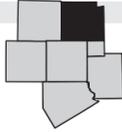


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Collin County



ALLEN

May 20 target date for finishing stadium repairs

The architect and general contractor behind Allen ISD's flawed \$60 million stadium have set May 20 as the target date for completion of extensive repairs, according to a briefing to the school board Monday.

That would give the school district about two weeks to prepare for graduation day. The ceremony is scheduled for June 5.

"The city is really involved right now," Superintendent Lance Hindt said. "They're working very well with us to make sure that we have all the inspection and all the different documents signed."

Contractor Pogue Construction and architectural firm PBK agreed to cover the expenses associated with fixing the stadium. Pogue is working on the stadium under the supervision of Datum Engineers, a forensic engineering firm hired by the district to lead the repairs.

Julieta Chiquillo

MCKINNEY

New brewery to hold ribbon-cutting Thursday

TUPPs Brewery will hold its ribbon-cutting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at its brewing facility in the historic Cotton Mill, 721 Anderson St.

Co-founders Keith Lewis and Tupper Patnode have renovated the 110-year-old mill to serve as the town's newest brewery. Lewis said he hopes the brewery will be open by middle or late March, with distribution in cans sometime next year. For more information on the brewery, go to tuppsbrewery.com.

Charles Scudder

WYLIE

Historic review panel to discuss planned building

The Historic Review Commission will meet Thursday to discuss a new residential structure at 100 E. Brown.

The site is at the southeast corner of Brown and Ballard streets within the downtown historic district.

The board will meet at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 300 Country Club Road.

Meredith Shamburger

Tarrant County



AREA

Resident tests positive for measles after India trip

A Tarrant County resident has tested positive for measles after returning home from a trip to India, the county said Tuesday.

Officials with Tarrant County Public Health confirmed that the resident arrived at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport on Jan. 6. They did not provide details about the patient or say where in the county the person lives.

"We take the health of any traveler who returns to Tarrant County with signs or symptoms of a disease seriously," county health director Vinny Taneja said in a written release. "We are receiving cooperation from everyone involved in this case and feel confident the public is safe."

While the county health department will investigate who might have been exposed in Tarrant County, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will determine whether any other passengers on the international flight were infected. The investigation has turned up nothing so far. The patient's infectious period ended Jan. 7.

Last year, the number of confirmed cases of measles in the U.S. hit a 20-year high. Officials blamed unvaccinated Americans and foreign visitors and travelers carrying the disease from abroad.

Ashley Rose



Photos by Ben Torres/Special Contributor

Jennie Desrochers groomed a Lusitano named Xuto after the horse stars of the theatrical production *Odysseo* arrived in Frisco on Monday. Over 60 horses are featured in the \$30 million show that opens Saturday.

SPOTLIGHT | FRISCO

Equine stars high-step into town

More than 60 horses arrived Monday in Frisco. They are the stars of *Odysseo*, a new production of Cavalia Inc.

The animals were welcomed with a red carpet and ushered to their lush quarters, a stable tent next to the \$30 million production's White Big Top.

The horses — 11 different breeds — will star alongside 46 performers. Normand Latourelle, one of the co-founders of Cirque du Soleil, is the creator of the production. His company, Cavalia, is based in Montreal.

"Nine years after the tremendous success of Cavalia in Dallas, we are thrilled to be returning with our all-new production," Latourelle said in a prepared statement.

Odysseo premiered in Montreal in 2011. It's traveled throughout Canada, Mexico and the United States. Billed as "the world's largest touring production," the show also claims it has "the



Lori Klement and daughter Makenzie, 8, visited Xuto, one of 11 different breeds in the touring show.

biggest stage, the most beautiful special effects and the greatest number of horses at liberty."

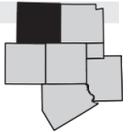
The show marries the equestrian arts with high-tech theatrical arts. As many as 18 projectors are used simultaneously to present a multidimensional

voyage through several landscapes.

The show opens Saturday and continues through Feb. 8 at Dr Pepper Ballpark, 7300 Rough Riders Trail. Tickets range from \$29.50 to \$149.50. Call 1-866-999-8111 or visit cavalia.net.

