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Ray Lott, Toby Burgin, Jus in Ritter, Brad Sustaire and Daniel Treadwell show their spirit and support for the Ettes.

May 4th Election Called To Fill 2 School Board and 3 City Council Slots

Monday, February 19th is the first day candidates for the City Council and School Board can file for a place on the ballot. Anyone interested in running for one of the positions has until March 20th to sign up.

On the Groom ISD School Board of Trustees, Tony Treadwell and Gary Davis' terms are coming to an end.

On the City Council Martin Hermesmeier,

Howard Britten and R.E. Cornett have terms that are expiring.

Write In Candidates have from March 21 until April 4 to declare their intentions.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin April 15 and continue through April 30.

The election is May 4. There is still time to register to vote if you recently turned 18 or are new to the precinct.

"Texas Tomorrow Fund" Now Available

Information on the new and exciting program, the Texas Tomorrow Fund, has been received at Groom ISD. The Texas Tomorrow Fund is the Texas prepaid higher education tuition program designed to help Texas families with the cost of providing their children with a college education. This program offers parents, grandparents, and others a way to purchase college credits for their children to use at Texas colleges and universities in the future. With this program,

participants "Lock in a price today to pay for tomorrow's tuition and required fees."

There is a limited enrollment period for the program each year, during which individuals may purchase prepaid tuition contracts under a lump sum option or an installment option. Initial enrollment in the program runs from January 2 through March 31, 1996. Purchasers will have until May 1, 1996, to make the first payment under the contract. it is

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JETS WILL compete at WTAMU on March 2.

FFA WILL SPONSOR Big Brother week, March 4-8.

Fire Precaution!

The Groom Fire Department requests that everyone use extra caution during these extremely dry conditions. They also ask to be called before control burns of any kind. Save taxpayer dollars by being extra careful when burning or welding.

GROOM ISD will have school on April 4th to make up for the lost day of January 18.

A Message To All Go-Cart, Scooter and 3-Wheeler Riders! It is illegal to ride off road vehicles in alleys, city streets or bar ditches. Consider this a warning from your friendly local law enforcement officers.

UIL COMPETITORS have meets scheduled for February 24 and March 2.

SPRING BREAK is March 11-15 for Groom School.

ATTENTION Pee Wee Coaches: Collect all T-Shirts after your last game and turn in to Marcia Conrad.

THERE WILL BE no school for Groom students Friday, Feb. 23.

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Tigers Face Higgins For Bi-District Tonight, Ettes Lose To Allison In Overtime Match

Groom Varsity Tigers will battle the Higgins Coyotes in the Bi-District play-offs tonight, Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Pampa High School gym. The boys end their district season with a 4-2 record. The Tigers placed 2nd in district after Shamrock.

Get out and support the Tigers tonight in Pampa.

"... The girls showed a lot of character and spirit..."

Randy Yelverton

The Groom Varsity girls ended their season Friday night with a disappointing loss to Allison. The girls played a much better game than what the score projected. The unfortunate part of it is that most of the Ettes top scoring players all had an off night and just could not seem to score.

"We just couldn't get a break when it came to scoring," stated Coach Randy Yelverton, "but I am so proud of the girls for hanging in there. They certainly showed a lot of character and spirit. We were down by 10 or 11 points a couple of different times, the girls never gave up. They kept their heads and played hard. It's just a

shame that they all were having an off night at the same time."

Kay Case, a senior, finished her high school career leading the scoring with 17 points. Jessica Friemel added 14, and Angie Conrad 8. Sandie Conrad and Sheridan Koetting also seniors ending

their high school careers, had 7 and 6, respectively.

Angie Conrad put up a 3 pointer, literally in the last second of the regular game. The crowd held their collective breaths as the ball arched up and swished the basket tying the game.

The Ettes pulled ahead for a moment early in the 5th quarter but lost possession after a free shot. The Ettes had to foul in an attempt to regain possession from a stalling Allison and gave up a few more points in the process.

Angie Conrad again pulled a 3-point shot out of her hat to bring the final score 56-52. That is as close as the Ettes would get to claiming the Bi-District Trophy.

"I know it's disappointing to our Seniors," said Yelverton, "We could play Allison 9 more times and beat them every time. When I think of how far



Senior Sandie Conrad takes aim for a free shot in the final game of her high school career.

these girls have come this year I am extremely proud of them. It takes time to learn a new system and establish a new program. We are currently setting a schedule for next year that will challenge our skills. There is good potential in the upcoming teams for next season. While we may not have the height we have had in past, I expect to see an increase in speed. There

is certainly plenty of talent to build on," he continued.

