

# The Devil's River News

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## Sonora's Legacy: Dick McCalmont

By Ben D. Taylor

There is this place I know about. It is a world that is not hindered by time or distance. In a moment's notice you can travel around the world, and at a familiar sound or taste you can travel back in time. It is a world full of treasure, both dark and beautiful. This world is memory. It is in memories that we keep those that we loose alive, and it is there that we re-learn our life's lessons. Memories can be lost in the mire of time, but they never truly die. According to Kevin Arnold, "memory is a way of holding on to the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to loose". In a small house on Draw Street there is a man that has a treasure trove of memories enough for a dozen men, that man is Dick McCalmont.

To get the full experience of Dick's story it would have to be written by Mark Twain and read out loud by Sam Elliot. He has lived a dozen lifetimes in his eighty eight years, and while time has weathered his body, his mind is as sharp as it ever has been. This past week I was fortunate enough to sit down with Dick as he shared his story with me.

Born on a farm in Southern Ohio in 1920 on the eve of the great depression, Dick was no stranger to hard times, "I grew up on a farm in Southern Ohio, I stayed there till I was 17. Back then there was only two years of high school. Time was hard so I left. There was no money or jobs in 1937; depression was on." Dick is from a generation that looked at hardship differently than we do now. His generation is one that saw rough times as a simple reality, a reality that could not be changed but only worked with. It was a generation of few words and decisive action, so when Dick decided to leave he stowed away on a

Mississippi Riverboat bound for New Orleans.

While in New Orleans he got a job on the docks as a longshoreman, "it didn't pay enough to keep me fed, but it was a job (and jobs were a rare thing back then). We lived in a hotel inside of the docks." Dick worked on the docks for about a month before he got a job on a tugboat, "it was a better job (none of that heavy lifting), until we had to push this big freighter out into deep water. Tug boats aren't designed to go into deep water, especially if the wind comes up. The captain didn't want to do it, but it was a job. The pilot house sits about 15 feet above the water, and every time the wind kicked up I thought we were about to go over. When we got back to shore I told them that I was going to find something else to do". Dick took some of his earnings working on the docks and tugboat and bought himself a bicycle and started his way to Houston. "It took me 3 days to peddle that bike to Houston (there weren't much traffic in those days)". Upon arriving to Houston Dick sold his bike and asked the bus station attendant how far west his money would take him. The attendant looked at Dick's money and said, "Sonora, Texas".

Dick arrived in Sonora late one evening and got himself a hotel room. The next morning he made his way to the barbershop where a local rancher had come into town for a shave. After a few minutes of conversation with that rancher he offered Dick a job on his ranch south of Juno. "I stayed with him till the spring. I liked the work; it was all on horseback (although it was on some real rough country). Horse shoes were something I had to learn. Where I grew up it was dirt country, so we

didn't have to shoe our horses...here there are a lot of rocks. I put in some pretty hard days learning that lesson. In the spring he told me that his neighbor wanted to borrow me, so I took my saddle and bedroll (I was really accumulating a lot of junk at that point) and went to work for the Morriss Land and Cattle Company. There was a camp close by to the ranch, where travelers would stop and graze their horses. Apparently the camp was a place of interest for the local law enforcement "The Texas Rangers came by the ranch about once a month (they always came by around dinnertime). They always wanted to know who was staying at the camp in Juno; their names, what kind of horses they rode, what brands were on the horses, and where the people came from. We asked the rangers if they were scared of the men in the camp, and they told us "we aren't scared of the men, we're scared of the women because they will shoot you without saying anything." We had a good time at that camp. In the evenings they would break out a guitar and fiddle. Turns out that most of the people in the camp were wanted for something, which is why the Rangers were interested in them. The camp is still there, but the spring has dried up. I believe that the buildings are all there, but the government owns all of that country now".

In 1942 Dick and his friend Owen Gray (a well known welder out of San Angelo) took 2 welders out to the California shipyards to work. He met and married his wife Lois in California, they were married for 55 years until her death some years ago. "I was working in the shipyards in California right after the war started (World War II). A buddy and I were walking one

night and came up to a group of young people meeting for some kind of church meeting. We bet each other that we wouldn't go and ask one of the girls if we could walk them home (nobody had cars back then). I ended up marrying the girl I walked home. They had 2 children, John who is a machinest in East Texas, and Judy who is retired with her husband are traveling the country in their motor home. Dick commented on their travels, "they are in Big Bend right now. I don't understand why, there's nothing to see there but rocks and Prickly Pear".

Dick moved back to Sonora with his wife and started ranching again, "I didn't stay long, I missed ranch work. I came back and worked for the Sawyer Family (they were sure good people)." He didn't

stay long, as hard times would step in and change the course of his life once more, it was 1950, and it had stopped raining. "I leased land East of town and owned 150 head of cattle, I sold them and moved away. People thought I was crazy for selling cattle I had bought and paid for, but the next year they were kicking themselves that they hadn't sold their own livestock. It didn't rain again for 7 years". Dick bought a ranch in Colorado and moved there in 1951, "it was the best time of my life but I near starved to death. I liked the hunting, trapping, and fishing but there was no money up there. After 7 years I ran out of money and it was raining again in Texas so I came back".

By my account there are two kinds of men in this world. Those that change the

world they live in, and those that are changed by it. Dick is both. His eyes sparkle as he travels back in time in his own memory, laughing to himself at those old stories that made him who he is (and smiling at those stories he won't tell me). I asked him why he kept coming back to Sonora, and his answer was typical of the man I had just met, but would never forget, "why did I stay here? Hell I was too broke to leave! It's a damn good place. I worked 30 years on one ranch and went from a middle aged man to an old man in those 30 years. I've been down for 2 years now, and you wouldn't believe the food that comes through this house. The town is still small enough where people care about each other. I'm getting better, and I am going back to work. There is always a place for someone that is willing to work".



Rain was a welcome sight to Sonorans this week as over an inch of water poured over the dry town.

## Unlikely Hero Saves Her Mom



Mattie Morrison (right) holds her "Life Saving Award" with her mom Shawn (left). Mattie is cousins with Sonora resident Lynn Wipff.

By Lynn Wipff

Mattie Morrison, a 7 year old from Bandera, helped save her mom on Tuesday, March 4. Shawn Morrison was about to saddle up a horse when one of the horses plowed over her, breaking her foot and knocking her unconscious. Mattie didn't see the accident, but knew her mom was hurt. She called 911, and according to the dispatcher and EMT's, she was calmer than most adults in giving directions and gate codes and staying on the line with them for 9 minutes while waiting for the ambulance. When asked about how Mattie knew what to do Shawn commented, "We live a very normal life, we have talked about 911 but not to extreme. Mattie knew her address and codes by every day use. She pays close attention to everything". The following Friday, the EMT's from Bandera County gave Mattie a special "life saving award" for her bravery and calmness during the ordeal. Mattie's mom commented that, "I am proud of who she is and what she has done, and I am very glad she was there". Mattie's mom is fine with a concussion and broken foot, but very thankful for her brave little girl.

## Virgil Polocek Retires From the Underwater Conservation District



Virgil Polocek and Jim Cusenbary, director of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District at a recent retirement party for Virgil. Virgil has served as Field Technician for the Water District since 2000 and has diligently promoted conservation and protection of the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer.

