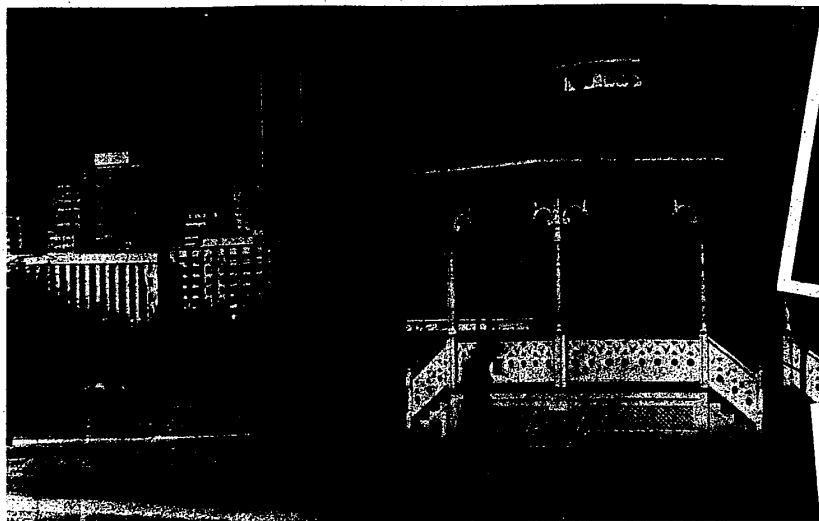


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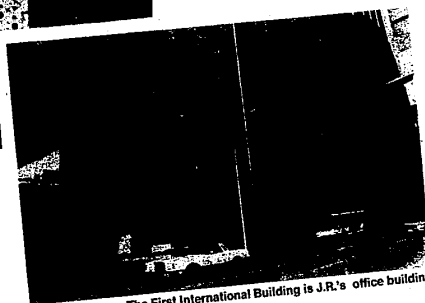


Old City Park, a restored 19th century village, contrasts with the sky-line of modern Dallas.

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Southfork Ranch is the Ewings' home in "Dallas."



The First International Building is J.R.'s office building.

Iris does 'Dallas'

The imaginary J.R. has some real-life haunts

DALLAS, TEXAS — J.R. Ewing's city. Some familiar sites: Southfork Ranch, J.R.'s office building, the store where Pam worked, the hospital where J.R. recovered from his bullet wounds, the campus where Lucy goes to school and the hotel where the cast of "Dallas" stays when it is in town.

If you watch the CBS-TV series "Dallas," you will recognize the landscape at once.

You can tour the real and imaginary Dallas on your own, or on a tour bus, or you can go first class with a private tour guide like Missy Morgan.

IF YOU WANT a "Dallas" tour, Missy starts at the familiar opening pro-

gram shot: expressways leading to a cubed glass building — the Hyatt Regency-Reunion — and the adjacent Reunion Tower. The tower lookout is the best place to plan a tour of the city. From its top you can see the whole Metroplex — which includes Dallas, Fort Worth, the in-between cities of Arlington and Grand Prairie — a total of 2.7 million people.

Below, a replica of the city's first log cabin shares Historic Plaza with a monument to John F. Kennedy. It is just around the corner from the Texas Book Depository and the spot where JFK was shot.

Let your eyes climb the high rise skyline and you will soon recognize the tallest building in town, J.R. Ewing's



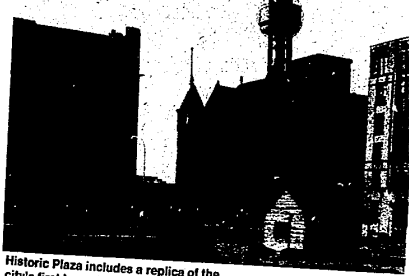
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office building, known around here as the First International Building. Two flying red horses, symbols of Mobil Oil, fly atop a downtown building. Mobil has moved into a new building, but Missy insists that "the horses remain so that everyone will know that Dallas isn't a one-horse town."

You can travel all over the downtown area for 25 cents on Hop-a-Bus. For \$1, park at Reunion arena and get a round trip ticket on the bus. Check out Thanksgiving Square, the renovated restaurants in Union Station, Neiman Marcus and the glass skywalk leading to a complex called Plaza of the Americas: shops, restaurants, offices and hotel, surrounding an indoor skating rink.

Dallas is third only to New York and Chicago as a convention city, and the new convention center may be the only one in the country that is built around an old Civil War cemetery.

Look east from the Reunion Tower lookout and you will see the Texas State Fairgrounds, site of eight interesting Dallas museums (a new museum complex opens downtown next year) and, closer in, the 19th century "skyline" of Old City Park, a restored village with a better idea.



