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Nursing Home Has Deficiency Free Survey

Submitted
On Tuesday, June 22nd, three surveyors with the Texas Department of Human Services entered Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home to do an annual full book survey. The team was composed of two nurses and a social worker. The State Survey Team reviewed opened and closed charts, observed direct resident care, monitored medication passes and meal passes. They looked for patterns of errors that would be out of compliance with state and federal

regulation. The State Team was in the facility until late Tuesday, all day Wednesday, and exited with the staff late Wednesday evening. The staff was elated to hear that the State Team found no areas of non-compliance, wrote no deficiencies, and have only a few concerns.

A letter was received this week addressed to the Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home Staff from Marci Aranda, Regional Staff Ombudsman with the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley. Aranda wrote,

"Congratulations... Very few nursing facilities have the honor of being deficiency free at their yearly survey. I know it took team work and dedication from every member of the staff to achieve this status..."

The nursing home employs approximately 44 people. These include a variety of departments, i.e. administration, office, dietary, central supply, house-keeping, maintenance, activities, and nursing. These departments all work together to achieve this success and are very proud to be "deficiency free."

Homecoming Meeting
Classes of 1934, 39, 44, 49, 54, 59, 64, 69, 74, & 79 will be honored at this year's homecoming on September 24 & 25. Members of these classes plus and other interested persons are encouraged to attend a planning meeting at the First National Bank on Tuesday, July 13, at 7 p.m.

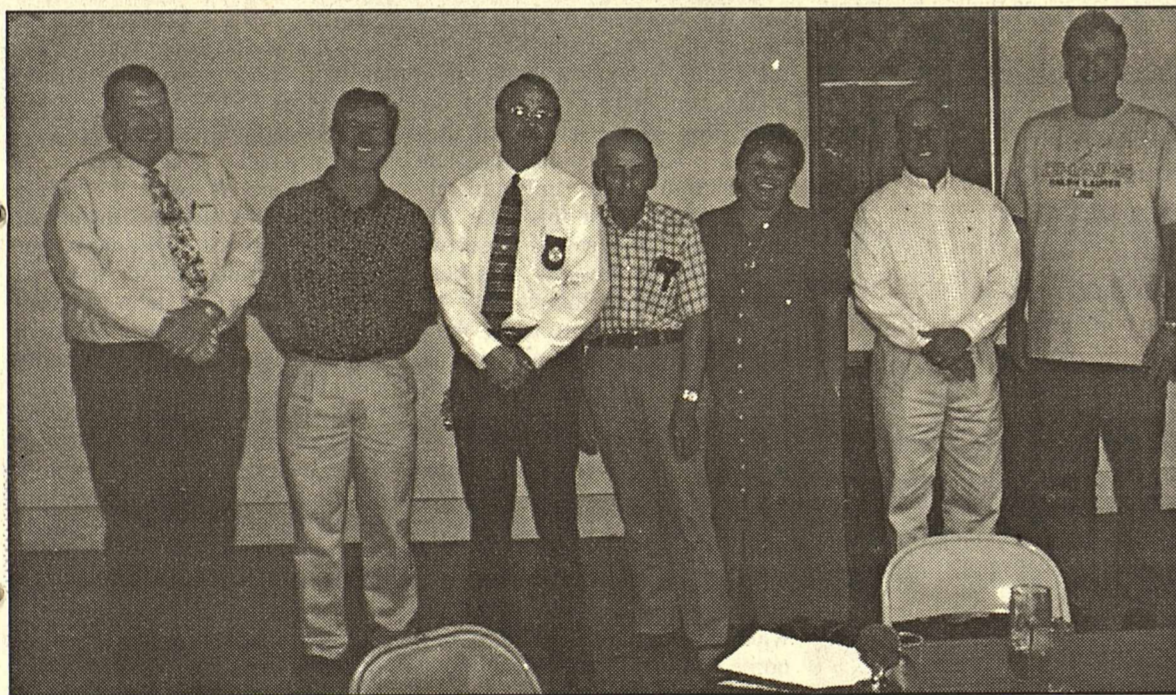
Another Great Performance

submitted by Ann Kay
If you missed the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater, out at the Caverns, you missed a good time. Saturday, July 3rd, was the second running of the Legends and Lies of Sutton County, and once again the play was hilarious, the food was delicious, and the atmosphere was perfect. Not to mention the intermission entertainment was something that you will not see at just any local theater. There was a tortilla toss, won twice by Jimmy Cahill with his famous frisbee throw. Luan King and Brian Griffin were awarded the best male and female Peacock dancers, and the kids had a shoot out with water guns. (Ask Chacho Cahill and Debbie Owen

about this shoot out.) Of course winners were given prizes donated by Westerman Drug and door prizes were donated by True Value.

We had visitors from Houston, Fort Worth, Washington State, the Coastal Area, and San Angelo. The out of town visitors are appreciated for their support, but we would like to challenge the Sonora folks to increase their attendance. We would like to thank our local actors and actresses Brian Steves, Lise Miller, Annette Mabry and Ann Kay for contributing their talent. Come on out and join the fun. The play changes every week and there is never a dull moment!

Lion's Club Inducts Officers



President - Brent Gesh; 1st Vice-President - Justin McGeath; 2nd Vice-President - Chris Crox; 3rd Vice-President - Robert Duran; Secretary-Treasurer - Shelley Hughes
Tail Twister - Rev. Jim Stephen; Lion Tamer - Edwin Anderson; Board of Directors - David Wallace, Virgil Polocek; Lions Club Crippled Children's Camp Director - James Huffman

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club met Tuesday, July 6th to swear in year 2000 elected officers. Outgoing President, James Huffman stated he had received a thank you letter from an out of

state 4-H student, thanking the Lions club for their sponsorship of the Wool and Mohair Show. The Lions dined on Fried Chicken, Pork Chops, Red Beans, Potatoes, Rolls and Peach Cobbler for dessert. Incoming President, Brent

Gesh, informed the lions that there will be no meeting next week while vacation bible school is in session. Meetings will resume at their normal time the week of July 19th.

Free Photography Contest Open to Sonora

The International Library of Photography is pleased to announce that over \$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers from the Sonora area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is September 15, 1999. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated Jeffrey Bryan, Contest Director.

"When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure," continued Bryan. To enter, send ONE photograph in ONLY ONE of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other. The photo must be a color or black and white print (unmounted), 8X10 or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back as well as the category and the title

of the photo. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9004, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by September 15, 1999.

The International Library of Photography is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of amateur photographers to the public's attention.



On June 30, 1999 the community said thank you to Peggy Sharp. After 22 years in the County Tax Assessor's office Peggy has decided to retire and spend her days taking care of things around the house. A party in Peggy's honor was held in the County Annex building where everyone enjoyed refreshments as they let Peggy know how much she has been appreciated over the years and how much she will be missed. Deedie McIntire, who has worked in the Tax Assessor's office for 7 years, has been appointed by the Sutton County Commissioners to take the spot of County Tax Assessor-Collector.

