

# North Texas

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Holiday gift for nonprofit agency

#### AREA

#### VNA needs volunteers for Christmas deliveries

The Visiting Nurse Association of Texas needs volunteers to help with deliveries on Christmas Day. Volunteers can pick up the meals and client manifests between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. at 1300 W. Mockingbird Lane (XO Communication parking lot). To sign up, go to bit.ly/2EG84D5 or visit vnatexas.org.

*Deborah Fleck*

#### Salvation Army needs bell ringers

The Salvation Army DFW is projecting to be behind \$100,000 in Fort Worth, \$100,000 in Irving and \$70,000 in Plano because of a lack of bell ringers. That will mean a serious lack of funding for its centers that provide services in those communities.

They have 155 red kettle locations available in Fort Worth and are covering 40. In Irving, they have 40 locations with coverage for 14. And in Plano, they have 35 locations and are covering 10.

A red kettle site can be covered for a day by as few as five people with each person working a two-hour shift. Groups can register and select a location near them by going to RegisterToRing.com.

*Deborah Fleck*

#### ARLINGTON

#### Chris Milyo Big Band plans 'Swingin' Christmas' concert

The Chris Milyo Big Band will perform a concert called "Swingin' Christmas," with music from Duke Ellington's *Nutcracker Suite* album, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Arlington Hall 224 N. Center St.

Tickets start at \$10. To order, call 817-226-4400 or visit arlingtonmusichall.net.

*Deborah Fleck*

#### FORT WORTH

#### Modern Art Museum lands big KAWS sculpture

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth has acquired the large bronze sculpture *Clean Slate 2018*, by KAWS. The piece, which stands 21 feet tall, went on display Dec. 9 and overlooks the museum pond.

The acquisition continues a relationship with KAWS that started in 2011 with a small solo exhibition.

KAWS began his career with graffiti in the 1990s. He quickly moved to making paintings, sculpture and drawings informed by art history and inspired by cartoons. With his massive international presence, KAWS is considered one of the most influential artists of his generation.

The museum is at 3200 Darnell



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*Deborah Fleck*

#### FRISCO

#### City clearing rental scooters from its streets, for now

The city is removing motorized rental scooters from its streets after city officials temporarily banned them.

Officials said Tuesday that the city had collected 210 scooters owned by Bird Rides Inc. The company had failed to comply with a Monday-morning deadline to remove them.

Bird told council members at a special meeting Friday that it had dropped off "about 200" scooters in Frisco on Dec. 5. City officials said that the roll-out came with no ad-

vance notice and that the only communication was an email to Mayor Jeff Cheney that day informing him of the drop.

Cheney said that officials were open to exploring motorized scooters but that the city needed to have a regulatory framework for them.

The moratorium means the city can remove and impound scooters, with a \$50 fee per scooter.

*Sarah Sarder*

#### IRVING

#### City repairs damage to drainage channel

Emergency repairs have been made to a drainage channel damaged during heavy rains in September.

After the rains, crews noticed a

**Candace Winslow (above)**, chairwoman of the Family Compass board, thanked Exxon Mobil CEO Darren Woods after the company presented its annual holiday gift of \$50,000 to the nonprofit agency last week.

**At left**, Woods listened during the presentation with his wife, Kathy (center), and Family Compass executive director Ona Foster. Family Compass is a group dedicated to ending child abuse.

5- to 6-foot-deep hole on the floor of the Brockbank Channel, as well as cracks and erosion along its walls.

The repairs took two days and cost about \$25,000, a news release said.

Additional reconstruction of the channel and the Delaware Creek Basin are to be completed in 2021.

*LaVendrick Smith*

#### RICHARDSON

#### City Council sets wish list for Legislature, Congress

The City Council unanimously passed a resolution Dec. 10 asking the area's legislators and members of Congress to support the city's legislative agenda in the areas of fiscal management, transportation, economic vibrancy, public safety,

environment and education and workforce.

The overarching priority is to "preserve the ability for locally elected officials to govern and respond effectively and efficiently to the individual and market-driven needs of its residents, businesses and stakeholders."

The agenda also includes support for the legislative agendas of the city's community partners, including DART, the Richardson and Plano school districts and the University of Texas at Dallas.

The agenda is intended to be a broad policy statement on issues likely to be discussed in the 2019 legislative sessions, with additional items reviewed by the City Council as necessary. For the complete document, visit [cor.net/legislative](http://cor.net/legislative).

*Deborah Fleck*

#### SOUTHLAKE CARROLL ISD

#### Diversity councils to advise school administration, board

The Carroll school board has approved the formation of a district diversity council, an advisory committee that will be representative of the students, staff and parents in the district when it comes to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation and disability.

The 48-member council will advise the district administration and the school board.

There will also be campus-level diversity councils. Learn more at [southlakecarroll.edu](http://southlakecarroll.edu).

*Deborah Fleck*

#### THE COLONY

#### Boho Market is today at Shacks at Austin Ranch

The Shacks at Austin Ranch's monthly Boho Market, from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, will feature handmade, vintage and fair-trade items.