### Senior Center Activities

Thur. March 20- Happy B-Day Pat Jungk Easter & B-Day Party, Spring Begins  
 Fri. March 21- Happy B-Day Kathleen Moore Good Friday center closed  
 Mon. March 24- Bingo!  
 Tues. March 25- Exercise w/video after lunch  
 Wed. March 26 - Happy B-Day Nancy Hill, Elida Castro

### Senior Center Menu

Thur. March 20- Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, spanish rice, crackers, fruit cup, and milk  
 Fri. March 21- Good Friday- Center will be Closed! Sign-up for the Holiday Meal  
 Mon. March 24- Beef tips w/gravy/rice, carrots, cornbread, strawberries & banana mix pie and milk  
 Tues. March 25- Smothered chicken, baked potatoe, fried okra, rolls, peaches w/topping and milk  
 Wed. March 26- Ham w/pineapple rings, macaroni & cheese, peas, peaches, rolls, lemon bars and milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

### Thank You

We, The Talamantes Family, would like to give our most sincere THANKS to all who helped us through the loss of our loved one. Our family is very grateful and honored to be blessed with your friendship. May God Bless each of you,

Aneida Talamantes  
 Virginia Palos & Thomas Merritt  
 Mr. & Mrs. Erik Talamantes

We would like to say thank you to our many friends and family who have shown their love and support during the loss of our lovely grand-daughter, Valerie Ann Lopez and her unborn child. The many phone calls, food, cards, visits, and plants.

May God bless each and everyone of you.  
 Gilbert & Jovita Munoz and Family

### Obituaries

#### In Loving Memory Of Roy Talamantes



Roy Talamantes passed away March 9, 2008 in San Angelo, Texas. Services were held Tuesday March 11 at the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo. Burial was at Fairmount Cemetery.

Survivors include wife Aneida Talamantes, children Virginia Palos and husband Thomas Merritt, Erik Talamantes and wife Becky Talamantes, grandchildren Alex Palos, Jonathan Merritt, David Torres and Mariah Talamantes, brothers and sisters, Beatrice Flores and husband Frank, Jerry Talamantes, Dora Villareal, Linda Espinosa and husband Eddie.

#### In Memory of Roy Talamantes

This man we knew for a long, but seems a very short time To help anyone he would stop on a dime. He lived a life that everyone would admire, A life of live and to see his family prosper, he did desire.

His life, was always right with God To this everyone who knew him can nod. He was always sort of keeping to himself But for his family he never put them on a shelf. We all loved him with all our heart, and in our hearts he shall never part.

The Lord has taken him and left without stride. I know God is smiling with this wonderful man by his side.

So as we remember this man today, Remember he is watching and loving us every step of the way.

Tulis R. Valadez 88, of San Angelo died Sunday March 16, 2008 in a local nursing home.

Family visitation was from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday March 19th at the Church of Christ in Sonora with the funeral service following at the Church of Christ in Sonora at 2:00 p.m.. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Ms Valadez was born April 14, 1919 in Val Verde County to Abundio and Concepcion Ramirez Valadez. She was a member of the Sonora Church of Christ.

Tulis was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter Olivia Haber, a grandson Ruben Morin, and a brother Pedro Valadez.

Survivors include a son Juan Morin of San Angelo, a brother Ray Valadez of Ozona, three grandchildren, Emily Janke of Junction City Ks., Joseph and Louis Haber of Belair, Maryland, a son-in-law Lou Haber Sr. of Belair, Md., five great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.



## Sonora Church Directory

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| <b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br>504 Santa Clara<br>387-2035                     | <b>Church of Christ</b><br>304 N. Water<br>387-3190                  |
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| <b>Lighthouse Community Church</b><br>1705 N. Crockett<br>387-9100                 | <b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b><br>404 E Poplar<br>387-2955       |
| <b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b><br>509 Amistad<br>387-5266                | <b>First United Methodist Church</b><br>201 N. Water<br>387-2466     |
| <b>St Ann's Catholic Church</b><br>229 W. Plum<br>387-2278                         | <b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b><br>306 W 4th St<br>387-5713 |
| <b>Jehovah's Witness</b><br>310 St. Ann's St<br>387-5658/387-5518                  | <b>Hope Lutheran Church</b><br>417 E. 2nd. St<br>387-5366            |
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### Happy 80th Birthday!



Very Proud Daughters

Hola. I'm Irene Friess with my three sisters Teresa Flores, Rosita Perez & Lilia Gallegos, together with Nuestra Madre Josefina Hernandez. Her birthday was March 17, 2008. She retired from Thorp's Laundry where she was a faithful employee for 42 years.

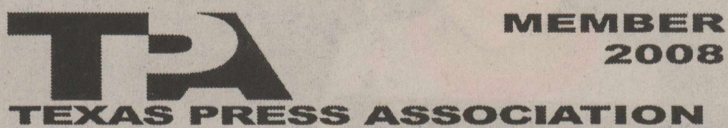
Before that, she worked doing housekeeping, babysitting, ironing & taking care of her family & grandkids, always cleaning and cooking, I mean alot of cooking too. She still bakes cookies, empanadas de calabaza and she makes hot sauce and sells tamales. She makes the best chile poblanos & corn tortillas. She never complains and still cooks lunch for all of us everyday. Our mother turned 80 years old. What a hard working woman she is. What a blessing. Sisters "Do you think we will make it to 80 years old"? I don't think so.

Irene Friess

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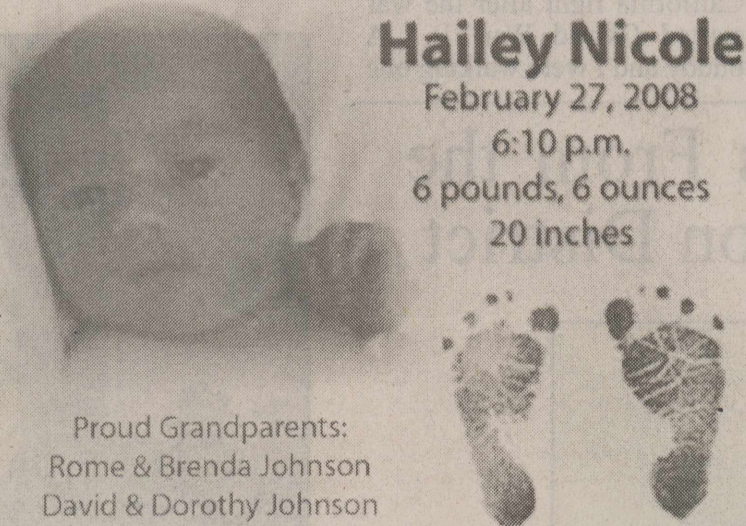
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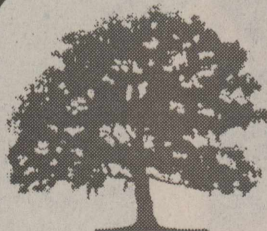
The best things in life are worth waiting for...

