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Brent Brown receives Community Service Award

CityDesign Studio Director **Brent Brown** has received the Dallas Historical Society's prestigious Humanities/History Award for Excellence in Community Service. The 2011 awards were presented to individuals in arts leadership, business, creative arts, education, humanities/history, philanthropy, volunteer leadership and the Jubilee History Maker award.



The awards recognize community leaders for significant contributions to the quality of life in Dallas and the surrounding area.

"Each year we look forward to this fantastic opportunity to honor some of Dallas' brightest civic, cultural and community leaders," said Dallas Historical Society Executive Director **Jack Bunning**. "We're able to recognize the generosity of these individuals and organizations, while sharing with the community the continued successes that have been achieved to benefit Dallas citizens."

In 2005, Brown founded the Building Community Workshop, a local nonprofit community design resource, with the hope of improving the livability and viability of communities. He is also the founding director of the city of Dallas' CityDesign Studio. Its purpose is to elevate local and urban design consciousness.

Recertification for Environmental Management System

Bureau Veritas Certification North America, Inc. has honored the City of Dallas for successful recertification of the City's Environmental Management System (EMS) to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001:2004 standards. Dallas is the first city in the United States to be ISO 14001 certified.

The EMS works to identify and minimize elements within an organization that have an impact on the environment. A total of 11 City departments are actively involved in the EMS.

"I'm very excited to recognize the City of Dallas for outstanding performance," said Bureau Veritas Director of Operations **Chris Koci**. The Bureau Veritas, the Office of Environmental Quality and EMS departments, recently performed a recertification audit to ensure EMS compliance with the ISO standard for environmental management.

The EMS is designed to reduce negative environmental impact by replacing ineffective systems, retraining personnel and empowering staff to speak up when they see opportunities to improve the way the City meets residents' needs.

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In this time of economic uncertainty, the holiday season takes on added meaning for all Americans; none more than those who work in public service. But today's challenges will be met, and the result will be a brighter future for Dallas.

The new Park Department newsletter was created to inform residents about City of Dallas Parks and volunteer opportunities.

A message from the City Manager **By City Manager Mary K. Suhm**



Season's greetings!

I want to take a moment during this special time of year to thank you for your service and dedication to our City. Your tireless devotion to our customers and your integrity and professionalism has contributed greatly to the success of our organization.

In this season, we're filled with the spirit of giving, celebrating family and friends, and feeling a sense of gratitude, renewal and new opportunity. This spirit lives year-round in our organization. It is why we say, "Together, We Do It Better". The spirit of that phrase lives in every corner of this organization. I see it every day; employees helping other employees accomplish goals, meet challenges, overcome obstacles and exceed expectations.

And in this time of economic uncertainty, the holiday season takes on added meaning for all Americans; none more than those who work in public service. Indeed, declining revenues in cities across the country have taken a toll on municipalities. But it is important to remember that although times are tough, they are not permanent. Our City's strength has been tested before. Today's challenges will be met, and the result will be a brighter future for Dallas.

This is the time to give thanks for the many blessings you have received and I hope you will spend time with family, friends, and colleagues. Take some time to feel the joy and love that only family and friends can bring. And we must remind ourselves that the true essence of giving and compassion should remain with us throughout the New Year.

My best wishes to you and your family for happiness and good health this holiday season and throughout the coming New Year.

Park Department newsletter keeps residents updated

Park Maintenance Services Division has created a new quarterly newsletter to help keep communities, homeowners' associations and Friends groups informed about what's going on in Dallas parks and about partnership opportunities.

The newsletter features interesting history about Dallas parks, available volunteer projects, City of Dallas contact information and regular maintenance updates about City parks and athletic fields.

To read the newsletter visit www.dallasparks.org.

City Hall photo exhibit part of Dallas Farmers Market birthday celebration

The Dallas Farmers Market is 70 years old this year and among the events commemorating the milestone was a an exhibit of rare historical photos at Dallas City Hall.



This photo, taken about 1939, shows the intersection of Pearl (Now Cesar Chavez) and Canton Streets, looking south on Pearl towards the Hines Produce Company. The Hines Company is still in business on South Saint Paul St. Source: Dallas Farmers Market/Henry Forschmidt Collection, Dallas Municipal Archives.

The photos were from the Dallas Municipal Archives, City Secretary's Office. Most of the pictures can be found in the Farmers Market/Henry Forschmidt Collection, which is digitized and available for viewing at the University of North Texas' Portal to Texas History:

http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/partners/DSMA/browse/?fq=untl_collection%3ADFMHF

The intersection of Pearl and Cadiz Streets was officially sanctioned as a City owned and operated farmers market in December 1941.

Today, the Dallas Farmers Market is one of the largest open farmers markets in the country, selling fresh produce, flowers, houseplants and specialty items, such as locally-raised and pasture-fed beef, lamb and chicken, spices, organic coffee and tea and gourmet cookies and pastries. Visitors can attend ongoing cooking classes or numerous multi-cultural festivals held throughout the year.