Santa will be there from 6 to 8, and wrapping will be available for gifts purchased at the market. Turbo Coffee, opening soon in the dining and dog park complex, will provide complimentary s'mores and hot chocolate.

The Shacks is at 5800 Windhaven Parkway. Learn more at [facebook.com/theshacksaustinranch](http://facebook.com/theshacksaustinranch).

*Tatia Woldt*

#### UPTOWN

#### Dallas Institute to celebrate the late Louise Cowan

The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, 2719 Routh St., will host an evening to remember Dr. Louise Cowan's legacy of hope and renewal from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

A memorial Russian pancake dinner, in honor of her love of Russian writers, will start the event. Tickets are \$15. To order, visit [dallasinstitute.org](http://dallasinstitute.org).

*Deborah Fleck*

#### FORT WORTH

#### Armed driver killed after shooting at police during chase

An armed man was killed early Wednesday after he shot at Fort Worth police during a chase.

Fort Worth officers were alerted by Florida police that the man was in the area after he posted suicidal thoughts on social media.

He was found around 3 a.m. and fled from police at Interstate 35W near Berry Street.

During the chase, the suspect fired several shots and hit police vehicles multiple times, police said. No officers were injured.

"We have found multiple weapons that were in his possession," police Sgt. Chris Britt said.

Officers returned fire during the chase, which ended when the driver crashed into a pole on Berry Street, police said.

It was unclear whether the man died in the accident or if he was shot, either by police or himself. His name was not released.

"This isn't an outcome that we ever want in any situation," Britt said.

I-35W and Berry near the scene

were closed for hours Wednesday morning.

*Lloyd Brumfield*

#### Homeowner tells police he shot prowler through door

A man was in critical condition Wednesday morning after he was shot by a Fort Worth homeowner who told police the man was trying to break in.

The shooting occurred just after midnight when a resident heard banging sounds in the 8500 block of Cove Meadow Lane, police said.

The man was shot through the front door and taken to an area hospital, police said. His name was not released.

*Lloyd Brumfield*

#### Investigators seek witnesses to fatal crash on East Loop 820

Fort Worth police are searching for witnesses to a Dec. 8 crash that killed two children.

The crash occurred at 6:17 p.m. when a black Dodge pickup lost control and hit a tan Nissan Altima in the 3000 block of East Loop 820.

The Altima was pushed through

a guardrail and rolled onto the service road, police said.

Trinity Atkins, 6, and 11-month-old Wesley Barrett died later at Cook Children's Medical Center. Two others in the Altima were injured.

Anyone who saw the accident should call police at 817-392-4869.

*Lloyd Brumfield*

#### LOVE FIELD

#### 5 travelers bringing pot from California arrested at airport

Five travelers were arrested at Dallas Love Field after they flew in from California with 129 pounds of marijuana hidden in their suitcases, police records show.

Drug-sniffing dogs detected the drugs in 10 suitcases at an airport baggage carousel last week. Police searched the bags and found 13 packages of marijuana in each suitcase, records show.

Four men from Tyler and a woman from DeSoto face felony drug possession charges: Dejuan Beal, 20; Rasheeda Chester, 19; Andrew Robert Clark, 23; Otis McMillan, 23; and Joshua Porter, 23.

Each suspect carried two bags with them on Dec. 11, and Ches-

ter had a carry-on bag containing \$5,820, according to arrest warrant affidavits.

Investigators said the marijuana in each suitcase was packaged the same and wrapped in towels, the warrants say.

Beal and Porter declined to be interviewed by detectives, but Chester, Clark and McMillan talked to investigators, documents show.

Chester, of DeSoto, told officers the group flew out of DFW International Airport on Dec. 9 to San Francisco, where they shared a hotel room. She said she was not with the others when they purchased the marijuana, the warrant says.

Chester said she expected to be paid \$1,000 for her role in the scheme but didn't know there was more than \$5,000 in her duffel bag.

McMillan told investigators his mom gave him \$13,000 to buy marijuana in San Francisco. He said he brought an ounce of marijuana to Dallas in November from California, where recreational marijuana is legal.

Clark, who told police McMillan is his cousin, said the group "all put in money to purchase marijuana in San Francisco," the warrant says. Clark said they packaged it them-

selves in their suitcases.

Chester said they planned to sell the drugs in Tyler, records show.

Beal, Chester, Clark and McMillan were booked into the Dallas County jail on Dec. 11 and released on bond the next day. Porter was also taken to the Dallas County jail on Dec. 11 and was freed Dec. 13.

*Tasha Tsiaperas*

#### NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

#### Police search for driver who injured bicyclist in hit-and-run

A man riding his bicycle was hit by a car and injured Wednesday morning in North Richland Hills.

The car did not stop after hitting the victim about 2 a.m. in the 7500 block of Boulevard 26, police said.

The man was taken to a hospital with serious injuries. Little is known about the vehicle that struck him, except a witness reported seeing a dark-colored vehicle leaving the area just after impact.

Investigators believe the vehicle may have front-end damage.

Anyone with information should contact the North Richland Hills Police Department at 817-427-7000.

*Lloyd Brumfield*

## PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS