

# North Texas

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Conventional wisdom

#### ANNA

##### Police Department to offer Explorer Post

The Anna Police Department will offer a Law Enforcement Explorer Post for young people interested in pursuing a career in the field. The new post is affiliated with the Boy Scouts but also is open to young women.

Young people from 14 to 21 years of age are eligible to join. A personal interview conducted by adult sponsors and a brief background check complete the enrollment process. The training, lectures and other learning activities are overseen and conducted by Anna police officers and other professionals in law enforcement or related fields.

Anna Officer Josh DeVore will serve as principal adviser to the group. To sign up or for more details, call 972-924-2848 or email [jdevore@annatexas.gov](mailto:jdevore@annatexas.gov).

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#### AREA

##### Siemens Foundation selects regional finalists

The Siemens Foundation has announced the 2017 class of regional finalists for the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology, the nation's premier research competition for high school students. Eleven are from Texas.

They are Brandon Chen, Plano West Senior High; Yesh Doctor, Plano East Senior High; Andrew Lu, Westwood High School, Austin; Michael Ma, Plano West Senior High; Abhishek Mohan, Sahil Patel, Steven Sun and David Yue, Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, Denton; Cal Rothkrug, St. Mark's School of Texas; Kshitij Sachan, Plano East Senior High; and Claire Zhou, Clements High, Sugar Land.

They will compete in one of six regional competitions over three weekends in November with the winners advancing to the National Finals on Dec. 4-5 at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Learn more at [siemens-foundation.org](http://siemens-foundation.org).

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#### DOWNTOWN DALLAS

##### Sixth Floor Museum to feature journalist Sid Davis

The Sixth Floor Museum, 411 Elm St., presents a program called "From the Oval Office to Dallas Love Field: White House Correspondent Sid Davis Remembers" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday.

Davis is the last surviving journalist to witness the swearing-in of President Lyndon Johnson aboard Air Force One at Love Field after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Davis closely followed Kennedy and has covered nine



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**Above:** Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller was one of the speakers Saturday at the Texas Federation of Republican Women Conference at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in downtown Dallas. Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick also spoke at the conference.

**Left:** Sheri Radomsky knits while listening to speakers Saturday at the Texas Federation of Republican Women Conference at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. More than 800 delegates attended the three-day event, and a who's who of Republican officials also addressed the convention.

presidents. Tickets are limited and cost \$15. To order, call 214-389-3002 or visit [jfk.org](http://jfk.org).

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and Norma Matthews. It is a history of the Dallas chapter. For tickets, go to [dallasunion.eventbrite.com](http://dallasunion.eventbrite.com).

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#### IRVING

##### Community Action Network to meet Monday

Irving Community Action Network will meet at 3:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall, 825 W. Irving Blvd. The network aims to bring together nonprofits, civic groups, churches, faith-based partners and others to help the community.

The speaker will be Alisa Jordanheim, co-founder of M3Transformations. She will talk about "The Sex

Trafficking of America's Children." Learn more at [facebook.com/IrvingCommunityActionNetwork](http://facebook.com/IrvingCommunityActionNetwork).

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##### University of Dallas names Tower Award winners

The University of Dallas Satish & Yasmin Gupta College of Business announced the four recipients of the annual Gupta College of Business Tower Awards. The honorees are Chris Blue, a vice president at McAfee; Felicia Johnson, a certified speaker, coach and trainer who works for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.; Kai Asford, an adjunct professor in the College of Business who works at PepsiCo; and Simon Powell, COO for the North Texas

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The Tower Awards were founded in 2016 to recognize alumni who are beacons within the university's business alumni community. To learn more, visit [udallas.edu](http://udallas.edu).

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#### RICHARDSON

##### Institute of Family Business presents award

Richardson-based National Write Your Congressman has won the Texas Small Family Business of the Year by Baylor University's Institute for Family Business.

The organization gives businesses a voice in American government. It was started in 1958 by David N. Adamson with a few researchers and has evolved into a nationwide organization that provides nonpartisan information and research on top issues and pending legislation relevant to small businesses. Learn more at [nwyc.com](http://nwyc.com).

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#### UNIVERSITY PARK

##### Lawmaker Sam Johnson donates papers to SMU

Longtime congressman Sam Johnson, who has served 26 years in Congress after 29 years in the U.S. military, donated his historic papers and other materials to Southern Methodist University at a reception Friday in Fondren Library. Johnson's archive will be housed in DeGolyer Library, SMU's special collections repository.

