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## Griffin Placed On Administrative Leave

The Superintendent of the McLean Schools, John Griffin, was placed on suspension without pay, according to John Holland, Chairman of the School Board. The School Board met in executive session Monday, September 17, 2001, to review the report on the audit made by the CPA, Lewis

Meers. The decision to place Mr. Griffin on suspension was based on Sec. 551.071 and Sec. 551.074 and on the advice of attorney Ken Fields. At presstime the entire minutes of the School Board meeting were not ready for publication, but will be in next weeks paper.



The McLean Tigers lost to the Floyd, N.M. Broncos, 54-7. After an initial scoring drive, the Tigers were unable to keep pace with the larger, more experienced Broncos. Coach Smith says that the Tigers are improving each week. He thinks they'll be ready for the playoffs in a few weeks, if they continue practicing hard and playing hard.

## Memorial Planned For Victims

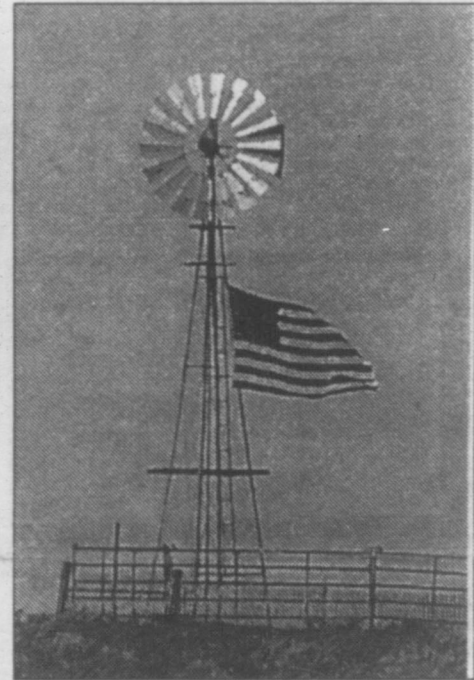
At this time of National mourning, Dignity Memorial Funeral Providers and Lamb Funeral Home of McLean invite the public to express their sympathy to the families of terrorist victims and the fire fighters and police officers who lost their lives while attempting to rescue them.

Register books will be available for signing at the times and locations listed below. They will

be collected and become part of a permanent memorial to the victims.

As a sign of National unity, freedom ribbons will be made available to all visitors, with red signifying the victims, white, the affirmation of freedom, and blue representing the support of our military.

The register books will be available at any local memorial service and the week of September 24, 2001 Monday,



The American Flag flies proudly on a lonely windmill on the property of Neal and Beverly Odom.

Wednesday, and Thursday p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Lamb Funeral Home, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00

## City Awards Excavator Bids And Grass Leases

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, September 10, 2001, in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Joe Billingsley at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Creed Lamb, Doyle Lee, Joe Billingsley, Bob Martin, LaVon Watson, and Jim McDonald.

Others present: Steve Bowlin, Allen Mixon, Toni Bohlar, Ann Pierce, Mindy Reeves, Bill Anderson, Jim Bob Adams, Gene and Stacy Smart, Debbie Acuna, Kelly Bowlin, Chris Vega, Mike Campbell, James Hankinson, Butch and Kathy Warner, Duwain and Peggy Baer, Darrell Ferguson, Peyton Chatham, Johnny Gilbreth, Gene Hurt, Chuck Thompson, and Al Huhley.

Because of the out of town people here for the

opening of the excavator bids, the Mayor asked the council to move to items A on New Business.

The council proceeded to open the following bids on a new or used excavator: Amarillo Machinery, new excavator-\$99,800.00 with trade-in; ARK Parts Inc.-used excavator-\$39,000.00; West Texas Cat-new excavator-\$104,071.00 with trade-in; Continental Eqpt.-new excavator-\$106,750.00, used excavator-\$88,000.00; Yellowhouse Machinery-new excavator-\$105,800.00 with trade-in, and used excavator-\$63,513.00.

Steve Bowlin asked the council to table this item until next month until he and at least one council member has had a chance to look at those machines.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Steve Bowlin informed

the council that we would start next month to put the final cover on the last pit.

Steve Bowlin also informed the council that there were only 13 signs that were now needed before they were all up.

The council opened the grass lease bids as follows: Bill Laymah-\$1026.00; Chris Vega-\$1200.00; and Chester Bohlar-\$1227.00. The council voted to go with the highest bidder.

No action was taken on items C and D, which were Loyd and Cathy Bybee and Fred Smith because they were not present at the meeting.

Ann Pierce came before the council with several questions. First, would there be a second clean up week this fall? The council voted to have a free week at the landfill the last full week in October, but that the City would not do pickups within the City. Second, what was the

status of the old hotel, she had heard that it had been given to the EDC, and that it was an accident waiting to happen. The council told her that it had not been given to the EDC and that they agreed that it was in bad shape, but that to their knowledge it still belonged to Mrs. Milham and that it was her responsibility. Third, was there anything that could be done to keep alleys clean, there was some alleys in particular that she had in mind and they were horrible. The council told her they would try to send a letter to these people and ask them to cooperate in keeping their alleys clean.

The council discussed the Cable One Franchise and the Mayor informed the council that Cable One wanted a five year lease with the option of another five year lease if they are taking care of

See City, PG 10

## REMINDERS

MOM'S Circle will be held Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 11:00 to 1:00, at the Trinity Baptist Church. For more information call Shawn Bybee at 779-3255.

PARENTS Teachers conference will be held the first week in October.

J.H. will play Silverton here at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENTION All Alanreed Cemetery Association. There will be a quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday, Oct. 1, 2001 at the Alanreed School Gym. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated. For more information call John Bible at 779-2247.

IF YOU OR A member of your family is currently serving in the armed forces, would you please let Ella Mae know at The McLean News office.

MCLEAN TIGERS football team will be traveling to Silverton, Friday, Sept. 12. The game will start at 7:30 p.m.

HUNTER Education Class is set for Oct. 2, 8, 16, from 6-9:30 each night. For more information call Bill Layman at 779-2504.

