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Democratic Debate Held In Austin

AUSTIN – Barack Obama of Illinois and Hillary Clinton of New York met at the University of Texas to debate in a nationally televised forum on Feb. 21.

The two United States senators, vying to be the Democratic Party's presidential nominee, answered questions posed by Jorge Ramos, a reporter for Univision, the Spanish-language television network, and CNN reporter John King.

Among many topics were:

* universal health care
* economy/trade/jobs
* immigration policy
* federal taxation
* Iraq strategy
* care for wounded veterans
* care for military families

Clinton suggested her experience should make her the clear choice for Democratic voters. Obama asked for voters' help in his effort to change the nation's capital from a place "where good ideas go to die" and work with him to help America "live up to its promise" of liberty and justice for all.

Forty-thousand people applied to attend the debate in the UT recreation center, but admittance was limited to 1,000. Pro-Hillary and Pro-Barack crowds gathered outside the building and engaged in loud but peaceful volleys of chants.

Thousands more attended political rallies and debate watches were held at Sholz Garten, the Austin Music Hall and the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

To cap the debate, an Obama rally the following evening in downtown Austin drew a crowd estimated at 30,000. The city of Austin closed off streets near the rally to vehicular traffic.

Meanwhile, Republican candidates U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, and U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Clute scheduled appearances in various cities in advance of the Texas GOP primary.

Party primaries are set for March 4, and early voting ends Feb. 29.

SMU chosen as Bush library site

The future site of the George W. Bush Presidential Library will be Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The SMU board of trustees announced Feb. 22 it had reached an agreement with the George W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

SMU is first lady Laura Bush's alma mater. Yale University, President Bush's alma mater, was in the running among eight potential sites.

A "Presidential Center," to be built on SMU's main campus, will consist of the presidential library containing Bush administration documents and artifacts, a museum with permanent and traveling exhibits and an independent public policy institute.

The library and museum will be operated by the National Archives and Records Administration.

Bush was elected to two consecutive terms as governor of Texas and served from 1995 until 2000, when he resigned to run for president.

City considers owning wind farm

The City of Austin's utility company, Austin Energy, is looking into renewable or "greener" energy solutions for the future.

Michael McCluskey, deputy general manager of Austin Energy, said the utility company might consider buying West Texas land on which to build its own wind farm.

Owning wind turbines instead of contracting for power would guarantee a supply of wind power into the future and give the utility more cost control, McCluskey said.

Currently, much of Austin's energy supply comes from coal-burning power plants.

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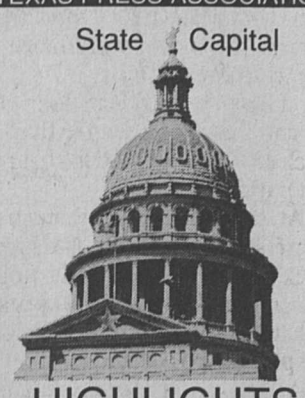


HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

'Own Your Own Future' launched

The Texas Education Agency on Feb. 22 launched a program to encourage youth to stay in school, graduate and pursue a career.

The program, "Own Your Own Future," comes through a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Education Commissioner Robert Scott said the program "provides at-risk youth with career options tied to their passions and desires, all while reiterating the need to finish high school to make these achievements a reality."

The program is accessed via www.ownyourownfuture.com, a Web site that moves the user through a series of question-and-answer sections that help the student chart a clear path to goals and objectives and participate in the decisionmaking process.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 Years Ago

February 9, 1984

Debbie and Kyle Walker of Houston are the proud parents of a son born at 5:08 p.m. January 29 at Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston. **Jeremy Glen** came into the world weighing six pounds, 13 ½ ounces, and measuring 18 ½ inches long...

The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing awarded 106 Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees at the end of the 1983 Fall Semester. **Julie Ann Epps** of Eagle Lake was among the graduates announced by **Dean Billye J. Brown**...

If you thought you saw a familiar face Tuesday night in a movie called "The Skies No Limit" on Channel 11, you did. It was **Harley Waldrop**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Waldrop** of Eagle Lake...

Happy Birthday to **Kristie Gail Gertson**, daughter of **Daryl and Gail Gertson**, on her sixth birthday February 13...

Ann and Gardner Duncan, and guests, are in for a real treat Feb. 16. That is the date for the gourmet dinner they purchased at the Study Club Auction...

