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Darvish's 10 strikeouts over 8 1/3 innings helped the Rangers even the series Tuesday night. **Sports, 1C**

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Local GSA employee caught up in scandal

The national event planner is among 10 who have been put on leave.

By Lisa Rein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The inspector general investigating lavish spending by the General Services Administration has told federal prosecutors that an outside event planner violated ethics laws while helping to organize a conference at a swank Las Vegas hotel, according to government sources.



As more details go public, investigators have also revealed that one of the GSA employees deeply involved in the controversy is Lisa Daniels, a Fort Worth-based national event planner. Daniels handled the booking of a Nevada resort for the now highly publicized government conference that a senior GSA executive wanted to be "over the top."

She is also one of 10 government employees who are on administrative leave pending further discipline. Investigators want to know whether Michael W. Jahn, managing partner of Location Solvers, violated bribery laws by giving gifts to several GSA employees in excess of the government's \$20 limit, according to government sources.

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Long-delayed I-35W expansion north of downtown to proceed

The project, with toll and free lanes, may start within a year

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By 2018, motorists will likely be driving on a rebuilt Interstate 35W, one with a combination of toll and free lanes, after the long-delayed project qualified Tuesday for a substantial federal loan

that will pay for about 25 percent of its cost.

Although some motorists won't like paying tolls, area officials were elated to hear the Transportation Department's announcement that the project is eligible for a \$415 million loan.

They say that using a combination of free and toll lanes, which generate revenue to offset construction costs, was the only way to ensure that the project north of downtown Fort Worth could be under construction within 10 years.

"It's the first time I can say with certainty this project will be delivered," said Texas Transportation Commission member Bill Meadows of Fort Worth.

The work could begin in less than a year, and the rebuilt existing lanes and new toll lanes will likely be open by 2018, officials said.

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Rites of passage

A night of their own

Prom is one social event that area home-schoolers don't have to give up



Tyler Teeter and Hannah Owen cross swords at the medieval-themed Texas Christian Homeschool Prom on Saturday. S-T photos/Richard W. Rodriguez

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DALLAS — The day Michelle Zeledon's parents informed her they would begin home schooling, she thought her life was over.

What about homecoming? she asked. And prom? What about everything that makes high school high school?

Zeledon, 17, of Arlington, certainly did not picture herself at a downtown Dallas hotel Saturday night, wearing a long plum-colored dress, her hair swept up, ready to spend the night dancing at her



Meredith Stowe of Bedford, Michael Pandolfo of Fort Worth, David Seil of Hurst and Scout Harrell of Arlington match colors and dance moves.

prom. "I will admit I was not happy. I worried I would miss out and just sit at home all the time," said Zeledon, who began home schooling more than a year ago. "But that didn't happen."

This is prom season, when teenage girls spend hundreds of dollars on dresses and boys rent tuxedos, when groups of friends pile into limousines, then dance well into the next morning.

And for the growing number of children who are

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The Fort Worth-based electronics retailer posted an \$8 million quarterly loss and said sales fell as it shifted to lower-margin smartphones. Its shares closed at \$5.34, the lowest since Feb. 24, 1981. **4B**

Couple wins millions in online libel case

A Tarrant County jury has awarded a couple \$13.78 million, described as the largest judgment ever in an Internet libel case. **1B**

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