The Ettes end their 1996 season 25-5. They had a 1st place tournament win as well as a 3rd place trophy in another tourney. The Ettes were 6-0 in district.

"We have had a good season and I am truly looking forward to next year," stated Yelverton who is completing his first year in Groom.

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Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 22 - Mrs. M. B. Bolden, Chy Phillips.

February 23 - Gary Wayne Friemel, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby E. Pool (A).

February 24 - Louis Lee Barkley, Mrs. Kenneth Ray Burger, Robbie Ellington, LaDonna Walker.

February 25 - Mrs. N.B. Helton, Trevor Jordan Friemel.

February 26 - Katy Leann Britten.

February 27 - Tracy Jay Britten, Juandell Ritter, Mrs. Kenneth W. Babcock, Howard G. Britten, Clinton Wakefield.

February 28 - Matthew Keith Fields, Mrs. Harris E. Howard, Gary Don Davis.

School Lunch Menu

February 26 - March 1
 Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, blueberry muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, raisin cups, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Mexican pile on, cut corn, tortilla pieces, graham crackers, fruit cocktail, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk. Lunch: Charbroiled chopped steak, scalloped potatoes, pinto beans, pull apart bread, jello, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, bacon, gravy, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburgers, French fries, pork & beans, peach cobbler, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Fish, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, hot rolls, yummy oatmeal cookies, milk.

Jack and Billie Bivens attended funeral services for C.H. (Lockey) Jennings, father of their daughter Andrea's husband, in Emory, Texas.

Drew and Vanessa Hendricks of Germany were also able to attend.

OOPS!

We failed to identify Katrina Meaker in the basketball picture on the Sports Page last week... Sorry Katrina!

New Arrival

Jay and Melody Witt of McKinney are the proud parents of John Rowdy Witt born Tuesday, February 20th. He weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and is 21 inches long. He joins two sisters, Rheagan and Rachel Witt.

Grandparents are Helen Witt of Groom and Charles and Ann Ingram of Kingwood.

Jay says "His feet are huge, like mine."

Commodity Program
 Congress did not provide USDA with funds to purchase TEFAP, (Emergency Food Assistance Program) Commodity Program in 1996. The program had been in place for twelve years.

Carson County appreciates the volunteers who have helped with the program over the years.

More emphasis will be placed on local programs and the High Plains Food Bank according to a memo from Judge Roselius.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Truman Goodlett and M.L. Rowan at the rest home in McLean Sunday.

Rip and Joy Snyder attended funeral services in McLean Monday morning for Ray Fish, a long time friend of the Snyders.

Father Clifton Corcoran was in Groom on Monday. The staff at the paper enjoyed his visit.

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Beth Kuehler - Joe Winner Exchange Nuptials

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Beth Kuehler and Joe Winner were married September 2 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in San Antonio. The Rev. Tony Pesek officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Kuehler, Groom. Parents of the groom are Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Robert Winner of Warren Robins, Georgia.

The bride, ushered down the aisle by her father, was attired in a formal wedding gown of rayon brocade

fashioned by her aunt, Irene Lewis of Panhandle. The dress featured large puffed sleeves, accented with self fabric roses and her fitted bodice was outlined with pearl and sequined braid. The bride fashioned her own halo hair-piece which was adorned with cluster and tear drop pearls; she carried a handkerchief of the groom's grandmother and her mother's first communion rosary in her bouquet of roses, greenery and streamers.

Rose Schmitz, College Station, served her sister as Matron of Honor. Bridal attendants included Elaine Slansky, Edith Jackson and Barbara Vigil all of San Antonio; they carried bouquets of roses and red tiger lilies.

Best man was David Hidalgo of Uvalde. Groomsmen were Ed


Waller, Montgomery, Alabama; Scott Winner, brother of the groom, Macon, Georgia; and Richard Lee, San Antonio. Ushers were, brothers of the bride, Ron Kuehler and Nick Kuehler of Groom. Sarah Stockman, niece of the bride, Salina Kansas, lighted the candles.

Following the double ring ceremony, a reception and dance was held at Colony House, San Antonio.

The bride a 1987 graduate of WTSU, is an imaging specialist for Docucon of San Antonio. The groom holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Georgia College, Warren Robins, Georgia. He is a travel consultant with American Travel of San Antonio. The couple are at home at 10423 Rock Cove Lane, Converse, Texas.




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Letter To The Editor
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We already can call White Deer free because White Deer residents were progressive enough to vote Groom in as one of their exchanges.

Look at your phone bills last year and see what you spent. Think about the calls you would have made if they were free calls.

Our schools, city and county would save many dollars on phone calls. This would save on your taxes.

This would be an incentive for new business to locate in Groom.

