** and Junior High Boys Physicals will be August 5th at 4:00 p.m. at the Groom Clinic.

**HIGH SCHOOL** and Junior High Girls Physicals will be August 7th at 4:00 p.m. at the Groom Clinic.

**TWO A DAY** Workouts for football begin on August 10 at 7:00 a.m.

**ANYONE WHO** has anything for the Mini-Museum please deliver it to the Community Center, Karen Brown, Sandra Britten or Connie Fields by Monday, July 27 at 5:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY GRAIN PRICES AT LOCAL ELEVATORS**

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Streckland from Amarillo this past weekend for a  
were visiting relatives and family reunion. Fannie now  
others Saturday. lives in Nashville, Tenn.

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## Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Pool from Mound City, Kansas were visiting their mother Thelma Pool and other relatives recently.

It's good to see Essie Knowles back working in her yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Witt, Rheagan and Rachel of Alto, Texas visited Jay's mother, Helen Witt over the weekend.

Karen Conrad celebrated her 11th birthday on Friday of this past week. Guests enjoyed swimming and a movie.

Bill and Brenda Lee of Saginaw, Texas and Rhealene Brown of Floydada visited Sybil Brown over the weekend. They met Charlene Brown and Roxene Brown at Canyon Tuesday to spend the day.

Jim and Shirley Bayless of Fayetteville, N.C. are visiting her parents, Ted and Mary Lee Friemel and area relatives and friends.

Area people in Lubbock on Sunday for the annual Kuehler reunion included Tom and Doris Britten, Robert and Alice Kuehler, Loretta, Ron and Nick; Bud and Margaret Babcock, all of Groom, and James and Erma Britten, White Deer.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Thanks to Kelvin Ollinger for his support of the Claude Mustang Class of 1972 during the Caprock Round up. We really appreciate his efforts.

**GROOM BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES**  
July 23 - Darcee Lyles, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rose (A).

July 24 - Betty Treadwell, Donald Britten, John Slaton.

July 25 - Earl Britten, Mary Rose, Darron Eschle, Monte Schaffer.

July 26 - Marie Bohr, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith (A).

July 27 - Phillip England, June Pool.

June 28 - Lanna Brown, Clara Patterson, Bobby Pool, C. W. Fraser, Caren Howard.

June 29 - Brent Thornton, Bruce Britten, Wyatt Anthony Britten, Neil Weiberg, Aaron Watson, Nora Painter.

Jack Milton and Beth Landry have returned to their respective homes in Jacksboro and Port Arthur. They have been visiting their mother, Ruby Milton who had cataract surgery July 10th.

Visitors the past weekend in the home of Bill and Norma Jean Homer were Mary Jo Schacker, Brittney, Jacob and Kinzi of Lazbuddie, Travis Homer and Michelle Gaut of College Station and Joannie Homer of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mashburn from Amarillo were down Sunday visiting their grandmother Thelma Pool and other relatives, and watching Paramount's shooting of the movie "Leap of Faith".



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### 4-Her's Prepare for Groom Day

4-Her's met Sunday afternoon to plan their Groom Day Float. All 4-Her's are asked to meet at the home of Barbara Homer on Friday, July 31 at 4:00 p.m. Those attending will decorate the float (bring anything that would help-having a bar-room scene). They will also fill water balloons at this time for Groom Day.

4-Her's will be running the booths under the tent for the Groom Day Committee, so your attendance is needed. All members are asked to meet at the tent by 1:30, August 1.



## Melvin Wills Serves Up Miracles Of His Own

Melvin Wills has seemed to be in the right place at the right time serving up his own miracles for the movie folks. Two rings owned by Actor M.C. Gainey were lost in the field around the tent last week. "Tiny" as he is called in the movie said, "Melvin would not give up the search when the word went out on the lost rings." He said that one ring was worth \$20,000.00 and the other one had a tremendous sentimental value to it.

Melvin said, "Tiny picked me up and gave me a great big bear hug when I found the rings and returned them to him."

Gainey was so pleased with Melvin and his honesty that he awarded Melvin and wife Sue Wills a round trip to San Diego, California to visit their son Floyd, who is stationed there in the Navy. Floyd is scheduled for Japan in a few weeks to serve three years.

