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### News Briefs

#### Year Book Senior ads

Anyone who wishes to place a personal ad for a graduating senior in the 1994 Sonora High School Yearbook needs to contact Kirk Macon by March 1 at 387-6533 to make arrangements.

#### Scholarship Fund

A memorial scholarship fund has been established in the name of Melissa Bernice Hearn at Sutton County National Bank. For further information, please contact JoAnn Hernandez at 387-2593.

#### ACS News

The Sutton County Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet Monday, February 21, 1994 at 4:00 p.m. in the Founders Room of First National Bank. Anyone interested please feel free to join with us. For information call Charles Graves at 387-5380.

#### Banking Hours

First National, and Sutton County National Banks will be closed Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day. Normal hours will resume Tuesday.

#### Free Throw Contest

On February 19, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. the Knights of Columbus will be holding a Free Throw Contest at the Jr. High Gym. Entry forms can be obtained through the coaches. Boys & Girls between the ages of 10 and 14 are welcome to participate.

#### Vandalism

Over the February 11th weekend, Broncho Ford, located at 115 N. Concho was vandalized. Five tires were slashed on a pick-up truck that was parked inside the building. If you have any information pertaining to the vandalism, please give Mike Crow or LeeVan Tucker a call at 387-2549. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

#### Hospital Auxiliary Meeting

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, February 21, 1994 at 3:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church. All members and interested parties are invited to attend.

## Solis Receives Numerous Awards



Lori Solis

Mrs. Lori Solis has made quite a name for herself in Sonora. She has received numerous awards for her achievements with the Sonora Independent School district. Among her awards are: the Ginevra Wood Carson Educator of the Year Award (January 14th), the Mayor's Award of Excellence (February 15th), and, unknown to the community, she was recognized in the Who's Who in American Education. She

received the confirmation of this award in late October. To receive this award, one has to be recommended and send in a letter explaining the accomplishments and credentials about themselves.

Lori brings not only a superior basis of knowledge but also a dignity, poise, and graciousness to her workplace. She serves as an excellent role model for all students - Hispanic and Anglo alike - and by her position attitude, she is

instrumental in developing the self esteem of each child she touches.

She has an M.A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin, specializing in Bilingual Special Education. She is certified in Elementary Education, Bilingual Education, All Level Special Education, High School Drama & Speech, Educational Diagnostician, Bilingual Special Education.

Mrs. Solis will complete course requirements toward Guidance and Counseling and Mid-Management certification in the spring of 1994.

She has been with the Sonora Independent School District for 22 years. Beginning in 1971, she taught Bilingual 1st grade, 2nd grade Special Education, Special Education, kindergarten through 6th grades, Regular 2nd grade, 2nd grade Bilingual Education, Bilingual E.S.L., 2nd through 5th grades and is now the Special Programs Director of the SISD. In 1984-85, she worked on her Master's Degree at UT in Austin. In 1986, she was the Education Diagnostician for the Menard Planning Co-op.

While working in Sonora, she has developed three very important projects. The ACTS program was developed as a high school program aimed at addressing the needs of At-Risk students. She wrote a grant proposal and was awarded funds through the Concho Valley Council of Government to implement the program.

The HARP program is an early childhood education

program aimed at early intervention for 3 and 4 year olds who are limited English proficient and/or economically disadvantaged. The program also provides parenting skills to enable these children to receive additional support from the home.

The ELKS program is an after school program aimed at meeting the needs of latch key children. Lori wrote proposals to two major companies (Enron and Meridian) requesting monies to fund this program and, at this writing, monies have been awarded by Enron.

She is a member is the following educational organizations: Delta Kappa Gamma, Kappa Delta Pi (an international honor society in education), TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages), Texas Association of 504 Coordinators and Hearing Officers, ASCS (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development), ATPE (Association of Texas Professional Educators), TEPISA (Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association), and the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation Application, Educator of the Year Award.

"I was shocked to find that I was the recipient for the Mayor's Award of Excellence. I really feel that these awards were given to recognize the community as a whole, not me as an individual. If it had not been for the support of the community, these programs never would have worked," said Mrs. Solis when asked how she felt about receiving the awards.

## Smooth Operators Of Sonora



(front row L to R) Joshua Hopkins, Ervay Torres, Elloy Torres, Jackie Crawford, Byron Williams, Joseph Percifull, (second row L to R) Jessica Bruns, Leslie Gamez, Cassie Perez, Heather Lawson, Ashley Bible, Marybell Hernandez, Margarie Becknell, Christa Sympler, (third row L to R) Wylie Wagner, Jake Trainer, Pokey Samaniego, Balde Hernandez, Jacob Percifull, James Elliott, Davey Prather, Justin Odum, Nicholas Lozano (fourth row L to R) Colby Whitehead, Texie Roberts, Bryce Williams, Ryan Hardgrave, Daisha Henson, Riley Crane, Cody Ainsworth, Chris James, Cristina Buitron, Bill Renfro.



(front row L to R) Davey Scott Martinez, Denedya Gloria, Alison Higdon, Debra Martinez, David Luna, Dustin Creek, Michelle Weingart, (second row L to R) Cathy Herrera, Cayton Hicks, Danielle Galindo, Ariel Hall, Angie Ibarra, Daina Hernandez, Lacy Ragsdale, Kate Higdon, Laramie Hall, (third row L to R) David Cook, Austin Wagner, Ariel Marrs, Brook Northcott, Megan Fitzgerald, Cady Taylor, Jessie Bellard, Evangelina Martinez, Karina Hernandez



Donna Hill sits on the throne made for her by the students.