Learn more at <http://www.dallasfarmersmarket.org>.

Park Department brochure features pavilion replacement program

Dallas Park and Recreation is promoting the success of its park pavilion replacement program online and in a new brochure that features photos and locations of new and restored pavilions and architectural renderings for future structures. The publications also explain the pavilions' amenities, design concept and construction materials.

The pavilion program owes its success to the passage of the 2003 bond referendum that provided the largest single amount for park capital development in the city's history – more than \$100 million. It also included a generous allocation for 23 replacement or new picnic pavilions in city parks. At that time, 107 pavilions were distributed throughout Dallas' 365 parks. The inventory included historic pavilions from the 1920s and 1930s, the prototypical concrete "T" beam pavilions from the 1960s and site-adapted catalog pavilions.

Each pavilion project was assigned to an architect with a record of design excellence. The architect's mission was clear, said Park Department Assistant Director Willis Winters.

"In addition to being durable, functional, and easy to maintain, the pavilions are to be contextual within the surrounding community, custom design to reflect the park and neighborhood. Most importantly, it should be safe," he said.

The replacement program was so successful that another nine pavilions were included in the 2006 bond referendum. View the online publication at www.dallasparks.org.

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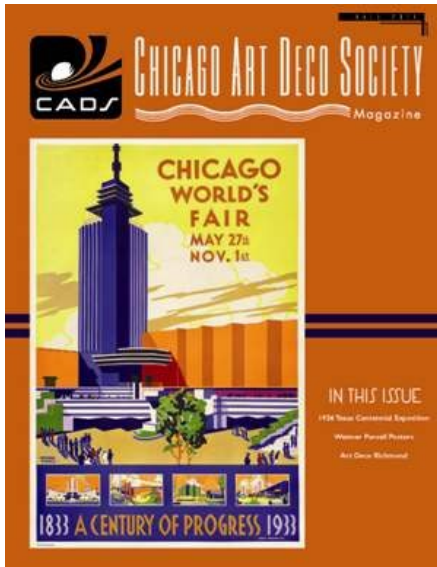
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Fair Park is showcased in national and state publications

Two national publications feature Fair Park in their latest issues.

“A Fair Park for Thriving Minds” is featured in the November issue of *Parks & Recreation Magazine*, published monthly by the National Recreation and Parks Association for park and recreation professionals.



“A Fair Park for Thriving Minds” highlights the Thriving Minds summer camp held at Fair Park for 2,500 middle school students. The unique adventure for youth was a partnership with Big Thought and Dallas Independent School District. Read “A Fair Park for Thriving Minds” at <http://digital.parksandrecreation.org>.

Jim Parsons and David Bush detail the story of the Texas Centennial Exposition in the fall issue of *Chicago Art Deco Society Magazine*. “A “Texanic” World’s Fair - The 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition” showcases Fair Park with stunning four-color photos of its Art Deco exhibition art and architecture.

The authors explain the origin of the word Texanic, noting that “although Texanic never found its way into everyday use, there is no better way to describe the impression made by the 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition in Dallas - an impression that put its host city on the map and is still being felt 75 years later.”

Parsons and Bush are staff members of Greater Houston Preservation Alliance and co-authors of *Fair Park Deco: Art and Architecture of the Texas Centennial Exposition* to be released next year. The November 27 edition of the Houston Chronicle Newspaper also spotlighted the Centennial in its story “1936 Exposition Helped Texans in Hard Times.”

Oak Cliff Cultural Center presents *La Virgen de Guadalupe* art exhibit

The Oak Cliff Cultural Center will present its 2011 December art exhibition *La Virgen de Guadalupe* from Dec. 10 through Dec. 31.

The exhibition is curated by Jose Vargas and features various artworks composed from a wide array of media by several artists from across the state. This eclectic exhibition will feature a variety of artistic depictions of the virgin of Guadalupe, an important symbol for Catholics and non-Catholics alike. An iconic figure that represents both the historical and progressive facets of the Latin American people, *La Virgen de Guadalupe* continues to be a prominent representation of Hispanic culture. Featured artists include Gerardo Hernandez, Terry K. Smith, Carlos Quadra, Apryl Begay, Alfredo Calderon, Lilia Estrada, Sandra Moreno, Raul Servin and many more.

Located in a historic storefront in the vibrant commercial district of Jefferson Avenue in Oak Cliff, the Oak Cliff Cultural Center opened its doors in August 2010. The facility was purchased and renovated by the City of Dallas through the 2003 Bond Program to function as a permanent City-owned arts center where residents and visitors of Oak Cliff could experience a variety of arts and cultural programs. The 5,000 square-foot storefront features a visual arts gallery and a dance studio/rehearsal space. The Oak Cliff Cultural Center is open from 3 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.



There's something for everyone at a City of Dallas Cultural Center

Take a look at these upcoming events coming to a City of Dallas Cultural Center near you.