"Short Of The Border" Fiesta Set For Saturday

The Sonora Merchants Association will be conducting the first ever "Short of the Border" Fiesta & Market day on Saturday. The event will begin at 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The Fiesta will include arts & crafts booths, antiques, food, live entertainment and rides for the kids. Come listen to live music by local musicians, while the kids enjoy train rides and horse & cart rides. If you're looking for a good time and a unique shopping opportunity make plans to be on Main Street this coming Saturday from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM.

35 Traffic Fatalities Reported Through July 4 Holiday

AUSTIN- 35 traffic fatalities in 27 crashes during the July 4 holiday had been reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety by 3 p.m. Monday. The 54-hour Operation Motorcade period began at 6 p.m. Friday and ended at midnight Sunday.

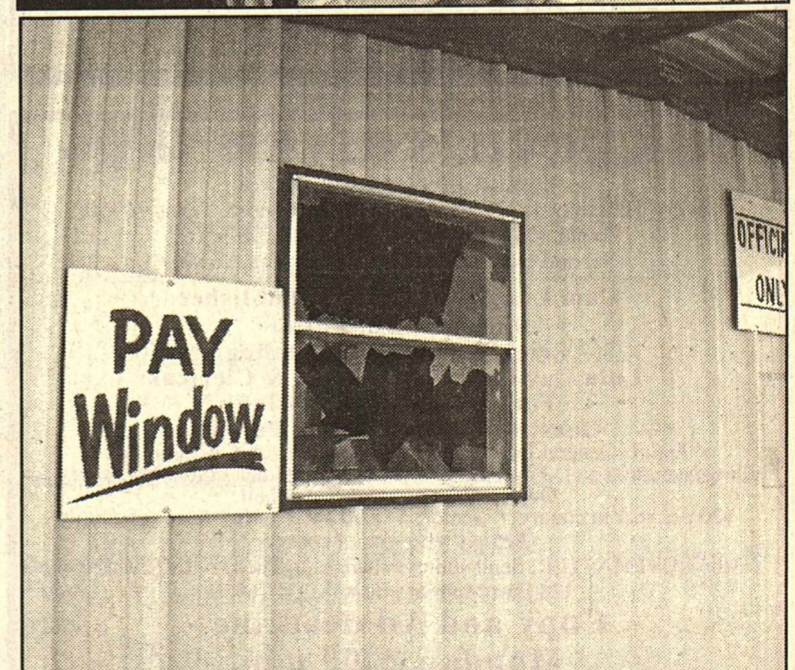
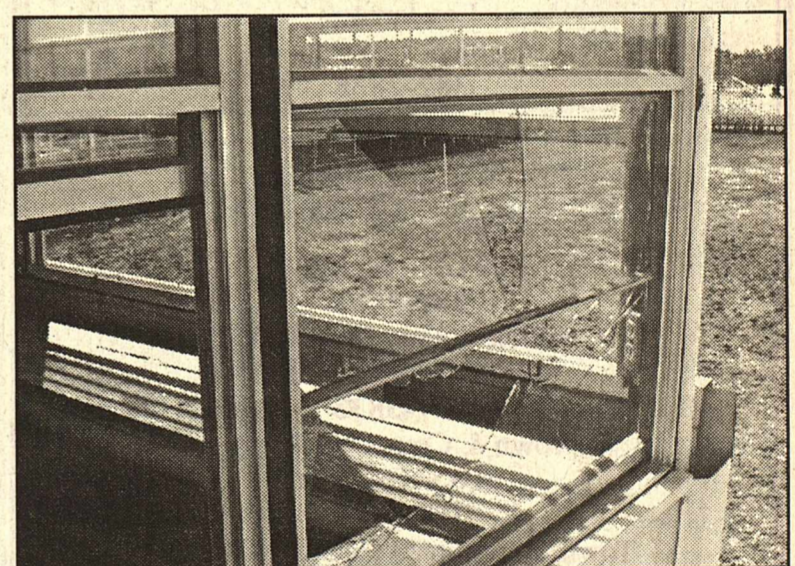
DPS had estimated that as many as 31 people could die in traffic crashes during the Fourth of July holiday.

Crashes were reported in the following counties: Angelina, Bell, Brazoria, Brazos, Cameron, Coryell, Crockett, Dallam, Denton, Galveston, Glasscock, Guadalupe, Harris (three separate fatalities), Henderson, Hidalgo (five-fatality crash), Hunt, Lamar, Lubbock, Montgomery, Scurry, Shelby, Sterling, Swisher and Tarrant (two separate fatalities).

The 27 crashes also resulted in 29 injuries. Twenty-three people were wearing seatbelts, and 26 were not. Eight people were involved in situations where seatbelts were not applicable. It is not known whether seven of the people were wearing seatbelts.

Three of the crashes were reported to have involved alcohol.

Vandals Strike Again At Sutton County Arena



For the second year in a row, vandals have caused destruction at the Sutton County Rodeo Arena. Several windows have been broken out of both the Announcer's Office and the Rodeo Secretary's Office. Not only is this costly to the Sutton

County Days Association, but it is dangerous for children in the area who may cut themselves on the fallen pieces of glass. If you know who is doing this, please contact local authorities so this can be stopped immediately.

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 N. Water
387-3190

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Taylor Norman, Interim
404 E Oak
387-2951

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
St. Ann's Street
387-3600

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Sessom
511 Cornell
387-5215

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

COWBOY CHURCH
Monty Price
Auction Barn
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER
Jerry & Joy Wood
204 E. Main
387-3241

FORD
BRONCHO FORD INC.
115 N CONCHO
SONORA, TX 76950
(915)387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Thank You

I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for helping make my last day before retirement such an unforgettable time. I have treasured every day of the last 22 years, serving the public as an office deputy and later as an elected official. Thank you again for all your support.

Peggy Sharp

The family of Randy Hardesty wishes to express its gratitude for the phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, food and prayers during the time of our loss. Thanks, also, to Dr. Guido Calderon and staff, the Girling Home Health Care staff and Hospice of San Angelo

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

WHOA!

Submitted (Taken from the "Bluebonnet Express")

With all the gangs and the increasing violence in our schools, what in the world is happening with our kids today?

Let's see...I think it started when Madeline Murray O'Hare complained that she didn't want any prayer in our schools, and we said OK.

Then someone said you had better not read the Bible in school, the Bible that says thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said, OK.

Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem. And we said, an expert should know what he's talking about so we won't spank them anymore.

Then someone said that teachers and principals better not discipline our children when they misbehave. And the school administrators said no faculty member in this school better touch a student when they misbehave because we don't want any bad publicity, and we surely don't want to be sued. And we accepted their reasoning.

Then someone said, let's let our daughters have abortions, if they want, and they won't even have to tell their parents. And we said, that's a grand idea.

Then some wise school board member said, since boys will be boys and they're going to "do it" anyway, let's give our sons all the condoms

they want, so they can have all the "fun" they desire, and we won't have to tell their parents they got them at school. And we said, that's another great idea.