Gainey said that not too many folks are familiar with his name, most recognize him by T. Tommy Reed in "Designing Women". He also played in the "Innocent Man" with Tom Selleck.

In "Leap of Faith", Gainey said he plays with Steve Martin as a con man.

### WILLS RESCUES MOVIE SET

When Paramount Pictures hired Fuzz Wills as an extra little did they know he would become their rescuer. Seems like Wills may become known as the man who had more miracles in his pocket than "Jonas Nightengale".

Friday afternoon was a sleepy time for the movie makers. After a week of night shoots, just about everyone was off grabbing some "Z's" before one of the major scenes was to be shot that night.

The previous nights shot had required small campfires throughout the area around the tent. One of those fires had not been thoroughly put out. The smoldering coals had caught fire. With the wind from the south it would only be a matter of minutes before the flames reached the tent, the nucleus of the whole movie.

By the time the fire trucks arrived Fuzz had the blaze under control.

Michael Charske, assistant location manager, was extremely gratified. Wills will be given an undisclosed reward.



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- \* Doctor of Medicine, Marquette University
- \* Internship, General Surgery Residency - Milwaukee County General Hospital
- \* Orthopedic Surgery Residency - Scott and White Clinic, Temple, Texas
- \* Certified, American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
- \* Certified, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons-

## Groom Day, Etc.

### GROOM DAY DANCE LEGION HALL

Sat., Aug. 1 9:00 - 1:00

Music Provided By  
Melanie and Jerry Britten  
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### Basketball Contest

3 on 3 Competition -  
Mixed Teams

Age Groups 13-18,  
18-35, 35 & Over

Begins 10:30 am Sat.,  
Aug. 1st - Gym

Prices \$10, age 13-18  
\$20, All other ages

3 Point Contest \$1.00 Per Person  
for 5 shots

Contact Jay Lamb or  
Shirley Fields

## HELP!!!

Everyone interested in helping make **CAKES** for the Birthday Party. . . please pick up your cake mix and pans from the Grocery Store Groom Day week. You can freeze these cakes and deliver them by Friday, July 31st to the school cafeteria.

*Please Help Us!*  
*We Need 80 Cakes!*  
GROOM DAY COMMITTEE

## Work List

### Preparation Responsibilities

Christian Mothers - Onions and Pickles  
Alpha Mu Xi - Apricots  
UMW & Ladies League - Potato Salad  
Baptist Church - Beans  
Church of Christ - Cole Slaw

### Thursday, July 30

9:30 a.m. Wash and sort beans  
- Baptist Church  
Cook Potatoes - UMW and  
- Ladies League

### Friday, July 31

9:30 a.m. - All organizations and volunteers meet at school for food preparation.

3:00 p.m. - Food tents go up

## CORONADO HOSPITAL FRANK VINCENTI, M.D.

### Orthopedics

Dr. Vincenti, who trained at Scott and White Clinic, says that Pampa offers as outstanding orthopedic services. The surgeons and administration at Coronado Hospital strive to maintain the state of the art equipment at the hospital. Good examples are the arthroscopic equipment and the recently acquired "ALTA" system for the care of complex fractures about the knee.

"Doctors who practice in smaller communities have the same training and must fulfill the same practice standards as those who practice medicine in larger cities," Dr. Vincenti said. "Famous examples are the May Clinic and the Scott and White Clinic, both located in relatively small towns."

Dr. Vincenti explained that orthopedic surgeons, like other physicians, must undergo special training and testing to become "board-certified," which is a designation of quality for physicians. After the orthopedist completes medical school, one-year internship, four to five years residency training in orthopedics, the physician must practice for three years, then sit for an extensive oral and written examination. Also, his surgery records are thoroughly studied by a board of experienced orthopedic surgeons to determine his competency.

As a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Vincenti provides full orthopedic services for children and adults, including hand surgery, arthritis surgery, arthroscopic surgery, joint replacement and fractures. As a long time team physician, he also is very interested in treating sports injuries, traumas, and industrial injuries.

Patients wishing an appointment should call Dr. Vincenti's office in Pampa at 806-665-1400

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Tony Treadwell and Harry Belafonte rest Sunday afternoon in the shade of a Paramount Picture's truck as they watch scenes being shot by the movie cameras. Below, extras prepare to rush through the man-made rain toward the tent.



