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THE 1987-88 JR. HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM.

JR. HIGH COYOTES END SEASON

Borden County Jr. High football team lost their third game to finish 3-3 for the year. Going into the game. the Dawson Coyotes had lost two starters to grades, one to illness, and one to poor sportsman-The Coyotes quickly fell behind 19-0, but then the held Coyotes Dragons scoreless until the final minutes of the fourth quarter. The final score was 26-0

The Coyotes had some very good plays. Offensively the Coyotes

were led by Klint Kemper, Juve Balaque, and Brandon Adcock.

Defensively, David
Buchanan, Juve Ealaque
and Brandon played
very well. Clint
Anderson, Guy Zant,
Heith Gammons also
contributed to the

good defensive effort. In the final few minutes, everyone got to play. Jason Mize, Clint Wills, Clay Miller, Kirk Jones. Carrizales, Armando . Xurtis McCathern, and Buchanan Richard off their showed to the home talents crowd.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR ABSENTEE VOTING

Dear Editor,

With election day only a few days away one of the main issues, i.e. pari-mutuel gambling, is really heating up. I would like to share an article with you that was written by a man who is not a Baptist or a member of the Moral Majority. He was, at the time of this article, a sports-

writer for The Dallas Herald. He worked two summers at Long Island's Belmont and Chicago's Park Park. Arlington witnessed first hand the "sport" of horse racing. Skip Boyless knows what he is talking about. Listen to what he has to say.

Sincerely,
Pat Ray
(Article on page 8)

BAND MAKES EXCELLENT RATING AT U.I.L.

The Coyote Band attended the 1987 U.I.L. Contest at Lubbock on Tuesday, October 20th.

The Band received a Division II (Excellent) rating at the contest.

After they marched, the Band went into the stands to observe many of the other bands do their marching show.

The Band would like

to take this opportunity to say THANK
YOU for the support
each of you have given
us, during this year.

PARENT'S CLUB SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER
5,1987 8:00 P.M.
SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
Program will be a Video
on Aids

ALL PARENTS ARE URGED TO



ABSENTEE VOTING BEING

CONDUCTED

Absentee voting for the Constitional Amendment Election to be held, November 3, 1987, is now being conducted in County Clerk's Office in Gail and will continue through October 30th. There are 25 amendments and 2 referendums on the Anyone may come by and during regular office hours. Absentee voting is for everyone now, you do not need to have a special reason or expect to be out of town. Office hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

"VOTE NO"

We support the concept that the State Board of Education should be elected rather than Elected appointed. officials are accountable to the people they represent. Appointed officials are accountable only to the person who appointed them. Vote "NO" on Referendum Proposition No.1 in the November 3 ballot.

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COYOTES DEFEAT DRAGONS

Borden County defeated the Coyotes Dawson Dragons in an exciting district game. Coyotes quickly behind 6-0, but fell the Coyotes were ahead 8-6 with 3:27 left in first quarter. the Chris Kilmer scored on 3 yard run, and Randell Hollis kicked the PAT.

The Covotes scored again with 7:10 remainin the second quarter when Brian Bond passed to Jimmy Rios, who made several good moves and raced into the end zone for a 55 yard touchdown. The PAT failed. With 3:26 left in the second quarter, the Dragons scored on a 40 yard pass, but the PAT failed.

Coyotes began The moving the ball, but an interception ended the drive and gave the Dragons another chance. The Dragons were able to score on a 35 yard run as the horn sounded to end the half. The PAT was good and the Dragons held a 20-14 lead at half.

After half. the recieved the Coyotes opening kickoff

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drove the ball down the end zone on a 1 yard run by Patrick Herridge. Randell Hollis kicked the PAT to bring the score to 24-20.

The Coyote defense then made the big play as they caught the Dragon quarterback as he rolled out to pass and caused him to fumble. Will Phinizy made the hit and Jimmy Rios made the recovery on the Dragon's 9 yard line. Three plays later Herridge, Patrick running behind the of blocking Kerry Fryar, scored on a 1 yard run. The snap from center was high to handle, so holder Brian Bond passed to Kerry Fryar to convert on the

Neither the Coyotes nor the Dragons could get the ball into the end zone for the next 14 minutes although the verv Covotes came close. On the fourth down, nine yards was needed for a touchdown. HAPPENINGS Covote Will Phinizy caught a pass on the 1 yard line, but was not Conference Room end zone.

