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Freedom Takes Heart



Jeff Kimbrel gathers with his family, his mother Becky Hobday, children; Chaskee, Tanner, Oakley, and wife JJ.

"Brave hearts do not back down."
-Sophocles



Kimbrel with his recruiting officer.

By Ben D. Taylor

Where is the heart of a soldier? The heart I am speaking about is not found in the chest, it's that part of their being that drives them to fight for others. Some would say that the true heart of a soldier is found in their country and the things it stands for. Their heart is the organ of liberty, pumping (and spilling) blood for the life of freedom. Others say that it can be found right behind the eyes; the evidence for its existence can be found in the sobering gaze of

a person that has witnessed combat. Shakespeare wrote about the soldier's heart in Henry the Fifth, and alludes to a soldier's heart being in those they share the field of battle with: "we few, we happy few, we band of brothers, for he to-day that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother." A soldier may keep his heart back home with his family, always replenishing hope with rare phone calls, emails, and letters. At the end of the day I cannot say where

a soldier finds the reason to keep fighting. All I can say is that a soldier's heart has to be big to carry the burden of service and the hope of liberty. Jeff Kimbrel is a soldier, and has one of the biggest hearts I know.

Jeff's military service began in the National Guard's Heavy Equipment Transport Unit (the same unit as that of Sonora resident Scott Garrett) where he assisted in the transport of M-1 Tanks, Bradley troop transport vehicles, and

other large equipment for the Army. Jeff decided to sign on with the Army full time and went on active duty in April 2001. "Then 9/11 hit. A week later we went to Egypt; after that I haven't been home for

more than 4 to 5 months at a time." Jeff's immediate deployment to Egypt was for training, but after he came home from Egypt he was deployed to Kuwait three

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Sutton County In Burn Ban, Halts Fireworks

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It's Rodeo Time

By Bonnie Lou Campbell

Sonora is gearing up for the 35th Annual Sutton County Days and Sonora's Outlaw Pro Rodeo!

Sutton County Days activities will begin with a parade on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. and end up Saturday with a Scholarship Steak Dinner sponsored by the Masonic Lodge at the



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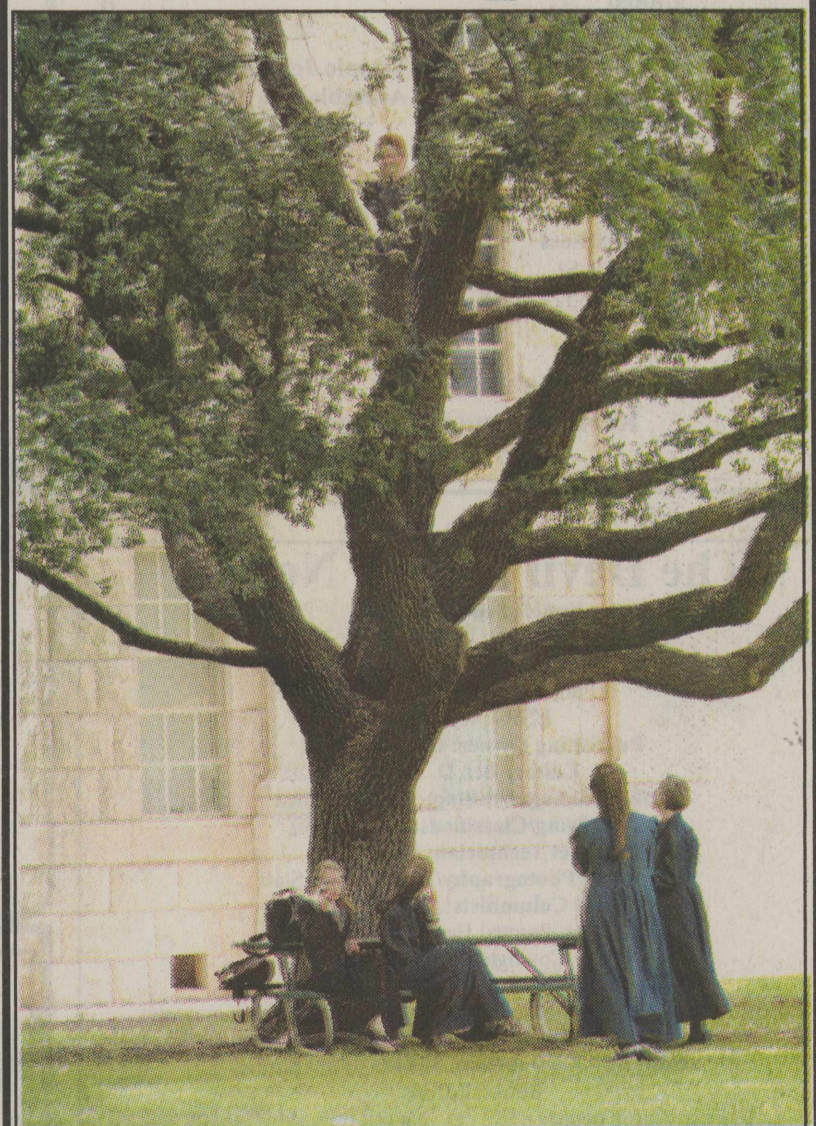
for this tremendous project. Over the years, community volunteers have made this rodeo one of the top small town rodeos in the country. With the generous support of community members and sponsors, the Outlaw Pro Rodeo continues to highlight our western heritage.

Stace Smith and Smith Pro Rodeo will feature their top broncs and bulls in their "Greatest Show on Dirt" in Sonora, Texas on August 8th and 9th. NFR announcer Boyd Polhamus will also return to Sutton County Arena to orchestrate all the high flying action brought to you by Enertech Wireline Services, Creek Swabbing and Roustabout, JMC Transport Services, and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Civic Center. There will be food booths, children's rides, arts and crafts, and entertainment ALL DAY at the Sutton County Park.