### Groom, Movie Attracts Noted Harry Belafonte

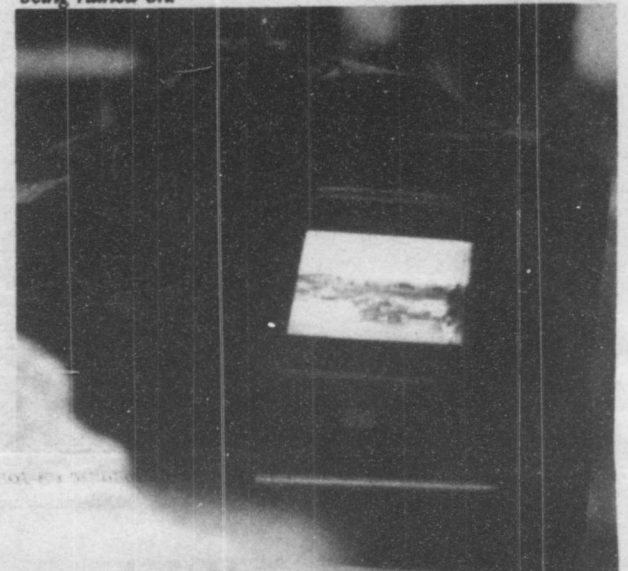
Harry Belafonte was in Groom this past week visiting the movie site where "Leap of Faith" is being produced. Belafonte is working with Director Richard Pearce and other members of the "Leap of Faith" staff in directing a movie in Africa.

Belafonte was accompanied to Groom by his granddaughter. He told the Groom News that he and his granddaughter like to take a vacation every summer if they can. They visited Paris last summer and Germany two years ago he said. This summer it was Groom and Amarillo where "Leap of Faith" is being made. "My granddaughter has never seen a movie being made," Belafonte said. "I love Groom, this is a wonderful place," he said grinning.

Belafonte took several pictures of his own of the movie setting and of people around. He also was very interested in the singers performing in the movie. They were scheduled to leave Amarillo Monday.



Assistant Producer Michael Manheim shouts out instructions just before the cameras roll. Below, the camera used by Director Richard Pearce shows the scene of the intersection being rained on.



## Paramount Pictures



We would like to thank the entire Paramount Crew and Staff for choosing Groom as the location of the movie

### "Leap Of Faith"

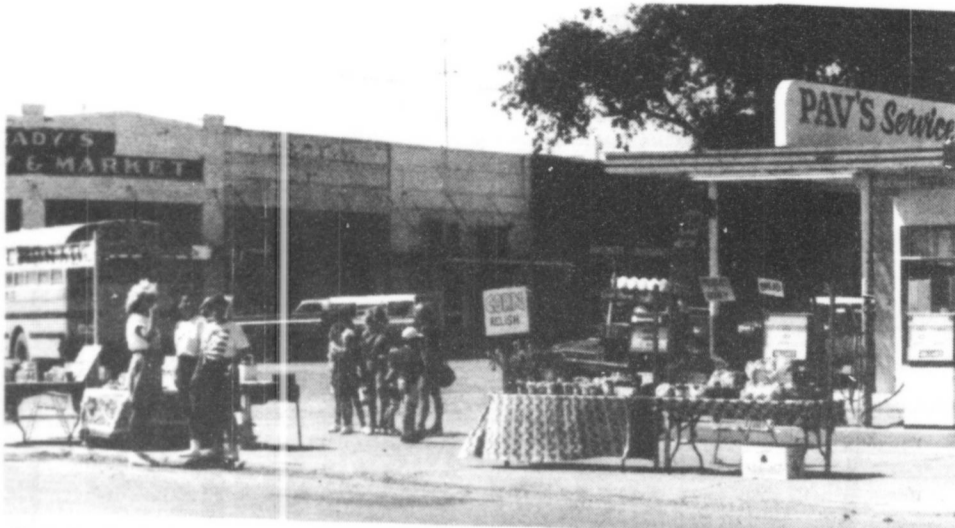
Best wishes on the release of what we know will be the best Picture of the Year. We have truly enjoyed your visit.

Come back soon!

