

# North Texas

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### CEDAR HILL

#### Police pondering voluntary camera registration program

The police department is asking residents about their thoughts on voluntarily registering their home security cameras with the department.

Registering cameras would not give police unfettered access to video feeds, Lt. Colin Chenault said, but would only point police in the direction of where to look when a crime occurs.

Under the program, officers would contact homeowners for footage only in the event of a criminal offense, Chenault said.

"This is not an authorization to allow the police unrestricted access to a camera system," he said. "It is simply a way to let us know where to start looking."

Residents who would like to voice their opinion on the matter can do so on [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com).

Loyd Brumfield

### DALLAS

#### City seeks residents' feedback on issues in budget process

Dallas is offering residents the opportunity to voice their opinions about a number of important budget issues, from infrastructure improvements to code compliance by completing a quick survey.

The survey, which takes about seven minutes, asks residents to weigh in on a number of issues, including how they prioritize services such as street maintenance/repair, code compliance, libraries, parks and police.

The deadline to complete the survey is 10 a.m. May 24. The information will be provided to the City Council for their consideration.

To take the survey, visit [dallascitynews.net/BudgetSurvey17](http://dallascitynews.net/BudgetSurvey17).

Deborah Fleck

### DALLAS ISD

#### Seven seniors are named Gates Millennium Scholars

Seven Dallas ISD seniors have been named 2016 Gates Millennium Scholars, receiving one of the nation's most prestigious scholarships. The scholarship will cover all college-related costs and also for select graduate school programs.

The scholars are Cheyenne Allen of Seagoville High; Seth Crouch of Samuell High; Maya Farr-Henderson of the School for the Talented and Gifted; Landon Finley of South Oak Cliff High; Vernon Johnson of Sanders Law Magnet; Khagindra Kadariya of Conrad High; and Deve Mehta of the School of Health Professions.

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### DEEP ELLUM

#### Police seek suspect in shooting through recording studio door

Dallas police have released surveillance video images showing a suspect in the shooting of a man early Wednesday morning at a Deep Ellum recording studio.

Officers responded to the 2800 block of Main Street just before 6 a.m. Wednesday, after a man repeatedly banged on the door of Legacy Music Group. When the victim asked him to leave, the shooter pulled out a handgun and fired through the door, striking the victim in the shoulder.

The shooter fled before officers arrived. He is described as a Hispanic or black male in his mid-20s with a sleeve tattoo on his right arm. He was wearing a light-colored T-shirt and a baseball cap and was last seen carrying a backpack.

The wounded man was taken to Baylor University Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. The case is still under investigation.

Anyone with information on the suspect or the assault is asked to call police at 214-671-3621. Anonymous tips can be left with Crime Stoppers at 214-373-8477.

Marc Ramirez



Anja Schlein/Special Contributor

## King of the road

**Davis Hangartner, 3**, raced to first place in his heat of the 12th annual 500 Pedal Car Race in downtown Wylie on Sunday. The event benefited the Wylie Area Special Olympics program and efforts to beautify the city's historic downtown.

### AREA

## Leaders prepare for National Day of Prayer

Across North Texas and the nation Thursday, many will bow their heads to recognize National Day of Prayer. Believers are invited to unite in prayer and meditation in an effort to transcend differences and unite citizens from all backgrounds. But what is it that Dallas-area religious leaders are encouraging their communities to pray for in 2016?

"We are going to be praying that God continue to give us wisdom and insight into how we can bring our community together."

**Charles M. Wolford II**, outreach pastor at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church

"I am praying for the tipping point — that moment when light overwhelms the darkness of the world, and we all recognize the inherent unity of all of God's children. In a word: *moshiach*."

**Zvi Drizin**, rabbi at Intown Chabad

"We are praying for peace throughout the world, especially in places such as Syria, Iraq and Pakistan."

**Zia Sheikah**, imam at Islamic Center of Irving

"We are praying for a healthy economy as well as having stable job growth to make sure everyone is safe, especially during the terrorist acts and the uncertainty about what is happening tomorrow."

**Prasad Thotakura**, president of the Indian American Friendship Council of DFW

"Our thoughts and our prayers have always been about peace, harmony and to be kind to all human kind and all life."

**Dr. Ken T. Theppote**, vice president of the Buddhist Center of Dallas

Hannah Wise

### FORT WORTH

#### Hungarian ambassador to U.S. will speak at Rotary event

The Rotary Club of Fort Worth hosts a luncheon program featuring Réka Szemerényi, Hungary's ambassador to the U.S., at 11:30 a.m. Friday. She will give a brief outlook on Hungarian-American bilateral ties, focusing on economic developments in Hungary and the strong business ties between Hungary and the U.S., and Texas in particular.

The event will be at the Fort Worth Club, 12th floor, 306 W. Seventh St. Tickets are \$22-25 and can be paid for at the door. Find more details at [rotaryfortworth.org](http://rotaryfortworth.org).

