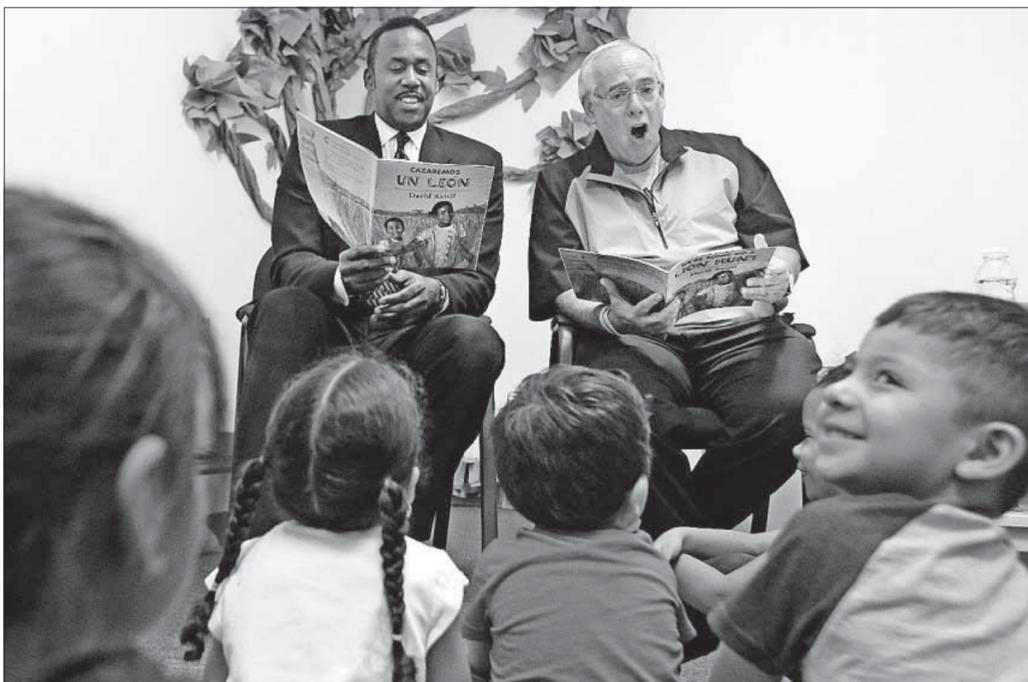


North Texas

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Making points with schoolkids



Louis DeLuca/Staff Photographer

Former Dallas Mavericks star Rolando Blackman and legendary Cowboys announcer Brad Sham read to schoolchildren Tuesday at Creative Steps Academy, an Educational First Steps school in Dallas. Educational First Steps works to increase early education opportunities for economically disadvantaged children.

a free Kids' Zone activity area and more.

General admission is \$5. Children 12 and under get in free, as does anyone who wears a traditional German lederhosen or dirndl costume. Learn more at celinaoktoberfest.com.

Deborah Fleck

HIGHLAND PARK

Architecture talk will feature Hal Thomson homes

The Friends of Aldredge House group is partnering with the Park Cities Historical and Preservation Society for the next "Coffee With Hal" lecture, which will feature a tour of two Highland Park homes designed by 20th-century architect Hal Thomson.

Also hosted by the Institute of Classical Art and Architecture, the lecture will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday outdoors in the 3900 block of Potomac Avenue, where the homes are located. After the tour, there will be a talk by Dallas architect Wilson Fuqua. Paul Field, owner of Lamber's Landscape, will discuss the landscaping at the homes.

Tickets are \$30 for members of the three host organizations, \$35 for others. To purchase, visit friendsofaldredgehouse.org or pchps.org.

Deborah Fleck

LOVE FIELD

All Star Chef Classic will benefit 24 Hours Club

The fifth annual Dallas All Star Chef Classic benefiting the 24 Hours Club will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Sixty Five Hundred, 6500 Cedar Springs Road. The event will feature 28 chefs and will include music by the Taylor Pace Orchestra.

Since 1969, the Dallas 24 Hours Club has provided safe transitional living for homeless men and women seeking a new life away from drugs and alcohol.

Tickets, \$100 each, can be purchased at dallas24hourclub.org/chef.