All the Groom Area Residents



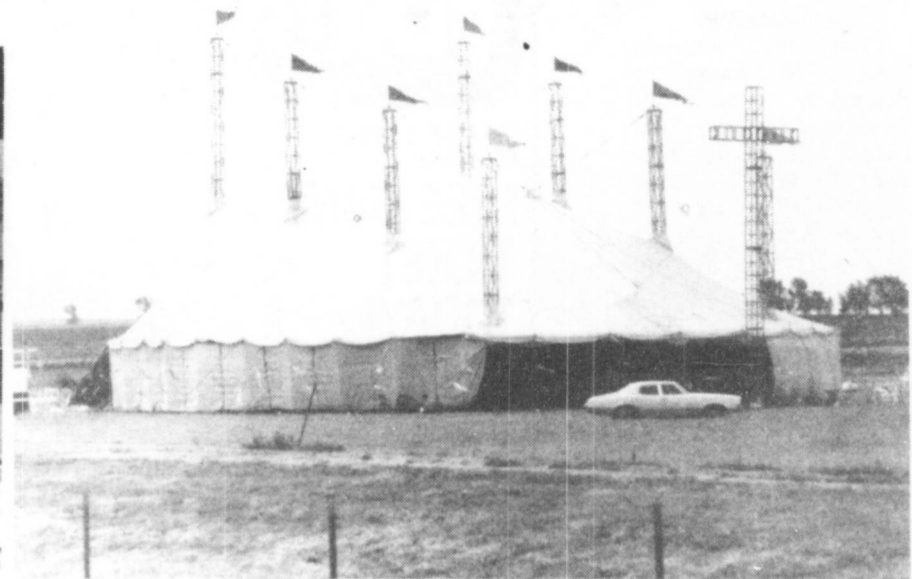
## Rustwater Crowded On Sunday



Pav's Service is shown here with corn reli.h stands and lemonade for sale for Sundays traffic jam scene.



Rustwater's Flea Market, as vendors gather to capitalize on Jona's miracles.

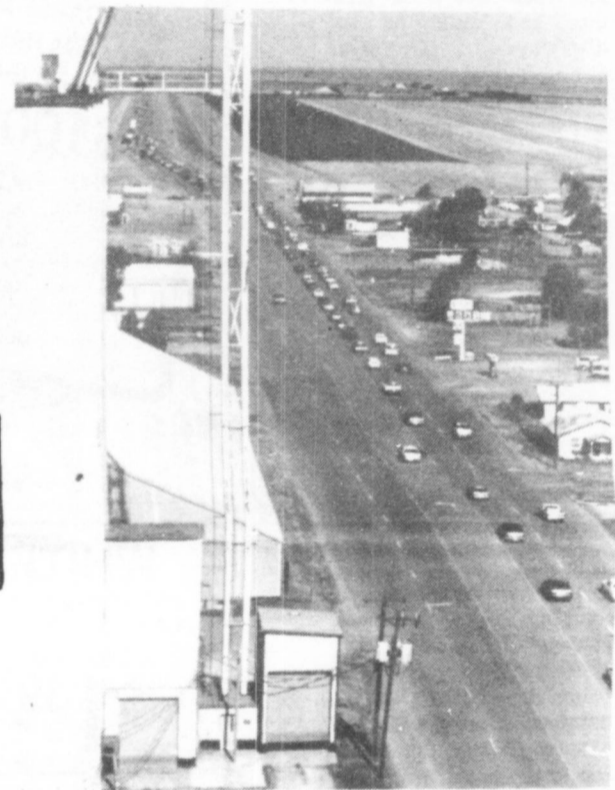


The tent in all it's glory must be seen at night. This daytime shot shows the side raised to allow for air circulation.

### Local Happening

Michael Lewis remains this week at Camp Perry in Ohio. Michael is shooting his 22 caliber rifle in competition. Howell, Sharlene, Michael and Jeremy were in Camp Perry this past week, while Jeremy and Michael both shot. Michael is shooting this week with the Armstrong County 4-H team.

ANYONE INTERESTED in a Arts and Crafts Booth for Groom Day, please call Sandra Britten at 248-7226 or 248-7406.



And the car's stretched out for miles. . . beginning at the turn off to I-40 they stretched past Main Street, double lanes. The Farm to Market also had about two or three blocks of cars lined up and ready to go.