Beginning own 1 yard line, the new school year. Dragons moved the ball The main attraction's left in the game.

After dickoff try, the Coyotes family second district win.

was scattered between 4 13 different backs. Jimmy sponsors and parents. Rios lead all rushers 8 carries and 1 touch- Harold down. Patrick Herridge indeed rushes and 2 touchdowns. life time for 6 vards.

an exciting 55 yarder. crowd. Patrick Herridge made 4 In "Twice Pardoned", catches for 29 yards. Harold Morris Will Phinizy caught 1 pleaded pass for 8 yards. Chris Cont. to page 4

Kilmer also caught 1 pass for 7 yards. James Smith caught 1 pass for 6 yards and Brian Bond passed 18 times and 11 were caught and one intercepted.

The Coyotes defense was also led by Jimmy Rios, who had 16 tackles, a fumble recovery, and caused a fumble. Patrick Herridge made 9 tackles and caused a fumble. Harold Barnes also had 9 tackles. Will Phinizy had 5 tackles, a fumble recovery, and caused a fumble. Brian Bond made tackles. 5 Paul Sturdivant made tackles. Chris Kilmer made 1 tackle and recovered a tackle. Randell Hollis made 1 tackle.

This Friday, October 30th. the Coyotes will host the Rule Bobcats in a non-district came.

GAIL BAPTIST

The Borden School was able to get into the once again the scene for the first youth on their group meeting of the

down the field and into were 2 films produced the end zone with 1:27 by the renowned ministry of "Focus on the Family" an onside headed by christian phycologist ran out the remaining James Dobson. Part I time to preserve their and II of the recently-"Twice released film The Coyotes rushed Pardoned" were viewed for 191 yards, which by 30 young people and Youth leaders,

film "Twice The with 75 yards on 12 Pardoned", a countercarries. Chris Kilmer part of the book by the rushed for 62 yards on same title authored by Morris. was graphic. Mr. rushed for 39 very Morris told his life tough yards on 13 story of recieving 2 sentances in Brian Bond carried 1 prison for a crime he did not commit, and now The Coyotes passed he knew he was "guilty for 132 yards and Jimmy by association." Being Rios led in that cate- at the wrong place at gory too. He only made the wrong time, and one catch, but it was running with the wrong

> also with young

BASKETBALL IS HERE!!

Okay, all you die hard basketball fans! Your time has arrived! The round ball season upon us! This is November Tuesday, 3rd., 1987-88 edition of the Lady Covotes Basketball will take off. The Lady Coyotes are optomistic about the upcoming season with seven lettermen returning from a 25-5 team that got to the regional semi-finals before losing to eventual State Champion Sudan. Tuesday, Borden travels to Wilson for a scrimmage starting at 5:30. It should be a tough battle Wilson as handed the Lady Coyotes one of their five losses and returns all five starters. There will be Varsity and J.V. scrimmages taking

This year has fourteen girls playing led by Seniors Ralynn Key, Lewis, and Shelly Felicia Romero. Juniors on the team are Elvira Balaque, Mary Ann Garcia, Elana Himes, and Kate Phinizy. Rounding out the team are Sophomores Kristi Adcock, Elizabeth Garcia, Julie Harris, Amy Lewis, Rachel Romero, Lisha Sternadel and Randi Woodward.

The next scrimmage will be the following Tuesday at Tohoka. The 5:00 scrimmage will be followed on Friday, the 13th. with the first game here vs. Wellman.

Come on out and support the Coyotes as they open up the 1987-88 season.

The Band would like to say THANK YOU, to Royce Nance, Ross Sharp, Gene Cooley and Frank Herridge, for doing such a fine job driving the buses for them to all their activities this year.

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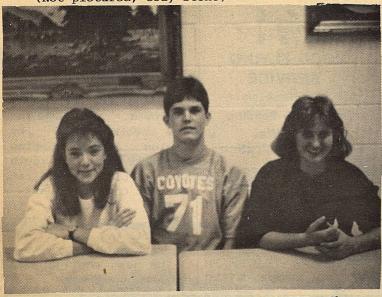
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For tickets, see a Shooting Sports Member or Adult Leader.