Jarrold & Amanda Johnson would like to announce the birth of their new baby girl



**Hailey Nicole**  
 February 27, 2008  
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 David & Dorothy Johnson



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### Happy Birthday

March 20  
 Iris McAfee, Luther Creek,  
 Kasey Miller, Gloria Taulbee,  
 Tamara Farley, Cliff Brister

March 21  
 Justin Zuniga, Julee Baldwin,  
 Michael Kissire

March 22  
 Fred Tijerina, Paula Zaragoza,  
 Kendra Jones, Kent Kearney,  
 Jason Surber, Jarod Franks,  
 Rita Lopez, Evan Collins,  
 Angelica Mesa, Sean Fields

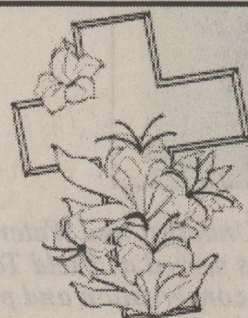
March 23  
 Wayne Hines, John Duke Hudson, Victor Alvidrez, Mahayla Seguera, Delilah Alviso, Quade Sutton, Betty Stewart, Daniela Perez, Lexie Martin, Kent Kearney

March 24  
 Crystal Martinez, Alexandra Kenney,  
 Kay Creek, Damien Zaragoza, Erin Hearne

March 25  
 Embre Smith, Jillian Gulley,  
 Allison Mejia,  
 Elizabeth Chavarria, Judy McDaniel

March 26  
 Hayden Smith, Cody Chavez,  
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## Historical Society



Paul Revere's house in Boston.

### ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,  
Secretary  
Sutton County Historical Society

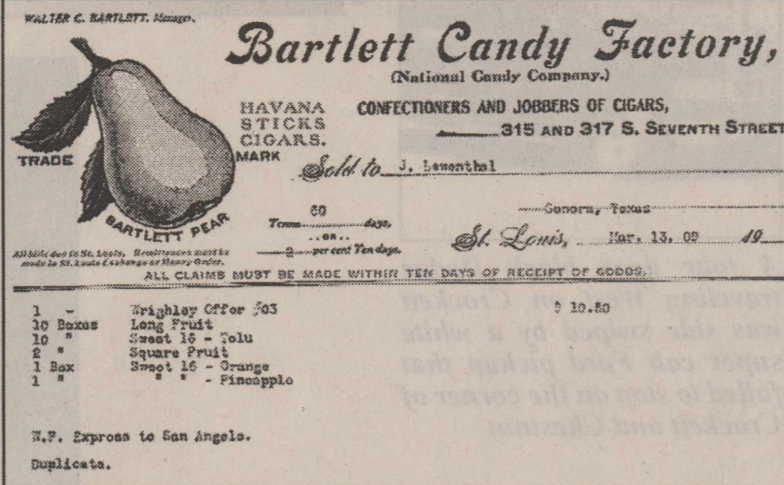
Almost everyone knows who Paul Revere was and about his famous midnight ride to warn the people that the British were coming. But what else do you know about him? Did you know that his father was a French silversmith and goldsmith, named Apollon Rivoire, and his wife, Deborah Hichborn Rivoire, and that he apprenticed under his father to learn his trade? He was born on January 1, 1735 in Boston and attended Grammar school at the North Grammar School in Boston. He took over the family business when his father died in 1754. In 1756 he volunteered to fight the French in the French and Indian War, specifically the Crow Point expedition. On August 17, 1757 he married Sarah Orne. He was initiated into the Masons in 1760 and became a Master Mason in 1761. On May 3, 1773, Sarah died and on October 10, 1773 he married Rachel Walker. He helped organize and participated in the Boston Tea Party and was by 1774 serving as a courier for the Massachusetts Committee for Correspondence, in which capacity he made his famous midnight ride on April 18-19, 1775. He served as a Lieutenant Colonel of the militia and from 1778-79 commanded a garrison at Castle Williams in Boston Harbor. He left the service after being brought up on charges of which he was acquitted but after that experience had no desire to serve with the men who had falsely charged him. He served as a businessman after the war. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1795-1797 and while in office opened 23 lodges in that state.

Many people have seen his silver work either on display in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts or the National Heritage Museum. It is interesting to note that he was also an engraver and a printer. On the death of George Washington he and several other members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts sent a letter to Martha Washington expressing their condolences and requesting a lock of hair from their old friend and fellow Mason. She sent the lock and it was put into an urn engraved "This Urn incloses a Lock of Hair of the Immortal Washington Presented January 27, 1800, to the Massachusetts Grand Lodge by His amiable Widow." The treasured urn is still in the possession of the grand lodge and carefully preserved.

In the National Heritage Museum you will find on loan from Washington Lodge a set of jewels created by Paul Revere for which he charged, on a receipt dated April 20, 1796, the sum of 12 pounds. The receipt for "one sett of silver Masons jewels," is also on display.

Paul Revere kept meticulous records and one of them shows that he charged \$3,800 to outfit the Constitution, better known as "Old Ironsides," with copper fastenings. They still have one of the copper spikes from the frigate Constitution that he provided on display. Now remember this ship was built between 1794 and 1797.

In 1800, when he was 65 years old, Paul Revere decided to go into a new enterprise. He started a mill in Canton Massachusetts for rolling sheet copper. Now until he



Gil Allison sent us a copy of this 1909 bill to Julius Lewenthal, druggist, whose store stood where City Hall is now located.

started this mill the American people had to depend on England to supply most of their sheet copper. It was used as a protective plating on the bottom of ships to retard marine growth which could severely slow the ships down and cause a lot of damage to the wooden hulls. The United States government gave him \$10,000 to help with the venture and he spent \$25,000 of his own money. By 1801 he wrote the Secretary of the Navy, Robert Smith "I have erected my works and have rolled sheet copper which is approved by the best judges as being equal to the best cold rolled copper." Some of his earliest orders included 6,000 feet of copper sheathing for the new Massachusetts State House dome and then he produced copper sheeting for St. Stephen's Church in the North End of Boston, which was designed by Charles Bulfinch in 1802. This copper sheeting has gold paint or gold leaf on one side. In 1811 he turned the operation of the mill over to his son; the mill company was worth over \$50,000.

So not only did the sound the alarm and fight for liberty, he was a renowned silversmith, an engraver and printer, an expert at the designing of machinery to make copper sheeting and the making of same and the man who did all the brass fittings for Old Ironsides.

Paul Revere died of natural causes at the age of 83 on May 10 in 1808.

One little known fact about the famous ride of Paul Revere is that he left Boston about 10 PM and along the road to Lexington he warned residents the British were coming. He arrived in Lex-

ington around midnight on a borrowed horse. At 1 AM, Revere, William Dawes, and Dr. Samuel Prescott left for Concord. Revere was captured and only Prescott got through to Concord.

Revere was released without a horse and returned to Lexington. There he joined Adams and Hancock and fled to safety in Burlington. Revere returned to rescue valuable papers in Hancock's trunk. When the British arrived on April 19, the Minutemen were waiting for them.

Since we didn't have any questions this week I thought I would do this article on Paul Revere and a little bit of history from the area I came from. I was pretty sure the history lovers that religiously read this column would enjoy hearing a little about the early days of our country.

*Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it.*

--George Santayana

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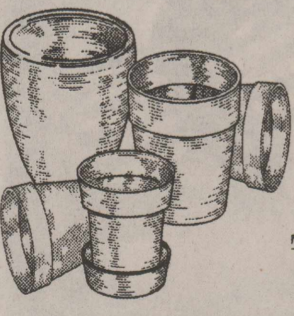
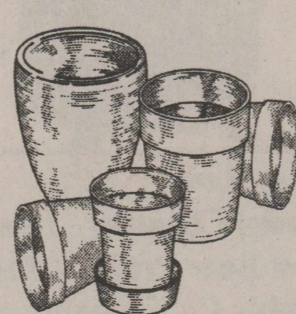
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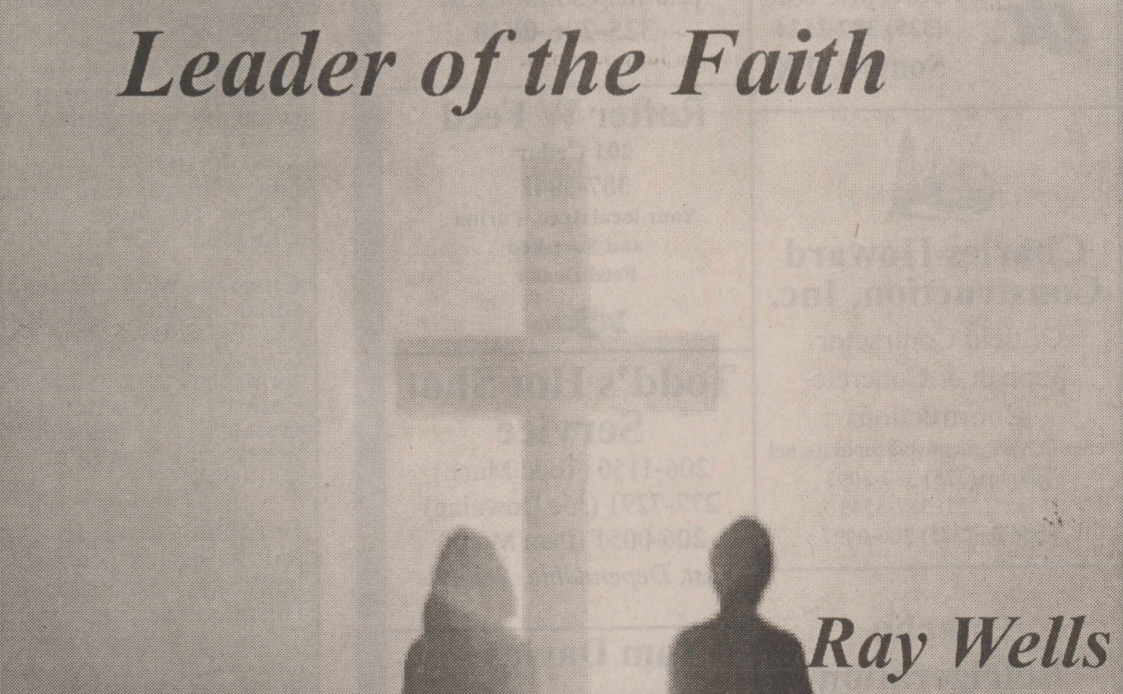

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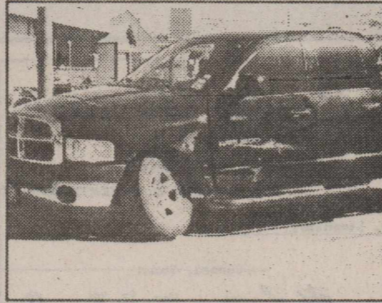
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A four door red Chevrolet pickup was traveling North on 277, when the driver, a 68 yr old male, fell asleep and lost control. The driver was transported to Lillian M Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.



A four door black Dodge traveling West on Crockett was side swiped by a white super cab Ford pickup that failed to stop on the corner of Crockett and Chestnut

## Wedding Announcement



Claire Arredondo of Sonora and Terry Lemon of Corpus Christi were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony on Sept. 29, 2007 at the Sutton County Civic Center with Judge Adelita Alvarez.

The bride is the daughter of Nate Arredondo and Irene Friess. She was given away by her father.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Beatrice and the late Rev. Raymond Lemon from Sterling, Oklahoma. Maid of honor was Michelle Noriega, her niece from Cisco, Tx. Matron of honor was Gladys Noriega, sister of the bride. The best man was Walter Roberts from Corpus Christi, friend of the groom. Padrinos de laso were Sam David & Betty Hernandez. Padrinos de arras were Frank & Lilia Gallegos. Flower girl was Miranda Villanueva, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Jacob Perez, nephew & godson of the bride. The bride wore a silky satin off white gown with gorgeous embroidery and beads. Bands of lace highlighted the back of the train. The veil was mid-length with a tiara. The bride also wore a beautiful pearl necklace, earrings and bracelet given to her by her mom Irene Friess. She carried a bouquet of white Gala Lili's. The Civic Center was beautifully decorated with white net, white lights and rust tangerine big balls that made chandeliers over the dance floor. Tables were decorated with tan tablecloths with rust overlapping, big bows were on the back of each chair. Clear vases with exotic flowers, Gala Lili's, Birds of Paradise, Antheriums, Intchetment Lili's and candles adorned each table. Supper was catered by the Sutton County Steak House. The brides cake was white layers covered with lots of fresh flowers. The grooms cake was a german chocolate cake both made Tammy Rhodes, sister of the groom. Guest were entertained with dancing and music by a D.J. Mix Master Production from Cisco. George Arredondo, brother of the bride, and Kristi White, niece of the groom sang for the bride and groom. Irene Friess, mother of the bride, surprised her with her favorite kindergarden teacher, Mrs. Dena Porter, from Ozona. It was very emotional. The bride is a graduate of Sonora High School. The groom is a graduate of Sterling High School in Oklahoma. All the grooms family is from Oklahoma. After the honeymoon in Las Vegas, the couple will make their home in Corpus Christi.

Turney & Irene Friess and Nate & Stella Arredondo would like to thank all of the guest that took time to share in their special occasion. Guest were from Sonora, Ozona, San Angelo, San Antonio, Pearsall, Corpus Christi, Austin, Del Rio, Piedra Negras, San Jose California, New York City, Oklahoma, Toronto, Canada and Monterey, Mexico.

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The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a Burn Ban and a Fireworks Ban, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine? Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youths between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tangua 325-277-7189

Keep Sonora Beautiful fundraiser weekend get away at Ruidoso NM. Stay at the Best Western in Pine Springs. A day at the races and \$80.00 fuel donated from Macks, plus a basket of goodies. Opportunities are \$5.00 each. See a board member or go to the chamber office to pick up a ticket. This will be given away at the annual chamber banquet April 24, 2008.

The Mother-Son pictures taken by Memories by McBride are ready to be picked up at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office.

1st Annual Cinco De Mayo Softball Tournament Sponsored by Los Unidos Club, Sonora, TX May 2-4 2008 \$150.00 entry fee per team. Great Prizes! Call Armando Robles for more info. 325-206-1103

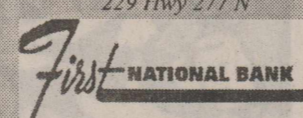
Cinco De Mayo dance sponsored by Los Unidos Club May 3, 2008 Sutton County Civic Center, Sonora, TX Performances by Stampede and Carlos y Los Cachoros \$10.00 presale/\$15.00 at the door. For tickets call Mona Prieto 325-206-0348.

Hospital Auxiliary Bake Sale to benefit new backyard landscape project at Hudspeth Hospital. March 20, 2008 Thursday before Easter 8:00 a.m. Village Market Grocery Store.