Most of us have doctors, pharmacies and business in these exchanges. We have parents, children, grandchildren and friends in these exchanges. Think

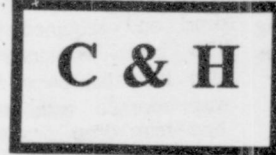
what a phone call would mean to your friend or to you if you were in the hospital.

If we vote these exchanges in, our opportunities would be far reaching.

For a maximum of \$3.50 a month you could save many times that amount on

taxes, cards, phone calls, peace of mind and also boost the future of Groom.

Margaret Crowell



Fund

anticipated that there will be a similar enrollment period each year.

To be eligible for the Texas Tomorrow Fund, the beneficiary must be 1) a Texas resident at the time of enrollment or 2) the nonresident child of a parent who is a Texas resident when that parent is the purchaser.

Each beneficiary must be younger than 18 years of

age. They must not have graduated from high school at the time the purchaser enters into the contract. Generally the beneficiary must be a resident of Texas for 12 months immediately preceding the date of enrollment in the program.

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Dear Fellow Constituents of the 100th Judicial District:

The 100th Judicial District is my home. It is where my wife and I raise our children. It is where I practice law. It is where my friends live. And, it is where my heart is. That is why I urge you to **VOTE** for **EARL GRIFFIN** for our **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**.

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I urge you to **VOTE** for **EARL GRIFFIN**.

Very sincerely yours,
James Shelton
James T. Shelton

Pol. Adv. Pd. by EARL GRIFFIN CAMPAIGN, Jeff Fleming, Treas., Box 730, Childress, TX 79201.

BASKETBALL 1995 - 1996

Jessica Friemel blocks a shot made by Allison at the Bi-District play-offs.

Good Luck Tigers!

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Carson County Dispatch And Jail Operations Moved To Third Floor Of Panhandle Courthouse

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By Loren Brand, Sheriff operations to the third floor Texas Commission on Jail Standards, but we believe it will also make our jail and

dispatch operations more efficient. The major change to the general public will be that the Carson County Courthouse will be locked after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and at all times on weekends and holidays. Because of our move to the third floor there will be no one manning our first floor offices after business hours. We will still be handling all calls to our office number, for the Panhandle Police Department after office hours and the 9-1-1 system.

Our office is currently working with the U.S. Secret Service on the investigation of counterfeit \$100 traveler's checks which were passed in Carson County. One check was passed in Groom and the other in Panhandle. We believe that there may be additional checks in the area that have not been returned yet. Anyone with information on these checks is asked to contact Sheriff Loren Brand or the United States Secret Service in Lubbock.

Deputy Larry Mendez

and Special Ranger Kelly Rushing of the Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association recovered 36 head of cattle stolen from White Deer within hours of the theft and had a suspect behind bars in Moore County. The suspect and cattle were located in Dumas with the assistance of the Moore County Sheriff's Department and the TSCRA Ranger for that area. The suspect is charged with a third degree felony for the theft. All cattle stolen were recovered by the owner and returned to White Deer.

The Sheriff's Office assisted the Panhandle Police Department with a two vehicle collision on U.S. 60 and at the scene of a possible drug overdose.

Our officers assisted medical personnel at the scene of three heart attacks Friday. One of the calls was in Gray County near

our county line where the Groom Ambulance Service was the first responder.

There were four stolen cars recovered in Carson County within a twenty-four hour time period last week. Seven persons were taken from these vehicles. Three suspects remain in custody in Carson County while they await extradition to New York to face charges of burglary and motor vehicle theft.

The Sheriff's Office dispatched the Panhandle Fire Department and our officers to a grass fire in the Webb Bragg Addition after a 9-1-1 caller reported that the fire was nearing her home. The fire was mostly under control by the time of our arrival thanks to some very helpful neighbors. Deputy Sheriff Jeff Oldham and Fire Chief Ricky Hamilton determined that the fire was caused by children playing with matches in the dry grass.

On Tuesday, February 6th, agents from the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force and the United States Marshal Service assisted by the Memphis Police Department began serving arrest warrants on individuals charged under sealed indictments.

These indictments and arrests were the result of an undercover narcotics investigation that began in June 1995, by the Task Force, at the request of 100th Judicial District Attorney Randall C. Sims.

This investigation was very successful. Drugs, including cocaine, marijuana, and crack cocaine were seized, as well as \$55,990 cash.

However, instead of receiving praise for his efforts, District Attorney Sims is now receiving criticism from many of the area sheriffs, for the timing of the raid and for not including Hall County Sheriff Garvin Speed in the investigation.

