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McLean City Council Adopts .0316355 Tax Rate For Property Owners For 2002

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The City Council of McLean met in a special Wednesday, session August 29, 2001 in the City Hall. City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Joe Billingsley at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Von Watson, Dolye Lee, Joe Lamb, Joe Billingsley, and Bob Martin. Jim McDonald was absent.

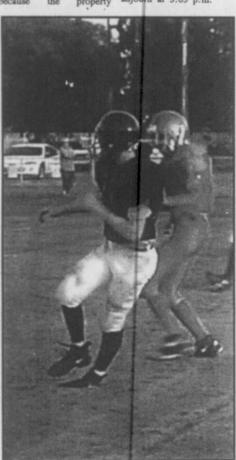
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Sue Marsh, Debbie
Acuna, Mary Richardson,
Jessie and Joy Cooper,
Preen. held

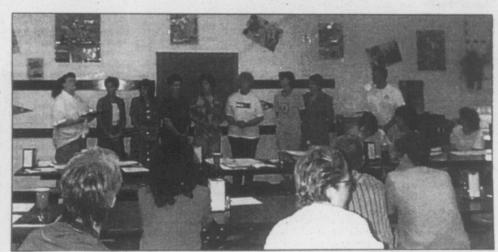
was held Discussion concerning the proposed tax rate. May Martin explained Martin the pr Mayor Bob reading.

Plained that The council voted to property

an increase in business inventory and equipment that the tax rate within the city limits was actually going down this year and taxes would be lower than they were last an increase year. Last year's tax rate was forty five cents per one hundred dollar value, this year the rate will be .316355 per one hundred dollar value, so this is good news for the citizens of McLean. The council then voted council then voted unanimously to adopt the tax rate for 2001-2002 as 316355 per one hundred dollar value and to dollar value and to approve Ordinance #279 adopting the above tax rate on its first and final

adjourn at 5:05 p.m.





PTA Honors Teachers With Plaque Commemorating **Exemplary Status Rating**

their first meeting last Tuesday, August 28. It was well attended by both parents and teachers. President Shatrel Richardson called the meeting to order. Plans for the PTA Open House was discussed and plans were made to make it easier for the parents of the high schoolers to attend both the grade school and high school, by starting the Open House at the high school 6:30 p.m., giving rents an extra 30 parents an extra 30 minutes to spend at the high school.

Fund raisers were discussed including a student directory, a bake sale, and a raffle or possible community talent The money raised show. will be used to fund two \$250.00 scholarships, milk and juice for the TASS test test, and

The McLean PTA held refreshments at the end of red ribbon week.

Amy Herring discussed a College Day planned for October, but there were not enough representatives from area colleges willing to come to McLean, so plans were made to travel to Pampa on October 17, so that students interested could participate College Day held there.
Terry Adams and Pam
Quisenberry volunteered
to provide transportation to students who needed a ride.

Mr. Crockett requested parents to volunteer to help with classroom activities during parent teacher conferences. If you can help, please call the school at 779-2671.

The teachers were presented with a plaque honoring the exemplary record on TASS testing for the third year in a

Tiger Best Eagles In Scrimmage

The McLean Tigers Eagles scoreless in the final scrimmage of the year at Chillicothe. The Tigers and Tiger fans traveled to Chillicothe last Friday, September

said that the defense played well and that the some He also offense needs improvement. remarked that the Tigers are coming together and playing as a team now.

The Tigers will host The Tigers scored one touchdown for the victory. Coach Smith September 7 at 7:30 p.m.

REMINDERS

FRESH START Divorce recovery seminar is September 7th and 8th at the Paramount Terrace Christian Church, Amarillo. For more information call (806) 353-6615.

TOP O' TEXAS TOP O' TEXAS
Cattlewomen Style Show
and Brunch is on
Saturday, September 8,
2001, at the Pampa
Country Club at 10:30
a.m. Tickets are \$15.00.
Grand prize drawing-two
travel certificates. For
information or tickets call
Lilith Reginard in Pampa Lilith Brainard in Pampa at 806-665-4579.

PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will host Canyon Rhymes Art Show and Sale at the museum on Sat. and Sun., Sept. and 9. Artist from from throughout Texas and the Southwest will showcase their work during the weekend event.

AMARILLO Botanical Gardens is holding their Garden Club meeting the 4th Sunday of the month, March through October, at 2:00 p.m. Amarillo B at the Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit Dr. Contact Betty Sproul 354-0306 for more information. On Sept. 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. they will be hosting a Day Lily sale.

4-H ADULT Leader's Council will meet on Monday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gray County Annex.

FIRST 4-H Council meeting of the year will be on Monday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gray County Annex.

PIONEER Study Club will meet at 10:30 at the bank parking lot.

PTA OPEN HOUSE will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the High School and 7:00 at the Grade School.

FIRST FOOTBALL game of the year will be on September 7 at 7:30. The Tigers will host Miami.

5TH QUARTER will be hosted by Assembly of God Friday following the Friday follo football game.

4TH ANNUAL Pioneer Day of Handson Pioneer Activities and Auctions will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9 until 2 in Cheyenne City Park, Cheyenne Ok. For more information call the For museum at 580-497-2760 between 9:00 and 5:00, Mon. through Sat.

Trent Cadra Earns Top Award At Beef Challenge

More than 60 of the industry's future s gathered in n, Texas recently leaders Canyon, to test their knowledge about cattle feeding and earn the rewards of hard work as they competed in the Junior Fed Beef

Challenge.
Sponsored by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA), the Junior Fed Beef Challenge allows 4-H or practical experience in commercial cattle feeding. Students from Texas. Mexico feed a pen of

three steers, then compete their industry knowledge knowledge and cattle performance. The contest also features a Challenge, where students who don't feed cattle can compete on their cattle feeding knowledge. year, 38 students competed in the Junior Fed Beef Challenge and eight teams of two to three students competed in the Team Challenge.

Trent Cadra of McLean received 2nd in the "Rookie of the Year," Senior Division of the TCFA, Junior Fed Beef Challenge.



Trent Cadra recently received a second place at Texas Cattle Feeders Junior Fed Beef Challenge.

MORE HAPPENINGS.

Dawson and Mickey Jackson along with their son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Ashley and granddaughter, Jackson en Bryanna enjoyed vacation Mexico. Cozumel, Welcome Home

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September 8 - Roy cMullen, Donald

McMullen, Donald Bradley, Anita Thompson. September 9 - Judy Kennedy Green, Kim Cadra, Jacob Tolleson, Debbie Krueger, Bill and Tina Thomas (A).

September 10 - Zella

Brown, Doug Gutherie.

September 11 - Lou Morris, Huey Daniel Simpson. Green, Huey

September 12 - Linda mith, Konya Guthrie, Jim Adams.