BETA ACHIEVEMENT: D'Lynn Lloyd, Shane Kemper, Shannon Bond, Will Phinizy, Chad Williams, Eric Lusk, Kate Phinizy. (Seated) Shelly Lewis, Ralynn Key, and Rachel Romero. (Not pictured, Cody Stone)



JR. HIGH AND ELEMENTARY HIGH HONORS: Shara Woodward, David Buchanan, and Patsy Underwood. (Not pictured,) Amanda Anderson, Kurtis McCathern, Amanda Herring, and Kurt

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Amanda Anderson	Gr. 8
David Buchanan	Gr. 8
Patsy Underwood	Gr. 8
Shara Woodward	Gr. 8
Kurtis McCathern	Gr. 6
Amanda Herring	Gr. 5
Kurt Hess	Gr. 5

HIGH SCHOOL BETA ACHIEVEMENT

Shannon Bond	Gr. 12
Ralynn Key	Gr. 12
Shelly Lewis	Gr. 12
Will Phinizy	Gr. 12
D'Lyn Lloyd	Gr. 11
Kate Phinizy	Gr. 11
Rachel Romero	Gr. 10
Cody Stone	Gr. 10
Chad Williams	Gr. 10
Shane Kemper	Gr. 9
Eric Lusk	Gr. 9

JR. HIGH AND ELEM. HONOR ROLL

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HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Lisa Powell	Gr.	12
Elana Himes	Gr.	11
Kristi Adcock	Gr.	10
Julie Harris	Gr.	10
Amy Lewis	Gr.	10
Lisha Sternadel	Gr.	10



HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL: Kristi Adcock, Lisha Sternadel, Elana Himes, Lisa Powell, Amy Lewis, and Julie Harris.



JR. HIGH AND ELEM. HONOR ROLL: Kristin Kilmer. Brandon Adcock, (Seated) Tina Blacklock, Rich Holzmann, M'Lys Lloyd.

BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL

1987 Football Schedule Rule H 7:30 Oct. 30 Nov. 6 'Wellman H 7:30

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Monday	LUNCH MEN November 2 - 6, 1987 Burritos Pinto Beans Vegetable Salad Fruit Milk	U Salad Bar
Tuesday	Western Burgers Green Beans Fruit Milk	Salad Bar
Wednesday	Green Enchilada Casserole Buttered Corn Vegetable Salad Cake Hot Bread Milk	Salad Bar
Thursday	Barbecue Wieners Potato Salad Jello and Fruit Hot Bread Milk	Salad Bar
Friday 8	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Pickles Brownies Milk	Salad Bar





LET ME GET MY APRON

Home Economics News

BY DENNIS POOLE, COUNTY AGENT AG.

KNOW YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE

routine physical shows your blood presure is a normal 120/80. But what does that tell you?

It could mean a great deal if you're at risk of high blood pressure, or hypertension.

The higher, top number in a blood pressure reading indicates the maximum pressure in your arteries exerted from a contraction of the heart.

The lower, bottom number indicates the pressure in your arteries when your heart is between contractions.

According to medical experts a blood pressure of 120/80 is "normal," readings between 140/90 to 154/94 are considered borderline hypertensive and readings over 160/90 may mean you have hypertension

National Insitutes of Health figures show that more than one out of every four adult Americans have high blood pressure. For people over 50, the ratio increases to one in three.

Since hypertension is the major factor underlying strokes and a contributing factor to heart attacks, it's important to have your blood pressure checked regularly.

Some points that increase the risk factors for hypertension include smoking, overweight, a family history of the disease, and a high sodium intake.

Too much sodium in the diet may aggravate high blood pressure once it exists. So reducing salt intake is often an important part of treatment along with exercise, weight reduction and medication.

Research has shown that most Americans eat more sodium than they actually need. For that reason, the U.S. Dietary Guidelines recommend reducing salt intake for the population as a whole.

Courthouse News

On the 12th day of October, A.D. 1987, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session at the Regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Gail, Texas. All members present.

Minutes of the meeting of September 28, A.D. 1987 were read and approved.

Resignations were received from Mrs. Pat Presiding Porter as Judge of Election Precinct 2B and from Mary John Phinizy as Presiding Alternate of Judge Election Precinct 2A. (See Court of September Minutes 28, 1987.) Mr. Eddie Parks, Alternate Judge of Election Precinct has moved Snyder, Texas and can no longer serve as an Election Official. A motion was made to appoint Debra Brummett Presiding Judge of election Precinct 2B; Mary John Phinizy as Alternate Presiding Judge of election Precinct 2B; Teresa Alternate Cox as Presiding Judge Election Precinct 2A, D.M. Parks as Alternate Presiding Judge of Election Precinct 4B; and Jean Taylor as Alternate Presiding Judge of the Absentee Ballot Board. Motion was seconded.