MUSIC at the Panhandle Plains Museum program will be held Sept. 23 at 2:30 p.m. They will feature Texas Border Bluegrass.

FAMILY READING Night is Monday at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR calendars for the Circle of Friends Dinner and Homespun Auction on Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Red River Steak House. All Proceeds benefit Cancer patients.

**CARD OF THANKS**

Thanks to all who have done so much for me during my recovery period. The many calls, cards, visits, and prayers are greatly appreciated. It is good to have such caring and loyal friends.

Bob Sherrod  
**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Good work Bill Reeves! I believe that we should have a man like you finding out what is going on with the city, not just the school.

Like, if the council wants us to clean up our property, then they should start with our property downtown!

The council is real good at making up city ordinances, but how many are legal?

They tell us that they do not have enough man power to do all that needs to be done. Then for heavens sake, start fining people who speed, don't wear seat belts and don't have liability

insurance. That would bring in enough money to hire at least one more person.

If we can't have the old hotel torn down, then make the owner repair it. What an eye sore!

We need a larger meeting place so more people can attend and chairs to sit in. I thought we had an open door policy and not a back room for the council to run to if the questions get to tough.

If the city is going to buy new equipment, why do they have to discuss it while the city has to wait behind closed doors. Do it on your own office hours, not our meeting night. We don't get to vote on it anyway.

I think letters will suffice to warn people to remove junk, pigs, cattle, goats, and yes, roosters.

I don't think we need someone at our front door screaming about the

law. The people of McLean are not dumb, as we voted you, the council, to be our new representatives, or maybe we are!

I would like to have a list printed on how many dogs and cats are in McLean and how many \$3.00 licenses have been issued.

If we don't have enough man power, why does it take two men to do animal patrol and two men to read meters.

We should not be limited on time to ask questions and expect them answered. Remember, the council works for us, we don't work for them. It is our right to have a government, to vote for it and not to be hushed if we have concerns.

Darlene Hankison

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To Friends and Family: Kathy and I want to thank everyone who visited me in the hospital, sent cards, brought meals, called on the phone, sent e-mails or did anything else because of my heart surgery on August 9.

I am recovering just fine, going to cardiac rehab three times a week, and I should end up in better shape than I was in before. I want all to know, though, how much

I appreciate your concern and offers of help. As much as I am thankful for friends in Amarillo, it always is extra meaningful when I hear from people in my hometown of McLean.

Thanks also to many of the same people who came back to see about my mother, Joyce Haynes. She is recovering at home from a Sept. 7 back surgery, walking without pain for the first time in quite a while.

Sincerely,  
Mike Haynes

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Thank you for the space in the past. It is time to be positive and recognize the best of our school system.

It is time to give credit where credit is long overdue, to express our faith in and appreciation for those who teach the small children. Do yourself a favor and visit The McLean Elementary School. Visit a class perhaps; maybe have lunch there. Be prepared to be surprised at a number of things. There is an excellent blending of administration, faculty, PTA and some of the most eager and progressively competent little people you will ever see. It is truly amazing to have a tiny second grader provide a five minute informative disclosure on the definition and habits of the Diplodocus and to be able to handle questions on the subject.

The eager, expectant attitudes are fostered and nurtured by attractive class rooms and a dedicated and caring teacher staff.

The eyes of the children have yet to be jaded and dimmed by the processes of life. They sparkle with the expectant hope of the innocent and they truly represent our expectations and hope for the future-that they may reach pinnacles that we could not or would not. Get out of the house, its just up the street, have a look at the real assets of our community.

Bill Reeves

**McLean Birthdays And Anniversaries**

- September 20 - Joy Brown, Stacie Smith.
- September 21 - Tina Kennedy Lyons, Melody Collins, Quinton Brown, Delores Ann Goodman.
- September 22 - Stacy Howard, Wanda Lamb, Mark Morris, Carolyn Coleman, Susan Williamson, Clarence and Ann Pierce (A).
- September 23 - Fayette Bell Barton, Katricia Lee, Sharon Haynes, Willie Nicholass.
- September 24 - Mary Webb, Lee Shaw, Billie Sue Moore.
- September 25 - Opal Hugg, Cari Collom, Katie Warner.
- September 26 - Terry Smith, Shaun Crawford, Rickie Jasper, Jr.

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Wed. Bible Class 7:30

**First Assembly of God 4th & Main**  
Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221  
Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm.

**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175  
Sunday School 9:45, Worship 11 am & 7 pm  
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

**United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray**  
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm  
Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm  
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

**Heald United Methodist Church**  
Kellerville Road  
Sunday 9:15

**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
James Mantooth 779-3207  
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## Trew's Host Cookout

Delbert and Ruth Trew hosted a cookout for the many volunteers who work in McLean, at their ranch in Bull Canyon. There were about 50 people there representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Devils

Rope Museum, McLean and Alanreed Museums, and the Library Board.

The meal consisted of hamburgers donated by Neil Odom and the McLean Feed Yard and homemade ice cream. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and fun was had by all.

After the meal Delbert spoke of all the improvements in store for the area, from the roadside rest stops being constructed just west of Alanreed to the government grants benefiting both museums in McLean as well as restoring the U Drop In Cafe in Shamrock. Plans are being made for a Centennial Celebration for Gray County.

## Patriotic Rally

McLean Elementary and Jr. High held a patriotic rally on Thursday. Mr. Crockett, the principal discussed with the children the events of Tuesday, September 11. The children sang patriotic songs and waved flags. Mr. Crockett led everyone in saying the pledge of allegiance.

## The Day American Changed

By Kristen Odom  
I was walking back from P.E. I walked into the building, the 7th grad room was dark and the TV on. I got worried. Usually we take a brake and put our bags away but all the boys were sitting watching TV with there football bags on the floor. Mrs. Stalls (our teacher) told us to sit down and be quiet. I turned to look at the TV and I saw a plane flying straight into the World Trade Center (WTC) and a big explosion. I didn't know what was going on and it scared me. After about five minutes I started to understand. Four major airline planes had been hijacked and the plane fuel was used as the bomb to explode. It was Tuesday, September 11, 2001 known to some people as 9-11. As soon as I heard that, I worried about my uncle Kye Odom. He flies for Southwest Airlines. None of the planes that were hijacked were SWA. The north tower was hit first and fell first, then the south. It all began at 7:47 a.m.