MOTHER'S CIRCLE

MEETING
The First Mother's Circle of the year was held Wednesday, August 29th at the Methodist Church. Tanya Walker lead a very good and interesting devotional on dealing with the problems of life. Her devotion was taken from the book was taken from the book "Pacifiers, Diapers, and Other Godly Things" and began with the labor of child birth instructing mothers that through all of life's labors the Lord is with us. It was both instructive and amusing. After the devotional a luncheon of rice with many delicious toppings to choose from, broccoli egg rolls and ate cake for salad. chocolate cake for dessert. Baby sitting was provided by Judy Lee. Mother's Circle provides month a once a opportunity for young mothers, and not so young mothers, to enjoy fellowship and give and get support, and for their children to have a great time playing together. Mother's Circle meets the last Wednesday of every month throughout the school year at 11:00. The meeting place rotates

between Trinity Baptist Church and the Methodist Church, but is non-denominational. The next meeting will be September 26 at the Trinity Baptist Church the For more information call Shawn Bybee at 779-Shawn 3255.

Letter To the Editor

another newspaper in another town in Texas and I thought it was pretty good and true. Can you

put it in your paper?
Gaylyne Manns
THE NEW SCHOOL PRAYER Now I sit me down in

school where praying is against the rule. For this against the rule. For this great nation under God finds mention of Him very odd. If scripture now the class recites, it violates the Bill of Rights. And anytime my head I bow becomes a federal matter now. Our hair can be purple or hair can be purple or orange or green, that's no offense; it's the freedom scene. The law is specific, the law is precise, prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall might offend

someone with no faith at all. In silence alone we

must

meditate, God's

name is prohibited by the State. We're allowed to dress like and freaks, and pierce our tongues,
They've noses, cheeks. outlawed guns,
FIRST the Bible.
quote the Good To Good Book We makes me liable. can elect a pregnant senior Queen, and the unwed daddy, our senior King. It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong, we've taught that such "judgements" do not belong. We can get our belong. and hirth controls, study witchcraft, vampires, and town poles. But the Commandments are allowed, no word of God must reach this crowd. It's scary here, I must confess, when chaos reigns, the school's a mess. So, Lord, this mess. So, Lord, this silent plea I make: Should I be shot, My soul please take.

(Author Unknown)

McTean Church Directory

offend

4th & Clarendon **Church of Christ** 779-2548

Sunday Bible School 10 am Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm 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 & 7pm (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 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins 779-2456 or 779-2965 Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m. Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

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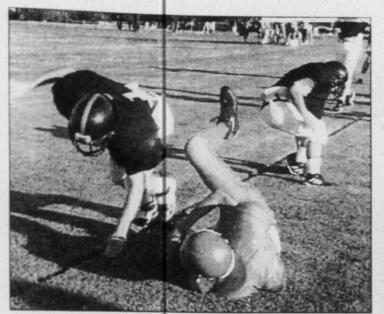


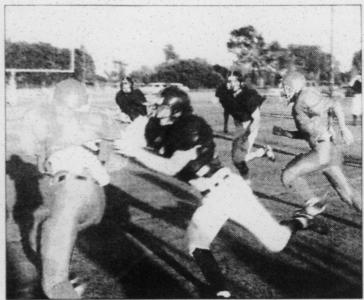
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Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Aug -18	Hedley (Serim)	6.00	Hedley
Aug 24	The state of the s	6.00	Lefors
Aug-31	Chillicothe (Scrim)	6:00	Chillicothe
Sept. 7.	Miami	7.30	McLean
	Floyd N.M	5 30	Silverton
Sept. 21	Silverton	7.30	Silverton
Sept . 28	Hedley (Homecoming)	7-30	McLean :
Oct 5	Groom	7.30	McLean
Oct 12*		7 30	McLean,
Oct 19*		7.30	McLean
Oct : 26*		7.30-	Miami .
Nov. 2*		730	McLean :
Nov 9*	Higgins	7.30	Higgins

The McLean Tigers scrimmaged against Chillicothe last week and kept the Fagles scoreless, earning a touchdown for their own effort. The Tigers open their season this week against Miami this Friday night

Thank You

To our family and friends and to all the churhere in McLean. We thank you so much for you concern and especially your prayers during Derek ordeal. He is doing so much better and is going to be OK! We thank each and everyone of you again for you did for us and the love you have shown. God Bless You All Mark Cassie and Derek Jone

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Letter To The Editor by Bill Reeves

The Whole ISD process is becoming both tenuous and tedios. tenuous and tenuous meeting of the school showed s o m improvement An Pierce was permitted to speak: speak: Ann had son questions but boa board responses were limite and not too informational The board is still not in compliance with requirements of Open Meeting Act*; the Attorney General: specifically, in going from an open meeting to session executive Letting one visitor speak in open session is a I suppose.

The sudden revelation that the ISD was broke and needed to borrow significant operating funds came as a shock to the community and apparently school board. This information had to be known in some quarter months before. The scenario is that of a small child being given their first significant They money. immediately spend almost all of it on frivolous and fanciful things except for a few dollars which they then spend on a piggy bank in the shape of a

clock, which is endorsed "It's time to save."

am continuing track the path of loaned musi musical instruments. They were from removed the McLean Band Hall and stored in a room adjacent for a period of time. They were then moved to a storage room at the Alanreed school building. Shortly after the movthe storage room was entered and a trombone and saxophone were stolen. Later the McLean Supt. of schools a u t h o r i z e d a representative of Pampa Texas School Pampa system to have access to the instruments. Superintendent has over a two year period, refused to provide answers to questions that would questions that would identify the transaction and the current value or whereabouts of assets of the McLean ISD which were paid for by you, the taxpayers. The the taxpayers. The school board has adopted a status quo attitude and has shown no interest determining the condition, whereabouts, condition, and number of current values of these assets. The location, recovery and any disposition of

extremely important; although several thousand dollars are involved. Their handling of this matter serves as a valid indicator of the way your school dollars are put to work. With teachers doubling up extending themselves and maintain the high educational results of our school; it is the students who will ultimately suffer. The leadership of school system should not be personally involved in loaning school assets, driving a bus, hiring relatives any other activity which will detract from full

attention to responsibilities.

