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Civil Rights Icon Links McCain to 60's Segregationist



By Sean Yoes
Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspapers

Civil Rights legend Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., said today that recent rowdy McCain-Palin rallies in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio and

Minnesota spark ugly memories of an America that routinely advocated and practiced violence and murder against Black Americans.

"What I am seeing reminds me too much of another destructive period in American history,"

Lewis said in a statement. "Sen. McCain and Gov. Palin are sowing the seeds of hatred and division, and there is no need for this hostility in our political discourse."

Lewis comments came on the heels of last week's

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Early Voting For Bond Election Begins Monday

From staff reports

For the first time in 28 years, Dallas County voters will have an opportunity to approve a \$747 million bond program for Parkland to help fund a new 862-bed adult inpatient hospital (including a Level 1 Trauma Center

and Burn Center), outpatient center, office buildings and parking. The new hospital will replace the existing 54-year-old facility, which is outdated, cramped and inefficient. Parkland currently operates at full capacity – with no flexibility for meeting greater demand.

The existing hospital is 54% undersized for its current volume, and patient rooms are too small, halls too narrow, and the cumbersome layout creates inefficiencies in providing care. Renovating isn't a solution because the hospital has been renovated and

expanded numerous times to its maximum potential. Also, renovating would require a 40% loss of beds and would be more costly than building a new hospital. Patient rooms are not up to current standards in size, privacy and accommodations. Finally, a big-

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COVER STORY

Back at it again

Street Renaming supporters at the City Planning Commission meeting at City Hall.

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Texas job market continues to gain steam

From staff reports

According to the Texas Monthly Review via the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, the Texas economy continues to gain jobs while the nation's economy is losing them. Texas' non-farm employ-

ment rose 2.3 percent from August 2007 to August 2008 compared with a decrease of 0.3 percent for the United States. The stat's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 4.3 percent in August 2007 to 5 percent in August 2008. Over the same period, the

U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 4.7 percent to 6.1 percent.

The annual employment growth rate for the Dallas-Plano-Irving metro area from August 2007 to August 2008 was 2.1 percent; the area ranked 11th in

job creation. The annual employment growth rate for the Fort Worth-Arlington metro area fell from 3 percent in October 2007 to 1.7 percent in August 2008.

The area ranked 15th in job creation. The state's actual unemployment rate in August 2008 was 5.1.

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BREAST CANCER

Black Women Less Likely to Get It, More Likely to Die from It

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Millions of women are sporting pink ribbon pins in support of a month when organizations like the Susan G. Komen Foundation fundraise and galvanize people around the quest for a cure for breast cancer. They are right to raise awareness – more than 184,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States in 2008, and more than 40,000 will die from breast cancer.

While African-American women are less likely than White people around the quest for a cure for breast cancer.

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Cassandra Gaines

Cassandra Gaines is the founder of The National Soul Food-Cook Off, headquartered in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Launched in February, 2008, The National Soul Food Cook-Off is a local, regional and national competition to showcase the best soul food chefs in communities nationwide and provide a unique family, cultural and entertainment venue. The Cook-Off features good food, fun and an educational component regarding the history of soul food cooking and cooking tips from

top chefs.

A renaissance woman with tremendous energy, Cassandra Gaines is a recognized and celebrated tourism executive in the state of Oklahoma. She also holds the positions of Muskogee Civic Center Director; Muskogee Multi-Cultural Tourism Coordinator; and Manager of The Roxy Theater, a historic and beloved Muskogee landmark.

A high-spirited and innovative thinker, Cassandra's vision for The National Soul Food

Cook-Off is to create an event that celebrates the rich African American cultural heritage of soul food and the universal tradition of bringing people together to enjoy good food. The Cook-Off has already generated tremendous interest and excitement, and is quickly becoming an institution. Cities welcoming the landmark event this year include Little Rock, Arkansas; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Oklahoma City; Jackson, Mississippi; and Beaumont Texas. In each city, the event has featured some of the finest local chefs, until now

unheralded, and a sell-out crowd of families and community members young and old.

Cassandra is well known for the Oklahoma Historical Black Town Tour sponsored by the City of Muskogee, and speaking to groups throughout the United States on Heritage Tourism. She continues to study African American History and promote African American Tourism in the region and nationally. She is also known for developing and presenting outstanding cultural and educational events. Through her unique ability to build



relationships, Cassandra's fee waiver negotiations with attending celebrities has resulted in 0,000 in scholarships for over 50 deserving students to attend colleges in

Northeastern Oklahoma.

Among her numerous honors and distinctions, Cassandra has been named one of the top 50 Women of the Year in the State of Oklahoma; honored by the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission; received the International African American Culinary Arts Institute Award; appointed State Chairperson for the Thurgood Marshall Foundation; inducted into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame for her cultural contributions, and has been cited for her significant contributions to Oklahoma tourism by the Governor.

Dr. Fran Harris

Energetic. Authentic. Funny. Smart. Caring. Those are just some of the recent adjectives used to describe Dr. Fran Harris. Few understand how to inspire, teach and transform people in a way that honors where they are yet challenges them to move in the direction of their wildest dreams. A recent seminar attendee had this to say about Dr. Fran: "She's just real. Powerful

but so real. I sat there wishing I could hang out with her -- that's the kind of effect Fran has on people. I watched her be completely present with every person she spoke with, and that's rare."

Fran knew at an early age that her calling was to touch the lives of millions of people through her spiritually-centered ministry that focuses on empowerment, entrepre-

neurship and service. She's traveled to over 30 countries, played professional basketball in Italy and Switzerland, and has endured her own share of highlights and lowlights including being on NCAA (University of Texas at Austin) and WNBA Championship (Houston Comets) teams to losing her mother at age 16 -- experiences for which she is profoundly grateful. These experiences and others give Fran a powerful and



unique perspective on human potential.

Dr. Fran has consulted and trained solo entrepreneurs, emerging businesses and Fortune 100 companies. Her experience as an elite athlete and former Procter & Gamble sales executive give her unique insights into teamwork, peak performance and human potential. In 2007, combined sales for the companies she consulted with exceeded a trillion dollars. She's called on to help billion dollar companies become better teams. She's called

on to help Fortune 10 corporations develop more effective systems. She's called on to coach executives from mid-management to the highest ranking officer in the company. From sales to developing high performing leaders, Dr. Fran delivers.

Dr. Fran currently hosts and produces "Women Who Mean Business" a high-octane business show that features some of the country's most electrifying and successful female entrepreneurs.

Dr. Barbara Money

Collin College announced the appointment of Dr. Barbara Money as the vice president of Student Development. Dr. Money has served the college for 22 years, where she began as director of Career Services and Cooperative Work Experience in 1986. In 2000, she was promoted to dean of students, and in 2006 she earned a second promotion to associate vice president of Student Development.

According to Dr. J. Robert Collins, who chairs the Collin College Board of Trustees, "Dr. Money is a proven leader with deep roots at the college. She has the utmost respect from col-

leagues, employees and students. I congratulate her and look forward to her accomplishments leading our student development organization."

Among her many community and industry affiliations, Dr. Money currently serves as a member of the Association for Student Judicial Affairs and the National Association of Student Personnel. Dr. Money was selected to participate in the National Institute for Leadership Development, and she is a graduate of Leadership Plano Class 21.

"I am confident that Dr. Money will continue to provide outstanding leader-



ship in her new role as district vice president of student development," said college president Cary Israel. "Her depth of experience and enthusiasm for success will ensure that we meet our strategic goals."

Dr. Money earned a Ph.D. in higher education

leadership from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She also holds a Master of Arts degree in educational administration from the University of Arizona and a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma.

Collin County Community College District (Collin College) serves about 45,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin College is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north - Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

The Change America Really Needs

By James W. Breedlove
NNPA

As the 2008 presidential campaign heads into its final weeks the "change" message has become more pronounced fueled by the additional impetus of the worsening economic crisis.

The International Monetary Fund warned that the financial meltdown not only impacted the United States but also the global financial system was on the brink of a collapse that could rival the great 1930's depression.

There is a common denominator associated with the continuing panic driven reactive style of management that is exhibited at all levels of government (local, state, and federal) and corporate governance; the lack of accountability, and oversight.

Because the ineptitude and malfeasance are so similar in both government and corporate operations we can use the United States Congress as an example to illustrate the adverse consequences of absentee oversight and accountability.

The legislative branch (Congress) of the government currently bills the American taxpayers about \$4.4 billion dollars annually for their services as elected representatives of the people. What are the people getting in return for allowing Congress to feed from the federal trough? Not much since it is obvious that the best interests of the American people are not a top priority of Congress.

Most people don't realize that an important function of Congress is to hold hearings and conduct investigations concerning the proper use of taxpayer

dollars. This congressional oversight is perhaps the single most important feature of the "checks-and-balances" envisaged by the nation's Founders to ensure the accountability of the federal government and its many agencies. Oversight of federal agencies, if conducted properly, can lead to effective and efficient operations with less corruption, fraud, and greed.

Without proper oversight there is an open invitation for a culture of self appeasement for those in power. Congress could not reasonably or responsibly exercise their express powers to appropriate funds, enact laws, raise and support armies, provide for a Navy, declare war, and impeach and remove from office executive and civil officers without knowing how programs were being administered, by whom, at what cost, and whether officials were obeying the law and complying with congressional intent.

There are some 189 potential vehicles for congressional oversight when all congressional committees and subcommittees with jurisdiction over federal agencies are considered. Everyday, there are horror stories being told to congressional caseworkers of government and corporate actions that are detrimental to the people. Money is being wasted, fraud is being committed and programs are no longer serving their intended purpose.

However, in the past eight years there seems to have been a reversal in Congress's attitude from over sighting everything to no oversight.

For instance, federal regulators at the Office of

Thrift Supervision knew last March that corporate oversight of AIG Financial Products lacked the critical element of independence. Simultaneously, Pricewaterhouse warned that internal overseers were being denied access to the inner workings of AIG's involvement in highly problematic leveraged financial products and could not accurately estimate the company's liability exposure. Yet no proactive steps were taken to preempt AIG's meltdown.

While the full ramifications of the AIG oversight failures may not be completely quantifiable today, it and the many others that are making headlines will be when future generations become bankrupt trying to pay for the continuing accumulation of overwhelming debt caused by the deliberate lack of oversight by our politicians.

It is not just the current financial crisis that exhibits the dearth of oversight. Congressional leaders have refused to investigate who exposed covert CIA agent Valerie Plame, whose identity was leaked. They have held virtually no public hearings on the hundreds of misleading claims made by administration officials about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and ties to al Qaeda. The disappearance of \$12 billion dollars when power was transferred to the Iraqi Interim Government by the American led Coalition Provisional Authority in June 2004 did not raise a congressional eyebrow.

Congress is wrong to think that its current hands-off approach pro-

protects American interests and image. In fact, this attitude has backfired causing long term harm that is estimated will cost trillions of dollars of taxpayer money. Lack of accountability and oversight has contributed to a series of phenomenal misjudgments that have damaged America, imperiled our international standing, and placed our nation at the brink of financial disaster.

Asking tough questions is never easy, especially if one party controls both Congress and the White House. While partisan oversight distracts and diminishes government and corporate operations the absence of oversight invites corruption, fraud, and rampant greed. Evenhanded oversight is and should be a priority obligation not a discretionary function to embellish a job description. The American people are not getting the oversight they are paying for.

The current financial crisis is a wake-up call for Washington, local and state government, and corporate boardrooms. The American people no longer want government or corporate leaders that are unaccountable and lax. They want laws and regulations they can understand, bureaucrats they can trust, and a Congress that takes its oversight responsibility seriously.

To obtain real change the American people must be willing to stand up and hold their elected officials and corporate overseers accountable for not only their actions but also their inactions.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: jaydubub@swbell.net

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The North Dallas Gazette has recently conducted research on Wells Fargo Bank and their lending practices within the minority community. If you would like to offer any special comment regarding your interactions with Wells Fargo Bank - pro or con - please contact our Publisher, Mr. Thurman Jones at publisher@northdallasgazette.com. Please include "Wells Fargo" in the subject line of your email. You may also send any comments to P.O. Box 940226, Plano, Texas 75094-0226.

South African Housing Crisis Sparks Violent Protests

N/PA

An affordable housing crisis has sparked violent protests in the northern Johannesburg town of Marlboro where residents say private developers have

been evicting them from their homes.

Police reported that roads were barricaded with burning tires in the protest. Metro police fired rubber bullets to disperse an angry crowd.

One resident said: "I have been living in Marlboro since 1997 and I've been on a waiting list for a house since 1999. Houses are being built but we cannot occupy them."

The protests have the

support of the Anti-Privatization Forum, which observed: "While the Truth and Recon-ciliation Commission's mandate may have closed, pervasive poverty in South Africa is irreconcilable with the

extravagant wealth being earned by an elite few and with the country's Bill of Rights... The ghost of apartheid still haunts the Rainbow Nation."

Said Kate Lorimer of the Democratic Alliance, a lib-

eral opposition group to the ruling ANC, "People need to know where they are on the list, who else is on the list and exactly when they will get houses. But the department is not prepared to say."

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women to get breast cancer, we are more likely to die from it. The morbidity rate for White women is 9.4 per 100,000, compared to 15.4 per 100,000 for African-American women.

Additionally, African-American women often are diagnosed with breast cancer when they are younger, and when African-American women under 55 are diagnosed with breast cancer; it is more likely to have dead-

lier effects. Researchers are studying the reasons why African-American women are so much more vulnerable than other women are to breast cancer. But the findings make it important for African-American women to get regular mammograms and to deal with other aspects of our health.

Whenever there are health awareness weeks or months, whether they are for breast cancer, muscular dystrophy, diabetes, or

another cause, I crave attention to the broader issue of health care and health access. We can take a slice out of the health care challenge by focusing, in October, on breast cancer, but the fact is that part of African-American women's increased vulnerability to breast cancer is a result of differential access to health care and health services.

Too many African-Americans lack health insurance. Too many wear

the stress of racism in poor eating and living habits, and it shows up with obesity, high blood pressure, and the higher incidence of other diseases in our community.

It is not clear why our nation has not galvanized around the health care issue. To be sure, both presidential candidates have ideas about health insurance and health care; their plans are divergent. In my humble opinion, Hillary Rodham Clinton had one of the best health care plans we've seen in a

long time, reflective of the work she has spent on health care since she worked on it as First Lady in the Clinton Administration.

Senators Obama and McCain would be advised to review her plan and incorporate aspects of it into their own work. Somehow, every American must have access to preventive health care, and protection from bankruptcy when they are diagnosed with expensive diseases. And somehow, as we raise awareness about

breast cancer, we must also raise awareness about the ways breast cancer incidence is intertwined with the status of our health care system.

The health care disparities that riddle our system are as present in the realm of breast cancer and in other areas. Sisters must be among those sporting pink ribbons, but beyond the pink ribbons, we must all be passionate advocates for increased health care access, especially in the African-American community.



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Garland Mayor Invites Citizens to "Mayor's Evening Out"

From staff reports

Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones will host his quarterly "Mayor's Evening Out" event on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 from 5 to 7 p.m. The Mayor hosts "Evening Out" events to broaden his accessibility to

the citizens of Garland.

This month's event will be held at The Shores of Wellington Neighborhood Pavilion. The Shores of Wellington is located at Southampton Blvd. and Waterhouse Blvd.

The "Evening Out" format will be an open, come-

and-go session. It is not necessary to schedule an appointment. The Mayor will visit with citizens in the order in which they sign in upon arrival.

For more information, call 972-205-2471 or email edattomo@ci.garland.tx.us.

Delta Sigma Theta Encourages Texans to Vote Early

From staff reports

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter (NDSA) hosts a "Super Sunday" Early Voting Event in partnership with Christian Chapel CME Temple of Faith church, Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Pastor and other area North Dallas Churches.

The extravaganza will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Fretz Park Recreation Center, 6950 Belt Line Road, Dallas, Texas. Dallas County community members, friends and family will caravan to this poll location after church to vote early. Registered voters can vote at any early

voting location in the County they reside. Texas early voting for the November 4th General Election is October 20 through October 31.

"We want to make it easier for Texans to vote, and this event is simply another way to respond to the needs of our community," said Carolyn Matthews, President of NDSA.

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Eastfield College to host 2008 Scholarship Golf Classic

From staff reports

Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall will host the 13th Annual Eastfield College Scholarship Golf Classic on Monday, October 20. This year's tournament will be in memory of Dr. Mark Presley,

who passed away this summer. Dr. Presley, Eastfield's Dean of Science & PE for 17 years was a beloved colleague and ardent supporter of Eastfield's athletic programs. Partial proceeds from the tournament will benefit a scholarship in his honor.

The 2008 Classic features an AM Flight (tee time 7:30 a.m.) and PM Flight (tee time 12:30 p.m.) Florida Scramble format played with (4) person teams. Enjoy play at Buffalo Creek...one of the finest courses in the metroplex!

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Border, Outback, Randall Reed's Prestige Ford Lincoln Mercury, Dr. Pepper/Snapple and McDonald's.

For more information, contact Sharon Cook at 972-860-7629 or visit

www.eastfieldcollege.com/special/golf.html.

Eastfield College, one of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Seeks Jabberwock Scholarship Participants

From staff reports

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter (NDSA) is seeking current sophomore and junior high school female students to participate in its Jabberwock Scholarship program. Applications can be downloaded from the chapter's website: www.dstnsa.org.

Applicants should have a GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale, submit two (2) letters of recommendations, and write an essay. To obtain specific application requirements, go to the NDSA website above. All applications and required information must be post-marked by October 18, 2008 and mailed to: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., NDSA

Chapter, ATTN: Jabberwock, P.O. Box 830604, Richardson, TX 75083-0604.

NDSA has provided over \$150,000 in scholarship to support young ladies in the achievement of their higher educational goals. For more information, send an e-mail to jabberwock@dstnsa.org or call 214.452.7835.

