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The Barclays PGA tournament was tightly contested for much of Sunday's final round. Find out who emerged victorious. 8

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City names interim fire chief

Search continues for new head of city fire department

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A former head of the Sugarland fire department has been tapped by the city of Kerrville as interim chief here.

Dannie C. Smith was named as interim fire chief in an announcement by the city on Friday.

He is expected to take the reins in Kerrville today.

In addition to his six years as the chief in Sugarland, Smith was the fire chief for the city of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for two years and served the city of Houston Fire Department for 22 years.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to serve the citizens of the city of Kerrville in an effort to continue the high level of customer service they have come to expect," Smith said.

The city worked through Texas First, a municipal staffing agency, to find an interim chief.

During his time with the city, Kerrville will pay Texas



Smith

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Meth user gets prison

Others sentenced for probation violations, drugs

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A 42-year-old man was convicted of a state jail felony for possessing less than 1 gram of methamphetamine in 2012.

James Harle, who days ago pleaded guilty to a felony punishable by as much as two years in state jail, won't serve jail time for the offense, as a district judge credited six months to the man's sentence for time spent awaiting trial in the county jail.

Harle was arrested during a traffic stop on March 26, 2012. A Kerr County sheriff's deputy stopped Harle for driving 65 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone in the 3400 block of Junction Highway. The deputy searched Harle's vehicle after smelling alcohol and found used hypodermic needles and a plastic bag of meth.

Others recently sentenced include:

- Hector Davila, sentenced to six years in state jail for violating probation on a third degree felony DWI charge, a state jail felony cocaine possession charge and for possessing less than 1 gram of cocaine. Two months were credited to his sentence for time he spent in jail waiting trial.



Harle

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Tusk trouble



Artist Linda Stone works on a piece of woolly mammoth tusk in her home in Kerrville. New laws enacted in February add more restrictions to the import and sale of ivory.

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New federal rule affects owners of ivory products, future of elephants

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On Friday, Alec Strauss showed off a large, engraved elephant tusk at the home of local scrimshaw artist and African elephant advocate Linda Stone, whose Kerrville house is a treasure trove of ivory objects.

Stone has been a scrimshaw artist for 37 years whose nationally known work includes an engraved design on an ivory leg that appeared in the 2013 Johnny Depp film "The Lone Ranger."

Before June 24, Strauss, Stone and most people in the U.S. could sell their ivory without being considered criminals by the federal government. But a new U.S. Fish and Wildlife rule, spurred on by the Clinton Global Initiative and a 2013 presidential executive order, makes the sale of most African elephant ivory imported after Jan. 18, 1990 illegal. It's still possible to trade in ivory, but the federal rule requires documentation proving the ivory was imported before 1990 — paperwork that was never required before and which most people don't have.

"Every new law they have passed does not save one living elephant — it only hurts collectors, museums, musicians and artists like me," said Stone, who's part of a small community of people lobbying for a change in the rules to allow sales of



Above: Some of the work done with ivory by local artist Linda Stone includes the scrimshaw work seen above with the flower and the cupid.

At left: An intricately carved ivory cross sits on display in Stone's home.

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Commissioner Reeves: I'm ready to run

Interim county commissioner says he's looking forward to election

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For Bob Reeves, running for public office and serving the citizens of Kerr County Precinct 4 had always been the plan; it just happened a little sooner than he had expected.

"The late Commissioner (Bruce) Oehler had talked with me about running in four years when he retired," Reeves said. "I

never knew he had talked to the judge or the other commissioners about it."

Oehler died unexpectedly in April after winning the Republican Party nomination to seek a fifth term as the commissioner from West Kerr County's Precinct 4. Oehler was unopposed in the primary election and was expected to go unopposed into the November general election.

Because there were no other candidates in the race, County Judge Tom Pollard recalled a recent conversation with Oehler

and appointed Reeves as interim commissioner. Reeves has since been chosen by the county Republican Party to represent the party on the November ballot where he will face a write-in candidate, John Sheffield.

Reeves said he is looking forward to his first campaign for the job.

"I look forward to a very good campaign and a very clean race," Reeves said.

Raised on the west side of Kerrville, Reeves is a lifelong Kerr County resident who graduated from Tivy High School and



Reeves

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Weather

High 97 Low 72 Mostly sunny and hot; S wind at 5 to 10 mph

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