The architectural plans have been completed on the arena improvements. The committee is still in the process of obtaining funding

FLDS Update



While waiting through the slow proceedings of the grand jury testimonies in Eldorado, a FLDS member decided to pass the time by scaling a tree. A small group of members were gathered at the courthouse as some took turns appearing before the grand jury in the ongoing investigations surrounding the Eldorado group. With the legal proceedings kept secret according to Texas law, security was kept tight as a police line was set up at 150' all the way around the courthouse building and officers patrolled the grounds, keeping the offices closed to all but those involved with the investigation. Photo by James Ricks/Devil's River News.

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Senior Center Activities

- Fri. July 4- Happy 4th of July! Center Closed
- Sat. July 5 - Happy Birthday Jerry Johnson
- Sun. July 6- Happy Birthday Maria Ortega
- Mon. July 7- Bingo; Happy Birthday Maria Carrasco
- Tues. July 8- Happy Birthday Carroll McAfee
- Wed. July 9- TRAX Van to San Angelo

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. July 3- Taco Salad w/beef cheese, tossed salad, pinto beans, peach cobbler and milk
- Fri. July 4- Center Closed
- Mon. July 7- Chicken Strips w/gray, broccoli w/cheese sauce, baked potato, roll, pears and milk
- Tues. July 8- Chopped Steak w/gravy/onions, parsleyed potatoes, cooked carrots, cuke tomato salad, wheat bread, and milk
- Wed. July 9- BBQ Chicken, pinto beans, macaroni salad, cornbread, apricot/banana mix 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).

Letter to the Editor

To the editor and my readers:
I have written many columns for The Devil's River News and it has always been a pleasure to write them. Unfortunately all good things must come to an end. Due to multiple health problems I must stop all my volunteer work and spend a lot of time running to the doctors out of town and receiving a lot of treatments. I will miss you all and writing the column but must do this if I am to get better. Maybe, God willing, after I am through all this I will be able to return and write again in about six months.

I have resigned the office of Secretary with the Sutton County Historical Society and another volunteer will man the office; members, she will need your help. Rick will be driving me everywhere and we will need several volunteers to take his place.

Please show up on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to assist Victoria with the work, as it is too much for one person. Even if you just answer the phone or take people through the Miers Home Museum it would be a big help.

A newspaper or any organization isn't just one person, it is a group of people working together to produce something wonderful. The paper will pick up on some history columns and the society will function without me. It all did for many, many years before I came here.

My deepest love goes out to all of you, I have so appreciated all your support these many years!

Sincerely,
Jo-Ann E. Palmer
wife of Richard W. Palmer
This is all the title I will need for a while and the best one I have ever held.

Wedding Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. Chance Dillard

Danielle Leigh Barker and Michael Chance Dillard were married at six o'clock in the evening on May 31st, 2008, at The Canyon of the Eagles in Burnet, Texas. Ceremony music was provided lakeside by the bride's brother Don Barker and friend Jess Thomison. The ceremony was conducted by Reverend James Stephen. Adorning the decor of peacock feathers, antique turquoise mason jars, and Devils' River Rocks, the vendor's Canyon Restaurant was transformed into an elegantly rustic reception hall overlooking Lake Buchanan.

The bride wore a strapless ivory gown detailed in lace and small beading. Her jewelry, of elegant freshwater pearls with Swarovski crystal bicone and Swarovski baroque drop pendant was custom-made by friend Kayla Riewe. Special details of the ceremony included a prayer led by Chance's grandfather Byerl Dillard, the use of Dani's grandmother's (Linda Barker's) wedding ring, and custom-made boots from JL Mercer in San Angelo worn by both the bride and groom. The boots displayed a unique heart-shaped brand designed by the couple.

Bridal Party included maid of honor Courtney Caruthers, bridesmaids Cara Welch, Katie Haby, Lauren Pond, Keri Harris, and Amy Kasparian, junior bridesmaid Holly Sparks, and flower girl Madi Barker. Groom's party included best man Byron Williams, groomsmen Sean Fields, Dustin Dillard, Brandon Scott, Don Barker, junior groomsmen Dawson Barker, and ring bearer Levi Barker. Ushers were Patton Copeland, William Renfro, and Justin Routh. House party consisted of Nina Stromberg, Kristen Reid, Kala McClain, Megan Burns, and Kayla Riewe.

The bride is the daughter of Darrell and Patti Barker of Hutto, Texas. The groom is the son of Mike and Janey Dillard of Sonora, Texas. The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas and is working at Sam Dillard State Farm in Sonora, Texas. The groom attended Texas Tech University and is now a foreman at Sonora Contractors in Sonora, Texas. After a honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Sonora, Texas.

The couple would like to thank all of their friends and family for their help to make this event such a special and memorable day. Special thanks to Janice Caruthers, Lee Ann Holt and Sam Dillard whose talent in decorations and detail made this event truly amazing.

Thank You Note

Thank you to everyone who attended my Eagle Scout Ceremony. I would like to thank the Steak House for providing the meal.

Paul Faz

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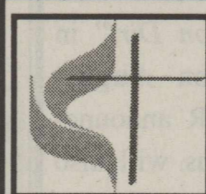


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- July 9
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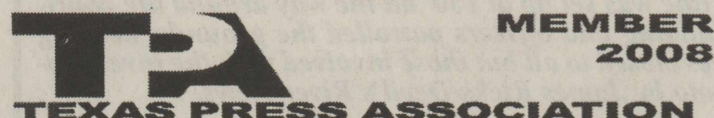
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months later. "We moved everyone to their positions along the border or Iraq. We were getting prepared for the possibility of war".

The army stayed in Kuwait training, hydrating, and acclimating to the desert climate for 2 years before the first push into Iraq, finally crossing the border in 2003. "We crossed the border with multiple launch systems on March 19th, 2003. We pushed all the way to Baghdad in 6 days and 6 nights. I think I slept maybe 2 hours in those 6 days. There was some resistance along the way. At one point we got pretty close and had to fire rockets right off the trucks while they were still loaded," Jeff commented.

His unit then helped set up a perimeter around Baghdad and provided vital equipment needed to secure the Baghdad Airport. They then started making trips back and forth between Baghdad and Kuwait transporting equipment needed for the war effort.