And then someone said let's print magazines with pictures of nude women and call it wholesome down-to-earth appreciation for the beauty of the female body. And we said we have no problem with that. And someone else took that appreciation a step further and published pictures of nude children and then stepped further still by making them available on the internet. And we said they're entitled to their free speech.

And the entertainment industry said, let's make TV shows and movies that promote profanity, violence, and illicit sex. And let's record music that encourages homosexuality, rape, drugs, murder, suicide, and satanic themes. And we said it's just entertainment, it has no adverse effect, and nobody takes it seriously anyway, so go right ahead.

Therefore, now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with... "we reap what we sow."

This was passed on to me by a friend Clarence Schultz, who wrote down some of his thoughts. He is a minister and retired Navy Chaplain - lots to think about!

(Pass it on if you think it has merit)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As Director of Nursing for Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Nursing Home, I would like to thank many people who helped us in achieving a deficiency free survey this last week. Being deficiency free is a great achievement for the staff at the nursing home and says a great deal about this community as a whole. It takes a lot of people to make a nursing home successful, starting with you the taxpayers. Without your support, long term care for residents and family members of Sutton County would not be possible. The Hudspeth Ranch Board committed funds to help make needed improvements in the nursing home and were always there to offer assistance when an unexpected, non-budgeted expense was present. The Hospital Board members have a very tough job in trying to keep the hospital and nursing home operating. This is an appointed position with no pay, no benefits, and little glory. These people donate their time to assist in the daily operations while trying to maintain a balanced budget. Without their help and dedication, "deficiency free" would just be a longed for dream. The Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary contribute all year long. These members give of their time and money to provide "wants and necessities" to both facilities. Thank you all very much for helping our dream come true.

Dr. Charles Pajestka and Dr. Guido Calderon have been very supportive in our efforts and worked diligently with our staff to ensure each resident receives the best of care. Their office staff personnel are always courteous and kind in relaying messages to and from their doctor. It is a pleasure for our staff to work with this group of professional people.

The staff at the hospital, in the lab, and in physical therapy are always there for support and to lend a helping hand when needed. We have relied heavily on their experience and knowledge and wish to thank them for helping in our success.

A lot of people work in the facility on a daily basis and contribute physically and emotionally in caring for Sutton County geriatric and chronically ill residents and/or family members. The Administrator, Dianne Ashcraft, was not scheduled to start at the facility until June 28th. She was at the facility when the State Team made their entrance and did not leave this nurse's side until they exited. Kathy Knight, assistant administrator, was unfortunately on vacation again this year and missed all the stress of those two days. Kathy, however, has been the backbone of this facility for many years and truly cares about the facility, the community, and the employees here. Bobby Rock, RN, nurse consultant, was at the facility during the survey and was available to answer questions and make suggestions for implementing new systems that will help in maintaining future compliance with regulations. Laura Tyler, administrative assistant, keeps the wheels running at the nursing home with computer data input, chart auditing, admissions, etc., etc. Terry Surrige, Activity Director, has the responsibility of maintaining a stimulating environment for the residents. She has quite a challenge when you take into consideration that she works with many cognitive levels. Juanita Guerra in Central Supply deals with our suppliers and negotiates the best price in purchasing supplies for resident care and needed equipment for the facility. "Jynxie", as we all call her, is a true asset to both facilities. Housekeeping personnel excel at keeping our facility clean and odor free. This was one of the most important areas of being deficiency free. These employees are Mirta Hernandez, Rosa Barretero, Lupe Perez, Tomasa Salazar, Ester Barron, Antonia Gallegos, Jackie Gloria, and Lucy Guzman. Doris Hartsfield, Food Service Supervisor and her staff provide numerous therapeutic diets for our residents. Their challenge is in preparing palatable meals to a variety of people with specific nutritional needs and food preferences while working within a specified budget. Dietary staff include Sue Lema Lozano, Irene Dominguez, Martha Garza, Maria Guerra, Estella Holguin, Elvira Romo, and Paulina Salazar. Danny Curtis, head of maintenance and safety, and Tony Valkonen, his assistant, are two men trying to please many people (a large number of them women). They have a very stressful and demanding work load. We appreciate everything you guys have done, are doing, and will do for us in the future. Thank you a lot.

Licensed nurses working in the nursing home are Diane Clarkon, RN; Carol Evans, RN; Joan Lena, RN; Shirley Coppedge, LVN; Teri Martinez, LVN; Osbaldo Castenada, LVN; and Sonia Martinez, GVN. Accurate documentation and assessment skills by these nurses played a major role in this facility being deficiency free. Then we have the Certified Nurses Aides and Certified Medication Aides. These people are the backbone of this facility. They deliver the very best of care on a daily basis. I have seen them get hit, bit, punched, shoved, yelled at, cussed at, etc. etc. They may complain about it, but they always manage to find some form of humor in it and keep coming back for more. You guys are wonderful. CNAs include Monty Contreras, Pat Aguirre, Robin Vela, Anna Espinosa, Robert Murillo, Dora Cruz, Betsy Knight, Ben Perez, Gina Gomes, Julio Galindo, Nancy Sandoval, Maria Murillo, Norma Sanchez, Melva Martinez, Angie Ramirez, Francisca Lira, Brenda Solis, Kino Marines, Karen Frasier, Leonor Garza, Lisa Brown, Brandy Fay, and Anette Thornton. CMAs are Maria Galindo, Jimmie Sue Harris, Letty Martinez and Ana Espinosa.

We are all aware that being deficiency free does not mean that we are perfect. We made our share of mistakes during this past year and are using them as learning experiences to help improve our quality of care. Remaining deficiency free will be a huge challenge and one that we will be taking seriously. I would like to thank every one in the community for contributing to our success and for all the wonderful things you do for the residents and the staff at LMHMNH. To my work family, I am very proud of each and every one of you and the effort you have put forth to climb to the top of this mountain. I am looking forward to climbing the mountain ahead of us for this coming year with all of you by my side.

Sincerely,

Beverlee Williams, RN

Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen
134 N. Hwy 277
387-2118

Food Center Deli
600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos
605 S. Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Senior Center News

July 9 - Pete Lopez w/ Belton! 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Call Center FMI 387-5657

July 10 - Happy B-Day Amelia Ramos

July 12 - Bring a friend to lunch and stay for Bingo!

July 13 - Let's visit the Nursing Home! After lunch.

July 14 - Blood & Sugar chks. with TDHS! Maria & Noemi will be at Center from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

July 15 - Happy B-Day Jean Humphreys

Senior Center Menu

July 9 - Chicken Fajitas w/ onions & green peppers, spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce/tomato, flour tortilla, jello w/ fruit

July 12 - King Ranch chicken, steamed broccoli, carrot salad, rolls, oatmeal cookies

July 13 - Roast beef sandwich, baked French fries, lettuce/tomato, pea salad, bread, peach half

July 14 - Chicken fried steak w/ gravy, butter peas, spinach, cornbread, sunshine fruit cup

July 15 - Hamburgers, baby carrots, lettuce/tomato/onions, buns, seafoam salad, fresh grapes

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 noon. \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 from all others.

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July 8
4-H Playday - Sutton County Arena -
6:00 p.m.

