

Critics and Obama May Visit Lubbock, Set Rights on Texas

With Texas set to be a major force in the Democratic Presidential Primaries, Lubbock will see its piece of the action as both the Obama and Clinton campaign are considering coming down to woo Texas voters.

According to sources close to the Obama campaign, the leading presidential contender is seriously considering a visit to Lubbock in the near future.

Jodi Perez, a local campaign organizer told *El Editor* that Senator Obama likes to go to college towns and is well acquainted with the minority population in Lubbock. "Right now we can't say for sure that he is coming, but there is serious consideration of his coming here."

Meanwhile Clinton campaign officials are also say-



ing that Senator Hillary Clinton is considering extending her tour of Texas to include Lubbock although details have not been released.

The Obama campaign is said to be targeting Tech students and minority voters in Lubbock and West Texas. Although the Clinton campaign said it would not visit a firm in South Texas with the Hispanic vote, Hispanic voters in Lubbock and West Texas are up for grabs between Obama and Clinton.

In last Tuesday's "Super Tuesday Primaries" Hispanics proved just how influential their votes can be as the voting bloc was credited with providing the necessary votes for a Clinton victory in states like California and New Jersey.

Texas will not be different.

With both candidates raising rock and sock in the debate court, both will be looking for the knock out punch in what has literally become a race for the ethnic vote.

In delegate rich Texas, up for grabs are 228 delegates. And Hispanics could make up the majority of minority voters, perhaps as much as half of the state's total Democratic voters during the state's primary voting period which concludes on Primary Election Day on March 4.

On Tuesday, Clinton was campaigning in El Paso, Texas, and remaining crowds about her work on the 1972 McGovern Presidential campaign and her effort to register voters in towns along the Texas border.

On Monday, the Obama campaign launched TV spots in major Texas cities focusing on health care for uninsured Americans, Clinton's signature issue. It also candidates follow the script they used on Super Tuesday and in states like Nevada; voters may soon be hearing ads in Spanish on Spanish language radio and Hispanic based print publications with an appeal to voters in their native language.

Obama has a tough road in front of him if he is to overturn the Clinton campaign in Hispanic vote appeal. The Clinton's have a long history of voting in favor of issues championed by Hispanic organizations in South Texas like LULAC among other state organizations.

Over Obama's appeal may be strong enough to overcome Tuesday. Two separate rallies held in Austin since Obama's announcement that the round has been well attended and both have raised a considerable amount of money.

Also today, CNN and Univision announced that they would jointly sponsor a candidate's debate on February 21 at the University of Texas Recreational

Sports Center between Clinton and Obama, although Hector Neta, a spokesman for the Texas Democratic Party, was quoted in the Austin newspaper that it would be an invitation only event and that there would be no public tickets available.

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Proposed Debate Between Commissioner Candidates Canceled

In an effort to better inform Lubbock County voters on the Precinct 3 County Commissioner's race, Lubbock's two leading minority owned newspapers, *El Editor* and Lubbock's Southwest Digest recently came together to propose a debate between the two Democratic candidates for the Precinct 3 County Commissioner's seat.

An offer to sponsor the debate and subsequent invitation was extended to both incumbent County Commissioner Vivian Gomez and his opponent Gilbert Flores, inviting them to discuss the issues in a public debate setting tentatively scheduled for February 19.

While Gomez readily accepted the invitation, voters will not be able to hear directly from the candidates themselves in a debate setting since challenger Gilbert Flores declined, telling Southwest Digest co-publisher TJ Patterson that he had a "previous commitment."

In an effort to convince Flores to debate, *El Editor* Business Manager and associate editor Olga Rios Aguirre also talked to Flores. Rios reiterated that he had a previous agreement for a "debate" to be held on the same date and sponsored by another organization. When pressed for a location and to name the organization hosting the debate Flores stated that "he was not at liberty to say."

El Editor was not able to determine if any debate had been scheduled between the two Democratic candidates, but did learn from Commissioner Gomez that he has not been invited to any type of debate or forum.

Southwest Digest Publisher Patricia and *El Editor* Publisher, Bidal Aguirre, both expressed disappointment that the debate could not be held. "The position is the most likely debated local race and the constituents of the precinct should be afforded the opportunity to hear both candidates' platform and plans for the area in which they reside," said Aguirre.

El Editor and the Southwest Digest are both circulated extensively in the contested precinct.

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Dallas Group Calls for Dumbauld and Burgess Resignations

A Dallas based group, "Acción America," or Action America in English, led by Carlos Quintanilla and one which has "speeches by major artists" the immigration reform arena and has brought attention to a "cheer heroin" problem among young, has called for the resignation of City Manager Lee Ann Dumbauld and City Attorney Andrew Burgess.

The call for the resignations stem from news reports last week in which it was revealed that Lubbock Police Chief Claude Jones may have been involved in destroying an internal police memo which could be an integral piece of evidence in the taser related death of Juan Manuel Nunez which occurred in April of 2006.

Since Nunez's death, the Nunez family has been involved in a whirlwind of a lawsuit filed against the city of Lubbock and the police officer who tased Nunez, Matt Doherty.

The lawsuit claims that Doherty was responsible for Nunez's death after Doherty responded to a 911 call to the Nunez residence on Easter Sunday of 2006. The family has steadfastly maintained that Nunez

was not belligerent and violent as Doherty maintained in his police report and that he had given Doherty no reason to use him and that Doherty used excessive force by Tasering him multiple times and for an extended period of time.

The medical examiner has ruled that the death was caused by a combination of the amount of alcohol in Nunez's system and the force of the fall when he fell backward after being tased by Doherty in the doorway of his mother's home.

During a call in interview on the Tejano Times Talk Radio Show (KRFE 580AM) Quintanilla stressed that situations like these "should not be tolerated by the community" and that the community "should not remain silent" on the matter. "He also chastised the city manager and city attorney for defending the lawsuit instead of defending the rights of Lubbock citizens and residents.

The latest controversy follows local media reports in which LFD Chief Claude Jones admits to throwing away a memo, drafted after Jones had asked Internal Affairs Sergeant Tony Gribben to contact the taser manufacturer and instruct them not to talk to the media regarding the Nunez matter. TASER International, the company which supplies the Tasers used by police is known to also contract with local police department officers around the country and train some of them as instructors, although it is not clear if that is the case with the LFD.