In my opinion, it should not have been necessary for District Attorney Sims to call in the Task Force. Garvin Speed has been involved in law enforcement in Hall County much longer than Randall Sims has been District Attorney. If Speed wanted to head up the investigation he should have called in the Task Force himself.

I believe that Sims deserves nothing but to be commended for his efforts in this investigation and raid. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly support his bid for reelection. He has proven he is willing and able to work with state and federal authorities for the good of this district, and I believe that is what this district needs.

Buddy Ford
Candidate for Sheriff
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ATTENTION

TO: THE VOTERS OF CARSON COUNTY AND 100TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

As the time for election of the district attorney draws near there are several questions that come to mind.

- 1: Is the candidate **QUALIFIED** to hold this office?
- 2: Does the candidate have any prosecution **EXPERIENCE**?
- 3: Will the candidate be committed to this job **FULL TIME**?

1: Only one of the candidates has ever worked in a District Attorney's office, that is **RANDALL SIMS**. In just one year, he has prosecuted more cases than his predecessors did in any one of the three previous years before he took office. He has reduced the backlog of cases by 43% and, yes, some of these cases were dismissed for lack of evidence or for other good reasons. If this were **not true**, they would not have been dismissed nor would the court have granted a dismissal.

2: Only one of the candidates has any prosecution experience. With more than 70 jury trials to his credit and a conviction rate of more than 90%. **RANDALL SIMS** has proven himself to be a competent and respected prosecution attorney. His opponent has **no** experience as a prosecution attorney!

3: Only one of the candidates will make this his full time job, **RANDALL SIMS**. HE has proven during the past year that he is committed to the job as a full time District Attorney, as he has worked many nights until 10:00 p.m. and later. His opponent has stated that he plans to continue his private law practice even if elected to this office.

THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ARE CLEAR, THE PEOPLE OF THE 100th JUDICIAL DISTRICT DESERVE A DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO IS QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED AND WILL DEVOTE HIS FULL TIME TO THE JOB HE IS ELECTED TO DO. THE PEOPLE OF THE 100th DISTRICT DESERVE **RANDALL SIMS!**

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Former Groom Teacher Passes Away In Panhandle

Alvis Oliver Dennington PANHANDLE - Alvis Oliver Dennington, 83, died Friday, February 16, 1996.

Services were in Fairview Church of Christ at Childress with Ernie Bishop of the Panhandle Church of Christ officiating. Burial

was in the Kirkland Cemetery at Kirkland by Johnson Funeral Home of Childress.

Mr. Dennington was born in Kirkland and had lived in Panhandle since 1968. He married Octie Cleo Pryor in 1934 at Childress. She died

in 1990. He was a teacher and school superintendent in Texas for 47 years. He and his wife Octie were teachers in Groom at one time. He retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel.

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Bi-District Champs: McLean Lady Tigers from left to right Tanna Shipman, Kristi Tidwell, Heather Hess, Shanna Dent, Sara Brown, Rachel Galley, Lori Hefley, Lorin Hall, Shaley Stalls, Bonnie Hauck, Jaylene Watkins (Manager) and Coach Cherry Eldredge.

Board Approves Retirement Plan, Accepts Resignation

The McLean School Board approved a buy-out which would encourage long-time teachers to take early retirement. The move came during a lengthy board meeting February 14. The plan would give a cash bonus to teachers over the age of 50 who have 20 years teaching experience and have spent at least five years teaching in the McLean school district. Superintendent John Griffin said that four teachers would be affected. "This gives these teachers an option," he said. "They are certainly not required to take advantage of it, but they can if they choose." Griffin explained that the move was adopted because long-time teachers draw a much higher salary than teachers with less experience. "In terms of dollars, we can almost pay the salaries of two first-year teachers for the salary of a teacher with 20 years experience," he said.

The board decided to try the program for a one-year trial period. Teachers have until March 31 to opt for the plan.

In other action, the board decided on a reduction in force, eliminating the position of counselor. Former high school principal Rick Reeser had held that position for the past year. During the lengthy executive session, the board also decided to renew head coach Jerry Miller's contract and high school principal Charles Callum's contract for one year each. Elementary principal Dick Crockett's contract was extended for one year. The vote was unanimous on these personnel matters.

A budget amendment to allow the expenditure of \$5,970 for technology was approved. The money was provided by the Texas Education Agency.

The board also officially called the trustee election for the first Saturday in May (May 4) for the purpose of electing two

trustees, each for a three year term. The terms of board president Jake Hess and Eugene Galley are expiring. Kathy Graham was appointed as election judge.

The board accepted two resignations. Coach Cherry Eldredge, the girls' basketball coach for the past four years, resigned. Also Brenda Jasper, a cook in the cafeteria, resigned.

