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Bush addresses gay rights issue

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Questioned by an anti-gay rights

publication, Texas Gov. George W. Bush yesterday that he opposes marriages and that a court erred in striking a ban on gays in the Boy Scouts.

Publishers of the newsletter said Bush's comments were "a good start" but said they had more questions about the Republican presidential front-runner's position on gay rights.

Bill Horn is a leading anti-gay rights activist who publishes a newsletter called Straight from the Heart. He has been questioning presidential campaigns about their views on gay issues

Pushed to detail the Texas gov-

ernor's positions, the Bush cam- to offer views on "the gay paign sent Horn a brief statement yesterday.

"Governor Bush believes marriage is between a man and a woman and therefore does not believe in gay marriages," the statement said. He also opposed adoption by gay couples because "he believes children ought to be adopted in families with a man and woman who are married.

Bush told the newsletter that he believes the New Jersey Supreme Court "was wrong" when it struck down the Boy Scouts' ban on gays in the organization.

"He believes the Boy Scouts is a

private organization and they should be able to set their own standards," Bush's statement said. 'This is a good start," Horn said. "There are a couple of other

things we want answers on. Horn said he would press Bush

public education" and on partner laws allowing be partners in a gay relation

'My recommendation would be to provide those questions to us, and we

vide answers to hir spokesperson Eric Wool Horn said the questi been posed to all the Re presidential candidates, former cabinet officer E Dole and Arizona Sen. J

Cain had failed to respond The other candidates a posed the gay rights init

Horn noted. Many of Bush's rivals are front-runner is vague on sues and ducks tough qu Bush counters that he w out a detailed agenda as t paign unfolds, but will do own pace.

Perry welcomes fellow party-switche

AUSTIN (AP) - Lt. Gov. Rick Perry - who switched from the Democratic Party to the GOP a decade ago — welcomed a batch of party-switchers into the Republican fold yesterday but said he will not campaign against incumbent Democrats in the Texas Senate, over which he presides.

"I'm not going to actively get out there and work against sitting, incumbent senators. I think that causes substantial problems in a body that is very civil, cooperative and bipartisan," Perry said after appearing with several county officeholders at a party-switching announcement by the state GOP.

The 31-member Senate has 16 Republicans and 15 Democrats.

Up for election in 2000 are seven seats currently held by Republicans and eight held by Democrats. Among them is Sen. Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio, who is not expected to seek another term because of health problems.

Perry's position on incumbent Democratic senators was called smart by a party-switcher who went in the other direction, former Republican and state Democratic chair Molly Beth Malcolm.

"I think he is aware that the Democrats who are serv ing in the Texas Senate are outstanding statesmen and women who do what is right for this state, so I think that is a smart decision on his part," Malcolm said.

Perry and the chair of the state GOP, Susan Weddington, hailed the switching of 15 current and former county-level officeholders from various

Weddington affixed Republican Party pinst lapels and to Perry's, saying that the GOP pr did not have pins when he joined the party i

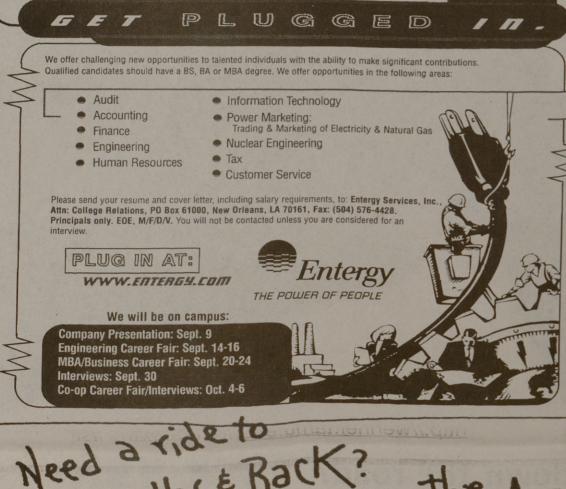
Why make pins for one person?" she jok Since then, the GOP has surged in Texas point that Republicans now hold all 29 statewing tive offices, besides controlling the Senate, publican Gov. George W. Bush is his party's presidential contender.

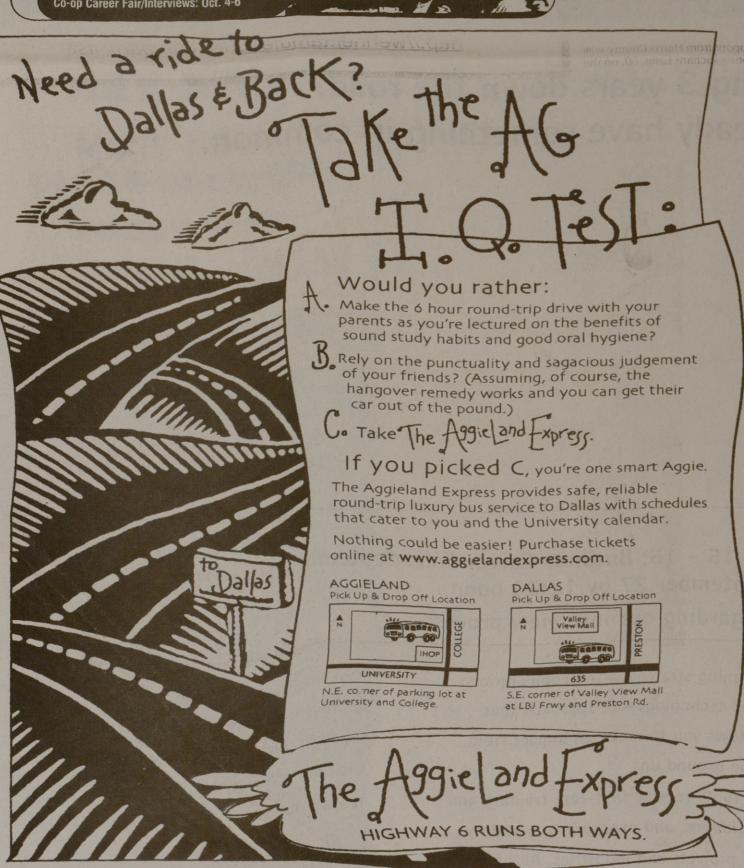
Nationally, more than 416 elected Demo tionwide have changed political parties since l ty officials said. More than 104 of them, plus the ed yesterday, have been in Texas, party offici

'These individuals have demonstrated dous courage and a commitment to conservat ciples by leaving the Democrat Party and joi emerging majority party in Texas — the Rep Weddington said.

Malcolm, the Democratic leader, had a differ These officials switched out of a misguide of political expediency," she said.

The Democratic Party plans to create ap environment that will make them regret their ing. Any time, give me public servants who ally stand for principle over those who put ency and their own careers ahead of the im the people.'





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