After that a shot of the Pentagon with one side almost destroyed came upon the TV. I don't know much about this but the next morning on the news it said that the pentagon is so big that the people on the other side didn't even know that there was history making on the other side. I never

imagined that I would live through history. This killed so many people that were so innocent. The four planes that were full of people, in the building where there was really no warning. The main thing I remember is when a plane hit, the TV showed either people or just debris being shot out of the top of the building. That night almost all the hotels in Amarillo and everywhere were full. They had grounded all planes. Amarillo had over 400 people staying there. Most hospitals are asking to come give blood to send to other hospitals that need it. Some churches were holding emergency prayers and worship. George W. Bush said that, "We will find who is responsible for this," and I think we will. All of this happened in New York and Washington D.C. I would like to say a short prayer, "Dear God, it's amazing what can happen in 1 day. Please help everyone who lost a loved one that was in a building or on a plane. Please stay with them at all times. Also please be with the rescue workers and everyone who doesn't know where someone is and please help whoever did this, if they have to do this, they really need you in there heart, Amen!" I will leave you with this, "Where were you when history was made?"

## Hunter Education Class To Be Held

A course in hunter education has been scheduled for October 2, 8, and 16, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. each night in McLean according to Bill Layman, Hunter Education instructor.

Effective September 1, 1993, all hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must have successfully completed the course to hunt in Texas. However, any individual may take the course on a voluntary basis and is encouraged to attend regardless of requirements, according to Bill Layman.

The course is open to adults and youths and will include instructions in rifles, shotguns, and bow hunting, handling and safety; outdoor responsibility and ethics; law and regulations; conservation; hunting traditions; wildlife

identifications; field care of game; wilderness first aid and survival, Bill Layman added.

Students 12 years of age or older successfully completing the course will be issued a hunter education certificate from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Those less than 12 years of age will receive a certificate of attendance, but must take the course again for proper certification.

More than 160,000 Texans have already completed the hunter education course which is mandatory in 39 states. For more information contact Bill Layman at 779-2504 or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Hunter

Education section in Austin at 1-800-792-1112.

## We Watch Today

By Jeremy Tidwell  
We watch today in horror and fear as buildings fall we suddenly hear the cries out to our humble Lord to help fight terror with angels and swords. We'll help by sending a helping hand to try to bring peace to our fellow man. We fight the evil day and night, even though we stay living in fright. The USA is crying today, as we stop, look, listen, and pray. The Devil has come to take more lives, hundreds and thousands of husbands and wives. Kids and parents have died on this awful day, so we set on our knees and pray all day.

Jeremy is the grandson of Bill and Billie Kingston of McLean and Bill and Denna Tidwell of Alanreed.

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their end of the agreement. He also told them that Terry Harris with Cable One had called today and said the new tower was supposed to be put up tomorrow and that along with the tower, new antennas and filters would be installed and should improve reception for McLean. The council voted to give Cable One a five year lease with option of an extended five year lease.

Budget hearing was held with no questions from the public. The Mayor explained to the public that the budget for the Water, Sewer and Gas Fund income was projected at \$447,149.00 and expenditures at \$446,859.00 and the General Fund income at \$316,381.00 and expenditures at \$226,805.00.

The council then reviewed and discussed the budget. Joe Billingsley questioned the \$3000.00 utility cart,

\$18,000.00 for a new pickup, and the \$80,000.00 for an excavator that had been included in the budget. He did not think that we needed the utility cart and that if we bought a new pickup we needed to sell two of the current ones. The Mayor explained that these figures are estimates and that just because they were in the budget did not mean that they were certain expenditures, that the council would have to vote on each item before they were purchased.

The council voted to approve the budget with the exception of personnel raises. Voting for was Joe Lamb, Doyle Lee, Jim McDonald and LaVon Watson. Voting against was Joe Billingsley.

The council voted to adopt Ordinance #280-amending Section V. of Ordinance #272 stating that the licensing of animals would be effective from date of issue instead of the original date of October 1st through September 30 of each year. Ordinance

#280 was passed on its first and final reading.

The council voted to lock in a gas price proposed by West Texas Gas at the range of \$3.25-3.35 per mcf, the City's cost, for the month of November through March.

Discussion was held concerning the EDC-4B and its board of directors. The Mayor handed out a list of possible board members that Mindy Reeves had given him last May. The Mayor asked the council to look over this list and contact these people and any other people that they thought might be interested in serving on the board and bring the names to the next council meeting for possible appointment to the new board.

The council voted to appoint Robbie Sanderson as the City's representative on the board of PEMSS, which is the Panhandle Emergency Medical Services System.

The council voted to pay all bills excluding the Fire Department.

A motion was passed by the Council to pay the Fire Department's bills.

The Mayor called for an executive session at 7:12 p.m. Discussion was held concerning

merit raises for personnel.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:25 p.m.

No action was taken concerning executive session.

Motion was passed to accept the budget as is.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



**Bryan Ross  
Born To  
Smitherman  
Family**

Bryan Ross Smitherman was born on September 6, 2001 at 11:52 p.m. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Bryan and Lisa Smitherman of Lubbock are the happy parents. Tony Ross and Monta Jean Smitherman of McLean are the proud grandparents.



**Students of the Week for September 3-7:**  
Kindergarten-Trae Hammon; 1st Grade-Cassandra Ingle; 2nd Grade-Rebecca Reyna; 3rd Grade-Timothy Jefferies; 4th Grade-Alex Christensen (absent); 5th Grade-Nikki Alvarey; 6th Grade-Kristen Odom; 7th Grade-Amanda Fricks.

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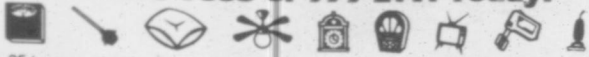
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Thursday, September 20, 2001



Groom Royalty has been selected by the student body for next weeks Homecoming celebration. Pictured are (back) escort Brin Burgin candidates Karri Britten, Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr, Jessica Bates and escort Lauren Crowell; (front) escort Trey Britten, Hugh Weinheimer, Doug Fields, Luke Pavlovsky, Wyatt Britten, Garrett Britten, and escort Clay Ritter. Candidate Krisanne Davis is not pictured.