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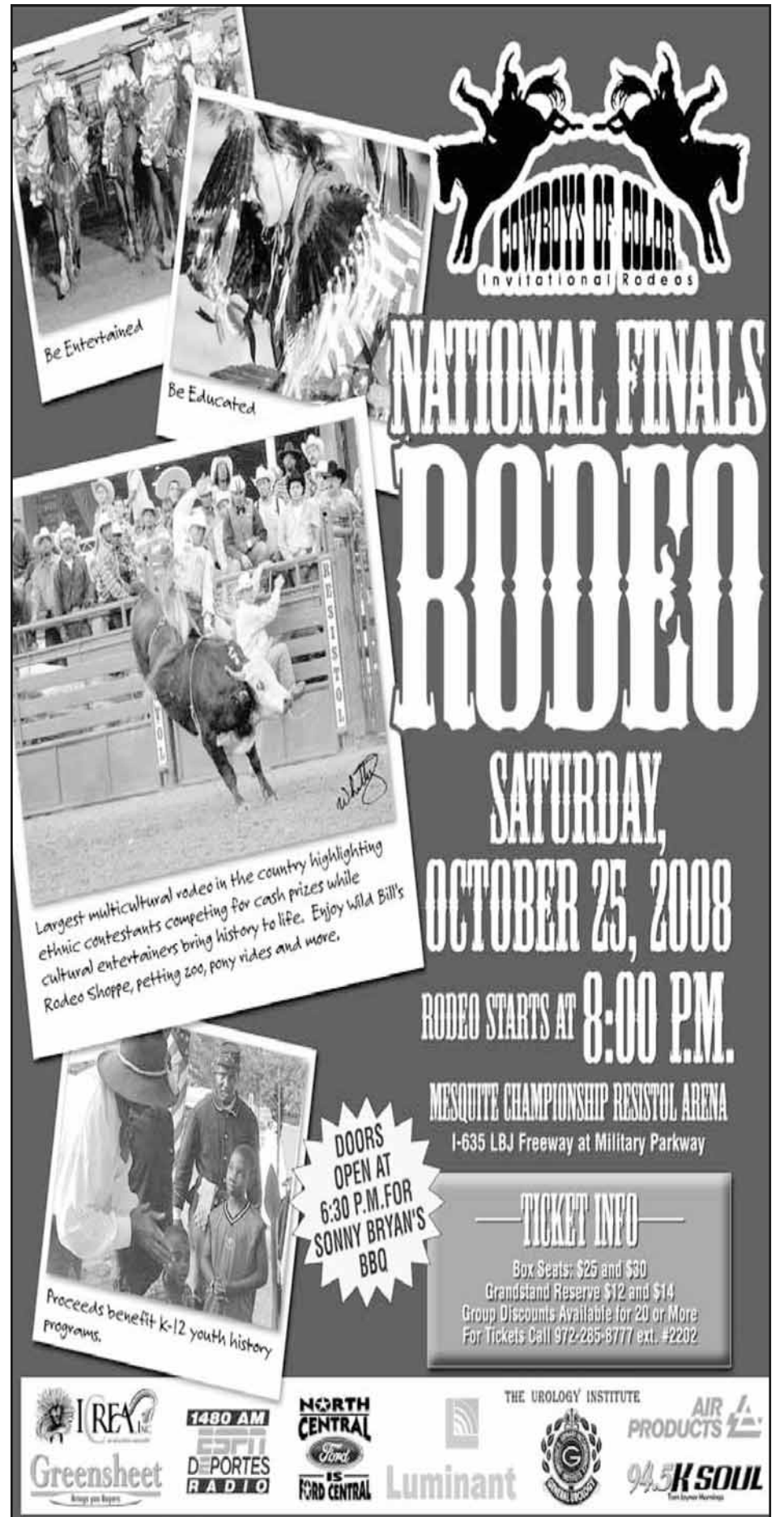
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The City of Garland will host a preparedness information booth at Firewheel Town Center on Saturday, October 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The booth will be located in the Park Plaza area of the Firewheel Town Center. Citizens who visit the booth may register to win a free Weather-Alert Radio donated by Radio Shack. Visit www.garland-oem.com or call (972) 205-2605 to request information.

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October 18

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October 18-19

The Trinity River Audubon Center will hold its grand opening, Natural Connections, on Saturday, October 18, 2008. The community is invited to join in the activities all weekend for free. Events are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Trinity River Audubon Center; 6500 S. Loop 12, Dallas,

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Dallas Activists Crenshaw and Williams Fight for Civil Rights

By **Jacquinette D. Murphy**
North Dallas Gazette

Poised to make history again, Marvin Crenshaw and Roy H. Williams are two longtime local African-American civil rights activists that recently accepted the charge to help the Cesar Chavez Task Force and other supporters successfully complete their quest to name a Dallas city street after Cesar Chavez, a Mexican-American civil rights hero.

The addition of these two history makers to the task force is ideal as Crenshaw and Williams are no strangers to the Dallas City Council horseshoe. Both are remembered as bureaucracy bulldozers in the battle for balanced political representation in the City of Dallas. In May 2008, Williams and Crenshaw celebrated the 20-year anniversary of the adoption of the fourteen single-member (14-1) Dallas City Council district representation plan which came as a result of their filing of a federal voting rights lawsuit to rid the Dallas of the disproportionate 8-3-1 city districting plan.

Also to their credit, the City of Dallas presently has at least three street names that are representative of the African-American culture located near the Fair Park area in South Dallas. Through their help, Oakland Avenue was changed to Malcolm X Boulevard, Fourth Street was changed to J. B. Jackson Jr. Street and most notably Forest Avenue was changed to Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. According to Crenshaw, these streets are time-capsule landmarks that commemorate the African American community's presence and are historical reminders for the entire city of Dallas.

Now, these two men are side-by-side again in the

battle for representation for the brown-skinned citizens of Dallas. "I do not see a difference in their plight and our plight," said Williams. "We have shared suffering from the institu-

tion of racism. We have a kindred spirit."

Williams also shared terms that were offered an easy resolution to the problem in a discussion with the City after going to the Fifth

is time for Dallas to move into the 21st century."

In an earlier meeting of the task force, Alberto Ruiz stated the basis for their pursuit of a street name. "We want to send a mes-

sage to this city that we are a part of this city. We have went from an idealistic battle to a symbolic one. It is really about respect and acknowledgment."

Crenshaw and Williams have set their support with the Hispanic community for that very reason and will see that they are equally represented in this area just as they did for the

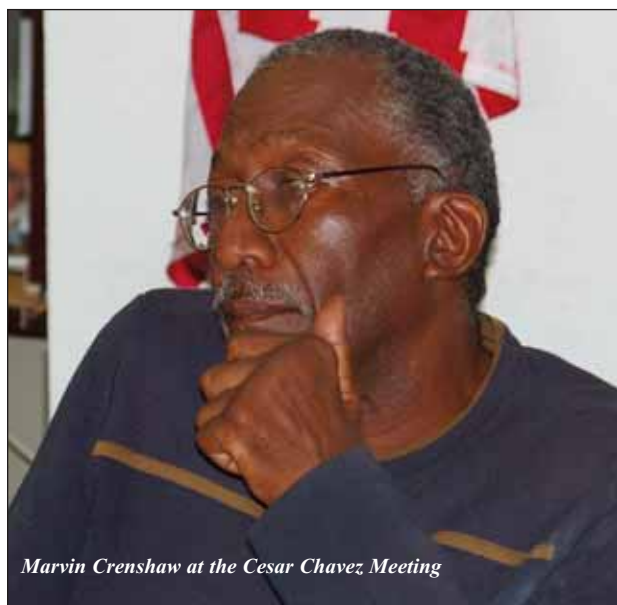
African-Americans in Dallas, Texas. Clad with black and green T-shirts with Vote Yes Cesar Chavez, Williams and Crenshaw were among the supporters of the greatest things in Dallas is its citizens. Who wants to come to a city that does not respect its citizens? We need to get together and send this back to the city council since they are the ones that got us in this in the first place."