I'tell you folks, we have been HORNSWOGGLED. Bill Reeves

GAS PRICES RISING

If you went anywhere this holiday weekend you noticed on will have again gas prices are up. There are many reasons gas prices fluctuate, changes in the cost of crude oil, product supply and demands are contributes Gasoline prices tend to rise during the summer and during the winter months. Last January gas was around \$1.40 a gallon compared to starting this summer at \$1.70 in May. So take heart, since this is the last holiday of the summer, gas prices will probably begin to decline and things aren't as bad as they were in May.
Also, Texas has some of
the lowest gas prices in
the nation. Here is a list of places in the area, with the lowest gas prices, effective Tuesday: Taylor Food Mart in Taylor Food McLean, \$1.58; Country Corner in McLean, \$1.59; Sams Quick Way at 7001



Becca Reyna is fueling up to prepare for the holiday

Bell St., \$1.37; Centergas at Hwy. 70 and Ave. K, \$1.47; Davidson Oil at 9523 I-40 East, \$1.49; Centergas at I-40 and Fm 1912, \$1.49; Phillips 66 at 4410 Coulter Drive, \$1.49; Wizers 1612 at 7001 Claude and Osage,

66 at Drive, \$1.49; Phillips Canvon 4301 \$1.49; Centergas at Canyon Drive, \$1.49; Pak A Sac 7 at 3400 S. Western, \$1.49; and Dj's

Mini Mart at Canyon Drive, \$1.49

A mother was telling her six-year-old son about the golden rule. "always remember," she said, "that we are here to help others." The youngster thought this over for a minute and then asked: "Well, what are the others here for?"

High School Open House 6:30 pm - 7 pm Junior High Open House 7 pm to 8 pm

I LIKE TEENAGERS

I like the fresh way they look at life. I like their nfidence, their courage and their optimism. I like the way they walk, limber and free and friendly. a teenager is the great American middleman -- to young to old, too old to by young. They are a fresh breeze in a stale world.

They challenge barriers. They rush old ramparts. They are not afraid to stick a pin in the old balloons of vesterday

Teenagers have bright faces, eager smiles and alert eyes. They are energy in motion. Teenagers are the doctors of tomorrow, the mothers and fathers, the leaders, the bosses, the senators and the presidents.

Teenagers make things happen, Alexander Hamilton in the American Revolution was a teenager. Mozart was a famous musician at 13, Napoleon was an officer in the French army at 16, Josiah reformed Israel as a teenager. Longfellow was a full fledged college professor at 19. Alexander the Great was a general of the army that conquered the world at 16 and Andrew Johnson fought against the British for American freedom when he was 14.

The same spirit fills many teenagers today. When it comes to young people, most adults forget to remember. We make fun of their songs, but we had crazy tunes. We scoff at their clothes , but we had fads, too. I like teenagers. it would be a sorry stagnant, boring, standstill world without them.

Lakehoma Beacon, Mustang, Oklahoma

"There is tremendous potential here." Past - Present - Future October 6th, 2001

New Safety Laws Take Effect On September 1 Starting September 1st, 36" in height must ride in a car seat, and anyone under the age of 17 must

wear a seat belt.

The fines

wearing east belts

wearing east belts are going up from \$25-\$50 to \$100-\$200. So it is very important to buckle up for your safety as well as you pocket book! Infants from Birth to 1 year old up to 20-22 lbs. need to be in infant only

or rear facing convertible seat. The harness straps

at or below shoulder

Toddlers over 1 year from 20 to 40 lbs. should use a convertible

or forward facing seat. Harness straps shout be seats or above shoulder.

Most seats require top

With young children over 40 lbs up to 80 lbs.

one should use a belt one should use a belt positioning booster seat. These must be used with both lap and shoulder belt. Make sure the lap

belt fits low and tight across the lap/ upper

thigh area and the should belt fits snug crossing the

All children age 12 ad under should ride in

the back seat for safety!

chest and shoulder.

slot for forward facing.

level

for

The Texas Legi has passed three Legislature laws concerning alcohol, children riding in pickups and children riding in cars without restraint.

It is now illegal for there to be any open container of alcohol any where in a vehicle, except in the trunk or the storage area vehicles without trunks. of

It is now illegal for children under 18 to ride in the back of a pickup truck on public roads.

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Maytag Wide-By-Side refrigerator at www.may

tag.com. City of Hope's Walk For Hope Against Breast Cancer at www.walk.coh.org. The SADS Foundation at

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Public Notice

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Both properties will be bid together as one total bid, and all bids will be received until Friday, September 7, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. Send bids 5:00 p.m. Send bids addressed to: City of McLean, "Grass Lease", ean, "Grass Box 9, McLean, TX The City 79057. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive formalities and technicalities.

Bob Martin, Mayor

City of McLean

NOTICE OF GROOM

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

DISTRICT ROLLBACK

ELECTION

is hereby given that the polling

place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00

p.m. on September 29, 2001,

for voting in a Rollback election to determine if the Groom Indedpendent School District 2001 tax rate of

\$1.61/\$100 valuation will remain in effect.

Early voting

personal appearance will be

conducted each weekday at

the Business Office of the

District located at 304 West

Third Street, Groom, Texas,

between the hours of 9:00

a.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, September 18,

by mail shall be mailed to: Joyce Hutsell, Early Voting Clerk, at P O Box 598, Groom, Texas, 79039.

Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than

Friday, September 21, 2001.

Tuesday, September

2001, and

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The 2000

ending on

Applications for ballot

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To the Registered Voters of Groom Independent School District, Texas: Notice

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The Court shall award the contract to the responsible bidder who the the lowest and best bid, or reject all bids and publish a new notice or take such other

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Bob Martin, Mayor

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Thursday, September 6, 2001-THE GROOM NEWS-Page 11 CUSTOM HAY BALING Large round bales, small square bales. Call 806-874-9404 or 670-7044.

> NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF MCLEAN PROPOSED 2001-2002 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the proposed 2001-2002 City of McLean Operating Budget. The hearing will be held by the City Council on the 10th day of September 2001 of September, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall, 220 N. Main, N. Main, Mall, 220 N. Main, McLean, Texas. All taxpayers and other interested persons are requested to be present and participate in said hearing. A copy of the 2001-2002 proposed budget is on file in the Office of the City Secretary for Public review.
Toni Bohlar

