



WALMART CARJACKING

SUSPECT IN CARJACKING ARRESTED BY APD

The suspect in a carjacking at the Georgia Street Walmart has been arrested.

On Sunday evening, officers were dispatched to a personal robbery in the parking lot of the Walmart on South Georgia Street. Officers learned that the victim was sitting in his 2003 Dodge pickup waiting for someone when three males in dark clothing with covered faces approached the vehicle. One suspect approached the driver and pointed a gun at the victim. The suspect demanded the vehicle and threatened to kill the victim.

The driver surrendered the pickup and the suspect stole the vehicle. Two other suspects left in another vehicle.

A witness told officers that the vehicle was located at 36th Avenue and South Polk Street. An officer located the suspect running from the area and took him into custody.

Joseph Noel Cortez, 23, was booked into the Randall County Jail on charges of Aggravated Robbery, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, and Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon.

Officers are working to located the other two suspects.



Amarillo Fire Department Rescues Man from Pit

Amarillo firefighters rescued a man from a chemical slurry this afternoon.

The Amarillo Fire Department reported the officers were dispatched to a the report of man stuck in a pit in the area of 100 S. Tyler. When fire crews arrived at 1:25pm, employees on scene said that they were the first to arrive and were preparing to wash out one of their trucks when they noticed movement in the bottom of the pit. Upon investigation, they realized it was a person.

Fire crews put a ladder in the pit and were able to lift the man and place him on a back board. The back board was then pulled up the ladder using ropes. The man was extracted from the pit at 1:34pm.

The man pulled from the pit was conscious and said that he had been stuck there overnight. Due to the chemical slurry inside of the pit, the man was suffering from severe chemical burns and was airlifted the University Medical Center Burn Center in Lubbock.

Thirteen firefighters were on-scene at the time of the rescue.



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Randall County Sheriff Office Reports Three Vehicle Break-Ins

The Randall County Sheriff's Office is reporting that three vehicles were broken into on Saturday, September 16th.

Randall County officials reported that three vehicles were broken into in the parking lot of an event venue in Randall County. The event venue, located in the 1100 block of East Loop 335, saw multiple items stolen out of each vehicle.

If you have any information, you are asked to call the Criminal Investigation Division of the Randall County Sheriff's Office at 806-468-5790.



Raef to Serve as Leal Campaign Treasurer

Victor Leal announced today that Joshua Raef will serve as his campaign treasurer for his upcoming bid for Texas Senate.

Leal, a Republican, announced Raef as his campaign treasurer, this morning. Leal announced the appointment of Raef, writing, "This guy knows a thing or two about customer service."

Raef is a local restaurant franchisee who owns the Georgia Street location of Chick-Fil-A. Raef also was a finalist for a vacant spot on the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation earlier this year.

Leal is facing incumbent Senator Kel Seliger and former Midland Mayor Mike Canon in the race for the Republican nomination for state senator. Ken Kelley is serving as Seliger's treasurer, while Lee Bell Ulvestad is serving as Canon's treasurer.



Hereford Native Parker Bridwell Pitches for Win Over Texas Rangers

Hereford-native Parker Bridwell led the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim to a victory over the Texas Rangers on Saturday night.

In a game at Anaheim, Bridwell started the game for the Angels and pitched dominantly as Los Angeles picked up a 2-0 shutout over Texas. Bridwell pitched six innings and relief pitcher Yusmeiro Petit picked up the save.

Texas starter Cole Hamels took the loss for the game.

Bridwell's season record now moves to 8-2.



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-Jimmy Dean

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Building Dreams, Solving Problems

Amarillo College to Host Hazmat Training

"Amarillo College will host a three-day hazardous materials (hazmat) regulations workshop Sept. 26-28 that is being presented free to area businesses by the National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE).

The workshop follows the standard train-the-trainer model. It is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation and will consist of 24 hours of instruction at AC's Downtown Campus, 1314 S. Polk St.

The regulations course is intended to train instructors and staff who in turn can train members of their workforces in accordance and compliance with 49 CFR § 172.704 (HMR), for hazmat trainers and employees.

The workshop is limited to the first 20 individuals to register. Attendees are required to have laptops and to complete a prerequisite online hazmat awareness course in advance of the workshop.

For more information about the prerequisite course and/or to register for the workshop, contact Kim Vincent at Amarillo College, kim.vincent@actx.edu or (806) 677-4068.

The workshop will cover everything from recognition of hazardous materials to security awareness, appropriate labeling, rail and air transport regulations, and hazmat incident reporting.

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come basis.

Amarillo College is a member of the Community College Consortium for Health and Safety Training (CCCHST), administered by PETE in partnership with the Hazardous Materials Training and Research Institute. CCCHST strives to provide convenient and cost-effective training for hazardous materials and waste workers engaged in waste treatment, storage, disposal; hazardous waste generation, cleanup and remedial action; emergency response; and hazardous materials transportation." -**Amarillo College**



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AHS to Face Tascosa

Amarillo High School's Sandies are set to face the Tascosa Rebels this weekend.

The highly-anticipated annual football game between Amarillo High School and Tascosa High School will take place on Friday. The game will feature the 3-0 Rebels taking on the 0-2 Sandies, as Amarillo High seeks its first win of the season.

Tickets will be available at the gate of the game.

The game will take place at 7:30pm on Friday, September 22nd at Dick Bivins Stadium (800 S. Marrs St.)

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Amarillo City Council to Host Special Executive Session to Discuss MPEV Lease Negotiation

Members of the Amarillo City Council will be holding a special meeting on Thursday, September 21st to discuss the multi-purpose event venue lease agreement.

It was announced that the Council will be hosting a special meeting on September 21st to discuss the MPEV lease agreement negotiation in an executive session. The Council will consult with an attorney on the state of the negotiation and related matters.

The special session will occur in the Council Conference Room at Amarillo City Hall (509 SE 7th Avenue). Councilmembers will meet at 3pm.

For more information, visit amarillo.gov.



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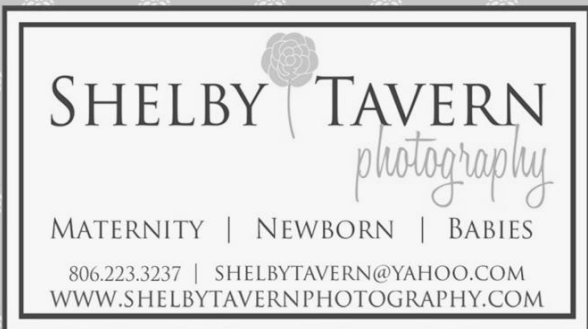
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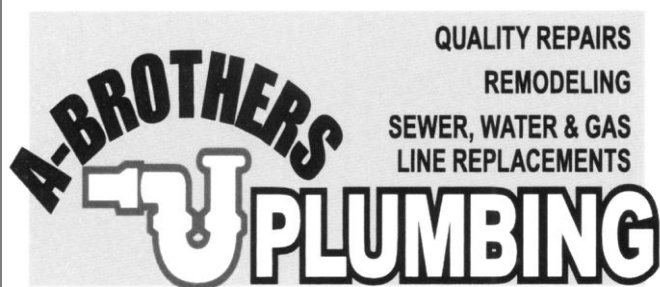
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