

Dem. presidential hopefuls woo Texas organized labor

Harkin, Kerrey laud capabilities as Bush's successor

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic presidential hopefuls Tom Harkin and Bob Kerrey on Tuesday wooed organized labor, each trying to establish himself as the one who can beat President Bush in November and reverse the nation's economic problems.



Kerrey

The candidates blasted Bush — but also jabbed each other, and fellow candidate Bill Clinton, governor of Arkansas — as they spoke to about 600 Texas AFL-CIO delegates during the group's Committee on Political Education convention.

Clinton will speak to the delegates Wednesday via satellite

transmission. "Any one of the three can beat George Bush, and that's my goal in life at this point," said Gunn. "I'm not going to take anything away from any one of the three because I could get in love with either one of them real easy."

However, he said, Clinton's failure to appear in person at the convention was a "terrible call" by the candidate's staff.

Although the state labor organization will not endorse a presidential candidate, many of the delegates are active in the Democratic Party and become delegates to the national Democratic Party convention.

Other Democrats in the presidential race are former Massachusetts senator Paul Tsongas, and former California governor, Jerry Brown.

Harkin emphasized his labor background in both his personal and political life, and declared himself the only "real Democrat" in the race.

He called his opponents "microwave Democrats" who serve hot rhetoric, "but you peel away the layers, you look at the records, and down deep inside are the same cold Republican policies that got us here in the first place."

"I'm no microwave Democrat. I'm slow-baked through and through. A hot Democrat running for the presidency," he said.

He said Clinton's tax proposal, which was touted as giving a break to the middle class, would really give a larger tax break to people earning more than \$100,000.

He received enthusiastic cheers when noting that he is the only candidate who opposed "fast track" authority given by Congress to Bush to negotiate a free trade agreement with Mexico. Harkin said the agreement will cost Americans jobs.

On Bush, he said, "I can't wait to get in the ring with him."

Later, Kerrey told the delegates that his proposed national health insurance program is the most important issue facing the country.

Richards criticizes judges

Debate continues on redistricting plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' top elected officials Tuesday blasted federal judges who ordered a redistricting plan that gives Republicans a better chance at winning state Senate seats.



Richards

"We have a court system that is trying to run roughshod over the voters of this state," Richards told the Texas AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education convention.

"They have carved up this state like a non-union meat cutter working on a one-legged turkey," she said.

U.S. District Judges James Nowlin of Austin and Walter Smith of Waco ordered the state Senate district maps over a plan passed by the Legislature and backed by most Democrats and minority groups.

Both judges were appointed to their positions by former President Ronald Reagan, a Republican. Their order was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court for the March 10 primary.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said the way the districts are drawn could result in the election of 15 Republicans in the 31-member Senate. Currently there are 22 Democrats and 9 Republicans in the Senate.

Bullock said the Bush administration's influence was instrumental in getting that redistricting plan approved.

"I have felt the power of the presidency, as members of the Texas Senate have felt that power, more than ever before in the redistricting process that just took place," Bullock said.

"We may have a Democratic Congress ... but the bureaucracy that is under the influence and control of the presidency is beyond the control of the ordinary citizens of our state," he said.

Killer's ex-wife recalls horror

FORT WORTH (AP) — The ex-wife of a man convicted of killing his infant daughter in Fort Worth and now held as a suspect in serial slayings in California says her marriage was filled with violence.

The former Teryl Rose Suff said she was not surprised when she read last week that William Lester Suff Sr., 41, had been arrested and charged with murder in the deaths of two prostitutes and would be questioned in the deaths of 17 other female prostitutes or drug users.

For Rose, 38, it resurrected memories of two decades ago, when her marriage to Suff was marked with hatred, tragedy and murder.

"Interestingly enough, I wasn't surprised," she said. "I think he's capable of it. When we were married, he did have an explosive temper."

She agreed to a Fort Worth Star-Telegram interview about her life with Suff on the conditions that her current last name and residence not be disclosed.

The two met at a Rose Bowl game in California, she said. Less than a year later, on Dec. 19, 1969, when she was 16 and pregnant with another man's baby, they were married.

She was beaten twice by Suff during their marriage, she said, once when she threatened, in a fit of

anger, to become a prostitute.

"I told him if he hit me again, I was going to leave him. And he told me that I couldn't support myself. I said, 'Yes I could, even if I had to go out and be a prostitute.'"

"That's when I got a backhand . . . He knocked me across the kitchen."

