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## Ownership, liability issues cloud Court

A few months back, a question arose during Commissioner's Court about legal ownership of a tract of land where a radio tower used jointly by the county and City of Denver is located. The site, just south of baseball parks used in Little League action by Denver City teams, is in the draw running west to east just off Highway 214.

In Monday's session of Commissioner's Court, Attorney Richard Clark reported Denver City's Council had requested the Commissioner's formally acknowledge full ownership of the land the tower, buildings and support guywires occupied. Clark said the request was motivated by the City's desire to be relieved of any liability associated with ownership of the facility. He pointed out a long standing agreement which allowed sharing use and maintenance costs of the tower. Because of questionable records, the definite ownership of the land was in question.

The county and Denver City agreed to share costs of an up to date survey of the property, and the survey brought to light more questions about the land. Apparently, that city and the county own separate portions of the property. After lengthy discussion and examination of copies of the survey, Commissioner Barron moved to leave the arrangement as is, with continued shared use of the facility, upkeep costs, and any possible future issues of liability. Richard Clark was asked to further discuss the matter with City of Denver City Attorney Warren New.

In other court action, County Veteran Service Officer Johnny Jones sought and was granted approval to advertise for the purchase of a 1999 or 2000 used eight passenger van for his office. A 1993 Chevrolet station wagon would be offered in trade.

One bid was received for the purchase of Lot 4, Block 69 in Plains. No taxes have been received on the property since 1992, and have accrued to over \$2600. Lindel Bates' \$100 bid for the lot was accepted, Judge Brewer noting, "At least the property will be back on the tax rolls."

## Criminal cases in District, County Court

In District Court last week, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Ruben Alvarez, aka Benny Alvarez, pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior theft case. He was sentenced to two years in state prison, with credit for 185 days served. He was represented by Attorney Bill Helwig.

Stephanie Ann Krebsbach, in

a plea bargain, agreed to an order modifying community supervision from a prior arson cause.

She will remain in jail for 180 days or until space is available in the Taylor-Callahan-Coleman Counties Restitution Center, where she will remain 12 months. She must pay de-

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## First phase of 'Weevil War' ends

### Killing freeze ends aerial spraying of cotton pest

Three consecutive mornings of below freezing temperatures here last week brought smiles of relief to many area cotton and milo producers. Harvesting of both crops has been delayed because of green growth and moisture in the plants. The long awaited killing freeze also signaled the end of aerial spraying of boll weevil infested cotton fields.

According to Darrell Dusek, Manager of the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, "Those temperatures were low enough and lasted long enough to ensure a kill of the remaining cotton plants". When the cotton plant dies, or the cotton is harvested, the weevil's source of food is gone, and those surviving the eradication spraying efforts must find areas to over winter.

Dusek said the last aerial application of malathion on cotton was performed on a few fields Friday. "The only spraying remaining in the district will be by ground mist applicators until our supply of chemicals is gone".

In an interview Friday, Dusek reviewed activities district personnel have been involved in since last Spring, kicking off the Diapause phase of the battle to rid the area of the weevil. The logistics of the program are impressive.

In the Plains District, 227,624 acres of cotton were planted. Aerial spraying of cotton fields started on August 30, and each field was sprayed an average 9.3 times. Simple math indicates those nine plus flights covered over 2 million acres of cotton ground.

A maximum number of 15



David Guetersloh, left, and ground crew service application plane for another mission.

aircrafts were flying out of the airport here during the height of the eradication program. Dusek said the peak day of activity throughout the five county eradication zone saw 63 aircraft going and coming to fields all day long.

Before the eradication program got underway, "ground troops" prepared the battle ground. Ten full time and 24 seasonal employees were hired and trained, and last spring began mapping every single field of cotton in the district. The district was divided into six work units under a full time supervisor. The detailed mapping utilized highly accurate ground positioning satellites (GPS) technology to assist applicator pilots and ground personnel.

Thousands of boll weevil traps containing a pheromone to attract weevils were deployed around the perimeter of each

cotton field, and traps were monitored daily for trapped weevil numbers to trace movement patterns of the pest.

Personnel used 27 Dodge pickup trucks in this first phase of the program, 6 of them containing ground mist blowing units to use around environmentally sensitive areas. Over 200,000 gallons of Malathion would be used from the air and on the ground.

Dusek said he was well pleased with the results of the first efforts to destroy the weevil on the High Plains. "Our cotton producer's attitude and reaction to the eradication program has really impressed me. They had lots of questions for us at first, but after about three weeks of mapping and trapping, and then seeing the massive spraying efforts, I feel they appreciated the program." He said the aerial application contractor for the