Spring Fling- Sunday April 27th. Music, food booths, arts & crafts. B.Y.O.B. Noon-8 p.m.



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Sports

**Bronco Baseball  
3 Game Review**

**Sonora 4  
Abernathy 7**

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB	
Dustin Neff (2nd base)	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	
Riley Sanchez (right field)	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Cash Jennings (right field)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Aaron Gaytan (catcher)	3	1	1	0	0	0	6	2	0	
JT Downing (1st base)	3	1	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	
Tyler Creek (pitcher)	3	1	3	1	0	0	2	2	0	
Zac Rodriguez (3rd base)	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	
Derek Van Winkle (short stop)	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	
Will Anderson (left field)	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	
Victor Vaquera (center field)	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	
Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Sonora	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	8	3	
Abernathy	1	2	3	1	0	0	7	6	1	

**Sonora 16  
Plains 2**

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB	
Dustin Neff (2nd base)	5	3	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	
Will Anderson (left field)	4	2	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	
Aaron Gaytan (center field)	3	2	3	1	2	0	6	1	0	
JT Downing (1st base)	5	1	2	3	0	2	6	0	2	
Tyler Creek (center field)	4	3	2	3	1	2	2	0	2	
Derek Van Winkle (short stop)	4	1	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	
Zac Rodriguez (3rd base)	4	2	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	
Cash Jennings (DH)	4	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	1	
Victor Vaquera (pitcher)	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	
Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Sonora	1	0	0	2	3	10	0	16	17	0
Plains	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	

**Sonora 12  
Eldorado 3**

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB	
Caleb Gonzales (short stop)	1	2	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	
Will Anderson (left field)	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Dylan Castillo (left field)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dustin Neff (2nd base)	4	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	
Aaron Gaytan (3rd base)	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	
JT Downing (1st base)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	
Cash Jennings (1st base)	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	
Tyler Creek (center field)	3	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	
Derek Van Winkle (pitcher)	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	
Zac Rodriguez (catcher)	3	2	1	0	1	1	11	0	0	
Victor Vaquera (right field)		2	2	3	3	0	0	1	0	
Nick Pena (right field)	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	
Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Sonora	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	4	8	
Eldorado	1	3	7	1	0	0	12	11	1	

**Varsity Boys Results  
Crane Relays**

Shot Put	Morgan Martinez	1st	44'7 1/2"
	Aaron Gaytan	3rd	43'10 1/2"
Pole Vault	Will Anderson	4th	10'6"
400 Wt Relay	Quiroz	2nd	51.74
	Downing		
	Tovar		
	Charo		
400M Relay	Ramos	4th	45.97
	Anderson		
	Patlan		
	Guerro		
	Rodriguez		
800M Run	Cody Pena	2nd	2:07.06
400M Run	Jessie Guerrero	2nd	52.49
1600M Relay	Lopez	4th	3:40.20
	Guerrero		
	Pena		
	Creek		

Team Standings: Sonora 6th place 47 total points

**Varsity Girls Results  
Cactus Relays**

Shot Put	Chelsea Martinez	3rd	32'9"
	Chelsea Martinez	6th	85'2 1/2"
Pole Vault	Kallie Humphery	4th	8'0"
Long Jump	Morgan Smith	5th	13'10 1/2"
Triple Jump	Morgan Smith	2nd	30'5 1/2"
3200 Run	Alyssa Favila	2nd	13:29.63
	Valaria Buitron	4th	13:55.81
	Daniella Cano	6th	14:16.16
	Smith	3rd	53.463
400 M Relay	Hernandez		
	Lipham		
	Trevino		
800M Relay	Lipham	2nd	1:53.01
	Hernandez		
	Smith		
	Acosta		
400M	Jessica Chavez	3rd	66.50
	Mariah Dunn	6th	70.16
200M	Amy Hernandez	6th	29.08
1600M	Kallie Humphrey	3rd	6:07.58

Team Standings: Sonora 2nd place 101 total

**Junior Varsity Boys Cactus Relays**

Shot Put	Rudy Charo	1st	38'00"
Discus	Cash Jennings	1st	108'10"
Triple Jump	Bailey Joe Pennington	3rd	33'9 1/4"
400M relay	Sanchez	3rd	48.27
	Mata		
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	Sanchez		
110 Hurdles	Will Dunn	2nd	18.72
800M Relay	Neff	2nd	1:41.37
	Garmon		
	Rodriguez		
	Ozuna		
300M Hurdles	Will Dunn	1st	46.23
1600M Relay	Garmon	1st	3:51.76
	Sanchez		
	Pennington		
	Dunn		

Team Standings: Sonora 1st Place 101 total points



**Sonora Broncos Baseball  
2008 Schedule**

Date	Place	Time
March 20*	Sonora	V-5:00
March 25*	Sonora	JV-5:00 V-7:00
March 28*	Comfort	JV-4:30 V-7:00
April 1*	Sonora	JV-4:30 V-7:00

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**Sonora Lady  
Broncos 2008  
Softball Schedule**

Date	Place
Mar. 25*	Sonora
Mar. 28*	Comfort
April 1*	Junction

\* indicates district games



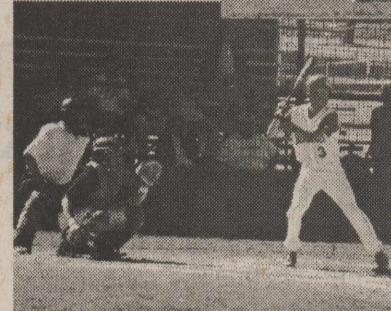
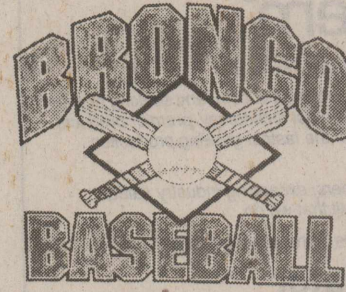
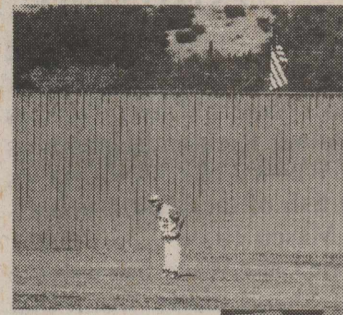
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**Sonora Broncos  
2008  
Track Schedule**

High School	
Date	Place
Mar. 21	Sonora
Mar. 27	Mason
Mar. 28-29	Angelo
Junior High	
Mar. 25	Mason



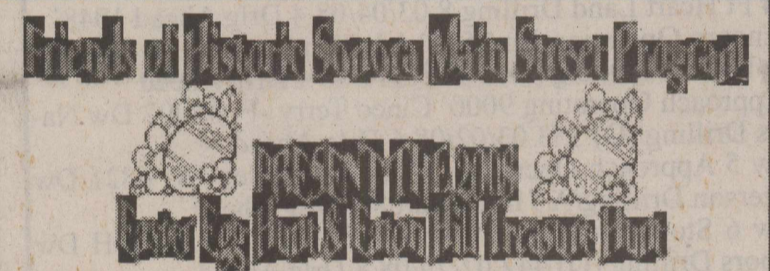
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The Broncos start District Play against Mason at 5:00 p.m. in Sonora on Thursday March 21, 2008.  
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**Boy's Results  
Sonora Golf Invitational**

<b>Sonora A</b>	<b>320 -1st Place Team</b>			
John Duke Hudson	38	37	75	1st Place Individual
Morgan Martinez	47	48	87	
Manny Paredes	39	39	78	2nd Place Individual
Caleb Gonzales	45	40	85	
Dylan Castillo	43	39	82	
<b>Sonora B</b>	<b>418</b>			
Tyler Edmondson	46	46	92	
Beau Dickens	46	43	89	
RJ Torres	61	61	123	
Osbauldo Castaneda	56	58	114	



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**2008 Bronco Golf Schedule**

Date	Tournament
March 25	Comfor Girl' Invitational
March 27	Comfort Boy's Invitational
March 31	District Tournament
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ATHENS, Texas — Three lakes produced Budweiser ShareLunkers March 9: Lakes Amistad, Richland-Chambers and Waco. Lake Fork sent its first fish of the season to Athens March 10.