## Donna Hill - Reading & Relaxing

In the book, "The Wizard of Oz", Dorothy walked down the yellow brick road in search of the wizard that could send her back to her home in Kansas. On February 14th, the students at Sonora Intermediate sent their principal, Mrs. Donna Hill, down a yellow brick road that they had "built" brick by brick by reading over 600 books in four weeks. The

yellow brick road stretched from the library doors, through the hallway, down the stairwell, and down the carpeted aisle of the auditorium to the stage steps. She found a special place on the stage with a comfortable chair and lamp to relax and leisure read for the day. The students know that Mrs. Hill works very hard so that they receive the best

education possible - and, that she rarely takes a day off to relax. So, the students decided to give her a special treat for Valentines Day!

The students shared this day with Mrs. Hill by going into the auditorium and silently reading during their reading classes. (Actually, they were making sure that she was resting and reading!)

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

It's Jump Rope For Heart time again! Jump Rope For Heart is an aerobic exercise to benefit the American Heart Association, sponsored by the

Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Students collect contributions and then jump rope for a set amount of time.

They receive prizes based on the amount of contributions they turn in. Soon, you will

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## Our Sympathy

### Jose Luciano Contreras

Jose Luciano Contreras, 68, died Sunday, February 13, 1994. He was born January 7th, 1926 in Charcas, San Luis, Mexico.

He is survived by his wife Augustina. Four sons: Luis and Armando, both of Sonora. Alberto, of San Angelo, and Manuel of Monterrey, Mexico. Four daughters: Lurides Garcia, Rosalinda Ramirez and Theresa Contreras, all of Sonora, and Martha Contreras of Monterrey, Mexico. Three

brothers: Cecilio of Monterrey, Mexico, Facundo of Ciudad Acuna, and Victorio of Monterrey, Mexico. Three sisters, Maria Castillo of Santa Anna and Modesta Frausto, both of Santa Anna, and Savera Palacios of Monterrey, and Seven grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

### Paula Monrreal Vasquez

Paula Monrreal Vasquez, 87, died Thursday, February 15, 1994 in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held Thursday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery, directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born June 22, 1906, in Sonora and was a

lifetime resident. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include six sisters, Manuela Monrreal, Victoria M. Santos, Cande Noriega, Eloisa M. Gamez and Elodia Galindo, all of Sonora, and Jesusita Dominguez of Ozona; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## TxDOT Employees Recognized

Jesus Gutierrez, Maintenance Technician III, was recently recognized for 20 years of service with the department. Gutierrez performs general maintenance duties and assists maintenance crews with concrete work. He is affiliated with the Catholic church.

Marty Lipham, Maintenance Technician II, was recognized for 5 years of

service. Lipham, a heavy equipment operator, and his wife Darla, have a three year old son, Westley. Lipham is a Sonora Fire Department volunteer and enjoys restoring old cars.

Area Engineer Paul Chevalier presented the awards along with a letter of congratulations from District Engineer Walter McCullough, P.E.



Eulojia Flores and Juan Lozano were the Senior Center Sweethearts. They received various gifts from businesses in Sonora. Those businesses were: Vallree's Bright Spot Fashions & Gifts, Bright Spot Beauty Salon, Rafter L Bar-B-Que and Westerman Drug. All the participants received Hugs & Kisses (candy, that is) and long stemmed carnations courtesy of the Committee on Aging. The sweethearts were elected by their peers.



Here enjoying the reception held to meet the new Main Street Manager, Melett Rowland are: Janell Sparks, Stephanie Campbell, Jim Garrett, Vallree Draper, Melett Rowland, Lemuel Lopez, Becky Covington, John Pape.

### Card of Thanks

God has shown His Love, Mercy and Peace through each and every person in Sonora. Words cannot begin to express our appreciation for your prayers, all of the food, the cards and your hugs since Melissa's death. We are overwhelmed with the love and caring of everyone in our little community and all over this

part of West Texas. May God Bless each of you in a special way.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Hoot, Kathy & Laura  
The Jack Hearn Family  
The J.D. Mirike Family  
Ann Rogers  
Bea Black

## Community Calendar

### February

**Saturday-19th:** Little Dribblers perform: Jewels @ 1:00, Flamingos @ 2:00 (3rd, 4th girls) Crush @ 1:00, Stallions @ 2:00 (3rd, 4th boys) Taz & Red Rattlers @ 1:00, Jets @ 2:00 (5th, 6th girls) A. Pack vs. R. Red Rebels @ 3:00, Bullets vs. T-birds @ 4:00, Sonics vs. Canes @ 5:00 (5th, 6th boys)

**Sunday-20th:** February Fiesta Dinner at the Senior Center. Tickets \$5. Serving starts at 11:30. Call 387-5657 for more information.

**Monday-21st: Little Dribblers:** Tornados vs. Jewels @ 6:00 (3rd, 4th girls) Stallions vs. Gators @ 7:00 (3rd, 4th boys) Jets vs. Red Rattlers @ 6:00 (5th, 6th girls) Canes vs. Rebels @ 5:00, Sonics vs. T-birds (5th, 6th boys)

**Tuesday-22nd:** Little Dribblers: Flamingos vs. Red Barons @ 6:00 (3rd, 4th girls) Crush vs. Ducks @ 7:00 (3rd, 4th boys) Panthers vs. Taz @ 6:00 (5th, 6th girls) A. Pack vs. Bullets @ 5:00, Da Boys vs. R. Rebels @ 7:00 (5th, 6th boys)

**Thursday-24th:** Little Dribblers: Tornados vs. Flamingos @ 6:00 (3rd, 4th girls) Crush vs. Stallions @ 7:00 (3rd, 4th boys) Panthers @ 5:00, Tax @ 6:00, Red Rattlers @ 7:00 (5th, 6th girls) Attack Pack @ 5:00, T-birds @ 6:00, Da Boys @ 7:00 (5th, 6th boys)

**Friday-25th:** NO SCHOOL, SEMESTER FIELD TRIP

**Saturday-26th:** Choir Solo & Ensemble Contest - Brownwood

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## Freelance Philosophy

One of my favorite stories is about a gentleman who was caught in a flood. The man climbed to the top of a tree. Soon a powerboat came by. The people in the boat asked the man if he would like to get into the boat.

