

Group unveils anti-abortion ad

Members criticize Democratic presidential ticket's wavering positions

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AUSTIN — A local anti-abortion group Monday criticized the Democratic presidential ticket and unveiled its first-ever television advertisement campaign entitled "Abortion stops a beating heart."

Lisa Salcedo, vice president of Greater Austin Right to Life, said the ads "will heighten awareness of the dignity of the unborn child."

The commercials do not mention political candidates, but the group is a chapter of National Right to Life, which endorsed President Bush.

And Salcedo, at a news conference, accused Arkansas Gov. Bill

Clinton, and his running mate Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee, of misrepresenting their records on abortion, and changing positions on the issue before different groups.

Clinton told one group that he supported some abortion limits, while saying to a pro-choice group that he supported no limits, Salcedo said. She also said that when Gore was a member of the U.S. House he voted 27 times for anti-abortion legislation.

Craig Sutherland, a spokesman for the Clinton-Gore campaign in Texas, denied the accusations, saying that the Democratic nominees support the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling by the U.S. Supreme

Court, which legalized abortion.

"Bill Clinton and Al Gore are anti-abortion, but they are pro-choice," Sutherland said. "They believe that you can lower the number of abortions by doing things to end teen pregnancies, without having to send women to butchers in alleys."

Salcedo praised Bush as having "consistently defended the most defenseless members of our society — unborn children."

Bush, who supported a woman's right to an abortion earlier in his political career, now opposes abortion except in cases of rape, incest or if the life of the mother is in danger.

Salcedo described Bush's

change in position as one that was a "change of heart years ago, not for political expediency."

The anti-abortion group's ads will run through Nov. 2 on local cable channels and through Oct. 30 on a local network affiliate.

Last week, the Texas Abortion Rights Action League unveiled a statewide ad telling voters that Texas Supreme Court candidates Oscar Mauzy and Rose Spector have a history of supporting abortion rights.

TARAL says that if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns abortion rights then the state courts will have to determine whether an 1890's anti-abortion law on the books in Texas is binding.

Council hears reports of Texas-Oklahoma annual rally violence

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DALLAS — A City Council committee Monday began hearing reports on public safety concerns, including violence during the annual Texas-Oklahoma rally downtown that prompted calls for overhauling the event.

The West End Association, a group of downtown business leaders, has joined crime victims and public officials who criticized the event after this year's shooting death of a Carrollton youth.

Dallas police were scheduled to give a mid-afternoon briefing on Texas-OU weekend to the council's public safety committee.

"The perception is — the reality is — that you go down, get wasted and walk around Commerce Street," council member Glenn Box, who chairs the committee, said Saturday.

He had urged making the rally "a special event, not just a walk-around beer bash."

A spokeswoman in Box's office said the briefing would come by about 2 p.m. during

the committee meeting, an agenda for which also included an executive session if necessary to take action on the information.

The West End group proposed Saturday converting traditional cruise up and down Commerce Street into a series of scheduled events in defined areas.

Authorities said the 1992 rally resulted in injuries to 12 people were injured in stabbings, shootings and other assaults, along with miscellaneous signs and robberies.

Box said earlier that police statistics show most of the Texas-OU rally's crime is committed by non-university troublemakers who would be likely to crash a formalized event.

Before the annual Texas-OU game at the Cotton Bowl, football fans gather on Commerce Street in their yearly ritual. The city's alcohol consumption laws are relaxed and many fans are seen drinking beer as they run up and down Commerce.

The West End is a section of nightclubs along one end of Commerce Street.

Racial comments anger Guerrero

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AUSTIN — Democratic Railroad Commission candidate Lena Guerrero said Monday that former gubernatorial hopeful Clayton Williams, a contributor to her GOP opponent, made remarks about her that were offensive to women and Hispanics.

Her campaign called on Railroad Commission candidate Barry Williamson to return \$2,250 in campaign donations from Williams, also a Republican.

Williams said he disagreed with Williams' comments.

But Jeff Norwood, his campaign director, said Williamson didn't intend to return the donations unless Guerrero returned contributions that Williamson has questioned.

Williams, in a radio broadcast from KBST in Big Spring, said Gov. Ann Richards appointed Guerrero to the commission because of her "sex and racial background."

"She was appointed strictly because she was a Hispanic woman," Williams told the station, which broadcast the remarks Sunday.

Candidate appointed for political reasons, Clayton Williams says

He said Guerrero has "no qualifications whatsoever" in the oil, gas and trucking industries regulated by the commission, according to a tape of the broadcast, that Richards appointed her "to get the women's vote and the Hispanic vote in the next election."