She said another beating occurred in an argument over her hair.

"I wouldn't cut it and dye it like some ex-girlfriend of his, and he got real angry at that," she said.

"He threw me across the room. I ended up laying on the floor with his fist right in my chest."

Another time, she said, Suff became enraged with several men who had whistled at her.

"He chased them and threatened to kill them," she said. "He was a very jealous person."

When they lived in Fort Worth, she said, Suff was first stationed at Carswell Air Force Base, then saddled with odd jobs, then unemployed.

On Sept. 25, 1973, their 2-month-old daughter Dijanet died, suffering from multiple bruises and a ruptured liver caused by a death blow to her tiny stomach.

NASA prepares for first '92 flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA tucked boxes carrying billions of organisms — from single cells to slime mold — into the Discovery on Tuesday as the countdown ticked toward the year's first space shuttle flight.

The inventory for Wednesday's launch includes 72 million roundworms, 32 million mouse bone cells and 3 billion yeast cells, plus 180 oat seedlings, 96 wheat seedlings and 360 oat seeds and 120 wheat seeds to be planted by the seven astronauts in orbit.

Discovery also will carry stick insects, fruit flies, frog eggs and sperm, slime mold, lentil roots, bacteria and human blood cells.

"It is a mission in which we are going to use the microgravity environment of space to develop new understandings of materials and life sciences that will benefit all of us here on Earth," said Lennard Fisk, NASA's chief scientist.

Unseasonably cold weather was the launch team's sole concern. Low temperatures could

cause dangerous slivers of ice to form on the shuttle's external fuel tank.

Forecasters said Tuesday there was a 70 percent chance the weather would cooperate for the scheduled 8:53 a.m. liftoff.

Launch director Bob Sieck said the flight probably would be delayed if the temperature dips below 47 degrees and the wind falls beneath 6 mph for a half-hour or more after liquid oxygen and hydrogen are pumped into the external tank. An overnight low of 50

was expected; the temperature at liftoff time was predicted at 54.

NASA established strict launch criteria after Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff, killing all seven astronauts aboard. The temperature that morning — six years ago next Tuesday — was 36 degrees.

Investigators blamed the cold for the failure of an O-ring seal in a joint in one of the solid rocket boosters.

The booster joints now have heaters.

AGGIE BASKETBALL

USE YOUR ALL SPORTS PASS AT ALL HOME GAMES

Next Games

Men	Jan 22	vs.	Texas Southern	7:30
Men	Jan 25	vs.	Rice	7:30
Men	Jan 29	vs.	Houston	7:30
Women	Feb 1	vs.	Texas Tech	7:30

KTAM for the Men...1240 AM WTAW for the Women...1150 AM

HOWDY DANCE

MONDAY --- Jan. 27

South Knoll Elementary Loves Aggie Volunteers!