Board members at the meeting were Eugene Galley, Bob Glass, Neal Odom, Billie Ward, and Jake Hess II. Also present were Superintendent John Griffin, elementary principal Dick Crockett, high school principal Charles Callum, counselor Rick Reeser, and secretary Pam Crockett. Board members John Holland and Jay Dee Fish were absent from the meeting.

Bi-District Champs Head For Area Play-offs

On Friday, February 16, the 5-1A District Champion Lady Tigers rolled into Clarendon to face the Hedley Owls for the Bi-District title. While the game was close early the Lady Tigers pulled away in the second half to claim a

50-36 victory and advance to the area round of the Class 1A girls play-offs. At the end of the first quarter the score was tied 8 to 8, but the Lady Tigers went ahead by six, 25-19 before the half. Going into the fourth quarter, McLean

had a comfortable lead of 15 points 41-26.

Shaley Stalls led McLean in scoring with 21 points followed by Heather Hess with 14. Others scoring

See Lady Tigers, pg. 9

Chamber To Sponsor Spring Rodeo Parade

The McLean Area Chamber of Commerce met on Thursday, February 8th. The following items were discussed and decided upon:

1) The Chamber will be joining the Texas Downtown Association for one year, which will give ideas and grant sources for revitalizing the McLean area.

2) Several Chamber members are considering attending a set of classes being offered through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and the Southwestern Public Service Company called Rural Economic Development Initiative. These classes instruct participants on how to find funds, tax advantages, etc. for revitalization of communities.

3) For a Spring/Summer economic development activity, the Chamber of Commerce voted to work in cooperation with the rodeo

planners to possibly have additional children's activities and/or help man the currently planned activities for the rodeo, which is planned for the weekend of June 15th.

4) The Chamber will sponsor the parade during the rodeo again this year. Chamber President Rick Reeser will be contacting antique car organizations about inviting them to have some of their cars in town for the parade. Car buffs, business owners, churches and other organizations desiring to have a float should contact Rick Reeser to sign up to be in the parade.

5) The Chamber felt that we, too, need a float for the parade, so a trailer and float will be sought and built as soon as possible. Anyone with ideas should contact one of the Chamber members.

Tigers Headed To Play-Offs

By Jonathan Galley & Mike Stone
MHS Tiger Rag Staff

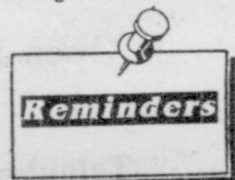
The McLean Tigers traveled to Miami last Tuesday February 13 where they eliminated Lefors 69-59 to win a spot in the Bi-District playoff. This was

the first time the Tigers have been in the playoffs. The Tigers travel to Memphis on Thursday, February 22 where they will play Silverton. The leading scorer for Tuesday night's game was Senior Jeremy Crutcher with 25 points,

followed closely behind by Senior Blake Crockett with 19 points. Other scorers were Senior Monty Joiner with 10 points, Senior Ben Reeser had 8 points, Senior Jonathan Galley had 4 points, and Senior Andy Glass had 3 points.



Mrs. Adams, is pleased to announce that 2 of her 3rd grade students, Skyler Ferguson & Zane Richardson have recently completed Touch Typing for Beginners. Skyler, who is the daughter of Ralph and Jerri Ferguson, finished the program typing twenty-six words per minute with ninety-five percent accuracy. Zane, who is the son of Bobby and Missy Richardson, wrapped up the program typing twenty-two words per minute with ninety-four percent accuracy.



McLEAN TIGERS will play Silverton in a Bi-District game Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 pm in Memphis.

THERE WILL BE a Pep Assembly at 3:10 pm on Thursday in the High School gym to cheer on the Tigers.

SPRING BREAK for McLean Schools will be March 4-8.

TAAS TEST will be given next week. Exit level is all 10th graders and 11th & 12th graders who have not passed each section. Tuesday, Feb. 27 - TAAS Writing 4th, 8th, Exit. Wednesday, Feb. 28 TAAS Math - Exit Thursday, Feb. 29 TAAS Reading - Exit

SHAMROCK'S March 15 & 16 St. Patrick's Day celebration will feature a reunion of former St. Patrick Day Queens. Call 306-256-2501 or 806-256-3181 for information.

Salute To A Lovely Lady

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residents.

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Briefs

Jodie Thomas had company over the weekend. Her son Buddy visited all day on Friday. Cathy and Lacy came on Friday evening and stayed until Saturday evening.

Former McLean Girl Accepted To West Point

Jamie Barker Honored
U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) has nominated Jamie Barker of Tascosa High School for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

"I am extremely proud to have the opportunity to nominate this fine young person who represents the best and the brightest students in Texas to be a future leader in our Army," Hutchison said in a news release.

