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ELECTION FILINGS

Filings for Tarrant County municipal and school board elections on May 9 began last week. Candidates have until March 9 to submit their names for the ballot. Among the candidates to officially file for the elections are:

Councils

Arlington

Mayor: Robert Cluck
 District 3: Robert Rivera, Marvin Sutton
 District 4: Kathryn Wilemon
 District 5: Lana Wolff, Terry Meza
 District 8: Gene Patrick

Azle

Mayor: Russ Braudis
 Place 6: Bill Jones

Bedford

Mayor: Jim Story
 Place 1: Francisco A. Chinchilla, Roger D. Fisher, Jason Sinisi
 Place 2: Roy Savage

Benbrook

Place 7: Ron Sauma

Colleyville

Place 5: Tom Hart
 Place 6: Mike Taylor

Crowley

Place 6: Beau Yarborough

Edgecliff Village

Mayor: Tony Dauphinot
 Alderman Place 2: Robert Cross

Eules

Place 5: Glenn Porterfield
 Place 6: Perry Bynum

Forest Hill

Mayor: James L. Gosey, Lyndia Thomas

Place 4: Beckie Duncan Hayes, Dulani Masimini

Fort Worth

Mayor: Mike Moncrief
 District 2: Sal Espino
 District 3: W.B. "Zim" Zimmerman
 District 4: Danny Scarth, Lupe Arriola
 District 5: Frank Moss, Melinda Hamilton

District 6: Jungus Jordan

District 7: Carter Burdette

District 8: Kathleen Hicks

District 9: Joel Burns

Grand Prairie

District 5: Tony Shotwell
 District 6: Ron Jensen
 Place 8 at large: Rick Falla

Grapevine

Mayor: William D. Tate
 Place 1: C. Shane Wilbanks
 Place 2: Sharron Spencer

Haltom City

Mayor: Bill Lanford
 Place 1: Carl Grassl
 Place 2: Bob Watkins
 Place 7: Ken Gibson, Gary Nunn
 Place 6: Darlene Hooks

Haslet

Mayor: Bob Golden
 Place 2: Lynnda McCoy
 Place 4: Harold Williams

Hurst

Place 1: Charles Swearengen
 Place 2: Larry Kitchens
 Place 6: Henry Wilson

North Richland Hills

Place 1: John Lewis
 Place 5: David Whitson
 Place 7: Tim Welch

Richland Hills

Place 1: Jeffrey Ritter
 Place 3: William J. Agan, Mark Donald Karpinski
 Place 5: Edward E. Lopez

River Oaks

Mayor: Herman Earwood
 Place 1: JoAnn Butler
 Place 3: Joe Crews
 Place 5: JoAnn Gordon

Roanoke

Ward 1: James Smith

Southlake

Mayor: John Terrell
 Place 2: Vernon Stansell, Carolyn Morris
 Place 3: Brandon Bledsoe

Trophy Club

Mayor: Nick Sanders
 At-large City Council: Jim Moss, Bill Rose

Weatherford

Place 1: Michael Loren O'Neal
 Place 2: Clem Lee Smith

Westlake

At-large: Larry Corson

School boards

Arlington

Place 1: Gloria Peña
 Place 2: Peter Baron
 Place 3: Cheryl Smith

Birdville

Place 4: Wanda Strong
 Place 5: Richard Davis
 Place 7: Cary Hancock

Carroll

Place 4: Read Ballew
 Place 5: Erin Shoupp

Grapevine-Colleyville

Place 1: Charlie Warner
 Place 2: Vince Rosen

Godley

At-large: Terrie Goodloe
 At-large: Dennis McFarlin

Hurst-Eules-Bedford

Place 1: Kay Miller
 Place 2: Jeff Burnett

White Settlement

Place 3: Robin Allen, Janet Pruet

Mansfield

Place 1: Terry Moore, Ray Jaksa
 Place 2: Beth Light

Northwest

Place 1: Debbie Thomas
 Place 2: Mark Schluter

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THE STIMULUS PLAN | A CLOSER LOOK

Texas could gain 269,000 jobs, but how long would they last?

Hundreds of local "shovel ready" projects could generate more than 28,000 jobs in Tarrant County.

By ANNA M. TINSLEY
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At the heart of the \$787 billion stimulus plan is a promise to save or create 3.5 million jobs nationwide.