Debbi Alexander, Beth Ambelang, Laurie Anderson, Alison Aughinbaugh, Tracy Beall, Tamy Betts, Robin Bizzell, Steve Block, Andrea Boone, Renee Bomchill, Chris Bowers, Hollie Brooks, Leslie Brown, Amy Bubela, Lisa Burnett, Erika Kay Butler, Karen A. Byrne, Gbri Casana, Carrie Casbeer, Laura Childress, Beth Christian, Heather Collins, Shannon Cook, Jennifer Copeland, Crystal Cumba, Glenn Davis, Jennifer De Fino, Laura De Hoop, Jill Di Cuffa, Angela Dorton, Angela Drury, Lynn D'Sowza, Cherie Duncan, Lois Ellingsworth, Tracey Ellis, Carlos Flores, Brandy French, Jennifer Frey, Dana Funk, Lise Gallagher, Tim Gallaway, Patricia Garcia, Kimberly Garrett, Adriana Garza, Patrick George, Melissa Gless, Larkin Gordon, Tommy Grace, Carrie Graham, Kami E. Guier, Allyson Hammar, Anthony Hang, Christine Harris, Kimberly Hart, Shana Healer, Andrea Hickman, Kim Hollweg, Rachel Holste, Tanya Hoppstead, Holly Ford, Holly Hortenstine, Amy Houser, Mecca Howard, Brenda Howell, Deanna Howington, Dennis Isbell, Jill Jacobi, Kim Johnson, Caroline C. Jones, Laura Kacal, Tonia Kapoor, Brennan Klumb, Roger K. Koeppe, Darrel Koltzur, Suzanne Krennek, Timi R. LeCroy, Melinda Ledbetter, Renee Ledbetter, Shannon Lee, Shanna Lester, Lisa S. Lewis, Nika Lichonczak, Kristin Lindeman, Donyale Lindley, Brandi Lippincott, Lesley Lonioux, Jeff Lowell, Michael Lucko, Ashley Lynch, Sarah Lynch, Samantha Madison, Sherry Mangold, Julie Marcontell, Jennifer Marion, Ron May, Lynne McCall, Denise McCollough, Debbie McElroy, Kiti McLish, Kelly McNeal, Sheila D. McNeil, Laura Meier, Bobby Montgomery, Jenny Moores, Jean Muldoon, Melissa Muller, Kim Nagel, Zandra Narvaez, Sherry Neimiste, Scott Nipper, Ginger Oberhoff, Lisa Ohnheiser, Mindy Oliver, Sharon Overton, Melissa Perkins, Tiffany Precht, John Ramirez, Natalie Ramsey, Kristen Reagan, Keri Rehtzigel, Robin Reiser, Jay Reitmeyer, Laura Ripple, Jason Rockhold, Rhonda Rudloff, Gina Rummels, Brian Rust, Amy Sadleir, Stacey Savers, Melissa Scheidt, Tracie Schimmels, Alan Schnacke, Shelly Scott, Sam Segura, Lynn Selzer, Telisha L. Shannon, Lori Shaw, Cesar Silva, Karen M. Smith, Kathleen Smith, Loretta Smith, Steven Smith, Michelle Sproule, Donna Stiasney, Jimmy Stathatos, Sarah Steele, Tamara Stewart, Julie Stogsdill, Kelli Strauss, W. Kent Stromberg, Anna Stybinski, Tina Sullivan, Radha Sundararajan, Antoinette Syler, Len Tadwick, Tracy Taylor, Chris Thomas, Derrick Thompson, Kimberly Thomson, Rondell Tooke, Leslie Trevino, Julie Trotman, Kemberly Upchurch, Jeff Utterback, Elizabeth Vanderenter, Donna Vial, Jennifer Villarreal, Amy G. Watts, Sylvia Watts, Gretchen Weaver, Wade Welborn, Dean A. Wideman, Melissa Wilkerson, Kristin Witherite, Stacey Zacharias, Evelyn Zera

For more information call 764-5580

BECAUSE EVERY AGGIE DESERVES THE BEST...

UCI UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Presents

CALL TEXAS

5 p.m. - 11 p.m. 16.5¢ per minute
11 p.m. - 8 a.m. 10.9¢ per minute

Call 693-5874

Will be at the following locations Tue.-Fri. 9-4
Rudder Fountain, MSC, Commons

AGGIES CHOICE FOR LONG DISTANCE

KEEP YOUR RESOLUTION FIRM.

If this is your year to get in shape, then make one more resolution. To call Jazzercise today. That's because Jazzercise is an intensive aerobic workout. Plus, definitive muscle toning, too. In fact, Jazzercise is a safe, complete health and fitness program. But the best news is that it's loads of fun. Which means you'll stay on a health kick all year long.

★ Job Sharement Members ★
Jazzercise
The Fitness Professionals

CLASS TIMES
Mon. & Wed. 4:30 & 5:35
Tues., Thurs., & Sat. 9 a.m.
Tues. & Thurs. 6 p.m.
Tues. 5:30 (stretch & tone)

FIRST CLASS FREE!
\$19.92
One Month, New Members Only
Expires 1-30-92

• No Initiation Fee • Former Student Specials • Jazzercise
• Childcare Available • Serving B/CS for 13 years.

Jazzercise Fitness Center
Call Cathy Lyles at 764-1183 or 776-6696
Welborn at Grove, College Station (1 block south of George Bush Drive)

The following information appears in compliance with the 1987 State of Texas Hazing Law:

Texas Hazing Law

Texas A&M University

On August 31, 1987, a new law went into effect in the State of Texas regarding HAZING. Below is an abbreviated summary, in question and answer form, of the contents of that law and the applicability and implications for students, faculty and staff at Texas A&M University. THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY. Certain points in the law have been omitted in this summary for editorial purposes. For the full text of the law, please see Appendix XI of the 1989-90 University Regulations.

What is the definition of Hazing?
"Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off campus of Texas A&M University, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliation with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at Texas A&M University. The term includes but is not limited to:
(a) Any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity.
(b) Any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small place, calisthenics, or other activities that subject the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.
(c) Any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.
(d) Any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, or adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in the subsection.
(e) Any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the penal code.