July 12 - 15
Boys Hunting Camp at McPherson
Ranch

The Community Calendar

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THE BANK & TRUST S.S.B. MEMBER FDIC
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Calendar

July 12 - 16
Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure at
First United Methodist Church

July 29
Bank & Trust Appreciation Dinner
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
4-H Civic Center

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Ask the Historical Society



Ray Davis as young child in Noah Rose Photo

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Continuation of story of Ray Davis Clark Williams born in Sonora July 16, 1895

There are several pictures of Ray Williams with this article. One is of her as a young child. It was taken by Noah Rose here in Sonora. There is one of Ray and her sister Ruth as young ladies and one of

From talking with Ray Williams I know that she stayed on in the Sonora school and took one extra year of studies and then went to Baylor College at Belton where she majored in music.

Ray loved music and first learned it from her oldest sister, who played the organ. When Ray wanted to know how the organ worked her

Main Street. She got to watch Main Street being rebuilt and the town growing up and spreading out. She saw churches being organized and built and schools too. She was part of the pioneer stock that made Sonora what it is today.

After college at Belton, Ray Williams went to a business school but a bout of measles and pneumonia cut that experience short. Mother came and nursed her back to health over a period of weeks and they went to Mineral Wells. J. L. Davis, her father, owned property there and in 1914 there was a huge fire that destroyed over 26 homes in that town. J. L. Davis tried to keep the fire from his home but was overcome by heat and smoke. He contracted pneumonia and died on July 20, 1914. The family returned to Sonora and buried J. L. Davis in the Sonora Cemetery on July 23rd. It was one of the largest funerals in the history of Sonora.

Ray and her mother stayed in Sonora except for trips to help different relatives. Ray was to teach piano to some of the children in town and also worked as a bookkeeper in several local business establishments. I wonder if any of her music students are still around

hotel would be in the hallway or "some just opened the door and walked in", to hear her play. Ray had two children with Mora, Clifton and Martha and a step-daughter Maurine. Ray and Mora moved the family to Fort Worth after the stock market crash in 1929.

After Mora's death, at the age of 83, Ray married Wyvil Thomas Williams, who died in 1979. Ray lived alone after that until a few years ago when she moved to North Carolina to be with her son-in-law and daughter, David and Martha Buster. Recently, due to a family illness, she moved "temporarily" to an assisted living center. The people at Outlook Pointe were so nice when I called. They were quite excited when I said I was calling from Sonora, Texas. Seems they have heard a lot of stories about Sonora from Ray.

On July 16, 1999, Ray Davis Clark Williams will celebrate her 104th birthday. Her fondest wish is to celebrate January 1, 2000 and have a foothold in another century.

You may write to Ray Williams c/o Outlook Pointe Rm. 311, 3828 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC 27455. I am sure a lot of my readers will remember her, or her mother



Graduation Day - Students standing next to Masonic Lodge, E.F. Vanderstucken home in background, with windmills from water works on hill. Ray Davis positioned 2nd from left.

Sonora?

On December 10, 1924 Ray Davis married Mora C. Clark here in Sonora. Mora, who was born in Tennessee, was a horticulturist that also worked in real estate. His work on pecan cultures and fruit trees was widely known. The young couple moved off to Mineral Wells. Ray missed her piano so Mora bought one and had it put in their hotel room. Every day when he came home he would sit back, kick off his shoes, and ask Ray to play for him. Before she was through half the

who was called "Big Mama" and nursed many people in Sonora or her father, J. L. Davis who helped capture Will Carver. She would love to hear from the people of Sonora.

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 e-mail them to me at atschs@sonoratx.net. You may also call me at 915-387-2855. We are always glad to answer questions if we can.



Ray and Ruth Davis

Ray now. But the picture that I like best is one of Ray and some of her classmates on her graduation day. This picture shows 5 young ladies and one young man. The young man is John Holman and the young lady to his immediate right is Ray Davis. We don't know yet who the others are in the picture but found the following article in the Devil's River News of June 3, 1911:

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vanderstucken turned their pretty home over to John Holman Saturday night, and assisted him in entertaining the Sonora High School Class of 1911. Those present were Missis Nellie Smith, Jewel Decker, Ray Davis, Maggie Pfister, Ruth Davis, Messrs Ham Worrell, Roy Smith, Woodie Martin, Ellis Henning, John Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Cornell and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

If you look closely at the picture you can see the Vanderstucken home in the background on the left. You can also see the windmills of the water works on the hill. The building on the right is the Masonic Lodge. If anyone knows who the other young ladies are in this picture, please give me a call.

sister showed her and taught her how to read music and pick out notes on the organ. When the family moved to town Ray took piano lessons.

Ray told of the telephone lines to the ranch being barbed wire and that every time it rained the cowboys had to go out and "fix the telephone lines." Two rings on the phone meant the call was for them. She also told of the Baptist and Methodist Church meeting in the same building. In order for the Baptists to hold a baptism they had to go 1 1/2 miles out of town to a stock tank they were loaned the use of for baptisms. The participants would wear white robes and had to go into a nearby ranch house to change out of their wet garments after the ceremony.

When J. L. Davis came to Sonora in 1890 there were only 12 houses and a few stores in the whole town. His daughter Ray was born in 1895 and got to watch the town grow with her. She saw Kilpatrick cared for by his and her mother after he was wounded when Will Carver was shot and killed. She saw the 1902 fire which destroyed half of



Mama Ray in 1998

Sonora Families Can Learn About Brazil by Hosting

Brazilian students with good English skills and motivation are arriving this August to experience the "American way of life." Families in Sonora willing to open their hearts and homes to a student are invited to participate. Call today to be part of this exciting opportunity to host a Brazilian student and learn about Brazil, its culture and language without leaving your home. Many wonderful students are eager to hear which special family in Sonora has chosen to host them!

Academic Year in America (AYA), sponsored by the not-for-profit American

Institute For Foreign Study Foundation, has been bringing international students and American families together for the past 17 years. Students range in age from 15 to 18 years old and arrive from Brazil and many other countries, such as Germany, Poland, Spain, Mexico, France and Slovak Republic. They attend the local high school for a semester or academic year and have their own medical insurance and spending money.

Both families and students benefit from the exchange experience. The host family can learn about

another culture, make a special friend and earn a scholarship worth up to \$1,000 toward an AIFS College or ACIS travel-study program or AIFS Foundation's American Youth Abroad program for high school students. The international students have the opportunity to participate in the "American way of Life," something many of them have always dreamed about.

"I wish every family would host a student, then they would realize how rewarding the experience is and how much love they receive," Laura Weir, an AYA host mother, comments. "You

wouldn't trade the experiences and memories of hosting these kids for anything in the world. They come into your life as strangers and leave as a member of your family."

If you would like to volunteer to open your heart and home to one of our international students or know of someone who would, please call Andrea at 1-800-322-4678 ext. 6078. Your decision to host will benefit your family and make an international exchange student's dream come true.