Taking the aim against the process and the council, Williams stated, "It is amazing to me that in 2008, we can not come together on diversity simply because of change. This city has not been fair to this minority group." Other speakers included Alberto Alonzo, Rafael Conchito, and Patrick Godfrey "It is about the Hispanics having a name, just like the African Americans," said Godfrey.

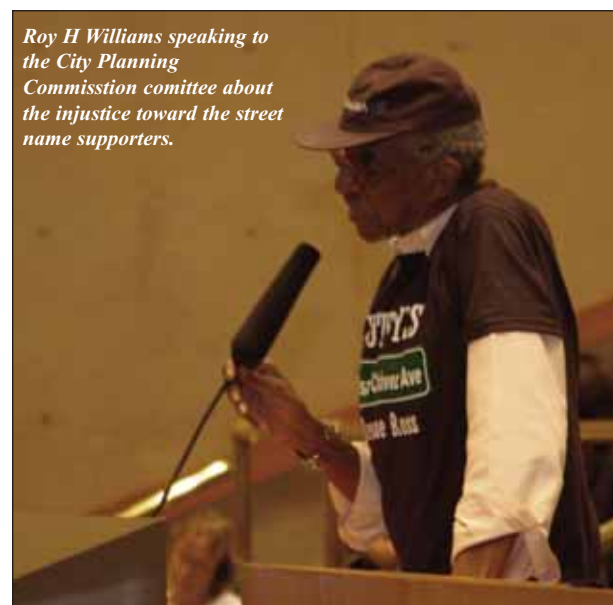
The group was met with much opposition from the advocacy group named Saveross, led by Soozy Martin of 3008 Ross Avenue. The group paraded their position statement. "Historic Ross Avenue should not be the consultation prize for misguided attempt to honor a great man," began Martin as she made reference to the change from the original street choice of Industrial Boulevard that was rejected by the council. "It already honors two great men and is a name that pleases everyone. Erasing Dallas history and naming it something else would be a dishonor to an early family that helps to build the city of Dallas." Martin stated.

Ella Ambreu, a third-generation owner of a cleaning business located at 3901 and 3825 Ross Avenue, cited the undue impact to the small business owners. We just invested \$50,000 on a lot next to our business. The financial impact should not be underestimated There are 410 business owners and the cost of advertising, business card printing and

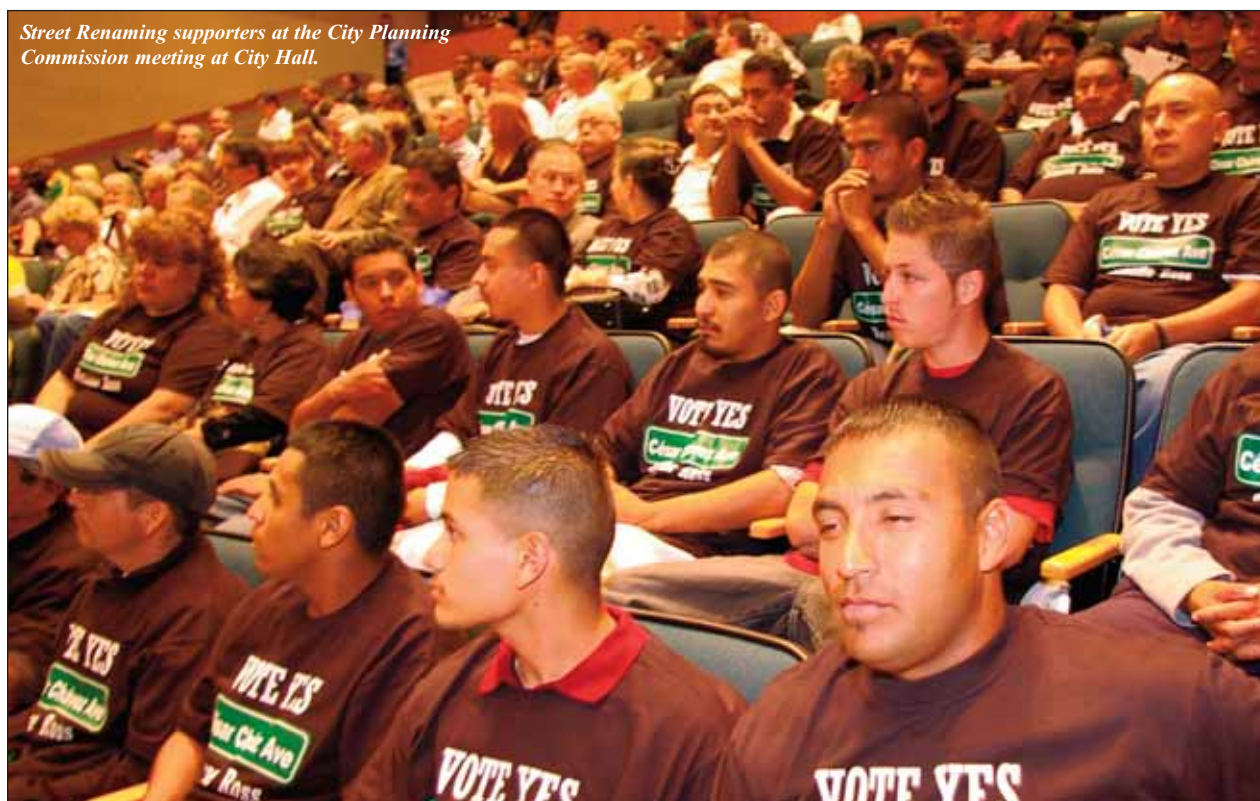
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Marvin Crenshaw at the Cesar Chavez Meeting



Roy H Williams speaking to the City Planning Commission committee about the injustice toward the street name supporters.



Street Renaming supporters at the City Planning Commission meeting at City Hall.

tion of racism. We have a kindred spirit."