## Homecoming 2001 Planned For Sept 24-28

Groom Schools are preparing for homecoming activities next week, September 24-28.

Just one of the many activities planned will be a business sign or window contest. The student council will sponsor the event and they are planning on cash prizes of \$15.00 for 1st place, \$10.00 for 2nd place, and \$5.00 for 3rd place. They would like for everyone to get their windows done as early in the week as possible, but judging will not take place until Thursday afternoon. The Tigers will battle the Fort Elliot Cougars.

The nominees for Homecoming Queen are: Nichole Barnett, Jessica Bates, Candace Bohr, Carrie Britten, and Krisanne Davis. King

candidates are Garrett Britten, Wyatt Britten, Doug Fields, Luke Pavlovsky, and Hugh Weinheimer. Serving as escorts are Brin Burgin, Lauren Crowell, Clay Ritter, and Trey Britten. Candle lighter and crown bearer are Maci Rocha and Forrest Yelverton.

Other activities will include a mud volleyball contest on Monday, September 24, at 6:30 p.m., across the street from the school. This is always great fun for the participants as well as the observers.

On Tuesday night, the always hilarious Mr. G.H.S. contest will be held at 7:00 in the auditorium. The annual event allows Groom boys to don their lipstick and high heels to see who is

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## Groom City Council Approves Insurance Bids

The Groom City Council met in regular monthly business session with the following members an visitors present: Mayor, Joe Homer; Aldermen, Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case, Chris Welch; visitors, Scott Epperson, TML-IRP representative, Johnny Brumley and Kim Brumley-Bates, Brumley Insurance representative,

Tony Treadwell, Groom Fire Department, and Mary Sue Lyles. Alderman Forrest McLaughlin was absent.

The two insurance bids were opened and compared. Brumley Insurance submitted a bid of \$7,796.00 and TML-IBP submitted a bid of \$7,548.54. A motion was passed to accept the bid quote from Brumley

Insurance for insurance coverage for 2001-2002 year and to adopt the Public Entities Interlocal Agreement with Trident Insurance Services.

A motion was made and accepted to elect Charlotte Whatley to serve as voting delegate on the PEMSS Board for the 2001-2002 year.

The council passed a motion to cast the City's

vote for TML-IEBP Board Representative for Glen Metcalf of Canyon.

The appointment of three persons to serve two year terms on the GEDC Board of Directors was tabled until next month in order to run a notice in the paper informing all interested parties of the openings.

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## Groom Joins A Grieving Nation In Showing Patriotism

By Donna Burton

Groom joined a stunned nation last week with the terrorist actions that took place in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. Everywhere are signs of changes in the world we live. Besides the obvious symbols of the flags flying at half mast and more flags being flown, it's more a feeling than something you can actually see.

Those who have lived through wars are fearful of what is to come, because they fully understand what will be asked of the American people. Those of us who never had to experience gas and food rationing, scrap metal drives and victory gardens wonder if we are up to the test.

America has enjoyed

so many freedoms that perhaps we have been lulled into a false sense of security by thinking that things like this do not happen here. We all realize, much to our regret, that we were very wrong.

While no one that I can find related to anyone locally seems to be missing in the destruction of the World Trade Towers, The Pentagon or the hijacked aircrafts, it has profoundly touched our lives.

Several young men that have Groom ties are serving in the armed forces. Ken Ruthardt is stationed in Italy and is in the Air Force. Rocky Crump is the Army and is stationed in New York for 2 weeks on a training mission. Jason Brown,

grandson of Sybil Brown, is with ground troops stationed in Kuwait. Aaron West, grandson of Jack and Bettye West is currently stationed in Washington to points unknown as of last week. He is with the Rangers. Brody Brown, son of David and Lanna Brown is serving with the Air Force and is stationed in North Carolina. Tony West is the grandson of Robert and Carolyn West and is a Navy Seal. Gustavo Caro is serving in the Navy. Of course, where these boys are could change on a moments notice.

Wondering if "Uncle Sam" will want them has been on the mind of many of our high school students.

Seniors Garrett Britten recently turned 18 and signed up for the draft,

as all 18 year old boys are required to do.

"I am not expecting the government to implement the draft," he said.

His buddy, Luke Pavlovsky stated that he will be signing up in October. He thought, like Britten, that the government will wage a technologically advanced war and that it would not come to a lot of ground troops.

Seniors Nichole Barnett and Cassie Ashford are both worried about their older brothers.

"We are all praying for America," said Ashford. "We are praying that our brothers are not asked to go."

Barnett said, "This feels like some kind of bad dream... I just can't

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## Community Calendar

**DON'T FORGET TO** order your mums! See any member of the Junior Class, today!

### HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

For the week of September 24-28.

**Monday:** Students will dress Hawaiian. Mud Volleyball Contest will be at 6:30 p.m. across from the school.

**Tuesday:** Students wear "College" clothing. The Mr. G.H.S. Contest will be at 7:00 p.m., in the Auditorium.

**Wednesday:** Students wear t-shirts and hats. The Little Kids Pep Rally is in the Gym at 12:30. School will dismiss at 1:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** Today is "Twin Day" for students. Cubs will travel to Fort Elliot and play at 5:30 p.m. The Coronation will be at 7:30 p.m. The Bonfire will follow the Coronation at the north end of the practice field.

**Friday:** Today is "Spirit Day," so everyone wear red and black. The game will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

**TIGERS** will play Miami, there, Friday night, September 21, at 7:30 p.m.

**GROOM JR. HIGH** game tonight is at 5:00 instead of 6:00 p.m. The game is against Miami.

**WANTED GEDC** Appointees. There are three places on the Groom Economic Development Board that are open for appointment. Anyone interested in

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## Local Happenings

Truman and Nina Richey spent the week with her parents, Rip & Joy Snyder. The Snyder's enjoyed the visit and all the good food that Nina prepared.