It was on one of those trips that Jeff's unit was caught in a bad sandstorm. "We could see a wall of dirt headed right for us from the east. At first we thought it was a line of Iraqi tanks headed for us, but it turned out to be a bad sandstorm. At first everything went red, then the sky turned as black as night. We shut everything down, set up security, and got into the vehicles. A rainstorm then hit us from the west (the water hit the sand and turned into mud balls) and covered the vehicles with

mud. That stuff stuck like cement, but it was probably the best thing to happen to those vehicles because the mud made them look like just another part of the desert."

Jeff stayed with the same unit for 5 years, making a total of 5 trips to Iraq. "When I left there were still some of the same guys over there. Some of them were on their 7th trip."

Jeff left his unit and decided to try for a Special Forces assignment with the Green Berets, "me and two of my friends in the unit were talking a lot about it. The youngest of us really wanted to do it, so I told him that if he did it then I would. I got tired of being attacked and not being able to do anything about it and I liked the idea that Special Forces help people that can't otherwise help themselves." All three of them went into Special Forces, and two were selected for service. There were a lot of aspects to Special Forces Training that Jeff could not tell me about but he did say that "there was a lot of long distance runs, road marches, survival training, and 7 to 8 days of continuous land navigation, which is pretty hard in the woodlands of North Carolina." All of the training was difficult, but Jeff attributed his success in the survival training to the time he spent outdoors in Sonora.

Jeff completed his training and is now active in the Green Berets, an accomplishment by itself, but even more so once you realize that he was one of

the oldest people to ever complete the Special Forces training.

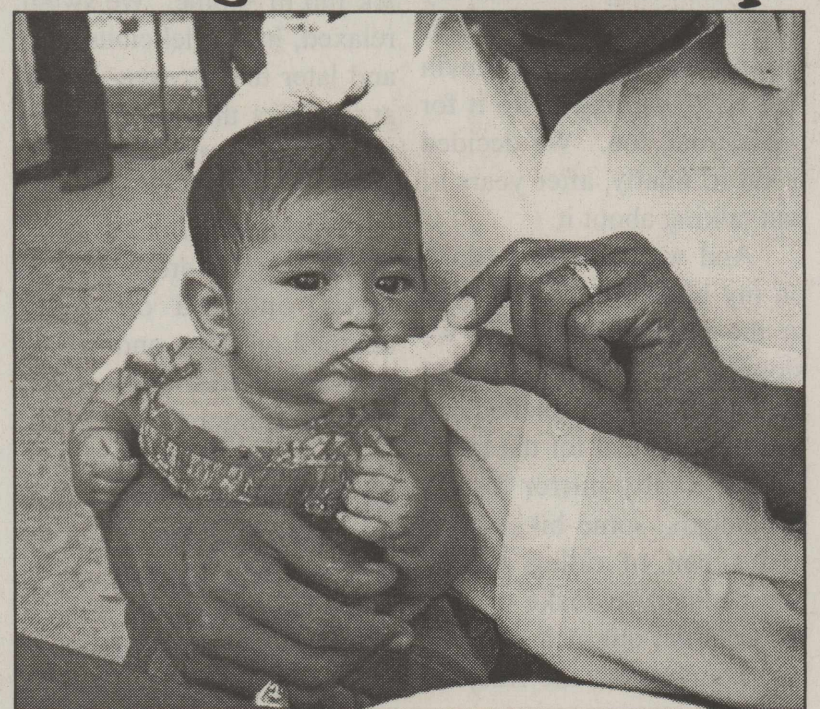
I asked Jeff what he thought about the War on Terror and he gave me a three part answer: part one a warning, part two a plan, and part three a hope. "I feel sorry for anyone that comes over here and tries something. We are keeping them at bay over there. Its better we fight them over there than over here. You see a lot of negative things in the media, but we are building stuff all the time for the Iraqis: power, sewage, plumbing systems, schools, hospitals and we are providing the supplies for all the construction projects."

In talking to Jeff I found that while winning the war is important for everyone, each soldier needs to discover why fighting is important. They need to find a reason to carry their hearts into battle, "we fight for everyone, from top to bottom, even the old soldiers that have already fought. When I am over there I remember all the hard working ranchers beating themselves in the head with the sunshine and the drought working, to keep America alive. I'm just doing my small part in it, to play my role for America."

When Jeff came into the office to talk to me I remembered going over to his house when I was growing up to play with his matchbox cars. He would let me pick out 5 cars, and then we would go out on the dirt road and play. Jeff grew

up at the Sonora Experiment Station, and spent much of his youth making sure I didn't get into trouble. More often than not, playing with cars turned into mud fights, and there was more than one occasion that mud fights evolved into manure fights (and let's just say that he got me into more trouble than he kept me out of). Those memories sculpted the mental image I had of Jeff before he came into the office, but at first glance I could tell that my mental image would have to change. There was something different about Jeff, something I couldn't put my finger on. He was the same person I knew before, he just seemed bigger somehow. At the end of our conversation I figured out how he had changed: Jeff Kimbrel is a soldier, and his heart has grown.

Candid Shots: Emily Likes Shrimp



By Ben D. Taylor

Emily Morin attended her Aunt Sierra Gomez's high-school graduation party at the slab in May, and discovered that she likes shrimp. From the picture (and the size of the shrimp) it's hard to tell who's eating who. Reports indicate that Emily eventually lost interest in her meal, and the shrimp was not available for comment.

Maintenance Work to Begin Along Interstate 10


The Texas Department of Transportation has contracted SCR Construction Co., Inc. to repair damage to several bridge structures in Sutton and Crockett Counties along the Interstate 10 corridor. Repairs are expected to begin July 14 and take about a month.

Traffic along Interstate 10 will be narrowed to one lane in the work zone and motorists are advised to use caution as workers will often be very close to the road. No reduction of speed is scheduled. Work will be conducted Monday through Friday during daylight hours only.

