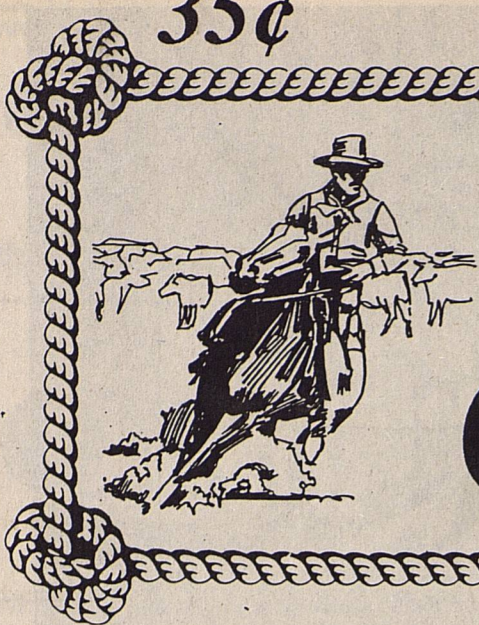


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Down Mexico Whey Byproduct of Lea County Dairy and Cheese Industries is Creating Economic Ripples There as Separate, Secondary Industry.

(Editors Note: material for this article was generously furnished to us by W. H. 'Hop' Graham of the LOVINGTON LEADER.)

Southwest Dried Products, Inc., owner-operator of the whey plant in Lovington next door to the Lea County Cheese factory, has grown to the point of becoming an exporter of dried whey, a byproduct from the cheese making process.

Southwest shipped its first truck load of whey protein concentrate (WPC) to Mexico City last week, where their customer, Nutrical, will use the WPC to blend with other ingredients in bakery goods.

David Nielsen Jr., President of Southwest, says Nutrical is a large company doing business on an international scale as well as in its domestic markets. He said the export of WPC could become a major part of their business.

The Mexican Customer has the potential to take about half the Lovington plant's production, or some four 45,000 pound truck loads per month. The flour-like dried whey is put into 50 pound bags, stacked on pallets, and loaded into trucks at Southwest's dock.

Nielsen says Southwest's nearness to the Mexican border is probably the reason they got the export business.

The breakthrough in the Mexican market comes at a time when the economy of the U.S. neighbor is struggling, and their currency value has been falling, making it difficult for Mexican firms to buy U.S. goods. The peso is now trading at about 7 to 1 U.S. Dollar, down from 3 to 1 just a year ago. Nielsen says he does not know if the highly publicized NAFTA agreement between the two countries should get any credit for the deal or not.

There was a bit of hassle at the border with the first shipment. The American truck could only hold 42,000 pounds of WPC, but paperwork on the shipment called for 45,000 pounds. The problem was resolved, and future shipments are expected to go smoothly.

Southwest had earlier agreed to take all the whey byproduct produced by Lea County Cheese, which has been growing much



Loading WPC On Pallets Bound For Mexico

faster than the Niensens product stream has been had expected, now processing going into the cattle feed- well over a million pounds of milk a day.

Part of Southwest's

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Final Plans for Chamber Banquet Set

Plans for the Annual Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet are nearing the completion stage. The last hurdle, securing a guest speaker, was cleared earlier this week when Glenda F. Miller of Richardson accepted the Chamber's invitation to speak.

Glenda is a 1971 graduate of PHS, and a 1974 graduate of Baylor University. She also earned her law degree there in 1977.

She currently practices civil law, and serves as corporate legal counsel for a major Texas insurance company.

She has traveled extensively, including two trips to western Russia and a trip on the Trans-Siberian Railway to the Russian far east. She has visited the flea markets of Paris, the Grand Bazaar

of Istanbul, the four corner area of the United States, and many other worldwide destinations.

Glenda is an experienced and active stock and bond investor, and a long time observer of politics, economics and communication modes and trends. She promises to deliver an entertaining and motivational address.

The banquet is scheduled for January 25 in the school cafeteria at 7 PM. All attending adults and families are asked to bring a large salad or casserole dish of their choice, and the Chamber will furnish baked ham.

Residents are urged to submit their nominee for the Outstanding Citizen of the Year, to be announced at the banquet. Deadline for nominations is Monday, January 22.

County JP Court

The following is a summary of cases heard in County Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

- 4 felony cases
- 4 minors in possession of alcohol cases
- 1 public intoxication case
- 4 waivers of extradition Bonds Set:

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94 traffic cases

Annual Cycles Of Ag Production Moving Again

Lack Of Adequate Moisture Hindering Ground Preparation

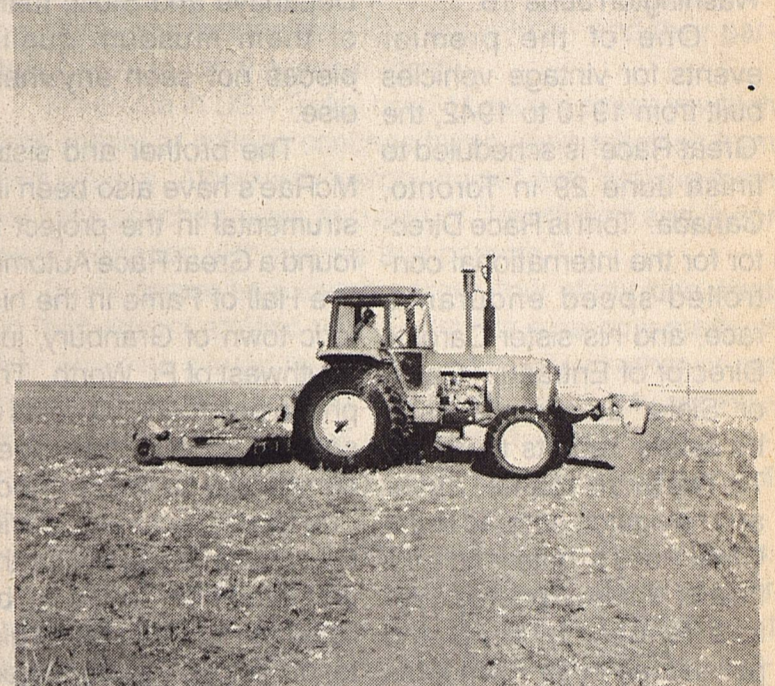
Farm tractors are moving again, and where there is water, irrigation systems are pumping into the dry county soil, the initial steps underway preparing for another years production.

By press time, the last bale of cotton will be ginned at New Tex, ending a better year of production than expected at the start of the season.