Tom Britten is recovering from neck surgery.

**Groom Birthdays Anniversaries**  
**September 20** - Collin Downs.  
**September 21** - Beulah Shockley, Anthony Britten, Ashley Brette Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Baggerman (A).

**September 22** - Gaynelle Pool, Kylie Tojlynn Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Sustairste (A).

**September 23** - Richard Crump, Mrs. John B. Koetting.

**September 24** - Tina Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thornton (A).

**September 25** - Keith Barkley, Melinda Burgin, Kimberly Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wills (A).

**September 26** - Laverne Thomas, Adam Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fields (A).

Brent Longway of Roswell, New Mexico says "HI!" to all his friends in Groom.

### IT'S A BOY!

Everett, Matthew and Briteny Steward welcomed a new baby brother, Garrett Michael into the world on September 4, 2001 at 3:22 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long. Happy parents are Richard and Carlene Steward of Abilene, TX. Grandparents are Jimmy and Sue Britten of Groom. Great grandmother is Zoah Britten of Wheeler.

### RENNIE'S GRANDSONS WIN ALL-AROUND TITLES

Trenton Packard and Lance Heaton grandsons of Charles and Jackie Rennie of Groom won All-Around Cowboy titles in Oklahoma.

Trenton Packard, 12 year old son of Tim and Kelly Packard of White Deer, won the September 12, 2001 Northwest Oklahoma Jr. Rodeo Finals All-Around Cowboy buckle. He placed first in the average in three events; break-a-way calf roping, steer break-a-way and goat tying. Trenton also won the fastest time in the goat tying and was awarded the champion buckle in the goat tying for the year. The NWOJR Finals were held Labor Day weekend in Woodward, OK.

Lance Heaton, 16 year old son of Trent and Melissa Heaton of Alva, OK., won the 16-19 All Around Cowboy saddle at the 2001 Buffalo, OK. Lions Club Jr. Rodeo. Lance placed third in the break-a-way calf roping, first in the goat tying, and third in the ribbon roping to win the all around saddle. Lance is a sophomore at Alva High School and is looking forward to the 2001-2002 Oklahoma High School rodeo season, which will begin this weekend in Hobart, OK.

The Rennie's had six grandchildren entered in the NWOJR Finals in Woodward, OK. on Labor Day weekend. In addition to Lance and Trenton there was Tanner Packard, 10; Lauren Heaton, 10; Landon Heaton, 15; and Jacey Richardson. Jacey is also a member of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Intercollegiate Rodeo Team. Jacey's college rodeo season will kick off in October in Colby, Kansas at Colby Community College.



### It's A Boy!

Jared Lucas was born to Edward and Loretta King on September 11 at 4:10 p.m. in Hobbs, N.M. He weighed 9 pounds, 3 1/4 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is welcomed by big sister Savanna and grandparents Martha Jane Temple of Hobbs, N.M. and Robert and Alice Kuehler of Groom.

Magan Bivens, a member of the White Deer Junior Varsity Cross Country team placed 13th in the White Deer Cross Country Meet on Saturday, September 15, 2001.

Magan ran the two mile course in 16:25.54.

### GROOM SCHOOL MENU

Sept. 24-28  
 Breakfast

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.  
 Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.  
 Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

### Lunch

Monday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, chocolate no-bake cookies, milk.

Tuesday: Corn dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, pears, milk.

Wednesday: Nachos, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, sopapillas, milk.

Thursday: Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, peaches, cheese zombies, milk.

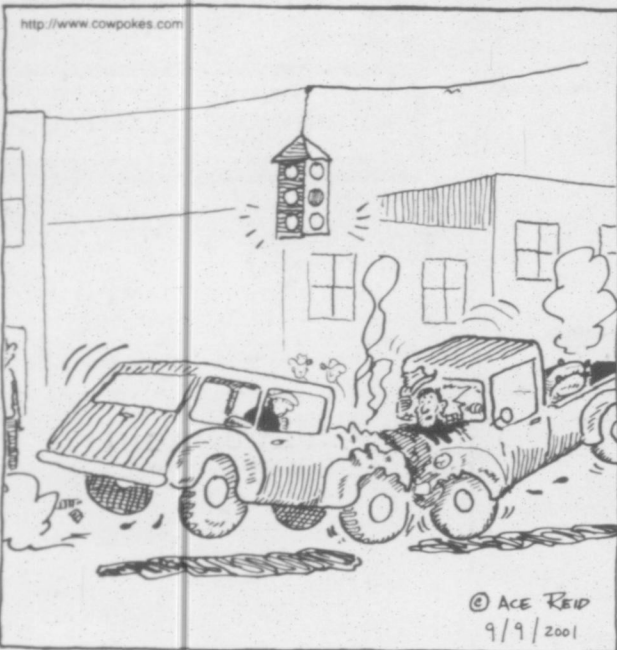
Friday: Stuffed baked potatoes, shaved ham, cheese, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet, milk.

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## Board Discusses Grant, TASD Effectiveness Audit

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly session on September 11, 2001, at 8:02 p.m. in its usual meeting place in the school administrative offices with the following members present: Clifton Britten, Kelvin Ollinger, Barry Fields, Tim Case, Ron Kuehler, Mike Friemel, and Tony Britten. Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager, and Kevin Noack, Superintendent were also present.

The minutes of the August regular meeting and the August special meeting were approved.

No comments made in open forum.

A Public Hearing held on Repair and Renovation Grant was discussed. Questions were asked about the specifics of the grant.

The Board and Superintendent discussed TASB Effectiveness Audit. The Board directed Mr. Noack to follow up on additional costs.

Mr. Noack presented a

report on Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities.

A motion was made and accepted, to accept the Safe and Drug Free School and Communities report.

A motion was also passed to adopt the Superintendent's appraisal instrument as presented.

Mr. Noack discussed school board training and no action was taken at this time.

A motion was passed by the Board to change the election date for the rollback election to November 6, 2001. The resolution that was adopted last month will be changed to show the new date.

Mrs. Hutsell presented the business manager's report. A motion was then passed to pay the bills as presented.

Mrs. Hutsell discussed the energy report and no action was taken.

