

The Groom News

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Paramount Pictures

Stars In Town

To Tour Scene Sites

Steve Martin and Debra Winger were in Groom Sunday touring the scene sites of the movie "Leap of Faith." Martin and Winger were joined by a number of the movie group, in Groom, for about four hours including eating lunch. The baseball field is being looked at as a possible shooting site now. Shooting is scheduled to begin in Groom on July 3.

Call For Extras Successful

Nearly three hundred people were on hand to pick up applications to become extras in the movie about to be filmed in Groom.

Elyn Wright, Extra Casting Coordinator of Atlanta, Georgia was on hand Saturday in the Community Center to accept applications and pictures of persons interested. They were also interested in the type of car you had for some scenes in the production.

Wright said that some children will be used but mostly adults will be required. Most people will be asked to work for one or two days while others will be asked to work for two weeks.

"I'm just thrilled by the number of people who turned our Saturday to be cast in the movie," she said.

Person's who are selected will be given as much notice as possible, anywhere from one week to one day.

If you were a little shy about coming down Saturday. Tony Treadwell has some extra forms. It's not too late to be in show biz!

Movies' Sheriff's Office May Have Been Located

Scouting for location sites across the Panhandle to film scenes, Bill Bowling, location manager for Paramount Pictures, met with Armstrong County officials to discuss parts of the courthouse as a site. Bowling liked Tax Assessor-Collector Ronald Patterson's office as a possible site for the sheriff's office in the movie. This office used to be a sheriff's office.

Also a typical prairie home in the eastern part of Armstrong County is being looked at for shooting.

Paramount Pictures, City Discussing— Water Tower Painting For Movie

In a regular city council meeting on June 9th, members held a discussion as to the need for repairs and replacement of the sidewalk and curb along 1st and Broadway, on the south side of the community center. Mayor Jimmy

Britten was asked to get estimates on the cost of repairs to be presented at the July meeting.

Curb repairs approved in the March City Council meeting for the 99 block of Broadway are expected to take place as soon as the

weather improves.

Paramount Pictures had discussed with Mayor Jimmy Britten the possibility of painting the water tower. Britten will meet with representatives from the movie company to finalize

plans. Members suggested that when the name "Groom" is repainted it be enlarged.

With no other business on the agenda the council voted to pay bills and then adjourn.

Board Adjusts Level II Entry Ratings

The Groom School Board met in regular session last week. Minutes of the regular May 12 and special called meeting of May 26 were approved.

The Board unanimously approved lowering the appraisal rating for the Level II entry of the career ladder for teachers to 147.4; down from 165 set in 1991. This allows the addition of

four teachers to the level II position. They are Debra Addy, Annetta Childress, Charles Burk, and Reta Jenkins. Criteria for the Step II entry for the career ladder is: the teacher must have an appraisal rating of 147.4 for the school year and their performance must exceed expectations.

Other staff who are also on Step II are Steve

Hutsell, Georgann Hinson, Marcia Davis, Susan Burgin, Leatrice Reck, and Shirley Fields.