City Secretary

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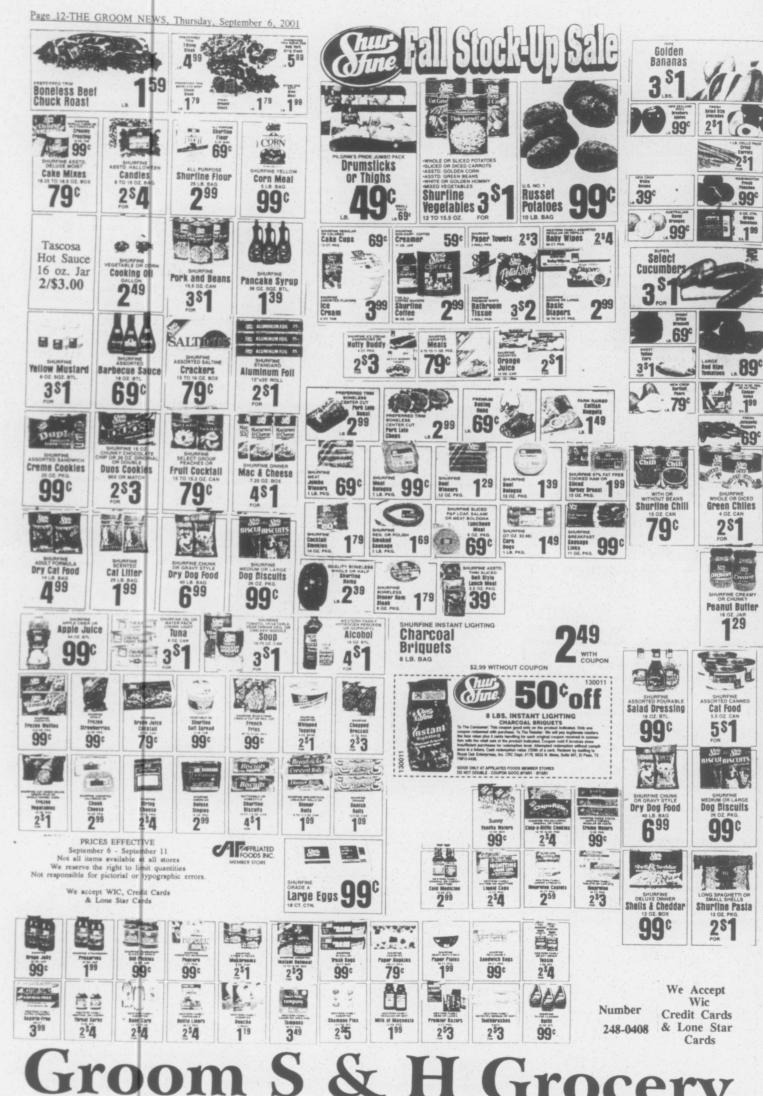
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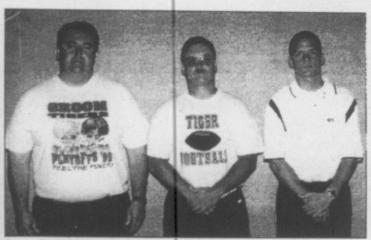
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Thursday, September 6, 2001



Groom Tiger Coaching Staff- Brad Rainer, Larry Reid, and Shannon Fisher.

Tigers Skunk Higgins Coyotes, 62-0

Higgins could find no purchase against the Tigers in the season opener last Friday night as the Groom players skunked them 62-0.

Experience showed the Tigers invoked the *45" point rule at halftime to end the game

early. experience and we were able to use all our players," stated Coach Larry Reid. "We also able to look at some of our players in

positions that they don't normally play."

Groom earned 13 first downs to Higgins 1. The team earned 177 yards rushing on 13 carries, while Higgins gained only 40 on 20 carries.

yards and touchdowns were gained on 6 of 7 completed passes by the Tigers. The Coyotes attempted only 1 incomplete pass.

Groom did not attempt any punts while Higgins tried 3 for an average of 30.33 yards.

lt was not a perfect game, the Tigers had 2 fumbles and did not recover either, while Higgins had 4 but

regained 3.

The game opened with a touchdown by Trey Britten on a 9 yard run. Clay Ritter kicked the point after successfully to get the game rolling with an 8-0 lead.

Clay Ritter completed a 21 yard pass from Clay Britten and then completed the extra points for the next TD.

Cody Bivens completed a 21 yard run for the 3rd touchdown, bringing the score to 22-0.

The first quarter retired with a 4th TD by The first quarter Garrett Britten on a 4 yard pass from Clay Britten. Cody also

kicked the extra point to end the quarter 30-0. In the 2nd quarter, Cody Bivens competed an awesome 71 yard run to score and then when on to score 2 more TD's on a 64 yard punt return and receiving a 15 yard pass. He completed the extra points on two of the TD's. Clay Ritter kicked for the extra

points on one of the three.

Owen Weinheimer ended the play with a touchdown on a 5 yard pass from Luke Pavlovsky. Cody Bivens

kicked again

again kicked the successful point after. Looking at individual stats, Cody Bivens lead the rushing with 3 carries for 106 yards and 2 touchdowns. He earned 15 yards and a touchdown as a receiver. He ran for 64 yards on a return for He also touchdown. He also kicked 4 point after making his attempts contribution scoring a whooping 32 points.

Garrett Britten rushed 3 times for 29 yards and served the team as a passer. He earned 4 passer. yards and a touchdown for the Tigers receiving. also recovered fumble.

Doug Fields rushed for 19 yards, offensively and completed 10 tackles, 10 tackles,

defensively.

Calvin Schaffer gained 11 yards on 2 carries.

Trey Britten scored a touchdown on a 9 yard carry and completed 3 unassisted tackles unassisted tackles.

Lance Ollinger carried the ball 3 times for 3 yards and had 3

unassisted tackles.

Quarterback Clay

Britten completed 4 of 4

See Tigers, pg 4.

Trustees Call For Roll-Back Election

The Board of Trustees of the Independent Groom School met in special session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the usual meeting place. The following members were present: Clifton Britten, Kelvin Ollinger, Tony Britten, Tim Case, Barry Ron Kuehler, and Fields, Ron Kuehler, and Mike Friemel. Principal Kevin Noack was also in attendance. The following visitors were present: Curtis Downs, Kim Bates, Jiggs Britten, Louis Ruthardt, Randy Yelverton, and Tony

President Clifton Britten called the meeting to order.

Clifton dispensed with the previous minutes.

Mr. Clifton Britten

Mr. Clifton Britten opened the public hearing on the 2001-2002 budget at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Clifton Britten

Mr. Clifton Britten closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

A motion was passed to adopt the budget for the 2001-2002 school year at \$1,309,243.00.

A motion was passed to set the 2001-2002 tax rate at \$1.50 maintenance and operation and .11 cents interest and sinking.

A motion was also passed to adopt a resolution and order setting a roll back

election date September 29, 2001 with an early voting period.

A motion was also passed to amend the 2000-2001 budget as presented \$1,464,377.00

Watch for the next issue of The Groom News for an open discussion concerning the proposed roll-back election and what it will mean to Groom I.S.D.

Recent Laws Passed By Legislature Took Effect On September 1st

With the arrival of eptember the 1st, September Texans have a bunch of new laws to worry about. Probably the one that will catch most people is the increase in the seat belt laws.

The fine for not The fine for not wearing a seat belt will take a giant leap from \$25.00 to \$100.00 on adult riders and \$155.00 for children under 17 with court costs.

Texas law makers are serious about the need for everyone to be everyone to be ed up. When you buckled up. When you stop and think about it, \$155 seems rather cheap if it saves the life of one child.