Historic Plaza includes a replica of the city's first log cabin and a monument to John Kennedy. In background is the old courthouse and the top of Reunion Tower.

Where to stay and play in Dallas

The most exciting news in downtown Dallas this year was the reopening of the Adolphus Hotel, in a burst of marble and magnificence.

The Adolphus was once the Grand Dame of Dallas hotels, and will probably regain that title. If you like old expensive hotels with piano lobbies, original tapestries and a sitting-and-dining suite in every room, you will love it.

The Fairmont Hotel, which was the only first-class hotel left in town 10 years ago, still is a first-class hotel. The orchestra and revolving talent in the dining room is very popular in Dallas.

The most visible contemporary hotel on the skyline is the Hyatt Regency-Reunion, which you see every week on the opening shot of CBS-TV's series, "Dallas."

The most invisible is the Trust House Forte Hotel, part of the Plaza of the Americas. All this is part of the renewal of downtown Dallas; some people say it's the transition from Sleepy Hollow to Big Town.

You won't be able to eat in the Cattleman's Club, so familiar to "Dallas" fans, but you can get a good steak downtown in the Cattleman's Steak House, one of many good places to eat and drink in Dallas.

The local people go to a folksy place called Sonny Bryan's for barbecue, and to Tolbert's Chili Parlor for chili, burgers and chili pie. Tolbert is an ex-newspaperman and a founder of the famous Texas Chili Cookoff in West Texas.

You can have a real Texas breakfast in the Farmer's Grill, near a great outdoor fruit and vegetable market downtown. Campisi's has been described as "dumpy," but Dallas people love it for good Italian food. They also love Chiquita's for Mexican food. The favorite local chain restaurant is Chili's.

If you want to swing a little, take a cab to Old Town Village in the Greenville Avenue area five miles north of downtown, where the singles live and play at TGIFriday's, Cafe Dallas and other discos and bars.

There is live country and western music at Belle Starr's. Most two-steppers go to Billy Bob's Texas in Fort Worth.

If you saved your money for the big dinner, try the local dinner show at the Fairmont Hotel, the intimate elegance of Cafe Royal in the Plaza of the Amer-

icas, the very expensive but highly rated French Room in the Adolphus Hotel, Jean Claude's or Callaud's on McKinney Street, or La Mansion on Turtle Creek.

Ratcliffe's is a fine seafood restaurant downtown in an old print shop.

If you brought the kids, don't forget that you can see real cowboys in rodeo, dance hall, bar and stockyard setting 28 miles west in Fort Worth, and that the area between Dallas and Fort Worth blossoms with amusements: Six Flags Over Texas, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, International Wildlife Park, Trader's Village, and Southwestern Historical Wax Museum, to name a few.

WHEN HISTORIC old buildings came too close to the wrecking ball in Dallas, they were rescued, restored and placed in a city-owned park. You can wander around or picnic free, or you can pay \$4 for a ticket to visit any of the restored buildings.

One of the treasures is an 1886 railway depot with a little larceny in its historic background. The Texas Pacific Railway would have missed Dallas by 50 miles if some scoundrel hadn't tagged condition to the state legislature: the railway must run within a mile of Browder Springs.

Nobody knew or cared where Browder Springs was located until the Legislature learned that it was in downtown Dallas. The railway came to town and by 1890 Dallas was the biggest city in Texas.

It's a story of deceit that would make J.R. Ewing proud.

If you are a "Dallas" fan, plan to follow the expressway system past Old City Park and turn north on U.S. 75, Central Expressway, to the Southfork Ranch.

On your way, you'll pass the Doubletree Inn, where the cast usually stays; Lucy's elegant campus grounds at Southern Methodist University, a wonderful craft center called Olla Podrida; and Grammy's Dinner Theater.

THERE ARE always tourists taking pictures through the fence and blocking the driveway at the Southfork Ranch, which is still a working ranch. It used to be called Duncan Farms, and Joe Duncan still raises horses on those 164 acres. He gets \$75,000 a year to let CBS

film on the property.

You can tour the grounds from noon to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday (always check first) and you can at times watch the filming, done for about eight weeks starting in June.

"They set up at the back of the house," Missy says. "There are mobile homes for the cast when they're not filming. The crowd stays on the grass, but goes crazy when something interesting happens, like when Bobby goes swimming in the pool."

Will Miss Ellie wave at the crowd? Will J.R. Ewing go swimming in the pool? Tune in next week, folks, or see for yourself or contact Missy Morgan, American Art and Museum Tours, P.O. Box 8146, Dallas, TX 75205 or write to the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, 1507 Pacific Ave., Dallas, TX 75201.

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