The Board went into closed session as per 551.074 at 9:24 p.m. The Board came out of closed session at 9:46 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were eight people booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of September 10 through

September 16, 2001. Currently there are 18 people incarcerated in this jail and 17 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week include:

David Meinders, age 34 of Mapleton, IL - Possession of marijuana more than 5 pounds, but less than 50 pounds.

Bradely Jordan, age 20 of Amarillo, TX - Driving while intoxicated and unauthorized carrying of a weapon.

Michael Sanders, age 32 of Borger, TX - Court ordered commitment - DWI.

Jeffrey Gugenheim, age 34 of Amarillo, TX - Possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

Jonathan Ogden, age 32 of Amarillo, TX - Manufacture and delivery of controlled substance and transportation of anhydrous ammonia.

Jason Bennett, age 21 of Louisville, KY - Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Daniel Rush, age 32 of Briscoe, TX - Driving while intoxicated - 2nd.

Dustin Brown, age 18 of Austin, TX - Driving under the influence - Minor.

## SCHOOL

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the most "gorgeous."

The little kids pep rally will be held on Wednesday at 12:30. Students will all get out of school early that day as it is report card pick up day.

The Coronation will be held on Thursday at 7:30. The bonfire will be held immediately following at about 8:45 p.m. The Cubs play Fort Elliot, there, at 5:30 p.m.

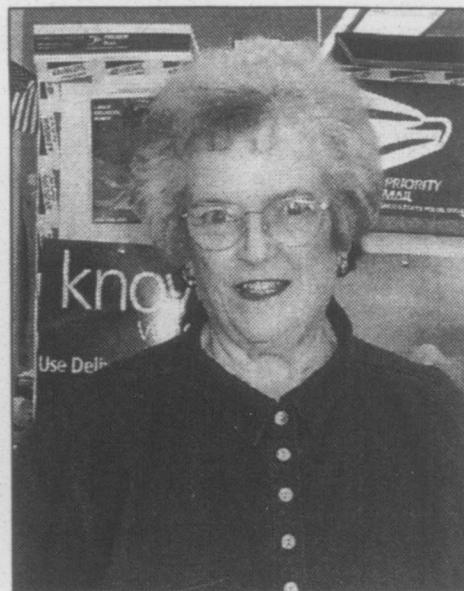
The downtown pep rally will be held on Friday at 3:00 p.m. The Tigers will then face off with the Fort Elliot Cougars at 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss a single activity and show your support for the Groom Tigers!

## How To Display The Flag



When the flag is displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union (or blue field) should be uppermost and to the flag's own right - the observer's left when facing the flag.



## Doris Kuehler To Retire On Sept. 28 After 20 Years

Groom will soon be wishing Doris Kuehler well as she retires from the U.S. Postal Service after 20 years. Doris began her career with the Groom Post Office as a part-time employee in October of 1981. In 1991 she was promoted to Postmaster with the retirement of long time Postmaster, Bobby Cornett.

Doris has served the community with diligence and devotion, always willing to go the extra mile for the people of Groom. She is citing medical reasons for her retirement. While we all

may miss seeing her at the Post Office, she isn't planning on going anywhere. She is looking forward to devoting time to her lovely yard, her home and her grandchildren, not necessarily in that order.

Mike Ford will serve as Interim Postmaster until one can be appointed in two to three months; although it is not yet certain that he will receive the appointment. Doris's last day will be on September 28. Thanks Doris for all your hard work and kindness.

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**ST. JUDE'S BIKE-A-THON HELD**  
 The St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon was held this year on August 12, 2001. We had a good turnout this year, with thirteen people participating. Participants included Tiffani Kling, Trevor Friemel, Brody Britten, Katy Britten, Ashley Murray, Trent Murray, Bekah Roskens, Jes Roskens, Michaela Roskens, Nate Roskens, Bailee Ruthardt, Trenton Welch, and Raleigh Welch. The bike-a-thon ended with a total of \$574.51 in donations. Tiffani Kling won the boom box for collecting the most donations. We appreciate all the support we were given while holding the event this year. We'd also like to thank all of the people who participated this year and everyone who gave donations. Let's hope that we will be able to help St. Jude's even more next year!

**How To Display The Flag**



When displayed with other flags from crossed staffs, the National flag should be on its own right, with its staff in front of the staff of the other flag.

**SCHOOL MENU**

Sept. 24-28

**Breakfast**

Monday: Breakfast burritos, toast, jelly, fruit, milk, juice.  
 Tuesday: Pancakes, sausage, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, milk.  
 Wednesday: Yogurt, graham crackers, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, milk.  
 Thursday: Chocolate chip muffins, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, milk.  
 Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast, jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

**Lunch**

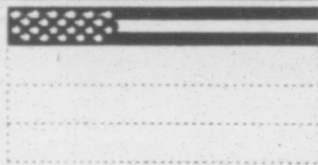
Monday: BBQ on a bun, tator tots, veggie sticks, brownies, milk.  
 Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese with ham, green beans, salad, pudding, milk.  
 Wednesday: Beef tips and rice, brown gravy, peas, salad, bread sticks, fruit, milk.  
 Thursday: Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, french fries, cookies, milk.  
 Friday: Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, rice krispies, milk.



**GROOM GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM ENDS GREAT SEASON**

Groom Girl's Softball Team "The Ettes" had a great season. They came in 3rd place in the tournament. After completing a super season the coaches rewarded them with a trip to Fire Water Water Park in Amarillo. The team included Morgan Britten, Maddie Wieberg, Berkle Ruthardt, Danielle Rodriguez, Cady Wilson, Whitney Evenson, Taylor Drewery, Bailee Ruthardt, Britney Evenson, Michaela Roskens, Deseriee Rodriguez, and Kecia Howard. Coaches this year were Nathan Wieberg and Russell Lewellen.

**How To Fold The American Flag**



To fold the flag correctly, bring the lower striped corner over the blue field, then fold again.