Another new law that is now in effect is the open container concerning alcohol. HB
5 makes it a Class C
misdemeanor to have any open container of alcohol

in the passenger compartment of any motor vehicle. This new

penalties for repeat DWI offenders. There will now be an automatic 1 year suspension person's drivers license for a person who for a person who receives a second DWI within 5 years of the first offense. Also the driver must have an ignition interlock installed on their vehicle for the on their vehicle for the year following the suspension and the offender is not eligible for an occupational

license. HB 63 increases the

period for a person who refuses to take the breath test or fails the breath and requires the test arresting officer confiscate the license on the spot.

SB 399 prohibits children under 18 from riding in the back of a pickup or flatbed truck. There are several notable exceptions, including if it is the only family vehicle or it is a government-sanctioned hayride.

belt laws New seat See Laws, pg 5.

Community Calendar

THE TIGERS play Amherst this Friday at home beginning at 7:30.

A PEP RALLY will be held for the Tigers at 2:50 on Friday in the high school gym.

HOMECOMING will be celebrated on September 28th when the Tigers face off with Fort Elliott at 7:30 pm. Elliott at 7:30 pm. Watch The Groom News for more details on Homecoming activities. Shop

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Man Threatens Troopers Then Turns Gun On Self

Although an investigation is still in progress, an Arkansas man committed suicide after threatening his wife, mother and two local DPS troopers. Colorado, where he stole a pick-up from a friend. The man traveled to The man traveled to Dumas where he called his wife to come and get

His wife and mother picked him up in Dumas according to authorities. He was suffering from extreme depression and had a previous mental condition the investigation

revealed. The wife and mother tried to seek help for him in Amarillo but he refused treatment.
The trio neared Groom

on Wednesday, August See Troopers, pg 3.

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Chaffin, of Temecula, California, returned to her home last Wednesday after a week visit with Helen They have been friends since the early 1950's when her husband ere was the Church of Christ minister here. Dr. Witt delivered two of their four children.

Zoah Britten underwent bypass surgery earlier this week in Amarillo. She is the mother of Jimmy

On Sunday, September while ending his shift and preparing to travel home, Trooper Roland McGill was involved in a minor accident with an unlicensed driver from a town. No injuries reported. The local town. driver was issued two citations, one for failure to yield at a stop sign and one for driving without a license. The driver's parents were ssued a citation for driver's parents issued a citation allowing this unlicensed driver to drive.

The moral of this story

is you just never know who you might hit.

Local Happenings

A.J. Leona Newsom attended the wedding their of granddaughter, Stephanie Pratt. She is the grandaugner, Stephanie Pratt. She is the daughter of Kay and Cary Pratt of Claude. Stephanie Pratt married Adrian Farris Nazareth.

Alward, Donna Burton, and April Burton traveled to San Antonio last week to attend the 27th Annual Army of the in Korea. Regiment

While there they visited the Alamo, Fort Sam Houston, The San Antonio Zoo, and the Houston, The Zoo, numerous places on the River Walk.

The Ben Ingham's were recently in Groom to visit friends.

Burgin and her new husband, Randy Holguin visited in Groom over the weekend.

Recently playing on the Groom Tiger Field was Follett and Lazbuddie. Follett overwhelmed Lazbuddie 56-32 in a six-man season opener. Josh Robertson threw

two touch-down passes for Follett, which built a 44-6 halftime lead.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries September 6 - Bill Pavlovsky, Mrs. R.J. Kemph, Megan Bivens, Kemph, Megan Bivens, Britney Evenson. September 7 - Mrs.

David Britten, Brace Painter, Daniel Wilson. Brady

September 8 -September 9 - Mrs. Bill Hammers, Mrs. Gary Friemel, Garrett Britten.

September 10 -eonard Koetting, Leonard Gregory Man.
Grego Cave, Charles Rennie, Eric Torres. September 11 - Karen

Case, Bill Hammers, Mrs.
Dale Brooks.
September 12

Davis, Bobby Wakefield.

BARNES AND NOBLE TO HOST FREE SEMINAR

Barnes and Noble Booksellers will host a free free seminar and reception for Panhandle seminar Monday, educators on September 24, 2001 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 2415

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Barnes and Noble
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REPORT

There were seven people booked into Carson County Carson County Jail during the week of August 27 through September 2, 2001. Currently there are 15 people incarcerated in this jail and 18 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week include:

Jesse Romero, age 48 of Borger, TX-Driving while intoxicated, 1st.

Patrick Mize, age 19 of White Deer, TX-Theft over \$50 but under \$500. Carl Wilson, age 59 of Oklahoma City, OK-Driving while intoxicated,

Russell Owen, age 35 of White Deer, TX-Parole Warrant-TDCJ.

Justin Mattiza, age 22 of White Deer, TX-Driving while intoxicated,

Michael Justice, age 42 of Amarillo, TX-Burglary of a habitation.

Thomas Peterson, age 36 of Pampa, TX-Aggravated robbery.



It's A Boy!

Joseph Augustine was born on August 9, 2001 in Childress to Brian and Karen Asher. He tipped the scales at 9 pounds and 3 ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long. He is welcomed home by siblings Zack, Gregory, and Anne Catherine. Anne Ashers and live in The

Guthrie. Grandparents include Patrick and Eileen Asher of Ft Worth and Robert and Alice Kuehler

SCHOOL MENU September 10-14 Lunch

Monday: Soft tacos, corn, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, yogurt, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, rice krispie treats, milk.

Wednesday: Frito pie, pinto beans, pears, graham crackers, milk.

Thursday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, milk. Friday: Pizza, salad, peaches, crackers, milk. Breakfast

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

juice, milk.

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

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

Groom McGuire a Valorie as Brother residents. Brother McGuire has pastured the Groom Church of Christ for the past year, commuting from Amarillo. They will now make Groom their home on a full time basis.
They have three children.
Their son is a senior at
Amarillo High School
and will continue to attend school there. Their two daughters are in College at Abilene Christian University.

Delton also works with Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. Valorie is planning to do substitute teaching work at Groom School.

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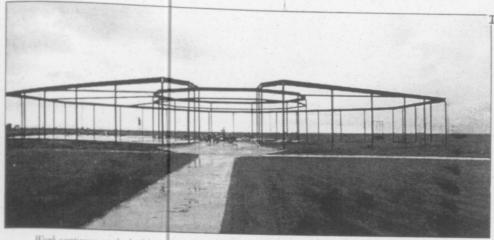


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inues on the building at the Cross of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Center will house offices, a chapel, counseling rooms, a gift shop and more a completion date has not yet been decided, but officials are hoping to have the center ready by late summer next year

Fred Brown Celebrates Birthday With Family

Fred Brown was the honoree at a birthday party held over the eekend. Attending were weekend. Attending were his wife, Juanita, his children and their families; Larry, Karen and Skye Brown; Lonny, Susan, Kori and Kade Brown; Lynita Brown; Leslie and Brad Rainer and daughter Molly, and mother-in-law, Mamie Poole. Fred says that he just turned 21. (He also believes in the Tooth Fairy!)