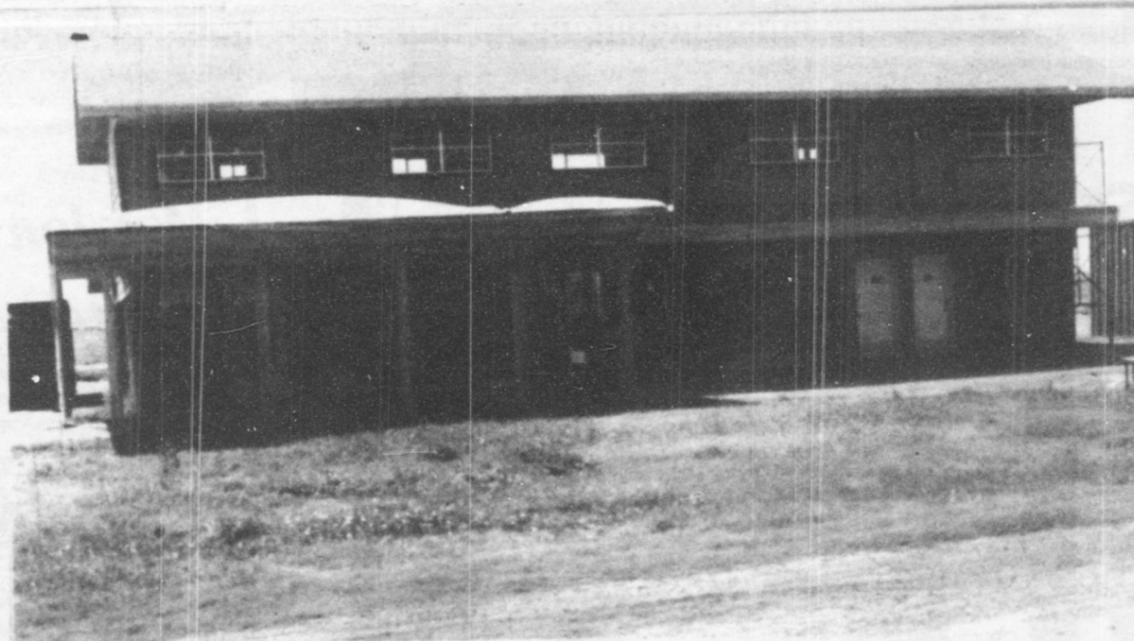
These people receive a \$1,500.00 stipend.

Groom currently has only two teachers in the Step III phase of the career ladder, Zeldon Jenkins and Pam Hutsell. They receive \$3,000.00 stipend for an appraisal rating of 175 and

a clearly outstanding performance review.

The State of Texas allots \$90.00 per student's average daily attendance for the career ladder. A district may add to the figure but these state funds must be spent in this manner.

In other business the board accepted the resignation of Charlotte Whatley as bus driver.



Motel Receives New Look For "Leap Of Faith"

Groom residents are watching, with great interest, the metamorphosis of the motel on the west end of town.

In just two weeks and in weather that would have sent most construction crews scurrying to the coffee shop, the structure has had a second story added.

"Most of the time," stated construction foreman Jerry Henery, "what we build is much more temporary."

"This, (referring to the second story addition) will be permanent."

He expects to turn the job over to the painters on Monday. The crew plans to

tear off a metal addition to the bar and close in the end of it. Henery also stated that they would do a little clean up to the old "Groom Truck Terminal Building as well as set up the big Revival Tent in the pasture just south of Bill and Sam's Motel.

The Paramount Construction crew has members from North Carolina, Dallas, Amarillo, Canyon and even one member from Groom, Daryl Homer. Henery said that the permanent members of the crew have worked on sets for films such as "Billy Bathgate", "White Fang", "Mississippi Burning" and "Robo Cop".

Community Calendar

GROOM LITTLE LEAGUE Tigers coached by Bob Evenson will play Groom Rangers coached by Bobby Wakefield for the championship Thursday night (tonight) at 7:00 pm.

THIS IS A REMINDER to students who have lost clothing items at school. Be sure to come and check the lost and found.

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2:30 - 4:30 Commodities will be distributed at the Groom Branch Library.

ANYONE INTERESTED in joining weight watchers, please call Sandra Britten at 248-7406 or 248-7226.

QUILTERS SHOW - Let us show your quilts or quilt apparel on Groom Day. Call Connie Fields at 248-7053 or Adela Kotara 248-7585.

TUESDAY GRAIN PRICES AT LOCAL ELEVATORS

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We Saw



Mary Ann Koetting and her brood signing up to be in the movies.

Pav and Jimmy Britten pulling a little "sneaky" I mean sneaky on Robby Evenson.

Robert Miller teaching son Dakota the art of tree climbing.

Zeldon Jenkins looking slightly "frosty" after painting the little gym. Many folks bragging about meeting Steve Martin. Why didn't ya call me!

1992 total rainfall about double to what it normally is here.

Mary Treadwell signing her kids up for the movie, and then deciding what the heck, signing herself up.

Richard Crump getting his name on the sign up list for a part in the movie hopefully opposite the leading lady.

Betty Black helping count the applicants and pictures that were being turned in to the casting coordinator.

Jerry Crowell family heading to the lake for a few hours.

Elyn enjoying the brownies Helen Witt brought her as she worked Saturday.

A new addition to the Bud Babcock family, drive by and watch this little fellow work.