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News Briefs

Mayor Calls on Responsibility in Dog Ownership

In response to a noticeable increase in Pit Bull attacks in our community and as a result of these vicious attacks, many citizens have contacted the City requesting that Pit Bulls be banned within the City of Lubbock Mayor David Miller said today that they do not have that option because state law prohibits us from banning specific breeds. Any changes in this law must come from the State Legislature.

However, working in conjunction with local animal service and welfare organizations, the Mayor said that he believes there that there are things the City could do to prevent these animal attacks. "First, we must promote responsible pet ownership. Owning a dog is a responsibility as well as a privilege. Animals depend on us for food, shelter, grooming, training and exercise. Responsible pet ownership also means being a good neighbor by not letting your dog roam free and having it spayed or neutered."

Secondly, Heave said that City Manager and City Attorney to use every means possible to enforce our animal ordinances within the fullest extent of the law. Lubbock is a "leash law" city, meaning animals are prohibited from running at-large. There will be a zero tolerance on this issue. Our animal ordinances are in place for a reason -- to ensure the public's safety."

The Mayor said that in the next few weeks, the City will hire a commissioned peace officer to enforce animal services field operations. "Having a law enforcement professional enforce the day-to-day operations will strengthen our animal control enforcement efforts and provide valuable legal guidance to Animal Control Officers."

I want to remind pet owners of a new state law that took effect September 1, 2007. An owner of an animal that commits serious bodily harm to another individual may face felony criminal charges. Yesterday, the Grand Jury issued Lubbock's first indictment under this new law."

Finally, the Mayor said that on state level, "I am committed to working with our legislators to strengthen laws related to animal attacks. I firmly believe that state law should go beyond misdemeanor offenses when an animal attacks and seriously injures another animal. Irresponsible pet owners should be held criminally and financially liable for these horrendous attacks."

Former District 5 City Councilman, Mayor Pro Tem, and 2006 mayoral candidate Tom Martin made it official on the first day of work for the city with the City Secretary.

This time around though, Martin says he will "mount a grass roots effort throughout Lubbock to win" the mayoral election.

2006 Martin was unsuccessful in his first run for Lubbock Mayor against current Mayor David Miller in one of the city's most contested and most expensive races on record.

Will Martin do anything differently in 2008 to ensure a different outcome?

This time around Martin told *El Editor* that "at a meeting with individuals and groups throughout the city and I like to hear what you all have heard" and says that he is reaching out to "all sections of the Lubbock community" by the City Manager and his mayor and the tenacity in which the City Attorney has defended this behavior is unacceptable and we are requesting that the United States Justice Department initiate a Civil Right investigation and or a criminal investigation to determine if City officials obstructed justice, violated the Civil Rights of Mr. Nunez and to insure and guarantee that the safety of Hispanics in Lubbock."

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Martin Makes it Official; Will Challenge Miller Again

Two years later, the Hispanic electorate may not differ and decide to vote for the candidate they voted against after two years of what many residents; Hispanic and otherwise, view as two of the worst, and in some cases two of the most embarrassing in Lubbock's city government and political history.

Martin also told *El Editor* that "we need to have an OVERALL vision of what's good for Lubbock and that he will "provide straight talk, informed answers, a history of results, and a full time commitment" to the job.

He says that he has no outside personal business interests, as opposed to Miller who is President of Spirit Ranch, a "leadership development center," which Miller still operates. Martin says that he believes that "we can work together to solve problems without the bickering and fighting seen in the last two years."

Although Miller has not officially filed, he has said he will seek reelection.

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Estacado Hosts 7th Circuit Court

Estacado High School announced today that the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals will be heard at the High School. According to school official dh prestigious event will be held in our auditorium on February 21 at 09:00 until noon, with host Brian Quinn presiding. The school invites the public to sit in with the students and see Justice in progress. Questions can be directed to Lucio Trevino at 766-1388 or 790-9957.

CNN, Univision Communications Inc. and the Texas Democratic Party in conjunction with the London B. Johnson Foundation will host a Democratic presidential primary debate on Thursday, Feb. 21. Both Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama have accepted invitations to the debate. The program will air live from the LBJ Auditorium at the University of Texas in Austin on CNN and on CNN International from 8p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (ET/7p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (CT) and will air in Spanish on the Univision Network beginning at 11:30 p.m. (ET/10:30 p.m. (CT). It will also stream live on CNN.com and will later be available on demand on both on Univision.com and CNN.com. It will also re-air on CNN and CNN en Español.

The debate will include questions from both CNN and Univision journalists and will be moderated by a CNN anchor. This debate is part of both CNN's and Univision's ongoing and innovative coverage of the 2008 presidential campaign. This follows two historic, first-ever televised presidential forums focused on the issues central to Hispanic voters and broadcast in Spanish on Univision, reaching millions of viewers across the country. It is the ninth presidential primary debate sponsored by CNN this cycle. CNN's debates in 2007 and 2008 have been among the most-watched in cable news history.

As the second most populous state in the nation, is ideally suited as the location for a CNN/Univision partnering. According to the Pew Hispanic Center, nearly 25 percent of Texas' eligible voters, who will go to the polls on Tuesday, March 4, are Hispanic.

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Noriega Visits Lubbock on Campaign Tour of West Texas

Early Friday evening when most people are thinking about the upcoming weekend, a concerned Lubbock Democrat showed up to meet Rick Noriega, candidate for U.S. Senate.

Noriega had been up early traveling throughout the Panhandle, yet he articulated his message with confidence. He took questions regarding worker's issues, women's rights, Oregon's issues and health care. Billy Martinez, a union leader said that he appeared informed and ready to implement a plan. "Even as he took a great deal of time to speak to the university students about their student loans, he delivered a positive message. I am confident all those attending left knowing he should be the next U.S. Senator."

On the economic stimulus issue, Noriega told *El Editor* that he was pleased that he supported the Senate's economic stimulus bill "which would extend unemployment benefits by an additional 13 weeks and which would make working-class families, 20 million seniors, and 250,000 disabled veterans eligible to receive a rebate from the government."

Editorial

Another Ugly Chapter in LPD History

It seems that another ugly chapter in Lubbock's police force history is unfolding once again before our eyes. Sadly, it does not surprise us.

We refer of course to the recent revelations that some potential evidence may have been destroyed or tampered with in an effort to keep the chief involved in the Juan Manuel Nunez III homicide.

If media reports are correct, and we have no reason to doubt that they are not, we find it inexplicable and incomprehensible that a chief of police of this city would engage in what court depositions detail that he engaged in.

Here we have a city official who is charged under oath of office to defend and protect and to serve the citizens which he has voluntarily chosen to serve. Yet when it comes to deciding whether to place his loyalty to the side of a lawsuit or to stand up to implicate the city further and to lessen the potential of monetary damages...