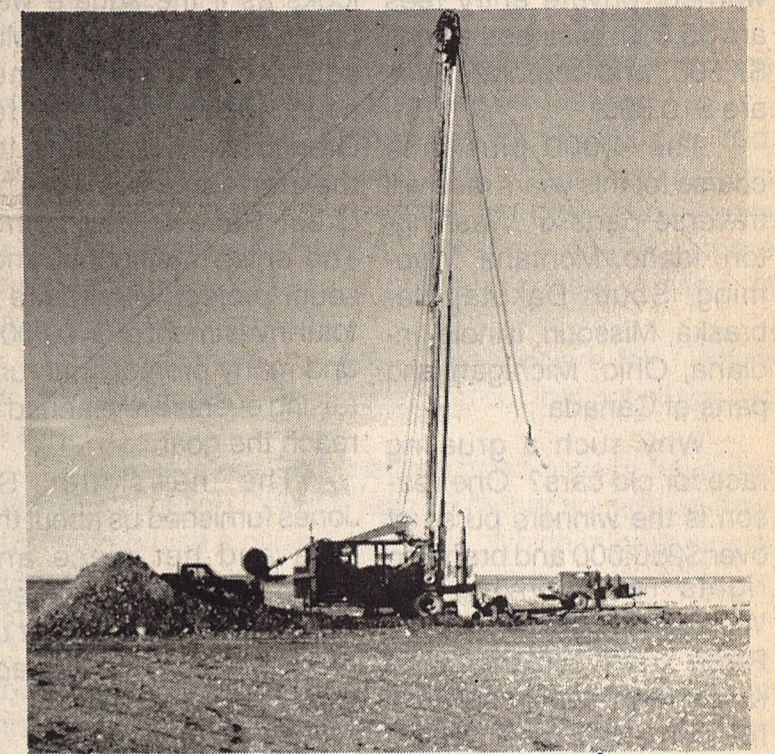
A drive around the county will reveal an agricultural scene a former resident of 15 or 20 years ago would not recognize today. Irrigation wells and pivot systems where none existed before, huge, powerful tractors and modern, efficient tillage equipment, and a diversity of commodity crops vying with cotton and milo, still the chief cash crops in Yoakum County.

Most irrigating producers are watering land for better tillage operations. Dryland farmers are still looking at the sky and long range weather forecasts, hoping, praying for badly needed, long overdue area wide rains.

Eternal optimists, farmers are thinking, if not saying, "Last year wasn't so bad, but this year's going to be lots better". We should be grateful for this attitude.



Shredding cotton stalks, preparing for primary tillage



New irrigation well being drilled near State Line

Brief County Court Session Held

A reconvened session of County Commissioners Court was held Friday, January 12. County bills and part time employees salaries were approved for payment.

The Court delayed advertising for bids on employee health insurance pending receiving information from the Texas Association of Counties concerning various insurance plans and coverage.

Court members will attend a three day conferece of the the B.G. Young Institute of County Governments at Texas A & M University next week.

The next Commissioners Court is scheduled for Monday, January 22.

Outstanding Citizen

My nominee to receive the 1995
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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

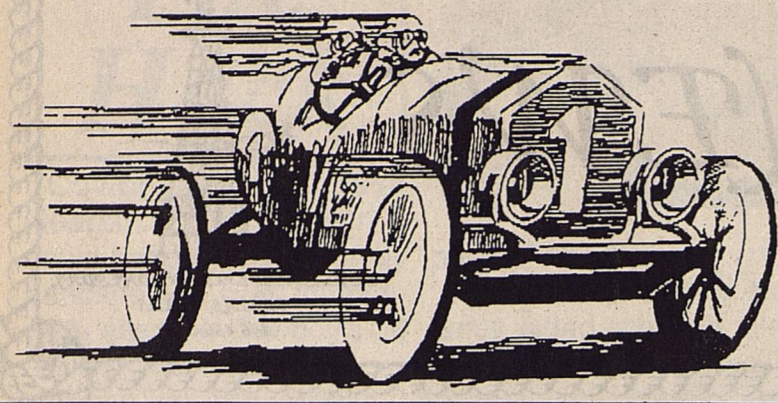
is

I believe that he or she should be
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Please Nominate The Citizen Of Your Choice

The Great North American Race



Tom and Carol McRae, nephew and niece of local Sit Jones, and former graduates of Plains High, are scrambling with all the detailed planning going into the running of the '1996 Great North American Race', scheduled to chug off from Seattle, Washington June 16.

One of the premier events for vintage vehicles built from 1910 to 1942, the 'Great Race' is scheduled to finish June 29 in Toronto, Canada. Tom is Race Director for the international controlled-speed endurance race, and his sister Carol is Director of Entrants. Carol, or 'Sister' as she prefers to be called, reports there are 75 two man teams, driver and navigator, entered in the Great Race to date, and a full field of 110 is expected. Before readers tune up and polish their 1939 Plymouths to enter the event, be fore warned; private entry fees are \$5,000, business entries \$7,500, and corporate fees are \$10,000.

The 4,000 plus mile course for this years race will traverse parts of Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and parts of Canada.

Why such a grueling race for old cars? One reason is the winners purse of over \$250,000 and bragging rights for surviving the World's Greatest Old Car Race. Drivers this year range from a plumber to a former NASCAR team owner. Vehicles in past races have ranged in age

from a 1902 Mors to a 1942 Buick, and in size from a 1936 Harley Davidson motorcycle to a 1938 truck tractor. Vehicles from all over the world have appeared in the endurance contest, with historical names such as Marmon, Mercer, Talbot, DeLahaye and Stotz, many of them museum quality pieces not seen anywhere else.

The brother and sister McRae's have also been instrumental in the project to found a Great Race Automotive Hall of Fame in the historic town of Granbury, just southwest of Ft. Worth. The phase one founding costs of some \$85,000 has been committed to the project. The town's picturesque Victorian town square was the first place in Texas to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Director Tom McRae said, "It looks as if the square was built for the Great Race Museum, or maybe the museum was created just for Granbury. Either way, it's the perfect place for the Great Race to call home. The entire multiphase museum project will require a total investment of \$400,000, and many promotional fund raising events are planned to reach the goal.

The newsletter Sit Jones furnished us about the race and her niece and nephew featured an interesting Biblical proverb; "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Hebrews 12: 1



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Final Rites For Frances Farnham

Frances M. Farnham, 56, of Plains, died January 14, 1996 in Lubbock, TX after a lengthy illness.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, January 17, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. in the Plains Cemetery with the Rev. Rick Doyle officiating, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Plains. Services will be under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Mrs. Farnham was born September 13, 1939 in O'Donnell, TX. She had been a resident of Plains for 23 years and was a homemaker. Mrs. Farnham was a member of the United Methodist Church in Plains and a member of the Plains Fire Dept. Mrs. Farnham was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Shumake and one sister, Hazel Moore.