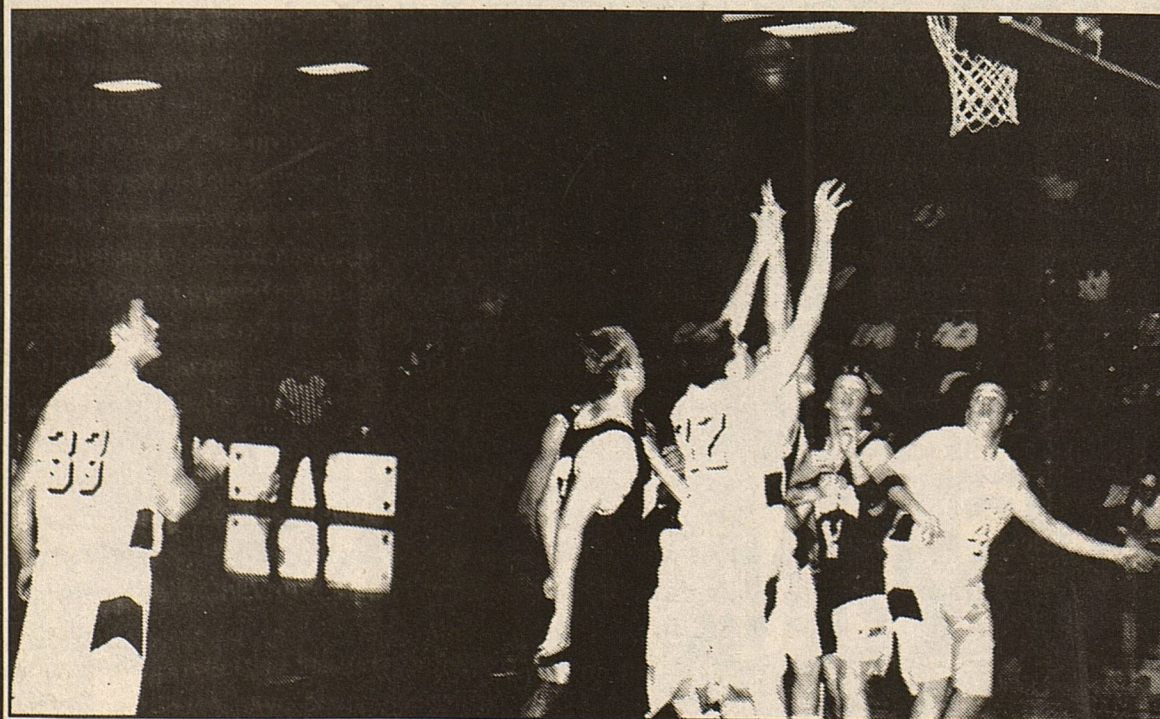
district, G & B Aerial, owned by David Guetersloh, had done a great job. "The Gueterslohs and their crew were very professional, and handled the very complicated and demanding daily flight operation at the airport superbly."

Almost miraculously, there were no serious accidents involving planes or pilots working the Plains district. Dusek said one plane did clip a power line, but safely made it back to a safe landing. The pilots worked long days, but actually spent an average of about six hours in flight time.

With the initial Diapause phase of the eradication program now complete, Dusek said lots of work is in store before eradication work starts next summer. "Over the winter months, our full time

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## Cowboys season start is impressive



Last Tuesday's 68-33 win over the Morton Indians pushed the Cowboy record to three wins without a loss. In this scene, Dustin Six goes up for a shot, while Josh Bell, 33, and Alex Tarango, 4, move in to help with a rebound. It was not needed. More photos, results inside.

## Attorney General clarifies school prayer issue

The following letter was recently received from State Attorney General John Cornyn by State Representative Gary Walker; "There have been many inquiries recently directed to my office about the Fifth Circuit's school prayer opinion in *Doe v. Santa Fe I.S.D.*, a case that I know has probably caused concern among school officials in your district. On behalf of the State of Texas, Governor Bush and I have filed a "friend of the court" brief with the Supreme Court supporting Santa Fe I.S.D.'s position that its prayer policies are constitutional and seeking to overturn the Fifth Circuit's decision.

"Specifically, the Fifth Circuit's opinion prohibits; 1. School organized prayer (as opposed to voluntary, student led or citizen led prayer) at football games. 2. School organized prayers at graduation ceremonies that proselytize or promote a specific religion. "Until that occurs, the Fifth Circuit's opinion continues to cause confusion on the part of students, parents, and school districts. There are others who have added to the confusion about what the Fifth Circuit's opinion does and does not prohibit. To assist you in dealing with this uncertainty, I would like to clarify the precise holding by the Fifth Circuit.

"The opinion does not prohibit students from engaging in

voluntary prayer and should not be construed to prevent that type of activity as long as the school and school officials are not involved in that activity. Moreover, U.S. District Judge Sim Lake has recently held in *Ward v. Santa Fe I.S.D.* that schools may adopt a policy allowing a student selected by his or her peers to deliver a pre game message over the loudspeaker. If such a pre game message is given, school officials may not legally prohibit the student speaker from voluntarily and freely praying, giving a blessing, giving an invocation, or making any reference to a deity."

John Cornyn  
Attorney General of Texas

# Tortillas: Making 'Dough' in Texas

The tortilla, long a Texas favorite, is the rising star of the baking industry.

Tortilla makers are creating tortillas with flavors such as tomato, spinach and, of course, jalapeno and turning them into "wraps" for an increasing variety of nontraditional ingredients. Even sandwich shops such as Subway chain have added wraps to their menus.

Such innovations, combined with the increasing popularity of Mexican foods, will make the tortilla making business a \$4 billion industry by 2000, up from \$2.9 billion in 1996, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Tortillas have outpaced the rest of the baking industry, growing at a 17 percent rate compared to 2 percent.

The popularity is spreading beyond the Southwest. One reason is that the nation's Hispanic population is growing outside the region. Another is that Americans are eating more Mexican foods in restaurants and at home. Tortilla sales have grown 67 percent in the North Central United States and 25 percent in the Northeast.

As the tortilla industry grows and becomes more national, it is consolidating. Large firms are buying up small, locally owned tortillerias for their market share and distribution. The Tortilla Industry Association (TIA), based in Dallas, predicts that large companies eventually may control up to 80 percent of the market.

Texas has a major stake in this battle. The state has the most tortilla plants with 70; California is second with 58, according to the Census Bureau. But California ranks first in the value of shipments with \$440.2 million to Texas' \$176.4 million. Californians consume the most tortillas, but Texas is Number 2.

California's plants are bigger and employ more workers, 4,258, compared to Texas' 1,913.

The industry's two heavy weights have set up their U.S. headquarters in the Dallas Fort Worth area.

Mission Foods, owned by Grupo Maseca's Gruma Corp. of Mexico, is based in Irving, having moved from Los Angeles. It is the tortilla leader in the U.S. with about 25 percent of

the market. Its U.S. sales are about \$600 million.

The American subsidiary of Grupo Industrial Bimbo, another company based in Mexico, is headquartered in Fort Worth. Bimbo bought Mrs. Baird's Bakeries in 1998 and now operates as Bimbo Bakeries USA.

Texas gives the companies a central location from which to meet the growing demand for tortillas and other Mexican foods.

Those companies and competitors have been busy buying and building, trying to establish themselves as the dominant suppliers in a still fragmented market. As the industry grows beyond the Hispanic consumer, so does the competition.