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Bridal Registry

Candra Sessom bride elect of Tulley Welch
Stephanie Smith bride elect of Platt Glasscock
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Bridal Gift Registry

Lora Hale bride elect of Jesse Burnham
Candra Sessom bride elect of Tulley Welch
Laura Lee Barlemann bride elect of Jack Isbell

Westerman Drug Bridal Registry

Sheryl Robertson bride elect of Jamie Robinson
Angela Dolan bride elect of Brandon Gryder
Stephanie Smith bride elect of Platt Glasscock
Michelle Torres bride elect of Jimmy Davis
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OOPS!



Last week under the picture of Mike Villanueva and his wife, the wrong name for Mrs. Villanueva was provided incorrectly, her name is Amparo, not Antonia. We apologize for the mistake.

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News**

Q. Exactly where do Social Security tax dollars go?
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-70 cents goes to a trust fund that pays retirement and survivors benefits;
-19 cents goes to a trust fund that pays Medicare benefits;
-11 cents goes to a trust fund that pay disability benefits.
-less than 1 cent goes for administrative expenses.
Q. How do the administrative costs of the Social Security program compare with private insurance companies?
A. Insurance companies generally pay much more in administrative costs. Insurance companies pay an average of 11 percent of premiums collected in administrative costs. Social Security pays less than one percent of taxes collected. Social Security has certain advantages of scale because of the huge number of people it covers and also because it is compulsory and does not have to advertise.

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F.Y.I.

The next Sutton County 4-H Playday will be held on July 8, 1999 at the Sutton County Arena. Sign up is at 6:00 p.m. and the first event will start at 6:30 p.m.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora from 9:30 - 10:30 on July 27, Aug. 31, and Sept. 28. However, you do not need to wait until the representative's visit to handle Social Security matters. Your Social Security business can be handled just as quickly by telephone. Call toll free by dialing 1-800-772-1213 Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Legend and Lies of Sutton County - Come see the Melodrama at the Sonora Caverns running for 7 Saturdays at the Sonora Caverns. Time - 6:30 for meal and 7:15 for show. Cost for meal & show is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 8 yrs. and under, show only is adults \$10 and kids \$5. Games and fun for everyone - prizes will be given every night.

Fiesta & Market Days "Short of the Border" - Second Saturday - July 10 - Downtown Sonora. Antiques, arts & crafts, food, music and more!

Angelo Civic Theatre presents our Teen Workshop Summer Musical! Tap dancing, toe tapping, comedy fun! CRAZY FOR YOU! Music by George & Ira Gershwin. City Boy meets Small Town Girl in this sweetheart of a show. July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 at 8 p.m. Sunday Matinee, July 25 at 2 p.m. Call 949-4400, reserved seating & tickets sold at the door. Box office opens Wed. July 7, Mon. - Sat. Noon - 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$8 adult, \$7 Seniors, students & military, \$6 children 12 & under.

AAU Baseball will hold a national tournament for High School Teams in Brenham, Texas, July 16th thru the 25th. Teams from Arizona, Utah, Kansas, Virginia and Texas have already entered to play. All team members must attend the same High School. For more info, contact Frank Dornier @ 281-469-6721.

It's Summer Time Again - If you need transportation for Summer School, Library Reading Program, Vacation Bible School, Drama Camp at Methodist Church or swimming lessons please make reservations by calling 387-2509. Thanks for your support, Thunderbird Transit.

The Bank & Trust is unable to obtain Texas Amusement Park Tickets this year for resale at our Sonora location. However, customers may obtain discounted tickets for various Texas Amusement Parks by submitting a direct application order with payment. Applications are available at the Bank & Trust. Allow 3-4 weeks for ticket delivery.

The First Baptist Church has changed the Sunday evening worship service from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday services remain at 7:00 p.m.

The Sonora Municipal Pool is booking pool parties. All parties will be booked at the pool! The number is 387-5377.

The Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home & Hospital Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of the month at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Meetings are at noon. Everyone is welcome!

Tony Evans with the Urban Alternative can be heard Mon. - Fri. at 7:08 p.m. on KHOS - 92.1 & KYXX - 94.3, sponsored by Lighthouse Baptist Church and other anonymous sponsors.

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July 11 Ethan Morriss Priscilla Bartholomew	July 14 Jennifer Gamez Alfred Garza

It's About Educations... It's About Careers...

JoAnn Hernandez

Job Title: Mayor of the City of Sonora
Education: Graduated from Sonora High School, A.S.U. for 1 1/2 years
Employment: The Bank & Trust
Experience: 9 months
Duties: Go to meetings once a month at City Hall.
Best Part of the Job: Meeting people and working with people in Sonora.
Worst Part of the Job: Not knowing if the decision we made is right for the people.

JoAnn Hernandez is the mayor of Sonora, Texas. JoAnn starts her morning at 6:00 a.m. by getting up and getting ready. In the morning she wakes up her kids Marc and Katrina and takes Marc to Sonora Elementary School and takes Katrina to Sonora Middle School. First of all JoAnn goes to work at the bank, and then she picks up her mail at City Hall and visits with other employees to see what is happening in Sonora. JoAnn says that after 6:00 p.m. is her family time unless any community activities are going on she and her family go to that event. Between 9:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. she reads, because JoAnn says that reading is an important part of being mayor. A mayor is mainly a good citizen who is involved in all community activities. Recently, Mayor JoAnn Hernandez was appointed to position of assistant vice president at The Bank and Trust, Sonora, formerly as Sutton County National Bank. She wants to try to make the city a better place to live and to provide for the citizens as well as she



Boomer Galindo is pictured here with Sonora Mayor, JoAnn Hernandez. JoAnn was Boomer's choice to write about in the Concho Valley School-to-Work/Tech Prep Partnership contest.

can. JoAnn has been the Mayor for 9 months. JoAnn Hernandez credits her parents, whose education ended in junior high school, and God for her success in her private and public life. Mayor JoAnn Hernandez graduated from Sonora High School and attended Angelo State University for 1 1/2 years.
Written By: Boomer Galindo, 5th grade, Sonora Elementary