Survivors include one son, Eugene Farnham, Jr. of Lincoln, Nebraska; three daughters, Donna Diamond of Plains, Shelly Renegal of Post, and Marsha Hernandez of Big Springs; three brothers, Raymond Shumake of Seagraves, John Shumake of Midland, and George Shumake III of Wichita Falls; one sister, Leona Siebe of Fairbury, Nebraska; and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Darrell Sellers, Robert Wauson, James Wright, Valentin Luna, Chow Jimenez, and Rolan Taylor.

Memorial Donations may be made to Hospice of Denver City.



This cotton seed barn at New Tex Gin went beyond the 'bulging at the seams' stage. The seed, blown out the end of the large storage barn, will be transported to an oil mill in Lubbock. The over crowded barn is indicative of the large amount of 1995 cotton ginned at the facility.

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ing market in liquid form. The concentrated protein makes an excellent portion of cattle diet, but the whey is more valuable in dried form when it can be used for human consumption.

The Southwest plant is approved by the USDA for making human food, which was a factor in landing the Mexican business. Lab personnel regularly check the products for Ph, Protein content, bacteria and salmonella.

Southwest is currently producing about 1,500 pounds of protein concentrate per hour.

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- 2-Unauthorised use of motor vehicle, \$15,000 bond
- 2-Burglary of building, \$15,000 bond
- 2-Fugitive from justice - Kentucky, \$20,000 bond
- Driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense, \$1,500 bond
- 2-DPS warrant - Speeding, \$200 bond
- DPS Warrant - violate promise to appear, \$200 bond
- Expired license plates, \$200 bond
- DPS Warrant - failure to appear, \$400 bond
- Driving while license suspended, \$500 bond
- 2-Fugitive from justice warrant, Wyoming, hold until transported
- Terroristic threat, \$7,500 bond
- Motion to revoke probation, hold until hearing

PISD Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Plains Independent School District met in regular session the evening of January 11. All seven Board members were present. Also attending were Superintendent Pete Simmons, Principals Steve O'Quinn, Ronnie Watkins and Joel Haragan, and Counselor Arlon Alexander.

Minutes of the December 11 meeting were approved, and all monthly bills were approved for payment. A financial report was given by Mr. Simmons, and administrative reports were presented by the School Principals and Counselor. Mr. Simmons also gave a Superintendent report.

Following a two hour executive session, the board reconvened, and unanimously accepted the resignation of Tess Webb. The board also approved the request for maternity leave from Mrs. Sue Banfield.

Stanley Ashburn moved to extend the Superintendents contract, and Danny Bell seconded the motion. The motion failed, members Tim Addison, Dwayne Canada, Anna Gonzalez, Brad Palmer and Randy Tuggle voting against the motion.

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P.I.S.D. Basketball

Varsity Cowgirls:

The Cowgirls took on a tough Whiteface Lady Antelope team January 9, and came up short on the scoreboard 59-40. Kyley Bearden had three assists, and Kayla Redman led the rebounding with nine. Tessa St. Romain was top point producer with 12, followed by Shyloh Winn with 11, Redman 9, Lindsey Six 5, and Sandi Warren 3.

The Cowgirls played their second district game January 12, and edged the O'Donnell Lady Eagles 44-42. Bearden handed out 4 assists, and Warren had 8 rebounds. Bearden contributed 12 points, Warren had 9, Redman 7, Robin Squyres 6, St. Romain 5, Winn and Kassie Lowe 2, and Six 1. The girls are 1-1 in district play, and their season record is 13-8.

Varsity Cowboys:

The Cowboys opened district play with a convincing 65-57 win over the Whiteface Antelopes. Ralph Ramirez and Johnny Davis pulled down 9 rebounds each. Tanner Blount led the scoring with 18 points, Chase Clanahan had 16, Kirk Parrish 12, Ramirez 9, Eric Estrada and Davis 4, Jamie Caballero 2.

The Cowboys advanced to 2-0 in district play with an easy win 73-36 over O'Donnell on Jan. 12. Parrish had 13 rebounds, Blount and Clanahan produced 3 assists each. Non starting Cowboys produced 26 points from the bench. Ramirez had 17 points, followed by Blount 15, Clanahan 11, Parrish 9, Estrada 8, Caballero 6, Davis 4, and Shawn Cullins 3. The Cowboy's season record is 12-6.

Cowgirls JV:

The younger Cowgirls found the going very tough against Whiteface last week, downed convincingly 74-18. Only five of the girls made the scoring column, led by Wendy Beckham with 7 points, Cece Moreno 6, Lisa Parrish 3, Mary Morales and Marcy House 1 each.

The JV girls had a much more pleasant outing against the visiting O'Donnell girls, winning a close one, 26-22. Jolyne Burgess

topped the scoring with 10 points, Beckham had 5, Maranda Box and Parrish 4 each, Tandi Jones 2, and Moreno 1. Coach Home said the girls moved the ball well on offense, with the guards effectively getting the ball inside. Burgess' drove the basket well and played tough under the basket.

Cowboy JV:

The JV boys handed the Whiteface Antelopes a 64-54 loss last Tuesday, extending their record to 10-3 for the year. David Flores contributed 18 points, Jason Redman had 10, Allen Ward 9, Travis Bennett and Adam Dominguez 8 each, Jonah Moreno 6, and Yancey House 5.

They next faced the O'Donnell JV, played well, but went down 63-57. Redman and Abraham Garcia had 12 points each, Dominguez had 11, Matt Morgan 10, House 8, Ward and Flores 2 each.

8th Wranglers:

The young Wranglers had less than a fun filled outing against Whiteface last week, getting bombed 75-17. Alex Tarango had 7 points, Kyle Sission had 4, Jeremy Morphis 3, and Justin Bennett, Keith Jackson and Rustin Knight had 1 each.

7th Wranglers:

The younger Wranglers did better against Whiteface, but lost the close contest 30-28. Kelsey Blundell had 8 points, Adam Garcia 7, Dustin Six 6, Eddy Gallegos 3, Aaron Cain and Brett Squyres 2 each. Their record is now 2-3 for the season.

7th Girl Wranglers:

The 7th grade girls continued the trend of losses to Whiteface, going down for a 34-19 count. Tanya Vasquez managed 8 points, Kimbe Jones had 5, Amanda Garcia, Frances Cordova and Michaela Traweek had 2 each.

8th Girl Wranglers:

Another Whiteface proved too tough for the 8th grade girls, handing them a 37-17 loss. Shay Allsup, Anne Palmer and Rebecca Robertson managed 4 points each, Kelli Osborn 3, and Stacy Tuggle had 2 points.

