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CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Mason contractors associated with the addition/renovation project at the Seminole High School campus continued work as normal on the \$28 million venture at the school facility, located in 2100 block of Hobbs Hwy. The SHS campus will see the addition of new administrative offices, a new fine arts wing, 900 seat auditorium and six new classrooms.

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the Midland NWS, brought the third highest rainfall amount in a single day in Midland's recorded history, with 4.66 inches of precipitation recorded.

The storms that ran through West Texas last week not only set records but also gave this region exactly what it needed -- a long, soaking rain.

This past weekend's visit by Tropical Storm Miriam, which made its way into the region through the southwest via the Mexican west coast, helped the Seminole area finish the month of September 2012 with 3.30 inches of precipitation.

Year-to-date, the City of Seminole has received 10.23 inches of precipitation as of presstime Wednesday.

Gaines County's Keetch-Byram Drought Index, monitored by Texas A&M University's AgriLife Extension Service, showed Gaines County had an average score of 568 on the monitor's 0-to-800 point scale, with 800 being "complete dry" conditions.

On Monday, Gaines County's average score was 473, with portions of the county scoring as high as 634 and as low as 175.

Miriam's visit to West Texas also forced many roadway and intersection closures in the Midland community on Friday, while Midland firefighters have rescued more than a dozen stranded motorists.

Some of those areas included: Farm-to-Market Road 307 and Interstate 20; Garden City Highway and Interstate 20 and Highway 191 at Loop 250.

Midland has experienced only sporadic numbers of power outages, while Odessa took the brunt. A feeder pole caught fire in Odessa early Friday morning, knocking out power to about 1,700 customers, said Sue Mercer, ONCOR Electric delivery area manager.

Power was restored to all but about 10 percent of customers within an hour of the fire.



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believed to have been taken from Seminole retailers, according to Key.

"We are continuing to investigate this, but we have no suspect information we can release at this time in relation to this case," said Key.

According to the incident report, GCSO deputies received information of a maroon Ford pick-up which had attempted to steal a trailer in Hobbs, N.M. The report stated the information also advised of two, large flat-screen televisions in the bed of the vehicle.

The vehicle, according to the report, was located a residence located at 718 S.E. Duff St.

The GCSO, along with officers with the Seminole Police Dept. and Hobbs, N.M. Police Dept. began a joint investiga-

tion, which resulted in the recovery of the electronics stash which included new-in-the-box televisions, surround sound equipment, video game consoles, Blu-ray and DVD players, desktop computers and monitors, laptop computers and other small end electronic items such as headphones, video games and radio controlled cars.

A property search of the address through the Gaines County Appraisal District's database showed the house belonging to Jesus Valenciana, who is deceased according to GCAD records.

In addition to local law enforcement agencies, investigators with the Texas Rangers are also assisting in the investigation of the recovered items.

Obituary

Jose N. Ortega

Funeral services for Jose N. Ortega, Sr. age 86 of Seminole were held Monday, October 1, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Family Harvest Church with Pastor Tod Delay officiating. Burial followed at Gaines County Memorial Cemetery. All services were under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Mr. Ortega passed away Thursday, September 27, 2012 at Memorial Hospital in Seminole. He was born July 15, 1926 to Leogarda (Navarette) and Crespín Ortega in Alpine. He married Genoveva Ramirez on January 3, 1944 in Alpine. Mr. Ortega had been a resident of Seminole for the past fifty-five years. He was a Baptist and a retiree from the City of Seminole.

Jose Ortega was a very upbeat person. He enjoyed playing jokes on people and would chase them around with his cane. He liked watching the television show "Bonanza" and enjoyed eating Cheetos and Milk Duds with his Dr. Pepper. Al his grandchildren called him "Po." He is preceded in death by his wife Genoveva in 2011; his parents, one brother and two sisters.

He is survived by three sons, Jose R. Ortega, Jr. and wife Lupe of Midland, Eloy Ortega of Seminole, Ben Ortega and wife Ofelia of Carlsbad, N.M.; four daughters, Virginia Barron and husband Cruz of Seminole, Odelia Espino of Seminole, Nelda Martinez and husband Juan of Seminole, Olivia Grado and husband Samuel of Seminole; one sister, Margaret Avila of Seminole; 32 grandchildren, 95 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.



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