Birthday wishes are extended to **Wendy Herman** February 13 on her 16th birthday...

Congrats to **Andy Munoz, Larry Supak** and **Buster Biesel** who caught about 60 fish in Palacios...

Mano Graham posted a 256-218-663 for men's high game and series in Skull Creek Mixed League the week of Jan. 31. **Elfe Thomas** compiled a 224-560 for high women's game and series...

Family and friends were filled with sadness upon the death of **Roland John Harbers**, 65, when he passed away the afternoon of February 2 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Final rites were held from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home at 2 p.m. February 5 followed by interment in Lakeside Cemetery...

Larry Eggemeyer, son of **Clarence and Dorothy Eggemeyer** of Garwood, was named to the Victoria College Honor Roll for outstanding scholastic record during the 1983 fall semester.

March 3, 1960

Johnny Engstrom, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Harry Engstrom** of Garwood, received a certificate of $75 for showing the most improvement in FFA work during the past year in the Garwood FFA chapter. In the Eagle Lake FFA chapter, those receiving outstanding medals in agriculture are **Dick Richter, James Raabe, John Henry Hodde, Walter Sommer,** and **Maynard Ripper**...

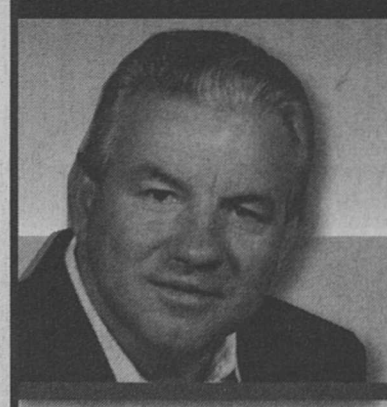
Susan Davidson was nominated by the basketball squad of Wharton Counyt Junior College for the title of "Duchess" of the college to the Texas A&M Cotton Ball...

Mrs. Arthur Behrens won an honorable mention and $10 prize in the Gladiola Baking Contest for January for her All-Bran Bread recipe...

Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Reese, Jr. announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, **Barbara** to **William Gale Rhoades**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rhoades**, all of this community. The wedding is planned for June 3...

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wiese, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Thomas and **Dr. and Mrs. R.R. Thomas** were in Houston Thursday night to see the enjoyable play, "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs."

Please Vote Democrat March 4



Ken W. Drlik
Candidate for
County Commissioner
Precinct 1

"Democrats are who built this County, our ancestors, proud, hard-working, decent people who helped and respected each other"

PERSONAL

57 yrs. old, life-long resident of Garwood, Tx.
Education: Garwood High School 1968–BBA/Accounting, St. Edward's Univ. 1972, Austin, Tx.
Charter Member Delta Sigma Pi Professional Business Fraternity
Extensive Experience: Accounting, Management, Personnel Management, Budgeting, Marketing, Finance, Taxes, Sales and Agriculture-Farming & Ranching, Member- Farm Bureau
Member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Nada, Tx.
Parents: Rudolph "Rudy" A. Drlik Sr. (Deceased), Evelyn Pavlu Drlik (Deceased)
"Life-Long Residents of Colorado County"

PROMISES TO VOTERS "COMMUNICATION IS VITAL"