Durrent accounts
were examined. A
motion was made to pay
said accounts. The
motion passed and was
seconded.

A motion was made and passed to approve and sign a Damage Release for Marshall and Winston, Inc. having paid the County \$3,500.00 for damage to a County Road.

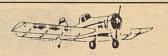
Gilbert Merritt and Guy Sullivan presented an Employee Benefit Program. No action taken.

Indigent assistance by Borden County was discussed. It was agreed that such assistance will continue to be handled on a case by case basis.

Several members of the community met with the Court in support of Agent, Dennis Poole and said they feel he is doing a very good job. A motion was made to give Demmis Poole, County Agent, a \$200.00 per month merit raise beginning in January, 1988. Motion was seconded and passed.

(The reason for the presence of visitors on Mr. Poole's behalf being that another county is very interested in hiring him.)

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.



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HAPPENINGS

Cont. from page 2 people to learn how to say "NO" to such practices. He spoke also of peer pressure, popularity, and his exposure and subsequent surrender of his life to Jesus Christ while still in prison, thru old high school buddy and from visits with a little brave, born-again boy on the other side of the prison fence.

In 1978, he recieved a parole, and in 1981, he recieved a full pardon the governor of the state, voting rights reinstated. Thus, the title "Twice Pardoned"...first by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, second by the government of the United States.

Refreshments, fellow-ship and gym activities followed. The evening was co-sponsored by Gaylon and Janine Williams and the Youth Group of the First Baptist Church of Gail.

Many thanks go to those who provided support by prayer and refreshment!

The next meeting will be announced soon.

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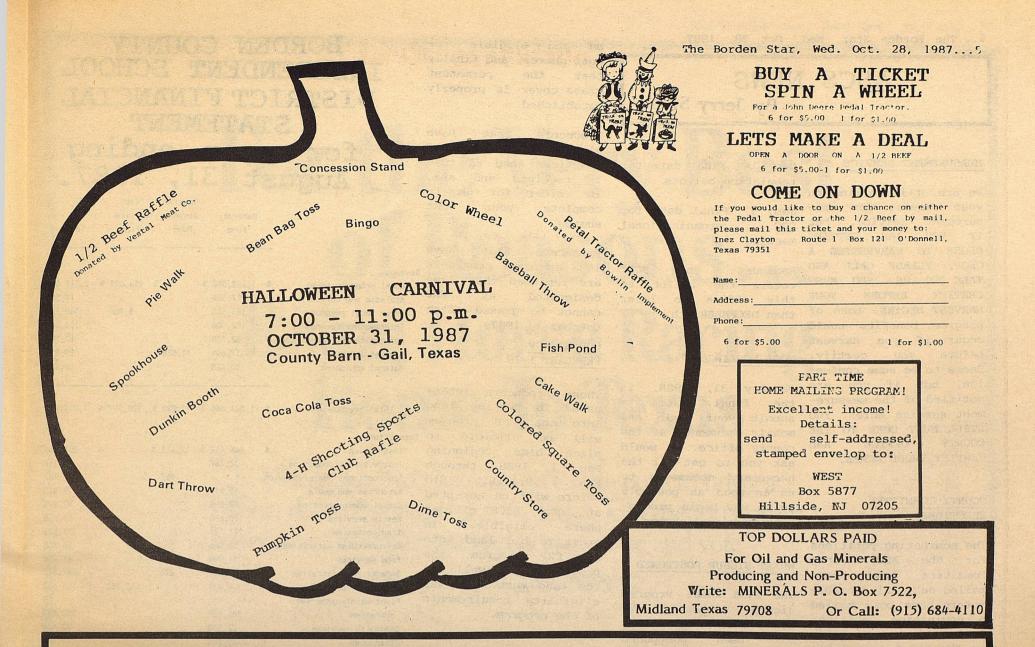
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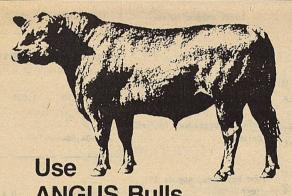
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ASCS NEWS By Jerry Stone