The repair work to be done will be mostly cosmetic patching of concrete bridges damaged by vehicular traffic accidents and those structures which have degraded with age. Included in the \$92,000 project are RM 1312 over Devil's River and Granger Draw, the Taylor Box Road overpass, SL 467 and SH 290. Interstate 10 has five overpasses between SL 467 and Live Oak Overpass that are scheduled for repair, as well as Evans Draw which will have bridge rail repaired.


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Two-Wheeling in the Mountains

By Tumbleweed Smith

It's something I've wanted to do for a long time: ride my bicycle through some Texas mountains. My son Kevin had been wanting to do it for some time, too. We decided to do it, finally, after years of just talking about it.

And we decided to do it on my birthday. On the way to the mountain country, we stopped at Peyton's Bikes in Midland and picked up some equipment for the trip. I bought a nifty mirror for my handlebars, some bike shorts and a pair of riding gloves. We decided to ride the family vacation out of it. On the afternoon before the ride, six

of us checked into the Maverick Inn in Alpine. We swam, relaxed, had a delicious meal and later that evening looked at the stars through powerful telescopes at the McDonald observatory.

The next morning was my birthday. We drove to Fort Davis, unloaded our bikes, climbed on them and headed for Alpine, 26 miles away. My 17-year old grandson Jackson was with us. When I left a little after 8 AM, I was a little apprehensive, since I had not done anything like this before. A few years ago, the three of us rode bikes about fifteen miles through Fort Worth's

Forest Park. Most of that was on level ground. The highway was fairly level as we left Fort Davis, then there is a slight rise. I thought it would be a struggle, but it was easier than I expected. The more miles we rode, the more confident I became.

The favorite thing I like to do on my bike is coast. When we got to the steep downhill grades, I breezed down them. On one I was going so fast my new mirror fell off and I ran over it. I stopped, cleaned up the mess and got back on my

bike. We stopped briefly to drink water and lather up with sunblock.

The worst part was the sun and the wind. The best part was we kept going. There was no shade and the ground was level the last few miles. It was just a matter of keeping the legs moving. When we hit the Alpine city limits, we rode on sidewalks back to the motel. Happy Birthday. The ride took just under 3 hours. It was not a race, just a ride. We took lots of photos along the way. We celebrated with

chocolate cake. We swam. We had a delicious meal. Went to see the Zohan movie. The next day we got up early, drove to Marfa and prepared our bikes for another 26 mile ride back to Alpine. Jackson decided not to ride a second day, but Kevin's wife Jill joined us. She is super athletic and is in great physical shape. She could have ridden circles around us, but she stayed with us. We took more pictures on the second day. The hills didn't seem too severe and the flat stretches seemed easy to maneuver. What was most amazing was I didn't seem tired after either ride. When my son and I started planning our ride, I spent a few weeks taking a spin course at a local exercise center. The teacher was rough on us as we pedaled on the stationary bikes. The two 26 mile rides were a piece of cake compared to a spin class.

Men

VS

Women

NAMES

If Laurie, Linda, Elizabeth and Barbara go out for lunch, they will call each other Laurie, Linda, Elizabeth and Barbara.

If Mark, Chris, Eric and Tom go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla, Peanut-Head and Scrappy.

EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mark, Chris, Eric and Tom will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the women get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

Sonora PD Dispatch Report

Incidents:

June 23, 2008

- 8:14 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 10:00 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 7:05 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

June 24, 2008

- 10:41 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 5:20 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 6:40 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

June 25, 2008

- 2:58 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident. Officer responded.

- 4:00 PM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

June 26, 2008

- 2:00 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 8:10 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 8:30 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

June 27, 2008

- 10:10 AM: Caller reported suspicious subjects. Officer responded.
- 11:20 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

June 29, 2008

- 1:20 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.

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Eaton Hill's Night Hike



Pictured Above: (back row) Michelle Kang, Dr. Ulrike Gretzel, Libby Dempsey, Kelley Stewart, Jose Quintana, Juan Quintana, Russell Dempsey, (front row) Delyse Jaeger, Yolanda Sanchez, Melissa Freeman, Monica Sanchez, Michael Sanchez. Not pictured: Josh Letton (photographer).

By Yolanda Sanchez

From spooking fidgety cottontails and whitetail deer, to unveiling creepy crawling wolf spiders of every size, to attempting the endless task of grasping that perfect snapshot of Old Glory waving in the serene night sky, featured guests and local Sonorans teamed up last Thursday and flashlight-hunted Eaton Hill's nocturnal side, making it Eaton Hill's "First Official Night Hike!"

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F.Y.I.

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 Tanguma 325-277-7189.

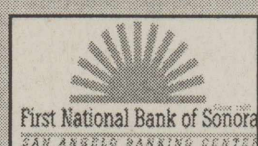
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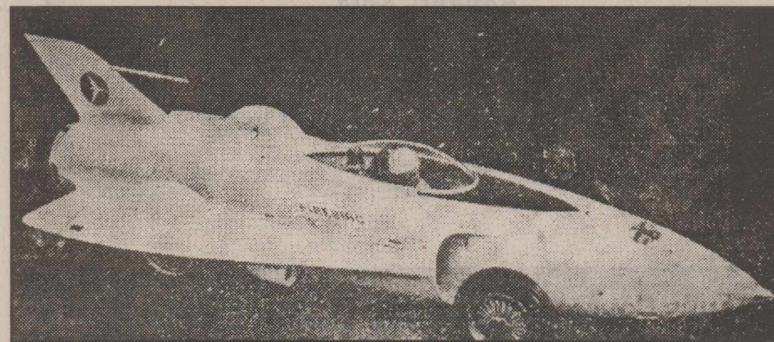
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Local Woman Murdered

March 5

Part 1 of 3

GM Builds First Gas Turbine Car



The XP-21 Firebird, first gas turbine automobile in the United States, has been announced by General Motors. The car's aerodynamic styling has an aircraft motif with a "needle" nose, swept-back delta wings and vertical tail fin.