Actor Steve Martin playing basketball in our gym, and having lunch at the Grill.

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**GROOM BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES**

June 18 - Bob Burgin,
Staci Nicole Barnett, Mr.
and Mrs. Johnny Brumley
(A).

June 20 - Phillip Miller,
Lainie Sue Britten, Mr. and
Mrs. Jack Barnett (A).

June 21- Austin Crowell,
Burnice Brown.

June 22 - C. Wayne
Stroope, John E. Lee, Mr.
and Mrs. E. W. Lamberson
(A).

June 23 - Ted L.
Friemel, Kiley Lambert.

June 24 - Kelvin Ollinger,
Brin Burgin.

Allie and Norris Hoyt
were visited by son Eugene
Whitaker and family of San
Angelo this last week.

NEW ARRIVAL

Nathan Joseph Story was
born June 11, 1992 at 3:31
pm at St. Mary of the
Plains Hospital in Lubbock,
Texas.

The proud parents are
Karen and Ed Story of Gail,
Texas. He is also welcomed
home by big brothers Grady
and Jeffrey.

Nathan weighs 7 lbs and
10 ounces and is 20 inches
long.

Grandparents are Jess
and Jo Ann Baker of
Groom and Arnold and Lou
Story of Lefors.

Darrell Whatley
celebrated his 33rd birthday
over the weekend. Sharlene
had a steak dinner for her
baby brother.

Local Happenings

Wanted! Girls interested
in participating in the Miss
Carson County Contest on
July 4th. Also needed
sponsors for contestants.
Call Kathy Bertrand at 248-
7385.

Everett Snyder of Payson,
Arizona visited his brother
Rip and Joy Snyder over
the weekend.

S.B. Ball of Amarillo
visited his Uncle Rip and
Joy Snyder Sunday.

Rip Snyder attended
Alanreed Homecoming on
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Mrs. Sue Williams of
Houston and Mrs. Betty
Davis of Yorba Linda,
California returned to their
homes Saturday after a few
days visit with Ruby Milton.

Groom Tigers beat
Clarendon Dodgers Monday
night 23-6 in Clarendon
while the Groom Rangers
beat Clarendon Orioles 12-
11 in Groom.

Don't forget our many
friends and relatives in
nursing homes this summer.
Write or visit them in the
following:

Palo Duro Nursing
Home, Claude, Texas 79019
- Ray Copeland and Clara
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Pampa Nursing Center,
1321 Kentucky Ave.,
Pampa, Texas 79065 - Ellen
Dickerson, Bessie Mae
Arnold.

Coronado Nursing
Center, 1504 W. Kentucky,
Pampa, Texas 79065 - Mr.
and Mrs. Buster Painter.

St. Ann's Nursing Home,
Panhandle, Texas 79068 -
Marrietta Britten, Louise
Britten.

Ware Memorial Center,
Park Place Towers 1300 S.
Harrison St., Amarillo,
Texas - Rose Fields.

If you would like to add
someone's name to the list
give us a call at the news
office.

Jo Ann Britten was
visited by her brother Billy
May of Saratogo, California
over the weekend. He
attended a 50th class
reunion in Clarendon and
went on to Dallas to see
their sister who is seriously
ill.

Doris and Arnold
Kuehler were visited by
their daughter and her
family over the weekend.
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OBITUARIES

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James David Phillips

James David Phillips, 31, of Panhandle was killed Monday afternoon four miles west of Panhandle on U.S. Highway 60 when his vehicle was struck head-on by a Jeep Cherokee driven by Terry Joseph Maccanelli, 46, of Amarillo. Maccanelli was also killed upon impact. Both vehicles burst into flames burning the bodies beyond recognition. Autopsies have been ordered by Justice of Peace Phyllis Tyler.

Sheriff's Department and DPS officials believed the Maccanelli vehicle had driven several miles on the wrong side of the highway prior to hitting Phillips.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 18, 1992 at the First Christian Church in Panhandle.

Phillips is the son of Gene and Elaine Phillips of Panhandle. He is survived by his wife Denise, a two year old son, Joseph and a four week old son, Austin; one brother, Robert of Dallas; and two sisters, Julie Esgan of Wiley Colorado and Marcia Lamberson of Claude. He was preceded in death by a son Jay Patrick.