Lawmakers project that about 269,000 of those could be in Texas — potentially more than 28,000 in Tarrant County alone — and President Barack Obama says the jobs created by the bill will play a key role in helping "get our economy back on track."

But many economists and experts stress that these estimates are just that — estimates. There's wide agreement that the bill will save and create hundreds of thousands of jobs nationwide, but there's widespread skepticism that the 3.5 million mark will be met.

And it's clear that Americans want action. Polls consistently show that their chief worry is the job market as Texas' unemployment rate sits at 6 percent and the nation's at 7.6 percent, with both likely to rise in coming months.

Regardless of how many jobs are created or saved, some experts fear that they won't last long, won't come in time or won't be enough to balance out millions of more layoffs expected this year.

"It's short-lived," said Bill Crowder, an economics professor at the University of Texas at Arlington. "I don't think the stimulus package is going to be that stimulating, and it's going to cost a lot of money."

Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, said the bill scheduled to be signed by Obama on Tuesday isn't meant to create permanent jobs but to simply put people to work until private companies gain better footing and can hire more of the 11 million unemployed Americans.

"This will provide paychecks to people who otherwise would not have had jobs, and those paychecks allow them to buy things and create more demand," Jillson said. "It lets the private sector catch its breath. It's a way to create a bottom to the number of jobs being lost so the economy has a chance to begin growing again."

Calculations

The White House estimates that Texas will reap the second-most jobs from the stimulus plan, after California, which expects to see about 421,000. Some of those jobs could be through "shovel ready" projects, such as the 247 Tarrant County projects on a U.S. Conference of Mayors list that could create more than 28,000 jobs.

This could help Texas, as state officials predict that an additional 100,000 non-farm-related jobs could be gone before year's end. Statewide, if all the Texas projects on the list were funded, nearly \$11 billion would be spent on projects here and 126,000 jobs created, according to StimulusWatch.org. But some worry that even if they are created, they won't last long.

"The stimulus package is to make the recovery from this recession quicker," Crowder said. "It's a possibility. But what happens after there is no more stimulus?"

"Demand goes back down, and we are still left with excess capacity," he said. "Then we go through it again."

Local projects

In Hurst, Ron Haynes isn't sure whether jobs would need to be created or retained to staff local infrastructure projects on the mayors' list.

"But I'm finding that a lot of contractors, engineers are laying people off," said Haynes, the city's director of public works. "My assumption is they might be rehiring people if we get the funding

for these projects."

That means, for instance, that the estimated 80 jobs needed to widen Pipeline Road and the 100 jobs needed to renovate the library could put unemployed people to work.

In Fort Worth, calculations show that 0.6 to 1.9 jobs could be created for every \$100,000 of construction value, said Randle Harwood, the city's program management office director.

The \$83.7 million for Southwest Parkway and related improvements could generate 1,046 jobs, the \$16.7 million in Fort Worth Zoo renovations could bring 210 jobs, and the \$25 million for a Western Heritage parking facility could bring 313 jobs, StimulusWatch.org shows.

But \$471 million in commuter rail work would create about 18,000 jobs, based on a general formula that 37,000 direct and indirect jobs are created from a \$1 billion transit investment, said Joan Hunter, a spokeswoman for the Fort Worth Transportation Authority.

StimulusWatch.org estimates that the commuter rail work — putting commuter rail from southwest Fort Worth to downtown and from northeast Fort Worth to Grapevine and Dallas/Fort Worth Airport — would generate 5,888 jobs. Hunter said it's more likely to be three times as much. "Many of them would be new jobs or jobs for people who might have been laid off," Hunter said.

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'Putting people to work'

In Arlington, city leaders determined from internal estimates that, for instance, a \$39 million expansion of the Arlington Convention Center could create 212 jobs and a \$23 million convention center parking garage could bring 140 jobs. Those jobs would be contracted out —

possibly creating new jobs or directing already-employed workers to different projects, said Jennifer Wichmann, the city's administrative services manager.

In North Richland Hills, officials determined that a \$22.9 million reconstruction of 33 streets would require 660 workers, said Mike Curtis, the city's managing director of development services.

In addition to engineers and surveyors, Curtis factored in design and sewer workers, contractors, testing companies, inspectors and more. "There are quite a few people who would be employed with each of these street projects, and it's not just contractors or laborers pouring concrete," he said. "This would be putting people to work. Construction would last eight months to a year on each of the projects."

"The hope is that it would just magnify and the people working would go buy lunch during the day, support our businesses — grocery stores, restaurants — and there would be a trickle down."