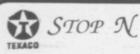
Fred special birthday treat. His lovely granddaughter Molly took him to the him to the Circus in Amarillo last weekend. Fred declined offers to ride the elephants, however, however, stating that he had been "throwed" from enough animal to know that it is allways a long way to the ground but that was just a little too much him. "I don't bounce as good as I used too!" he commented.

The Cross Of Our Lord, Jesus Christ Ministries is headed by Steve Thomas of Pampa. His new son-in-law, Jason Taylor of the Miami Dolphins, recently played a celebrity version of The Wheel of Fortune and named the Cross of The Lord, Jesus Christ Ministries as his favorite charity.

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ZACCHAEUS IS COMING TO YOUR TOWN

"Zacchaeus" and his wife, (Nick and Lucy Della Valle), have been walking across the country this summer, from Florida now on their return to California, sharing along the way, to whomever will ask, a presentation of the Biblical wee little man, and their personal testimony.

They plan to visit your area in the near days ahead. Do you have a church, class, organization, children's group, jail or hospital where

would I lke them to speak and share how God has given them a second chance for I life

and faith as He does for one and all?

You might have seen the LITTLE PEOPLE presented on Crystal Cathedral Ministries'

Hour of Power televised from Garden Grove. California last Spring. Their trek began April in St. Augustine, Florida and already, they have had many wonderful opportunities to

TROOPERS

29. At approximately 11:30 am they got off Interstate 40 and stopped near the former home of Dewy : Cave. investigation revealed that the man threatened his wife and mother with the

loaded gun he was carrying. The woman carrying. The woman ran to a nearby occupied home and placed a call to the emergency 911 system.

Troopers Gary Davis and Rusty Nesbitt were nearby and arrived at the scene before they had much information. They were not 100% sure that the car was the one that dispatch was asking them to investigate when they began to step from their patrol car. At that moment, the man pointed the weapon at them and then turned it on himself. Local EMS volunteers

were called to the scene, but the man was pronounced dead at the scene by a county justice of the peace. An autopsy was ordered and the event is investigation by under the Texas Rangers, which is standard operating procedure in cases such as this.

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TIGERS

passes for 65 yards and 3 touchdowns. He also earned 3 unassisted tackles and sacked the

Luke Pavlovsky also had a successful night as quarterback completing 100% of his throws. He earned 13 yards and a touchdown for Groom. Pavlovsky recovered a

fumble and had 5 unassisted tackles.

Clay Ritter lead the Tigers defensively with 11 unassisted tackles and a fumble recovery.
Ritter lead the receivers gaining 46 yards or completions for

touchdown.

Owen Weinheimer 13 yards and a touchdown as a receiver. He also completed 2 unassisted tackles.

Cody Babcock defensively completed 2 unassisted tackles.

Jeff Rios sacked the quarterback and had 1 nassisted tackle.

vill face week for Groom v Amhurst this will their opening home game.

*They are a very

"They are a very young team and have a new coach," stated Head Coach Larry Reid. "I don't know a lot about them but I expect that they will run basic plays and do more running than throwing."

Reid went on to say that they hope to try players

"This will be a good test for us... we need to end the week on a high

note because this next week is our open date." The pep rally will be held at about 2:50 in the high school gym. Kick-off time will be at 7:30.

Of all the needs a book has, the chief need is that it be readable.

-Anthony Trollope

FFA CHAPTER MEETING HELD

By Brett Britten The Groom FFA Chapter met at 7:55 a.m.,

Chapter me.
Thursday morning.
August 30.
Mrs. Burk sent hot
homemade sour dough
rolls for
Soft refreshments.
drinks, orange juice, and
milk were also served.
Cody Bivens was reelected as chapter

elected as chapter president. The other officers elected were as follows: vice-president, Wyatt Britten; secretary, Jessica Bates; treasurer, Brett Britten; sentinel, Trey Britten.

sentinel, Trey Britten.

The Chapter voted to host the FFA yearbook cookout again. It was also voted upon to again hold the meat and fruit sales as the chapter has done in the past. The Big Brother-Little Sister Halloween and Valentine celebrations were also railoween and valentine celebrations were also approved by the Chapter. The Chapter ended its business by voting to attend the Amarillo Farm Show again this year.

a Jackpot Livestock Show held at Bushland over the weekend. His animals placed 1st, 2nd, and 6th

Cody Bivens attended in their respective classes. He is a senior at Groom High School and a member of FFA.

Groom Tigers Football Varsity Schedule

<u>Date</u> 8-18 8-24	Opponent Follett (Scrimmage) Northside (Scrimmage)	Site Milami Samnorwood	Time 6 00 6 00
8-31	Higgins	Т	7:30
9-7	Amhurst	Н	7:30
9-14	Open		
9-21	Miiami	T	7:30
9-28	Ft. Elliott**	Н	7:30
10-5	McLean	T	7:30
10-12	Valley*	Н	7:00
10-19	Silverton*	T	7:00
10-26	Samnorwood	Н	7:00
11-2	Hedley *	Н	7:00
11-8	Нарру*	T	7:00
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Junior High Schodule

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Date	Opponent	Site	Time
9-20	Miami	Н	5:30
9-27	Ft Elliott	T	5:30
10-4	McLean	Н	5:30
10-11	Valley	T	5:30
10-18	Silverton	Н	5:30
10-25	Samnorwood	T	5:30
11-1	Hedley	T	5:30

2001-2002 Year Book Will Commemorate 100th Anniversary Of Founding Of Groom Schools... **Pictures Needed For Publication**

The Groom ISD Yearbook for 2001-2002 will be a tribute to the 100th birthday of Groom ISD. Sponsor Janetta
Lamb is asking for you
help to acquire old
pictures to use in the publication.

"We would like to put an old picture on every spread... such as on the girls basketball spread, have a picture depicting the old uniforms or a picture depicting old bathing suits on the "Summer Fun" layout,"

****** Groom Tiger Football Team

#30 Garrett Britten, Sr. #32 Luke Pavlovsky, Sr. #40 Hugh Weinheimer, Sr. #34 Trey Britten, Sr. #24 Cody Bivens, Sr. #50 Clay Ritter, Sr. #60 Wyatt Britten, Sr. #45 Cody Babcock, Jr. #42 Brett Britten, Jr. #10 Lance Ollinger, Jr. #21 Doug Fields, Jr. #21 Doug Fields, Jr.
#65 Owen Weinheimer, Soph. #55 William Leven Soph #11 Calvin Schaffer; Soph.