Competitors include companies that have not traditionally been tortilla makers such as Tyson Foods Inc., the Arkansas chicken company, and ConAgra Inc., a Nebraska based agribusiness concern. In a corporate publication, Tyson says it will focus "on new product forms for traditional and non Mexican segments capitalizing on the hand held food trend."

Many of the smaller tortilla makers are concentrating on niche markets such as selling to restaurants and schools, leaving retail to the bigger companies, said Irwin Steinberg, executive director of the TIA. "The retail is much harder to fight."

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linquent fine and restitution fees totaling \$5600. She was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Abraham Wall Neufeld pled guilty a a charge of forgery. His five years prison sentence was suspended and probated 5 years. He must pay a fine of \$750, attorney fees of \$250, and must serve 160 hours community service. His attorney was Bill Helwig.

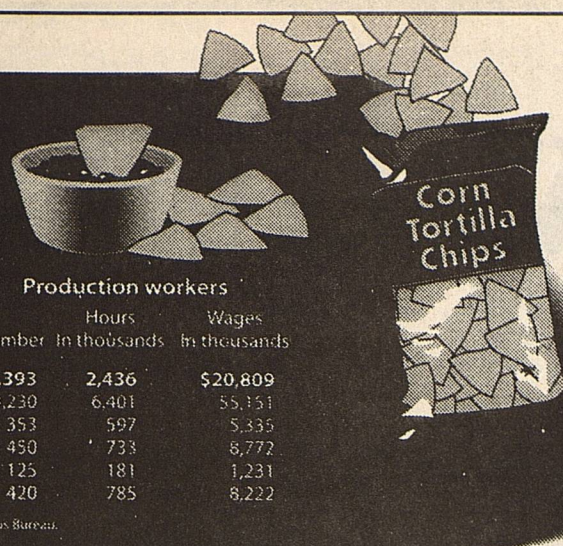
In County Court November 24, Judge Dallas Brewer heard a guilty plea from John W. Villareal for possession of 2 ounces or less of marijuana. He was sentenced to jail for ten hours, time already served. He was fined \$500, and must pay \$210 court costs.

## Totalling Texas' tortillas

Texas leads the nation in number of tortilla plants, though many of them have fewer than 20 employees. In payroll, production hours and total number of employees, California has the largest tortilla manufacturing market.

	Plants		Employees		Production workers		
	Total	20 or more employees	Number	Payroll in thousands	Number	Hours in thousands	Wages in thousands
Texas	70	18	1,913	\$34,831	1,393	2,436	\$20,809
California	58	39	4,258	81,800	3,230	6,401	59,151
Colorado	10	4	458	7,725	353	597	5,335
Illinois	9	5	550	12,263	450	733	8,772
New Mexico	8	2	160	2,003	125	181	1,231
Georgia	6	4	501	11,059	420	785	8,222

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts, and U.S. Census Bureau.



Frank Rene Morales pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He must pay restitution totalling \$11,419 to Yoakum County Hospital, Texas Tech Health Sciences

Center, and University Medical Center. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state in both courts.

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people will take a little ac-

rued vacation time. They will attend a number of training programs, in order to instruct the seasonal employees we will hire next spring.

The coming Spring months will see district personnel busy. All cotton fields will be

carefully mapped again. When cotton is actually planted, weevil traps will be deployed, at the average rate of one trap per five acres, possibly 60,000 or more traps. Again, when cotton is growing, each trap will be checked, and the number of weevils contained will be recorded.

Treatment or spraying for weevils, will be based on trap counts and the crop stage. Cotton fields will be sprayed when the crop has reached the pin head square stage, and the trapped weevil count, or weevil trigger, has been met.

Dusek said he was well satisfied with the first year's efforts against the boll weevil, and was also satisfied the "Weevil War" would be won.

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# Obituaries

## Services For Lowell E. Trout

Funeral services were held for Lowell E. Trout, 84, of Bonham, Texas on November 29, 1999 in Memorial Chapel, Brownfield Funeral Home at 11:00 am. with Reverend Glen N. Harlin officiating. Interment was at Terry County Memorial under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home. Mr. Trout was born April 20, 1915 and died November 26, 1999. Moving with his family to Tokio, Texas in 1923, he graduated from high school in Tokio, served in the Army in WWII, returned to the Tokio area where he farmed and ranched. He moved to Bowie, back to Brownfield, then Plains and entered the VA Hospital in Bonham in 1983 where he has lived since. He was a member of the Tokio Baptist Church. Survivors include Ila Trout, sister-in-law and guardian, of Tokio, and a number of nieces and nephews. The family received friends at the funeral home Monday from 10:00 am. until service time.

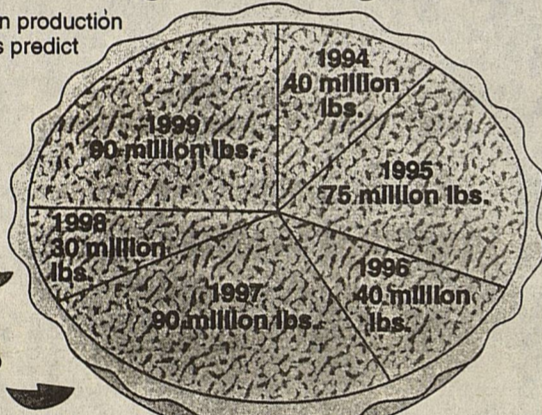
## Prairie Winds Chorus Christmas Show

Hear barbershop harmony at its best on December 4 when Prairie Winds Chorus of Sweet Adelines International presents "Dear Santa," a Christmas dessert show hosted by special guest Don Webster. In addition to the 75-voice Prairie Winds Chorus, featured performers will include the Singing Plainsmen, local men's barbershop chorus, and women's quartets Crystal Collection, Rendition, and Astound Sound. The evening of festive entertainment, complete with a dessert buffet, will begin at 7 p.m. at McInturff Conference Center located at University Medical Center. Tickets are \$15. For tickets or more information, call 799-SING (799-7464). Tickets can also be purchased from any chorus member. (end of article)

## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Pecan producers get cracking

After very low pecan production in 1998, forecasters predict a hearty rebound of 90 million pounds in 1999.



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us).



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## You Can Do That On Line ?

Here are some creative ways universities are using technology:

\* Roommate wanted. The University of Texas at Austin has a Web-based system for finding a roommate. Students answer questions about likes and dislikes - studies late, sleeps late, doesn't smoke - on a university Web site and the computer plays matchmaker. The system is running and students are looking for fall 2000 roommates.  
 \* Malone College in Ohio is offering a physical education course - online. Instructor Tom Grimes, the college's track and field coach, will teach with a mix of text, audio clips and digital photos. He will commu-

nicate with students via e-mail and chat rooms. To keep students from slacking, he maintains extensive one-on-one contact through e-mail and requires the students to keep journals.

\* Paging. Loyola Marymount University in California provided pagers to entering freshman this past summer. The university regularly sent instant messages on practical information new students need to know, such as what kind of sheets fit dorm room beds. Loyola got the pagers and service at cost and provided them to the students at no charge. They could keep them for \$7.95 per month.

## SPC Classes Via Internet This Spring

South Plains College will offer classes via the internet this spring, from Agriculture Finance to World Literature II.

Enrollment for Internet classes is scheduled during SPC's spring registration Jan. 13 on

Levelland campus and Jan. 12-13 on the Lubbock campus. Students can attend classes and complete assignment using a personal computer. Following registration, students should e-mail the instructor for details on class orientation and course requirements. Internet courses offered at Levelland are Agriculture Finance, Taught by Ron Presley; General Biology, Phillip Ricker; Composition I Teresa Toney; Composition II, Dr. Patricia Cearley; Technical Writing, Dr. Patricia Cearley; American Literature, Teresa Toney; World Literature I, Dr. Mike Felker; World Literature II, Dr. Patricia Cearley;

American Government, Travis Spears; History of the U.S. Since 1876, Jimmie McGee; Texas History, Dr. Sharon Bogner; Introduction to Criminal Justice, Jimmy Richey; General Psychology, Dr. Wanda Clark; Human Growth and Current Social Problems, Jacquelin Spector.

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## Cotton Marketing

More cotton is entering the marketplace as the U.S. cotton harvest is proceeding unhindered by adverse weather. USDA's latest crop progress report showed 82 percent of U.S. cotton was off the stalk as of November 21. Progress is slightly behind as the harvest was 87 percent complete at the same time in 1998, and the 5 year average is 83 percent.

The Texas harvest also is behind last year's pace with only 67 percent out of the field, versus the previous year's 82 percent and the 72 percent 5 year average. Stripping will increase tremendously in the next week as growers on the Texas Plains finally have received a killing freeze. Many growers grew tired of waiting for cotton killing temperatures, which were long overdue, and applied harvest aids to defoliate their crop and accelerate picking. However, in view of the poor price outlook, others opted to wait for a freeze to lower production costs and now have finally been rewarded with several days of temperatures below 32 degrees. *Telcot Report, Nov. 25, 1999*