Because the gas turbine uses large volumes of air, the Firebird has scoops on either side of the driver's cockpit and a large tail cone for exhaust gas. Its kerosene burning engine, mounted at the rear of the driver's seat, consists of two mechanically independent parts, a gasifier section and a power turbine. The power turbine delivers power to the car's rear wheels via a two-speed transmission.

The Firebird is an experiment to determine whether gas turbines will be feasible for ground vehicles.



Leonard Lionel Bingham, 24, confessed knife-slayer of Mrs. Jeff Lambert, is shown just before leaving Sutton County Jail Friday morning for San Angelo, where he was placed in Tom Green County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond, the highest set in this county. On left is Sergeant Ray Keating, San Angelo district of the Texas Highway Patrol, the officer to whom Bingham first confessed. On right is Sheriff B. W. Hutcherson of Sutton County. Bingham was taken to San Angelo not because of any threat of mob violence here, but because the local jail is not equipped for a maximum security prisoner.

Leonard Lionel Bingham, 24, was charged with the murder here last night in connection with the death of Mrs. Jeff Lambert, who was stabbed to death at the Lambert Store and Station Thursday afternoon. Bingham, who is not to be confused with an uncle, Leonard Leslie Bingham, Sonora resident, was arrested by Highway Patrolmen, when the bus he was riding stopped at Van Horn at 12:15 this morning. According to officers, he got on the bus in Ozona about 7 o'clock Thursday night. He surrendered meekly. The warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace Alfred Cooper about 11:30 o'clock. Bingham is an ex-convict, having been sentenced to 2 years in 1950 for forgery and to 3 years in 1952 for forgery. He was out on parole.

A statewide search had been out for Bingham since about 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, when information was given to officers as to the identity of the man seen loitering at the Lambert store. Bingham evidently fled from Sonora in a 1948 blue-green Kaiser sedan, license No. LY7951. Officers learned the car was registered in Harris County.

Bingham was described as being about 5 feet, seven inches tall, with curly blond hair, and wearing a light shirt and khaki trousers. One of the most thoroughly organized manhunts seen in recent years in West Texas was begun only minutes after Mrs. Lambert's body was found at 2:50 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Within an hour Ralph Rohatch, Texas Ranger and Sgt. Dubb Gunn, Bureau of Identification, San Angelo

Police Department, arrived in Sonora to work with Sheriff Hutcherson. Later, Highway Patrol Sergeants J.D. Jowers and R.F. Keating, and Patrolmen F. E. Boyd, O. A. Brookshire, Frank Perkins and T. P. Jones worked here in Ozona on the case.

Ozona, Fort Stockton, Del Rio, Rocksprings, Junction, San Angelo, and Menard officers were alerted first by telephone. As information began to come in, subsequent broadcasts were made over the San Angelo Department of Public Safety radio station KKA-451.

Highway Patrolman Herman Moore, who had been in Granbury, was called back and assisted in gathering information.

Bingham had recently been employed as a member of a highway construction survey crew. His father is dead and his mother lives in Uvalde. He is understood to have a wife, Mrs. Joyce Bingham, living in Navasota.

According to information called in from Ozona by Sgts. Jowers and Keating and State Game Warden T. F. Wheelis, Bingham ditched his car, got to Ozona and bought a bus ticket to El Paso. He changed buses in Pecos and was taken when the bus stopped in Van Horn at 12:15 o'clock this morning. He told officers he abandoned the car near Eldorado on the Sol Mayer ranch. Sgt. Jowers called Sheriff Hutcherson's office about midnight and said Bingham would be returned to Sonora this (Friday) morning and held in jail here pending action of the grand jury March 15.

Patrolmen O. A. Brookshire

and F. E. Boyd and Crockett Sheriff V. O. Earnest questioned the man who finally gave information Bingham had been in Ozona.

Wheelis and Crockett Deputy Billy Mills were credited with discovering that Bingham bought a bus ticket to El Paso. This discovery came at 11 o'clock last night and was, of course, a major break in the case.

Bingham was brought back in chains to Sonora at 7:45 o'clock this morning just 17 hours after he sped away from the scene of one of the most vicious murders in the history of West Texas.

On the return trip to Sonora from Van Horn, where he was taken off an El Paso-bound bus, Bingham pointed out to officers where he hid his car, his bloody pants, some change taken from the Lambert Grocery, and finally, where he threw the knife he said he used to murder Mrs. Jeff Lambert Thursday afternoon. All these things he did quite calmly, willingly, even eagerly. Dressed in a new suit, new shoes and shirt he bought in Ozona Thursday afternoon, Bingham appeared to be anything but the holdup killer he confessed to being.

In a five-page, single-spaced confession given and signed in the presence of Dr. J. F. Howell and Clay Puckett, and taken down by Web Elliott, Bingham told in detail how he planned Thursday morning to rob the Lambert Store and how he killed Mrs. Lambert "to keep her from screaming."

He told this reporter he was sorry for his crime, but "I imagine I will go to the elec-

tric chair."

He also stated that he was treated fairly and impartially by officers at all times and that his confession was voluntary. "I want it off my chest," he told this reporter.

"I'm sorry I killed her," he added. "I pulled my knife out and told her I was taking the money. She said all right and moved over to the cash register and I thought she was going to give me the money. All of a sudden she started screaming and I stabbed her to make her be quiet. I couldn't seem to stop."

Bingham's bail was set at \$50,000 by Justice of the Peace Alfred Cooper. At present there are about fifteen officers standing guard at the jail and in Sonora.

Following the signing of the confession, Bingham was given a complete physical examination by Dr. Howell and was pronounced in good health. No part of his body revealed cuts, scratches or bruises, with the exception of a scratch on his right forefinger, which Bingham said occurred several days ago.

Officers planned to remove Bingham to the Tom Green County jail as soon as possible.

Bingham's car a 1948 Kaiser four door sedan, green color, was right where he said it would be-in a ravine about a half-mile from the Preston Love house and up the Station A road, approximately 16 miles west of Sonora. The pants and money were found nearby. The knife was found under the bridge near Ervin William's Station.