He said, "No, the Lord will save me." A little while later, another boat came by. The captain of that boat shouted, "Climb aboard!" The man said, "No! The Lord will save me." Later, a helicopter flew by. The people in the helicopter threw down a rope and urged him to grab the rope.

"No!" insisted the man. "The Lord will save me!"

The next scene is in Heaven. The man is standing before the Lord and asks, "Lord, I served you all my life and I had faith in you. Tell me, why didn't you come to my rescue?"

To which the Lord replied, "That's strange. I thought I sent two boats and a helicopter."

I suppose that sometimes we need to depend upon the Lord; sometimes, we need to depend upon others; and sometimes, we need to take action ourselves.

Until the next time,  
May God Bless  
GCS

### Tips on Trips

For the safety and convenience of the student, we request that you do no give cash if possible. Please make your check payable to the American Heart Association. Your cancelled check can serve as your receipt. Thank you for your support of our research, education and community service programs.

(NAPS)—Savvy travelers know you can save money on an overseas trip by taking along all the "sundries" you'll need. Items like sunscreen, toothpaste, shaving cream—and especially film—generally cost a lot less at home than in an airport or resort shop.



Another great way to save when traveling is to book your trip through your neighborhood travel agency. Not only can travel agents often get you the best deals on flights and hotel accommodations, they are sometimes the only source of other bargains. For instance, take the Caribbean island of Curaçao, known for fine beaches and superb scuba diving, as well as its picturesque capital city.

If you book a trip to Curaçao now through June 30, 1994 your travel agent will give you a free Curaçao Vacation Bonus book, good for hundreds of dollars in discounts on food, merchandise and more. You'll also have a chance to win a return trip to this fascinating island with its casinos, delightful restaurants and excellent shopping. It's all part of the Curaçao Now! Curaçao Wow! promotion that will also win some lucky travel agency \$15,000 and other prizes. To find out more, call the Curaçao Tourist Board at 1-800-332-8266, extension 220.



These little jumpers are: (L to R) Cory Scheidman, Jake Trainer, Pokey Samaniego, Jacob Perciful, Davey Prather, and Cody Ainsworth.

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see these 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade volunteers will be coming into your businesses and homes asking for a

donation or pledge. Money and pledges will be collected through the week of February 14th - 22nd. All donations will be greatly appreciated and will benefit the less fortunate ones with heart diseases.



To our friends and relatives,  
Please come by our house Saturday evening, February 19th, from 7:00 on and have a piece of birthday cake on the occasion of Joseph's 93rd birthday.  
Joseph, Mabel and Jo Bess

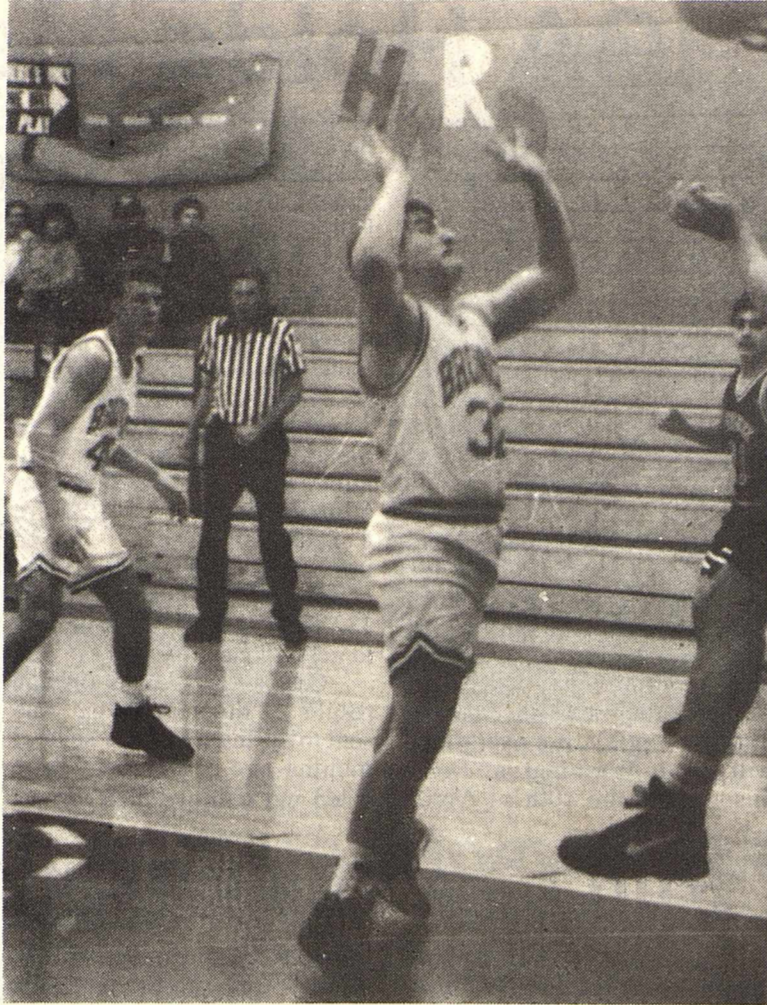
### JV Boys Basketball

The Junior Varsity boys played Colorado City Tuesday night and won with a score of 66 to 55.

