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MORALES

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Victor Morales said he will revisit several issues from his 1996 campaign, including campaign reform, education, immigration and calling for policies that are fiscally conservative. He also said he supports some levels of gun control, including waiting periods. Two candidates named Morales on the ballot

shouldn't confuse voters or split the Hispanic votes Democrats are courting

heavily, he said. "There may be some people

who are confused but they won't be confused for long," Victor Morales said. "There's no way Dan Morales can take more Hispanic votes than I can. I'm much closer to the people.

Dan Morales, who has not yet formally announced a campaign, said he welcomed Democrat on the ballot.

'The more candidates we have in the primary, the fuller the ideological spectrum we have to choose from will be," Dan Morales said. He hopes to formally announce his

candidacy shortly after Thanksgiving, he said. "It is a good thing for the party and a good thing for the

Dan Morales said he believes voters will be well informed and not be confused about two Democrats with the same last name running for the same office.

Victor Morales, 51, who lives in Crandall, east of Dallas, said he'll be more aggressive about soliciting campaign contributions this time but still won't accept donations from political action committees. He raised \$900,000 in his 1996 effort.

Morales drove to Austin for Tuesday's campaign announcement. He hopes he'll be able to fly to more campaign events this time. He also said he's likely to retire the truck soon.

'I promised my wife. I said after this year I will buy me a new car," he said. "My kids are embarrassed every time I get in the truck. That thing's all beat up and old.

Also Tuesday, District Judge William Moody of El Paso announced his campaign to seek the Democratic nomination for the state Supreme

Court, Place 3

The seat is held by Republican Justice Wallace Jefferson, the first black to serve on the state's highest civil court. Wallace was appointed in March by Gov. Rick Perry. The court has been unanimously Republican since 1999. "I am running because I believe

in a balanced court," said Moody, who added that he believes judicial elections in Texas should be nonpartisan. "Balanced geographically, politically and philosophically, a court that is accessible to all Texans, a court that is truly neutral and fair to all.

A former El Paso district attorney, Moody has served on the bench for 15 years, the past nine handling mostly civil cases. He also sat on the Texas Ethics Commission from 1983-86 and is a former U.S. Army captain.

In the governor's race, Democratic favorite Tony Sanchez lost a top campaign official when campaign director Jim Moore was asked to leave. Moore told the Austin American-Statesman he

was asked to leave but was not given a reason why. Sanchez campaign spokeswoman Michelle Kucera had no comment.

BUSH Continued from

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Mrs. Bush ducked Texas last week to over preparations for the co of Putin's visit to the n ner on the lawn W evening.

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"I can cut a pretty rug," he told reporter wink.

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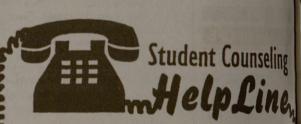
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