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By Pascual Hernandez,
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Extension Agent

We all know that prolonged drought stresses plants. And it almost stands to reason that we might perhaps get the upper hand over brush during its weakened stage, right? Not so fast. It turns out that herbicides need moisture for adequate performance.

Commercially acceptable performance of most herbicides is based on normal growing season precipitation, which promotes plant growth and provides sufficient soil moisture for its activation. When a severe drought occurs during most of a growing season, many of the normal interactions among herbicides, plants, and the environment are altered in ways that can cause serious problems. An awareness of these altered interactions can help producers avoid serious, unintended consequences.

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High Fences: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

By Jason Brooks
Private Lands Biologist
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When I was growing up, I remember seeing a high fence along the highway and paying great attention, because there had to be something amazing on the other side. It might be an axis deer, a fallow deer, or maybe even a zebra, but it was certainly going to be something you didn't see everyday. Twenty years ago high fences meant exotic wildlife. Today that is not the case.

Let's start by defining a "high fence:" a game-proof fence, usually 8 feet tall with net wire of 4 inch mesh. Most of the first fences were established to keep Asian and African wildlife enclosed. Sometimes these fences were used around agricultural crops to keep deer out. However, within the last few decades more and more high fences are being built to intensive manage populations of native white-tailed deer. This is a sticky subject and most of the sportsmen, ranchers, and biologists have opinions on the topic and some feelings are pretty strong. I too have my opinions, but for the purpose of this article, I want to stick to the facts and avoid my personal interjections.

In the simplest terms, a game-proof fence is another tool in the wildlife manager's toolbox. They can be built to keep native or introduced deer in, or in some cases to keep surplus deer out. In the Edward's Plateau, overpopulation of white-tailed deer can be a serious concern. High fenced areas require intensive population management. If a fenced area is overpopulated and habitat is suffering from overgrazing, deer can-

not choose to leave. Harvesting of surplus deer has to take place annually to avoid damage to the plant community.

The advantage to high fencing from a management standpoint is that desired population levels can be maintained. In the western part of the Edward's Plateau the desired level is fewer deer than what occur naturally. Lower densities reduce competition and allow deer to better meet their potential (antler growth). A second advantage is selective harvest to maintain a good age structure and buck-to-doe ratio within the herd. Bucks need time to reach their potential. Another potential positive is deer can be managed to meet certain criteria. Usually this is based on some aspect of antler size or character. Antler characteristics are inherited and some managers want to see all 10 points or deer with wide antler spreads. Harvesting all spikes is another strategy sometimes used in high fenced areas.

High fencing is not cheap. Starting at \$20,000 per mile, the costs can be extremely prohibitive. For a landowner hoping to market whitetail hunting, it would be a serious capital investment. In some cases the costs could be recuperated, but it would take several years. For a simple math exercise, to fence one section (640 acres) or one square mile, would be \$80,000. At a sample density of 1 deer to 15 acres, you would have 42 deer. If the population was 40:60 bucks to does, that would leave you with 17 bucks. Two or three of those deer may be marketed as trophy animals. If those animals were marketed at \$2500 and you could consistently take 2 (\$5000), it would take 16 years to completely recover the cost. You would need to harvest anywhere from zero to 40 deer per year depending on the reproduction which can vary greatly from year to year. Within that there would be potential to market doe and management buck hunts, but it would still be very cost prohibitive.

Fair chase is perhaps the most sensitive subject when high fences are discussed. Almost all of the areas are being fenced in order to produce trophy hunts. How much area is needed to allow that animal ample space to evade the hunter? You won't find the answer in a text book. You might find it on the internet, but it is simply someone's opinion. I will concede the size varies in different habitats.

High fencing is a continuing trend. If you are considering a game fence there are a few things to keep in mind. Understand that management will have to be intensified behind the fence before construction. High fencing will increase the property value, but the cost will be hard to recover until the ranch sells. Adequate space should be allowed to give deer the opportunity to escape or avoid the hunter.



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Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

Texas Main Street Coordinator Debra Farst and Assistant Coordinator Jill Robinson have recently been in Sonora to discuss the Texas Main Street Annual Summer Training. Their workshop over this event was done at the Sutton County Steakhouse for the Texas Main Street Managers and board members in the Sonora area. We appreciate Linda Love for her wonderful homestyle cooking and her warm friendly atmosphere of the 50's Room.

Starting on July 28, 2008, the Texas Main Street Annual Summer Training will be held in Sonora, Texas. The training will start and end at St. John's Episcopal Church and involves other historical places in and around Sonora and Sutton County. This training brings an average of 100 plus visitors to the host town and we are extremely fortunate and excited that they have chosen our beautiful Main Street City. The Texas His-

torical Commission Staff will be arriving in our town a day early so we will be rolling out the Sonora Red Carpet. There are several people that need to be recognized for their help and contribution during this large event: Becky McAngus, Anna Johnson, Father Chris, Jenny Sue Trainer, and Glenda Lowe for allowing us to use St. John's Episcopal Church, Sutton County and the City of Sonora, First National Bank for sponsoring the entertainment at the Caverns of Sonora and Jimmy Cahill's Ranch Tour, Jimmy Cahill for his Sonora wisdom, The Bank and Trust for sponsoring the transportation, host motels Comfort Inn and Best Western. There will be more details as the event draws closer. The Main Street Committee and THC is still finalizing the schedule and other arrangements for this event.