MEASUREMENT SERVICE

We are still working on your request for measurement service. but IF YOU ARE GETTING CLOSE TO HARVESTING A CROP, PLEASE CALL AND TALK TO US. YOU MUST CERTIFY BEFORE YOUR HARVEST BEGINS. Loss of program benefits could occur if you harvest before you certify. Seems to be some confusion, but if you are notified of the measurement service acres, STILL MUST COME TO THE COUNTY OFFICE CERTIFY THOSE ACRES.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The nominating petitions for the ASC County have been mailed out. All elegible voters have been mailed a nominating petition. To be eligible to serve on the county committee nominee reside in Borden County, be actively engaged in farming and/or ranching, cannot at the same time be a member of, or candidate for county governing body or hold, or be a candidate for the Federal, State, or county-office filled by election, and be willing to serve if elected.

If you wish to nominate someone, we would urge you to complete the nomination petition and return it to the county office between now and November 2, 1987. Should you have any questions. please contact the county office.

The following are important election dates:

Nov. 2 Final date for receiving nominating petitions

Nov. 27 Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters

Dec. 7 Final date to return ballots

Dec. 14 Final date for tabulating ballots

Jan. 1 Final date for COC organizational meeting

Reminder: you MUST return the ballot to this office no later than DECEMBER 7th.

WOOL-MOHAIR

January 31, 1988, is the final date to submit your wool and mohair documents at the county office. We would ask you to get all the necessary documents to us as soon as possible so we may begin processing your application.

WHEAT SIGNUP POSTPONED

The 1988 Wheat Program signup scheduled to begin October 19, 1987 has been postponed until further notice. We will send signup information to you as soon as we receive it in the office.

ACR MAINTENANCE & SPECIAL HAYING

We remind all producers that your ACR acreage for the 1987 crop year MUST be maintained

through December 31, 1987. Failure to maintain the ACR acreage could lead to loss of all program benefits.

If you are planning to hay off of your ACR acreage, you must come by the office and sign up to do so.

CRP PRACTICES

producers Those that have land under a CRP contract need to look over your contract and that insure proper steps are being taken to establish the dead litter that crop, proper amounts of fertilizer are applied, that the practices you intend to do are required and eligible for cost shares, and finally that the permanent grass cover is properly established.

Producers that have already completed practices need to turn in receipts and etc. in order for us to complete your cost shares.

Producers that have 1988 approved contracts are reminded that land designated as CRP cannot be grazed after October 1, 1987.

CRP SIGNUP FEBRUARY 1-19

producers interin putting land CRP program the into eligible will be bids beginning place 1988, through Feb. 1, 19,1988. Bid Feb. offers will be accepted at local ASCS offices eligible. where order to bid land into the CRP program, producers as well as the land must meet the eligiblity requirements of the program.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

4-H CAKE WALK

Borden County 4-H will host the Cake Walk at the Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 31, 1987 to be held at the county show barn.

Each 4-H family is requested to bring 2 baked goods (cakes, brownies, cookies, pies, etc.) as prizes for participants in the Cake Walk.

Proceeds from the Cake Walk go towards supporting 4-H activities throughout vear for Borden County 4-H members in the form annua1 achievement banquet, awards, projects, refreshments for parties and meetings and 4-H gatherings.

Your support of this activity will be greatly appreciated.

Assistance in preparing for and running the Cake Walk Booth will be needed. If you can assist give us a call. Your assistance will be appreciated.

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENT for year ending August 31, 1987.

Revenue Local property taxes \$ Athletic and cafeteria Other local revenue Intermediate sources Per capita and foundation Federal funds	17,304 163,355 102,000		114,691 \$	1,543,079
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Other local revenue Intermediate sources Per capita and foundation	102,000			11,504
Intermediate sources Per capita and foundation			5,906	169,261
Per capita and foundation	(2 700			102,000
	62,700			62,700
	17,691	11,828		29,519
Sale of equipment	30,428			30,428
Total revenue \$	1,821,866	s 11,828	120,597	1,954,291
Expendi tures				
Instruction \$	844,412	\$ 12,423	5 5	856,835
Instructional computing	12,167			12,167
Instructional administration	1	967		967
Resources and media	15,810			15,810
School administration	92,595			92,595
Health services	30,650			30,650
Transportation	171,521			171,521
Co-curricular activities	56,366			56,366
Food services	61,998			61,998
General administration	207,621	276		207,897
Debt service	4,983		153,700	158,683
Plant maintenance and				0
operation	382,652			382,652
Community services	22,630			22,630
Other uses	29,882			29,882