Hutchison emphasized the competitive nature and the honor of such a nomination, saying that there was a pool of 600 applicants from which to choose.

"Each nominee can be proud that from among a very large and highly qualified pool of applicants, only a select few are fortunate enough to receive a nomination," she said.

The United States Military Academy recently notified Jamie that she had received an appointment, according to the release.

Jamie is the daughter of Jim and Susan Barker, Amarillo. They are all former residents of McLean. James and Pat Barker of McLean are Jamie's grandparents.

Gray County Sheriff's Report

Criminal mischief was reported by Ray Kirkland. On Thursday, February 15 an unknown person or persons forced open the back door of his residence.

Thank You Card

Please accept my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your prayers, get well cards, food, telephone calls and visits to the hospital and after returning home from my recent surgery. Everything each of you did to show your friendship is

greatly appreciated. My special thanks to Bob Sherrod, Jim Shaw, Sam Pakan and McLean Home Health Agency.

O.R. Blankenship



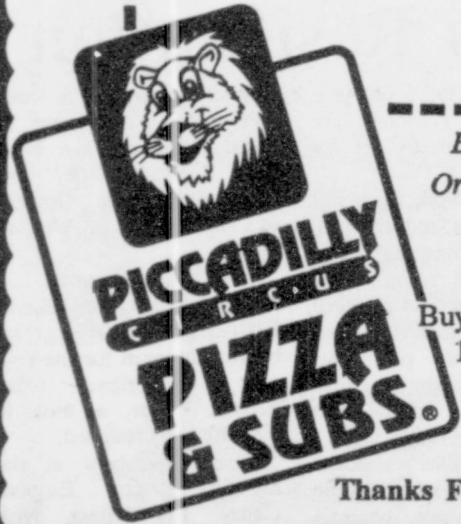
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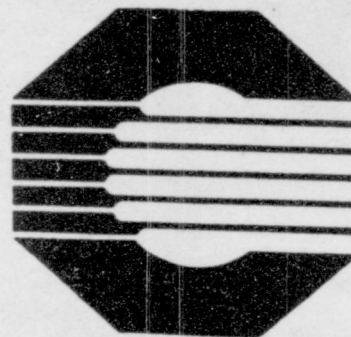
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City Council And School Board Candidates May Register For Place On Ballot

McLean will go to the polls on Saturday, May 4 to

elect three City Council members and two school board members.

Potential candidates for these offices may file for a place on the ballot until March 20 at 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at City Hall and McLean ISD business office.

City officials whose terms expire this year are Wayne Bybee, Mary Dwyer and Sid Lands. These offices are two year terms.

Other members of the City Council are Casper Smith, Gary Jackson and Mayor Sam Haynes.

School Board members

serve three year terms. Terms of Jake Hess and Eugene Galley expire this year. Other trustees are Neal Odom, Billie Ward, Jay Dee Fish, Bob Glass and John Holland.

Lady Tigers

were Rachel Galley with 11 and Kristi Tidwell with 2 McLean's record is 20-4.

McLean will now travel to Palo Duro High School in Amarillo on Tuesday night to play Nazareth.

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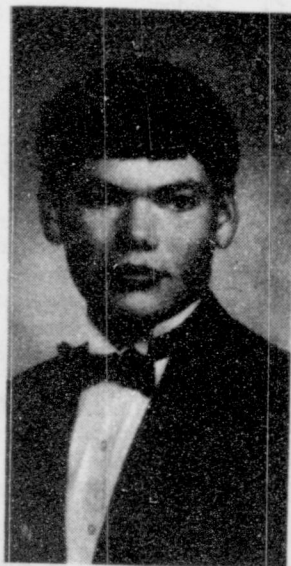
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Dickey Named All-American Student

Servistar/Coast to Coast has announced that McLean High School Senior John Dickey is the local winner for the All-American Vocational Students Awards program. More than 3000 local winners nationwide have been selected and will receive \$100 savings bonds.

The All-American Vocational Students Awards program recognizes students who achieve prescribed standards of excellence in vocational and academic skills and who exhibit leadership in their community.

Each local winner will now advance to the state judging level. One winner from each state will be selected to receive a \$500 savings bond and advance to the national level. The national winners will each receive \$1000 savings bonds, a trip to Baltimore,



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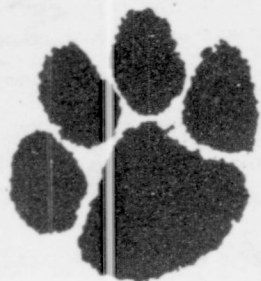
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Obituaries

Ray Fish, 74, died Saturday, February 17, 1996. Services were in the McLean Church of Christ with Pat Andrews, minister, officiating. Burial was in the Alanreed Cemetery by Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.