High scorers were: David Fisher - 3 pts., John Paul Hudman - 9 pts., Justin House - 14 pts., Ben Taylor - 3 pts., Andy Mirike - 5 pts., Curt Dempsey - 10 pts., Chad Gibson - 10 pts., and Cody Renfro - 11 pts.

They played Kermit February 11 and won with a score of 59-57.

High scorers were: John Paul Hudman - 10 pts., Justin House - 10 pts., Andy Mirike - 2 pts., Matthew Hunt - 2 pts., Chad Bruns - 5 pts., Curt Dempsey - 13 pts., Chad Gibson - 8 pts., Jeff Floyd - 2 pts., and Cody Renfro - 7 pts.



Chad Bruns goes up for a shot in Tuesday night's Junior Varsity game against Colorado City.



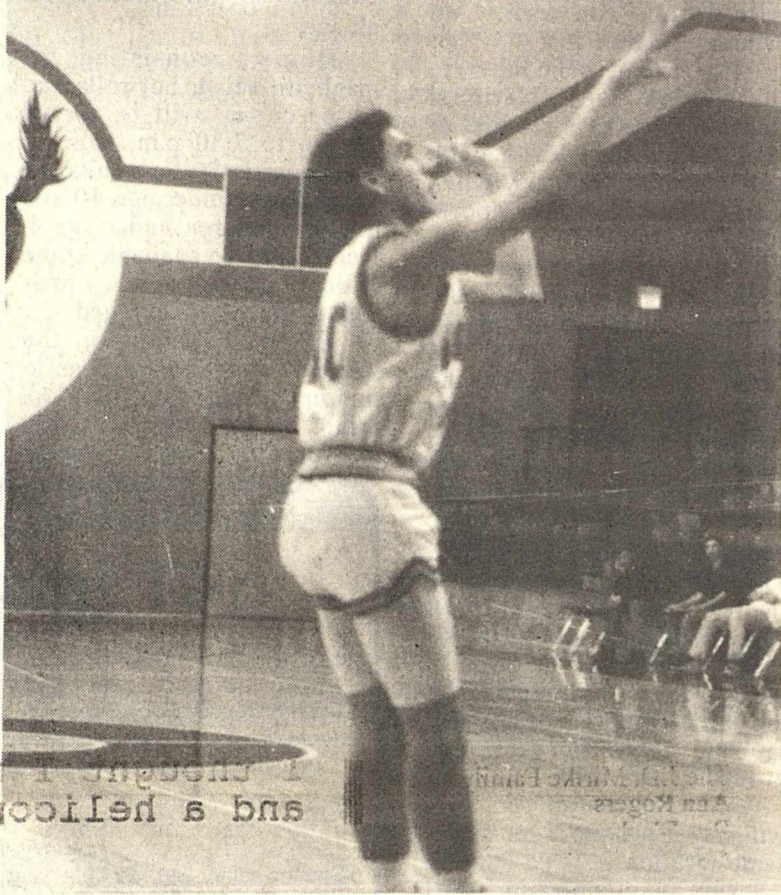
The largest U.S. gold strike of the 1900s was made near Carlin, Nevada in the early 1960s.



A gorilla baby can walk by five months but it usually rides "piggy-back" until it is almost three years old.



About 950 cities in the United States have a mass transit system. Almost all provide bus service only.



Jason Morley goes up for a shot as Josh Burnham looks on in the Varsity boys game against Colorado City Tuesday night.

## Nurses Receive Certification

submitted by Jim Blum, S.C.M.C. Administrator

Four Schleicher County Medical Center nurses, Mary Bear, Berta Nicholson, Jane Frances and Wanda Van Hoozer, recently accomplished A.C.L.S. (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) certification.

A.C.L.S. includes (1) basic life support (BSL); (2) the use of adjunctive equipment and special techniques for establishing and maintaining effective ventilation and circulation; (3) EKG monitoring and arrhythmic recognition; (4) establishment and maintenance of intravenous (IV) access; (5) therapies for emergency treatment of patients with cardiac or respiratory arrests (including stabilization in the post-arrest phase); and (6) treatment of patients with suspected acute myocardial infarction (MI). A.C.L.S.



From left to right are: Mary Bear, Berta Nicholson, Jane Frances, and Wanda Van Hoozer.

includes the ability to perform these skills and the knowledge, training and judgment about when and how to use them. Schleicher County Medical Center's mission is to further upgrade nursing skill levels and to provide the public with the latest in skilled nursing care. Through this program, the nurses have obtained special training in cardiac emergencies.

### DID YOU KNOW?

(NAPS)—To help put jet lag to flight, avoid heavy meals, alcohol and caffeinated beverages on the plane, say experts, and if necessary, use a short acting prescription sleep medication such as Ambien, which won't leave you feeling sleepy the next day.

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Weight Watchers Food Company offers a wide variety of great-tasting, nutritionally-advanced food products that can help you reach your weight loss and maintenance goals.