James Andrew Rapstine

James Andrew Rapstine, 24, died Sunday, June 14, 1992.

Rosary was recited in Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors' Colonial Chapel in Pampa. Mass was at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer with the Rev. James Gurzynski and Bishop L.T. Matthesen, both of Amarillo, officiating. Burial was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

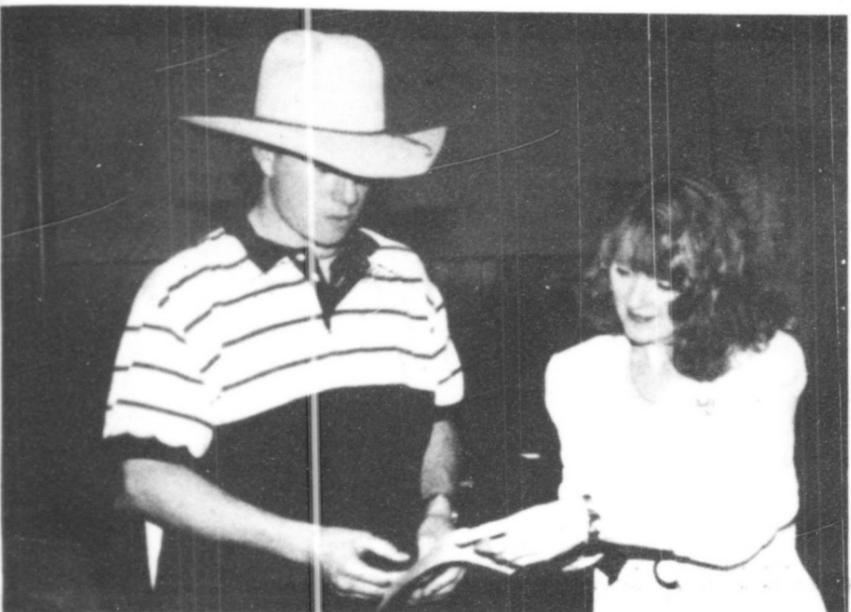
Mr. Rapstine, born in Amarillo, moved to White Deer in 1979 from Panhandle, where he had lived for 10 years. He graduated from White Deer High School in 1985 and was a member of the football team. He was named to the class 1A all-district football team for three years. He attended Amarillo College and Texas Tech University. He was a member of the White Deer Riding Club and the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He had been employed by Scarab Manufacturing for the past four years.

Survivors include his parents, Greg and Carolyn Rapstine of White Deer; two brothers, Mike Rapstine of Panhandle and Chris Rapstine of Lubbock; two sisters Theresa Veitch of Denver and Angela Rapstine of White Deer; and his grandparents, Ben and Mabel Rapstine of White Deer and Fern Anderwald of South Fork, Colo.

The family requests memorials be to the Andrew Rapstine Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of First State Bank and Trust in White Deer.

David was Vice President of First National Bank in Panhandle where his father, Gene is the President. David had been working in Amarillo the past several months in the bank acquired by First National Bank, Panhandle.

Do you think you know someone with Alzheimer's Disease? Do you have someone in your family with Alzheimer's Disease? If you are interested in finding out about an Alzheimer's Disease support group in this area, please call Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, (806) 874-3569 located at 111 S. Kearney in Clarendon.



ABOVE - Jan Britten listens as Ms. Wright explains what will be expected of an "extra".

Lori Britten, and Sarah Britten wait patiently for their Mom's (Wamyth and Jan) to finish signing them up.

Darin Wheeler, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Whatley, gets in on the action as he fills out his information sheet.

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The Student exchange is an opportunity to become acquainted with another culture and to share this with the school and community while spreading peace through understanding.

Your new addition comes with clothes, an allowance, speaking English, and having

had orientations abroad as well as in Texas. The student will have fall and winter orientations in the area and continued AFS liaison support until their departure the first week in July. There is a \$50-per-month tax deduction with IRS and medical and dental expenses are paid through AFS.