Guerrero stepped down from the commission after it was revealed that she lacked the University of Texas degree she had claimed for a dozen years.

She remains a candidate for the post.

"He was saying that women, especially Hispanic women, don't belong on the Railroad Commission ... Those kinds of remarks are a slap in the face to every woman in this state. And they certainly insult the intelligence of every Hispanic in Texas," Guerrero told the Texas Association of Broadcasters convention.

Williamson said, "I disagree with the comment made by Clayton Williams ... and disassociate

myself from those remarks. The fact is, Lena Guerrero was appointed to the position because she is a liberal and because she worked for a year and a half to elect Ann Richards governor."

Guerrero, a former state lawmaker, was political director of Richards' successful 1990 campaign against Williams.

Margaret Justus, a spokeswoman for the governor, said Richards appointed Guerrero "because of her outstanding record as a state legislator."

"Barry Williamson should reject that divisive and ugly statement made by Clayton Williams and if he doesn't, he condones it, and insults the people of this state," Justus said.

Williams did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

Guerrero and Libertarian Railroad Commission candidate Richard Draheim took part in what was billed as a "political face-off" by TAB.

Williamson had a previous

commitment and couldn't attend, Norwood said.

Draheim took issue with Guerrero portraying herself as "the only candidate without a conflict of interest." That charge is aimed at Williamson, whose father-in-law and wife have oil and gas holdings.

Williamson has said his wife's holdings are in a blind trust and that he would excuse himself from any cases that might involve his family.

"I have no conflict of interest," said Draheim, who is in the land title business in Rockwall. Guerrero acknowledged that was correct.

Draheim said he got interested in the commission while in the furniture-moving business in Austin.

State regulations made it hard to get a certificate to do business and didn't allow him to charge less than a set price, he said.

"If we had this kind of group in private business ... we'd call it organized crime. But here in Texas, we call it the Railroad Commission," said Draheim, who supports deregulating oil, gas and transportation.

Wonder bread study says 'white is all right'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — For kids, the beauty of white bread has always been its squishability.

Peanut butter sandwiches could be flattened into an almost paper-thin, slightly sticky, misshapen square. Plain slices rolled nicely into balls to lob at siblings or mash into mock Communion wafers for kids who liked to play church.

Then came the natural movement, whole grain, high-fiber

bread and the notion that, somehow, white bread was bad for you.

In an attempt to dispel negative attitudes toward white bread, Continental Baking Co. of Louisville, which makes the granddaddy of sliced white, Wonder bread, paid for a study of bread and diet by the Cooper Institute for Aerobic Research in Dallas.

The conclusion: white bread won't make you gain weight.

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Seminar discusses phony resumes, false degree claims

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PASADENA — Academic and corporate ranks are getting together this week to tackle a growing problem in the working world — phony resumes.

A congressional study estimates a third of job applicants fake their resumes or at least include inaccuracies in them, and the FBI has estimated that 500,000 people nationwide claim to have college degrees they don't have.

The "Academic Records Fraud in Workplace" seminar scheduled Thursday in Pasadena will enlist business and academic minds to discuss ways to deal with the problem of falsifying resumes, organizers said.

"This is the first time this has ever been done anywhere in the United States that I know of," said Del Long, president-elect of the Southeast Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Despite the timing, organizers said the seminar had been planned many months before Lena Guerrero resigned from the Texas Railroad Commission after admitting she did not have the University of Texas degree she claimed to have had.

Guerrero resigned as chairwoman last month, but she remained in the race for the Railroad Commission.

Long said one Houston-area employer decided after reading

about the seminar to check on the situation at his company "and the very first person they checked on proved to have inaccurate information on their resume."

The rising numbers of false claims in recent years indicate that a weak economy has led more people to lie on their resumes, say those who scrutinize the documents.

"People become a little desperate and make the resume fit a particular job," said Ben Meador,

president of the Pasadena-based Meador Companies, a group of national executive-recruiting and personnel firms.

"One of the most prevalent things we see is people who allege they have graduated from a college or university with a particular degree," Meador said.

Meador cited the case of a man who for 20 years convinced his employers at major companies that he had a certain degree. He was caught only after some check-

ing by a top manager who went to the same school.

Morris Covin, head of Morris Covin and Associates, a Deer Park private investigation and security company, sees the worst-case examples.

"With very few exceptions whenever I've been called in a situation where someone's been involved in embezzlement, fraud or whatever, it's someone who shouldn't have been on the payroll to start with," Covin said.

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