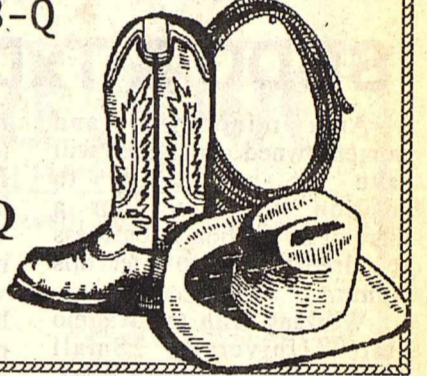
Italian tiles and trim are among the most prestigious and can make a small bathroom look like that of a palace, say experts at the Italian Tile Center.

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### SAG&HS Meets

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet Tuesday, March 1, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ, 901 North Main.

The program will be San Angelo's "Ma Goodwin" & Her Tavern. The speaker will be Lloyd Matson.

The Beginners Genealogical Class, taught by Billye Scattergood, will meet at 6:30 p.m., at the church.

Visitors are always welcome.

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# EMS'ing Around

by Barbara Stroud  
Our monthly training meeting was held on January 17, with the meeting being called to order by President Pascal Allison. With no new business to attend to the meeting was then turned over to EMT Carla Garner who gave a lecture on "Patient Assessment and Communication." Carla then demonstrated to the class the appropriate way to handle these procedures. The class was placed in groups of four to practice. Roll call was completed by Secretary Leslie Thorp and the meeting was dismissed.

Special happenings in the organization were on February 1, Pat Campbell, George & Donna Keese went on vacation for a week, and February 8, Keith Butler celebrated a birthday. Carla Garner and Lenora Pool will attend the Texas State Emergency Management Conference in Austin February 21 through the 24.

We want to take this time to recognize Pat Campbell, EMT. Pat received his EMT license in 1975 at Ranger College in Ranger, Texas. He

joined the Sutton County Ambulance Service that same year when the EMS was operated out of the Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. In 1984 the EMS Service formed a new EMS organizations and again Pat joined the EMS organization. Pat has filled the organization positions of President in 1986, Vice President in 1985 and 1987, and Assistant Training Officer in 1992. He was voted EMT of the Year in 1988. Pat is an EMS Examiner and Instructor for the Texas Department of Health and a part time employee of the Sutton County Emergency Management Service Office. Pat is married to Jaye Harlene "Butch" Campbell (City Councilwoman), and is the owner of THE VIDEO STORE. The EMS is very proud to have Pat on their team.

Ambulance Run Summary for January 1994 is as follows:

Illnesses, 23; Injuries, 16.  
**Did You Know:**  
Carbon monoxide Poisoning can result from several heat sources that are

generated from uncompleted combustion of fossil fuels. Some examples of heat sources are furnaces, space heaters, wood burning stoves, and automobile heaters. A

person who has been exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning may experience some sleepiness, headaches, sickness to the stomach, may have a cherry red color to the face and may be hard to get along with. They may also experience some difficulty in thinking straight and could have seizures. These symptoms may vary depending on the degree of poisoning. People should suspect carbon monoxide poisoning if one or more people are showing these same symptoms. Small children will be affected more quickly due to their small respiratory system. Fresh air and oxygen are first treatments for the person or persons who have been exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning. Move people who have been exposed to fresh air and call 911 for help.  
Until Next Month,  
Happy Valentines Day

# ICA Holds Meeting

The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas - held a special meeting and Dutch Treat Dinner on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Charles Carter, Legislative Director of the association was present; along with Office Manager, Susan Brown. Also attending were Mr. & Mrs. George Wallace, Johnston Holekamp, Jack Smith, Jr. and Ruth Espy.

Carter talked on many interesting topics directly impacting agriculture. The livestock user fee may be abandoned before hearings ever commence - at the Governor request.

The legislative Seminar will go to Washington, D.C. this year on the 20th of April

throughout the 24th. Some of the major issues affecting the Texas cattle producers; such as endangered species, 1995 Farm Bill, biological survey bill, are but a few that are centered in Washington, D.C. The cost of the event has been estimated at \$745 for airfare, hotel, transportation, and most meals. Meetings will be arranged with Texas Congressmen and Senators - as well as key members of the Clinton administration and the U.S.D.A. For more information call the I.C.A. office in Austin at 512-836-1321. All members are invited to get in the action.

Carter also talked on the results of the survey that was sent to all the members several months ago. Members who filled and returned their survey

to the office will receive the final tabulation of the survey.

A slate of members, to be the officers of the year 1994, was presented to those attending. The following were elected by acclamation:

Johnston Holekamp, Chairman; Mike Keller, Vice Chairman; and Mrs. Ruth Espy, Secretary-Treasurer. The directors were: Larry Finklea, Jack Smith, Jr., George Wallace, Troy Williams of Ozona, and Mrs. Adele Wilson.

This was a most informative meeting and the members asked many questions on various topics.

The next meeting will be announced after the Legislative Seminar.

# "Run Like The Wind" To Be Held

Angelo Community Hospital and the Health Club of San Angelo will sponsor "Run Like The Wind," a 5K (3.1 miles) road race and 2-mile fun run/walk on Saturday, March 5.

The event, scheduled in conjunction with National Nutrition Month, is the first of its kind for the Health Club said Martha Obidinski, R.D., race organizer and sports nutritionist.

"It is my hope that this event may increase local awareness about health, fitness and good nutrition through a variety of activities which the whole family can participate in and enjoy," Obidinski added.

The 5K road race will start at 9 a.m. at the Health Club parking lot, 3336 Loop 306. The race will wind its way through southwest San Angelo and is open to all ages. Awards will be given to the top three individuals, the top three corporate teams and the top three in each age group.