Crenshaw shares the same position, "Chavez's history and struggle for justice in this country was not just for Latinos and Hispanics, and it was for all people in this country. It is our time to support them because when we filed our suit for the 14-1 districts, it was Hector Garcia that

Circuit Supreme Court." The city asked us to forget about the Hispanic community and take four Black seats. We would not do that." Today, the two are not abandoning the troops in the thick of the battle but are trying to urge the city to deal justly with all of its citizens.

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who spoke at the meeting of the City Planning Commission subcommittee to urge the city to stand up to its obligation to honor the request of the people to change Ross Avenue to Cesar Chavez.

Crenshaw stated that this is Dallas and we are a diverse city. We have to share it. America and Dallas must move on. One

Theatre 3 Presents Look What's Happened to Pixie De Costa



by Rick Elina

The instant you take your seat, in Theatre 3's basement space, Theatre Too, you wonder if maybe you haven't taken that wrong turn at Albuquerque and walked directly into a cartoon world. The vibrant colors of the set seem overly animated. You anticipate a guilty pleasure about to unfold and you allow yourself go with it. And it's a good thing you did.

Look What's Happened to Pixie De Costa, is one of those rare guilty pleasure's you'll forgive yourself for later. Think "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane" meets "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." After the final curtain, this will make total sense, but for now, let's just say it's a "Redd Herring." That was a clue, by the way.

In fact, Bruce R. Coleman writes that his influences in

shaping this piece, both as playwright and director, come primarily from film noir and the aforementioned 1962 film starring Bette Davis and Joan Crawford. Thankfully, his work is true to the genre. The result is an enjoyable play that mixes slapstick with a dose of whodunit, topped off with huge portion of melodrama thrown in for good measure. It was nice being able to enjoy this type of production without having to dodge flying popcorn.

The play is about two sisters, Pixie and Margot De Costa who at an early age seemed destined for stardom. The crude and rude Pixie was the sister unashamedly favored by their overbearing father, while the kind-hearted and genteel Margot bore the constant brunt of his rejection. As adults, the competition continued as Pixie grew to personify arrogance, in contrast with Margot who exemplified elegance. Margot ultimately prevails reaching the heights of stardom while Pixie joins the D list starlets that populate tabloid news. When a horrible and mysterious accident befalls Margot, Pixie tries to revive her career in a manner

befitting the truest of femme fatales.

Paul Taylor as the character "Redd Herring" never actually appears in the show, at least not until final curtain. Yet, Mr. Taylor bears a striking resemblance to Marjorie Keyes as Pixie. In fact, the same could be said of Evelyn Rambeaux as Pixie's sister, Margot. Just try to imagine Mr. Taylor in drag. Ms. Keyes and Ms. Rambeaux are able to deliver expressions that might otherwise be hidden away under layers of foundation, but the actresses succeed remarkably. A single pouty pose from Mr. Taylor brings down the house in a round of roaring laughter.

The sisters don't get to have all the fun, though. Each of the supporting characters could easily steal scenes if not for Mr. Coleman's fine direction. Risking the wrath of the dysfunctional divas, the supporting actors are allowed to stretch their legs and grow their characters to a larger than life presence such that the confines of the small space are at times challenged. The result is a fly on the wall view for the audience.

Phyllis Cicero is comfort-

able in the caretaker role of Miss Viddy Johnson. Chad Peterson and Ted Wold, both playing multiple roles, switch characters with the ease of a wardrobe change. The best lines are reserved for Eddie Grant (Rick

Espaillat) as a down on his luck, yet not all that desperate, screenwriter reminiscent of Joe Gillis from Sunset Blvd. And reminisce is what you'll spend a lot of time doing, during this show.

There's no doubt that the

entire cast had fun. The same can be said of the audience as well.

Look What's Happened to Pixie De Costa runs through November 2, 2008. Visit www.Theatre3Dallas.com for more details.

WingSpan Theatre Presents Ghosts

By Rick Elina
NDG Theatre Critic

The translation of any classic work from its original language to English can be risky business. So much so, it's become a cliché. Think "lost in translation." However, the translation of Henrik Ibsen's Ghosts beginning with its original Norwegian title, Gengangere, which literally translates to Revenants or "the ones who return" nothing is lost and much is gained. The term ghost implies a much broader construct and can be the embodiment of many things above and beyond the occasional bump in the night. Rest assured, the depths of Ibsen's

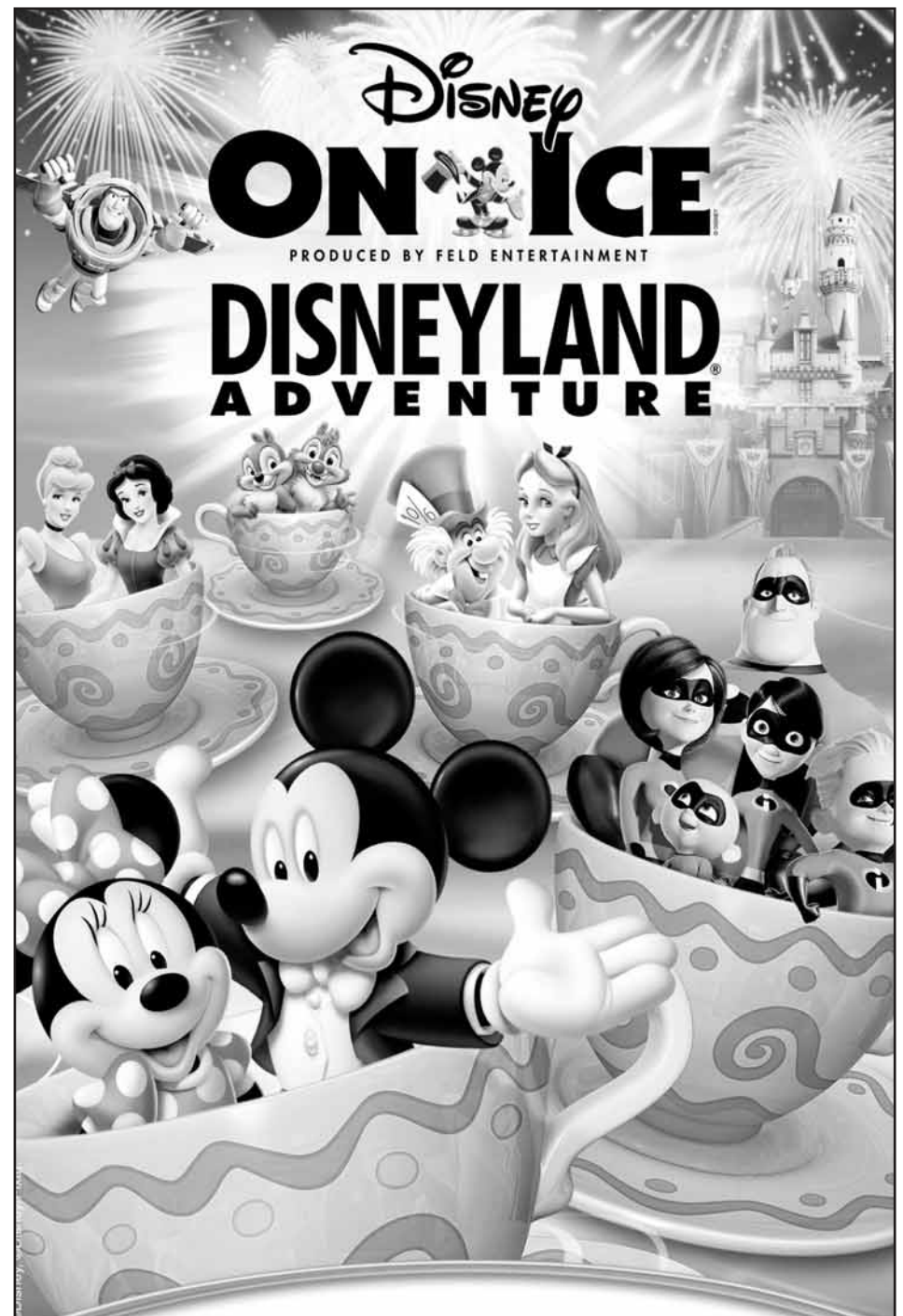
Ghosts run far deeper.

Ibsen's story is not a ghost story in the traditional sense, but many ghosts inhabit this idyllic setting. Captain Alving, the patriarchal apparition, was a pillar of the community. So much so that his widow, Helen Alving, played brilliantly by Susan Sargeant, is planning to dedicate an orphanage to his good name. As with all dearly departed who are well spoken of, so long as it's in the past tense, Captain Alving was a suspect spirit and not at all what he was purported to be. In reality the philanthropist was a philanderer. Among his many sins, Captain Alving fathered an illegitimate daughter, Regina Enstrand (Hilary Couch)

who also happens to be Mrs. Alving's maid. To make matters worse, The Alving's only son, Oswald (Mike Schraeder) has recently returned from Paris so that he may profess his love for Regina. Schraeder brings such energy to the stage, that it is little wonder the skeletons in the closet become restless and begin to rattle.

If you think things couldn't get much worse, well, you would be wrong. There is another reason for Oswald's homecoming; he has a terrible secret to share with his devoted mother. He's dying from syphilis contracted during birth, from his father. His claim for Regina is a last ditch effort to

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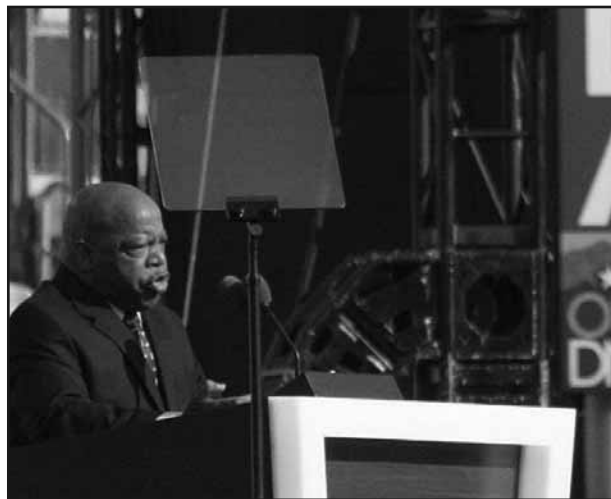
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rallies for the Arizona senator and Alaska governor that heard members of the audience shouting at different times "kill him," "off with his head," "treason" and "terrorist" -all in response to remarks about McCain's Democratic presidential rival, Barack Obama.

Now, after spending most of the week whipping their supporters into a frenzy, McCain and Palin have toned down their fiery rhetoric.

Last Saturday morning at a rally in Pennsylvania, Palin shifted her focus to the abortion issue. And in Minnesota last Friday, McCain went so far as to defend Obama.

"I have to tell you, he is a decent person," said McCain to a man at a Lakeville, Minn. rally who said he was "afraid of an Obama presidency." McCain continued, "And a person that you do not have to be scared of as president of the United States."

Nevertheless, McCain's defense of Obama was met with boos and groans from many members of the crowd.

It was a scene that Lewis is all too familiar with. He compared McCain and Palin's antics to an infamous southern segregationist from the 50's and 60's -George Wallace, the late governor of Alabama who defiantly stood at the door of the Univ. of Alabama in an unsuccessful attempt to block the

enrollment of Black students.

Wallace vowed, "segregation today...segregation forever." Still defiant and spewing hatred, Wallace later ran an unsuccessful campaign for president in 1972 that ended with him being shot in Laurel, Md., leaving him paralyzed.

"George Wallace never threw a bomb," Lewis argued. "He never fired a gun but created the climate and the conditions that encouraged vicious attacks against innocent Americans who were simply trying to exercise their constitutional rights...As public figures with the power to influence and persuade, Sen. McCain and Gov. Palin are playing with fire, and if they are not careful, that fire will consume us all."

The McCain campaign wasted little time refuting the statements of Lewis, whom McCain once called one of the "wisest" men he knew and whose advice he would seek if he were to become president.

"Congressman John Lewis' comments represent a character attack against Governor Palin and me that is shocking and beyond the pale," read the statement from McCain who called for Obama to reject Lewis' statements as well.

Obama seemed to shy away from the comparison between McCain and Wallace, but he acknowledged the escalating hostility and anger at McCain-

Palin rallies.

Said Obama in a statement, "John Lewis was right to condemn some of

the hateful rhetoric that John McCain himself personally rebuked just last night."

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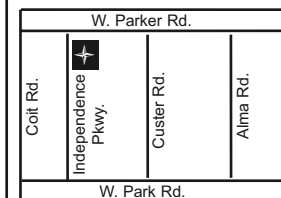
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GPS updating could take about several billion dollars because of this- historic Ross Avenue must stay Ross Avenue.” Others cited Ross Avenue as the Fifth Avenue of Dallas, Texas and noted the branding as a major point of attraction to businesses relocating to the Central Business District.