When faced with a choice between right and wrong; said Chief Claude Jones chose the wrong road. And his retirement will not serve to erase that fact. Whichever way you look at it and most importantly whichever way you feel about the use of Taser as law enforcement equipment, it is how Lubbock residents want their chief of police to behave; to choose money over public safety?

There have been a countless number of negative and disturbing cases involving Lubbock police officers in the past 2 years alone; they have been well documented in this newspaper and other local media. Never mind the Chippendale incident; we refer to incidents in which people have been hurt, their civil rights have been violated and in this case, where one young man of 27 years of age was unnecessarily killed by a Lubbock police officer.

And instead of coming clean and doing everything possible to make sure the incident is not repeated we have the chief making sure to cover all his bases; and using at least one of his high ranking LPD officers to do his dirty work for him.

It was in response to the recent death of Juan Manuel Nunez in 2006, other LPD officers have been involved in several high profile incidents such as driving a police cruiser while intoxicated; another taser incident involving another Lubbock resident, Officer "Béni" Martinez, in which one of the officers involved is heard telling an emergency room nurse "If you can maybe inflame some pain that would be great" after Martinez required some medical attention...

This was transported to UMC. Martinez also sued the city, but he dropped the lawsuit before going to trial.

Then, in 2006, Lubbock resident L. J. McCallan is yanked from his vehicle and immediately taken by LPD officer Marshall Blackmore during a routine traffic stop. Here's the way we saw it in a story which appeared in an April 2007 edition of El Editor.

As soon as McCallan is pulled from his vehicle by the officer, Blackmore is seen going for his Taser and tasering McCallan, another example of the "taser first, ask questions later" approach. Incidentally, after seeing a need to taser McCallan, no charges were ever filed against him. It was doing something illegal that required the officer to taser him, why were there no charges ever brought against him?

We asked the question then and we ask it again today because frankly all we have gotten from this outstanding chief of police is stonewalling and silence. The McCallan case incidentally is still pending.

Turning in the Blake Littlejohn case and the case last week in which another officer, Timothy White, was charged with failure to stop and render aid after hitting another vehicle and causing a 4 car pile up; and you wind up with systemic problems; not just isolated police incidents which can be overlooked.

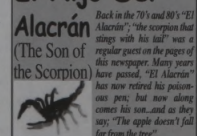
Turning in a fact that these incidents are not revealed to Lubbock residents until a media outlet either asks for the information or has to file a freedom of information request and again you have a systemic problem with elected officials not being forthcoming with public information and not abiding by the "public's right to know"

We have more on record before us saying that until we have an independent police review board made up of Lubbock residents and members of the law enforcement community to examine and oversee these matters the interests of Lubbock residents will not be satisfied.

We will continue to call for one until someone at city hall comes to their senses in these matters and we will continue to call for one until we have an independent police review board to make sure that the public's interests are protected.

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"El Qui Pica con la Cola"

Pues se nos rajo. Pues como se explica en la historia en la pagina primera, este periodico junto con el periodico de T.J. Patterson, el Southwest Digest, es un trajo que se tiene desde el tiempo del Ysidro y el Gilbert. Pues Ysidro aceptó la invitación y el Gilbert dijo que tenía otro compromiso. Pero se nos apurón dijo Gilbert que había haber otro debate el martes pasado, pero no nos quizzo decir de donde era. ¿Qui raro?

Y nos cuentan que quizas venga Obama a Lubbock los ultimos de Febrero de este año, quizas este en el Spirit Arena. Que bien. Parece que publica nacional fin esta en el mapa de la politica nacional. Mas sobre esto la proxima.

Pues parece que hanido en los rebones llevandose los periodico y hay otros que nomas no quieren que la gente lea nuestro periodico. Se ha que no aguanten la verdad. Hasta la proxima no deja que los pesque este alacrán y se les meta por debajo de las covvias.

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Unusual Political Issues are Happening in America Today. The thing that is happening is that decency is returning to politics. Millions and millions of Americans are reacting favorably to candidates who respect the "politics of personal destruction."

Activists are working for and citizens are voting for candidates who work for unity and for division. They are drawn to politicians who speak to their opponents, not try to destroy them personally.

And the refusal of Barack Obama (and others who speak in the same terms) to use "slash and burn" political tactics is the "real deal" that inspires so many millions.

Over and over again I have heard supporters of such decent politics say that the only reason they are sacrificing their time to work on campaigns is that they are inspired morally by candidates who turn their backs on personal attacks.

The reason many people right here in Lubbock are involved this year is the same as for those at the national level: they are tired of personal attacks in the press and on the radio that are based on false allegations and misrepresentations of others' statements. They hope their involvement will make sure that candidates who use such tactics will not be rewarded. This is true for me personally, and for most of the people I know who are involved locally in races from the White House to the Court House.

This year I am running all across America, and right here in Lubbock, are getting back to the spirit that Abraham Lincoln expressed in 1865, when in his second inaugural address he said: "With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the wounds... to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all mankind."

The candidates in Washington, and in Lubbock, who feel this way, are the ones who will get the people's votes in March and in November.

Where's Ybarra and Holmes - And Why Aren't They Outraged!

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (AJ) recently reported (02-08-08) that Hispanic, African-American, and low-income students in the Lubbock Independent School District (LISD) lack the same access to quality education as their peers. In other words, our kids have to deal with teachers who are not qualified, are paid lower salaries and who experience a higher turnover rate than teachers in rich schools.

So, what's LISD Superintendent Wayne Holmes' response? "No-Brain" Wayne says this disparity is not a new problem. He says that the solutions "are costly." And as stupid as that (that may sound like a cliche) it really is being said by the local media.

But where are Mario Ybarra and Verita Woods-Holmes? And why aren't they outraged? I mean, according to The Education Trust, the group who conducted the study (www.theeducationtrust.org), LISD's student population is 47% Hispanic and 15% African-American. That's a total of 62% of the total student body.

And yet, chirping crickets are louder than Mario and Verita on the subject. And what's worse, is that apparently, the Hispanic and Black community doesn't care. I mean really, have you ever seen a Hispanic or Black parent doing that LISD should be challenged? Not the parents of all of the children in LISD know that the pattern of assigning inexperienced teachers to minority and impoverished schools "undercut the chance of achieving hundreds of thousands of young Texans..." (AJ-2-08-08).

And yet, you people who are saying it as it is, saying it as our kids are getting screwed! My God, what a nice way to put it, "undercut the life chances."