Plains Junior Tournament January 18 & 20, 1996

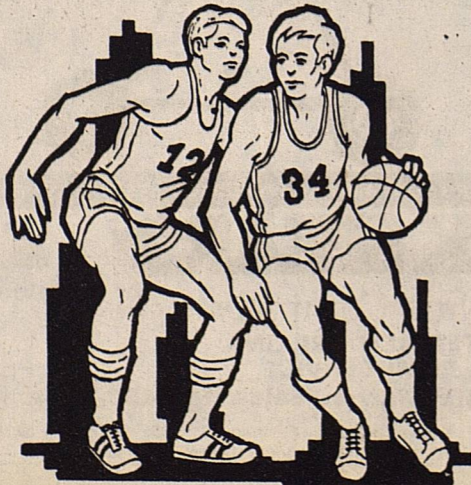
All Girls games will be played in the Girls Gym.
All Boys games will be played in the Boys Gym.
The first team listed is the Home team and will wear light color.

Thursday, January 18

Girls: 4:00 Plains 7 vs Brownfield 7 5:00 Plains 8 vs Brownfield 8 6:00 Seagraves 7 vs Morton 7 7:00 Seagraves 8 vs Morton 8	Boys: Seagraves 7 vs Morton 7 Seagraves 8 vs Morton 8 Plains 7A vs Plains 7B Plains A vs Plains 8B
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Saturday, January 20

Girls: 9:00 Morton 7 vs Plains 7 10:15 Morton 8 vs Plains 8 11:30 Brownfield 7 vs Seagraves 7 12:45 Brownfield 8 vs Seagraves 8 2:00 Brownfield 7 vs Morton 7 3:15 Brownfield 8 vs Morton 8 4:30 Plains 7 vs Seagraves 7 5:45 Plains 8 vs Seagraves 8	Boys: Morton 7 vs Plains 7A Morton 8 vs Plains 8A Plains 7B vs Seagraves 7 Plains 8B vs Seagraves 8 Plains 7B vs Morton 7 Plains 8B vs Morton 8 Plains 7A vs Seagraves 7 Plains 8A vs Seagraves 8
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P.I.S.D. Honor Roll

Elementary

First Grade - All A's

Scott Addison
Landon Craft
Meghan Garcia
Kimberly Jackson
Angelica Mendoza
Araceli Mendoza
Adrianna Ponce
Lupita Quintana
D.J. Robertson

A's - 1 B

Nicole Culwell
Alice Curtis
Jose Luis Gallegos
Mikayla Gomez
Callie Howell
Challie Johnson
Erika Loewen
Lisa Nuefeld

Second Grade - All A's

Mayra Baca
Olivia Barrientez
Josey Cordova
T.J. Cordova
Michael Crump
Casson Curtis
Allison Friesen
Benjamin Hays
Rose Henderson
Skylar Keesee

A's - 1 B

B.J. Léster
Nicole Loya
Adam McCravey
Mark Morgan
Blake O'Quinn
Blake Parrish
Abel Ramos
Todd Williams
Katie Oswald

A's - 1 B

Perla Acosta
Amanda Gomez
Leo Johnson
Alisha Wauson

Third Grade - All A's

Evan Cain
Lela Coronado
Aldo Fierro
Cody Flores
Breck Hamm
Brandon Hise
Brant Huerta
Daniela Lazos
Kristian Morales
Kerry Sisson

A's - 1 B

Amy Brindle
Marlie Diaz
Mayra Flores
Kelby Johnson
Fourth Grade - All A's
David Funk
Tony Gomez
Tausha Johnson
Austin Keesee
Trent May
Grady McNabb
Nolan Newsom
Moriah Traweek

Jr. High

Fifth Grade - All A's
Chisum Deaton
Sandra Gallegos
Jill Gray
Kayla Willis
Elizabeth Wilmeth

A's - 1 B

Krystal Gonzalez
Ryan Swann
Sixth Grade - All A's
Nathan Hays
Ky May
Annaliesa O'Quinn
Scott Tirrell

A's - 1 B

Tanner Hamm
Seventh Grade - All A's
Emily Blair
Kelsey Blundell

Aaron Cain
Lensey Cullins
Chris Estrada
Ashlei Mason
Lexi Warren

A's - 1 B

Joel Gallegos
Kari Guetersloh
Kimbe Jones
Adrienne Ramoz
Lesli Rowe
Elva Ruiz

Eighth Grade - All A's

Velvet Canada
Leticia Canon
Christopher Cleveland
Jessica Flores
Kristen Gray
Wendy Hernandez
Fermin Luna
Kelton Mason
Laura Morales
Anne Palmer
Patty Ruiz
Jason Swann
Staci Tuggle

A's - 1 B

Joshua Bell
Krystle Blundell
Candace Bowers
Nichole Newsom
Kelli Osborn
Kyle Sisson

A's - 1 B

High School
Ninth Grade - All A's
Maranda Box
Clint Burrus
Kelli Osborn
Lisa Parrish

A's - 1 B

Dustin Brunson
Matt Morgan
Tenth Grade - All A's
Vicki Bayer
Heath Bowlin
Shawna Box
Yvonne Gonzales
Summer Howard
Lindsey Six
Gideon Traweek
Sandi Warren

A's - 1 B

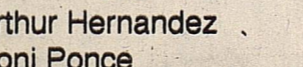
Eleventh Grade - All A's
Sonia Avila
Kyley Bearden
Yancey House
Jacob Lester
Mary Morales
Robin Squyres

A's - 1 B

Arthur Hernandez
Roni Ponce
Tessa St. Romain
Twelfth Grade - All A's
Valerie Blair
Jeremy Dearing
Steve Vasquez

A's - 1 B

Stephanie Aguilar
Kelly McGinty
Maria Moreno
Josh Traweek



Late Release - Freshmen Boys:

The Plains Freshman Boys' basketball team beat the O'Donnell Freshman 47-23 Friday night. Scoring for the Cowboys were: Matt Morgan 14, Mike Bell 11, Jesus Gandara 10, Dustin Brunson 5, Clint Burrus 4, and Cosme Casillas 3.

So What If It's Not Fair? Many of life's best lessons are taught through situations that are less than exemplary

(Editors note: The following article has appeared in a number of coaching news letters, including publications in Texas, Wisconsin and Oklahoma. The author is unknown.)

In Wisconsin, a high school girls basketball coach announced that he was quitting his job at the end of the season. He had guided his team to two state championships, but parents complained that he made some players cry.