Deborah Fleck

Denton County



DENTON

Online fundraiser set up for TWU student killed by car

Friends of Brenna Taylor are raising money to help cover her funeral costs while police continue to investigate the accident that took her life as she crossed Bell Avenue on Thursday.

The Texas Woman's University student was hit by a car while trying to cross the street, said Denton police spokesman Ryan Grelle. She was transported to Denton Regional Medical Center, where she died a short time later.

Friends and extended family have set up an online fundraiser — at bit.ly/luoDkvU — to help her family pay for a funeral and memorial.

TWU spokeswoman Amanda Simpson said Friday that no formal memorials or vigils had been set up on campus yet but that the school was offering counseling to friends and family.

Brian Scott, KXAS-TV (NBC5)

FLOWER MOUND

Library to hold seminar on interview skills

The Flower Mound Public Library, 3030 Broadmoor Lane, will host a free Interview Skills Seminar from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 31.

Barbara Cervantes, human resources manager with Siplast, will discuss interviewing and follow-up tips. She will give an interactive mock interview demonstration followed by a discussion and question-and-answer session.

Registration will be open until Jan. 31. To register or for more information, email fmpl@flower-mound.com or call 972-874-6165.

Adam Schrader

LEWISVILLE

Student takes top honors in oratory competition

Kenwoo Kim of Lewisville High School took top honors in the District 13 competition of the 77th annual American Legion High School Oratorical Competition on the Constitution.

Other contestants were Hannah Gray of Quanah High School and Austin Lux, a home-schooled student from Denton.

Kim will advance to the Division 1 Oratorical Competition set for 9 a.m. Feb. 7 at Collin County College in Plano. Contestants from the six districts in Division 1 will compete in this competition.

The state competition is at 8 a.m. Feb. 16 at Denton's Courthouse on the Square. The state winner will then go to Indianapolis for the national competition April 10-12.

The American Legion High School Oratorical Competition on the Constitution is open to any high school student and scholarships are earned at each level of the competition.

For more information, call Lynn Vowell at 940-727-8067.

Les Cockrell,

Denton Record-Chronicler

'Beauty and the Beast Jr.' planned this weekend

Acting Studio Productions has scheduled performances of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* at 7 p.m. Friday, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday at Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles St.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress.

Tickets cost \$16 to \$18. For tickets and more information, visit acting-studiotx.com. Free public parking is available along Main and Church streets and at Lewisville City Hall, across Church Street from the center.

Les Cockrell,

Denton Record-Chronicler

Hats off, y'all!



Brandon Wade/Special Contributor

Marcus Verches celebrates his score in a saddle bronc event in the Cowboys of Color Rodeo on Monday at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

ed Friday in the Dec. 20 shooting of John Williams, according to Fort Worth police records.

Williams, 28, was fatally wounded in the parking lot of the Stiletto Cabaret in the 3900 block of FM157 in Fort Worth after a fight broke out in the club. A second man was also injured.

Smith was previously charged with

FORT WORTH

Funeral home operators are charged with theft

A couple charged with abuse of a corpse after several decaying bodies were found at their funeral home last summer now face theft charges.

Dondre Johnson and Rachel Hardy Johnson were indicted last week, accused of accepting payments and bodies in exchange for services they did not intend to deliver, according to the Tarrant County district attorney's office.

The charges carry a possible sentence of up to two years and \$10,000 in fines.

The couple were first charged in July after Fort Worth police found the bodies of six adults, one child and an infant at the Johnson Family Mortuary on Handley Drive. The bodies were supposed to be cremated. The infant had been dead for two years.

The Johnsons denied the bodies were mishandled, but both were charged with abuse of a corpse.

Hardy Johnson was later charged with federal fraud charges as well. She is accused of fraudulently filing for food stamps and other government benefits.

Samantha McDonald

Arlington man accused of murder at strip club

An Arlington man has been charged with murder in a shooting last month outside a Fort Worth strip club.

Patrick Lee Smith, 28, was arrest-

aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in a second shooting just after 2 a.m. that day at the Blaqberry Lounge in Arlington, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported. He was out on bond when he was arrested in the fatal shooting. Police first arrested Smith's brother in the shooting, but he has since been freed.

Alyssa Parish