

INDULGENT MOTHER

Lupe Villa's son Ramon
took her red Pinto while
she was in the shower
and eloped with a girl to
Las Vegas
left Lupe without a car to
get to work at Denny's
next day he called her collect
to wire him gas money home
and she rushed out and
sent it to him

HAT HALL OF FAME

The rough walls of
the back porch made
a perfect foil — a small museum
old Stetsons
Uncle Wick never discarded
one of his hats
battered though they were
but never quite defeated by
weather
only a West Texas devil
could conjure
they hung there in honor
with bridles and a branding
iron
Uncle's voice would crack with
emotion when he told visitors
Them old hats
could tell a lot of stories
if they could talk