In Virginia, another basketball coach is starting over. Shortly after she coached her girls team to the state championship, she was relieved of her duties because players - and their parents - complained she was "verbally abusive."

According to the unhappy player, "A sport...should be fun and coaches shouldn't interfere and make life miserable." With increased frequency the players - and their parents - want to run the locker room.

An article in USA Today cited 11 recent cases in which high school or college coaches faced open rebellion from their players. Along with "verbal abuse" and "making them cry," the coaches were accused of "favoritism" and "poor communication with players and parents."

In my career as a sports parent, four of my kids were on high school athletic teams. I'm not sure how many of their coaches played favorites. I can't say whether or not they had poor relationships with their players. My communication with their coaches was pretty much limited to trying to find out what time they thought practice might end, if ever.

Which doesn't mean I wasn't interested in my kids' athletics. I went to every one of their games and plenty of their practices. I sat in rainstorms and watched them roll around on muddy football fields. I stood at the edge of lumpy soccer fields and watched them kick each other in the shins. I drove through hail to find basketball courts that had no heat or zip codes.

Just about the only place I never went was into the coach's office to fight my kids battles for them.

Not because I didn't care about my kids. But because I did. My feeling was that there comes a time when parents have to let their kids learn about life. And high school sports is a great time to start. High school sports does a lot more than teach kids how to pass, punt and dribble. It has a lot of other valuable lessons.

It teaches them that not all coaches are fair. Which might ease the shock when they find out that not all bosses are fair.

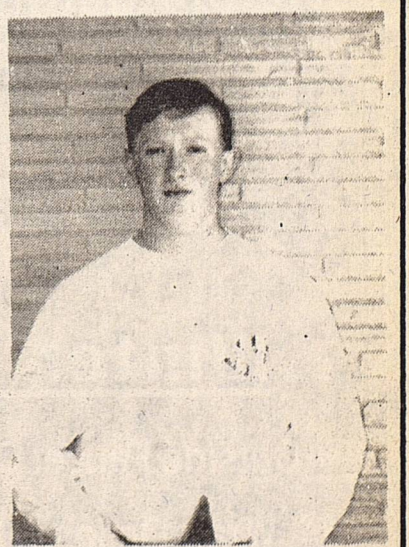
It teaches them that coaches don't always have the time, or inclination to worry about whether something they say might bruise a player's feelings. Which might prepare them for a world that does not always have the time, or inclination, to worry about bruising their feelings.

It teaches them that, no matter how wonderful mommy and daddy have told them they are, there are plenty of other kids just as wonderful. Which might make it easier for their egos to handle the blow on the inevitable day they discover that mommy and daddy were wrong and they are not the center of the universe, after all.

Some parents feel high school sports is too early for their kids to learn lessons like those.

I think it's almost too late.

Student of the Week



Luke Smith was nominated by Mrs. Pettigrew to be this week's Student of the week at Plains High School.

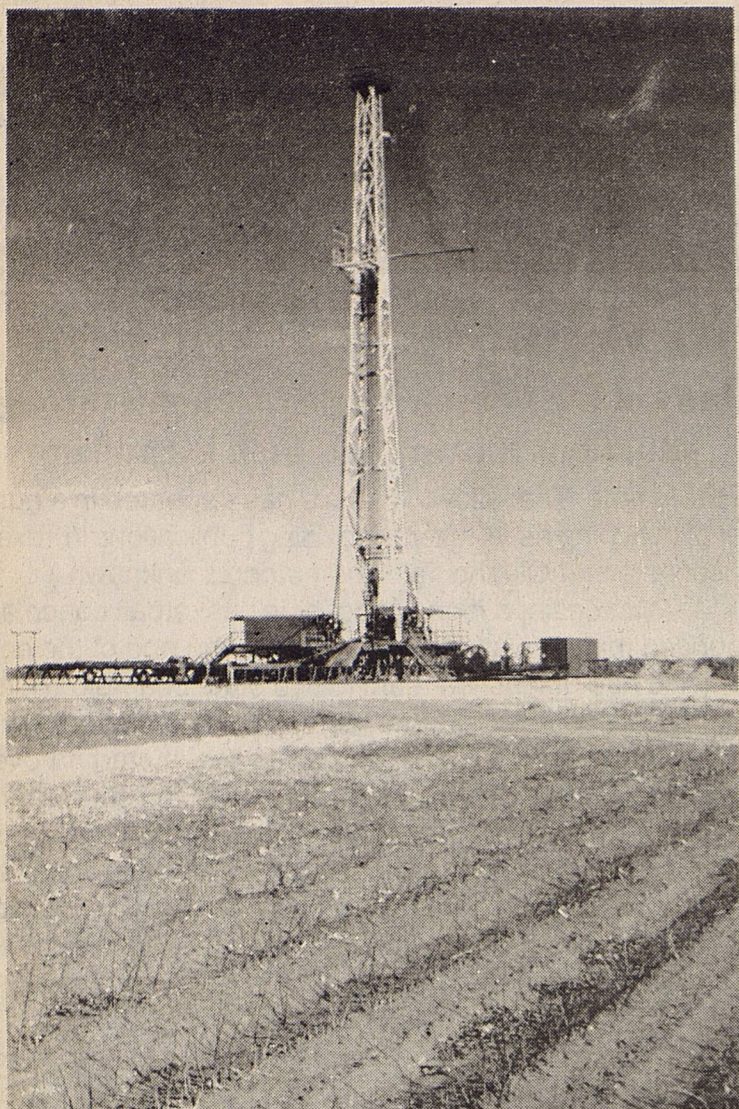
Luke is a senior and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Hershel Smith.

"As educators we have the opportunity to watch a number of students come and go. We are asked to write recommendations for scholarships and even for jobs, which we are glad to do. Students that have positive attitudes about their school work, peers, extra curricular activities and their teachers are students that leave lasting impressions. This week's student of the

week is that type of person. Due to a schedule change he is not a Resource Center aide this semester, but I wanted him to know how much I appreciated him last semester and all he did. Also, I was glad to get the opportunity to know him. He has left a lasting impression," said Mrs. Pettigrew.

Go Cowgirls, Cowboys!





This drilling rig west of town is one of almost a dozen operating in the county. Most of the rigs started drilling prior to the end of the fiscal year. This particular rig may be bringing smiles to the faces of lease and royalty owners, but not to the producer working the irrigated cotton acres at the drilling site.

Dallas: Truly the ladies constantly surprise mere man with the things they do in the name of style. The styles for this year come close to being ridiculous. Outstanding among the new fashions is the tube or hobble skirt which makes it impossible for a woman to take a step of normal length or walk at a normal pace.

The new skirts have been de-

nounced by both press and pulpit. Ministers generally consider them immodest while editors look upon them as both ugly and dangerous.