## Groom Basketball Clinics



**WHEN:** July 27-31, Monday through Friday  
Fundamentals Clinic - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Team Clinic - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**WHERE:** GROOM HIGH SCHOOL GYM

**SIGN UP:** Registration for the fundamentals clinic will be from 8:00 to 8:45 on Monday July 27. Registration for the team clinic will be from 12:30 to 1:00 pm on Monday July 27.

**COST:** Cost for either clinic is \$25.00.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Boys who will be in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are invited to attend the fundamentals clinic.

Boys who will be in grades 6th thru 9th are invited to attend the team clinic.

**CLINIC INSTRUCTION:**

- \* Passing Fundamentals
- \* Dribbling Fundamentals
- \* Shooting Instruction
- \* Team Offense
- \* Post and Perimeter Play
- \* Individual Offense
- \* Tiger Team Defense (Fundamentals of Man-to-Man)
- \* Contests - Awards - Certificates
- \* Camp T-Shirt
- \* Personal Camp Basketball

**NOTE:** This camp is not a money maker. It is designed to be a fun and beneficial learning experience for the boys of Groom Junior High School.

**COACHES:** The clinic will be conducted by the Groom High School Coaching staff and several guest coaches. If you have any questions concerning the clinic, Please contact Coach Lamb at the school or at home. Phone at School 248-7971 Phone at Home 248-7342

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**NEW ARRIVAL**

Troy and Rhonda Thornton of Lubbock are pleased to announce the arrival of a new son, Dillon Garret. He weighed 7 lbs and 12 ounces. He is welcomed by his big sister Shayna. Grandparents are Jerry and Nadine Thornton of Groom, and David and Fern Woods of McLean, great-grandparents are R.B. Thornton, Ivy Clark of Groom; Esteleen Grimsley and June and Mary Wood of McLean.

**CARSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT**

During the week of July 13 Carson County deputies remained busy with numerous reports of grass fires and cattle on the highways. Deputies investigated two residential burglaries in the vicinity of I-40 and incidents of trespass, criminal mischief and other damage to property in Groom.

Sheriff's deputies assisted the Department of Human Services Child Protection officer with an inspection of a residence to check on the welfare of a child in the Groom area. Also in Groom, deputies located a city-owned vehicle from Oklahoma City which had been stolen several hours before. A lawn mower was reported missing from Skellytown and deputies assisted with ambulance calls and fire calls in Groom, Panhandle and White Deer.

Deputies assisted Panhandle Police with a domestic disturbance and with a prowler call where the complainant had been struck on the head with a brick.

A large sum of cash was turned in to the Sheriff's Department and is being held pending location of the owner. A felony warrant has been issued for an area man after investigation revealed his involvement in a forgery case.

Deputies arrested an area man for DWI and detained three Amarillo subjects for investigation of controlled substances.

A subject who had previously skipped bond on a charge of possession of over 5 pounds of cocaine was returned to Panhandle this past weekend to face charges on his offense. The subject was arrested in Memphis, Tennessee and waived extradition to return to Texas.

Deputies are currently investigating reports of persons selling alcohol to minors and are pursuing statements and affidavits from witnesses.

We greatly appreciate the public support we are receiving in our attempts to reduce the incidents of alcoholic beverages being sold to minors. This is a problem that needs everyone's participation.

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KALEENA SOTELO-MONAHANS, TX.  
FRED McMULLEN-MELROSE, N.M.

## Jenkins' Resignations Accepted

The Groom School Board met in regular session last week to accept the resignation of Reta and Zeldon Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins has taught science at Groom for several years and has sponsored state placing team's in UIL and JETS. Reta taught math, reading and health in the elementary school. They have been hired by Childress ISD and will be moving shortly.

In other business attorneys-at-law for Donna Forbes, currently on temporary leave-of-absence due to disability, requested further leave-of-absence for their client, Donna Forbes. Mr. Britten moved and Mr. Friemel seconded to deny the request for additional leave and to inform the attorneys of district policy regarding such leave and pertinent hearings. The motion carried.

Mr. Burger moved and Mr. Treadwell seconded upon recommendations of the Superintendent, recognizing the change in coaching assignments, that the 1992-93 contract of Shirley Fields be amended to include a \$3,000.00 coaching increment rather than the current \$2,500.00 coaching increment in place. The motion carried.