> #35 Clay Britten, Soph #85 Jeff Rios, Fresh

The old pictures will not be hurt in any way. If anyone has this type of pictures they contact Janetta Lamb the school office at 248-

she Also reminds everyone that there are a few 2000-2001 annuals left for sale. The cost is \$25.00.

Be sure to watch when this memorable keepsake edition is put on sale! It is sure to be one you will not want to miss

Will not want to Groom Jr. High Football

Team #10 Thane Barkley, 7th #11 James Reid, 7th #11 James 1. Moraniec, 6th #16 T.J. Moraniec, 6th
#20 Anthony Luna, 6th
#22 Kade Brown, 7th
#25 Chad Barkley, 6th
#30 Brian Newton, 7th
#33 Kelby Noack, 8th
#35 Blaine Britten, 7th
#40 David Thompson, 8th
#44 Brandon Jenkins, 8th
#45 Kendall Weller, 6th
#55 Joel Horn, 7th #55 Joel Horn, 7th #60 Tommy Head, 6th #65 Frank Leven, 8th





Senior Luke Pavlovsky



Senior Clay Ritter



Senior Wyatt Britten

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SPOTLIGHT ON SUPER FANS

The Groom Dairy Queen is only the best DQ in the state of Texas, according to Tigers and Fans. Serving delicious treats and eats, before and after game it's a great place to stop for a meal, a frosty treat or a great cup of coffee.

LAWS

also apply to the kinds of restraints required for children. All children under 4 or less than 36 inches tall must be restrained in an approved child seat. The old law required car seats for children under 2 years of age. Also there are specific recommendations for the types the types of seat

All children from age to 16 must use seat helt vehicle and all seatbelt laws apply to trucks, including one-ton pickups.

If you are planning of trying to flee or evade arrest in a motor vehicle the penalties have also stiffer. The first offense is not a state jail felony as opposed to a Class A misdemeanor. This bill also outlines provisions for the testing of suspects communicable diseases if an officer is exposed to bodily fluids

ring arrests. While the legal driving age remains 16, a graduated licensing bill will go into effect on January 1. This bill is bound to cause some confusion because only other person under 17 besides the driver will be allowed to be in the car at a time. The News will have more on this at a later time.

Criminal laws have also been modified. SB 1380 requires registered sex offenders to use their drivers license photo on the sex offender web-site and post card notification Criminal laws projects. Sex united to will also be required to professional licenses they currently hold or intend to seek and directs DPS forward that information licensing appropriate

sB 199 creates a state offense for possession of a firearm individual for under a protective order of convicted certain family violence offenses.

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The AquaJogger flotation belt at www.aquajogger.com. PETSMART at www.pets

McGraw-Hill Children's shing at www.mhkids

Quantum2 windows at www.quantum2.net. The STIHL* Timbersports* Series at www.stihlusa.com The Southern Pine Council at www.southernpine.com. Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast at www.breadworld.

during biennium.

Six of the 10 leading economic indicators are worse today than they were earlier this month.

Economic Indicators composite is negative," she

Three significant unemployment

Rylander Cuts Revenue Thursday, September 6, 2001-THE GROOM NEWS-Page 5 Estimate By \$18 Million

compensation, the Texas

Stock Index and the help

wanted index are all

significantly worse since

Biennial Revenue Estimate

gave the Legislature \$5.1

billion in new money to

spend in the 2002-03

biennium, \$2.9 billion of

which was surplus from the

current biennium. However,

the Legislature has already

dipped into that amount

when it passed the

supplemental appropriations

bill that earmarked \$361.2

million of the surplus to pay

for higher-than-expected

Medicaid and criminal

enact other changes in law

this session that could

further increase or decrease

"As I have said repeatedly,

I'm not going to overshoot

the runway," Rylander said.

"At the beginning of this

session. I said lawmakers

had tough choices to make.

Those tough choices are still

there. There is no Christmas

the available revenue

The Legislature could

justice costs.

In January, Rylander's

earlier this month

(AUSTIN) Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander reduced the amount of money the Legislature has available to spend in the 2002~-03 biennium by \$18 million because lawmakers were unwilling to clarify state tax

"The Legislature's failure to pass the tobacco products bill, which would have changed the way the state taxes smokeless tobacco, will cost the state another \$18 million in revenue over next biennium." Rylander said. "That is money that could have gone to pay for much-needed services in an already tight budget."

She also said she could not increase the estimate because franchise tax returns this past week were right on target and did not exceed the \$1 billion that was expected. As of Saturday, May 19, \$978.5 million had been reported.

"I applaud the accuracy of my revenue estimators, but there are no new dollars," Rylander said

The budget could have been even tighter. Rylander said, but the Legislature is expected to pass S.B. 1689, which clarified state law pertaining to franchise taxation and business loss carry-forward. Failure to pass the measure would have resulted in a \$300 million loss of revenue the 2002-03

"Most disturbing, today marks the first time in a decade that Texas Leading

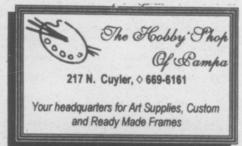
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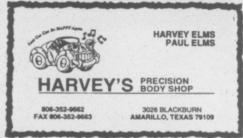
"I am pleased we were able to protect the Rainy Day Fund government needs to budget like any good Texas family spend wisely, invest wisely and save for a rainy day.

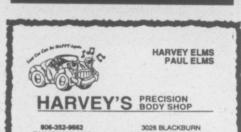
Now is the time to be fiscally responsible and build the Rainy Day Fund for a true rainy day,' she

said

Today, there is \$193.4 million in the Rainy Day Fund - only enough to run Texas government for about 23 hours. Texas ranks dead last among the 42 states that have a balance in their Rainy







Keeping an Eye on Texas

Protecting Precious Cargo

In 1999, 202 children from infants through age 14 were killed as a result of traffic collisions in Texas. Even though Texas has child occupant restraint laws protecting this age group, more than half of the children killed were riding unrestrained

Restraint Guidelines:

- Infants, until at least 1 year old and at least 20 pounds, should ride in rear facing child safety seats.
- · Children more than 1 year old and between 20 and 40 pounds should ride in forward-facing child safety se
- Children ages 4 to 8 and weighing about 40 to 80 pounds should ride in a car booster seat and be restrained with a lap/ shoulder belt
- · Children ages 12 and under should be restrained in a back seat

Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Compt



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Date: September 4, 2001

Notice of Intent to Apply for School Repair and Renovation Grant

dependent School District (Groom ISD) is in the process of applying for a School Repair and Renovation Grant available through the Texas Education Agency under the Public Law 106-554. This legislation provides for grants to local educational agencies to help them make urgently needed school repairs and renovations to school buildings. Texas has received approximately \$95 million in funding for activities specified in this legislation. This Request for Application (RFA) provides public school districts and open enrollment charter schools with an opportunity to apply for approximately \$70 million in funds on a competitive basis.