Modern hair styling has also come in for its share of criticism. One editor claims that a woman who looks pretty with her hair "stylishly" dressed would doubtless be much prettier with it arranged any other way. The Texas News, May, 1909

Letters From Our Readers

Dear Holly,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for sending the paper to me here in Anchorage. It is wonderful to see names and read articles about people I recognize from so long ago.

My Mom, Alma Been, arranged for the subscription you are so faithfully filling each week. Reading your paper has been a delightful way to revisit the past.

We are experiencing an unusually mild winter and though I am somewhat relieved to have a season of rest from shoveling the driveway and the front walk, I am at the same time disappointed to be without the blanket of insulation and the winter wonderland effect the thick snow usually provides.

I am enclosing a special edition of the "We Alaskans" portion of the Anchorage Daily News, a weekly insert in the Sunday paper. I thought you would enjoy seeing the photographs of parts of our city and the beautiful state of Alaska. I hope you like, as I did, the photograph of the moose on top of the house. We did have tons of snow earlier this past year. It made me long for a visit to the western regions of the great state of Texas during the summer-time.

Thanks once more for sending the "Cowboy Country News". It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Carol Anderson Williams
Anchorage,
Alaska

Thanks for the nice letter, Carol.



A moose calf surveys the scenery from the roof of a home in Anchorage, Alaska. The calf climbed up the snowdrift at right of photo to the lofty perch.

Sheep Referendum Set

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced procedures for a referendum on a proposed Sheep and Wool Promotion, Research, Education and Information Order. Yoakum County Extension Agent, Tadd Knight, said the referendum will be conducted Feb. 6, 1996.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, an agency in the marketing and regulatory programs mission area, has oversight responsibility for federal research and promotion programs. AMS administrator, Lon Hatamiya, said all producers, feeders and importers who certify they were engaged in the production, feeding or importation of sheep or sheep products (except importers of raw wool only) between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1994, are eligible to vote.

According to Knight, voters may register and vote in person or request absentee ballots at the Yoakum

County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Absentee ballots must be requested from the county Extension office serving the county of voter residence, for individuals, or the county where the business headquarters is located, for corporations. Absentee ballot requests, filed in person or by mail, may be made between Jan. 16 and Jan. 26, 1996. Absentee ballots must be received in county Extension offices by close of business Feb. 2.

The Farm Service Agency, formerly the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, will count ballots, determine eligibility of voters and tabulate results. For the order to go into effect, the proposal must be approved either by a simple

majority of voters or by voters who account for two-thirds of the sheep and wool production represented in the referendum.

If approved, the program would be funded by mandatory assessments. Domestic producers and feeders would be assessed 1 cent per pound on sales of live sheep and 2 cents per pound on sales of greasy wool. Importers would be assessed 1 cent per pound or the equivalent on imported degreased wool and wool products.

Details of the voting procedures are published in the Dec. 15 Federal Register. Copies of the final referendum rules, the proposed order and additional information will be available at the Yoakum County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.



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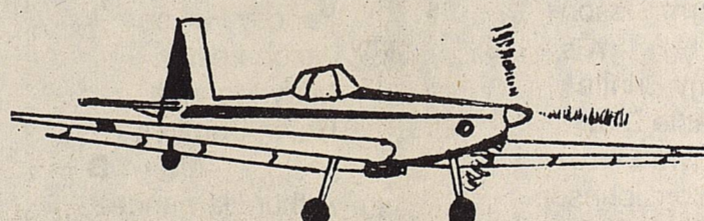
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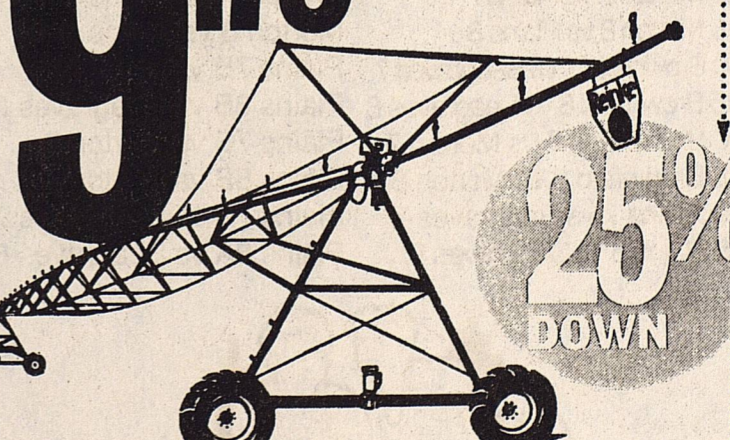
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Wedding Rites Held

Miss Lori Zahn Smith and Mr. Lorenzo Warren Cottle were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony on December 16, 1995, at the First United Methodist Church in Kermit. The Rev. Hugh Hays of Lubbock, cousin of the bride, officiated. The bride is the niece of Lattrell McDonnell of Plains, and the grand daughter of Doris Smith, Plains.

The bride's grandmother, Mrs. Doris Smith, was seated before the ceremony. Her grandson, Stephen Ellison, presented her with a red rose. The grandmother's and aunt's corsages were of white gardenias accented with hunter green ribbon.

The mothers entered the sanctuary to the organ music of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by Bach. David and Pat Cottle of San Angelo, father and stepmother of the groom, were seated by Mr. Gilley, Dr. Christing Bridges, mother of the groom, and her escort, Dr. Jim Esser, both of Beaumont, were seated by the groom. Mrs. Suzanne Smith, mother of the bride, was escorted by Mr. Ellison.

Bridesmaids were Miss Janet Graves, Kermit, Miss Beard

and Miss Amy Fires, both of Lubbock, Miss Jacqueline Cottle of Pampa, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Rachel Ellison, Hobbs, NM. Maid of Honor was Miss Shelly Knight of Lubbock.

The bride entered the sanctuary to the "Wedding March," played by Mrs. Graves. She was escorted by her father, Olan H. Smith. She presented her mother with a red rose. The bridal gown, designed by Mori Lee, was made of white bridal satin and Battenburg lace.

As the bride's father presented her in marriage, Miss Melinda Whigham of Midland sang "Daddy's Hands."

Groomsmen were Brian Barker, Pete King, and Rick Swick, all of San Angelo, Wenzal Hardwick of Carrollton, and Michael Ellison, cousin of the bride, of Hobbs, NM. Best man was Rick Baumbach of San Angelo.

Mr. David Cottle of San Angelo, father of the groom, sang "The Wedding Song."