Do we not care? Are Mario and Verita not going to be held accountable? At least Verita has an excuse, she has no kids in school and is a retired LISD principal. So, you know where her loyalties lie, and it's not with the students. But what about Mario? Why aren't we putting pressure on him to speak out? Or have we decided that our kids aren't worth it?

Are we disillusioned to the point that we're willing to sacrifice our own children and our children's future to a life of misery because voting "No Nonsense" out of office is so much work? Let's just offer our children up for sacrifice, not as the days of old, where a quick swif death would come down upon their heads but rather, "No Nonsense" death of spirit and mind and soul.

Confidence in our kids, to the God of Poverty, to the God of Hunger, to the God of Lack of Confidence and Self-Worth and to the God of Depression and Despair. God who has you for your entire life and the life of your children and your children's children.

It is that what we really want to do? RJB: ASAC

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Obama Merece que los Latinos le den Otra Oportunidad

Obama merece, pero muchos latinos. Obama no es un inmigrante de México o de Latinoamérica, pero en este tiempo está solo porque muchos de nuestros chicanos o latinos han nacido en los Estados Unidos y son ciudadanos americanos de segunda, tercera o cuarta generación.

Obama es hijo de una pareja de diferentes razas, de una mujer de raza blanca con un hombre de origen africano. Él conoce el profundo significado del término "la migración". Es resumen, él es un ciudadano americano que conoce los sentimientos de nuestra comunidad.

Ha trabajado organizando a grupos de latinos en Chicago. Entiende y ha enfrentado las presiones que confronta la clase trabajadora y la lucha constante entre contra las fuerzas del racismo y la exclusión.

Cuando veo a Obama y lo oigo hablando de su visión para nuestro país, me recuerda mucho yo estaba hace cuarenta y tres años, cuando con mi papá y mamá en United Fruit Workers firmé a la tienda Safeway de la calle 25 esquina Imperial, en San Diego, CA.

Tenía entonces 21 años de edad, estaba en la fuerza naval y me sentía vibrante de entusiasmo por mi participación en la lucha por los derechos de los trabajadores del campo bajo el liderazgo de César Chávez. Aunque la tienda Safeway ya no existe en ese lugar, allí recuerdo la primera de las muchas actividades políticas en las que me vi involucrado durante los años de mi militancia política y cívica.

Después de servir en la fuerza naval por cuatro años, me uní a la lucha por la justicia social para la inclusión de los latinos y chicanos en la educación, salud, desarrollo económico y por nuestra representación política en todos los niveles del gobierno. Participé en la creación de muchas organizaciones locales, estatales y nacionales de derechos organizativos representando los intereses y derechos de los estudiantes latinos y de

hijos inmigrantes.

Comparo estas experiencias con ustedes para que puedan entender las razones que me movían para apoyar automáticamente a un candidato latinoamericano. Mi pertenencia no es únicamente sea la comparación con la de otros activistas latinos y chicanos luchando por justicia social, que aparecieron en los años '60 y '70, cuando todavía continuaban con la lucha. Aunque mi propia participación comenzó más tarde, también me inspiró por los grandes líderes que se parecían a nosotros, hablaban como nosotros y vivían entre nosotros.

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Nuestra participación en innumerables manifestaciones a lo ancho de la nación, al mismo tiempo las de instituciones para educación superior, nos dio la oportunidad de estar en contacto con otros líderes que se unieron a las filas de profesionales y políticos de este país. Se obtuvieron algunas victorias, pero todavía queda mucho camino por recorrer.

Espero que sea suficiente como explicación del por qué me inspiró a apoyar una posición política acerca de cómo tratar a los latinos y chicanos de este país.

Estas veces es diferente para mí, especialmente por los realidades de mi familia y su orientación política. Ellos están mucho más allá de donde yo estaba cuando me uní a la lucha por los derechos de los latinos y chicanos. El tiempo no se ha detenido para ellos y miran hacia el futuro con los ojos abiertos, aplicando un sentido crítico de la vida que necesitan sobrevivir para ser un ciudadano libre. Varían personas en mi familia como yo mismo, de Belice y mis dos nietos, son afro-americanos y hispanos. Cada uno de mi nietos, pronto como me recuerda a ellos y a su experiencia racial en un mundo que se está volviendo más claro para todos los americanos.

Mi familia abarca, a diferencia de mi familia de origen en Texas, es multicultural y multirracial. Veo muchas y maravillosas oportunidades para ellos. La vida de un gran hombre y representante de un americano leño de compasión como Barack Obama, así como el camino para nosotros y el futuro de nuestro país y del mundo. Revisé su propia historia y la historia en general, la de él y luego le agradezco mucho por su inspiración, pero yo tengo mis propios pensamientos y sentimientos.

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restitution at all levels of government. I was involved in the founding of many local, state and national civil rights organizations representing the needs and rights of Latinos and low-income students.

I share this background with you so that you will understand where I am coming from with my personal endorsement of a political candidate.

My experience is not unique when compared with people who are Latino social justice activists who rose up in the late sixties and those who continue with the fight since then. I attribute my passion and involvement to César Chávez, his legacy and the support of his brother Robert, Latino Vietnam vets and women warriors throughout our communities who were right along with us in our struggle for justice.

We were inspired by great leaders who looked like you, spoke like us and lived like us. These were challenging times. Our friends were beaten up and locked up because we demanded our civil rights. My younger brother and I were tear-gassed when we took part in the first Chicago Moratorium March in Los Angeles, where journalist Rubén Salazar was killed by police.

I have not been in court in countless demonstrations across the nation, helping open the doors to institutions of higher education, allowed our children to attend the schools of their choice and higher education and join the professional and political ranks in this country. We made some gains. We still have a long way to go.

One thing I would like to stress here suffices to explain why I'm choosing to take this public position on the presidential candidates. This time around is different for me, especially because of my family and their political orientation. They are far beyond where I was when I was their age. They are informed, passionate and we can all agree they will continue to carry the torch. My grandfather, father and myself. Time has not stood still for them. They see the future with open eyes and they are moving forward with us to create positive change. Several in my family, including my son-in-law from Belize and grandkids are Afro-Latino and they will spread the path for us, our country and the world. Take a look at your own history and story, take a look at his, and see how far we have come in this world, Barack Obama. Si se puede. Economic development and our political rep-

TEXAS MATCH-UP LOOMS BIG FOR CLINTON AND OBAMA

By Emily C. Ruiz
 Hispanic Link News Service
 It is going to be a turn-out question in the Texas Democratic presidential primary March 4. This is the first time Texas and its Hispanic voters could be pivotal in choosing the 2008 Democratic nominee. Both candidates promise to campaign vigorously.

participation may be in question after network correspondent David Shuster referred to the Clintons "pimping out" their daughter Chelsea by having her phone celebrities and party super-delegates on her mother's behalf. There are 796 super-delegates.