Lasting effect?

Despite the job projections, no one can accurately predict what will happen. "It doesn't all happen at once, and it is very difficult to measure 'saved' jobs, from layoffs or business failures that didn't happen," said Ray Perryman, an economist and CEO of the Perryman Group in Waco. "It will likely be one of those things that is hotly debated for years."

Jillson, of SMU, said politicians will spend much time arguing over the effort's success or failure.

"In a year, Democrats will say they saved or created 3 to 4 million jobs," he said. "Republicans will say, 'No you didn't. Those jobs would have existed anyway.' We'll see."

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Texas projects

Last year, cities submitted lists of "shovel ready" projects to the U.S. Conference of Mayors that they would like to see funded. StimulusWatch.org lists those projects, city by city, state by state.

If all the proposed projects in Texas received stimulus funding, it would cost **\$10.7 billion** and create **126,914.8** jobs. Nationwide, all the projects would create **1.6 million** jobs at a cost of **\$149.7 billion**.

A closer look at Tarrant County, if all the

proposed projects were chosen for federal funding:

Fort Worth — 18 projects valued at \$1.7 billion would create 21,344 jobs.

Arlington — 98 projects valued at \$387 million would create 2,567.2 jobs.

Bedford — 37 projects valued at \$39.2 million would create 532 jobs.

Eules — 36 projects valued at \$104 million would create 1,306 jobs.

Hurst — 37 projects valued at \$45.3 million would create 739 jobs.

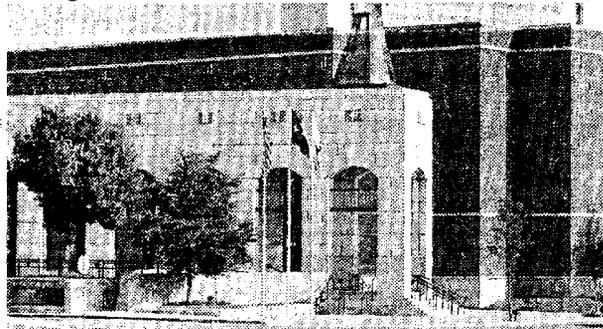
North Richland Hills — 21 projects valued at \$677.6 million would create 2,051.5 jobs.

Online: www.StimulusWatch.org

Tarrant County projects

Tarrant County projects seeking federal funding that promise to create jobs, and the associated project cost, include:

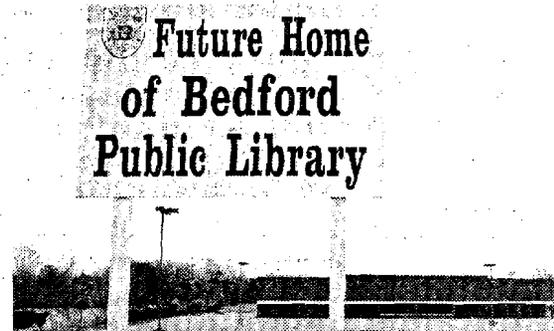
Arlington



The convention center could get an upgrade. S-T/MAX FAULKNER

- Convention center expansion, 212 jobs, \$39 million
- Convention center parking garage, 140 jobs, \$23 million
- Airport security enhancements, 17 jobs, \$1 million
- Webb Community Park development, 40 jobs, \$6 million

Bedford



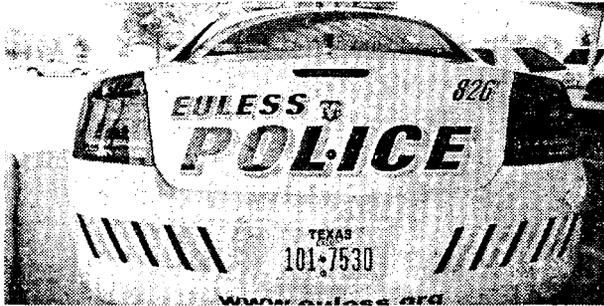
Funds would help pay for a new library. S-T/LAURIE L. WAF

- Crack sealing on streets, 12 jobs, \$1.1 million
- Erosion control at various locations, 12 jobs, \$800,000
- New library building, 80 jobs, \$8 million