During the lighting of the unity candle, Mr. David Cottle and Miss Paige Fostel sang "Sunrise, Sunset." The bridal couple received Holy Communion and Miss Fostel sang "Ave Maria" during the ritual.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The cake was a massive five-tiered white confection. The top two tiers were separated by tall Grecian columns.

The flowers, cakes, and decorations were original creations of Rodney and Betty Hays of Mary's Flowers.

After a honeymoon to San Antonio and the Gulf Coast, the couple reside in Pampa where the groom is employed by Pampa ISD as the Varsity Soccer Coach and math teacher and the bride is employed by Pampa ISD as the Girl's Assistant Soccer Coach and substitute teacher. The couple were honored with bridal courtesies in San Angelo and Kermit.

Fine Arts Club Meeting

The Plains Fine Arts Club met January 11, 1996, in the home of Debra Hise with Donna Friesen and Tana May, co-hostesses. They served a delicious Mexican dinner.

There were fifteen members who enjoyed the meal: Mrs. Sue Banfield, Christy Brink, Carolyn Culwell, Dolores Davis, Sandra Ellison, Judy Fitzgerald, Donna Friesen, Debra Hise, Tana May, Paula McMinn, Martha Palmer, Yvette Ramos, Linda Simmons, Frankie Walker and Sonya Young. After the meal they were entertained by four young pianists, Brandon Hise, Lauren Davis, Allison Friesen and Abel Ramos. They all had a very nice performance.

After the roll call and reading of previous meeting

minutes, the old business was finalized. There will be a Baked Potato Sale at the Smyer basketball game on Friday, Jan. 19, 1996, beginning around 5 PM in the gym. On Jan. 26, 1996, there will be an Ice Cream Sale for the other fund raiser. These fund raisers are to benefit graduating seniors who are nominated for their outstanding abilities and who are going to college.

There was a report from the treasurer, Paula McMinn. The price for potatoes at the Bake Sale will be \$2.00 and \$2.50.

The new business was a short discussion about the forming of a new County Club which has been named The Yoakum County Connection.

Library Film Time

Seventeen children attended Filmtime at the Yoakum County Library on January 10, 1996. They sang songs, played games, watched a movie and read a book. They talked about what each child did over the Christmas holidays.

Those in attendance were; Kevin John Gass, Troy Parrish, Taylor Banfield, Rhaela Stall, Landon Earnest, Dustin Altman, Jasmine Mares, Kimber Williams, Kristen Knight, Isaac Doyle, Brett Hawthorne, Kelsey Curry, Rhaemi Stall, Dakota Earnest, Blaine Altman, Alfredo Martinez and Morgan Willis.

Stew Supper Plans

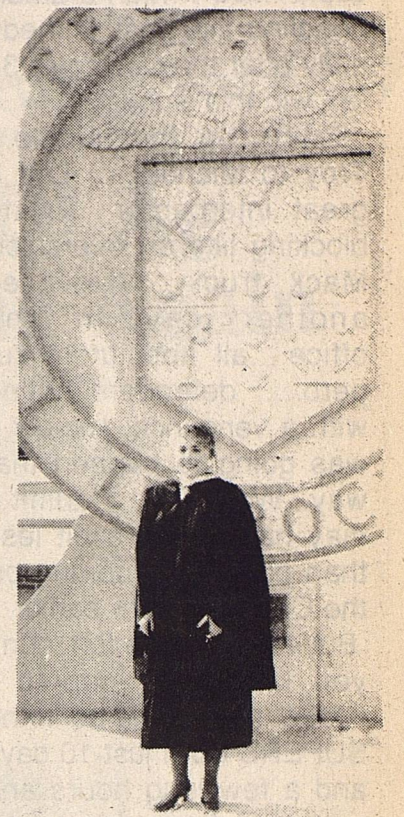
Yoakum County Senior Citizens Center will be having a stew supper from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 1996. The price is all you can eat for \$2.00. Everyone is welcome. The Yoakum County Senior Citizen's Center is located at 412 W. 5th in Denver City, TX.

Laci Suzann Naylor Graduates From Tech

On Saturday, December 16, 1995 Laci Suzann Naylor, daughter of Jana and Robert Melvin of Las Cruces, NM and Ron Naylor of El Pason, TX graduated from Texas Tech University. Laci graduated from the Graduate School of Agricultural Science's and Natural Resources. She received her Master's Degree in Agriculture Economics.

Laci graduated from Coronado High School, El Paso, TX.

Laci is the grand daughter of James & Jerry Warren of Plains, a niece of Jim & Lela Warren, and Joe & Joyce, also of Plains, and Joetta & Rick Willis of Brownfield.



Senior Citizens Corner

We are having a cold start for a New Year. The extreme cold is better than all that snow in the northeast. Wow! 3 feet deep!

Here at the Center we need to say, "Thank You" to Amaco for a nice first aid kit. Also, to our special Santa for a new washing machine.

Fay Black has had a few days of tests in the local Hospital. Ida Garner was back for a while but both ladies are home and we wish them a fast return to good health. They are missed at the domino table.

The report is there are new ladies attending the Line Dance exercise. Wonder why no men? Come on guys, get fit.

Events coming up: Pool tournament, Jan. 17; Bean supper, Jan. 18 - All you can eat for \$2.00. Sounds like a great deal.

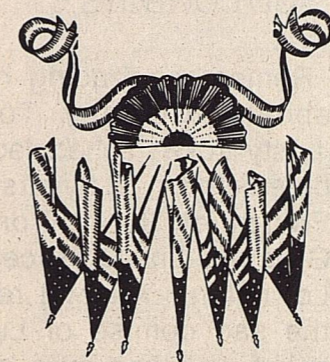
Recent visitors were Lavern Connley and Maurine King. Welcome ladies!

I would like to share a real life experience, something that happened to me.

Two years ago I had heater trouble. When it was fixed I purchased a Carbon Monoxide detector. In December I was awakened by the detector. It was really scary. I turned off all heat, opened doors and called in a neighbor. Things settled down and waited until could get a person with a CO tester to come check it out. He found a bathroom heater, which I had left burning all night, to be the faulty one. So I'm not using it anymore.

A word from one who was lucky, "Get a Carbon Monoxide detector." The life you save may be your own.

See You Next Week, Smitty



Ladies Auxiliary Meets

The Ladies American Legion Auxiliary met Jan. 11, 1996. President of the club, Mary Jo St. Romain brought all up to date on what had happened since the last meeting.

The club was awarded a certificate for 100% dues paid last year. The program was on the History of the flag. "Old Glory On Parade," a video shown on all the nations flags since the Betsy Ross original.

Members present were Sarah Shelton, Pat Altman, Sit Jones, Mary Jo St. Romain, and Holly Dyer. One guest was present, Berta Salgado.

