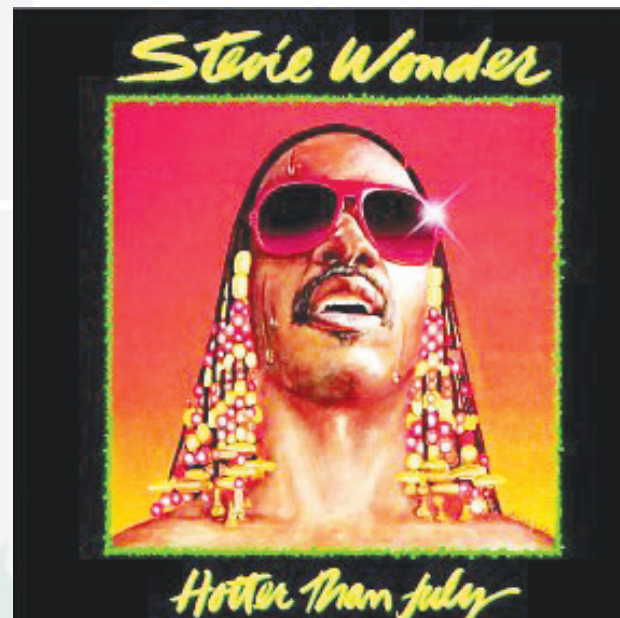


8 summer pastimes near Dallas

As we wrap up the spring semester and our press semester altogether, here are 8 summer events to look forward to this summer break. We also handpicked a few events that are wallet-friendly:

1 Vitruvian Park (FREE)



Courtesy of All Music.com

Food trucks, live music, and outdoor games being its main course, Vitruvian Park is most reputable for their free concerts, and you could be in any of them.

My top pick for a concert would be the "Hotter Than July" live band. It features a Stevie Wonder tribute band, with food trucks to accommodate, and boasts its own outside amphitheater for an immerse experience similar to The Pavilion.

The concert is on June 27 with free admission to everyone. Don't miss out! 3875 Ponte Ave, Addison, TX 75001



Courtesy of Grandscape Texas

2 Grandscape (FREE/\$\$\$)

Grandscape isn't just for a shopping break, it is the jack-of-all-trades. Tons of dining places, entertainment suites such as the Grandscape Wheel and the Galaxy Theatres, services like grooming at Scissor & Scotch or salons like The Smoothbar, and even retail stores like Willow House—Grandscape has it all.

Even for cooling down after a nice concert during the day, or inviting friends over for the night, Grandscape is the center of things to do any time of any day.

5752 Grandscape Blvd, The Colony, TX 75056

3 Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival at Galatyn Park Urban Center (\$)

The main weekend passes are only thirty-five dollars, the Wildflower Festival is more than just concerts on top of concerts. It is the largest music festival in North Texas, resurrected a year ago from the pandemic.

This festival has a Battle of Bands competition, Art Guitar auction, Budding Talent Competition, and an award-winning songwriter contest, this is an event that you can't miss out on.

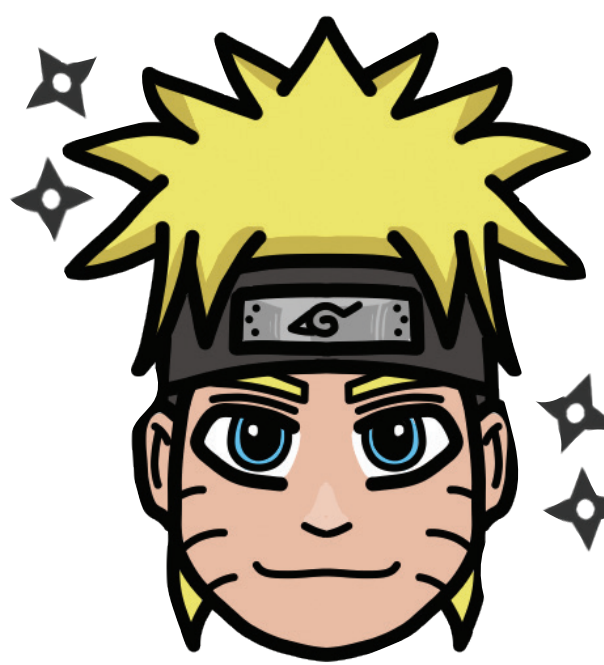
The festival is just around the corner from May 19 through May 21. More details on lineup, pricing and discounts can be found on wildflowerfestival.com.

