

TEXAS HIGHWAYS—NHL—WWH—MALLORY

Dallas Historic Landmarks

(The area code is 214)

Dealey Plaza

Dealey Plaza Historic District is on the western edge of downtown in Dallas' West End Historic District. It includes Dealey Plaza and encompasses an area bounded by Pacific, Market, and Jackson Streets and a railroad right of way. The district's main attraction is **The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza**, 411 Elm St., Dallas 75202-3308 (747-6660; www.jfk.org), site of the Kennedy assassination. Take IH-35 to the Commerce St./Reunion Blvd. exit. Go east on Commerce 2 blocks to Market St., turn left, and go 2 blocks to Elm St. Turn left on Elm, and go 2 blocks to the museum. Hours: daily 9-6 (closed Christmas Day). Admission: \$7, \$6 ages 6-18 and 65+, free under 6. Add \$3 each for audio tours--available in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish (English only for ages 6-12). Artifact collections (more than 20,000 items) and archival materials are available for research by the public.

Fair Park

Fair Park is five minutes east of downtown at 1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd., Box 159090, Dallas 75315 (670-8400; www.fairparkdallas.com). Take IH-30 E to 2nd Ave. and follow the signs. General park hours: daily 9-5.

For event details, hours, and admission prices, call the Friends of Fair park 24-hour bilingual info line (421-9600). Or contact individual attractions: African American Museum (565-9026); Age of Steam Railroad Museum (428-

0101, www.dallasrailwaymuseum.com; Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park (670-8443, www.dallas-zoo.org); Texas Discovery Gardens (428-7476); Dallas Museum of Natural History (421-3466, www.dallasdino.org); Hall of State (421-4500; www.hallofstate.com; group tours available, minimum 10 with 2 days notice); The Science Place, IMAX, and Planetarium (428-5555, www.scienceplace.org); The Women's Museum (915-0060, www.thewomensmuseum.org); and Old Mill Inn Restaurant (426-4600).

Fair Park hosts more than 100 events annually (parking fees may apply). The largest event is the **State Fair of Texas**, Sept 28-Oct 21, 2001 (565-9931, www.bigtex.com). Cultural events include: CrawFest (May 18, 2002); Kwanzaa Fest (Dec 8-9, 2001); Cinco de Mayo (May 4, 2002); Irish Fest (Mar 2-3, 2002); and 500 Inc's Artfest (May 24-26). Sporting events include: Texas/OU Red River Shootout (DATE TO COME); Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Classic (Jan 1, 2002); Black Invitational Rodeo (May 25, 2002); and Dallas Burn Soccer (979-0303, www.burnsoccer.com). For music and theater, contact: Music Hall at Fair Park (565-1116); Dallas Summer Musicals (421-5678, www.dallassummermusicals.org); Dallas Opera (443-1043, www.dallasopera.org); Dallas Wind Symphony (565-9463; www.dws.org) and Smirnoff Music Centre, formerly Starplex Amphitheatre (421-1111).

Highland Park Village

Highland Park Village is at Mockingbird Ln. and Preston Rd. in Highland Park, approximately three miles north of downtown Dallas. Take IH-35 (Stemmons Fwy.) north to Mockingbird and go east to Preston. Or take US 75

(N. Central Expwy.) north to Mockingbird and go west to Preston. Hours: Mon-Sat 10-6, Thur 10-8, and Sun 12-5. (Restaurants and the movie theater, plus some retailers, have extended hours.) Complimentary valet parking is available. Contact Highland Park Village, 47 Highland Park Village, Ste. 200, Dallas 75205 (559-2740; www.hpvillage.com).

The 6th annual Highland Park Village **Wine & Food Festival** is Sept. 29, 2001, featuring food from 30-plus restaurants and 20-plus vintners. Admission: \$65 per person (\$100 per couple). Hours: 6-10 p.m. The center's 25th annual **Tree Lighting Festival** is Nov. 23, 2001, with Christmas carols, complimentary food and drinks, entertainment, and horse-drawn carriage rides. Admission: free. Hours: 5-9 p.m.

Big D: Triumphs and Troubles of an American Supercity by Darwin Payne is available in Dallas-area bookstores or from Three Forks Press, Box 823461, Dallas 75382 (\$37.88, including shipping and tax).