It's the second of two gifts Johnson has given his alma mater. Earlier this month, his gift of \$100,000 to SMU established The Hon. Sam Johnson Endowed Military Scholarship Fund, with the Collin County Business Alliance providing seed funding to make the scholarship operational for the 2018-19 academic year.

Johnson, 87, plans to retire from Congress at the end of 2018. He received a Distinguished Alumni Award from SMU in 1994, the highest honor the university bestows on its graduates.

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#### UPTOWN

##### 'Gender in Islam' seminar offered by Dallas Institute

The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, 2719 Routh St., will present a seminar on "Gender in Islam" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Oct. 30.

Led by Sudeshna Bakshi-Lahiri, the seminar will seek to review men's and women's position in Islamic society by examining the socio-historical context of customary practices.

The cost is \$15-\$35. To register, visit [dallasinstitute.org](http://dallasinstitute.org).

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#### Tollway construction update

Full closure of the Dallas North Tollway is planned this weekend to support the reconstruction of the Tennyson Parkway bridge.



SOURCE: North Texas Tollway Authority

#### Closed through 5 a.m. Monday

##### DALLAS NORTH TOLLWAY

- All northbound lanes from the Spring Creek Parkway exit to the Headquarters Drive entrance ramp
  - All southbound lanes from Gaylord Parkway to the Spring Creek Parkway entrance ramp
  - Two southbound right lanes from Spring Creek Parkway to Parker Road
- ##### RAMP
- The southwest- and northeast-bound direct-connector ramps to southbound Dallas North Tollway
  - The northbound direct-connector ramps to southwest- and northeast-bound Sam Rayburn Tollway
  - The northbound entrance ramps from Windhaven Parkway and Spring Creek Parkway
  - The northbound exit ramps at Legacy Drive and Headquarters Drive
  - The southbound entrance ramps from Gaylord Parkway, State Highway 121 and Legacy Drive
  - The southbound exit ramps to Legacy Drive and Spring Creek Parkway

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#### PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

#### DALLAS

##### Man drugged, robbed by woman he met at Uptown bar

A Dallas man says he was drugged and his 10-week-old bulldog puppy stolen by a woman he invited to his Victory Park condo.

Dan King told police he was out with friends Tuesday evening at Uptown bar Sidebar when he was approached by the woman, KDFW-TV (FOX4) reported. Eventually, drawn in by "her very, very beautiful green eyes," he invited her to his place.

She fixed him a drink, and the next thing he knew, he said, he was waking up at 7 a.m. the next morning to the sound of someone rapping on his front door.

It was the building concierge, he said, who told him Daisy, the puppy, had left the building. With King's guest.

King believes he was drugged, though he didn't get a blood test. He said his place had been pillaged and that he also was missing watches, other jewelry and cash.

Surveillance video shows a woman with the puppy under her arm. Police are reportedly looking into

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the possibility that the incident may be related to a pair of similar thefts in which a woman targets men at Uptown bars, then steals items after going home with them.

Marc Ramirez

#### FARMERS BRANCH

##### Officer stabbed by homeless man while off duty

A Farmers Branch police officer was in stable condition in an intensive care unit after a homeless man stabbed him while he was off duty early Saturday morning, police said.

Police are asking for the public's help locating the suspect, 30-year-old Donald Ramel James White. Police said he stabbed the officer about 2:30 a.m. at Prairie Crossing Apartments in the 4000 block of Sigma Road.

White, who fled after the attack, is described as a 6-foot black man with long dreadlocks and an athletic build, police said. He was last seen wearing a dark long-sleeve shirt with khaki pants and a dark-colored backpack.

If the man is seen, call 911. He is believed to be armed and dangerous, police said.

Eline de Bruijn

#### GARLAND

##### 15-year-old dies after being shot in the head

A 15-year-old boy died Saturday after being shot in the head at a Garland park Friday afternoon, during a fight he was not involved in, police said.

Police said a call came in just after 5 p.m. that the teen had been shot at Embree Park, in the 1500 block of Dairy Road.

He was at the park with others when a fight started, police said. Investigators do not believe the 15-year-old was involved in the fight.

One of the people pulled out a gun and fired into the crowd, police said.

Police said friends of the teen transported him to Baylor Scott and White Medical Center in Garland. He was then flown to Children's Medical Center of Dallas where he was placed on life support.

His name was not released. Anyone with information is asked to call 972-485-4859.

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