2351 Performance Drive, Richardson, TX, 75081



Courtesy of Audacy.com

8 A-Kon at Irving Convention Center (\$\$)



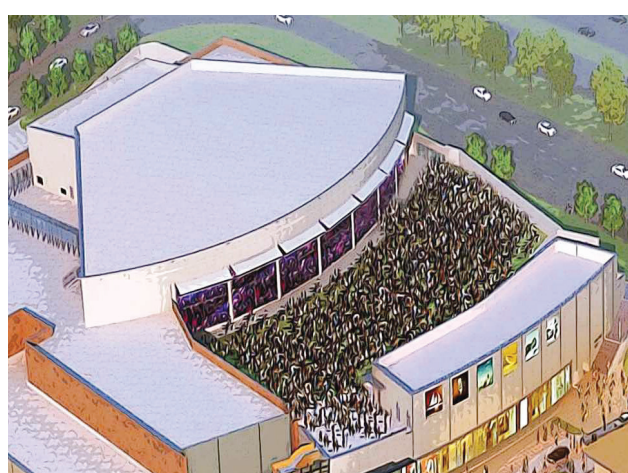
Sarah Anne Williams and more. The event is from June 2 through June 4. Details on booking and tickets will be found at a-kon.com.

500 W Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039

At sixty dollars for a one-day pass, A-Kon is the longest running anime convention in North America, hosted in both Toyota Music Factory and Irving Convention Center with cosplay competitions, art shows, martial arts demonstrations, tons of gaming rooms, console or tabletop, lots and lots of shopping from exhibitions and concerts.

For anime fanatics, it features guests such as SungWon "ProZD" Cho, Ricco Fajardo,