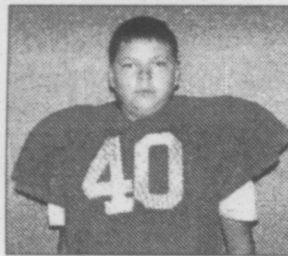
Bring the lower striped corner to the upper edge, forming a triangle. The outer point is turned inward on the upper edge to form a second triangle.



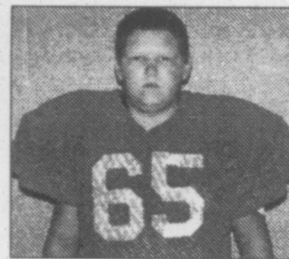
Continue to fold the flag in triangles until the entire length of the flag is folded.

When the flag is completely folded, only the blue field should be visible. It should have the triangular shape of a cocked hat.

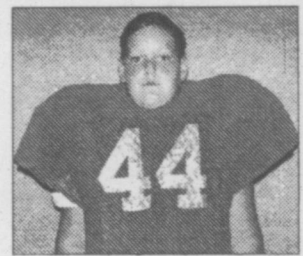
**GROOM TIGERS 2001**



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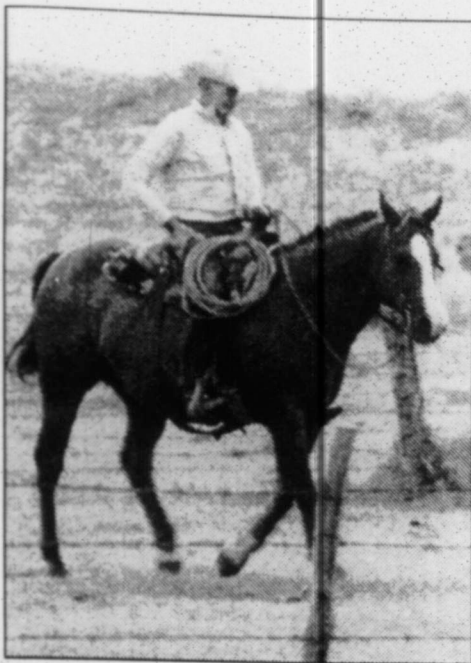


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**SPOTLIGHT ON SUPER FANS**

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## Services Held For Elmer "Skeet" Brown In Groom

GROOM Elmer "Skeet" Brown, 84, passed away on September 16, 2001 in Clarendon, Tx.

Services were held on Tuesday, September 18, 2001 in the Groom Cemetery with his grandson, Todd Gresham of Hopkinton, MA officiating.

Mr. Brown was born on February 12, 1917 in Goodnight, Tx. He had lived in Carson, Donley and Potter County most of his life. He married Frances Eileen Rhoades on April 9, 1938 in Clarendon. He was a rancher most of his life and had worked on various ranches including 40 years at the T.L. Roach Ranch and 11 years at the Charlie McMurtry Ranch. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen, Brown of Clarendon; 2 daughters, Charlotte Trostel of

Lubbock, and Betty Gresham of Tulsa, OK; 1 son, Wayne Brown of McKinney; 1 brother Marvin Brown of Amarillo; 1 sister, Helen Smith of Los Angeles, CA; grandchildren, Gary Davis and Eddie Finck of Groom, Todd Gresham of Hopkinton, MA, Mandi Smith of McKinney, Michelle Hassell of Tulsa, OK, Fred Finck of Lubbock, Debbie Parks of Colorado Springs, CO; and 11 great grandchildren, Carnes Sue and Krisanne Davis of Groom, April and Adam Finck of Lubbock, Kelvin Finck of Nebraska, Jacob and Morgan Smith of McKinney, Joshua and Madelyn Hassell of Tulsa, OK, Cameron and Zachary Gresham of Boston, MA.

## Display The Flag Proudly & Correctly

With the terroristic actions of last week, many people are showing their patriotism by displaying flags.

"Old Glory" has a long and proud history. She evolved from the "Grand Union Flag" which depicted the British Union Jack in the upper left hand corner bordered on two sides by the red and blue strips. Betsy Ross stitched the first flag with a circle of thirteen stars on a field of blue. This flag was authorized by a Congressional Resolution in 1777 on June 14, which is when we celebrate Flag Day.

George Washington, our first president explained the symbolism of the colors.

"We take the stars and blue union from Heaven, the red from our Mother Country, separating it by white strips, thus showing we have separated from her, and the white strips shall do down to posterity representing liberty."

Red stands for hardiness and courage, white stands for purity and innocence and blue stands for vigilance and justice.

While our flag has undergone many changes over the years it still stands for the virtues mentioned above. The following are some rules and guidelines on the proper way to display the flag and proper behavior when it is displayed. If you are in doubt about what is proper just remember to always show respect when handling and displaying our Nations symbol of Freedom!

The flag may be displayed

from stationary poles and buildings out of doors during daylight hours from sunrise to sunset on any day when the weather is good or an all weather flag is used. The flag should be lowered or removed at night unless it is illuminated properly.

When you are raising the flag on a pole, you should raise it quickly or briskly. We are always anxious to get the flag in it's rightful place. When flying the flag as a sign of mourning, it should first be hoisted to the top of the pole and then slowly lowered to half-mast.

The flag should always be lowered slowly and ceremoniously.

No other flag should ever be positioned higher than the American flag, with the exception of the United Nations Flag. In almost all instances, the American Flag when displayed before an audience should be to the observers left or "the Flags Own Right". If it is grouped with other flags, it should be in the center or at the highest point. If you wish to hang a flag vertically over a street, the union (blue & stars) hangs north on east-west streets and east on north-south streets.

Anytime the flag is in the process of being raised whether it is at a ball game or in front of the post office, one should stop, stand at attention with your hand over your heart and remain silent. When the National Anthem is played you should remove your hat and place

your hand over your heart until the last note is played.

If the flag is going past in a procession or parade it is appropriate to place your hand over your heart until the flag is passed.

When a flag is no longer fit to fly, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

The National Flag, "Old Glory". The Stars and Stripes represent a living country and is considered to be a living thing emblematic of the respect and pride we have for our nation. It should never be treated with anything but reverence and respect. Fly the flag with the same pride as you have for our country. Show that you honor the symbol of our nation which your actions when it is flown.