A Commissioner that will treat all residents of Pct. 1 Colorado Co. respectfully and equally. Everyone is #1 to me!
A Commissioner that will be a phone call away "24 hours a day 7 days a week" - Do not hesitate to call and I will come to you!
A Commissioner who will assist the elderly in all areas and issues.
A Commissioner that will stand up and voice his Pct. 1 priorities for all residents of Pct. 1 Colorado County on the Commissioners Court in Columbus, Tx. I will NEVER stray from your wants and needs. I will NEVER just vote with the majority.
A Commissioner that will always be on the search for resolutions, grants, or any means of bringing relief to the taxpayers of Pct. 1.
A Commissioner that will always listen to your concerns, and then you and I will be able to fulfill your needs.
A Commissioner that will always have "safety" as his #1 priority on our roads for you and your family. Big trucks must respect us and our children, and they will! If not for our abundant natural resource "gravel" they would not have a job. If they do not want to cooperate, they can help us pay our taxes in the form of traffic citations!
A Commissioner that will support and promote education, schools, & libraries in Pct. 1 and all of Colorado County. Education is the answer to the future. Academics must be the top priority which will benefit all for life. Athletics should be secondary. There is too much emphasis on sports. For all the tax dollars we pay in this county, education must be accomplished.
A Commissioner that will totally support and promote our law enforcement, fire departments, county EMS departments and hospitals.
A Commissioner that will always strive to have a more equitable tax system, to help all residents of Pct. 1 and Colorado County.
A Commissioner that will always protect our ground water supply. Pct. 1 Colorado County is #1. We must protect what is ours. Water is vital to us and our livelihood!
A Commissioner that will do all he can (funds available) to replace, repair, and maintain the roads and bridges of Pct. 1. Roads and drainage that benefit the greatest population will be top priority, and so on.
A Commissioner that will communicate with all segments of Pct. 1 to learn their specific concerns and needs on a monthly basis.
A Commissioner that will do all in his power to bring more industry to the County and Pct. 1. and above all the type of industry that will pay above a minimum wage to its employees. If the companies want to locate to our County they must pay their share of taxes --just as we do!
A Commissioner whose top priority is to take care of Pct. 1 and stay within budget!!! Thus, no tax increases! This will promote harmony throughout our County.

To conclude, know whether County or personal issues, please call me, and I will do all I can within my power to help make your life easier!! Every Vote is Important!!
Please help me and I promise I will help you! Thanks, Ken W. Drlik
"Taking Action, Getting Results for All Residents of Pct. 1"
P.S. I look forward to meeting each and everyone of you!!
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Colorado County Courthouse Report

District Court Sentencings

Five individuals were sentenced in District Court on Friday, February 22. They included:

Brad Allen Henderson, theft of firearm. Sentenced to 12 months state jail.

Marcial R. Hernandez, driving while intoxicated-3rd offense. Sentenced to three years ID-TDCJ.

Clinton E. Middleton, credit card or debit card abuse. Sentenced to 10 months state jail.

Clinton E. Middleton, forgery. Sentenced to 10 months state jail.

Clinton E. Middleton, burglary of building. Sentenced to 10 months state jail.

Javier Morales, theft. Motion of withdraw and dismiss motion to adjudicate or revoke.

Jason L. Moreno, possession of a controlled substance. Probation conditions modified.

County Court Sentencings

Sixteen individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, February 20. They included:

Aurelia Garcia Flores, driving while intoxicated-second offense. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Roger W. Fry, burglary of vehicle. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Jose Ines Grimaldo, driving while intoxicated-second offense. Sentenced to 45 days in jail.

Concepcion Salazar-Pedroza, driving while intoxicated-second offense. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, 18-month driver's license suspension, interlock device.

Albert Janecka, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, fined $2,000.

Eric R. Belmonte, driving while license invalid with previous conviction. Sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Duane K. Berger, driving while intoxicated-second offense. Sentenced to one and a half year probation, fined $1,000.

Audrey Carter, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, fined $500, six months driver's license suspension, forfeit gun to Eagle Lake Police Department.

George M. Castillo, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined $350.

Michael Allen Gilbert, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, credit for two served, fined $550, dismiss JP ticket.

John Terry Smith, possession of marijuana. Fined $1,000.

Bruce Kelvin Stewart, Jr., JP appeal. Pled to Class C, fined $270.

Charles Washington Jr., count one driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined $2,000.

Wayne Urbon, theft by check. Sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, $2,241.53 restitution.

Willie Davis, possession of controlled substance. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, credit for 41 days served.

Jose Tello, driver's license ID false. Extend probation 30 days.

Two Civil Suits Filed in County

Two lawsuits were filed in Colorado County District Court in the past week.

On Feb. 19, Bart Henry filed suit against Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc., in a dispute over a manufactured home. He claims that the home that he purchased in March 2001 was defective and is asking that the retail installment contract be canceled.

On Feb. 25, Leaf Funding Inc. filed suit against Hunker Down Enterprises LLC, doing business as Hurricane Café and against Kenneth James Hodde.

The suit states that on March 1, 2006, Hunker Down executed a lease agreement for computer equipment, but has defaulted in making payments on the lease. The suit states the amount in dispute is $16,737.

Divorces Filed

Martha Reyes Casanova and Salvador Casas Casanova, Feb. 22.

Amanda Leann Stang and Jason Todd Stang, Feb. 22.

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