"We're going to be on television, radio in Spanish and knocking on doors in Latino neighborhoods," Temo Figueroa, field manager of the Obama campaign, told Hispanic Link News Service.
 Patti Solís Doyle, interviewed Feb. 8, two days before she was re-elected of her position as Clinton's campaign manager, stressed, "We have formidable Latino support in Texas. Regardless of these friendships, we're not going to take anything for granted."

Overall, Clinton has 1,136 pledged delegates, Obama 1,108. Neither candidate is yet approaching the 2,025 delegate votes needed to win the party's nomination.
 So far 213 super-delegates have committed to Clinton and 139 to Obama, according to a survey by the Associated Press.

Solís Doyle, the only Hispanic ever to serve a major presidential candidate at that high level, was replaced by Clinton aide Maggie Williams, who is African American, following Obama's victories in Nebraska, Louisiana and Washington state Feb. 9.

With three weeks remaining before the Texas primary, both camps emphasize that voters will have greater opportunities to assess the candidates and digest their messages.
 "Obama will spend more because he is raising three dollars per every dollar that Hillary is raising, and he has momentum," said Camarillo.

On Super Tuesday, Obama won 11 states, while Clinton carried eight. With very strong Latino support, Clinton won the popular vote in the big ones: California, New York, New Jersey, Arizona and New Mexico.

Both sides listed several issues they saw as of concern to the Hispanic community, including the uncertain economy, Iraq war, job security, healthcare, education and, on many voters' minds, the anti-immigrant backlash that is hurting Hispanics.
 Political analyst Andy Hernández of Austin told Hispanic Link, "There is no question Latinos have been one of the strongest groups against the war, even before the war became unpopular. But in South Texas, the fence is a huge issue. Everyone is against it because it's really bad for businesses down there and bad for cultural relations."

The Texas primary is more complex. It has both a popular vote and a caucus after the polls close to determine the number of delegates each candidate will send to the Aug. 25-28 convention in Denver. U.S. Senator Robert Menéndez of New Jersey noted, "Latinos in many of those states (on Super Tuesday) were the definitive factor that tipped the election to a particular candidate. We showed we're not just a category of demographics, but a central part of American democracy."

There were 9.3 million registered Hispanic voters nationally in 2004. In 2008 the figure is 12 million. In 2004 Hispanics 7.5 million voted. The expected number in 2008 is 10 million, Camarillo said.

Southwest Voter Registration Education Project vice president Lydia Camarillo, stressed, "It is truly competitive so the Latino electorate has become very pivotal."

Hernández expects Latinos in the Texas Democratic primary will cast between 25-30% of the ballots. Camarillo projects Latinos could contribute as much as 50%.

The two candidates have accepted MSNBC's invitation to debate in Houston on Feb. 28. Clinton's

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Iminente Contienda en Texas Para Clinton y Obama

Emily C. Ruiz
 Va a ser cuestión de participación en la primaria presidencial del partido demócrata de Texas el 4 de marzo. Es la primera vez que el estado de Texas y su voto hispano pueden ser centrales a la selección del nominado demócrata del 2008. Ambos candidatos prometen hacer campañas vigorosas.

competitiva, por lo que los votantes latinos se han vuelto fundamentales".
 Los dos candidatos han aceptado la invitación a un debate de MSNBC en Houston el 28 de febrero. Hay una interrogativa acerca de la participación de Clinton después que el correspondiente del canal, David Shuster, se refiriera a que los Clinton "prostituyeran" a su hija Chelsea, al hacer que haga llamadas por teléfono a celebridades y super-delegados del partido por parte de su madre. Hay 796 super-delegados.

"Vamos a salir en la televisión, en el radio en español y vamos a tocar puertas en los barrios latinos", dijo Temo Figueroa, gerente de campaña de la campaña de Obama, a Hispanic Link News Service.
 Patti Solís Doyle, a quien entrevistamos el 8 de febrero, antes que se le aliviera de su posición como gerente de campaña de Clinton, enfatizó, "Tenemos apoyo latino formidable en Texas. A pesar de tener estas amistades, no vamos a tomar por sentado nada".

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Ganan nuevos Grammys Guerra y Sanz

Juan Luis Guerra ganó ayer el Grammy al mejor álbum tropical por su disco *La Llave de mi corazón*, el mismo que en noviembre arrojó en los Latin Grammy con cinco premios.

Asimismo, Alejandro Sanz obtuvo el gramófono dorado al mejor album pop latino por *El ten* de los momentos, mientras que Calle 13 se alzó con Residente o Visitante en la categoría del mejor álbum urbano latino.

"Me gustaría agradecer a Dios, mi salvador... y la República Dominicana", declaró en inglés Guerra al aceptar su Grammy, el segundo de su carrera al frente de su grupo 4.40.

El dominicano ya había ganado el premio en 1991 con *Bachata Rosa*.

También fue el segundo Grammy por el español Sanz, quien en 2003 ganó en el mismo rubro por *No es lo mismo* y tiene 15 premios Latin Grammy en su haber.

Por su parte, los puertorriqueños de black-guajana se impusieron en la categoría de mejor álbum de rock latino con *No hay espacio*. Y los veteranos Pepe Aguilar y Little Joe & La Familia y Los

Tigres del Norte se llevaron cada uno el tercer Grammy de su carrera.

Aguilar lo hizo en el apartado de álbum mexicano/mexicano-



estadounidense con 100% mexicano. Little Joe en el de álbum tejiño con *Before The Next Teardrop Falls* y Los Tigres en el de álbum norteño con *Detalles y Emociones*.

El Chapo ganó el Grammy al mejor álbum banda por *Te va a gustar*.

El anuncio de los ganadores en estas ocho categorías de música latina lo hizo la presentadora Giselle Fernández durante una ceremonia no televisada en la que se repartió la mayoría de los 110 premios, y que se realizó justo antes del espectáculo transmitido en vivo desde el Centro Staples de Los Angeles a través de la cadena

CBS. Los únicos ganadores que estuvieron presentes para recibir sus estatuillas fueron Guerra y dos integrantes de black-guajana, dos de quienes con sus compañeros estaban recién llegando por lo que no pudieron unirse en el podio.