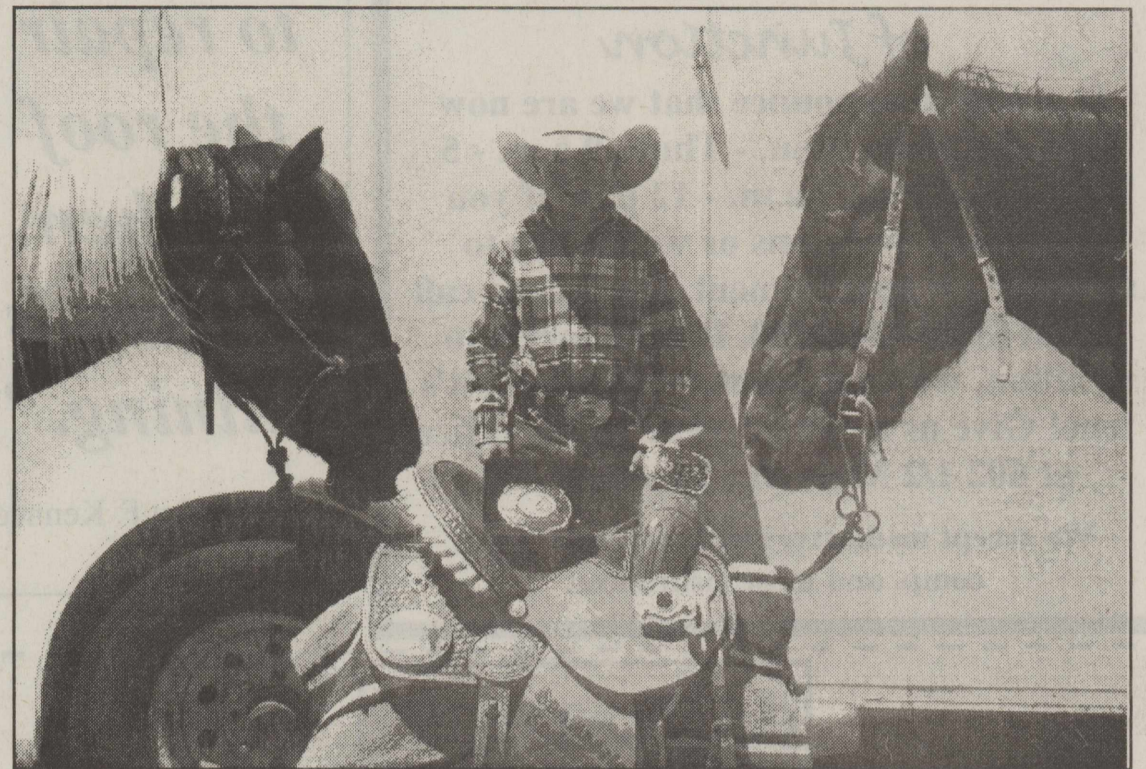
To conclude this week we had a visit from the Texas Main Street Architect Wayne

Bell. He arrived in Sonora on Friday, June 27th. He had a wonderful visit and we appreciate his sharing valuable knowledge with the business owners downtown. He will be working on signage and a plan for building improvements for City Hall. We would like to thank Wayne Bell, John Tedford, Smith Neal, Lisa Whitehead, Rosemary Jones and granddaughter, RexAnn Friess, Max Howorth, and Betty Cash.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to extend a hand of appreciation to Joy Kemp for her years of service at The First National Bank of Sonora. We will miss her smiling face and warm greeting in the bank.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street will miss Mr. Kenneth Knoll Babcock. He was a wonderful supporter of Main Street and he will be missed. He will always be remembered in the Veterans Museum.

Babb qualifies for State Riding Club Finals



It is not the NFR, High School Finals or AJRA Finals but, to Pistol Babb, qualifying for the AASP&RC State Finals is just as big.

The American Association of Sheriff Poses and Riding Clubs State Finals are conducted each year the third week of June in Bowie. To be able to attend the finals a rider must be able to make qualifying runs in eight events: barrels, poles, pylons, double bucket flags, straight-away-barrels, baseball, spur, and the flying "W". Babb made all of the qualifying times midway through the district's season.

Pistol is the son of Doyle and Cindy Babb of Post and the grandson of Joe and Goldie Brown of Sonora.

"We are very proud of his accomplishments," his parents said. "He currently has six buckles, a saddle and is in the standings for two more buckles this year."

"I will be taking a new horse named Shorty that I just got and, of course,

my favorite Ladybug just in case something happens and Shorty can't run," Pistol said. "Shorty is older, but used to run barrels and poles in the AJRA rodeos and my mom trained and usually runs on Ladybug."

Riding horses is nothing new to Pistol, who started riding at the age of 18 months following his dad on a ranch south of Ozona. His first horse was a shetland mule named "Belle Belle". It was on her that he started making the Playdays in San Angelo, Ozona, and Sonora in 2003.

In 2004, at the age of three, he won his first buckle on "Belle Belle" doing "barrels, pole, flags and other stuff". In 2005 "Belle Belle was turned

out to pasture 'cause she was getting old and I started riding 'Grandma.' It was on her that I won my saddle and a couple of buckles, but she was old and got sick and died early this year. I've been having to ride Ladybug for a while now and she is good, but Mom likes to ride her 'cause she is real fast. Now that I have Shorty, who is real fast, I am hoping to win another saddle at the finals with him."

Pistol attended the State Finals in Bowie, June 16-21 where he competed in two events per day for 4 days, carrying with him the hopes of bringing home another first-place saddle or second-place buckle.

(Results not Submitted as of Press Time)

TPWD Fishing Report

Falcon: Water clear; 82 degrees. Black bass are good on Carolina rigged large soft plastic worms and crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut bait and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

LBJ: Water stained; 82 degrees; 0.40' low. Black bass are fair on black/blue 1/4oz. Curb's Erratic jigs, JDC Skip-N-Pop topwaters, and weightless watermelon red Whacky Sticks along seawalls and docks in 4 - 10 feet at daylight. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and white Curb's crappie jigs over brush piles in 12 feet. Channel catfish are fair on minnows and dip bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

Amistad: Water clear; 85 degrees; 17.41' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse Yamamoto Senkos, topwaters, Zoom Super Flukes, and Carolina rigged 10" soft plastic worms in 16 - 28 feet. Striped bass are fair on large red fins near the dam. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait and punchbait in 16 - 22 feet, and in 90 feet. Yellow catfish are slow. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