The local Auxiliary group sponsors a girl to attend Girls State each year. The Auxiliary's next meeting will be April 11th.

All interested ladies are urged to join the Auxiliary, "Doing Good Things For The Community".

Thought For The Week

Those who are truly successful in life realize that every individual has value. People are not to be used to get what we want; we get what we want when we help others get what they want.



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From The Hack



Cowboys Eat Cheese Heads... Man, I wish I could have written a timely headline like that immediately after the Cowboy's 38-27 win this Sunday.

Emmit up the middle... Troy to Michael.... Lett a great interceptor.... Nate blocking like an oversized Mack truck.... Novacek another day in the office....all absolutely superb.... defenders hitting with a vengeance. I knew it was going to happen that way. Well, OK, I admit I may have been a bit less than positive, reporting on the Cowboys here earlier.

But it was only in fun, don't you know? Of course I KNEW they would be in the SUPERB Bowl just 10 days and a few long hours and minutes from now. All Along. Never doubted it.

The only thing that disturbed me, and I GUESS they may be forgiven for their excesses, was Deion Sanders excessive use of his leg movements on his carries and catches, reminding me of a high stepping drum major, gaining him nothing but a possible spot on a good college band, if they can afford his \$35 Mill contract. The other bad actor, in my humble opinion, was Michael Irving, a real hero of the contest, who insisted in playing the part of an illiterate buffoon on the

post game TV show. What a shame two brilliantly gifted athletes, blessed with remarkable agility, speed and athletic skills seldom seen on one team, feel compelled to appear as a pair of Sessamy Street characters before an admiring audience of millions.

OK, Michael, Deion, I'm sure you've read this.. don't get ticked off, Sue me if you like (Hey, you can have this rag if you want it- Gimme \$20 bucks, drop the suit, it's yours, Bro!) It's all in fun.

Now, Inspired as I am sure I've made you, go out, seek revenge, no prisoners, no names, seek blood, and kick Steel Curtain Butt, no matter the foot damage.

GO COWBOYS !!

Remember reading here about my Horny Toad, 'Lusty Luke', scheduled to be entered in last years big Fourth of July "World's Greatest Lizard Race" in Lovington? You will recall the sad demise of Luke, being devoured by a large Iguana lizard contestant just prior to the big race, a rebuff to Luke's amorous overtures to the big female iguana.

Well, the "World's Greatest Lizard Race" has made the big time in fame and notoriety. Several large

newspapers, including the Albuquerque Journal, featured the event in the syndicated Ripley's Believe It Or Not panel in last Sunday's editions.

What a shame Luke couldn't control his emotions. He possibly could have won the race and achieved lizard immortality.

In last week's edition, we wrote about the forthcoming changes in our speed limits on State and National Highways in the county. Be warned, venture over the line into New Mexico, shut it back down to 55mph, because it will be awhile before N.M. changes their limits to ours. Governor Gary Johnson has announced he will introduce legislation to raise the limits, but his proposal ONLY deals with US Interstate Highways in our bordering state.

Now here's an item of fascination for me. According to an Associated Press News item in New Mexico papers, by one Martha Mendoza, A guy from that state is suing one of the proliferating Indian gambling casinos some 20 miles south of Albuquerque. Seems since the casino opened in January, 1995, until he filed his suit in November, 1995, he managed to lose some \$56,000 bucks. He is suing the casino, on the grounds of the old state law which states, "Any person who shall lose money at any game of cards, or at any gambling device, may recover the same."

This guy, a former felon, has some legal background- he served as a sort of paralegal in the 1980's while serving time on a sexual penetration and aggravated assault conviction. He helped other cons with their legal problems. A really glitzy background and Resume. He lost trailer, boat, motor-

cycle, rototiller, two horses, tax refund, guitars, and most of his friends and family.

He blames it on the N.M. Governor for all his problems, saying gambling was illegal, and the casino should never have let him enter the premises.

I personally think the nut has about as much chance of winning his \$million plus suit as I do of receiving the Nobel prize for Zen Poetry. Yet on the other hand, this opens up all sorts of interesting possibilities..... Suppose I take our last \$1000, take it to New Mexico, purposely lose (purposely would probably have nothing to do with it) some \$200 at each joint... In theory, I could file FIVE lawsuits against the Indian tribes casinos, and the State of New Mexico, for allowing such a dastardly deed, and claim punitive damages against all of them. If the scam wins, just think what I could do in Vegas!

While traveling, ever wonder where to eat in a strange town? Mike Blount, Table regular, says he and bride stopped in Flagstaff, AZ once, asked about restaurants. He was told this place was the best in town, but "don't pay any attention at how scruffy it looks." They found the place, but his wife balked; "No way, man, till you go in and look it over." He did. It was scruffy, but the owner assured him the food was great. He finally talked Steph into going in, and for the first time, he and she saw a sign on the wall, "You Will hand over all guns and knives before entering here!" Mike said Steph is pretty small, but he thought he was dragging a freight train, finally getting to the table. Seems the food was good, but Steph suffered nervous indigestion for nine days.



From us distiktive individyules at the Tabel of Wisdome, Happie Valuntines Day to all. We wusn't shure when it is, just sumtime in January. Hope Kupid shootes you with a reel nice arrer.

First Little Dribbler Meeting Slated

The initial organizational meeting of the local Little Dribbler Association is scheduled for January 18 at 8:30pm in the old Club Room. The meeting will be restricted to parents and adults only.

Ages for eligible players is 9 to 12 years, and the player cannot reach 13 prior to Sept. 1, 1996

The National Finals Tournament this year is scheduled for April 16 thru April 20 at Brownsboro, Texas, just southeast of Tyler.

Anyone interested in coaching either a boys or girls team should contact Danny Bell, President, at 456-3521 or 456-6325.

Coffee Cops
Are there "grounds" for regulating coffee? Does the Food and drug Administration need a "wake-up call?" Bad puns aside, at least one group of Washington observers has a more pointed question: Inasmuch as the FDA wants to regulate nicotine in tobacco, shouldn't it also regulate the amount of caffeine in that morning cup?

The Competitive Enterpirse Institute (CEI), a Beltway think tank, argues in a petition to the FDA that its rules for treating nicotine as a drug apply equally to caffeine.

Both substances, it notes, have addictive qualities and affect the central nervous system. CEI, of course, doesn't really want coffee regulated by the government; it only wants to highlight the folly of the feds' ever-expanding regulatory powers.

The American Legion, Jan. 1996

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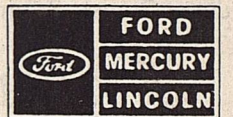
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