Mr. Fish was born in Temple, Oklahoma and was a lifelong resident of McLean. He was a veteran, serving in the Army Air

Corps during World War II. He was a rancher for several years in McLean. He was a member of the McLean Church of Christ.

Survivors include two brothers, Bob Fish of Alanreed and Noble Fish of McLean.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center in Amarillo.

Heydon Hensley
TEXHOMA - Heydon Hensley, 88, a former Texhoma resident, died Wednesday, February 14, 1996.

Services were in First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean by French Mortuary in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mr. Hensley was born in Hearne, Texas, and grew up in Groveton, Texas. He had worked in Groveton; Spearman; Farney and Memphis, Texas. He later moved to Texhoma, where he was president of First National Bank. He retired in 1975 after 50 years in the banking industry.

He was a board member and treasurer at First United Methodist Church and also was active on many civic boards in Texhoma. He moved to Albuquerque in 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Sybil Hensley; a son, Bill Hensley of Albuquerque; two brothers, Joseph Hensley of Dallas; and John Poe Hensley of Hearne; and three grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials in lieu of flowers be to First United Methodist Church; or the Texhoma Public Library.

McLean School Menu

February 26 - 29

Monday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, applesauce, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Stuffed baked potatoes w/ham and grated cheese, broccoli cuts w/cheese sauce, butter, sour cream, hot sliced bread, lime sherbet, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Cream beef, toast, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Sub sandwiches w/shaved ham, Swiss or American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle spear, chips, dip, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Brisket, pinto beans, cole slaw, potato salad, Texas toast, apple cobbler, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Scrambled eggs w/bacon, toast, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Fried chicken, Julianne potatoes, broccoli w/cheese sauce, fruit salad, brownies, milk.

Jasper Named DAR Citizen

McLean High School Senior Holly Jasper has been named the DAR Good Citizen from McLean for 1996, according to an announcement from the Daughters of American Revolution Chapter in Pampa. Miss Jasper, along with representatives from other area high schools, will be honored at a reception February 25th in the Lovett Library Auditorium in Pampa. All honorees will receive a pin and a certificate.

Miss Jasper the daughter of Rickie and Brenda Jasper was recently named Miss McLean and has had many academic honors awarded to her during her high school years. As a Senior, she was named as Most Likely to Succeed and Class Favorite. Holly is the editor of the McLean Yearbook staff and newspaper. She plans to go to college and major in Social Work.



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Political Calendar

The Groom News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on March 12. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till the final election in November.

Carson County Tax Assessor/Collector
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 Precinct 1
 Mike Britten

Carson County Sheriff
 Loren Brand

District Attorney
 100th Judicial District
 Randall C. Sims
 Earl Griffin

Gray County Constable

Precinct 4
 Johnny L. Belt
 Frank W. Sparling
 Doyle Lee
 W.H. "Bill" King

Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector
 Sammie Morris

Gray County Sheriff
 Don Copeland

Carson County Attorney
 Scott Sherwood

Public Notice

The City of McLean is accepting bids for Insurance Coverage commonly purchased by cities.

Specifications are available at the City Hall, 220 N. Main, McLean. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. March 13, 1996 and opened at the regular council meeting March 14, 1996.

Send sealed bids to: City of McLean, P.O. Box 9, McLean, Texas 79057.

The City of McLean reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

s/Sam Haynes Mayor

NOW TAKING applications for a full time custodian. Applications are available at the Groom ISD Business Office during regular working hours, or by mail, at Groom ISD Business Office, Box 598, Groom, Texas 79039 or you may call 248-7251 for more information. The deadline to apply is March 1, 1996. EOE.

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My opponent has never prosecuted and intends to continue operating his private practice, even if elected to serve you. My opponent's lack of experience as well as the other conflicts of interests and distractions a private practice bring, are all a step backwards for the people of this district. The splitting of time between these two jobs, as was done before I took office, contributed to the backlog of cases.

I will continue to work full-time for you as DA without a private practice and the problems created by being involved with both.

My opponent criticizes the excellent accomplishments we have made in just one year. Unfortunately, failure to tell the whole story has been common from my opponent's camp, and those misleading acts should not be rewarded with your vote, I will not participate in this conduct toward my opponent nor allow my supporters to do so.

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Thank You for the opportunity to do the job I love in this district.

I would ask for and appreciate your vote and support so I can continue the job you allowed me to begin.