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June EMS Report

6-2-99 - Medical - Hwy 277 North to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100
 6-5-99 - Accident - IH-10 422 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100
 6-5-99 - Accident - IH-10 422 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - 3 Patients - Unit #100
 6-5-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #100
 6-5-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center Unit #102
 6-8-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Nursing Home to St. John's - Unit #102
 6-8-99 - Medical - Hwy 277 North to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100
 6-9-99 - Assist - Hudspeth Hospital to Assist AirMed 1 Unit #100
 6-9-99 - Medical - Santa Rosa St. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100
 6-10-99 - Medical - Crockett St. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100
 6-10-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit #101
 6-11-99 - Accident - Hwy 277 South 8 miles to Hudspeth Hospital - 2 patients - Unit # 100
 6-12-99 - Medical - Uno St. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100
 6-12-99 - Assist - Hudspeth Hospital to Assist AirMed 1 - Unit #100
 6-12-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit #101
 6-14-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Antonio Community Hospital - Unit #101
 6-15-99 - Accident - IH-10 431 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100
 6-15-99 - Accident - IH-10 431 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #101
 6-15-99 - Assist - Hudspeth Hospital to Assist AirMed 1-Unit #100
 6-17-99 - Medical - Shannon Medical Center to Rock Ave. - Unit #102
 6-18-99 - Accident - IH-10 395 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100
 6-20-99 - Medical - Allen Dr. to San Angelo Community - Unit #101
 6-20-99 - Accident - IH-10 429 MM Cancelled enroute - Units 100 & 101
 6-21-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Nursing Home to St. Johns - Unit # 101
 6-21-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit # 101
 6-22-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #101
 6-22-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #101
 6-23-99 - Medical Rock Ave to Shannon Medical Center - Unit #101
 6-23-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Nursing Home to West Texas Medical Associates - Unit # 102
 6-24-99 - Medical - Shannon Medical Center to Rock Ave. - Unit #102
 6-24-99 - Accident - Hwy 189, 4 miles - Cancelled enroute Pt. brought in by private vehicle - Unit #100
 6-24-99 - Medical - Shannon Hospital to Rock Ave. - Unit #102
 6-27-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit #101
 6-28-99 - Medical - Crockett St. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100
 6-30-99 - Medical - Savel St. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit #100

SHANNON'S PULMONARY REHAB PROGRAM WORKS TO PUT WIND BACK IN PATIENT'S SAILS

In an effort to bring new breath to patients suffering with chronic lung disease, Shannon Medical Center developed and opened the area's first pulmonary rehabilitation program.

"We hope this program will open doors for patients across West Texas that suffer with chronic lung disease," said Tresa Anderson, CRTT-RCP, program coordinator. "Because this program is the first of its kind in the Concho Valley, we want it to be accessible for everyone from Big Spring to Del Rio."

Darlene Dillard made the round-trip from Rowena to San Angelo, three days a week for eight weeks, and now attends the maintenance program twice a week.

"This program has given me back my life," Dillard said. The program has also had patients from Christoval and Menard.

Pulmonary rehabilitation helps patients improve the quality of life through carefully-monitored exercise, education and emotional sup-

port. "We are looking to maximize our patients' functional abilities and help them find more efficient ways to breathe," Anderson said. "When these patients and their families understand the disease process better and come to terms with their diagnoses, we can then move forward to helping them adjust and improve their function," Anderson said.

Chronic lung disease, or COPD, includes chronic bronchitis, emphysema and asthma and can lead to a loss of motivation to perform everyday activities such as walking, shopping or getting dressed.

The eight-week long program includes three components: education, exercise and emotional support.

"While the focus of our program is to restore and promote better lung health, we work with our patients to help them maintain a positive attitude toward living while still knowing the facts about their illness and

being realistic," Anderson said. "We emphasize the need for patients to take an active role in the rehabilitation plan, not only to make decisions about their lung health, but also to increase their pride and self-esteem throughout the program and after they graduate."

"Before this program, all I did was sit in my house and watch TV," said Jim Brooks, a member of the pulmonary rehab's inaugural class. "Now I have a little more strength and energy to mop my floors and clean my house."

COPD patients stress how difficult it is to do ordinary, mundane things when they are fighting for every breath.

And for those individuals struggling with each breath they take, the skills they learn and the relationships they form during the pulmonary rehab class are vital.

For more information on Shannon's pulmonary rehab program, call (915)659-7277. A physician referral is needed to enter the program.

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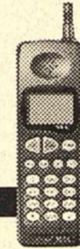
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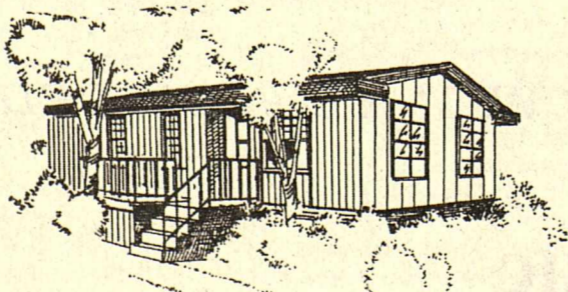
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All Stars Playing Hard
Little League

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 The Sonora Minor All Stars competed in the Brady Tournament last week. Results were as follows:

- 6-28-99 - Sonora Vs. Junction Sonora 12-3
- 7-1-99 - Sonora Vs. Brady Brady 7-6
- 7-2-99 - Sonora Minors Vs. Sonora 10 year olds Sonora 10 year olds 13-12

Minor League All Stars receiving "All Tournament" honors during the Mason Tournament that was held on June 24 & 25 were Riley Sanchez, Aaron Gaytan, J.T. Downing, and Morgan Martinez. Congratulations Boys!

The 10 year old All Stars also played in the Brady Tournament last week. Results were as follows:

- 6-29-99 - Sonora Vs. Mason Mason 13-3
- 7-1-99 - Sonora Vs. San Saba Sonora 9-5
- 7-2-99 - Sonora 10 yr. olds Vs. Sonora Minors Sonora 10 yr. olds 13-12
- 7-3-99 - Sonora Vs. Mason

Sonora 6-3
 7-3-99 - Sonora Vs. Brady Brady 10-3

The boys got 3rd place in the tournament. Marco Jimenez, Shane Love and Lito Trevino were voted "All Tournament".

The 11 & 12 year olds started their way to the Little League World Series this past week. They have all been playing exceptionally well together and are off to a 3-0 start. If you haven't seen them play yet, you are encouraged to come watch! You will definitely be glad you did, and so will they.

Last weeks scores are as follows:

- 7-1-99 in Sonora Sonora 7 - Ballinger 3
- 7-2-99 in Pecos Sonora 10 - Pecos 3
- 7-5-99 in Sonora Sonora 2 - San Angelo North Concho 1.

The All Stars need to win the next two in district games to qualify for the Sectional Tournament. The Sonora team has already broken a standing record by winning two district games.

North Concho Stats
 Runs 1st 2nd 3rd
 4th 5th 6th

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Hits - 3
 Errors - 0

Losing Pitcher -
 Travis Stevens

Sonora
 Runs 1st 2nd 3rd
 4th 5th 6th

0 0 0 0
 0 0 2

Hits - 6
 Errors - 0

Winning Pitcher -
 Clayton Hicks

2B - Clint Cearly and Mason Martinez

Winning RBI -
 Anthony Longoria

Runs - Cullen Parker, Clayton Hicks

The All Stars will play San Angelo Northern on Thursday, July the 8th, 7:00 p.m. The game field is located on 19th Street and Van Buren

Junior League

The 13-14 year old Junior League All Stars have begun their trek toward the District 4 Tournament Championship Title Starting June 29 in the Little League Division alone, 515 teams in the State of Texas started play within their districts in an attempt to become one of the final 8 at the State Tournament in Waco, Texas. Teams representing the District 4 area are from Sonora, Eldorado, Ballinger, North Concho, Tri County (Wall, Miles and Veribest), Lake View, San Angelo, Winters, Crane, and Pecos.