JR. CYO TRAVELS TO OKC

Junior CYO members enjoyed a trip to Oklahoma City on June 13th and 14th. While there they visited Frontier City, White Water, and attended mass at St. Patrick's Church. The tired group returned to Groom at 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Attending were Toby Burgin, Nick Ashford, Tami

Ashford, Stephanie Ollinger, Sandi Conrad, Angie Conrad, Trisha Treadwell, Jessica Friemel, Terry Eatmon, Stanley Homer, Craig Baker, Brad Sustaire, and Joe Britten. Also attending as sponsors and guests were Nila, Donald and Brin Burgin, Pam and Cassie Ashford.

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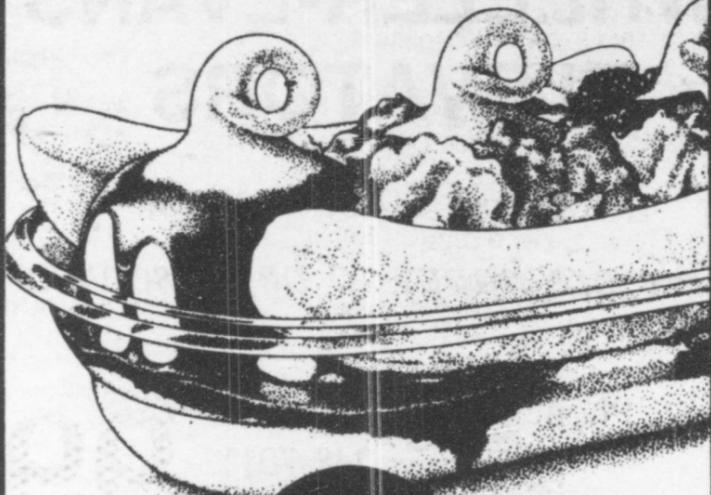
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NAME _____ SEX M F Age _____
 Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____
 Favorite Food _____ Favorite Toy _____
 Favorite TV Show _____ Favorite Animal _____
 Favorite Saying _____
 Parents _____
 Grandparents _____

All entrants must be the child or grandchild of a Carson County resident. There will be three age divisions: 1 yr. olds, 2 & 3 yr. olds, and 4 & 5 yr. olds. Five year olds must NOT have been in school. Entry fee is \$4.00. Mail money and entries to Janie Metcalf, Box 1105, Panhandle, TX 79068. No entries will be accepted after 6 p.m. on June 29.

Practice will be July 3 at 3:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Panhandle. All contestants MUST BE PRESENT!

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The Square House Museum is open Monday through Friday from 8:30-5:30, Saturday from 9:00-5:30, and on Sunday from 1:00-5:30. Admission is free.

Hermesmeyer Have Weekend Visitors

Betty, Martin and Theresa Hermesmeyer enjoyed some spill over guests from Sheri Hermesmeyer's wedding over the weekend. Among their visitors were Gary and Sharon White of Amarillo; Gene and Judy Hermesmeyer and children Gretchen and Bryan of Scottsdale, Az.; Bob Hermesmeyer of Del Rio, Texas and his daughter Kathy of Amarillo; Gerald Hermesmeyer of Amarillo; Randy and Cindy Quirk and sons of Sunray; and Doug and Marilyn Thompson of Wilmington, N.C.

Betty reports that they had a wonderful time visiting with everyone.

COPELAND HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Rev. Ray Copeland was honored with a birthday party last week honoring his 87th year. Daughter, Loretta and husband Amos held the event at their home. They had a wonderful lunch served on the patio and an even greater time visiting.

Attending were Milton and Dorothy Thompson of Arlington, Texas; Nancy and Clois Cotton of Amarillo, Hope and Rose Bratcher of Childress; Kirk and Rebecca Weatherford of Dumas; Waylon and Martha Bratcher and Paula Cotton of Amarillo; Terrell and Becky Britten; Charles Britten; Mark Metzger and Ed Hughes, all of Groom. Rev. Copeland also visited with all the gang down at the Golden Spread Grill. Loretta reports that she enjoyed visiting with sisters Dorothy (who left Tuesday) and Nancy (who will leave Saturday).

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Your new addition comes with clothes, an allowance, speaking English, and having had orientations abroad as well as in Texas. The student will have fall and winter orientations in the area and continued AFS liaison support until their departure the first week in July. There is a \$50-per-month tax deduction with IRS and medical and dental expenses are paid through AFS.