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Fund Balances, September 1,

Increase (Decrease) in Fund

Fund Balances, August 31,

1987

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- Generate over \$100 million in tax revenues to the state of Texas within five years;
- Pump \$427 million into the pocketbooks of rural Texans by increasing demand for agricultural products;
- Create new business that will contribute \$415 million to our troubled Texas economy;
- Keep Texas dollars spent on horse racing in other states flowing through our own economy;
- Contribute \$1.2 billion in overall economic impact to Texas.

On November 3rd, look for the pari-mutuel referendum on the ballot <u>after</u> the 25 state constitutional amendments.





KEEP OUT PARI-MUTUEL

he Kentucky Derby is my favorite in-person sports event. It wins by a nose over the Masters, Super Bowl, Final Four and Texas-OU. Apologies to Roger Staubach, but the Derby remains the greatest two minutes in sports.

As the band strikes up "My Old Kentucky Home," goosebumps dance down my back. Cynicism is drowned by 150,000 voices and 111 years of mint-julep tradition and a week-long buildup of tension. All for two thundering minutes. No time outs. No second halves or chances.

Just daring little men steering great beasts who may or may not feel like running at 4:38 p.m. the first Saturday in May. I love the Derby.

But it has nothing to do with

horse racing as we know it. Except for the greatest two minutes, and maybe a Preakness or Belmont or Santa Anita Derby, horse racing is a sick business that preys on sick

Let's keep the great state of Texas

free of legalized horse racing.
Please, before you scream, "This guy's full of horse manure!" hear me out. I am not a member of First Baptist or the Moral Majority. It's just that I worked around race tracks for two college summers. I've covered 16 Triple Crown races, and Texas

needs racing the way it does another dry hole in the head. I was proud when yet another horseracing bill was voted down, 96-52, in the Texas House. But the bill was revived in the Senate, and it no doubt will ride again and again.

There is too much money to be made off too many naive Texans who somehow confuse pari-mutuel who somehow confuse pan-mutuel wagering with the pageantry and tradition of the Derby. "Texas deserves a Derby," I hear. But does it deserve a Churchill Downs? Except for one day a year, the Downs is just another seedy track

With its money and macho, Texas could turn into the sickest of the pari-mutuel states (36 to date). Horse racing is a Pandora's Box—or maybe pari-mutuel box. Legalizing it would create thousands and thousands of compulsive gamblers who soon would turn to thousands of new illegal bookmakers who give better odds, extend credit the track won't, and don't report your winnings, if any, to the IRS. As we have seen in other states, horse racing soon leads to off-track betting, dog racing, jai-alai, lotteries and casinos. Yes, organized crime already has a grip Texas, but legalized gambling ly would make it a choke hold All because a pack of pretty

All because a pack of pretty horses running through the sun around a garden of an infield.

If you thought the Tulane basketball scandal was ugly, just try to keep up with racing's dirt. Just recently, I've noticed an FBI investigation of race-fixing at River Downs. Darby Downs and Lebanon Raceway in Ohio and Latonia Race Course in

If you thought the Tulane basketball scandal was ugly, just try to keep up with racing's dirt.

Kentucky. At Ross Meadows in Ada Okla., eight jockeys were arraigned on charges of possessing illegal electrical devices that could be used to jolt horses into running faster

When your athletes are equines who aren't capable of knowing right from wrong, or Bute from sugar cubes you have trouble. Track backsides are crawling with low-lifes wearing diamond pinky rings and driving 76 Eldorados in search of the big score. One sure thing. One fixed race. From track to track, meeting to meeting they go—trainers, stable-hands, jockeys, exjockeys, agents and various vermin. Sure, there are

honest ones—and many who aren't.

Does Texas deserve this subculture?

