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Texas voter ID law, Eye Ball party, Dallas Mavericks: Your Tuesday morning roundup

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Good morning! Here is a look at the top stories of the morning.

Texas voter ID law had discriminatory intent, federal judge says

A federal judge ruled Monday for the second time that Texas' 2011 voter identification law was filed with discriminatory intent -- another blow to the state in a six-year legal battle over the legislation.

The ruling could land Texas back on the list of states that need approval from the U.S. Justice Department before changing its election laws.

Texas' voter ID law is considered to be one of the strictest in the country. Supporters say that the law helps prevent voter fraud, and opponents say that it disenfranchises minorities and younger voters.

Editorial: After yet another ruling against Texas voter ID law, lawmakers should kill it once and for all.

Ex-Garland ISD official pleads guilty to work visa scheme

A top former Garland ISD official has pleaded guilty to taking part in a scheme to use federal work visas to recruit foreign teachers that GISD did not necessarily need.

Victor Leos, who was the school district's human resources director, admitted in March that he received kickbacks, travel and other benefits while using H-1B visas to attract bilingual teachers from other countries.

Snapchat threat: A Highland Village student was taken into custody after posting a threatening photo on Snapchat.

Assault investigation: A 14-year-old is accused of severely burning a 10-year-old relative by pouring hot water on the boy, and Fort Worth police say another teenager may have recorded the incident.



Dallas Cowboys Tony Romo cheers for the Dallas Mavericks in a game against the Houston Rockets during the first half of game 4 of the first round of the NBA playoffs at American Airlines Center in Dallas on Sunday, April 26, 2015. (Vernon Bryant/The Dallas Morning News)

Tony Romo's basketball moment

Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo will become an honorary Dallas Maverick on Tuesday night as the team squares off against the Denver Nuggets.

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett and several of Romo's former teammates are expected at the American Airlines Center to watch his one-day basketball career.

One of those teammates, practice squad tight end Rico Gathers, posted a video to Instagram of the two playing basketball together in the Prestonwood Baptist Church League as a sneak preview of Tuesday night.

Rick Carlisle: Mark Cuban ran the Tony Romo cameo idea by Jerry Jones.
Former Maverick Caron Butler: Tony Romo could've 'easily' been a pro basketball player.

Meanwhile: Dwight Powell hasn't had the kind of season he hoped for after signing \$37M deal, but he's grown in one sense.



Nina Eldridge explains that she puts items in a rotting window frame to try to keep critters out at a Harding Street home she rents from the Topletz family. Birds frequently nest in the walls. (Louis DeLuca / The Dallas Morning News)

Litigation proceeds against Dallas slum landlord

Legal proceedings against Dallas landlord Dennis Topletz are moving forward after the Fifth District Court of Appeals upheld a restraining order and injunction against him.

Dallas city attorneys started litigation in 2015 to take control of 190 Topletz properties in order to end what they considered to be the city's worst slumlord operation.



(Ron Heflin/Special Contributor)

Photo of the morning

A model poses in a floral wall at the downtown Dallas 'Eye Ball' party on Saturday.

The Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead)-themed party served as a closing event of sorts for the **Dallas Art Fair**.

Arts and culture highlights

A journey: How Che Malambo went from Argentine obscurity to international glory.

A love story: A caregiver struggles to find herself in the gentle romance 'Let It Be Me' from Theatre Britain.

An award: UTD lands a major arts award, courtesy of 105-year-old philanthropist Margaret McDermott.

A return: The Jefferson Davis statue returns to University of Texas.

A shared spotlight: Art and music demanded equal attention for a few hours during **Dallas Art Fair**.



Ashly, an accelerant detection dog with Dallas Fire-Rescue's Arson squad yawns as she and her owner/handler Section Chief Debra Mullins drive to the DPD impound lot for training in November 2003. (Dallas Morning News/File)

Finally,

Remembering Ashly: The Dallas Fire-Rescue accelerant detection dog that helped start the department's canine detection program, died Monday at age 15.

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