JR. CYO TRAVELS TO OKC

Junior CYO members enjoyed a trip to Oklahoma City on June 13th and 14th. While there they visited Frontier City, White Water, and attended mass at St. Patrick's Church. The tired group returned to Groom at 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Attending were Toby Burgin, Nick Ashford, Tami

Ashford, Stephanie Olinger, Sandi Conrad, Angie Conrad, Trisha Treadwell, Jessica Friemel, Terry Eatmon, Stanley Homer, Craig Baker, Brad Sustaire, and Joe Britten. Also attending as sponsors and guests were Nila, Donald and Brin Burgin, Pam and Cassie Ashford.

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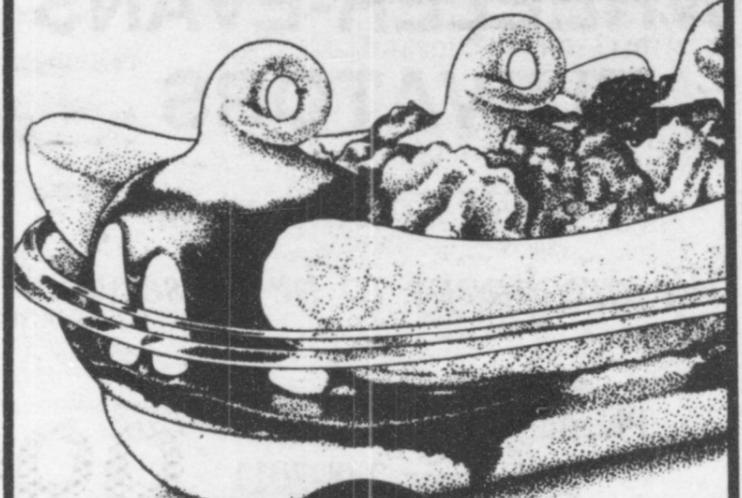
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 Favorite Saying _____
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All entrants must be the child or grandchild of a Carson County resident. There will be three age divisions: 1 yr. olds, 2 & 3 yr. olds, and 4 & 5 yr. olds. Five year olds must NOT have been in school. Entry fee is \$4.00. Mail money and entries to Janie Metcalf, Box 1105, Panhandle, TX 79068. No entries will be accepted after 6 p.m. on June 29.

Practice will be July 3 at 3:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Panhandle. All contestants MUST BE PRESENT!

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Remember to visit our two new summer exhibits. "A Day in the Canyon" is a color photographic essay of Palo Duro Canyon State Park, and "Kitchen Aides" displays early small electrical appliances from the Southwestern Public Service Collection.

The Square House Museum is open Monday through Friday from 8:30-5:30, Saturday from 9:00-5:30, and on Sunday from 1:00-5:30. Admission is free.

Hermesmeyer's Have Weekend Visitors

Betty, Martin and Theresa Hermesmeyer enjoyed some spill over guests from Sheri Hermesmeyer's wedding over the weekend. Among their visitors were Gary and Sharon White of Amarillo; Gene and Judy Hermesmeyer and children Gretchen and Bryan of Scottsdale, Az.; Bob Hermesmeyer of Del Rio, Texas and his daughter Kathy of Amarillo; Gerald Hermesmeyer of Amarillo; Randy and Cindy Quirk and sons of Sunray; and Doug and Marilyn Thompson of Wilmington, N.C.

Betty reports that they had a wonderful time visiting with everyone.

COPELAND HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Rev. Ray Copeland was honored with a birthday party last week honoring his 87th year. Daughter, Loretta and husband Amos held the event at their home. They had a wonderful lunch served on the patio and an even greater time visiting.

Attending were Milton and Dorothy Thompson of Arlington, Texas; Nancy and Clois Cotton of Amarillo, Hope and Rose Bratcher of Childress; Kirk and Rebecca Weatherford of Dumas; Waylon and Martha Bratcher and Paula Cotton of Amarillo; Terrell and Becky Britten; Charles Britten; Mark Metzger and Ed Hughes, all of Groom. Rev. Copeland also visited with all the gang down at the Golden Spread Grill. Loretta reports that she enjoyed visiting with sisters Dorothy (who left Tuesday) and Nancy (who will leave Saturday).