No action was taken to offer further contracts of employment for 1992-93 or to amend or alter existing contracts.

Principal Babcock presented a summary of the results of N.A.P.T. testing administered to Groom I.S.D. students in grades 3 through 11. Mr. Lyles moved and Mr. Friemel seconded to accept the results of the tests. The motion carried.

Mr. Burger moved and Mr. Treadwell seconded to approve the use of district facilities for the community's celebration of Groom Day on August 1, 1992. The motion carried.

Following presentation of the analysis of the 1991-92 budget for the period beginning September 1, 1991, and ending on June 30, 1992, along with listings of encumbrances, accounts payable, and due bills and paid checks, Mr. Burger moved and Mr. Lyles seconded to pay the bills, amending the budget in Fund 102, Functions 22 and 31 and Fund 182, Function 36 to allow for payment. The motion carried.

No further business was presented and Mr. Burger moved and Mr. Friemel seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.

## Jim Howard Hired For Precinct 1

Precinct #1 Commissioner Mike Britten asked the Court to approve the hiring of an additional road hand in Prec. #1 during the regular Carson County Commissioner's Court meeting Monday morning, July 13. The Court approved the request and hired Jim Howard at an \$18,266.16 annual salary.

In other action, Commissioner Jerry Strawn informed the court of his intention to purchase a used pickup for Prec. #3 and a report was given on the progress of the clean up of the north-west portion of the county due to tornado damage which occurred June 27, 1992. "The operation is going good. The work is being done faster than expected because of the large number of volunteers," stated Judge Jay Roselius.

"We hope we can make it until the end of the year on that," said Jay Roselius, Carson County judge.

The Court visited with Donita Herber of the Carson County Appraisal

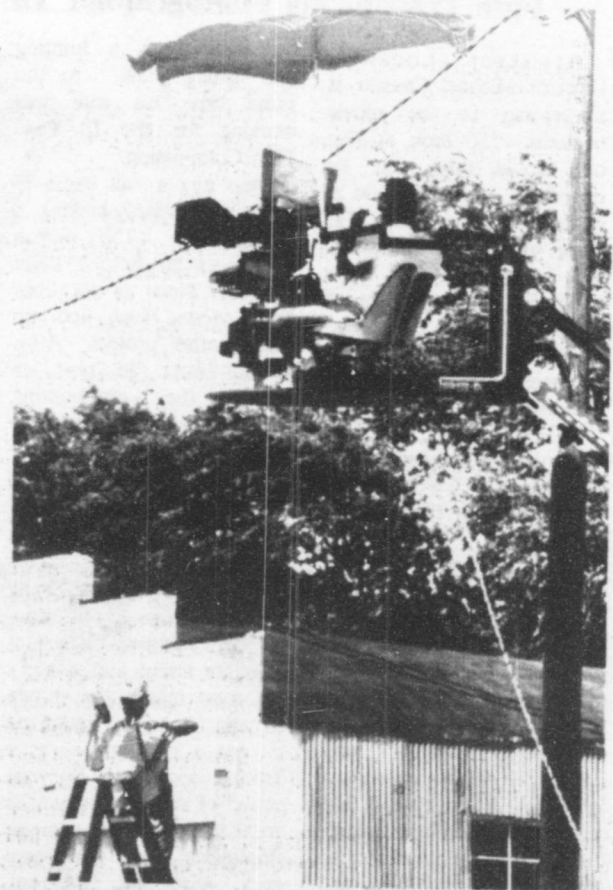
office concerning tax relief for persons involved in the tornadoes. The Court tabled the item until other information could be obtained.

Budget items were discussed concerning the 1992-93 fiscal year budget. It was noted that health insurance for Carson County employees would increase approximately 15 percent and the Court discussed the expense of maintaining cars used for law enforcement. Liability insurance for law enforcement has also increased.

The Court, county auditor, and sheriff discussed areas in law enforcement which have had extra expense. These areas are liability insurance, car maintenance, extra help and photography. After discussion concerning these areas, the Court amended the budget \$9,000 to cover expenses for the remainder of the current budget year.