7 The Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory (various) (\$)

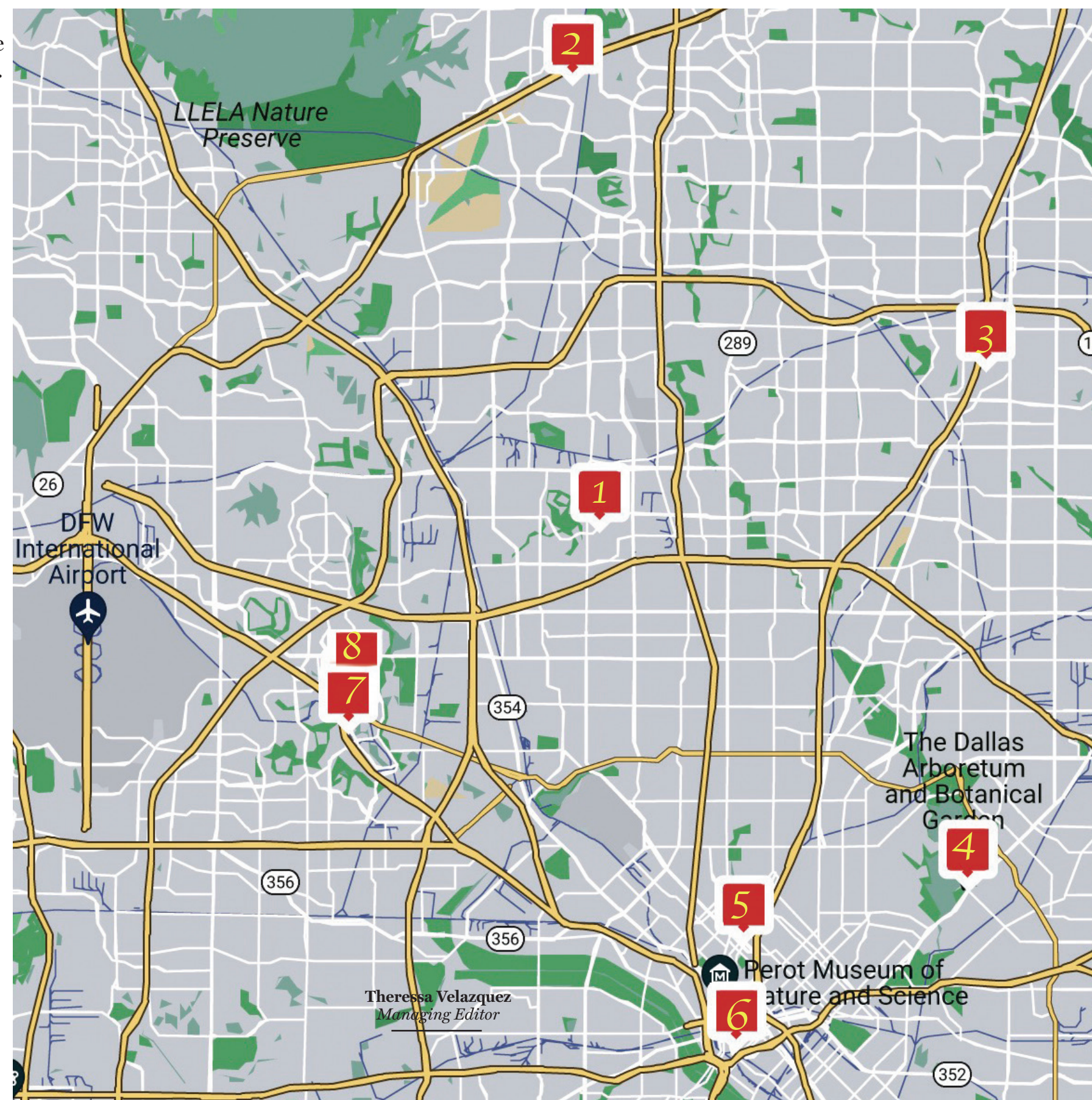


my pick for 90s fun. "I Love The 90s Tour" is July 7, with admission being as low as twenty-nine dollars. Details and tickets for this concert can be found on toyotamusicfactory.com.

300 W Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039

Opening in 2017, the Toyota Music Factory is a live music venue with The Pavilion being home to 8,000 spectators. Because it is a venue, there never is a week where there is not a concert, a live performance, or a showcase.

For those on a budget, "I Love The 90s Tour" is



6 Fan Expo Dallas at Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center (\$\$)



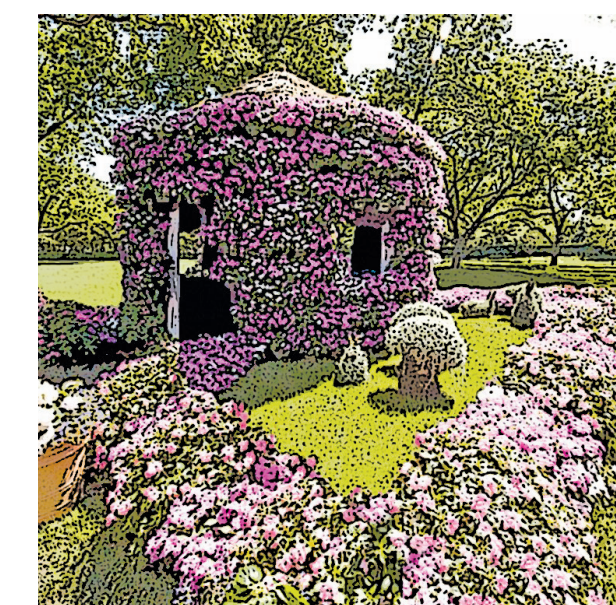
With a single day pass at twenty-eight dollars, Fan Expo Dallas, formerly known as Dallas Comic-Con, is the largest speculative fiction, or better known as the largest comic book convention in Texas.

However, it is more than just a comic book convention. The convention features guests such as Shameik Moore from Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse, Zachary Levi from SHAZAM and Charles Martinet from the Super Mario Series.

The event is similar to A-Kon with its celebrity Q&As, cosplay competitions, workshops, artist alleys and commissions, fan meetups, also lots and lots of shopping from exhibitions.

The event is located in the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center from June 9 through June 11, with more details found at fanexpohq.com. 650 S Griffin St, Dallas, TX 75202

4 The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden (\$)



Courtesy of Dallas.momcollective.com

Whether it be about Summer at the Arboretum or celebrating June's Pride month with the Pride in Bloom event on June 10, The Dallas Arboretum features bountiful gardens and is a tourist magnet for those near Dallas.

It is filled with concerts as well, and has events for those interested in Botany, with cooking lessons and special guests throughout the Arboretum landscape. It is the cheapest at sixteen bucks a day, keep an eye out on the website at dallasarboretum.org for all the events you can find.

8525 Garland Rd, Dallas, TX 75218

5 Dallas International Film Festival at Violet Crown Cinema (\$\$\$)

From April 28 to May 5, the 17 Dallas International Film Festival at Violet Crown Cinema is underway. An all-festival film pass is \$100, the festival features numerous films of every caliber on the big screen, filmmaker panels for various Q&A sessions and discussions, as well as universities and high schools hosting master classes to discuss their work and careers to the next generation of content creators.

The event also gives out awards for films who decide to participate in the competition. This event is a must-watch. Details and pricing can be found at dallasfilm.org.

3699 McKinney Ave, Dallas, TX 75204



Courtesy of West Village Dallas