The Lake Waco fish was the first ShareLunker from that lake and the heaviest largemouth bass reported from there. Caught by Ricky Culverhouse of Waco while fishing in a Robinson Bass Club tournament, the fish weighed 13.87 pounds, and measured 25.5 inches long and 21.5

inches in girth.

Since 1971, TPWD has stocked 400,000 largemouth bass and 543,496 Florida largemouth bass into Lake Waco. The previous Lake Waco record largemouth bass weighed 12.89 pounds and was caught in 1996. Culverhouse caught the fish on a black-and-red flake Baby Brushhog in about six feet of water. He had cast to the same area half a dozen times before he felt a tick on the line and set the hook. "She took off like a bull," he said. "I told my partner, 'I don't

know what kind of fish I have, but it's a FISH.' When I got her in she came to the top and rolled, and then I knew it was a bass."

While dealing with that fish, ShareLunker program manager David Campbell got a call from Chris McEntyre of Devine, who had landed a 13.39-pounder from Lake Amistad. McEntyre's fish was 26 inches long and 20 inches in girth. A truck was dispatched from the A.E. Wood Fish Hatchery in San Marcos to pick up that fish. Catch details are not available at this time. Campbell's phone rang again a short time later. Jeremy Bruton of Blooming Grove had landed a 13.05-pounder from Richland-Chambers Reservoir. The fish was 25.25 inches long and 22 inches in girth. Bruton was using a Stanley Wedge spinner bait in three to four feet of water. He was fishing in a Richland-Chambers Bass Club tournament. Bruton's fish was the fourth Budweiser ShareLunker entry from Richland-Chambers. TPWD has stocked 3,992,469 Florida largemouth bass fingerlings in the lake since 1988.

Monday evening Cal Lamb

of Fomey pulled a 13.02-pounder from Lake Fork, the 237th Budweiser ShareLunker from that lake. Lamb was fishing about 8 feet deep among stumps when the fish took his jig. The fish was 25 inches long and 21 inches in girth.

Anyone legally catching a 13-pound or larger largemouth bass from Texas waters, public or private, between Oct. 1 and April 30 may loan or donate the fish to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for use in a selective breeding program. To enter a fish, page program manager David Campbell at (888) 784-0600 and call him at (903) 681-0550. Keep trying until you speak to Campbell personally. Fish will be picked up anywhere in Texas. The Budweiser ShareLunker program is made possible through support from Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Since 1991, Anheuser-Busch, in partnership with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, has contributed millions of dollars in funding to support conservation causes and fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation programs in Texas.

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It's not news that dry soil conditions this fall robbed our area of the traditional early fall growth by warm-season perennial forages. Consequently, forage quantity and quality has been lower than 'normal' for winter in our area. As we also know, forage quality has a major influence on the type and amount of supplement required to meet livestock's daily nutrient requirements.

For example, a beef cow needs a minimum of 7% crude protein in her total diet. At levels below 7% CP, growth of the rumen bacteria population suffers and forage digestibility is hampered. As digestibility declines, forage intake must follow. And as intake declines, so goes performance (weight maintenance or gain, milk production, etc.).

Protein supplementation of low quality forages yields an economically efficient production response. When dietary CP is less than 7%, the primary need of the rumen bacteria is degradable intake protein (DIP). Certain feeds can provide options for supplying a natural source of DIP. Supplemental protein facilitates greater intake of low quality forage. With increased forage intake comes increased energy intake and improved animal performance.

To address range animal nutritional needs, Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Sutton, Edwards, and Schleicher counties are offering a "Range Animal Nutrition Workshop". This workshop will take place on March 31st at the Sutton County Civic Center. Topics include: Plant Response To Grazing & Browsing, Nutritional Requirements of Grazing Animals, and Supplemental Nutrition For Wildlife. Speakers will be Extension Livestock and Range Specialists as well as an industry Nutritionist.

Presentations will include meeting the energy, protein, and mineral requirements of livestock in addition to the nutrient intake utilization of livestock. Because deer contribute significantly to ranch income, the nutritional requirements for doe and buck deer at various stages of development will be discussed. Other points will be plant response, why range quality changes, and management options.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 and will end around noon. Three CEUs are available for those with a pesticide applicator license. There is no fee, but please call to register so that we can adequately prepare. If you are interested in attending this program and require auxiliary aid, call the Sutton County Extension office at 325-387-3101 to determine if reasonable accommodations can be made.

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5 Fasken Oil & Ranch 7500' Geaslin Nw -187- #70 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 42 02/27/08 10 Drlg Ahead  
Edwards

1 Newfield Exploration 8000' Four Square Ranch #22 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 471 02/28/08 9 Drlg Ahead  
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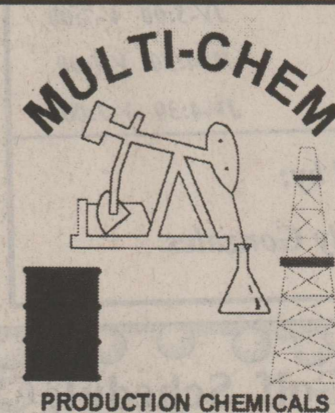
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# Parkinson's Disease



**Submitted By:**  
**Kelly L Thorp, MS**  
 County Extension Agent  
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Parkinson's disease affects nerve cells in the part of the brain controlling muscle movement. Parkinson's disease is progressive, meaning the signs and symptoms become worse over time; however, the disease often progresses gradually and most people have many years of productive living after a diagnosis.

Parkinson's disease occurs when certain nerve cells in a particular area of the brain are damaged or destroyed. Normally, these nerve cells release dopamine which causes your muscles to make smooth, controlled movements. Everyone loses some dopamine-producing nerve cells as they grow older; but, people with Parkinson's disease lose half or more.

Age is one of the main risk factors for Parkinson's disease and risk continues to increase with age. In fact, signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease may be dismissed as the effects of aging, particularly in older adults with the disease. Other risk factors may include heredity, gender, exposure to pesticides and herbicides and/or reduced estrogen levels, among others. See your health provider if you have any of the symptoms associated with Parkinson's disease - not only to diagnose the illness but also to rule out other causes for your problem.

The earliest symptom of Parkinson's disease may be an arm that does not swing when you walk, a mild tremor in the fingers of one hand, soft, mumbling speech and/or difficulty swallowing. You may lack energy, feel depressed, have trouble sleeping, slowed motion, rigid muscles, loss of automatic movements and/or dementia.