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**The 1999 Christmas Assistance Program will accept applications at the following times:**  
**November 18 - December 3, 2:00 pm. - 5:00 pm.**  
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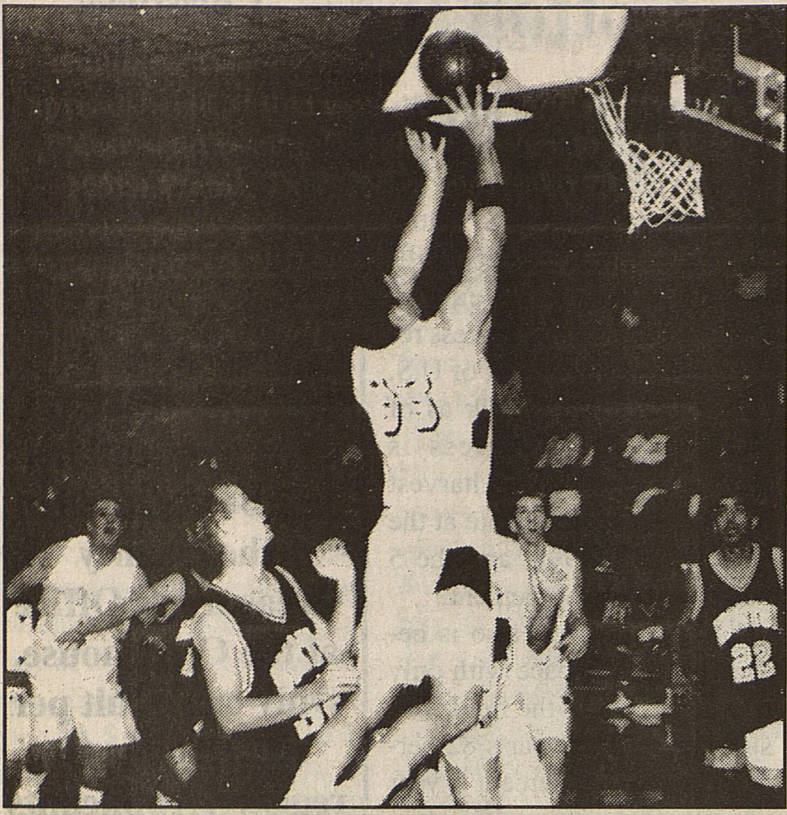
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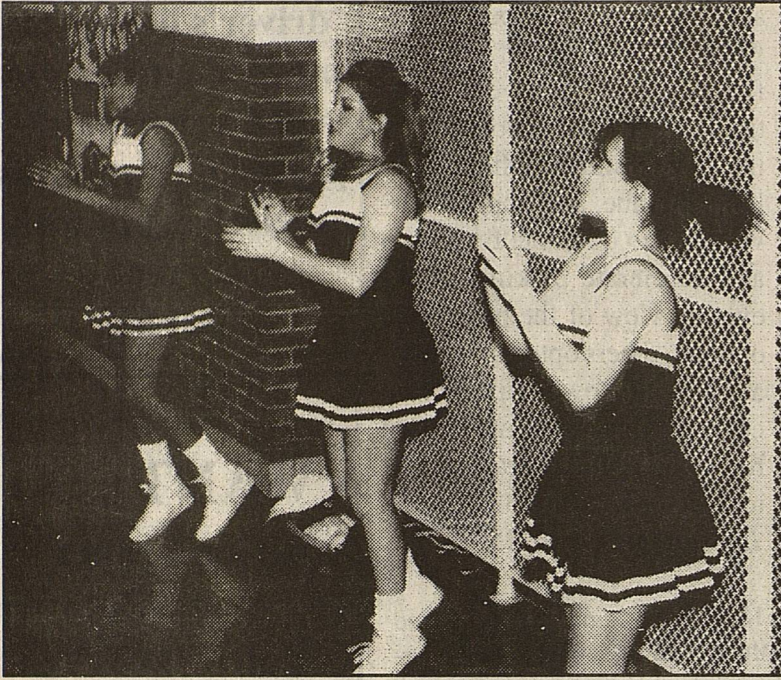
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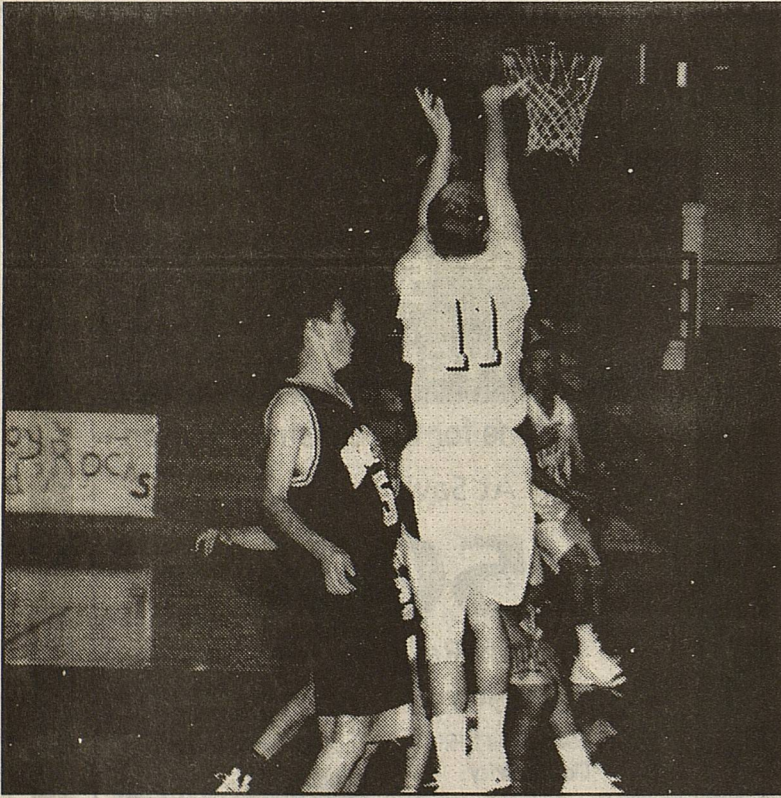
## Cowboy vs Morton Scenes



Josh Bell goes up for layup shot.



Cheerleaders delighted with score, whoop it up.



Aaron Cain gets off jumper in good style.

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## PISD Basketball Summary

### Junior High:

**7th Lady Wranglers** - The Jr. High girls had a very tough time with Tahoka November 22. The seventh graders were downed 47-8. Jamie Covarrubias managed 4 points, and Micaela Villegas and Mayra Flores had 2 each.

**8th Lady Wranglers** - The older girls didn't fare any better against Tahoka, losing 64-7. Manuela Villegas, Kimberly Trent and Carmen Ponce managed 2 points each, and Helen Neufeld had one.

**7th Wranglers** - In the Whiteface Tournament November 18, the 7th boys got off to a good start, downing Ropes 34-15. Daniel Parker had 9 points, Brant Huerta 8, Scott Bruton 6, Cody Flores and Cole Krebsbach 4 each, Evan Cain 2, Kelby Johnson 1. They next lost a squeaker to Whiteface, 28-27. Individual scores unavailable. They almost won third place in game three, losing again by one point to Smyer, 37-36. Daniel had 14 points, Cody 12, Evan 4, Kerry Sison, Daniel Estrada and John Wagnon 2 each.

On November 22, they lost another one point game, downed by Tahoka 36-35. Daniel led the scoring again with 12, Cody 6, Kerry and Scott 4, John 3, and Payton Bean, Cole, Brant 2 each.

**JV Cowgirls** - The younger Cowgirls faced Abernathy November 22, and were defeated 57-34. Chelsi Wagnon had 8 points, Chelsea Blount and Kayla Willis had 6 each. Coach Lusk cited the play of the scorers, and Jessica Knight, Arasley Luna and Mackenzie Winn, and said the team played much better the second half.

The girls faced Morton next, and came out on top 39-29. Jessica Rodriguez topped scoring with 15 points, Arasley Luna had 7, and Mandi Rogers 6. Coach said Wagnon, Blount, Rodriguez, Luna and Kayla Willis had a great defensive game, and the team shot 54% free throws, their high for the season.

**Varsity Cowgirls** - The Cowgirls also found Abernathy too strong, and were downed 60-23. Krystle Blundell led the scoring with 8 points, Candace Bowers had 7, Jessica Flores 4 points. Candace had 8 rebounds and 2 steals, Anne Palmer 2 assists and a steal, and Kim Willis had an outstanding defensive game.

