

## Pleas

### Burglar pleads to five years

A 30-year-old man pleaded on Tuesday to five years in prison for breaking into a home in southeast Brownfield.

Douglas Brent Jester was convicted in Terry County District Court of burglary of a habitation. He could have been sentenced up to 20 years.

As the *Brownfield News* previously reported, Jester and codefendant Caleb Austin Kitchens, 23, were arrested in June in Slaton on suspicion that they entered a residence in the 700 block of South Howell Street without permission from the owner, then took some jewelry. The crime was reported to the Brownfield Police Department on March 21.

Jester will also owe \$339 court costs, a \$25 time payment fee and \$3,435 restitution.

### The following defendants pleaded to probation Tuesday:

**Rocky Perez**, 19, pleaded to 10 years probation for robbery, a second-degree felony. He was originally charged with first-degree aggravated robbery.

Perez will also owe a \$1,000 fine, \$323 court costs, a \$25 time payment fee and \$2,329 attorney fees and will be required to spend 40 days in the Terry County Jail and complete a 10-day PDF class.

As part of the plea bargain, the state agreed to dismiss a misdemeanor charge he was facing in Terry County Court. If he violates the terms of his probation, he will be sentenced up to 10 years in prison.

**Troy David Sauvageau**, 45, pleaded to seven years probation for theft of property valued between \$20,000 and \$100,000, a second-degree felony.

Sauvageau will also owe a \$1,000 fine, \$303 court costs, \$300 attorney fees, \$25 time payment fee and \$17,363 restitution and will be required to attend a theft intervention class. If he violates the terms of his probation, he will be sentenced up to seven years in prison.

**Cub, Bronco and Wildcat fans** - Like what you see in the *Brownfield News* sports pages? Call Brian or Josie at 637-4535 to order color photos in any size.

**Military families** - Please call Josie at 637-4535 to update addresses for your local heroes in our Letters from Home section.

**Book signing** - Children's book author Sue Swinson will sign books from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday March 16 at Blessed by the Best Gift

Shoppe, 405 Lubbock Rd. Children are welcome.

**Donations sought** - Brownfield Rehab and Care Center, 510 S. First St., is seeking donations of soil for use in a craft project. Bring pots or bags of soil to the facility or call 637-4307.

**Softball Coaches Needed** - Sign up to coach Terry County Girls Softball by calling Ben Carrean at 891-0956 or JoAnna Dawson at 448-8954.

## News Briefs

**Energy assistance** - The South Plains Community Action Association has received additional funding this year for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program. To apply for help paying for your energy costs, call Monica Warren at 637-3712 or visit the local branch of SPCAA at 111 Ave. D between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**Style Show** - The Chamber of Commerce Red Skirts' annual Spring Style Show will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 19 at First Baptist Church. Tickets are \$10 each and available at the Chamber, Nelson Pharmacy, Classics Hair Design and Heartfelt Designs.

**Commissioners** - Terry County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, March 11 in the City Hall board room.

**Computer classes** - Kendrick Memorial Library, 301

W. Tate St., will offer a series of free computer classes. They include Computer Basics from 10 a.m. to noon and Internet Basics from 2-4 p.m. March 13 and Microsoft Word from 10 a.m. to noon and Microsoft Excel from 2-4 p.m. March 14. For more information call 637-3848.

**Art Show** - The Brownfield Art Association's Spring Art Show will be held March 19-23 at their headquarters, 1103 W. Main St.

**Marketing workshop** - "Advertising: The Who, What, Where, When, Why of Advertising," the second in a new series of marketing workshops, will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 5 at City Hall. Admission is free and lunch will be provided. RSVP to 637-4060 by April 3.

**Readers** - The *Brownfield News* will try to publish information about upcoming nonprofit events that are open to the community. Call Josie with news tips at 637-4535 or email josie@brownfieldonline.

## Senior Menu

Brownfield Senior Citizens Center, March 11-15

**Monday** - Beef stroganoff, noodles, whole-wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, low-fat milk

**Tuesday** - Barbecued beef sandwich, tator tots, carrots and zucchini, ambrosia salad, low-fat milk

**Wednesday** - Ham and beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange-pineapple cup, country apple crisp, low-fat milk

**Thursday** - Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, tossed salad with dressing, country apple crisp, low-fat milk

**Friday** - Fish Kiev, parsley noodles, stewed okra, whole-wheat roll, margarine, winter fruit cup, low-fat milk

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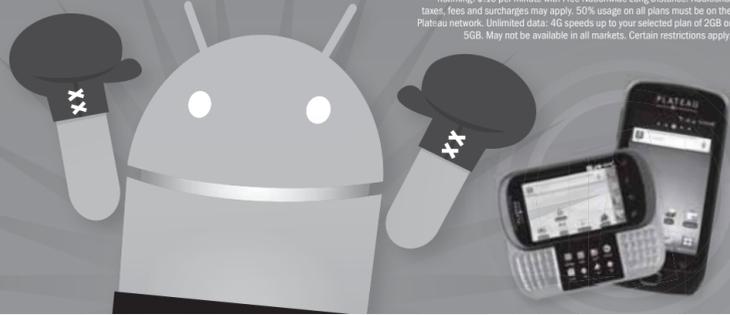
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## "Athlete of the Week"

**Tye Dodson**  
Cubs pitcher Tye Dodson was credited with a win over the Slaton Tigers last week throwing for five innings and allowing only one run in the Cubs' home opener.

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## "Sequester" Shouldn't Deter Investors

The much publicized "sequestration," while problematic in some areas, should not deter people from participating in the financial markets, says Eric Caswell, financial advisor of Edward Jones.

The sequester, a result of a failure between Congressional leaders and the Obama Administration to reach agreement on budgetary issues, will result in \$85 billion in across-the-board government spending cuts this year. Caswell noted that the \$85 billion in cuts, while not insignificant, amount to less than 2.5% of all government spending.

"We're disappointed because many people will be hurt by these cuts. But things will not grind to a halt in this country," Caswell said. "The markets tend not to like uncertainty, so investors should be prepared for some possible volatility in the weeks ahead, especially since sequestration was just one fight in the long-term battle over how to reduce the federal deficit. But there are still some very good reasons for people to continue investing for their long-term financial needs."

Caswell said the near-term investment environment might well be positive, due to a number of factors, including:

- Healthy corporate earnings
- A rebounding U.S. housing market
- Expected improvements in Europe and China, two regions that have caused concern for investors

Furthermore, Caswell said, stocks are still reasonably priced, despite the big gains achieved in the current bull market, now almost four years old. Stocks in the S & P 500 index are trading at about 13.5 times their expected earnings, below the historical average of 15 times. (Keep in mind that past performance is not a guarantee of future results. An investment in stocks will fluctuate with changes in market conditions and may be worth more or less than the original investment when sold.)

"These numbers are reasonable, based on historical ratios," Caswell said. "They show stocks

are attractively valued, making this an opportunity for investors."

Eric Caswell, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Lubbock, says he is not altering the overall advice he usually provides to clients.

"I still tell investors to look for quality investments, hold them for the long term, avoid excessive trading and know their own risk tolerance," Caswell says. "Of course, it is a good idea for everyone to rebalance their portfolios periodically to make sure their investments are still helping them make progress toward their goals. But I would tell anyone that, as far as the sequestration goes, there is certainly no reason to panic or drastically change their investment strategy."

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