As many as half the people with Parkinson's disease develop depression, sometimes occurring months or even years before Parkinson's disease is diagnosed. Although physical limitations resulting from Parkinson's disease can be frustrating and stressful, depression is not usually a reaction to physical disability. It more likely arises from underlying brain changes associated with the disease itself.

A diagnosis of Parkinson's disease is based on your medical history, observations of your signs and a neurological examination. As part of your medical history, your health provider will want to know about any medications you take and whether you have a family history of Parkinson's.

For many people with Parkinson's, the initial response to treatment can be dramatic. Over time, however, the benefits of drugs frequently diminish or become less consistent, although symptoms can usually still be fairly well controlled. Physical therapy may be helpful for people with Parkinson's disease. It may help improve mobility, range of motion and muscle tone. Although specific exercises cannot stop the progress of the disease, improving muscle

strength may help you feel more confident and capable. When lifestyle changes are no longer enough, your health provider may recommend certain medications. Medications can help manage problems with walking, movement and tremor by increasing the brain's supply of dopamine.

Levodopa is a natural substance found in plants and animals and is converted into dopamine by nerve cells in the brain. Treatment with dopamine itself is not possible because dopamine does not cross the body's blood-brain barrier. Today levodopa is combined with another drug, carbidopa, that helps more levodopa to get to the brain and reduces some of the side effects of this therapy. During early treatment, side effects from carbidopa-levodopa therapy are usually not a major problem; however, the drug works less evenly and predictably as the disease progresses. Side effects may include hallucinations, a drop in blood pressure when standing and nausea.

Unlike levodopa, dopamine agonists are not changed into dopamine. Instead, they mimic the effects of dopamine in the brain and cause neurons to react accordingly. The side effects of dopamine agonists are similar to those of carbidopa-levodopa, although they are less likely to cause involuntary movements and more likely to cause hallucinations or sleepiness. If you are taking any of these medications and start behaving in a way that is not normal for you, talk to your health provider.

With the advent of levodopa and other drug therapies, surgical approaches have been re-evaluated. A brain implant device is now widely used to help control many of the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. The deep brain stimulator consists of a pacemaker-like unit implanted in the chest wall that transmits electric impulses through a wire to tiny electrodes inserted deep

within the brain.

If you have received a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, you will need to work closely with your health provider to find a treatment plan right for you. Certain lifestyle changes also may help make living with Parkinson's disease easier, such as eating a healthy diet and getting exercise.

For more information, contact your County Extension Agent. You may also find more information through the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke at <http://www.ninds.nih.gov>. Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist - Gerontology Health

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- 2:40 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
- 4:36 PM: Caller reported a stranded motorist. Deputy notified.

March 11, 2008

- 9:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

March 12, 2008

- 10:30 AM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

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- 8:33 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

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- 2:31 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

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## For Our Lawyer Friends

Submitted

A Rabbi, a Hindu and a lawyer were driving late at night in the country when their car expired. They set out to find help, and came to a farmhouse. When they knocked at the door, the farmer explained that he had only two beds, and one of the three had to sleep in the barn with the animals. The three quickly agreed.

The Rabbi said he would sleep in the barn and let the other two have the beds. Ten minutes after the Rabbi left, there was a knock on the bedroom door. The Rabbi entered exclaiming "I can't sleep in the barn; there is a pig in there. It's against my religion to sleep in the same room with a pig!"

The Hindu said HE would sleep in the barn, as he had no religious problem with pigs. However, about five minutes later, the Hindu burst through the bedroom door saying "There's a COW in the barn! I can't sleep in the same room as a cow! It's against my religion!"

The lawyer, anxious to get to sleep, said he'd go to the barn, as he had no problem sleeping with animals.

In two minutes, the bedroom door burst open and the pig and the cow walked in.

## Pedernales Electric Cooperative Supports the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department



Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Chief Rick Cearley (left) receives a check for \$1,000 from Pedernales Electric Cooperative representatives Steve Webb (center) and Jerry Stewart. PEC generously contributes annually to its service area's community service agencies like the Volunteer Fire Departments. (Photos of former volunteers can be seen the background).

## Survivor Spotlight



By: Katie K Haby

Since Maria Carrasco is a nurse, she knew that there was a problem when she found a lump when doing a self-breast exam. What Maria had found was Stage I Cancer. Luckily for Maria, all of her lymph nodes were cancer free and she was able to beat the disease by taking an oral medication, Tamoxifen. With her background in health care, she suggests that many changes must take place in an individual's life when they are battling the disease, especially maintaining a stress free environment. She also suggests changing your diet to increase the amounts of fruits and vegetables you eat and to reduce red meat intake. In addition, women should perform self-breast exams on a regular basis. Studies show that doing regular self-breast exams, along with a yearly checkup by a doctor, improves the chance of detecting cancer early.

Maria has now been a survivor for nine years and five months. A lifelong resident of Sonora, she credits her faith and the support from her friends and family with helping her fight the disease. Although she retired from her nursing job in 2002, Maria continues to stay busy by volunteering at the Senior Center, being active at St. Ann's - her church - where she teaches two classes, and serving as a hospital board member. Maria believes that educating the community is the key - she recommends that all women over forty should be getting a mammogram. Too much of the time, women have heard mammograms can be painful, and this keeps them from having them done. But as Maria said, "It is only painful for one or two seconds." And as she knows from experience, that two seconds of pain can prevent much more pain later.

Relay for Life is scheduled for May 9-10 this year at Bronco Football Stadium. All Sutton County cancer survivors are encouraged to register with Relay for Life to be recognized at the event. You can contact Juanita Gomez at 325-206-0830. In addition, any residents wishing to participate with a team, volunteer, or sponsor the event can contact Shanna Petty at 325-387-3861.

