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Change in debate site will cost Republicans

HOUSTON (AP) — Organizers of tonight's Republican presidential debate said the production will cost them about \$70,000 more than a similar program staged earlier this year for Democrats because of a change in sites.
"I'm raising the money so I know," Kevin Burnette, president of Southern Political Consultants, said Tuesday as crews for William F. Buckley Jr.'s "Firing Line" program were setting up the stage at the new George R. Brown Convention Center.
The show's special segment will be the first debate among the six 1988 Republican presidential contenders.
The Democratic presidential candidates had a similar debate on Buckley's show, which was also broadcast from Houston on July 1. Today's debate will be aired live from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. CST.
Candidates scheduled to appear are Vice President George Bush, Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, Rep. Jack Kemp of New York, former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, former TV evangelist Pat Robertson and former Delaware Gov. Pierre S. "Pete" Du Pont.
Burnette said the Democrats' two-hour appearance on public television this summer cost \$230,000 to air from the Wortham Center, a nearby performing arts complex that celebrated its opening earlier in the year.
He put the price tag for today's affair at \$300,000, with additional costs blamed on television production necessities for the Brown Center auditorium.
"Wortham is very, very nice," he said. "Wortham is an incredible facility."
"They (production crews) love it. The lights are in place. The cameras plugs are in place. It's there and ready to roll."
"Here it's exactly the opposite. It's not built for TV."
The "Firing Line" program is the first television production staged inside the Brown Center auditorium, which seats about 4,000 people. The Wortham Center was not available for the Republicans because of another event.
Burnette said despite production problems, ticket demand has been heavy. About 400 requests for press credentials also have been made, up slightly from the July affair.
No spectator tickets have been sold, although 1,400 have been di-

Man rapes girl as witnesses ignore pleas, mother claims

DALLAS (AP) — A woman whose 11-year-old daughter was abducted and raped in a city park said she was astounded that several bystanders ignored the girl's frantic pleas for help.
"They heard her and they saw her, but they didn't do a thing to help," the victim's mother said. "They didn't do a thing about it. I don't understand how people could stand and let a thing like that happen."
The girl told police she was riding her bicycle on her way to visit a cousin about 3 p.m. Sunday when a man who appeared to be in his early 20s began jogging alongside her and ordered her to stop.
The girl tried to get away from him, but he grabbed her from behind and yanked her off the bicycle, police said.
At least four people were within earshot but refused to help her as the man took her behind the Juanita Craft Recreation Center, where the attack occurred, the victim's mother said Monday.
Police investigator Devon Davis said police were unable to locate any of the witnesses, although the girl gave descriptions of several.
"It sounds like several people at least acknowledged her but didn't make any move to help," he said.
The man grabbed the girl around the neck and forced her to push her bike along as they walked across a footbridge and through a vacant softball field. The girl told police she shouted for several people near the field to help her, but they did nothing.
She said that as she and the man rounded a tennis court next to the recreation center, she again cried out and caught the attention of a man practicing tennis shots, but the player did not respond.
"All he did was look at her, and then he went back to playing tennis," the mother said. "I wish I knew who that man was, because I would like to ask him how he could do that."
The man dragged the girl behind the hedge, where he choked her and threatened to strangle her if she called out again. After raping her, he took her bicycle and pedaled away, police reports said. The bicycle has not been recovered, but police are searching for it whereabouts to try and recover more leads to the man's whereabouts.
Davis said, "There were signs of an attack out there where she said it occurred."
The mother said she was so shaken by the daylight attack in a south Dallas neighborhood park that she will not allow her children to play unaccompanied again.
"She doesn't go outside unless she goes with me," the mother said. "I have two other kids, and it's the same way with them now, too."

Agriculturists claim amendments offer boosts for economy

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans can help create 30,000 new jobs and about \$1 billion in new sales over the next four years by voting to allow state assistance for agricultural businesses, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said Tuesday.
"We can do all of this by investing in the genius of our own people," Hightower told a news conference, where he was joined by agricultural business people and representatives of the Texas Municipal League and Independent Bankers Association of Texas.
"This is not money to be spent trying to lure General Motors or Toyota to come build a factory for us in the state of Texas," he said. "It is investing in Texans themselves at a grassroots level."
Hightower announced a Grow Texas Committee with more than 150 members — including lawmakers, business and union officials, farmers and ranchers — who support Amendments 4 and 6 on the Nov. 3 election ballot. The amendments are part of an eight-amendment Build Texas package that agriculturists are praising.
Amendment 4 gives the state the authority to make loans and grants directly to private enterprises. Amendment 6 provides the money to be used.
Money that would be set aside for agricultural businesses includes \$45 million in general obligation bonds and \$500 million in revenue bonds, Hightower said.
The amendments are needed to create a pool of capital and encourage banks to loan money to small agricultural enterprises that they may not have experience with, Hightower said.
"You're not talking about financing another empty building in Dallas or Houston or Austin," he said. "You're talking about putting relatively small amounts of money in the form of repayable capital into enterprises that will return mighty big gains for our state's economy."
Hagan McMahon of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas said the amendments would be "the first step in diversifying this Texas economy that has been capital-deficient."
"This is a tremendous incentive for community banks to support the farm and agricultural movement," he said.
Charles Whitfield, the head of Brazos Food Company in College Station, said his company would benefit from passage of the amendments.
Hightower said a special board would review all the loans to ensure that they are sound.

Dallas artist files claim of bankruptcy

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Dallas sculptor whose art foundry was used for the restoration of the Goddess of Liberty statue atop the Capitol has filed for protection from creditors under general bankruptcy laws.
Barvo Walker, 55, an international artist known for his bronze sculptures, said he filed for Chapter 11 reorganization because his American Art Foundry could not repay a loan in excess of \$46,000 when it was called by the troubled First National Bank of Rhode.
"Basically, I had a choice of filing bankruptcy or walking away from the foundry and putting seven people out of a job," Walker said. "It was a way of establishing the bank."
"If we can work something out, I'll take the foundry out of bankruptcy," he said.
In his petition, filed Oct. 20, U.S. bankruptcy court Judge Worth, Walker said he had done all with his other problems, but expects to have to pay more than \$30,000 in income tax this year.
Walker said that the filing includes only the converted foundry claim that houses the foundry and does not affect Barvo Creative, the company under which he has sculpted.

Federal judge delays trial for fraud against Moody because of illness

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge postponed the federal fraud trial of Galveston insurance heir Shearn Moody Jr. after the defendant was hospitalized with high blood pressure and heart problems.
Moody was taken to the hospital Friday after complaining of chest pains, dizziness and shortness of breath, said Dr. Amin Karim, U.S. District Judge Ross Sterling postponed the trial until at least next week, and Karim is to provide an update on Moody's prognosis Thursday.
The trial previously was delayed for two weeks because Sterling was ill.
Mae Nacol, one of his attorneys, said, "Shearn is very, very ill. It is life-threatening."
Karim said Moody underwent a coronary arteriogram Monday — a major diagnostic procedure used to determine if the arteries are clogged — after preliminary tests indicated his blood pressure was dangerously high.
Prosecutors, however, suggested Moody may have brought the symptoms on himself by not taking his medication.
Karim responded, "I don't think he is pretending. He's in a life-threatening situation until we know what's going on."
Moody is standing trial on counts of mail and wire fraud for allegedly cheating the Moody Foundation out of nearly \$15 million, what prosecutors claim was a scheme to pay lawyers in his bankruptcy case.
Moody was ousted as president of the foundation earlier this year. A federal indictment of Moody had abused his position on the board to funnel grants and donations that otherwise would have received them.

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