Deborah Fleck

MESQUITE

National Archives topic of genealogical meeting

The Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. The program will be on where the latest digitized National Archives records can be found and the National Archives and

Records Administration website. The public is invited. Come early for visiting and refreshments.

Deborah Fleck

NORTH DALLAS

Job fair to feature multiple major employers

HireLive will host a job fair from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday for permanent hiring before the holidays. The fair will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane.

Some of the companies scheduled to attend include Holiday Inn Club Vacations, Kroger, Regus Corp., Marshall Retail Group, MassMutual and DeVry University. The event and parking are free. Find more at hirelive.com.

Deborah Fleck

Preston Hollow Dems offers chance to meet candidates

Preston Hollow Democrats will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Walnut Hill Recreation Center, 10011 Midway Road. The program will offer a chance to meet the candidates. For details, email MaryAnne@thephd.org.

Deborah Fleck

WEST DALLAS

Bricklayer competition will be Thursday

The North Texas SPEC Mix Bricklayer 500 Regional competition will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at ACME/Featherlite, 3815 Singleton Blvd.

Bricklayers and masons representing the state of Texas will vie to advance to the World Championship competition Jan. 23 in Las Vegas. Masonry students from Grand Prairie ISD and North Texas Job Core will be on hand to answer training questions.

After the competition, there will be a live auction of goods and services donated by construction material suppliers to raise funds for Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

Learn more at specmixbricklayer500.com or call 817-240-3690.

Deborah Fleck

WHITE ROCK

Laughter League shows to be part circus, part cabaret

The Dallas-based Laughter League, a nonprofit that Dick Monday and Tiffany Riley founded to improve lives through the healing power of laughter, presents "Petite Palace" through Oct. 21 at the Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Drive.

The event is part circus, part variety show and part cabaret, with matinees geared to children and evening performances for an older audience. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids (ages 2-12). To see times and purchase tickets, visit LaughterLeague.org.

Deborah Fleck

WYLIE

Frankenstein fans invited to help Shelley finish novel

The Smith Public Library will present "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein — An Interactive Adventure" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Those 18 and up are invited to help Mary Shelley complete her classic novel in this immersive experience where participants solve puzzles and follow clues to bring her characters to life. Wearing costumes (early 19th-century) is encouraged.

The library is part of the Municipal Complex, 300 Country Club, Building 300. For more information, call 972-516-6250, option 3.

Deborah Fleck

ARTS DISTRICT

'What Makes a Citizen?' will be focus of program

The Dallas Institute will present a program on "What Makes a Citizen" at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Moody Performing Arts Center, 2520 Flora Drive. A reception will be at 6 p.m.

Professor Jeffrey Rosen, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, will explore the 14th Amendment. His presentation will be interwoven with performances under the direction of the contemporary playwright, poet, director and professor Will Power, formerly of Southern Methodist University and currently at Spelman College in Atlanta.

Tickets are \$10 to \$25. For details, visit dallasinstitute.org/what-makes-a-citizen.

Deborah Fleck

DALLAS

City honored for revamp of old Butler Brothers Building

The city of Dallas Office of Economic Development recently received a Silver Excellence in Economic Development Award from the International Economic Development Council. The award is for the Historic Butler Brothers Building: Mixed-Use Redevelopment Project in the category of Real Estate Redevelopment and Reuse.

The 750,000-square-foot Butler Brothers Building was built in 1910 as a mercantile warehouse and had been long abandoned when Alterra International purchased it in 2011.

The Dallas Property Assessed Clean Energy program allowed energy- and water-saving measures to be incorporated into the mixed-use project, demonstrating its value as a low-cost, long-term replacement to expensive equity-partner financing. Dallas established its PACE program in 2016.

Deborah Fleck

CELINA

Family-friendly Oktoberfest to mix music, dancing, football

The inaugural Celina Oktoberfest celebration will be from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday on the historic downtown square at West Pecan Street and South Louisiana Drive.

The family-friendly event, to be presented rain or shine, will feature live music, dancers, college-gridiron matchups on a massive screen, appearances by pro football legends,

Storms don't dampen the State Fair of Texas spirit

Big Tex says, "Rain or shine, the State Fair of Texas is always a good time," and Tuesday's weather really put that to the test.