### ANSWERS TO LAST WEEKS TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Amarillo Air Base.
  2. Amos Britten.
  3. S.K. Roach and J.M. Stubblefield.
  4. 25¢.
  5. Near Lark. Sewell and Lloyd Thorp, J. Vance, Pat and Frank Robinson and O.D. Smith.
  6. Dial System Phones.
  7. 17, 78, 30.
- Alice West was the Mystery Person last week.



Paramount Pictures' cameras are rolling far above, the past three weeks in Groom as the "Leap of Faith" movie is reaching its midway point of production, says Kate McCartney of Paramount Pictures. The crew plans to begin shooting in Dallas on August 3. The inside of the tent scenes will be shot in Los Colinas. The Dallas shooting is expected to last until August 30. At this time the crew will move back to Hollywood to complete the editing of the movie, with release date to the movie shows around the country on December 18.

## Local Happenings

Jennifer and Jarrod Haning of Wheeler spent last week with Zoah Britten. Debbie came for them Friday and spent the weekend.

Larry and Nancy Britten and family, and Jimmy and Carlene Britten spent Sunday visiting with Zoah Britten.

## Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is asking the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) for approval to begin charging \$3.00 per bill, for duplicate paper copies of a customer's bill up to 15 pages. If the customer's bill exceeds 15 pages, an additional five cents per page will apply. If the customer's bill is lost or mutilated for reasons other than negligence by the customer, no charge for a duplicate copy will apply if a customer notifies Southwestern Bell within 60 days of the billing date. The effective date of this application is December 4, 1992.

If approved by the PUC, this application will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$835,000, which is an increase of approximately two one-hundredths of 1 percent (.02 percent) in the Company's adjusted revenue for the 12-month period ending December 31, 1991. The application could affect all of the Company's approximately 4.6 million residence customers and all of its approximately 575,000 business customers should they choose to request duplicate copies of their bills.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the PUC as soon as possible. The deadline to intervene is August 7, 1992. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas at 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the PUC Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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### Fate Transforms Photographer To Location Director

Assistant Location Director Michael Charske is a veteran in the movie business. To look at him one would think that he might be a musician in a country western band. He sticks out among the Nikes and fanny packs that seem to be the uniform of much of the rest of the film crew.

The El Paso resident had beginnings very far from the glamour of Hollywood.

A career in the construction business is what his life's plan was originally. After an injury to his knees and many months of physical therapy, he realized that he would never be able to continue his chosen profession.

Capitalizing on a hobby, he soon began work as a wildlife, photographer. "Arizona Highways" and "Texas Wildlife" are just two of the publications that regularly used his pictures.

Charske spent a lot of time in the wilderness and on the road. He also

moonlighted as a hunting and fishing guide. At the same time his wife was working for the El Paso Film Commission.

One day a call came in from a company making a commercial. The person who normally helped them find the kinds of locations they needed was tied up with another project. After finding out the type of locations they were hunting for she recommended her husband.

Thus it began, Charske has worked on feature films and T.V. series such as "Cagey and Lacy."

That tells us something about the man but what of his job. After watching him work for about four hours I began to realize that much of what he does could be classified as a "troubleshooter". In that period of time I watched as he interviewed three employees for temporary work, answered numerous phone calls, scouted a

couple of locations, talked to land owners, cleaned up a couple of messes, all while I was interviewing him. Charske has the amazing ability to stay focused on what ever he is doing and give the job at hand his ultimate attention while not losing sight of what he was doing before.

All the while he makes one feel that their particular problem is the most important thing in the world.

When asked how he felt about his stay in Groom he said that he hoped the money that Paramount Pictures and all the extra people in Groom spent would stay here and help our economy.

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### Groom Day

rumor has it), potato salad, like Mom used to make, luscious cole slaw, well flavored pinto beans, and sweet apricots are what is on the menu. Adults eat for \$4.00, Children 6-12 eat for \$2.00 and under 6 eat free.

Cap off the weekend's fun with the Groom Day Dance featuring Melanie and Jerry Britten and Company. The Legion Hall will be the scene of the event beginning at 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Some of the other events scheduled are the Calcutta Donkey Race, Children's Track Meet, Sing-A-Long, Womanless Wedding, Skydivers, Parade, Mini-Museum, Volleyball Tournament, Basketball Tournament, Ranch Horse Cutting Competition, Old Fashioned Family Games and a Cowboy Breakfast.

See next week's paper for a complete schedule of events as well as times and locations.

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