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## Repeat offender gets eight years for vehicle chase

A local man with a lengthy criminal record was sentenced on Tuesday morning to eight years in prison for his latest conviction.

Rogelio Israel Guerra, 31, was convicted in Terry County District Court of evading arrest with a vehicle, enhanced to a second-degree felony. Guerra, who led Brownfield police on a 15-to-20-minute chase through the north side of town about a year ago, will also owe \$339 court costs, a \$25 time payment fee, \$450 attorney fees and \$5,165 restitution. As part of the plea bargain, the state agreed to adjudicate two other felony charges he was facing in Terry County.

According to the *Brownfield News* archives, Guerra has past felony convictions of prohibited substance in a correctional facility and possession of methamphetamine and arrests for forgery and organized crime.

The following defendants pleaded to probation on Tuesday:

**Samantha JoAnn Castillo**, 24, pleaded to six years probation for evading arrest with a vehicle, enhanced to a third-degree felony.

Castillo will also owe a \$1,000 fine, \$323 court costs, a \$25 time payment fee, \$1,508 restitution and \$375 attorney fees and will be required to complete an alcohol and drug awareness class. As part of the plea bargain, the state agreed to dismiss a misdemeanor charge she was facing in Terry County Court.

If she violates the terms of her probation, she could be sentenced up to six years in prison.

**Aaron Francis Dougi**, 34, pleaded to eight years probation for driving while intoxicated with two or more prior convictions, a third-degree felony.

Dougi will also owe \$383 court costs, a \$25 time payment fee, \$300 attorney fees and \$1,000 fine and will be sentenced to 10 days in the Terry County Jail, forbidden from possessing or consuming alcohol and required to attend Alcoholics Anonymous and a victim-impact panel.

If he violates the terms of his probation, he could be sentenced up to eight years in prison.

**Crystal Dione Scott**, 39, pleaded to five years deferred adjudication for theft of property valued between \$500 and \$1,500, enhanced to a state jail felony because the victim was an elderly person.

Scott will also owe \$323 court costs, a \$25 time payment fee, \$300 attorney fees, a \$1,000 fine and \$1,400 restitution and will be required to complete a theft-intervention class.

## Grand Jury indicts 12 defendants

A Terry County Grand Jury handed up the following indictments Monday:

**Mannette Breckenridge**, 31, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, \$5,000 bond; possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1, \$5,000 bond

**Rogelio Cerna**, 58, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, \$5,000 bond; retaliation, \$2,500 bond

**Tiffany Cunningham**, 33, assault on a public servant, \$5,000 bond

**Katherine Lucille Fulcher**, 33, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, \$5,000 bond; possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1, \$5,000 bond

**Michael Jonathan Madrigal**, 30, theft of property valued between \$1,500 and \$20,000 (two counts), \$5,000 bond on each

**Julian Raul Martinez**, 18, theft, engaging in organized criminal activity and debit card abuse, \$2,000 bond on each

**Roy Martinez**, 57, possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility, \$5,000 bond

**Stephen Michael Mendoza**, 18, theft, \$5,000 bond; debit card abuse, \$5,000 bond

**Augustin Munoz**, 32, theft of property valued between \$1,500 and \$20,000, \$2,500 bond; engaging in organized criminal activity, \$2,500 bond

**Stony Dale Roberson**, 34, criminal attempt, \$25,000 bond

**Richard Gynn Stephens**, 51, burglary of a habitation (five counts), no bond listed

**Dusty Valentine Tijerina**, 25, forgery, \$7,500 bond; engaging in organized criminal activity, \$7,500 bond



Meadow Bronco football players and student editors (left to right) Brandon Flores, Luis Torres and Gavon Gardner and (right) Videographer Ryan Cruz placed second in the recent Six-Man Heaven national video contest judged by Hollywood

filmmakers. In accordance with contest rules, the team submitted a five-minute video showcasing six-man football and home town spirit. They were instructed by video production teacher Kim Bayer.

## BISD Names Superintendant

"I'm looking forward to a smooth transition and anxious to get involved with the school and community," she told the *Brownfield News* after the meeting amid handshakes and introductions with board members and fellow school

### DOWNTOWN

Specific downtown-revitalization ideas so far include new sidewalks and trees around the square and the development of a Pocket Park in a currently-empty lot at the corner of Sixth and Main Streets.