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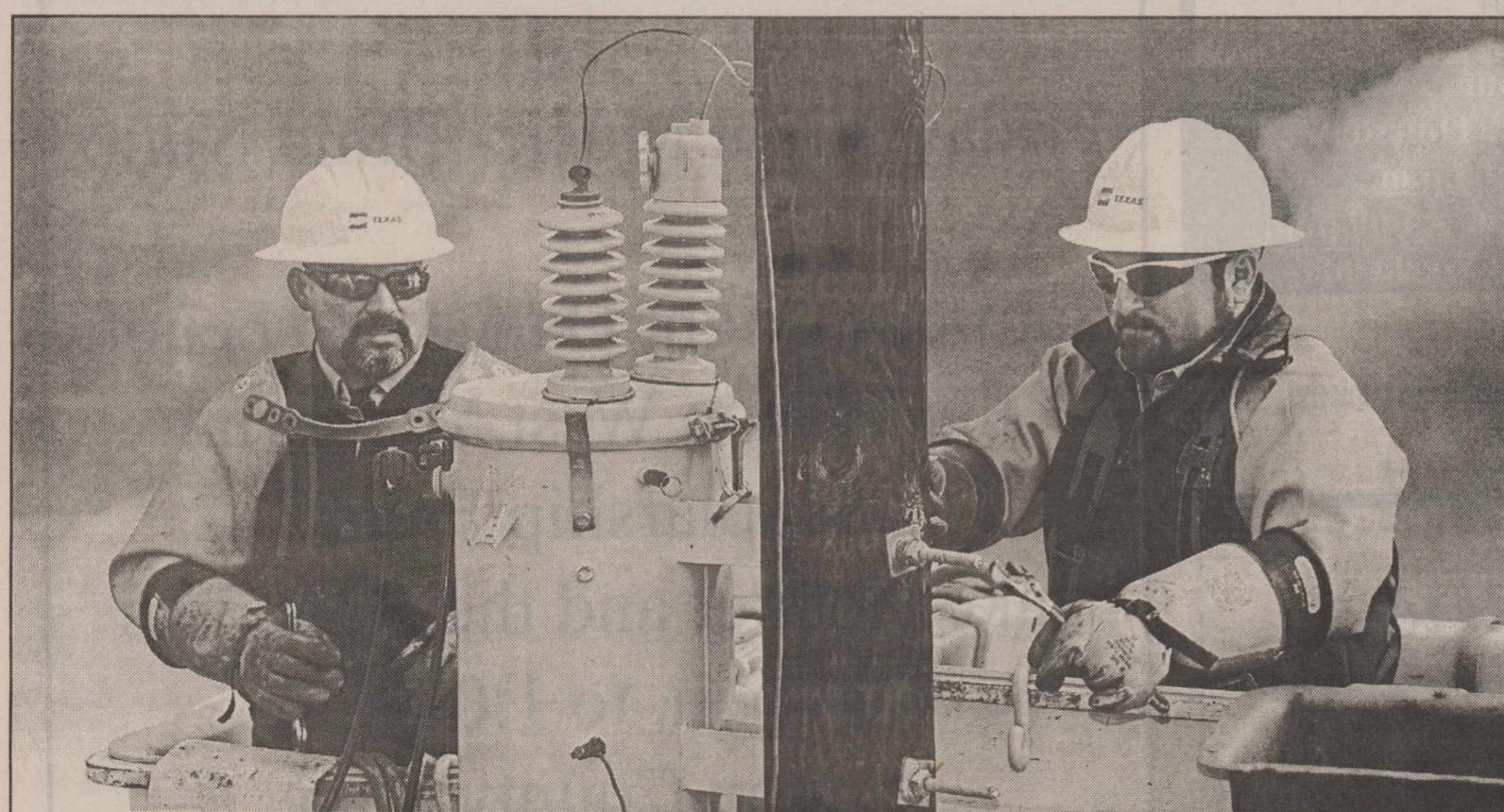
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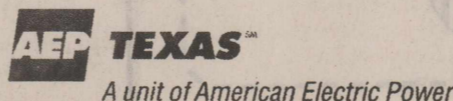


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## Fish Tales: Madalyn Fisher and Randy Morrison



By Madalyn Fisher

The weekend after my birthday in November 2007 my Grandma and Papa (Lonnie and Cathy Fox) came to visit me at our new house in Sonora. Papa loves to play with me at the ranch and we decided to fish in the tank in front of the house. Grandma and Papa bought me a new fishing pole to help me catch the biggest fish in the tank. We didn't have small worms to fish with so we decided to use a can of corn. Boy, those fish loved the corn. I caught one fish after another until I got tired. Momma tried to fish but they didn't like her much because she caught only one fish and it was really small. As you see, I caught the Granddaddy perch out of the tank. He was really big and it took me a while to reel him in. Yes, it was catch and release. I sure loved fishing with my Grandma and Papa.



By Ben D. Taylor

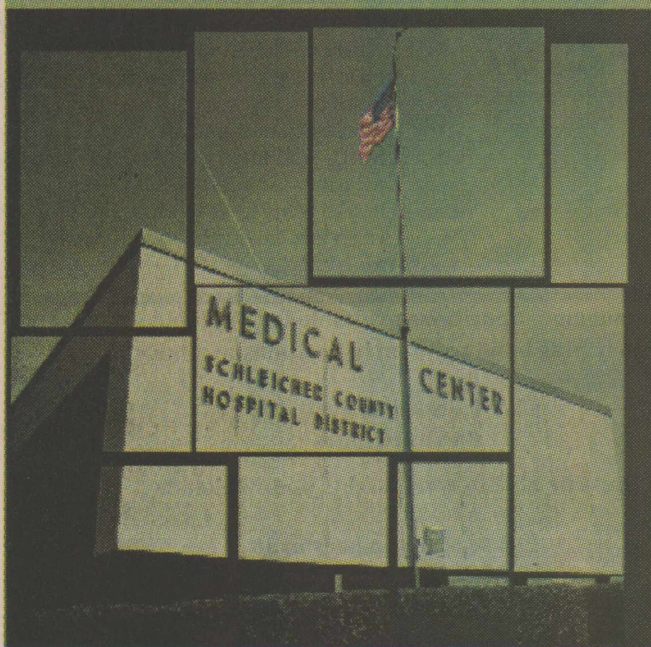
It has been said that the worst day of fishing beats the best day in the office, but the question still remains; what does the best day of fishing beat? Bandera resident, Randy Morrison might be the guy to ask that question. This past February he set off to Lake Falcon to compete in the Ingram Bass Club Tournament, when on his fourth cast of the day he landed this 10 lb 12 oz largemouth bass. He caught the fish on a calm sunny day in about 4 feet of water on a Gold Willowleaf Old Ham Spinner-bait with a white skirt and chartreuse tail. That fish was just the start for Randy as he ended up weighing in 43 lbs over the two day tournament securing a second place finish.

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"Texas has over 1,200 school districts which have a combined total of tens of thousands of buses," said Williams. "By using alternative fuel school buses, such as propane and natural gas or by retrofitting older buses with technologies that reduce emissions Texas children can get to school and back safely, cleanly while using less foreign oil."

There are 36,800 school buses in Texas, of which about 1,500 (4 percent) are propane-powered. About 35 Texas districts currently operate propane school buses. There are an additional 40 plus CNG (compressed natural gas) school buses in the state, operated by three districts in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

"Incentives are available at the federal, state and local levels that make propane and natural gas buses a common-sense option for school districts," Williams added.

The federal 50-cents per gallon rebate on propane motor fuel brings in about \$1,500 per year per school bus. A typical grant from the Railroad Commission for replacing a 15-year-old diesel bus is around \$12,000 per bus. A federal tax credit of up to \$30,000 per installation is available for propane refueling infrastructure. And the TCEQ's Texas Clean School Bus Program provides reimbursements of up to \$7,500 per device for filtration systems on existing diesel buses.

Williams has been a consistent advocate for cleaner burning alternative fuel school buses. In 2001, Williams specially recognized Northside ISD in San Antonio for the district's commitment to air quality through its propane school bus fleet. He gave the keynote address at the 2004 National Clean Cities Conference. In 2006, Williams joined other clean air proponents in securing \$895,000 to develop and certify an original equipment manufactured low-emissions propane school bus and proudly hosted the 2007 unveiling of Blue Bird's Propane "Vision" school bus, the first propane school bus offered by a major manufacturer in the U.S. since 2002.

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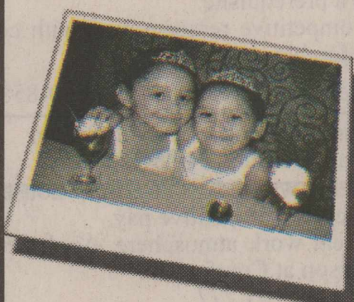
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