Bath House Cultural Center



Through Jan. 28 – The Lady: An exhibition inspired by the myth of the Lady of White Rock

A legend that is well known by residents of Dallas, particularly those who live in the neighborhoods surrounding White Rock Lake, is the story of the Lady of the Lake. The story has elements of mystery, enchantment, and allure that would make it a perfect choice for artists of all types to capture its narrative in a variety of artistic forms. The seventeen local artists featured in this show found the story and its mystifying protagonist extremely appealing and created paintings, photographs, and mixed media small-scale works of art for display in this exhibition.

Through Dec. 17 - Greetings by Tom Dudzick

In this joyful holiday production Andy Gorski brings his Jewish fiancé home to meet his Catholic parents and severely retarded younger brother on Christmas Eve. In the middle of the culture clash, brother Mickey, whose vocabulary has thus far been limited to "wow" and "oh boy," suddenly speaks the word "Greetings!," sending us on a wild, improbable and hilarious exploration of the miraculous. Tickets: \$10 - \$14



Latino Cultural Center

Through Jan. 7 - Young Architects of Spain / Jovenes Arquitectos de España

In the last decades, Spain has become known as an international center for design innovation and excellence in architecture. The exhibition shows the extraordinary quality of work by a new generation of young Spanish architects. This exhibition is made possible by Spain Arts & Culture, Embassy of Spain, Spain-USA Foundation, Spain's Ministry of Housing and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation.



December 10 - The Little Drummer Boy

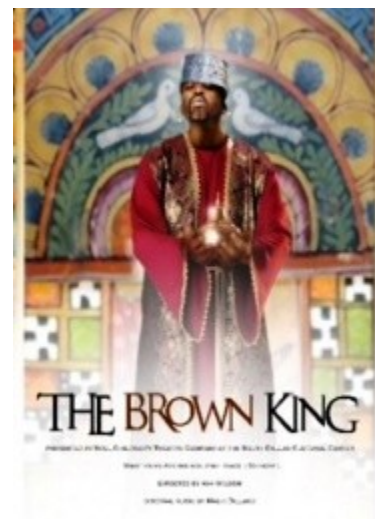
Join the Latino Cultural Center for a special performance by Le Theatre de Marionette of The Little Drummer Boy (El Tamborilero) as part of Target Second Saturday! Set in Bethlehem and beautifully staged with a cast of handmade marionettes, this is the story of the Nativity as seen through the eyes of Joshua, a young shepherd boy with the gift of a drum song for the newborn baby. Performed in English.

South Dallas Cultural Center

Through Dec. 10 – The Brown King

Just as all of the food is eaten and all of the gifts are unwrapped, Paw-Paw gathers his family around the tree. He has a story to tell. Not skimping on any detail, Paw-Paw relays the story of Christ's birth in a spectacular and awe-inspiring way with riveting musical accompaniment. Hear and see the story of immaculate conception, the journey to Bethlehem, the voyage of the three wise men, the manger and the contemporary holiday cheer as only Soul Children's Theatre company can render it! It's fun for the whole family! Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students; \$5 for children under 12.

For a list of cultural center locations and activities visit www.dallasculture.org and click on "cultural centers."



Interested in adopting a new pet? Visit Dallas Animal Services at the corner of Interstate 30 and Westmoreland; check out all our adoptable pets online or call us at (214) 671-0249.

Be sure your pet wears a collar with an identification tag that includes your name, address and phone number; or microchip your pet. A low cost microchip clinic is held the fourth Saturday of every month at the Westmoreland Shelter.

Paws to Consider

By Dallas Animal Services

Celebrations abound at Dallas Animal Services!

The halls are brightly decorated and all the animals are being extra good in hopes that they will find their family for the holidays.



From 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Creature Comforts at Dallas Animal Services will be a great place to find a

new pet for your family. Pet adoptions will be just \$30, and include a free photo!

Already have a pet? Well come on by and get a free pet photo with a donation of moist cat treats, rawhide dog chews, or canned pet food. Or help us with a cash donation to our partner, Dallas Animal Advocates, to buy new pet beds for the shelter.

Dallas Animal Services is hoping to shatter our new adoption record that was set at our recent Howl-O-Ween event. Partnering with Petropolitan, forever homes were found for 82 wonderful pets that weekend. DAS also had cause to celebrate when more pets were adopted that Saturday than came in to the shelter that day!

Finding homes for more pets than those coming into the shelter may be a lofty goal, but Dallas has begun taking the first steps that will make that happen more often than not. Dallas Companion Animal Project is taking shape, with the help of Dallas citizens, ideas on how to end the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets have been pouring in.

Please visit www.dallascompanionanimalproject.org and get involved. Help us form the plan that will keep pets in homes and out of shelters, and will increase the number of animals adopted. Help us make every day a celebration for all the animals in our care.

Dallas Animal Services will also be offering \$30 adoptions every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the entire month of December. Spread the word! Let's make December a record breaking month!

Happy holidays to everyone from all of us at Dallas Animal Services.

For more information visit www.DallasAnimalServices.org or call our adoption center at (214) 671-0249. We also invite you to become a fan of our FaceBook page, **Dallas Animal Services and Adoption Center**.