In addition, Texas A&M University has also defined hazing to include:
(a) Misuse of authority by virtue of your class rank or leadership position.
(b) Any form of physical bondage.
(c) Any form of "quadding".

How do I commit a hazing offense?
A person commits an offense if the person:
(a) Engages in hazing.
(b) Solicits, encourages, directs, aids or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing.
(c) Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permits hazing to occur.
(d) Has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student of Texas A&M University, or firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report said knowledge in writing to the appropriate University official.

Does it matter if I did not intend to hurt anyone?
No. Texas A&M's policies state that if one of the above occurs, it is HAZING, regardless of the intent.

Does it matter if the person being hazed agrees to the activity?
No. The new law and Texas A&M's policies state that if one of the above occurs, it is HAZING, regardless of the consent or cooperation of the recipient.

What is the penalty if I am found guilty of hazing?
(a) Failing to report hazing:
Fine up to \$1,000 and/or up to 180 days in jail.
(b) Hazing resulting in no serious bodily injury:
Fine of \$500 to \$1,000 and/or 90-180 days in jail.
(c) Hazing resulting in serious bodily injury:
Fine of \$1,000 - \$5,000 and/or 180 days to 1 year in jail.
(d) Hazing resulting in death:
Fine of \$5,000 - \$10,000 and/or 1-2 years in jail.
(e) Except where the hazing results in death, the student may be required to perform community service in lieu of confinement in jail.
(f) The student may also be subject to University disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the University, in addition to or regardless of any penalty imposed by the state.

Can an organization be found guilty of hazing?
Yes. An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing.

Can I get into trouble for reporting hazing?
No. Any person who reports a specific hazing incident involving a student to an appropriate University official is protected from civil or criminal liability. However, a person who reports in bad faith or with malice is not protected by this section.

Where do I report hazing?
Office of the Commandant 845-2811 if the hazing was committed by members of the Corps of Cadets.
Department of Student Activities 845-1133 if the hazing was committed by members of a Greek organization or other recognized student organization.
Student Judicial Affairs Office 845-5262 all other incidents of hazing.

The following information appears in compliance with the 1987 state of Texas Hazing Law shown above:

Student Organization Hazing Violations:

Organization name: Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity
Date of Incident: November 14, 1989
Description of Incident: Two pledges of the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity were taken by 13 members on a "snatch" breakfast in the back of a pickup truck. They were told to remove all of their clothes except their underwear. They were caused to purchase syrup, vaseline, and Crisco at a convenience store. They had some syrup in them when stopped by the College Station police.
Action Taken: The Interfraternity Council Judicial Board placed the fraternity on one year's probation from the date of the hearing (Nov. 20, 1989), mandated the chapter to incorporate hazing educational seminars into their pledge program, to present a university-wide program on hazing issues and laws, name a new IFC representative who is an A&M student, find a chapter advisor by spring 1990 rush, and have the new chapter president meet with the IFC Advisor twice monthly during the probation period.

Organization name: Phi Delta Theta Fraternity
Date of Incident: April 11-14, 1991
Description of Incident: The fraternity was found guilty of the following incidents of hazing during "Hell Week" activities: consumption of alcohol by minors, paddling, creation of excessive fatigue, sleep deprivation, calisthenics, misuse of authority by virtue of class rank or leadership position, physical discomfort, and embarrassment, harassment or ridicule.
Action Taken: The Interfraternity Council Judicial Board placed the fraternity on probation for the 1991-92 academic year, as did the international headquarters of Phi Delta Theta. The IFC Judicial Board probation includes five additional terms of probation and the headquarters probation includes 12 conditions of probation.

Organization name: Squadron 15
Date of Incident: September 29, 1991
Description of Incident: Striking of others with ax handle. After working hard all day at bonfire cut, the Commander was talking to the freshmen about motivation and maintaining a positive attitude. One of the fish asked what was done in "OJ Army" days? The Commander stated that ax handles were used at which time he asked one of the fish to bend over. The freshman did and the Commander struck him one time with the ax handle. This was repeated with each of the fish in the unit.
Action Taken: The Unit Commander was placed on Corp Conduct Probation for the remainder of the Fall '91 semester and the Spring '92 semester. Forfeiture of Cadet Commander pay for one month and assist in the preparation and delivery of a training and information program for all outfit Commanders and First Sergeants.