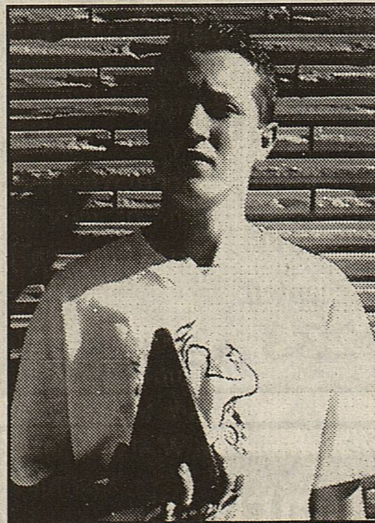
The Cowgirls bounced back the next night to down Morton 39-34. Candace was high point scorer with 15, Kristen Gray had 7, Jessica Flores 6, Krystle 4, and Anne and Kim had 2 each. Candace grabbed 12 rebounds, Annaliesa O'Quinn had 5, and Krystle had 5 steals.

**Cowboy Freshmen** - The Frosh Cowboys played their first game against Tahoka, and were topped 45-25. Jonathan DeLa Rosa managed 11 points, Bradley Palmer had 8, Ryan Swann 4, and Kelly Bowers 2.

**JV Cowboys** - The JV boys had a good game against Morton, handily winning 63-45, to improve their record to 2 and 1. David Luna poured in 24 points, Moises Gonzales had 10, Jeremy Morphis 8, Joseph Rodriguez 8

**Varsity Cowboys** - An illness in the family of Coach David Williams made the Cowboy game results unavailable at press time.

### Student of the Week

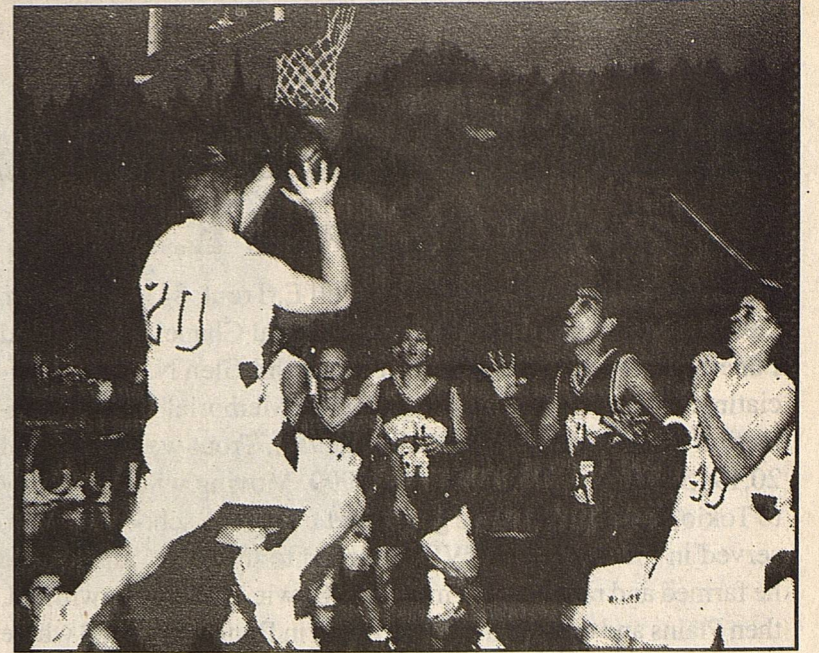


This week's student of the week is Jordan Bean a fresh-

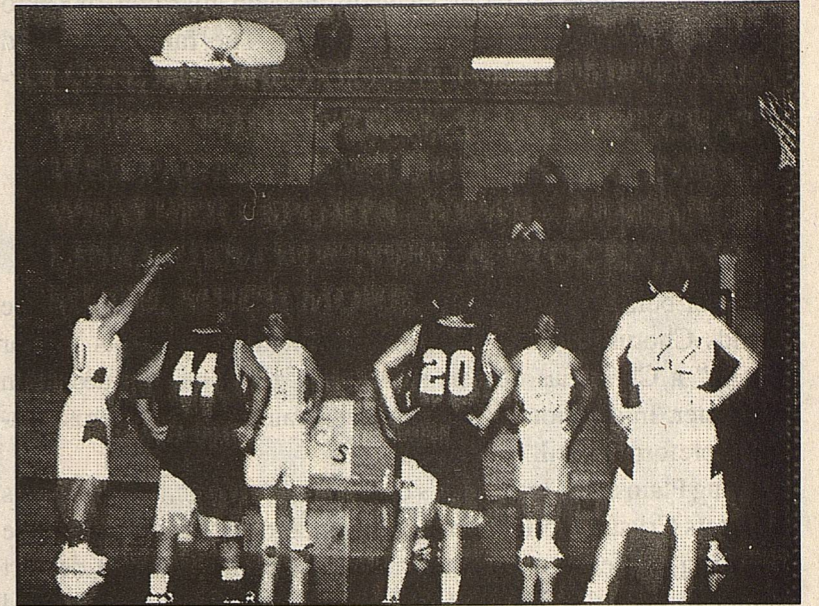
man and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Monty Bean. Jordan was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn who said, "This student is a delight to have in class and has the talent of "reading between the lines" and comprehending what an author implies. Jordan has an enthusiastic approach and appreciation of English and literature.



