

Bush dismissive of NAACP boycott

Governor says flying Confederate flag from South Carolina statehouse up to the people

SIMPSONVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Declaring out-
 lets should "butt out" of the issue, George
 Bush was dismissive yesterday of a National
 Association for the Advancement of Colored
 People's (NAACP) effort to push for a national
 boycott of South Carolina to force down
 the Confederate flag from its Statehouse.

Campaigning in the state, Bush said the
 NAACP's boycott plans were initiated by "some
 people who don't live in South Carolina, evi-
 dently," and he reiterated his position that "I
 think the good people of South Carolina can"
 settle the issue.

When asked if the civil rights group should
 check off, Bush said, "That's up to the NAACP."
 In a separate appearance later in the day,
 Bush said "my advice is for people who don't
 live in South Carolina to butt out of the issue,
 because the people of South Carolina can make that
 decision." That prompted cheers from holiday
 festival-goers in Simpsonville, S.C.

"I didn't particularly like it when people came

in to tell me what to do in Texas," Bush added.

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 people who don't live
 in South Carolina to
 butt out of the issue."



— GEORGE W. BUSH
 GOVERNOR

Bush should show more concern about the
 flag dispute, state Rep. Leon Howard, a black Col-
 umbia Democrat, said.

"It's an issue that it takes leadership to ad-
 dress," Howard said. "And [when you] find peo-
 ple waffling and dancing around and not want-
 ing to take the issue head-on, then it's a lack of

leadership."

Bush's stance shows he "is wooing the white
 vote of South Carolina to support his candi-
 dacy," the Rev. H.H. Singleton, president of the
 Conway branch of the NAACP, said.

Bush and other candidates a symbol of
 racism. But supporters said the flag represents
 Southern heritage and honors South Carolinians
 who died in the Civil War.

Democratic candidate Bill Bradley said in
 April that "I wouldn't fly it, I think that it some-
 times offends a large part of the population."

Walking in a Labor Day parade and attend-
 ing another Labor Day festival in Simpsonville,
 Bush also said "it's up to the people of South
 Carolina to figure out how best to fund their
 schools."

South Carolina residents will vote next year
 about whether they want a lottery to fund educa-
 tion improvements. South Carolina's schools
 lag behind others in Scholastic Assessment Test
 scores.

Alcohol suspected in death of West Texas A&M student

CANYON (AP) — A 27-year-old West
 Texas A&M University graduate died early
 Sunday at a fraternity party.

Officials have not released any information
 about what might have killed Wesley
 Williams, but witnesses said the Amarillo resi-
 dent was seen drinking before he passed out
 in the parking lot of the Alpha Tau Omega
 house.

Williams was airlifted to Northwest Texas
 hospital in Amarillo, where he was pro-
 nounced dead.

An autopsy has been ordered, and the Ran-
 all County Sheriff's Department is investi-
 gating.

Wynn Smiley, executive director of the In-
 dianapolis-based fraternity, said Williams was
 not a member of the fraternity.

Landmark ruling parks gun debate

LUBBOCK (AP) — A judge's landmark ruling that
 the Second Amendment gives individuals, and not
 just organized militias, the right to bear arms has
 led scholars sparring about the constitutionality of
 gun-control laws.

Earlier this year, gun-control opponents inundat-
 ed U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings with scholar-
 ship treatises, encouraging him to overturn an arcane
 law that prohibits someone from owning a gun while
 under a restraining order.

In response, 52 legal scholars who support gun
 control filed an amicus brief last week denouncing
 Cummings' interpretation of the Second Amendment.

"That decision and the opinion were a major shot
 across the bow," said Bruce Hay, a Harvard Uni-
 versity law professor who signed the brief. "For the
 most part, federal courts have taken a hands-off
 approach to federal statutes regulating use of guns.

This is the first decision to say the Second Amend-
 ment prohibits Congress from imposing special laws
 concerning gun ownership. That is why his decision
 is so worrisome."

The debate began unfolding last year after Tim-
 othy Joe Emerson of San Angelo was arrested and
 charged with violating a restraining order for al-
 legedly brandishing a handgun in front of his wife
 and her daughter.

Defense attorneys argued that any law infringing
 on Emerson's right to own guns was unconstitutional.

Cummings agreed, ruling in April that the right
 to bear arms is a protected individual right — and
 not just a right belonging to an organized militia, as
 federal prosecutors had argued.

Prosecutors are appealing to the 5th U.S. Circuit
 Court of Appeals, but could not comment because
 of the judge's gag order.

Meanwhile, scholars said the decision sets the
 stage for the challenge of almost any law infringing
 on a citizen's right to possess a gun. And they said
 the expected appellate battle is crucial for both sides.

Texas attractions draw larger crowds

DALLAS (AP) — Texas
 tourist attractions drew
 thousands more visitors this
 summer than in 1998, trav-
 industry officials said.

This year's intense sum-
 mer heat began later than in
 1998, which saw a total of
 100-degree days begin-
 ning May 6. The string of
 10-degree days this year
 began July 28, closer to the
 end of the tourism season.

"The projections were
 good and strong, and I think
 folks have been happy with
 this summer," Paul Serff, ex-
 ecutive director of the Texas

Travel Industry Association,
 told *The Dallas Morning
 News*.

Tourism employs nearly
 half a million people and is
 a \$30 billion industry —
 Texas' third-largest behind
 real estate and energy, state
 officials said. Shopping,
 amusement parks and na-
 ture tours are big money-
 makers.

Final numbers for the
 summer of 1999 are un-
 available, but a 1998 state
 government survey listed
 Texas' top three attractions
 as the Alamo, the Riverwalk

in San Antonio and Six Flags
 Over Texas in Arlington.

The San Marcos outlet
 malls were fourth in the sur-
 vey conducted by the Texas
 Department of Economic
 Development, beating out
 the Johnson Space Center in
 Houston and SeaWorld in San
 Antonio, among other
 perennial favorites.

The 115-store PrimOut-
 let mall in San Marcos alone
 attracts more than 4 million
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 ages 600 bus tours, Vicki
 Conley, Prime's district mar-
 keting director, said.

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Computing Toolbox
 Computing News at Texas A&M
 by Computing & Information Services
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 There are lots of things to take care of during the first part of the semester. In the rush, don't forget about the computing resources available through Computing and Information Services.
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 Computer labs are located throughout campus, and many, including the new Student Computing Facility, are open 24 hours a day during the school week. The locations can be found at www.tamu.edu/map.
 To connect from off-campus, students need to obtain the TAMUNet software package. Available at the Student Computing Center and the Teague building, TAMUNet can be downloaded for free, or purchased for \$10. Computing help is available 24 hours a day by calling Help Desk Central at 845-8300. For more information, visit the Student Computing Information Page at www.tamu.edu/scip.

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- Student Activities Office (125 John J. Koldus Building)
- Sterling C. Evans Library
- Office of Graduate Studies (125 Teague)
- Office of the Dean of each College
- Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (10th Floor Rudder)

Completed applications must be received by the Student Activities office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 1999. They may be hand-carried to the Student Activities office, sent through Campus Mail (MS 1236), or sent through US mail. (See the application for addresses.) Questions may be addressed to Sandy Briers in Student Activities (845-1133).

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