Groom ISD will use the requested funds to repair or renovate school buildings only (i.e., buildings that students and staff occupy). School repair and renovation will be limited to one or more of the following:

ation to campus facilities only to ensure the health and safety of students and staff, including

a) Repairing replacing, or installing roofs, electrical wiring, plumbing systems, or sewage systems;

b) Remaining

b) Repairing. replacing or installing heating, ventilation, or air conditioning systems (including insulation); and
c) Bringing public schools into compliance with fire and safety codes.

2) School facilities modifications necessary to render public school facilities accessible in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

3) School facilities modifications necessary to render public school facilities accessible in order to comply with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The authorizing statute for this application requires that Groom ISD provide for the opportunity for public comment prior to submitting its application for School Repair and Renovation grant

Groom ISD is hereby soliciting input from parents, educator, and all interested members of the community on the use of funds requested through this application. You may address your inquiries to:

Name

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evin.noack@region16.net

A.T.P.E. Responds To The Signing Of Bill 3343

House Bill 3343 is a historical first step toward providing ublic school educators with quality and affordable health insurance Through HB 3343 the state has committed more than a billion dollars to public school educator health insurance, and for that we are, thankful However, we understood going into the 77h legislative session that we might not get all that we asked for or needed. Yes, we would have much preferred a fully-funded package that included money, to offset the cost of dependent coverage, yet we know that creating programs of this magnitude takes time HB 3343 is a good start, and it is something to build on.

Preliminary numbers produced by the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) suggest that some school districts may face higher premiums under the state plan than they do under their existing plan. We wish that were not the case for any district or employee, but pubic school educators are not immune from the effects of a very volatile health

insurance market. We will be proactive in our approach toward finding solutions, and we will be diligent in our scrutiny program's implementation.

We are working with the TRS to examine its preliminary numbers and to gauge the impact of HB 3343 on school districts. However, the TRS is not the problem here, and we must remember that any numbers produced at this point are estimates until we know how many educators enroll in the plan.

We are working with our members and districtsthroughout the state assist with the implementation of the plan and to monitor the activities of health insurance companies doing business with our school districts. We are very concerned about reports we've received of districts facing exorbitant premium

increases this year and we intend to compile a list of these cases and turn it over to Governor Perry and the Commissioner of Insurance for investigation.

In the final analysis we must remember to look at the whole picture, and we must remember that, just as with many start-ups, the devil is in the details. We cannot know the final outcome until we know how

many participants will be in the plan.

Yet our ultimate goal has not changed -- we must have quality and affordable health insurance for our public school educators and their families, health insurance that will allow current educators to stay in schools, health insurance that will draw outstanding educators to our schools in the future



HEALTH INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW



Coaches, parents and players can take precautionary measures to prevent head injuries

Across the country, high schools and colleges are well into their fall football seasons. In addition to perfecting plays for each game, coaches and trainers should be taking extra precau-

tions to protect their players' heads.
The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) estimates that brain-related football injuries oc that brain-related football injuries oc-cur at a rate of one in every 3.5 games. Over 250,000 football play-ers, approximately 15 percent of the players, suffer a concussion each sea-son. In any given football season, 10 percent of all college players alone will sustain a head injury and 20 per-cent of high school players sustain cent of high school players sustain brain injuries.

"The problem with head injuries is

The problem with head injuries is that there are no definitive tests to administer when the brain is injured," said Joseph Maroon, MD, a Pittsburgh-based neurosurgeon who has worked with the Pittsburgh Steelers and has conducted extensive research or sourts related head injuries. search on sports-related head injuries.
"There are aptitude tests, but there's no 'normal' to test the athlete against." The decision on when, and if, a player is ready to return to play is difficult for even the most experienced conches and trainers. coaches and trainers

Concussions of Most Concern
"After a concussion, the most common spens-related head injury, the patient can have problems with amnesia, confusion and concentration," said Dr. Maroon. "The damage caused after one concussion is often reversible after an appropriate recovery time, but if a second injury is sustained before then, the damage can be devastating. The decision on when an athlete is ready to return to play isn't straightforward."

When someone suffers a concussion. at the moment of impact, the brain is rocked back and forth inside the skull. There is potential for tearing blood vessels and pulling nerve fibers. If the blow is severe, the resulting injuries can cause the brain to swell, blocking the flow of oxygen-carrying blood.



A player who has sustained a concussion is four to six times more likely cussion is four to six times more likely to sustain another one, and getting a second brain injury before the first one has had time to heal can prove to be fatal. Each player should receive baseline neurological testing before the season so that the results can be used for comparison in the event the athlete receives a blow to the head.

In a recent study, approximately 1,800 professional, 500 college and 800 high school athletes were tested in preseason. Sixty-five of those were retested after suffering a concussion.

"By having a baseline for each player at the beginning of the season, it provides a way to give coaches and athletes objective data of the player's head," Dr. Maroon said. "We use this system almost every game for the Steelers, and it is how we assessed Merill Hodge (former player with the Steelers and Chicago Bears) and recommended that he not return to play-

ing at all."

During the 1995 football season approximately 39 percent of high school players were injured and approximately 22 percent of those who are hospitalized were admitted with a head or are kinging. head or neck injury.

Parents and Coaches Beware

"Parents of high school or college athletes need to be aware of the potenattitude for permane it damage their children could suffer as a result of football-related head injuries," said Brian Andrews, MD, Chair of the Neurotrauma & Critical Care Section of the American Association of Neuro-logical Surgeons. "Every head injury should be taken seriously and it is important to understand that the damage done by multiple concussions can be cumulative."

An unsettling fact is that football players are not alone. Athletes in many sports and recreational activities including hockey, baseball, boxing, gymnastics, biking, skiing, snow-boarding and soccer, can all suffer from severe head injuries. Brain injury is the leading cause of sports and recreational-related deaths. Injuries associated with participation in sports and recreational activities account for 21 percent of all traumatic brain injuries among children in the United States. Most of these injuries involve concussions.

To avoid head injury, it is important to take note of the following preven-

· Players should always wear appro

Players should always wear appropriate safety gear when participating in sports and recreational activities.

Make sure the playing surface is conducive to safe play. The ground surface should be soft and free of debris, rocks, holes and ruts.

Parents should select leagues and

teams that have the same commitment to safety as they do. Make sure the team coach has had training in first aid and CPR.

For more information on sports related head injuries, v.sit the Web site of the American Associ-tion of Neurological Surgeons at www.aans.org.



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