overnor says flying Confederate flag from South Carolina stathouse up to the people

IMPSONVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Declaring out— in to tell me what to do in Texas," Bush added. should "butt out" out of the issue, George ash was dismissive yesterday of a National ciation for the Advancement of Colored e's (NAACP) effort to push for a national sm boycott of South Carolina to force down Confederate flag from its Statehouse.

ampaigning in the state, Bush said the CP's boycott plans were initiated by "some le who don't live in South Carolina, eviand he reiterated his position that "I the good people of South Carolina can'

When asked if the civil rights group should coff, Bush said, "That's up to the NAACP." a separate appearance later in the day, said "my advice is for people who don't n South Carolina to butt out of the issue. people of South Carolina can make that de-That prompted cheers from holiday fes-

goers in Simpsonville, S.C. I didn't particularly like it when people came

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- GEORGE W. BUSH **GOVERNOR** 

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

"It's an issue that it takes leadership to address," Howard said. "And [when you] find people waffling and dancing around and not wanting to take the issue head-on, then it's a lack of

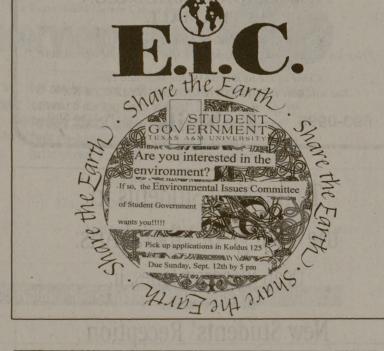
Bu's stance shows he "is wooing the white vote of South Carolina to support his candidale Rev. H.H. Singleton, president of the Conay branch of the NAACP, said.

Ish and other candidates a symbol of racin. But supporters said the flag represents Souern heritage and honors South Carolinians whdied in the Civil War.

emocratic candidate Bill Bradley said in Apl that "I wouldn't fly it. I think that it someties offends a large part of the population."

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

South Carolina residents will vote next year bout whether they want a lottery to fund eduation improvements. South Carolina's schools ng behind others in Scholastic Assessment Test



## Alcohol suspected in death Iandmark ruling of West Texas A&M student

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

Officials have not released any information ut what might have killed Wesley /illiams, but witnesses said the Amarillo resit was seen drinking before he passed out the parking lot of the Alpha Tau Omega

Williams was airlifted to Northwest Texas ospital in Amarillo, where he was pro-

An autopsy has been ordered, and the Ranall County Sheriff's Department is investi-

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

'According to eyewitnesses, the 27-yearold Williams arrived at an ATO function around midnight with two friends and their own supply of beer," Smiley said. "All guests, if they chose to consume alcohol at the function, brought their own beer.

Brady Marr, president of the fraternity chapter, said the event was properly orga-

"It was a BYOB event," Marr said. "Elaborate safeguards were taken to ensure the chapter was not providing alcohol to any guests.

"It's a tragedy," university president Dr. Russell C. Long said in a prepared statement. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his

Williams received his bachelor's degree from West Texas in 1998.

# parks gun debate

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

Earlier this year, gun-control opponents inundatd U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings with scholary treatises, encouraging him to overturn an arcane aw 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 University 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 Amendment prohibits Congress from imposing special laws concerning gun ownership. That is why his decision is so worrisome.

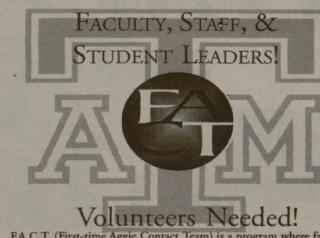
The debate began unfolding last year after Timothy Joe Emerson of San Angelo was arrested and charged with violating a restraining order for allegedly brandishing a handgun in front of his wife and her daughter.

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.



F.A.C.T. (First-time Aggie Contact Team) is a program where faculty, staff, & student leaders contact new Aggies to welcome them to the University and ask about their experiences at A&M. F.A.C.T. will be conducted Mondays through Thursdays, September 27 - October 14 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

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## Texas attractions draw larger crowds

DALLAS (AP) — Texas purist attractions drew nousands more visitors this immer than in 1998, travindustry officials said.

This year's intense sumer heat began later than in 198, which saw a total of 5 100-degree days beginng May 6. The string of 10-degree days this year gan July 28, closer to the nd of the tourism season.

The projections were and strong, and I think ixtar.com lks have been happy with le you really is summer," Paul Serff, exinformation utive 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 nature tours are big moneymakers.

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

in San Antonio and Six Flas Over Texas in Arlington.

The San Marcos outt malls were fourth in the srvey conducted by the Teas Department of Econolic Development, beating out the Johnson Space Centr in Houston and SeaWorldsan Antonio, among ther perennial favorites.

The 115-store Primout-let mall in San Marcos lone attracts more than 4 nillion visitors annually andaverages 600 bus tours Vicki Conley, Prime's distrit marketing director, said.

#### Computing Toolbox

Computing News at Texas A&M by Computing & Information Services

#### Welcome back Aggies!

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. Before accessing TAMU computing services, students need to CLAIM accounts at any open access lab. Help Desk staff can help students CLAIM accounts and set up e-mail addresses. You can

the Electronic Directory Service at www.tamu.edu/phonebook.

also set an e-mail alias via

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.

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ompleted applications must be received by the Student Activities ffice no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 1999. They may be and-carried to the Student Activities office, sent through Campus ATTALIVail (MS 1236), or sent through US mail. (See the application for ED ADVERTIddresses.) Questions may be addressed to Sandy Briers in FOR MORE tudent Activities (845-1133).

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