Team members representing Sonora and Eldorado are Justin Sims, Landon Brockman, Joe

Oliden and Peter Duran from Sonora. Mike Adame, Frankie Arispe, Alan Dykstra, John Paul Fuentes, Homero Hernandez, Pedro Hernandez, Travis Lively, Philip Martinez, and Logan Neal from Eldorado. Coaching the team are Jimmy Sims and Manuel Duran from Sonora and David Neal from Eldorado.

On Thursday, July 1st, the team traveled to Grape Creek and played North Concho. Gusto winds gave both teams trouble in the beginning. The game was well played and was close until our team pulled ahead in the 5th inning 8-6. They played 7 innings and won the game 16 to 7. Mike Adame was the winning

pitcher. On Saturday, July 3rd, they were hosts to the San Angelo Western All Stars. Western jumped out ahead and scored 8 runs by the bottom of the 2nd inning. Our team had a hard time getting started. They scored 2 runs in the 4th and 1 run in the 5th but it wasn't enough to stay alive. The final score was 13-3 in the 6th inning.

Their next game was to be played in Big Lake on Monday, July 5th, against Reagan County. Reagan County dropped out of the tournament which gave our all star team another win toward the championship title.

Comptroller Provides Preliminary Sales Tax Holiday Information

(Austin)--Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander provided preliminary information today to help retailers and consumers understand the sales tax holiday scheduled for August 6 to August 8.

The tax break, which is expected to save Texas consumers \$69.2 million in state sales taxes and up to another \$15.5 million in city and county sales taxes over the biennium, was approved by the 1999 Texas Legislature.

"Cutting taxes is one of the 10 priorities I laid out for Texas in the 21st century," Comptroller Rylander said. "The tax burden on working Texas families is too high. The typical American family pays more in total taxes than it spends on food, clothing and shel-

ter combined. The tax holiday will provide Texans with some much-needed relief."

Highlights of information to be included in a rule that will be published shortly in the Texas Register are:

Starting this year, the tax holiday will be held every year on the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August. This year, both state and local sales taxes will be waived. In future years, however, while the state sales tax will continue to be waived, cities, counties and other local taxing entities will have the choice of participating in the holiday or continuing to impose the tax.

Most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 will be exempt from sales taxes.

Customers will receive the break on individual items, regardless of the amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts, each priced at under \$100. But the full tax must be paid on a shirt if it is sold for \$110; the first \$99.99 cannot be exempted.

Items that are sold in pairs cannot be separated and sold individually. If a pair of shoes costs \$150, each shoe cannot be sold for \$75 in order to qualify for the sales tax exemption. However, components that are normally priced as separate articles may continue to be sold as separate articles and qualify for the exemption if the price of an article is less than \$100.

Clothing and footwear that are used primarily for athletic activities or for protective wear are not eligible for the exemption. Customers buying golf cleats and football pads, for instance, must pay sales taxes. But the tax will be waived on athletic wear that is commonly worn other than while participating in an athletic activity, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps, and jogging suits.

Also not included in the sales tax holiday are accessories, such as jewelry and watches; items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, and wallets; and clothing that is rented, such as formal wear and costumes.

The Comptroller's Office has estimated that the holiday will account for 0.2 percent of annual sales tax collections. The cost to the state will be \$10.5 million in 1999, \$28.7 million in 2000, and \$30 million in 2001. If every city, county and other local taxing entity in the state participates in the sales tax holiday not only this year, but also for the next two years, consumers will save another \$15.5 million in sales taxes.

"We are helping Texas families by making it more affordable for them to get their kids ready for school," Comptroller Rylander said.

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Closing Remarks to Members

The following is NRA President Charlton Heston's "Closing Remarks to Members" delivered at the 1999 NRA Annual Meeting of Members in Denver, Colorado, May 1, 1999.

By Charlton Heston

I have been admonished not to be here, not to speak to you here. It's not the first time.

In 1963, I marched on Washington with Dr. Martin Luther King, long before Hollywood found civil rights fashionable. My associates advised me not to go. They said it would be unpopular and maybe dangerous.

Thirty-six years later, my associates advised me not to come to Denver. They said it would be unpopular and maybe dangerous. But I am here. Let me tell you why.

I see our country teetering on the edge of an abyss. At its bottom brews the simmering bile of deep, dark hatred. Hatred that's dividing our country politically, racially, economically, geographically, in every way.

Whether it's political vendettas, sports brawls, corporate takeovers, or high school gangs and cliques, the American competitive ethic has changed from "let's beat the other guy" to "let's destroy the other guy." Too many are too willing to stigmatize and demonize others for political advantage, money, or ratings.

The vilification is savage. This week, Rep. John Conyers slandered 3 million Americans when he called the NRA "merchants of death" on national television, as the First Lady nodded in agreement. A hideous editorial cartoon by Mike Peters ran nationally, depicting children's dead bodies sprawled out to spell N-R-A. The countless requests we've received for media appearances are in fact summons to public floggings, where those who hate firearms will predictably don the white hat and hand us the black.

This harvest of hatred is then sold as news, as entertainment, as government policy. Such hateful, divisive forces are leading us to one awful end: America's own form of Balkanization. A weakened country of rabid factions, each less free, and united only by hatred of one another.

In the past 10 days, we've seen these brutal blows attempting to fracture America into two such camps. One camp would be the majority—people who believe our Founders guaranteed our security with the right to defend ourselves, our families, and our country. The other camp would be a large minority—people who believe that we will buy security if we will just surrender these freedoms.

This debate would be accurately described as those who believe in the Second Amendment, versus those who don't. But instead it is spun as those who believe in murder, versus those who don't. A struggle between the reckless and the prudent, between the dim-witted and the enlightened, between the archaic and the progressive, between inferior citizens and elitists who know what's good for society.

But we're not the rustic, reckless radicals they wish for. No, the NRA spans the broadest range of American demography imaginable. We defy stereotype, except for love of country. Look in your mirror, your shopping mall, your church, or grocery store. That's us. Millions of ordinary people and extraordinary people—war heroes, sports idols, several U.S. presidents and yes, movie stars.

But the screeching hyperbole leveled at gun owners has made these two camps so wary of each other, so hostile and confrontational and disrespectful, that too many on both sides have forgotten that we are, first, Americans.

I am asking all of us, on

both sides, to take one step back from the edge of that cliff. Then another step and another, however many it takes to get back to that place where we're all Americans again.... different, imperfect, diverse, but one nation...indivisible. This cycle of tragedy-driven hatred must stop.

Because so much more connects us than divides us. And because tragedy has been and will always be with us. Somewhere right now, evil people are scheming evil things. All of us will do every meaningful thing we can to prevent it. But each horrible act can't become an axe for opportunists to cleave the very Bill of Rights that binds us.

America must stop this predictable pattern of reaction. When an isolated, terrible event occurs, our phones ring, demanding that the NRA explain the inexplicable. Why us?

Because their story needs a villain. They want us to play the heavy in the drama of packaged grief, to provide riveting programming to run between commercials for cars and cat food.

The dirty secret of this day and age is that political gain and media ratings all too often bloom upon fresh graves.

I remember a better day, when no one dared politicize or profiteer on trauma. We kept a respectful distance then, as NRA has tried to do now. Simply being silent so often is the right thing to do.