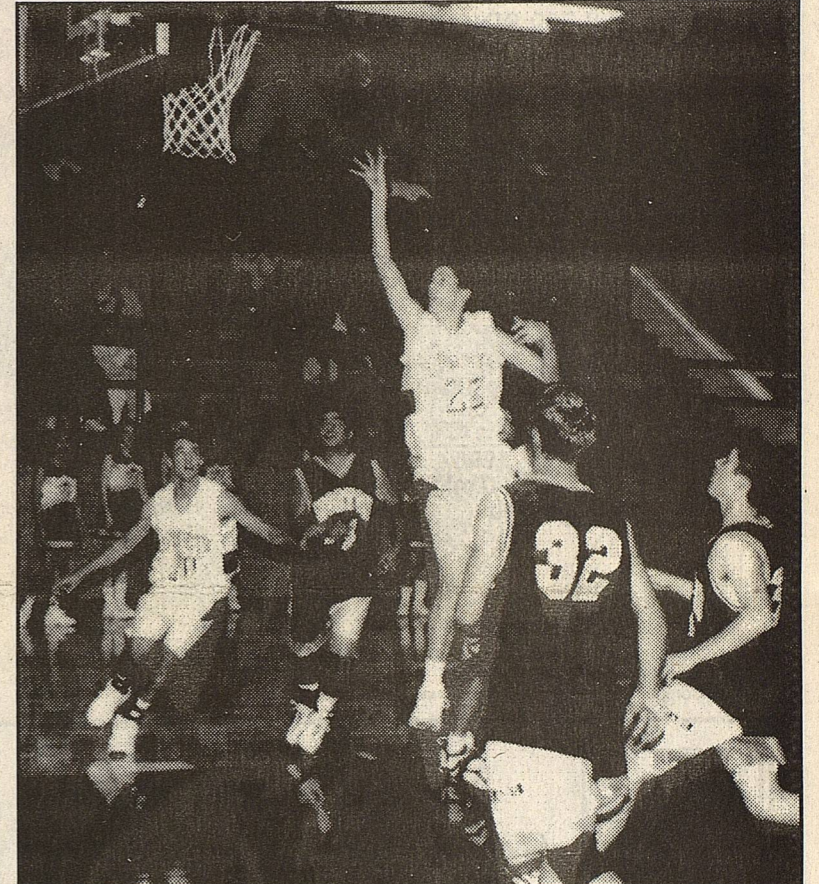
Eddie Gallegos waits for results on his shot.



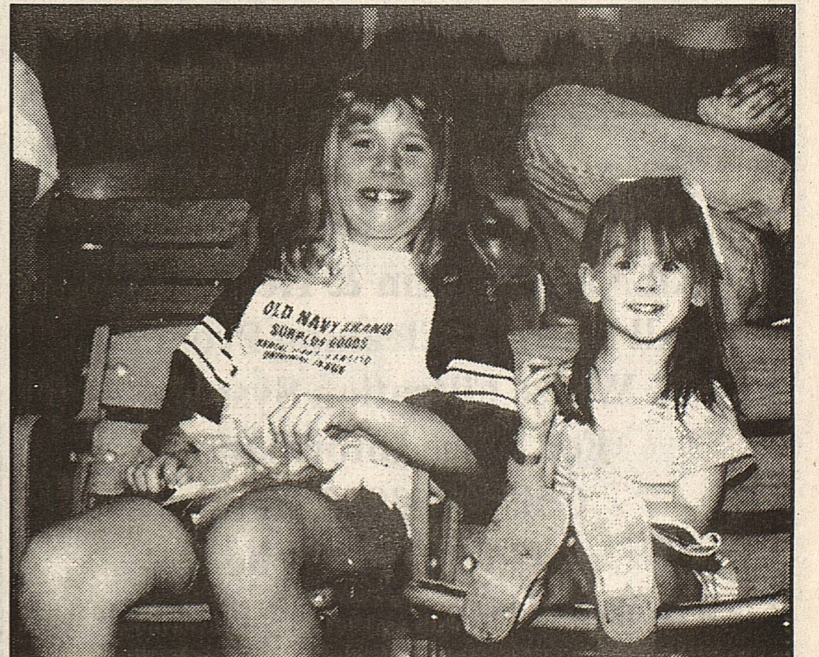
Brett Squyres soars high for shot.



Kyle Sisson arches one high for free throw.



Dustin Six is airborne for close in shot.



These young ladies, Natalie Butler and Bailey Winn, were delighted with the game and having their picture taken.

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# Lifelines & Styles

## Cub Scout Pack 778



Wolf Group 2nd graders, Justin Gonzales, Blake Longoria, Arthur Ruiz and Jacob Brink. Leaders: Cissy and Jimmy Gomez.



Bears group 3rd graders visit Library Zachary Ramon, A.J. Martinez, Derek Garza, Christopher Gonzales, Holden Welch and Zachary Guerra. Leaders: Christy Brink and Lisa Garza

## Senior Citizens Corner

The Thanksgiving lunch was a great event. The decorations were real nice and the gusts were a 'sight for sore eyes'. Every table was filled with people enjoying the good turkey and dressing. Thanks to all who helped make it a great day.

Same goes for our 'Bake Sale Auction'. It was a lot of fun and a nice money maker. Thanks to Tom for doing the Auction. Lots of goodies were sold, and thanks to everyone who baked and donated.

First place in the '42' Tournament went to Inez Turner and Betty Boatman.

It was nice to see Darlene Clevenger back after recovering from surgery.

Mrs. Scott is still in the hospital. Elaine Schnedder was in the hospital but is home for a few days, and will go back for surgery.

We will have guests to sing during the noon hour on December 1.

We all sincerely hope everyone had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.

See you next week,  
Smitty

## Student Council Scavenger Hunt A Total Success

Student Council would like to thank everyone who donated to this year's Scavenger Hunt. We collected over 700lbs of food which will go to the local food bank, and over 300 articles of clothing which will go to the Women's Protective Service.

For those who missed out, you can still donate by calling Melisa Dorsett for more information.

Krystle Blundell, President

## Card of Thanks

Thank You to all the wonderful people of Plains for your support while Hoss was in the hospital. Thank you for all the food, flowers and prayers. We couldn't have made it through this hard time without all of you.

The Hoss Newsom Family

**Yoakum County Connection  
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## 50th Wedding Anniversary For Loe's



Bob and Winnell Loe, Canyon, Texas are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at the University Church of Christ in Canton, Texas on December 11, 1999. The event is being hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Bob married the former Winnell Fitzgerald on December 18, 1949 in Plains. The couple previously lived in the Plains, Denver City area. They have lived in Canyon for 20 years. Bob is a retired real estate appraiser and Winnell is a housewife. They belong to the University Church of Christ in Canyon.