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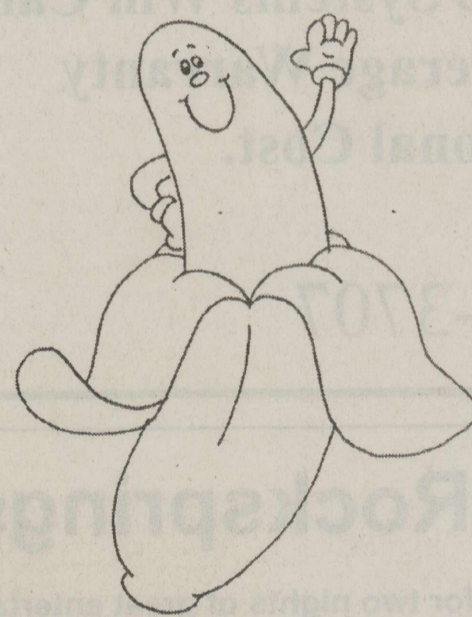
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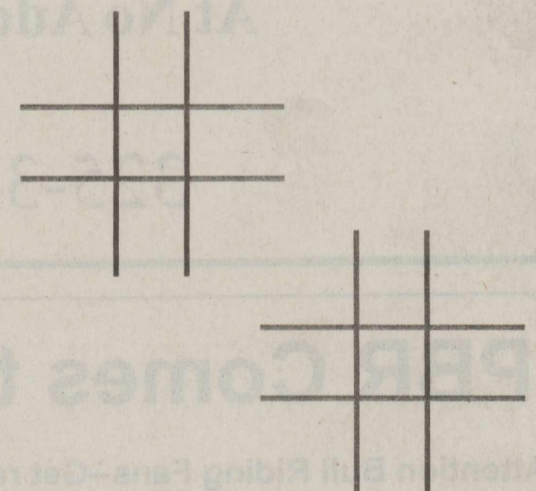


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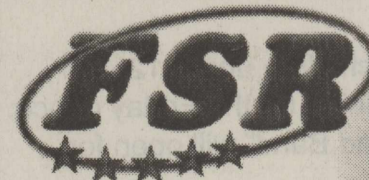
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Old Jail Gets New Roof

The top is coming off the Sutton County Jail. The original roof is being replaced with a new roof by workers from San Angelo-based Harrison Roofing Company. The jail has been in need of repairs for a few years now, and the county has been working to save up for the expensive repairs that were approved and awarded at a cost of \$59,606 at a special meeting of the County Commissioners Court that was held on May 27. Work was started about two weeks ago and is expected to take another two or three weeks to complete. The new roof is expected to last for at least the next 18-22 years. Photo by James Ricks/Devil's River News.



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Saturday will be a fun-filled day of activities, starting with the flag-raising ceremony and parade at 9:00 a.m. Follow the parade to the fairgrounds for refreshments, washer- and horseshoe-pitching.

New additions to the Saturday activities include Rocksprings Playboys Memorial Music Festival, featuring:
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A man and a woman were having dinner in a fine restaurant. Their waitress, taking another order at a table a few paces away noticed that the man was slowly sliding down his chair and under the table, with the woman acting unconcerned.

The waitress watched as the man slid all the way down his chair and out of sight under the table. Still, the woman dining across from him appeared calm and unruffled, apparently unaware that her dining companion had disappeared.

After the waitress finished taking the order, she came over to the table and said to the woman, 'Pardon me, ma' am, but I think your husband just slid under the table.'

The woman calmly looked up at her and replied firmly, 'No he didn't. He just walked in the door.'

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Sports

7-On-7 Summer Touch Football



Keeping busy for the summer, Sonora youth take part in the YMCA 7-On-7 Touch Football program. Pictured here are shots from the State Qualifier Tournament hosted by Crane. Results of the tournament were unavailable at press time.

Photos courtesy Kim



Sonora High Players Earn All-West Texas Honors

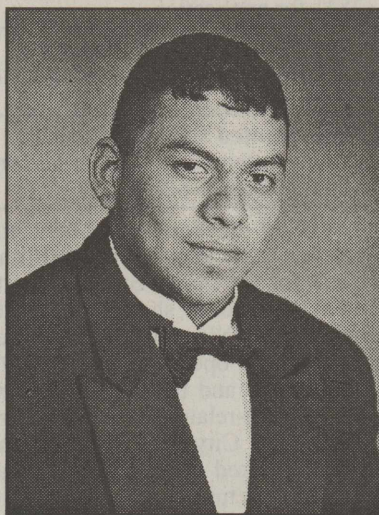
By James Ricks

Two Sonora High players have been named to the 2008 All-West Texas Baseball Team.

Senior catcher Aaron Gaytan and sophomore outfielder Tyler Creek were selected for the All-West Texas Baseball Team. Both were nominated for the spots by Coach David Gallegos, with final approval coming from other coaches in the West Texas region.

"It came as a surprise to me," said Gaytan. "I didn't find out about it until I read it in the [San Angelo] paper."

Creek had a similar experience. "My dad read it in the paper and when I came down for breakfast, he had me read it and my name was on the front



Aaron Gaytan



Tyler Creek

page." Both were on the Sonora varsity baseball team this year and helped the team finish with a record of 7-3 in district play.

Gaytan had played on the Bronco team his sophomore year, but missed his junior year due to knee problems. Gaytan graduated and aims to con-

tinue play at Sul Ross University, as he plans to try out for their team. Gaytan batted .452 with 13 doubles, three triples, four home runs and 32 RBI's. He stole five bases, had a .821 slugging percentage and a .515 on-base percentage. His fielding was a .965 percentage.

This was Creek's second year

with Varsity Bronco Baseball, crediting his father for most of his success in making the team and playing well.

"My dad's my coach, and he has taught me a lot about hitting and pitching and my mechanics," said Creek. "Coach Gallegos was also a great help, and the biggest reason my batting average went so high."

Creek plans to be on the Bronco team again next year, and looks forward to the new season. Creek batted .477 with 11 doubles, five triples, three home runs and 35 RBI's. He also scored 29 runs and stole 14 bases. From the mound, he was 3-1 with a 4.30 ERA and 66 strikeouts in 40 2/3 innings.

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