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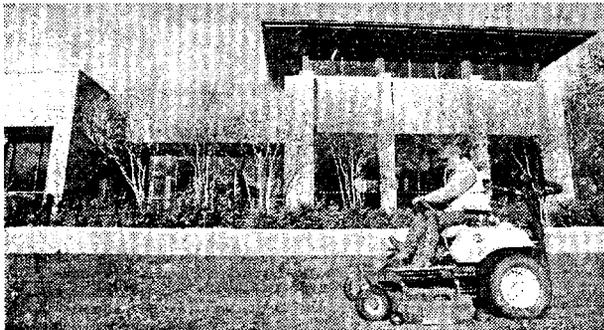
Eules



Police would benefit from the stimulus plan. S-T ARCHIVES

- Police and fire training center, 35 jobs, \$3.5 million
- Eules housing revitalization, 20 jobs, \$2.5 million
- Softball World Park improvements, 25 jobs, \$785,000

Hurst



The library may get a face-lift. S-T ARCHIVES

- Conversion of school zone warning signs to solar operation, four jobs, \$110,000
- Library renovation, 100 jobs, \$3.6 million

Fort Worth



Zoo renovations could get federal aid. S-T/RODGER MALLISON

- Interstate 35W-Northeast Loop 820 interchange, 2,500 jobs, \$200 million
- Southwest Parkway and related improvements (Dirks Road, utility relocations and more), 1,046 jobs, \$83.7 million
- Botanic Garden/Botanical Research Institute demonstration storm water management parking area, 74 jobs, \$6 million
- Regional swimming centers, 1,325 jobs, \$106 million
- Zoo infrastructure renovations, 210 jobs, \$16.7 million
- Commuter rail improvements, 5,888 jobs, \$471 million

North Richland Hills

- Youth summer camp, 0.5 job, \$10,000
- North Tarrant Express, improving Northeast Loop 820 in the city limits, 600 jobs, \$600 million

Source: www.StimulusWatch.org



The North Tarrant Express project would alleviate traffic congestion in the city. S-T/M.L. GRAY

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INSIDE THE POLICE SCANNER

If caught, bird thief may land in cage

Star-Telegram

EULESS — This would have been a good time for doves to cry.

A thief snatched four doves in two bird cages after their owner placed them on an apartment walkway the morning of Feb. 7.

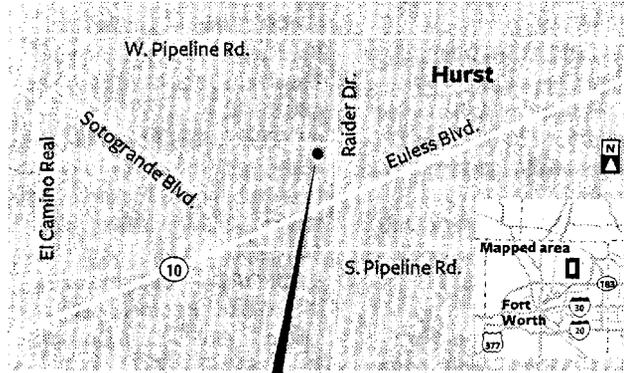
No one has been arrested.

The owner told police that he placed the cages on the walkway about 5:30 a.m. because employees were going to paint the apartment.

When he checked on them about an hour later, the cages and doves were gone, according to a police report.

Two brown doves were in one cage and two white doves were in the other, the

Thief took doves



A thief took four doves and two bird cages from a Euleless apartment in the 1300 block of Raider Drive on Feb. 7.

STAR-TELEGRAM

report states.

The doves were valued at \$160, according to police.

Like in the Prince song, even doves have pride.

— Domingo Ramirez Jr.



Crime Time

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Luther Durwood Lowrance



KELLER — Luther D. Lowrance, 79, passed away Friday, Feb. 13, 2009.

FUNERAL: 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lucas Funeral Home, 137 E. Hill St., Keller, with burial in Bluebonnet Hills at a later date. Visitation: The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gateway Church, Global Missions Dept., 500 S. Nolen, Suite 300, Southlake, Texas 76092.

Born in Quitaque, Luther grew up on several farms as a child. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from high school, and he retired after 20 years as master sergeant from the 7th Bomber Wing, SAC at Carswell Air Force Base on April 1, 1969. Luther was married to Deanie for over 52 years before her death in 2005. They became Christians in 1969, which changed the course of our family. Luther was a devoted member of Gateway Church in Southlake. Luther was an active member of the Keller Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Deanie Lowrance; brothers, Gerald and O.V. Lowrance; and parents, Oscar Lowrance and Mandy Stephens.

