

Dallas' Texas Theatre reopens

DALLAS (AP) — After three years of darkness, the screen at Texas' most infamous movie house will come alive again this week.

And the new owners of the Texas Theatre in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas hope to capitalize on the theater's defining moment, which came on a Friday afternoon in November more than 30 years ago.

Four buses still make stops at the vintage movie house, where the lobby resembles a museum showcasing the place where police tracked down Lee Harvey Oswald and arrested him for shooting President Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963.

The walls support glass cases containing newspaper headlines about Oswald's arrest, maps of his reported escape route and conspiracy-theory posters.

Several citizens were chasing Oswald down a street near the theater after the body of a Dallas police officer was found beside his police car.

Oswald was then spotted running into the theater. He was arrested a few minutes later after a dozens of officers surrounded the building.

Inside the 63-year-old theater, Oswald's name and the infamous date are painted in white block letters on the seat where he took in a matinee after the assassination.

But one owner, Ron Dubois, doesn't believe the building's history will sell many tickets.

"I don't think most people that come to the movies will even know about that," he said.

Even so, Dubois said the theater holds a special place in his heart.

His grandmother took him there when he was a boy to see "Gone With the Wind" and "The Wizard of Oz."

It was his brother who got the project going when he heard that United Artists Co. planned to tear down the movie house that opened April 21, 1931, and once was owned by Howard Hughes. The Texas Theatre Historical Society stopped showing movies at the theater in February 1992.



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Jo Dick and Marc Horn beckon and lure students to their table for Bank America in the MSC. Like other vendors around campus this week, they offer numerous free gifts for filling out applications for a credit card.

Crime: Program needs student cooperation

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number of years ago for information concerning a student that was assaulted. The majority of those funds are still intact, and there are implications we'll get access to them when CrimeStoppers begins."

Higley said fund raisers would be needed throughout the future to continue the campus program.

The Student Senate called for the start of a campus program in December 1993 to run under the guidance of Brazos Valley CrimeStoppers.

Through the program, students will be able to call CrimeStoppers and give information about a crime without revealing their identities.

If an arrest is made, students could receive a reward ranging from \$25 to \$1,000, depending on the nature of the crime, the quality of the information and the risk to the individual.

Brooke Leslie, student body president, said stu-

dents want the opportunity to anonymously provide information about crimes.

"Many people aren't so concerned with rewards as having an anonymous way to report crimes," Leslie said. "No one wants to be labeled a snitch."

Leslie said the program will deal mainly with misdemeanor crimes, although any crime could be reported.

"Bike thefts and backpack thefts are the biggest problems," Leslie said. "Our jurisdiction will be misdemeanors, but the campus CrimeStoppers will be designed to address bigger problems as well."

Higley said that although the campus program will welcome any calls, felonies will be forwarded to the county program.

"Standard procedure will probably be to refer some crimes, such as rape, to the Brazos Valley CrimeStoppers," Higley said. "They're probably more equipped to handle them than we'll be."

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