"Realmente estamos muy felices de estar aquí", dijo Gustavo González, cantante del grupo. El Grammy al mejor disco de Latin Jazz fue para Funk Tango del Paquito D'Rivera Quintet.

Asimismo, el argentino Gustavo Santaolalla y el español Javier Navarrete compitieron en el rubro de mejor banda sonora para cine, televisión u otro medio visual por su musicalización de *Babel* y *El laberinto del fauno*, respectivamente; mientras que un video sobre músicos cubanos realizado por un productor australiano compitió bajo el rubro del mejor video musical de formato largo.

El astro colombiano Juanes, ganador de 12 Latin Grammy, fue el único presentador latinoamericano de la ceremonia central del Grammy, en la 50ª edición, junto a estrellas como Natalie Cole, Cyndi Lauper, Bette Midler y Bonnie Raitt.

Hispanic Museum to Feature Las Vegas Entertainers Exhibit

Long before the Cirque de Soleil shows, or magicians like Lance Burton were headliners, Latino entertainers were big names on the Strip. Now, a new exhibit set to open Thursday will feature their talent and what they brought to Las Vegas.

The pictures hanging on the walls say a lot about Latino entertainers who made their mark in Las Vegas. Now the Hispanic Museum of Nevada wants all of Las Vegas to know who they are, and what they brought to the entertainment capital of the world.

If you could hear what was happening in the pictures, the sound of Latin music would resound.

Lynette Sawyer is the executive director of the Hispanic Museum of Nevada and a proud Latina. "This exhibit is a time line from the past, to the present, and so many more that will be coming. I'm sure," she said.

She is thrilled to be partnered with the Las Vegas News Bureau to bring this exhibit to the

valley. "We have to remember all of these performers were part of the fabric of Las Vegas, starting many years ago in the 40's, 50's, and 60's."

Pictures of greats like Carlos Santana, Charro, Gloria Estafan and Rita Moreno all on stage here in Las Vegas make the exhibit. "We had Rita Moreno, the recipient of three awards, the Golden Globe, the Oscar, and the Tony. She's done it all," said Sawyer.

Brian Pazo Alvarez is the curator for exhibit, appropriately titled, "Viva Las Vegas."

"We know that Elvis Presley coined the term, and he himself was highly influenced by Latin music," said Alvarez. Music and entertainers who

helped make Las Vegas what it is today. "That's what this exhibit is



about. Celebrating Las Vegas as the entertainment capital of the world and to educate the public about the enormous and key roles that the Latinos have in this country," said Alvarez.

The exhibit opens Thursday, and will be at the lobby of the Embassy building at 330 South Valley View Boulevard through March 22.

Award-winning American Latino TV, "celebrating American Latino Pride."

The award-winning, nationally syndicated TV programs, American Latino TV (ALTV) and LatNation announced today that new episodes will debut this weekend, February 16 and 17, in over 100 cities throughout the U.S.

The groundbreaking English-language shows will debut brand new episodes, which cover a mix of cultures and dance from samba to flamenco, belly dancing to salsa, including urban street dancing.

American Latino TV, "celebrating American Latino Pride," debuts a special new episode this weekend, which celebrates the many diverse blends that make American Latino culture so unique. The show explores controversial topics such as "Are Brazilians Latino?" and "Do people

prefer the term, Hispanic or Latino?" Viewers are treated to the tunes of Latin Hip-Hop from the land of Shakespeare with the UK's own, Cultura Londres. Also, viewers get a lesson on African cultural contributions in Mexico with "The African Presence in Mexico."

LatNation, "representing a new generation," offers an inside look at the booming field of digital entertainment with Beatriz Helena Ramos, a mixed media artist who's making major moves in the world of animation. As founder and creative director of two production studios in the U.S., and her native country of Venezuela, we follow the talented Latina entrepreneur as she explains how

her endeavors led to a rewarding career and her very own animation company.

Also on LatNation, we take a look at the urban art form called "uprocking," a battle form of break dance that continues to evolve, even forty years after its conception, with an exclusive interview with the famed Dynasty Rockers crew. Also, the show explores the world of photographer Marco Patiño. Years after working for *Lowriders* Magazine, Marco took a different spin on classic Hollywood photography by incorporating an East L.A. edge.

For those Salsa fanatics, LatNation stops off in the Windy City for a dance lesson with Chi Town's renowned Latin Street Dancing Company. Last, check out the Barcelona duo who are fast becoming

a favorite in the U.S. market for their fresh, cool, electro-dance sound Band mates, Mister Furia and Professor Manso

of The Pinkettes close the show with their rocking, groovy sounds.

American Latino TV and LatNation, the award-winning, English-language Latino themed TV programs are part of LatNation, LLC, a subsidiary of LATV Networks. They are seen in over 100 cities nationwide as well as the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Go to www.AmericanLatinoTV.com, www.LatNationTV.com and www.latv.com, for links to where

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2009 NCLR ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOVED TO CHICAGO

Washington, DC – The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), announced today that Chicago will host the 2009 NCLR Annual Conference. Earlier this year, the NCLR Board of Directors voted to move the 2009 Annual Conference from Kansas City, Missouri, in response to a request from NCLR's Kansas City Affiliates, who were concerned about the actions of Kansas City's mayor in appointing a member of a vigilante group, the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, to an official position. The NCLR Board of Directors subsequently voted to move the Conference to another location. To ensure that the event remained in the Midwest, NCLR selected Chicago as the host city. The Conference will be held July 25-28 at the new McCormick Place West Building. Chicago has hosted the NCLR Annual Conference three times before, most recently in 1997. The NCLR Annual Conference is the single largest gathering of its kind in the Hispanic community, serving as the meeting ground for more than 20,000 community organization leaders, activists, and volunteers; elected and appointed officials; members of the corporate, philanthropic, and academic communities; senior citizens; college students; and youth.

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'Latin Fury' wins WBC continental super welterweight

Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. stopped Jose Celaya by technical knock-out in the eighth round Saturday night to win the World Boxing Council continental super welterweight title.

Chavez Jr. improved to 35-0-1 with 28 KOs on a card dubbed "Latin Fury" and held in El Domo de la Feria in this city, located 200 miles northwest of the capital.

Celaya, a 26-year old fighter, came into the fight with five straight wins and dropped to 31-4 with 16 knockouts.

Chavez Jr. is the oldest son of former three-time champion Julio Cesar Chavez, who was at the fight as an analyst for a local TV station.