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County Sheriff's Report

During the week of June 8, the Carson County Sheriff's Department investigated a gas drive-off on I-40, a public accident at a rural restaurant and a suspicious person in White Deer. Deputies found an injured puppy which had been tied to an historical monument west of Panhandle. The puppy was turned over to the Panhandle Animal Shelter for care.

The Sheriff's Department is currently investigating a sexual assault involving a female complainant from the Amarillo area. Warrants have been issued in the matter and arrests are pending.

Deputies assisted in the investigation of two traffic accidents on Interstate 40 and one two-vehicle collision in White Deer.

An attempted burglary was investigated in the Groom area and one subject was arrested for public intoxication after creating a disturbance in

squirrel was killed and the body will be sent for examination. With regards to the dog bite, the animal will be held for observation. The owner indicated that the dog has not had any form of shots.

Sheriff's deputies investigated a pipeline explosion east of Skellytown which apparently resulted from a ruptured line. No injuries were reported. While at the scene of this explosion, the Sheriff's Department also investigated damage done to a patrol car from a neighboring city. The vehicle was rear-ended and sustained over \$3,000 in damage.

White Deer.

The Sheriff's Department is currently investigating a reported squirrel bite in the Webb Bragg Addition of Carson County and a dog bite in the county which resulted in emergency treatment and stitches for a young Panhandle girl. The

"Texans have two kinds of lottery games to play now that 'Texas Match Up' has hit the stores," Lottery Director Nora Linares has announced.

"Sales of the historic 'Lone Star Millions' tickets continue at a feverish pace," Linares said. "In fact, we expect sales to reach nearly \$200 million within two weeks of the start of the Lottery, with two-thirds of the tickets sold."

"With sales volumes like that, we decided to bring out our second game at least three weeks ahead of schedule."

Linares said the Lottery had the complete shipment of "Texas Match Up" in the warehouse even before sales began for "Lone Star Millions."

"We saw what happened in other states," Linares said. "In Florida, for example, three weeks went by with no tickets in the stores because they weren't ready when their first game sold out."

Like the record-setting "Lone Star Millions," the new game gives players a

chance to enter weekly Grand Prize Drawings with million-dollar cash top prizes.

"We'll give away \$1,150,000 every week for 12 weeks during Grand Prize Drawings throughout the summer," Linares said. "No other lottery has given away so many large, cash prizes at startup."

A humorous television advertising campaign featuring the Turnipseed Triplets-Doug, Dennis and Dwight-will promote the new game. Appearing in identical but outrageously mismatched outfits, the triplets reinforce the "match three to win" rules of the game.

The television ads include 30-second spots in English and Spanish and a "screamingly funny" 10-second spot in English only.

Linares said the two instant games will give Lottery players some options. "The 'Texas Match Up' game has a top instant prize of \$20,000, plus plenty of smaller prizes at \$200, \$75, \$20, \$10, \$4 and \$2," she said.

"Of course, there's still plenty of \$10,000 and \$1,000 prizes out there in 'Lone Star Millions' - the most successful introductory game in lottery history."

The colorful red, blue and green tickets sell for \$1 each and feature a picture of a chirping mockingbird-the state bird.

"Texas Match Up' is as easy to play as the first game," Linares said. "Just scratch the latex covering off of the big Texas flag on the front of the ticket."

"Each scratch reveals a prize amount. Any ticket with three matching prize amount, in any configuration, is a winner."

The overall odds of obtaining a winning ticket in "Texas Match Up" are 1 in 6.8.

The total instant-win cash prizes to be awarded in 'Texas Match Up' is \$85.5 million. The prize structure for the two games is as follows:

LONE STAR MILLIONS	
Prize Amount	Number of prizes in game
\$10,000	500
\$1,000	2,500
\$100	30,000
\$50	125,040
\$20	600,000
\$10	800,000
\$5	6,000,000
\$2	29,900,000
Overall	37,458,040

TEXAS MATCH UP	
Prize Amount	Number of prizes in game
\$20,000	100
\$200	14,000
\$75	30,000
\$20	133,440
\$10	400,320
\$4	7,606,080
\$2	20,683,200
Overall	28,867,140

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ladies Water Aerobic Classes will be held this Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. and (beginning June 30th) at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, thereafter.

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