The 2-mile fun run/walk will begin at 9:05 a.m. at the same location.

All race entrants will receive T-shirts and be entered in a drawing for door prizes.

A "Run Like The Wind" pre-race spaghetti dinner and community-wide health fair will be held on Friday, March 4 in the conference rooms at ACH, 3501 Knickerbocker Rd.

The health fair, which is set for 6 to 8 p.m., will feature a variety of free health screenings including

cholesterol, glucose blood sugar) and blood pressure checks. Additionally, the booths will offer an array of educational information for all ages.

Dinner, consisting of spaghetti, salad, hot rolls and coffee or tea, will be served from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under age 10 and free for children under age 4. Tickets will be available at the door; however, pre-registration is encouraged.

To pre-register for the spaghetti dinner as well as to sign up for the "Run Like The Wind" 5K road race or 2-mile fun run/walk, contact Martha

Obidinski at (915) 947-0961. The pre-registration fee for "Run Like The Wind" is \$9 before March 5 and \$10 on race day. Checks should be made payable to Health Club of San Angelo, 3336 Loop 306, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

The Health Club of San Angelo, an affiliate of Angelo Community Hospital, is a sophisticated wellness center featuring state-of-the-art exercise equipment, wellness programs, racquetball courts, a walking/running track and a wide range of exercise classes for all age groups. The Club has about 2,500 members.

# SBDC & TxDOT To Hold Workshop

Area minority - and women-owned companies will have the opportunity to position themselves for a share of \$5 million in business at a free workshop later this month.

Working with the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center, the Texas Department of Transportation will sponsor "Texas Department of Transportation Business Opportunities Workshop," a workshop aimed at qualifying area businesses as disadvantaged business enterprises.

The workshop is scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. on February 24 in Room 105 of the Rassman Business-Computer Science Building on the ASU campus. To make reservations, contact the SBDC at 942-2098.

"We're required to do 10 percent of our business through DBEs - disadvantaged business enterprises," explained Alan Ford, Director of Administration for the Texas Department of Transportation. "Just in our district, we're probably looking somewhere in the

neighborhood of \$5 million (in business designated for DBE preference)," he said. That includes contracting for work and purchasing of materials, Ford said.

To qualify as a DBE, a business must be at least 51 percent owned by minorities or females, Ford explained.

At the workshop, state employees will explain what types of business the department is looking for and a representative from Texas A&M University's TEEEX (Texas Engineering Extension Service) program will be on hand to qualify businesses on the spot as DBEs.

"If attendance is such that (the TEEEX representative) can't do it all that night, he will be available the next day and will even come to the business to assist the business owner in becoming qualified," Ford said.

He added the TEEEX also assists, free of charge, with safety programs, project management, bookkeeping, filling out payroll forms and computers.

One reason for conducting a workshop here is that the department has

difficulty identifying eligible businesses, he added.

"We would hope to identify DBEs we weren't aware of that we will be able to do business with."

The process is not as simple as getting a chamber of commerce list of minority businesses because not all of them provide services or goods the department can buy, Ford said. For example, beauticians and restaurants would not attract department business.

In addition, other state agencies also must seek qualified DBEs for at least 10 percent of their contracts and purchases, though their contracting budgets are not as large as the Texas Department of Transportation. "Some of the other agencies don't get into the large amount of contracting we do," Ford said.

Statewide, the department does about \$2 billion in contracts and purchases, he added. "We're a fairly large customer, and in my estimation we would be good for anybody's business to sell products," he said.

# Good News For Lower Telephone Rate Searchers

(NAPS)—If you've been calling for lower telephone rates, there could be good news for you.

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Interstate switching access is the service the phone company provides long distance firms like AT&T and MCI for connections to its local network.

The filing follows a study that found local telephone competition is real and driven by the concentration of high-revenue producers in a very limited geographic area. The phone service provider now derives more than \$1.7 billion, or

nearly 15 percent of its annual revenue from interstate switched access service.

"However, the rates we must charge for these services are too high because they include significant contributions intended to subsidize local telephone service," explains Brian Lane, NYNEX Vice President Access Services. "Nearly seventy cents of every dollar in switched access revenue goes to this subsidy."

Long distance companies and business customers are increasingly finding ways to avoid paying these contributions by using alternatives to the public switched network.

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## Valentine Sweethearts



Amy Torres & Fernie Emiliano - Dance Sweethearts

The Sonora Junior High Valentine Dance was held Thursday, February 10, 1994, at the Sutton County 4-H Center. The annual event is sponsored by the Junior High Student Council and is for all Sonora Junior High Students.

In addition to the dance, the winners of the Sweetest Hearts Contest were announced. The contest selects all-school favorites at the junior high. Students who are nominated have endeared themselves to others through their personality, attitude and academic achievements. The student body then votes by secret ballot for the selection of the winner.

Girls nominated for the Sweetest Hearts Contest were: Stephanie Daniels, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Daniels; Stefany Davenport, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Matt Davenport; Rachel Lira, daughter of Mr. &

Mrs. Narciso Lira; Tracy McKnight, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Troyce McKnight; Erin Payton, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Payton; Clarissa Perez, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Perez; Joni Thorp, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tim Thorp; and Amy Torres, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Torres.

Boys nominated were: Will Allen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Allen; Juan Alvarez, son of Mr. & Mrs. Juan Alvarez; Mayer Anderson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Anderson; Drew Dempsey, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dempsey; Fernie Emiliano, son of Mr. & Mrs. Fernando Emiliano; Jason Jacoby, son of Mr. & Mrs. Scott Jacoby; and Shiloh Sykes, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Sykes.