Randall C. Sims
 District Attorney

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Randall Sims Campaign, Box 88, Wellington, TX 79095, Tim Lewellen Treas.

Public Notice


Pursuant to HB 2128, Section 3.455, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to provide interim number portability to holders of certificates of convenience and necessity, certificates of operating authority, and service provider certificates of operating authority. This filing has been assigned Docket No. 14940. Interim number portability is provided to allow customers to retain the use of their telephone number if they change their provider of local telephone service within the same exchange.

Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the commission by March 22, 1996. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

Aviso Público

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, según el HB 2128, Sección 3.455, han hecho una petición de tarifas con la Comisión de Servicio Público de Texas para proveer números portátiles provisionales a los que tengan certificados de necesidad y conveniencia, certificados de autoridad operacional y certificados de proveedores de servicio con autoridad operacional. A esa petición le ha sido asignadas el sumario de causa No. 14940. Estos números scan proveido para permitirles a esos clientes que lo deseen, retener el uso de su número de teléfono, en caso de que decidan cambiar su proveedor de servicio local telefónico dentro de la misma central telefónica.

Las personas que deseen hacer comentarios acerca de esta aplicación, deben notificar a la comisión antes del 22 de Marzo de 1996. Más información puede ser pedida por correo a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757 o usted puede llamar a la Oficina de Información al Público de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos, teléfono (512) 458-0256, or al numero (512) 458-0221 de la máquina de escribir telefónica para las personas sor-

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McLean Area Chamber Of Commerce To Build Float To Promote City

The McLean Area Chamber of Commerce has decided to build a parade float to use in local and area parades to help advertise the community of McLean and the businesses that are active in the Chamber. In light of this,

Mr. Jim Shaw kindly donated a trailer for the float. Mr. F.J. Hess towed the trailer into town where it is receiving some minor preparations prior to constructing a float on the trailer.

The Chamber has

tentative plans to allow each Chamber member to place an advertisement on the trailer on a 2'x 3' section of the skirt of the trailer. Members should start planning their ad, and will be responsible for making their own sign on their

space on the trailer. Sticky lettering or painted signs are recommended.

Donations of time or money are needed for the preparations and construction of the float, as well as ideas for the main part of the float that advertises the general community. Anyone who has ideas or a few minutes to help or wishes to make a donation to the cause should contact any Chamber member.




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A Thought To Ponder. DIARY OF AN UNBORN CHILD

OCTOBER 5—Today my life began. My parents do not know it yet, I am as small as a seed of an apple, but it is I already. And I am to be a girl. I shall have blond hair and blue eyes. Just about everything is settled though, even the fact that I shall love flowers.

OCTOBER 19—Some say that I am not a real person yet, that only my mother exists. But I am a real person, just as a small crumb of bread is yet truly bread. My mother is. And I am.

OCTOBER 23—My mouth is just beginning to open now. Just think, in a year or so I shall be laughing and later talking. I know what my first word will be: MAMA.

OCTOBER 25—My heart began to beat today all by itself. From now on it shall gently beat for the rest of my life without ever stopping to rest! And after many years it will tire. It will stop, and then I shall die.

NOVEMBER 2—I am growing a bit every day. My arms and legs are beginning to take shape. But I have to wait a long time yet before those little legs will raise me to my mother's arms, before these little arms will be able to gather flowers and embrace my father.

NOVEMBER 12—Tiny fingers are beginning to form on my hands. Funny how small they are! I'll be able to stroke my mother's hair with them.

NOVEMBER 20—It wasn't until today that the doctor told mom that I am living here under her heart. Oh, how happy she must be! Are you happy, mom?

NOVEMBER 25—My mom and dad are probably thinking about a name for me. But they don't even know that I am a little girl. I want to be called Kathy. I am getting so big already.

DECEMBER 10—My hair is growing. It is smooth and bright and shiny. I wonder what kind of hair mom has.

DECEMBER 13—I am just about able to see. It is dark around me. When mom brings me into the world it will be full of sunshine and flowers. But what I want more than anything is to see my mom. How do you look, mom?

DECEMBER 24—I wonder if mom hears the whispering of my heart? Some children come into the world a little sick. But my heart is strong and healthy. It beats so evenly: tup-tup, tup-tup. You'll have a healthy little daughter, mom!

DECEMBER 28—Today my mother killed me.

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ASSOCIATION HAVE CHOSEN TO ENDORSE
EARL GRIFFIN
FOR THE POSITION OF
100TH DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

It is not only fair to say that we support the Law Officers of the 100th District as our organization is only beginning, but we strongly urge The Citizens Of Carson, Childers, Collingsworth, Donley and Hall Counties to become involved in examining the race for the 100th District Attorney.

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