I lived with these people the summers of 1971 and '72. I stayed in dorms on the backsides of Long Island's Belmont Park and Chicago's Arlington Park. My college sports-writing scholarship was funded by the Thoroughbred Racing Associa-tion, which wanted recipients to learn racing and perhaps graduate into turf writing. My first day at Belmont, I was whiting. My first day at bermont, I wa taken to lunch by John A. Morris, whose family has the oldest silks in racing. I believe Morris was 86 then. "Don't bet," was the first thing Morris told me. "In all my years of

racing, I've never known anyone who

made a living betting the horses."

Morris bet only on the stock exchange, where he made his fortune But he went to the track to watch his horses compete against those of other regal families. That's why they call racing the Sport of Kings.

But most of us just go to bet Face it, racing really isn't a sport. It's a contest on which people bet. Do you know many, if any, fans who consistently go to the track without making so much as a \$2 wager? So please, don't tell me Texas deserves to have this beautiful sport pitting beautiful animals born to run.

I won't even get into the cruelty-to-

horses stuff.
No, people just don't follow horse racing the way they do, say, base-ball. You don't devour the Racing

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Form each morning because you idolize John Henry or Spend A Buck, the Derby winner. I've only known one man who comes close to qualifying as a racing fan. Kenin Finkel is a Times Herald editor who can recite the name and year of every Kentucky Derby winner. Yet he never has been to a Derby and, though he grew up in Miami and lived for stretches in New York, he wouldn't walk across the street to bet

If only tracks were full of Kenin Finkels. But of course, this would de feat the state's purpose of raising money. Racing proponents claim Texas could make even more than the \$85 million N.Y. pulls in from pari-mutuel wagering. Yet Texas SportsWorld magazine says that no state's gambling revenue equals even

 percent of its budget.
 And Friday from N.Y., Monsignor
Joesph Dunn told me that six states have had to allot funds for treatment of what he calls "victims of public policy"—problem bettors. Dunn, who sounds more like a N.Y. cop, works for the National Council of Compulhave had to allot funds for treatment sive Gambling and has worked

closely with the police.

We're not against gambling," Dunn said. "We just want people to understand that the availability of gambling increases compulsive

gambling."
Treatment groups call it the "invisible disease." They say 70 percent of white-collar crimes have something to do with gambling. They say public awareness of compulsive gambling is where that of alcoholism was 20 years ago. Of course, it can't happen to you. No problem, you can drink socially and bet the ponies on weekend junkets

Then again, what if you could bet

subculture of Jerrys. I got to know several Jerrys in my track days. Friday, I talked to "Jerry," a reformed N.Y. gambler who works for

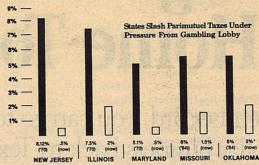
three GamAnon groups in Texas, he said. "Legalize racing and you'll have a ton. I used to bet thousands and thousands, nine races a day, and didn't even know how to read a Form. I never went to the track.

wild hunches. He bet with the news paper handicappers, who in some cases are as sick as Jerry. There are pari-mutuel windows in most track

Gamblers Anonymous.
"Right now, you got, what, two-

Jerry bet names and numbers and

What the dog and horse gambling industry forgot to tell you.



Across the country, highly-paid lobbyists are begging state legislatures slash the state's portion of the gambling take. Why? Because racing is a dying industry. 50% of horse breeders lose money; 90% of horse owners lose money; racetrack attendance is declining steadily.

Last year the racetrack lobbyists convinced our legislature that racing was a good business deal for Texas. But if we vote in parimutuel gambling, they'll be back in Austin next year telling a much different, sadder story.

Texas doesn't need another sick industry crying to the state for help. Gambling is a bad bet for Texas.

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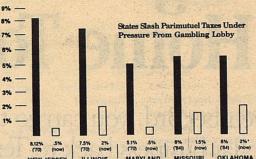
legally every day? Dunn says that until exposed to gambling, you don't know if you have the disease. There are an estimated million problem gamblers in N.Y., where legal

gambling increased illegal gambling.
"The police figured bookmaking
would decline," Dunn said. "Instead,
it rose 40-60 percent the first year of
OTB (Off-Track Betting). Better odds,
no taxes, credit from the shylocks
(loan sharks)." (loan sharks)."

In Texas, there already is enough illegal betting on team sports. Sure, lots of compulsive horseplayers in Texas are going to bet them anyway. But at least the state doesn't make it convenient.

At least Texas isn't feeding off the sickness of many Texans. Aren't there cleaner ways to fill the coffers? At least Texas hasn't created a

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