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Linell Nixon (left) and Laura Nowlin (right), of HouseCalls Health Care Service, are pictured above.

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On Wednesday, February 9th, several participants and volunteers from the Sutton County Senior Center embarked on the adventure of a lifetime. Director Carole Thorp was able to arrange to have 10 tickets set aside to take a group to Margaret Thatcher's lecture at Angelo State University. Thank goodness, because once it was announced that all the tickets were sold out, the Senior Center's group became the chosen few! Actually, within moments of announcing the excursion, Mrs. Thorp had a list of ten interested persons and a waiting list to boot!

The group that finally went to Lady Thatcher's lecture was Carole Thorp, Center volunteers, Casey Thorp and William Haltom (ASU student & "Raisin" Cane

Photographer), and Center Participants, Guggle Thorp, Wilma Jones, Vivian Crites, Gretta Smith, Brigitte Rogers, and Norm & Doris Rousselot. Lady Thatcher enthralled the group with her lecture which was very positive for the future of the free world. She stressed that the things that molded her were her parents' sense of "Service Before Self" and growing up during the second world war. Lady Thatcher was a delightful and inspirational speaker and she looked beautiful.

The adventure became even more "interesting" when the group had to drive home in the middle of an ice storm. They made it back home to Sonora safely and all stated that it was worth it to be able to take part in a once in a lifetime opportunity!



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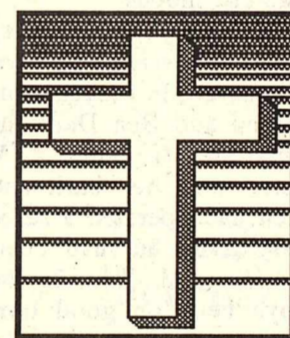
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## "The Killing of John Vaden at Ft. McKavett" Part II

by John Warren Hunter, printed in the San Angelo Standard, October 12, 1912 and reprinted in Frontier Times Nov. 1924

I next met John Vaden at Menardville in the fall of 1884. He had married a Miss Jackson, who was of an excellent family, her father being J. Jackson who lived on the San Saba below town. An election was being held and armed with a Winchester, John stood within a few feet of the polls threatening to shoot any Mexican who refused to vote his way and before the polls closed I saw him kick out the glass windows of the courtroom, where the election was being held, just because the votes were not cast to suit him. A deputy sheriff and the county judge were present but no one there wanted to take the risk of being killed. John Vaden was known as being a bad man and men feared him.

Of course I knew John Vaden on sight but kept my own counsel and as he did not recognize me, I took no occasion to renew his acquaintance. I had not, forgotten Lige Reynolds and the suspicion resting on the Biggerstaff crowd of which Vaden was a member. Lige had befriended me in boyhood, he had befriended me in Mexico before he joined the Federal army and working in conjunction with his widow and her son and daughter, who were at this time living in Mason, I was on the alert to find some clue to the real murderer.

Two years later, November, 1886, a number of men gathered after nightfall at Sam Wallick's store in Fort McKavett to wait for the coming of the Menardville mail hack. Among the number was John Vaden, who at the time and some years prior to that date, lived in McKavett. John took a seat on the office stove a box shaped affair and began to relate some of his past experiences. Those who had known him most intimately noticed that on that occasion he was unusually loquacious. There were 11 men present: I counted them and before we adjourned at eleven o'clock I had taken the name of every man in the house. Vaden began by relating his experiences with the Mexicans while in the sheep business and the number he had killed. He reverted to the earlier years of his career and told of men he had killed in North Texas; of the raids and adventures and scoutings he had engaged in while with Ben Biggerstaff and others. He recounted his achievements on the race course and in the gambling houses and told of the unfair methods he employed to win success. And thus he regaled a group of earnest listeners until

a late hour. He seemed not only boastful, but exultant, over the death of men whom he had slain and often exclaimed: "I thank Christ that I did kill him!"

Observing his unusual communicativeness, I ventured to draw him out on the manner of Mr. Reynold's death by questioning him with regard to the shooting of the soldiers and the negro just west of Sulphur Springs, the shooting at Capt. Tollman, the killing of old Grimes and others. He willingly related all the particulars and when I remarked, with assumed nonchalance: "Well some of you fellows got off with that fellow Reynolds!" "I killed Lige Reynolds myself and I thank my Christ for it!" was his startling reply. "We fell in with him a few miles out of town. We took him off the road a short way into the brush and I shot him off his horse. I then got down to get the packages of goods he had let fall and his dog bit me right here, here is the scar," and he rolled up his pants and showed us a scar on the calf of his leg.

"Why did you fellows want to kill Reynolds? He always seemed like a harmless sort of a man," I asked.

"Because he was an infernal Yankee!" was the reply, and that reply secured for Mrs. Reynolds a pension that had been denied her for so many years.

Of the eleven men who were present that night and heard Vaden's confessions and boastings, I can only recall the names of Sam Wallick, D. T. Priest, John Q. Adams, Charley Adams and Doc Word. I think Tom Ball and Tom Elliott were also present, but of this I am not sure.

After the crowd dispersed Mr. Priest, who had known Vaden since the latter's first advent into the country, said to Mr. Wallick: "John Vaden is going to kill somebody tomorrow, or else somebody will have to kill him. I know him better than any man in McKavett and you mark my words. He is in one of his dangerous moods."

In addition to his large stock and mercantile interests in McKavett, F. Mayer owned a saloon and Ben Daniels, a deputy sheriff under J. W. Mears, was his barkeeper. Vaden had operated a saloon in McKavett but had closed out. He and Daniels had always been on good terms

and only the day previous Daniels had accepted an invitation to dinner at Vaden's house.