The youngest of the Chavez dynasty, Omar, also won his fight, beating Miguel Camacho by a knockout on the first round on a preliminary bout. Fighting on the same card as his brother for the

first time, Omar Chavez got his sixth career victory.

Former world heavy-weight champion Tommy Morrison returned to the ring for the first time in nearly one year and beat Matt Weishaur by a knockout in the second round.

Morrison (48-1-1, 41 KOs) had not fought since last Feb. 22, when he beat John Castle with a knockout in the third round.

That was his first fight in 11 years since he retired in 1996 after testing positive for HIV. However, Morrison claimed he was clean and started a comeback.

Morrison then made his mixed martial arts debut on June 9, knocking out John Stover in the first round.

Also on Saturday, Mexican fighter Edgar Sosa (31-5, 16 KOs) defended his WBC 108-pound title for the fourth time by outpointing countryman Jesus Iribe (10-5-1).

Future is bright for five disappointments from 2007

So now the search begins for the next club to emerge from the weeds, and I'd like to start with five of my favorites for 2008.

The qualifications are these: You didn't have a winning season in 2007 and you didn't make the playoffs. Otherwise, it's onward and upward, which is how I think these five are headed next season. Say this about the Texans: They're predictable. They haven't reached the playoffs since joining the NFL in 2002, they haven't had a winning record and they haven't had a quarterback who could find his way to the end zone without a shepherd. But this may be when all that changes, and here's why: The Texans finished 8-8 last season, the first time they won more than seven games in one year, and they discovered what it's like to play football with an offense. Their 379 points were the most in team history, and having Matt Schaub and Sage Rosenfels at quarterback made a difference. But so did a defense anchored by three of the league's most promising young players: DeMeco Ryans, Amobi Okoye and Mario Williams.

Still, Houston needs a comeback and another pass rusher, and look for the Texans to start looking at the April draft. Still, they go nowhere if they don't produce a running game, and hiring Alex Gibbs out of retirement to oversee the offense should help. One problem the Texans can't outrun: They play in the same division with Indianapolis, Jacksonville and Tennessee, and all were in the 2007 playoffs. Houston was 1-5 against the division; 7-3 against everyone else. That's all you need to know about the AFC South. Another thing you should know about the Texans is they must do a better job of cleaning up their mistakes, and I'm talking about turnovers, not busts like David Carr. The Texans had 38 giveaways.

The second most in the league. Yet despite a .13 in the takeaway/turnover ratio they finished .500. That's the reason to believe.

Philadelphia Never count the Eagles down for two consecutive seasons. Not with Andy Reid in charge, because it doesn't happen. He missed the playoffs in 2005 for the first time in six years, then won the NFC East the following season. So he missed the playoffs again in 2007. He returns this season, and I say that because of the team's finish. Philadelphia won its last three games, two of which were on the road and one of which was against NFC powerhouse Dallas. It was Philadelphia that exposed the Cowboys, and it was the Eagles who crippled New Orleans' playoff hopes.

These guys could be good if they make the necessary changes

— helping their secondary, finding pass rushers to replace Jason Kearse and Darren Howard and uncovering a return specialist who is a threat to someone other than ... well, the Eagles. Oh, yes, and one or two playmakers to satisfy Donovan McNabb. I don't worry about McNabb. He returns because he's the team's top quarterback, and he sits down only when he's hurt — which means you can count

a healthy quarterback, and that is nothing but good. Without him last season the Panthers sank to their second consecutive losing season, one reason Fox is in a pickle.

Nevertheless, they might've gained more than they lost because they were forced to play undrafted rookie Matt Moore, and tell me he doesn't look like Delhomme's successor. A virtual unknown, Moore gained a chance only because third-stringer Brent Sanborn was hurt, but

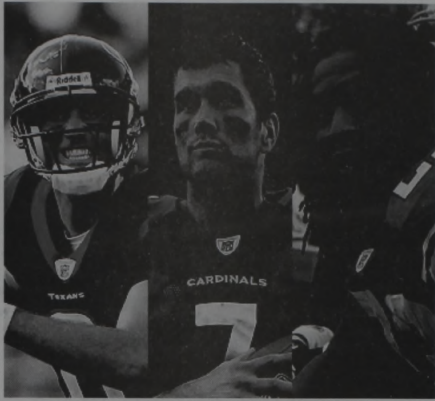
what it's going to do with running back Edgerlin James. "I know Edge ran hard," Whisenunt said. "He got some carries, but we never got quite into the flow we thought we were going to."

Trust me, that will be remedied. Whisenunt straightened out the Steelers' rushing attack when it bogged down in the Tommy Gun experiment, and he will straighten out the Cards. In the NFC West anything's possible, and Arizona has the players and the coach to push for its first playoff spot in a decade. If I'm Seattle, this is the team that worries me.

Buffalo I'll get right to the point: I know the Bills haven't been to the playoffs since 1999, but I look at what Dick Jauron did last season and you can see the drought ending. Two reasons: 1) The Bills

opponent is unbeatable, and 2) They're healthy again. No team will be injured earlier or harder than Buffalo, which had seven players on injured reserve after the third week of the season. Somehow, Jauron persevered, and he would have pulled out a winning season if he didn't blow the Denver and Dallas games — with the Cowboys' loss the most difficult to stomach.

Jauron has everyone back except Anthony Hargrove, which is good, and a new offensive coordinator in Turk Schonert, which could be even better (Memo to Buffalo fans: You can start sending Colorado State thank you cards, now). Anyway, Jauron said he expects "significant change" in an offense that produced 20 touchdowns, or three fewer than Randy Moss, and some of that will involve the use of running back Marshawn Lynch. Schonert promises to keep Lynch on the field at all times, and that's smart. The guy's a loud. What Buffalo must do next is settle this whole J.P. Losman/Trent Edwards drama, and I'm not sure it makes a difference which of them starts. What I am sure of is that Buffalo must shorten the line at the IR. If and when that happens the Bills have a chance to make it to January.



The Lubbock Warriors hold Tournament Feb 22 & 23



Kayla, Megan, Sheila

The Lubbock Warriors, Optimax Boys and Girls Club announced this week the upcoming Texas State Regional Golden Gloves Boxing Championship Tournament to be held on Friday and Saturday February 22 and 23. The event will be held at the City Bank Coliseum and tickets are available at all Select-a-Sport locations.