### CITY

Those members whose terms are expiring are: Kathleen Barkley, Joyce Hutsell, and Nathan Wieberg.

Tony Treadwell, Groom Fire Department chief, informed the council that the Fire Department had not made any further progress in its efforts to get plans to either expand the present fire hall or to build a new fire hall. He felt with winter only a short time away, there would not be enough time to complete any plans, so he requested that the City allow the Fire Department to put the 202 pumper in the City Barn for the winter. A motion was then passed to allow the Fire Department to store the pumper in the City Barn,

if room is available.

No action was taken in regards to repairs or improvements to the two bridges on 3rd Street.

A motion was passed to accept the investment policy.

The Council would like to see monthly, quarterly, bi-annual, and annual maintenance schedules for City equipment and property. A list of scheduled tasks and their time frames will be presented at the next month's meeting for the Council to approve.

The Council made and accepted a motion to send clean up letters to the following: BB & BB LLP concerning the vacant building located next to the Groom Grocery; Lonny Brown concerning the vehicles parked on the street; and Bruce Fancher concerning weeds and rubbish at the house on 300 Choctaw.

The Council was informed that beginning in October, Council meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the August 14 meeting were reviewed and two corrections were noted. The minutes were approved as presented with the corrections.

The minutes of the August 29 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

A motion was passed to purchase five, seven day programmable thermostats with locking covers for the heating and cooling units at the Community Center.

The Council made the motion to pay the bills and approve the financial statement.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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**REACTION**

believe this has happened to our country." Some of our Reservists can and have been called. Kim Miller, daughter in law of Phil Miller was called back to active duty last week. There are several others from Groom or related to

Groom people who are in the Reserves. If there status changes we will let you know. All of the churches have offered special prayers last week and continue to ask God's help for our nation and the victims of the acts of war against America. Skies have been extremely quiet over the

Panhandle, with flights only resumed on a limited scale on Thursday. Many people have been concerned that Pantex might be a target. Pantex officials have beefed up security and are taking measures to keep the area safe. Production has been suspended indefinitely.

Exactly what that will mean is unknown. We have to expect that this will affect our economy at some point, yet we cannot panic. We must go on with our lives, going to work, saving money, and spending money just like we did, week before last. If in the course of

events in our country, you have information on how people can help in any way or information about our boys in uniform, call us at The News Office and we will try to get the word out to those who need to know.



The flag should not be displayed when the weather is inclement except when an all-weather flag is displayed.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**  
Special Election  
NOVEMBER 6, 2001

**PROPOSITION 1**  
(HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

**PROPOSITION 2**  
(SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonies. Generally, a colonia is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colonia for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonies."

**PROPOSITION 3**  
(SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

**PROPOSITION 4**  
(HJR 1)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

**PROPOSITION 5**  
(SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

**PROPOSITION 6**  
(HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the appropriate electors to meet before the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

**PROPOSITION 7**  
(HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to \$500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans' cemeteries."

**PROPOSITION 8**  
(HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to \$850 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjutant general's department, the Texas School for the Deaf, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Safety, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Historical Commission, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

**PROPOSITION 9**  
(HJR 47)

Proposition 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for filling vacancies in the legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate in the election to fill the vacancy. Under current law, a special election must be held to fill a vacancy in the legislature even if there is only one qualified candidate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill a vacancy."

**PROPOSITION 10**  
(SJR 6)

Proposition 10 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt certain items of personal property from property taxation by political subdivisions of the state if the property is warehoused temporarily in a location in Texas to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or repaired and then forwarded to another location inside or outside Texas. The proposed amendment would authorize a political subdivision that imposes ad valorem taxes, at its option, to tax this type of property after a local public hearing on the matter.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

**PROPOSITION 11**  
(HJR 85)

Proposition 11 would amend the constitution to allow a schoolteacher, a retired schoolteacher, or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive compensation for serving on such a governing body. Currently, state employees or other individuals who are compensated directly or indirectly from state funds are barred from receiving a salary for such service.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

**PROPOSITION 12**  
(HJR 75)

Proposition 12 would amend, repeal, or relocate several sections of the current

constitution to improve the clarity, organization, and consistency of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

**PROPOSITION 13**  
(SJR 2)

Proposition 13 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a board of trustees of an independent school district to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus in order to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if the board determines that the property has historical significance, that the donation will help to preserve the property, and that the school district no longer needs the property for educational purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

**PROPOSITION 14**  
(HJR 44)

Proposition 14 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not held or used for the production of income.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

**PROPOSITION 15**  
(SJR 16)

Proposition 15 would amend the constitution to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The Fund would finance the construction, acquisition, and expansion of state highways and would pay a portion of the costs of public toll roads and other public transportation projects. The legislature may reserve specific sources of state revenue for the Fund and may authorize the Commission to guarantee the payment of any obligations or credit agreements with the full faith and credit of the state. The attorney general shall determine the legality of any such obligations or credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

**PROPOSITION 16**  
(HJR 5)

Proposition 16 would amend the constitution to reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to 5 days. Currently, a lien may not attach to a homestead for a home improvement loan if the homeowner executed a contract for the improvements less than 12 days after applying for the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would

authorize the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

**PROPOSITION 17**  
(HJR 53)

Proposition 17 would amend the constitution to allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for persons who claim title to those lands. The proposed amendment would apply to land whose owners have disputed title to the land, but for which no patent from the state, giving clear title to the land, was ever issued. Among other requirements, all of the taxes due on the land must have been paid. Under current law, there is no procedure allowing the state to settle title disputes without a constitutional amendment for each piece of land in dispute.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

**PROPOSITION 18**  
(SJR 49)

Proposition 18 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and payment of criminal and civil court fees. If the legislature creates such a program, any new fees imposed by the legislature may not take effect before January 1 of the following year, unless an earlier effective date is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

**PROPOSITION 19**  
(HJR 81)

Proposition 19 would amend the constitution to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$2 billion of additional general obligation bonds. The Board issues bonds to pay for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities, and projects for economically distressed areas. Current law limits the amount of bonds that the Board can issue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamada al 1(800)252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.