

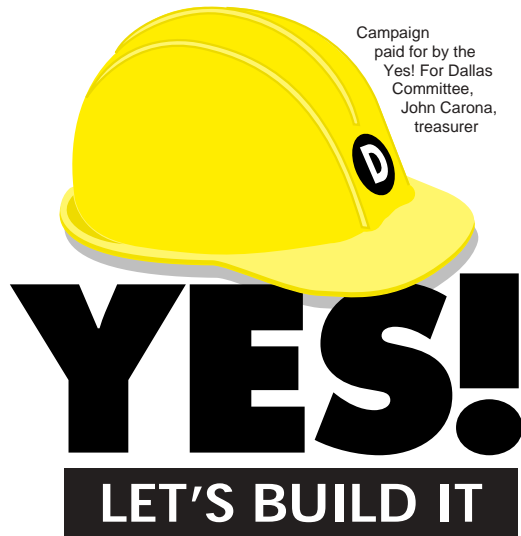
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*"If it happened in Fort Worth ...
it's news to us!"*

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www.dallasarena.com

They're at it again in Dallas.

Supporters of a proposed West End sports arena call it a robust jobs generator crucial to downtown revitalization. Critics say it's corporate welfare benefitting less the public than billionaire team owners who could and should build the thing themselves.

Hear the debate at the next Fort Worth SPJ meeting, Jan. 13, as representatives of both sides fire vitriolic shots across each other's civic bow and maybe take a few jabs at media coverage.

The Dallas Press Club and Dallas SPJ have been invited. Students are invited (they eat for half-price). They don't want to miss this. You don't, either. See next page.

SPJ
P.O. Box 3212
Fort Worth, TX 76113

Arena groups square off

Spirited discussion expected, four days before Dallas election

Come hear what all the shouting's about.

In the week when the shouting should be the loudest.

Jan. 13, just four days before Dallas voters decide whether to spend \$125 million in higher car rental and hotel-motel taxes to help build a downtown arena for the Mavericks and Stars, Fort Worth SPJ will host a panel on the subject, which promises to be lively.

"Those people who believe the teams will stay in Dallas [if voters reject the funding plan] are simply dreaming," said state Sen. John Carona, treasurer of Yes! Let's Build It.

Let 'em dream, says Sharon Boyd, treasurer of It's a Bad Deal! "The arrogance of these people is just off the charts. They have such contempt for Dallas voters," she said. "This is not about keeping the teams in Dallas. It's always been a giant real estate deal. It was just a question of which giants were going to get the deal."

Long-time Dallas radio newsman Rick Eric-

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son will represent the pro-arena forces at the meeting and Boyd the anti-arena side. Dr. Charles Davis, SMU assistant professor of communication arts, will keep everyone focused.

November's meeting at Water Street Seafood in University Park shopping center, one block south of I-30 on University Drive, was deemed a culinary and logistical success, so it's Water Street again. The board meets at 5:30 p.m., mingling (cash bar) is at 6:30, dinner at 7.

Four choices grace the menu: 8-ounce mesquite-grilled chicken breast, 4-ounce brandy mushroom trout filet, a pasta shrimp salad or shrimp-k-bob, each with a salad, rice pilaf, the ubiquitous vegetable of the day (we bet corn), fresh-baked bread and tea, soft drink or coffee. The pasta shrimp does not come with a separate salad.

Cost is \$12, gratuity included, down from \$15 in November and \$17 the time before that. Are we taking care of you, or what?



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Publicist/political consultant

Lou Brooks

this month replaces

Ann Gilliland

as executive secretary.

Welcome, Lou, and
thank you, thank you, Ann.

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Region 8 meeting

March 6-7, San Antonio

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more info next month



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UTA's Bill Stone,
Roy Hayhurst Jr.
and Emily Hoad
at the November
meeting.