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### GRAND PRAIRIE

#### Women's jobs nonprofit to host talent show Saturday

Christian Women's Job Corps will host a talent show at 7 p.m. Saturday at Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St.

The event will benefit the nonprofit's business training center.

Of the 11 acts scheduled to perform, the first-place winner will receive \$500, and second place will earn \$250. Judges are City Council member Georgia Clemson, Pastor Perry Crenshaw of Church on the Move, and Doug Voet, director of Uptown Theater.

A silent auction will kick off the event and a raffle is scheduled for 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$25, which includes a raffle ticket.

For more information, call 972-

## PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

Worth on Wednesday afternoon.

Lt. Gregg Russell told KXAS-TV (NBC5) that a witness called to report that a 19-year-old man had gone underwater while swimming and didn't resurface.

Rescue crews were sent to the southeastern end of the lake near the dam just before 2 p.m., the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported.

The dive team pulled a body from the lake just after 3 p.m.

Tom Steele

### SOUTH DALLAS

#### Vandal smashes church's stained-glass windows

A vandal smashed all the stained-glass windows at a historic Lutheran church in South Dallas this week, police say.

The crime happened sometime between 5:30 p.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Police say the vandal apparently never entered the church, and nothing was taken. The only things out of place were the bricks removed from the church's sign and tossed through the windows. Surveillance video obtained by

KDFW-TV (Channel 4) shows the man hopping a fence, then chucking rocks at the church.

Pastor Deb Loudin McCann told Channel 4 that the vandal is welcome at the church anytime.

Eline de Bruijn

#### Judge drops man's lawsuit against Police Department

A Dallas County judge has dropped a lawsuit against the Police Department filed by a man named by Dallas Police Chief David Brown as a person of interest in a series of high-profile sex assaults.

Alan Mason alleged negligence in a lawsuit filed in September and sought damages between \$200,000 and \$1 million. The lawsuit was dismissed in March, court records show.

Brown named Mason as a person of interest in connection with a string of rapes in 2013 in the South Dallas area. After Brown's tweet, Mason was arrested on a probation violation charge in connection with a DWI.

DNA evidence linked Van Dralan Dixon to the attacks. He pleaded guilty last year to four counts of aggravated assault in the attacks and is serving a life sentence.

Though police never called Mason a suspect, the lawsuit alleged he re-

ceived death threats, harassment and was being labeled a rapist. He said he was "recklessly detained, falsely accused, arrested, jailed and ultimately held in solitary confinement for nine days."

Tasha Tsiaperas

### GRAPEVINE

#### Annual Spring Gallery Night promotes artists, galleries

Grapevine Art Dealers Association will host its fourth annual Spring Gallery Night from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday. The event is free.

Spring Gallery Night promotes the city's artistic offerings and member galleries. Art enthusiasts can enjoy sculptures, original paintings, hand-blown glass and demonstrations by local artists. Guests can walk along Historic Main Street and visit six GADA galleries. To learn more, visit [grapevineartdealers.com](http://grapevineartdealers.com).

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### HIGHLAND VILLAGE

#### Art Festival to benefit Children's Advocacy Center

Highland Village will host an Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday. The event will include displays from more than 30 artists, artist demonstrations, live music and interactive children's art activities. Live musical performances will be held in the new Central Park between Chico's and Patrizio.

A joint venture between the Highland Village Public Art Advisory Board and The Shops at Highland Village, the festival will benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Denton County.

Admission is free. To learn more, visit [highlandvillage.org](http://highlandvillage.org).

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### PLANO

#### Hope Center sponsors event for the National Day of Prayer

The Hope Center, 2001 W. Plano Parkway, will host a National Day of Prayer fellowship and prayer event at 11 a.m. Thursday. Lunch will be served and a program will start at noon. The speaker will be Tommy Nelson, senior pastor at Denton Bible Church.

Admission is free; registration is requested at [thehopecenter.org](http://thehopecenter.org).

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### RICHARDSON

#### Cottonwood Art Festival is happening this weekend

Richardson presents its semi-annual Cottonwood Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Cottonwood Park, 1321 W. Belt Line Road.

The free festival will include music by local bands, a children's area, food and more. Find more details at [cottonwoodartfestival.com](http://cottonwoodartfestival.com).

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### VICTORY PARK

#### Injured construction worker rescued from 5th-floor job site

A construction worker was injured at a job site in the Victory Park area Wednesday morning.

Dallas Fire-Rescue's search-and-rescue team was sent about 11:30 a.m. to the 2500 block of Alamo Street to rescue the worker, who was injured on the fifth floor of a building.

Officials did not disclose how the worker was injured, but KTVT-TV (Channel 11) reported a wall collapsed on him.

Rescuers placed the man in the basket of a ladder tower and then lowered the basket to the ground floor, Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans said.

The worker was then taken to a hospital and was listed as stable.

Naheed Rajwani