Early the next morning, following the gathering at Wallick's, Vaden entered the saloon and began to abuse Daniels. He set about to smash furniture and to create a rough house generally. He threw a billiard ball at Daniels, which barely missed his head and crashed into a large mirror behind the bar. Bystanders interfered and Vaden swore he would go home, only a few steps away, and get his gun. Charley Adams now living at Sonora, went with him and as he neared the house, Adams gave Mrs. Vaden the sign and she ran into the room and hid the gun. Failing to find the weapon, Vaden picked up a set of brass knucks and put them in his pocket saying something about what he would do to Daniels with these knucks. Meantime, Daniels had closed the saloon, buckled on his pistol and went into an old corral at the back of Mayer's store, where, in order to avoid Vaden, he remained until three o'clock that evening.

Finding the saloon closed and Daniels gone, Vaden next went into Wallick's store and picked up a long shaft or wooden handle to which was attached an iron hook used in that day by merchants to take down tinware from overhead. With this and without provocation he began to thrust a Mexican, who had called to get his mail, and to tear his clothes. The Mexican said something about such treatment whereupon Vaden flew into a rage and would have killed the fellow but for the intervention of Sam Wallick and others. He next turned his attention to the horses hitched to the trees on the little square and it seemed to afford him great amusement thrusting and lacerating these poor animals just to see them jump, kick and surge against halter. Groups of men were broken up, chased around and scattered with the same gusto and the same weapon. Brave fearless men there were in those groups, but they knew John Vaden and they did not care to kill him or take chances on being killed. It was his day off, and they let it go at that.

At about 3 o'clock in the

evening, Vaden, after a brief respite, had resumed his antics with his hook and pole in front of Mayer's store where quite a crowd has assembled. He had the boys jumping sideways from Sunday, when Ben Daniels came into view. Oblivious of what had been going on during the day Ben had remained in the old corral. Supposing that Vaden had quieted down. Ben ventured out with the intention of giving Mr. Mayer the keys to the saloon and to throw up the job as bartender. It was necessary for him to enter the store through the front door, and as he turned the corner of the building, coming round to the front, he found himself facing, and within twenty feet of Vaden who at once made a dash at him as if to prod him with the sharp iron on his pole.

Daniels drew his pistol and told him to desist, but Vaden gave no heed to the order and continued to advance, Daniels giving back and repeating his warnings. Finally Daniels opened fire, four shots going wild. The fifth struck Vaden about the collar bone and produced almost instant death.

The killing of John Vaden created no excitement among the citizens. On the contrary, a deep sense of relief seemed to pervade every circle. Vaden was buried the day following the tragedy in McKavett cemetery. Besides his widow and two or three bright little children there were few if any mourners. He sleeps in an unmarked grave.

The grand jury investigated the killing of Vaden and refused to find a bill of indictment against Daniels. Sometime afterward, Daniels left the country and the last news I had of him he was in New Mexico doing well. Vaden's two sons grew up and I have been told that they are useful citizens and highly respected.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give one of our researchers a call at 387-5144.



## Iowa Farmer Named Chief

On January 10, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy named Paul W. Johnson, an Iowa farmer well known for his conservation leadership nationally and in Iowa as a member of the State Legislature, as Chief of the Soil Conservation Service.

"This Department has a mission to strengthen natural resource protection. Paul Johnson understands these issues and he understands our customers' concerns. He'll bring broad experience and visionary leadership to our team," Espy said.

The Soil Conservation Service works directly with agricultural producers to help them implement soil conservation techniques, and with a broad array of state and local groups to sustain and enhance environmental quality.

"The Soil Conservation Service will be moving ahead using an ecosystem approach to protecting and enhancing our natural resources," said James R. Lyons, Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. "Paul's expertise is what we need, especially as we look ahead to the 1995 Farm Bill and the reauthorization of the nation's Clean Water Act. He'll bring a balanced perspective to the debate."

"One of the most important challenges of our time is to learn to live in harmony with the land," Johnson said. "No group has been more involved with making this happen over the years than the Soil Conservation Service. I look forward to being part of that proud tradition."

Johnson has been actively involved in conservation issues since he started farming in 1974. He has a dairy, sheep,

grain, and Christmas tree farm in Decorah in northeast Iowa.

He has served as assistant commissioner for his local soil conservation district.

As a representative in the Iowa General Assembly from 1984-1990 he wrote several major pieces of environmental legislation. He was a major architect of Iowa's Groundwater Protection Act, a model used nationwide for its emphasis on research, education, and voluntary approaches to water quality.

Other significant legislation by Johnson includes the Iowa Resource Enhancement and Protection program (REAP), the Iowa Energy Efficiency Act, and the Iowa Integrated Farm Management Program.

He also serves on the Board of Agriculture of the National Academy of Sciences and has been involved in major studies in agriculture, forestry, and conservation.

Johnson, 52, received his B.S. and M.S. in forestry from the University of Michigan and has completed most of the work there for a Ph.D. in forestry. He taught forestry in Ghana for two years and has been visiting professor of environmental policy at Luther College.

He and his wife, Patricia Joslyn Johnson, have three grown children.

Espy also announced the appointment of Pearlie S. Reed as associate chief of SCS. Reed, a 25-year career employee of SCS, has served as state conservationist in California and Maryland and is a 1993 USDA Honor Award recipient. He is a native of Arkansas. He succeeds Galen Bridge, who retired after a 36-year career with SCS.

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