The next step will be to have the zone designated through the Terry County Appraisal District. The proposed downtown-revitalization project is broken into four phases, each of which is estimated at about \$500,000. Rather than borrow money, BIDCorp. will fund the project through available tax dollars.

"The appraisal district tells us how much money we have, and we'll spend it accordingly," Partlow said. "This will be a pay-as-you-go project."

For example, if they finish Phase 1 and then realize TIF funds are insufficient to proceed with the next phase, they will delay or discontinue the project.

Partlow also anticipates forming a committee of representatives from local taxing entities to supervise the project.

"There's oversight of what will be collected and transferred into TIF," he said.

## BIDCorp announces loan program

Zero-interest business loans could soon be available through the Brownfield Industrial Development Corporation, pending implementation of a new program.

BIDCorp.'s board of directors agreed on Tuesday afternoon to form a committee to create a loan application geared toward local companies that are expanding their number of employees or businesses planning to locate in Brownfield or Terry County. The program aims to complement traditional bank loans rather than compete with those financial institutions.

"It's a program put together to help our existing businesses borrow money cheaper and our local banks make loans that they would consider marginal and might not do without the additional security of something like this," Director of Economic Development David Partlow told the *News*.

The proposed loan program offers funds of up to \$50,000, to be repaid through annual payments over a period of seven to 10 years with no interest. Types of businesses that would be eligible

for BIDCorp. loans include manufacturing, industrial, distribution, regional wholesaling and service industries. Some examples of eligible projects might include land or equipment purchases or rail-service or road extensions.

"I like this program because it allows us to help our local banks to possibly make more loans," Partlow said. "If they had a marginal loan application for which they didn't feel comfortable doing the whole loan, they could ask us."

To qualify for a loan, a company must be considered "basic income," meaning they are located in Brownfield or Terry County but at least 75 percent of their sales and/or income is derived from outside the county line.

Partlow added that the banks with whom BIDCorp. partners in the loan program will still be responsible for most parts of the application process such as credit checks and collateral determination.

"The bulk of the work will be done by the financial institution that wants us to participate in this program," he said.

administrators.

Monroe will replace longtime BISD administrator Jerry Jones, who will retire at the end of the school year.

The school board received 45 applications for the position, of which they interviewed six. They returned three candidates for more detailed follow-up interviews, and eventually selected Monroe as their top candidate after a series of closed-session workshops. Texas Association of School Boards representative Kathee Lupton guided the confidential search process.

"It was a very good process, and hopefully we made the right decision," said trustee Shane Hord, M.D.

Monroe began her educational career as an elementary teacher in Borger, then advanced to elementary principal and curriculum director of Highland Park ISD in Amarillo before she took over as Memphis superintendent in 2006. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in English, a master's degree in educational leadership and a doctorate in educational leadership - all from Texas Tech University - and has met the goals of improving students' lives that she set for herself when she selected education as her career field.

"I went into education because I love students," she said. "I've always loved the learning environment."

While teaching and directing schools and campuses over the years, Monroe takes an individualized approach to education that recognizes that students learn in different manners, and places a special emphasis on student safety.

"I think school needs to be a safe environment, (and) we need to provide a well-balanced education for every student," she said.

School board members noted they were particularly impressed with Monroe's past success in significantly raising schools' standardized test scores. Under her watch, in 2008 Memphis ISD was named Recognized by the Texas Education Agency for the first time, and in 2009 its high school was rated Exemplary. Trustees have high expectations for Monroe's ability to similar transform Brownfield.

"We are wanting her to raise our scores here in Brownfield because we've been low for too long," trustee Yvonne Rocha told the *News*. "We want our kids to be productive citizens, and they need to learn. There's a lot of things she's going to bring into our district that are going to make a difference."

Monroe has one grown son, Tyler, and a daughter, Starr, who will attend Brownfield High School next year as a junior. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, reading and cheering on the Red Raiders.

*Bridal Selections*

Kade Kelcy & Corey Clark  
Sadie Hancock & Kelsey Blundell  
Danielle Nelson & Phillip Kahlich  
Katy Pinkerton & Nathan McCravy  
Jacque De Long & Brad Yowell • Kryst'n Beal & Tyler King  
Lyndi Roden & Derek Young • Jacey Dorsett & Chano Soliz

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are invited to our

### ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM  
BHS Commons

- Business Meeting
- Light Refreshments
- Cash Door prizes\*

\*Must be present and have an account to be eligible to win.

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