SURVIVORS: Children, Becky Null, Susan Thomasson and husband, Mark, Kenneth Lowrance and wife, Belinda; grandchildren, Glenn Lowrance and wife, Adrienne, Jody Null and wife, Jana, Cody Null and wife, Eva, Andrew Thomasson and wife, Sarah, Amy Flores and husband, Arthur, Angela Patton and husband, Mike; great-grandchildren, Valeria, Leila and Aiden Null, Taylor, Cameron and Kevin Patton, Drew and Simeon Thomasson; brothers, Tommy Lowrance and wife, Virginia, Sam Lowrance and wife, Ann; sister, Earline McCormack; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lucas Funeral Home
Keller, 817-753-6800
View and sign guestbook at
www.star-telegram.com/obituaries

Rank	City	Address	Phone	Website	Permits	Value	Jobs	Staff	Projects
1	City of Fort Worth	1000 Throckmorton St Fort Worth 76102	817-392-2255 817-392-2107	fortworth.gov	5,619	\$153,466,054	346	Mike Moncriel Dale Fisserher 6,494	Fort Worth Zoo, Historic Stockyards, museums, Fort Worth Herd, nature center, more than 10,000 acres of parks, five golf courses and 21 community centers
2	City of Arlington	101 W. Abram St., P.O. Box 90231 Arlington 76010	817-459-6402 817-459-6410	arlingtontx.gov	596	\$91,851,457	93	Robert Clark James N. Holmgren 2,324	The Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Six Flags Over Texas, Hurricane Harbor, Arlington Municipal Airport, Arlington Convention Center, golf course, awarding winning park system, sports centers, University of Texas at Arlington, Tarrant County College/SSE Campus, The Patsy Mink, The Highlands Shopping, Lincoln Square, future home of the Dallas Cowboys and cultural attractions consisting of Leland Pavilion, Symphony Arlington, Theatro Arlington and Arlington Museum
3	City of Mansfield	1200 E. Broad St. Mansfield 76063	817-276-4200 817-473-2925	mansfield-tx.gov	521	\$14,554,152	39	Darrel L. Cook Caryon Chandler 495	Award-winning library and parks programs, which include Big League Dreams and Hawaiian Falls waterpark, Joe Pool Lake, Hersteinfeld Historical Museum & Heritage Center, Historic Downtown, and 54 industrial/business parks
4	City of Burleson	141 W. Hentio St. Burleson 76028	817-447-5400 817-447-6885	burlesontx.com	500	\$11,385,609	26	Ken Shetter Curtis E. Hawk 307	Hidden Creek Golf Course, 14 parks, opening of the recreation center and baseball fields in spring 2010, opening of soccer fields in the fall of 2010, senior activity center, library, animal shelter and historic Old Town with historic Interturban Depot
5	City of Forest Hill	6900 Forest Hill Drive Forest Hill 76140	817-568-3000 817-568-3049	foresthilltx.org	350	\$2,075,965	4	James Gusey David Miller 89	New retail development, new home construction, new public library and close proximity to downtown Fort Worth, interstate highways and Arlington entertainment district
6	City of Keller	1100 Bear Creek Parkway Keller 76248	817-743-4000 817-743-4190	cityofkeller.com	311	\$7,400,000	18	Pat McGrail Dan O'Leary 328	Recreation and aquatic center, multi-sports complex, greenbelt walking trails, equestrian arena, senior citizen center and public library
7	City of Crowley	201 E. Main St. Crowley 76036	817-297-2201 817-297-6178	ci.crowley.tx.us	179	\$1,321,142	7	Billy Davis Truffit Gilbreath 96	More than 100 acres of parkland with baseball and soccer fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, pavilions, Fiskee golf course, splash pad, two fire stations, public library, senior citizens center and criminal justice center
8	City of Richland Hills	3209 Diana Drive Richland Hills 76118	817-299-1800 817-299-1803	richlandhills.com	174	\$1,809,895	4	David Ragan James Dahn 85	Four parks, library, community center, low property tax rate, Birdville Independent School District schools and Trinity River Express commuter rail station
9	City of Southlake	1400 Main St. Southlake 76092	817-748-6400 817-748-8010	ci.southlake.tx.us	165	\$14,519,651	22	Andy Warnbosgens Shana Yelverton 285	Southlake Town Square, more than a dozen public parks supporting a variety of programs and activities and public library
10	City of North Richland Hills	7201 N.E. Loop 820 North Richland Hills 76180	817-427-6000 817-427-6016	nrich.com	158	\$17,439,177	18	Oscar Trevino Jr. Larry Cunningham 616	NRH20 Water Park, Iron Horse Golf Course, Richland Tennis Center, library, recreation center and 741 acres of parks and trail system
11	City of Colleyville	100 Main St. Colleyville 76034	817-503-1000 817-503-1129	colleyville.com	127	\$3,754,327	13	David Kelly Jennifer Fadden 186	Extensive trails system, recreational facilities, 13 parks and greenbelts, public library, events center and five miles from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport
12	City of Euless	201 N. Ector Drive Euless 76039	817-885-1400 817-885-1412		112	\$14,394,048	16	Mary Lib Saleh Gary McKemie 391	Texas Star Golf Course, 630 acres of parks, convenient highway access and close proximity to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport

The List | Fastest Growing Cities in Tarrant County

Ranked by number of new building permits

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EULESS | ARREST

Police: Man exposed himself to girl

By DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.
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EULESS — An Addison man arrested on suspicion of exposing himself and trying to abduct a girl Monday afternoon could be responsible for similar attacks in several Dallas County cities the past few weeks, police said Tuesday.

Investigators from other cities were scheduled to interview the 28-year-old, Euleless Lt. John Williams said Tuesday.

Police arrested Jose Linares Ramirez a few minutes after a 13-year-old girl reported that a stranger had exposed himself and tried to

abduct her.

"He told police that he was in the area looking for a construction job, but his story didn't add up," Williams said Tuesday. "The girl gave dispatchers a very good description of the truck, and that was passed on to officers responding to the call. They spotted the truck within minutes after it happened."

Ramirez was in the Euleless Jail on suspicion of indecency with a child.

The incident happened shortly after 4 p.m. in the 900 block of West Denton Drive.

The girl was walking home from Euleless Junior High when she was ap-

proached by a man driving a black Ford F-250 pickup, police said. The man asked for directions, police said.

She told him that she did not talk to strangers and kept walking, police said.

The man drove around the block and pulled up behind her, police said. He exposed himself and tried to grab her, police said. The girl ran to a neighbor's home and called police. The man drove away but didn't get far.

"He apparently couldn't get out of the neighborhood," Williams said.

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Police chase ends when woman stops to valet-park at D/FW Airport hotel 9:43 AM CT

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BY DAN X. MCGRAW / The Dallas Morning News
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A 60-year-old Dallas woman was arrested early this morning after an hourlong police pursuit that ended when she tried to valet-park her car at a hotel at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, authorities said.

Sandra Stephens-Foster was arrested about 4:15 a.m. outside the Hyatt Regency Hotel, said Euless police Lt. John Williams. She was being held at the Euless jail on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest.

The chase began about 3:30 a.m. when an officer approached Stephens-Foster after seeing her outside a closed business. When the officer approached her car, Stephens-Foster refused to roll down her window and stared at the officer.

She then sped off, topping out at more than 100 mph and heading toward Dallas. She then drove on the northbound lanes of Central Expressway before Euless officers ended the chase near Loop 12 because she was driving without her lights on, police said.

Officers heading back to Euless spotted her car on State Highway 183 and followed it to the airport, where she stopped to get a toll ticket.

Once inside the airport, Stephens-Foster stopped to valet-park her car, and police took her into custody.

No one was injured during the chase.

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Chase ends at hotel's valet parking

EULESS — Here's something new to valet parking.

A Dallas motorist accused of drunken driving led police on an hourlong chase through Tarrant and Dallas counties early Thursday before stopping at valet parking in the Hyatt Regency DFW. Just minutes before, the 60-year-old woman took the time to get her ticket at a Dallas/Fort Worth Airport tollbooth, police said. Police identified the driver as Sandra Stephens-Foster, who was in the Euless Jail on Thursday on suspicion of drunken driving and evading police officers.



Stephens-Foster

The chase began about 3:30 a.m. Thursday in the 500 block of West Airport Freeway when officers tried to interview the driver of a suspicious car that had been pulled over. She sped away to Irving, avoided spikes put out by officers and reached 100 mph in Dallas, police said. Police called off the chase in Dallas, but minutes later, she was seen back in Euless. Without lights on, police followed her through the tollbooth and to the valet parking.

— Domingo Ramirez Jr.