But today, carnage comes with a catchy title, splashy graphics, regular promos, and a reactionary package of legislation. Reporters perch like vultures on the balconies of hotels for a hundred miles around. Cameras jockey for shocking angles, as news anchors race to drench their microphones in the tears of victims.

Injury, shock, grief and despair shouldn't be "brought to you by sponsors." That's pornography. It trivializes the tragedy, it abuses vulnerable people, and maybe worst of all, it makes the unspeakable seem commonplace. And we're often cast as the villain. That is not our role in American society, and we will not be forced to play it. Our mission is to remain a steady beacon of strength and support for the Second Amendment, even if it has no other friend on the planet. We cannot let tragedy lay waste to the most rare and hard-won human right in history.

A nation cannot gain safety by giving up freedom. This truth is older than our country. "Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." Ben Franklin said that.

If you like your freedoms of speech and of religion, freedom from search and seizure, freedom of the press and of privacy, to assemble and to redress grievances, then you'd better give them that eternal bodyguard called the Second Amendment. The individual right to bear arms is freedom's insurance policy, not just for your children but for infinite generations to come.

That is its singular, sacred beauty, and why we preserve it so fiercely. No, it is not a right with rational restrictions. And it's not for everyone. Only the law-abiding majority of society deserves the Second Amendment. Abuse it once and lose it forever. That's the law. But remarkably, the NRA is far more eager to prosecute gun abusers than are those who oppose gun ownership altogether...as if the tool could be more evil than the evildoer.

The NRA also spends more and works harder than anybody in America to promote safe, responsible use of firearms. From 38,000 certified instructors training millions of police officers, hunters, women, and youth...to 500 law enforcement agencies promoting our Eddie eagle gun safety program distrib-

uted to 11 million kids and counting.

But our essential reason for being is this. As long as there is a Second Amendment, evil can never conquer us. Tyranny, in any form, can never find footing within a society of law-abiding, armed, ethical people.

The majesty of the Second Amendment, that our 'Founders so divinely captured and crafted into your birthright, guarantees that no government despot, no renegade faction of armed forces, no force of evil or crime or oppression from within or from without can ever rob you of the liberties that define your Americanism.

And when they ask, "So indeed you would bear arms against government tyranny?"...the answer is, "No. That could never happen, precisely because we have the Second Amendment."

Let me be absolutely clear. The Founding Fathers guaranteed this freedom because they knew no tyranny can ever arise among a people endowed with the right to keep and bear arms. That's why you and your

descendants need never fear fascism, state-run faith, refugee camps, brainwashing, ethnic cleansing, or especially, submission to the wanton will of criminals.

The Second Amendment. There can be no more precious inheritance. That's what the NRA preserves. Now, if you disagree, that's your right and I respect that. But we will not relinquish it or be silenced about it, or be told, "Do not come here. You are unwelcome in your own land."

Let's go from this place renewed in spirit and dedicated against hatred. We have work to do, hearts to heal, evil to defeat, and a country to unite. We may have differences, yes. And we will again suffer tragedy almost beyond description. But when the sun sets on Denver tonight and evermore, let it always set on we, the people...secure in our land of the free and home of the brave.

I for one, plan to do my part. Thank you.

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AGRIBUSINESS

Ladies Auxiliary of Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association - Hold Annual Meeting

The Holiday Inn of San Angelo is the site for the annual meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Assn. Date and time for this meeting is Saturday, July 17, 1999 at 10 a.m. Activities will begin with a presentation from Joan Bushong, a rancher and respected property rights advocate from Mountain Home, Texas, who will inform the membership on property rights issues facing Texans at this time. Many informative hand outs will be made available to attendees.

Mrs. Bushong's program will be followed by the Auxiliary's annual membership meeting. The 1999-2000 budget will be discussed and approved, as well as determining what programs will be sponsored by the Auxiliary and what events the Auxiliary will participate in during the upcoming year. Reports will be heard from Doris Haby, Jo Ann Whitworth, and Debbie McMullan respectively on the "Make It Yourself With Wool or Mohair" Competition, 4-H Fashion Review, and the Letter Writing Contest.

Following the business meeting, a lamb cooking demonstration will be put on by Chef Robbie Hooker of the Holiday Inn of San Angelo. Chef Hooker will conclude his presentation by providing a tasting of lamb chops and wine to the membership. While everyone sipping and tasting, Ms. Kaye Ridings, a college coordinator for Apparel Research Designing Working Program of the Texas Food and Fiber

Commission, will provide a fashion show that will feature clothing from the Natural Fibers Design Competition.

Activities will conclude with the Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon at approximately 12 noon, which will include the drawing for several valuable door prizes.

Cost of the meeting/luncheon is \$20 and reservations are required. If attendee is registered for the full week-end of events, their Auxiliary meeting/luncheon cost is included in their week-end registration fee. Reservation/registration deadline for the Ladies Meeting/Program is July 13, 12999 and should be mailed to TSGRA, 233 West Twohig Ave., San Angelo, TX 76902. For further information regarding this event, contact the TSGRA office by calling 915-655-7388 or by fax 915-655-2255.

The Ladies Auxiliary of TSGRA is an organization dedicated to the promotion and education of the sheep and goat industry, as well as sponsoring numerous scholarships and monetary awards to young people of the State of Texas who participate in competitions that involve the production of sheep, goats, and the ranching industry.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of TSGRA, may contact Ann Jacoby, HCR 86, Box 3, Menard, TX 76859. Annual dues are \$15 and any person or business interested in supporting the Texas sheep and goat industry is encouraged to join.

Show Us The Money



by U. S. Congressman Henry Bonilla,

Have you ever bought something only to get it home and realize later it was the wrong item, or it was not what you wanted, or needed? Well with most purchases, you can simply take the item back to the store and get your money back. But what if someone forced you to buy something you didn't need or want, and there was no way to get your money back?

When it comes to spending money on burdensome and unnecessary government regulations, most Americans would like a refund. This year, June 22nd marks the day the average American quits working to support the government and starts working for their families. For almost six months, we have worked to pay for the cost of running the federal, state and local governments and the expensive and intrusive rules and regulations they pile on us.

The insulting part is that most Americans don't want big government interfering in their lives with senseless bureaucracy. But the fact is, we not only have to deal with unnecessary and costly government regulations, we have to pay for them, too. Talk about offensive.

If we average it all out, every man, woman and child in this country pays over \$13,900 each year to keep federal, state and local governments running. That's a lot of money to give to bureaucrats for all the regulations they love to throw our way.

Continuing to fight for smaller, more responsive government, lower taxes and less regulation is the only way to keep government out of our lives and our pocketbooks. Bureaucratic red tape and unnecessary regulations are too expensive. They confine us rather than liberate us.

Families know better how to spend their money than bureaucrats do. Americans are sick and tired of wasting their money on invasive, bureaucratic regulations that are not needed or wanted. In Congress, we are continuing to fight to reign in big government bureaucracy. It is a ridiculous waste to force taxpayers to pay for burdensome regulations they do not need and do not want.

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