Their children are the late Mike Loe, Susan Loe, and Travis and Deanna Loe, all of Canyon; and Bret and Lisa Moore of Boise City, Oklahoma. They have 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

## Engagement Announced

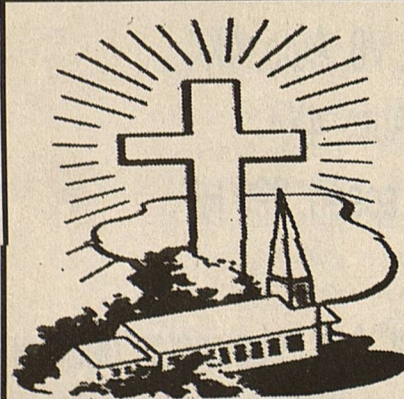


Mr. and Mrs. Vennum Fitzgerald of Plains announce the engagement of their daughter, Vee Ann, to Phillip Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carter of Ira. The couple will marry February 26, 2000, in the First Baptist Church in Plains.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She is employed by South Plains Public Health District. The groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University and Angelo State University. He is employed by the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources.



Sandra Quezado, "Pie in the face" winner at DQ's recent re-opening, shown with manager Rosie Gallardo.



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# From The Hack

With apologies to none, but special thanks to Stephen Henry, Publisher of the Levelland News-Press, from whom we are stealing the following tale:

The Pope met with his Cardinals to discuss a proposal from Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli leader.

"Your Holiness," said one of the Cardinals, "Mr. Netanyahu wants to challenge you to a game of golf, to show the friendship and ecumenical spirit shared by the Jewish and Catholic faiths."

The Pope thought it a good idea, but had never played golf. "Have we not a Cardinal who can represent me against the

Israel leader?" he asked.

"None who play golf very well," he was told. Then added, "There is a man named Jack Nicklaus who is a devout Catholic. We can offer to make him a Cardinal, and ask him to play Benjamin Netanyahu as your personal representative. In addition to showing our spirit of cooperation we'll also win the golf match."

A call was made, and Nicklaus was honored and agreed to play.

The day after the match, Nicklaus reported to the Vatican to inform the Pope of the result. Nicklaus said, "I have some good news and some bad news, you Holiness." "Tell me the good news first, Cardinal Nicklaus," said the Pope.

"Well, I don't like to brag, but I've played some pretty good rounds in my life, but this was the best I have ever played. I must have been inspired from above. My drives were long and true, my irons were accu-

rate, and my putting was perfect. With all due respect, my play was miraculous."

"There's bad news?" asked the Pope.

Nicklaus bowed his head and sighed, "I lost to Rabbi Tiger Woods by three strokes."

I was recently accused by a male or two of being too soft on females in this column. If that is truly the case, we certainly must right this wrong... it's only right and fair to heap stuff on the fairer sex if we're gonna heap it on us big bad burly males. So.....

Scientists have discovered a food to diminish a woman's sex drive by 93%. It's wedding cake.

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

Why is a laundrymat a really bad place to pick up a woman? Cause a woman who can't afford a washing machine will never be able to support you.

Why do men pass gas more than women do? Because women won't shut up long enough to build up pressure.

Our last fight was my fault. She asked me, "What's on the TV?", and I said "Dust."

I somehow managed to survive Thanksgiving one more time. When it's down to just the Bride and I, as it was again, our ritual is pretty simple, and sort of set in stone.

She arises before I do, no doubt (on my part) because I work harder than Bride. When I stumble into the kitchen craving a caffeine fix, she is already greasy with turkey fat, has

cornbread under her fingernails for the dressing, is doing something mysterious to cranberries, corn, sweet 'taters and a combo pumpkin-pecan pie. I yawn and casually ask, "What's for breakfast?" She snarls, "Two slices of bacon, a slice of light bread, coffee, and don't mess with absolutely nothing I've got spread around this kitchen if you want to keep all your fingers and toes... oh, Happy Thanksgiving. Now, get out of the way!"

I meekly sit in the living room watching the Macy Parade, glad those folks there are getting soaked, cause it's too cold and windy here to even consider a little golf, no matter how dedicated one is.

At 10:15, I hear the call I've been expecting all morning; "Hon, Sweetie Pie, would you come in here and chop this celery and on-

ions for me... you know I'm a bit clumsy with a sharp knife."

Ah, how well I know. Last year she severed a tidy chunk from her left thumb doing rutabagas. Before that, I carried her to ER for stitches she gained while trying to peel an avocado, and I swear, she once slit her palm open with a BUTTER KNIFE! Bride and sharp instruments do not mix.

When all the chopping, whipping, stirring and tastings were over, and the table was so well set, we sat, toasted one another with a sip of bubbly, held hands, and I stumbled through a brief prayer of thanks.

My large plate looked like it had been filled with a Backhoe. The Bride inspected it, sniffed and said, "I hope you enjoy every morsel, but don't expect me to call EMS if you over-

gorge yourself like last year... and the EMS guys have already told me they're not about to ruin their Thanksgiving by pumping your stomach out again."

My appetite was just a bit quelled by the warning... but not too much

The following 'advice from kids' items were E-Mailed to us:

Never trust a dog to watch your food.

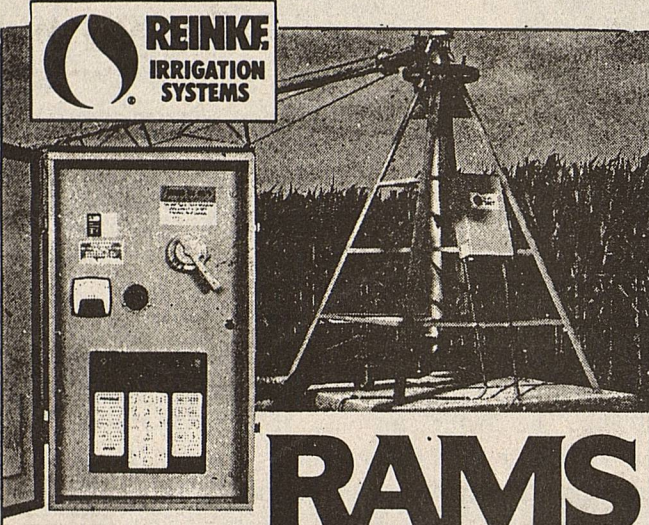
Don't squat with your spurs on.

Never tell your mom her diet's not working.

If you want a kitten, start by asking for a horse.

Don't pee on an electric fence.

You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.



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