Alberto Ruiz in a press conference later stated that the decision was made before the group even arrived. “Our fate was not considered today, not one bit. Not Ross anywhere but Ross, sends them back to the other side of the river. Three miles of a street is not too much to ask for a man that has changed the lives of so many people.”

Another supporter of the Cesar Chavez Task Force efforts-Elaee Thompson, African- American and representative of the Dallas Sanitation workers stated, “I support the name change because he is not just a household name, he is

known across the country. He helped many people that were poor stand up for themselves. The Ross brothers did not do anything for the poor.”

Just seven days after the sub-committee did not pass the recommendation to rename Ross Avenue Cesar Chavez, the full committee returned to seal the issue of Ross Avenue. In turn this second meeting proved to send the supporters of the street name change back to the Trinity River Corridor committee and the City Council.

At the start of the issue, the planning committee asked all those that would like to see Industrial names Caesar Chavez to please stand. For the first time the opposing sides stood together. The motion failed 7 to 6 with committee members John Lozano supported voting against the renaming of Ross Avenue but expressed support of the renaming of Industrial Boulevard to

Cesar Chavez., Commissioners Sally Wolfish and Neil Emmons were wholeheartedly against the motion, “I am for Ross Avenue, I want it [the motion] removed from the docket.,” said Wolfish. Emmons also did not support the motion . The issue of changing Ross Avenue to Cesar Chavez is officially dead.

Now, it returns to the original tug of war between the City Council and the 10,000 web poll survey results agreeing to the renaming of Industrial Boulevard to Cesar Chavez Boulevard.

Trinity River Corridor's Park committees' decision to forgo the results of the web poll survey that was to decide the new name of Industrial Boulevard, a central thoroughfare in the City of Dallas' largest public works project over the last 20 years, the Trinity River Park Corridor.

In the previous discus-

sions regarding the renaming of Industrial Boulevard, the council decided to forgo the suggestion of the web poll majority to name the

street Cesar Chavez and the other options including Eddie Bernice Johnson Parkway, Trinity Lakes Boulevard, and Waterfront Boulevard. They chose

Riverfront Boulevard and told the task force and other supporters to locate another street to rename after their hero. The fight continues.

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CAR REVIEW

Sienna provides smooth ride

By Stu Livingston

As you might expect from a Toyota product, the Sienna has a comfortable ride, earns respectable gas mileage and has top-notch safety ratings. The Sienna includes 16-inch steel wheels, dual sliding rear doors with power-down windows, front and rear air-conditioning, a six-speaker CD stereo, a telescoping steering wheel and full power accessories. The LE model adds privacy and solar energy-absorbing glass, a roof rack, heated mirrors, a CD changer, steering-wheel-mounted audio controls, a folding front passenger seat, cruise control and upgraded instrumentation. The 2008 Toyota Sienna LE with plush seating for seven is one of the roomiest minivans available. This Toyota van has plenty of storage space – 149 cubic feet - and allows the second-row captain's chairs to be pushed together to create a bench seat. The spacious cabin is handsomely fitted with high-quality fabric or leather and faux wood and the various controls are simple to use. Ever since its last makeover four years ago, the Toyota Sienna has been a top choice in the minivan segment for consumers and automotive critics alike. A superb 3.5-liter V6 engine with 266 hp powers the Sienna and the five-speed automatic transmission is

calibrated for fuel economy. The 2008 EPA figures come in at 17 mpg city and 24 mpg highway for front-drive models. Antilock disc brakes, stability control, traction control and a full complement of airbags (including front-seat side and full-length side curtain) are standard on all Sienna's. In government crash testing, the 2008 Toyota Sienna earned four stars (out of five) for driver protection in frontal impacts and five stars for the front passenger. It also received five stars across the board for side-impact crash protection. Overall, the 2008 Toyota Sienna remains one of the best choices out there, especially if price isn't a huge concern.

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God Bless you, Sister Tarpley

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Our event will be held at the Collin County Republican Headquarters at 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney, Texas 75070. You can go on our web site at www.aarccc.com for directions; click on "Meeting Information."

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Sister Tarpley

With all of the economic woes going on today, up and down at the stock market and gas stations; political charges and counter charges on every level; not knowing who to trust with your vote and who not to trust. It's not wise to trust in your own intellect.

The complacency of people, the different lifestyles of sin that many people are involved in; and with many individuals losing their homes and jobs, its small wonder why there is stress and uneasiness among people today. What will it take for God to get your attention?

The state of our world

Christians Are Christ-Like

today reminds me of when Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt and they were at the Red Sea. The Israelite saw the sea before them and heard the chariots of the Egyptians behind them. They felt trapped; they were in panic and despair. They forgot that God had brought them to the Red Sea with miracle after miracle; God proved to Pharaoh and the Egyptians who He was. He exposed His might and power. Yet the Israelites lost faith in God, time and time again. They didn't remember that God keep His promises.

As Christians we tend to forget that like the Israelites in their journey, we panic, cry and attempt to tell God

that we know what is best for us. There are times that God's path to our freedom actually can lead us straight into and through deep waters!

When individuals try to persuade me to vote for their candidate; I say, "I am voting, since it is both a right and a privilege; but I am telling God on a daily basis to let His Will be done this election year. I tell Him that I know that His Will is the only right choice for who will be best for the United States at this time.

Does God have to prove who He is today, as He did in the days of Exodus? He has clearly said, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and turn from their wicked

ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14. We are in deep trouble in the U.S. and the world; we need God's help, and we need it now.

Elder Phillip White, my pastor, tell us that there are three sides to every story, not two as widely believed. There's your side, my side, and then there is God's side, which is the right side. Have faith in God when voting.

As you cast your vote on every level, ask God to guide your mind and hands to vote for the best individual for the job of leading the U.S. back on the level we need to be.

It seems that the greater and higher the political




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calling, the more intense the adversity and the more people get upset with another individual that don't vote the way they think they should. The time has come for us to stop talking, arguing and debating, we need to pray more and ask God to let His will be done this election year. Only God can fix everything and make it good.

God, at certain times

takes us through the depths so that we can emerge as better people. If we are Christ-like, we too will put our full trust in God and say, Father Thy Will Be done in the world today. Take joy in yielding to God and letting Him take control of your life. Remember you were saved by faith in God, not by a man or a woman, and certainly not by law or politics.



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maintain some quality of life for his remaining days. Quite literally, their union becomes a matter of life or death. When faced with losing it all, including the orphanage, will Helen provide what Oswald really needs? The ultimate escape from the sins visited upon him by his father.

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