Rusty Fitzgerald, senior vice president of operations for the State Fair, kept an eye on weather radars for much of the morning.

While showers were heavy

enough at times to stop rides such as the Texas Star Ferris wheel, some of the smaller rides continued.

But a few closed rides didn't ruin fair days for students and other fairgoers.

Dawn Wilson, a teacher at China Spring High School northwest of Waco, left for the fair with her stu-

dents about 7 a.m. She knew rain was in the forecast but wasn't going to change her plans for her students to attend Ag Awareness Day at the fair.

"When you have a day planned out of school, you just go ahead and make the trip," she said.

Fair spokeswoman Karissa Con-

doianis said that even on a rainy day there's enough to do to keep visitors busy.

There are dozens of indoor activities at the State Fair, including the car show, petting zoos, dog stunt shows, various museum exhibits and food.

Jesus Jimenez

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

DALLAS

Public's help sought finding missing man, 59

Police are asking for help from the public finding a 59-year-old man last seen Monday in downtown Dallas.



ALBERT SLAWSON

Albert Slawson was seen at the Greyhound bus station in the 200 block of South Lamar Street, near Commerce Street. He may be in need of help, police said.

He is a 5-foot-11 white man who weighs about 150 pounds. Slawson has white hair and green eyes. Police said a clothing description was not available.

Anyone with information on Slawson's whereabouts may call 911 or police at 214-671-4268.

Claire Z. Cardona

FORT WORTH

Man shot in both legs near apartment complex

A man was wounded in a shooting Tuesday afternoon at a Fort Worth apartment complex, police say.

The victim was shot once in each leg shortly after 3 p.m. in the 5300 block of East Rosedale Street, near Rosedale Plaza Park, police said.

The motive for the shooting was not immediately clear, but it may have occurred during an argument, police said.

The victim called police from a nearby apartment and was taken in stable condition to John Peter Smith Hospital. His name wasn't released.

Police said two men suspected in the shooting were at large. A description of them was not available.

Claire Z. Cardona



Ryan Michalesko/Staff Photographer

GRAND PRAIRIE

Schlotzsky's roof collapses during heavy rain

Another round of storms soaked Dallas-Fort Worth on Tuesday, stranding some drivers and dumping inches of rain on North Texas.

The rain was also to blame for a roof collapse at the Schlotzsky's at

Julio Van Scoit surveyed damage Tuesday at his Schlotzsky's sandwich shop in Grand Prairie, where the roof caved in during heavy rains.

2035 N. State Highway 360 in Grand Prairie.

The incident happened about 8:30 a.m., before the restaurant was open to customers, though some employees had already arrived.

No injuries were reported. The collapse littered the restaurant with pink insulation and ceiling tiles.

Ryan Michalesko

AT A GLANCE |

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

The State Fair of Texas runs daily through Oct. 21 at Dallas' Fair Park. This year's theme is "Celebrating Texas Innovation." Daily activities include the Starlight Parade at 7 p.m. and the Illumination Sensation lights, music and fireworks show at 8 p.m. on the Esplanade.

TICKET PRICES

General admission: \$18 (gate), \$16.50 (online)

Kids under 48 inches tall: \$14 (gate), \$12.50 (online)

Seniors 60 and over: \$14 (gate), \$12.50 (online), free on Thursdays

Children 2 and under: free

Discounts: guidelive.com; bigtex.com

HOURS: Gates and ticket booths open daily at 7 a.m. Exhibit buildings, outdoor exhibits and food concessions are open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Midway and museum hours vary daily.

PARKING: Self-parking is available on official State Fair lots for \$15 a space.

INFORMATION: guidelive.com; bigtex.com

Some of today's events

Exhibits: Texas Auto Show, Automobile and Centennial buildings; Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello; Paradox of Liberty, African American Museum

Music: Michael Hix, Chevrolet Main Stage; Big City Outlaws, Bud Light Stage; Blane Howard, Dr Pepper Stage

Animals: All-Star Stunt Dog Show, Pan Am Arena; Dallas police mounted unit demo, Ranch Arena; Wild West Pet Palooza, Band Shell

Family: Buford Buzzard, Kids' Boardwalk; Midway Barker, Cotton Bowl Plaza; Backyard Circus, Oak Farms Theater