Among the champions to be participating will be 3 Texas Tech coaches competing for a title. They are Kayla Combs at Bantamweight who is also a Petroleum engineer major and

is currently ranked #3 nationally by the United States Amateur Boxing Association. She has a record of 34 wins 14 losses. On Feb 15-17, she will compete in the Texas State USA Boxing Championships that are being held in Irving. At the tournament here in Lubbock, she will be defending her 2007 Golden Gloves title.


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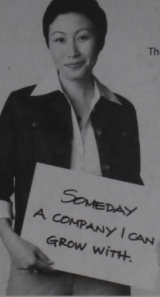


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Hispanic vote crucial in Texas' Democratic primary

It's known as President Bush's home turf, a red state, Republican ruled. That familiar image of Texas

announced Monday it's launching television ads throughout Texas focusing on health care, Clinton's signature issue. The ads will

begin on English-language stations Tuesday, and his campaign said he would begin Spanish-language advertising soon. "Texas is about to become the center of the electoral universe," said state Rep. Juan Garcia of Corpus Christi, an Obama supporter. "It's going to be a robust, historic trip through the state."

Obama, who Garcia said would visit Texas later this month, will have to fight to overcome years of groundwork laid by the Clinton family. Former President Bill Clinton is so popular in South Texas that his photograph hangs in many Mexican restaurants, an honor often reserved for favorite local politicians or a portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico's patron saint.

Hillary Clinton boasts of her own ties to Texas Democrats, dating back to her work for the ill-fated George McGovern presidential campaign in 1972. At a memorial service for the late Texas Gov. Ann Richards in 2006, Clinton drew laughs and cheers when she spoke of her

fondness for the beer and hippie music joints of Austin during the McGovern campaign: "We did have a good time ... What happens in Austin stays in Austin when it came to that campaign."

Obama may be relatively new to Texans, but he held two well-attended rallies in the past year in Austin, the state's most liberal city. He's also been lining up notable supporters in Houston and Dallas.

Television time won't be cheap in this state of 23 million people. Typically it costs \$1 million per week to wage a statewide political advertising campaign that saturates the approximately two dozen TV markets in Texas.

In the Republican race, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee came out of positive showings in weekend races and said he's staying in, even though Arizona Sen. John McCain has a solid delegate lead. Texas Gov. Rick Perry - a McCain supporter - asked Huckabee to drop out after Super Tuesday, Huckabee does well with social conservatives who tend to control the state GOP and who are unhappy with Perry for recent legislative and political maneuvers they deemed out of step with their values.

Both Democratic candidates' campaign staffers have been arriving in Texas the past few days and are setting up operations in major Texas cities.

Up-and-coming Latino state Rep. Rafael Anchia of Dallas and state Reps. Norma Chavez of El Paso, Don Olivo of Rosenberg and Garcia all support Obama as does much of the black establishment, including former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and U.S. Rep. Al Green of Houston. U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, a black long-time congresswoman from Houston, backs Clinton.

Affection for her husband and Clinton's success with Latino voters in California, New York and the Southwest give her an advantage, but Obama has time to catch up, said Lydia Camarillo, vice president of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project in San Antonio.

"The Hispanic vote is very traditional. It is Hillary's right now. But he's made some gains," Camarillo said, referring to Obama's showing in earlier primaries and caucuses.

Some Latino voters could be swayed by Obama's support by the Kennedy family, said political science professor Jerry Polinard at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg. But those endorsements have not helped him significantly in other states with large Latino populations, including California, where first lady Maria Shriver is a Kennedy, or the Kennedy home state of Massachusetts, won by Clinton.

"He's going to have difficulty cracking her stronghold on the Latino vote," Polinard said. "She is well connected."

Clinton has support from U.S. Reps. Silvestre Reyes, Henry Cuellar, Ruben Hinojosa and Solomon Ortiz and former San Antonio Mayor or Henry Cisneros - a former Clinton Cabinet member - and prominent Houston politician Carol Alvarado.

Both also have prominent black and white endorsements. "Barack Obama is black, but his support is universal," said

state Rep. Garnet Coleman, a black Houston legislator who backs Obama. He says he wants to dispel the stereotype that black and Hispanic voters are divided and won't gravitate to the same candidate. "Everyone's virtues are going to be tested in terms of can they support people not exactly like themselves."

Clinton organizer Gary Maust, a former Texas land commissioner, said either candidate can do well with black and Hispanic

country for hundreds of years. Twelve percent of the state's population is black.

"Unlike other states - most states - our Hispanic community has been engaged in the Democratic Party for quite some time," Mauro said.

The GOP has held all statewide offices in Texas since 1998 and Democrats have been struggling to rebuild with help from the Latino vote. In Dallas County last year, thanks in large part to the growing Latino electorate, Democrats swept all 42 county judicial races and six other countywide offices. And the state's largest city, Houston, is mostly Democratic.

Twenty percent, or 2.6 million, of registered voters in Texas, have Hispanic surnames, according to the latest figures available from the Secretary of State's Office. Texans don't reveal race or ethnicity when registering to vote.

Education, health care and the economy are likely to be leading issues for Hispanic voters in the primary. Immigration is certainly a concern, particularly in South Texas, where binational traffic is common and where opposition to a border fence is vehement.

Clinton and Obama don't have many differences when it comes to immigration. Both voted for the 2006 bill that proposed a conditional path to citizenship for immigrants; both supported the border fence.

The two have bickered over granting drivers' licenses to undocumented immigrants. Obama has said he favors it. Clinton hesitated at first but now says she doesn't.

Those issues are likely to emerge when the candidates debate in Texas, as they have said they will, before the March primary.



is turning a shade of blue with its March 4 Democratic presidential primary and the legions of new, urban and minority voters choosing between Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.

Hispanic support is crucial for Democrats in Texas, where 228 delegates are up in the caucus and Latinos could comprise up to half of Democratic votes on primary day.

The Clinton and Obama campaigns are beginning to hit Texas hard. Clinton will campaign in El Paso on Tuesday and San Antonio, Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley on Wednesday to shore up her Hispanic support. Her campaign also planned to begin television ads in Texas in Spanish and English. Obama's campaign an-



Texans voters if they pay attention to the culture of the groups. He noted that the late Houston congressman Mickey Leland, who was black and grew up in a black and Hispanic neighborhood, enjoyed Latino support.

Kirk pulled in support from business people and the black and Hispanic communities to be elected mayor of Dallas in 1995. He later drew Hispanic support to defeat fellow Democrat Victor Morales in a 2002 runoff for his party's U.S. Senate nomination.

Latinos comprise 36 percent of Texas' population. By far, most are Mexican-American, some whose families have been in the

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