

Kline defends leaked memo during debate

WICHITA (AP) — Attorney General Phill Kline used a debate with his Democratic challenger on Thursday to defend a leaked memo outlining how he wanted his campaign to go about gaining support from conservative Christians.

The Republican said his political discussions in churches were healthy and good. In the memo, leaked this week to reporters, Kline directs his re-election campaign to make the most of political receptions held near friendly churches after their services.

Its instructions also included getting pastors to mention the events during services and getting them to bring a handful of "money people" to events.

"They didn't need to break into my campaign software program and computer and hack this information to know about it — I have been speaking in churches for more than 20 years now," Kline told about 500 people who came to Wichita State University to hear the debate.

Democratic challenger Paul Morrison, the Johnson County district attorney, said he was as surprised and shocked as anybody that Kline would be so cynical about using a church for political gain.

"I have never — and never will — view a church as a political machine for me," Morrison said.

He said the Founding Fathers spent a great deal of time and energy in deciding that church and state should be separate.

That prompted Kline to respond that separation of church and state refers to government not imposing a religion.

"It doesn't refer to people of faith not being able to express their opinion or hold public office," Kline said.

He also defended his campaign's use of e-mail addresses of people who have contacted the attorney general's office for help to solicit money and support. He said he checked with the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission before using the material and was told it was not unethical. He said he allowed people to opt-out from further contacts.

Morrison said such actions spotlight the differences between the two candidates. He said he sees the world in terms of law enforcement, while Kline views his life through the prism of politics.

He said he would never have thought of using those e-mails to solicit support.

"I think that is a perversion of that information," Morrison said. "I don't know if it's criminal or not, but it sure is unethical. And I think that is a classic example of the difference between Phill Kline and

myself."

Morrison said he runs a law enforcement office and would never think of using information from people who are seeking his help for his political advantage.

Among other issues, Morrison said he would support making probable-cause affidavits public in Kansas.

The issue became an issue when a Wichita man wrongly suspected of being the BTK killer was arrested and forced to give DNA samples. It took months before his lawyer got a copy of the affidavit, and the public has yet to know what led police to suspect him as a serial killer.

Kline said he opposes opening up such documents.

Defending his pursuit of patient records from abortion clinics, Kline said several prosecutions have resulted from information he obtained from those records.

Kline made the same claim in an earlier debate, but this time he told the public that Morrison declined to prosecute one of those child rape cases developed from that record search. He said the Johnson County case involved a 19-year-old man who raped a 13-year-old girl.

But Morrison questioned whether there have been any prosecutions from those abortion clinic records as Kline contended because the court has not yet let Kline see them. Morrison said the records were still being redacted, as ordered by the court, to remove identifying information.

For three years, Kline has been battling two abortion clinics over the records of 90 patients. It has become a campaign issue because Morrison contends Kline is pursuing his personal anti-abortion agenda. Morrison has said he would drop pursuit of those records.

Morrison said he did not believe there have been any prosecutions resulting from that patient information, as Kline has claimed. He said the child rape cases Kline cited were not developed from those contested abortion clinic records.

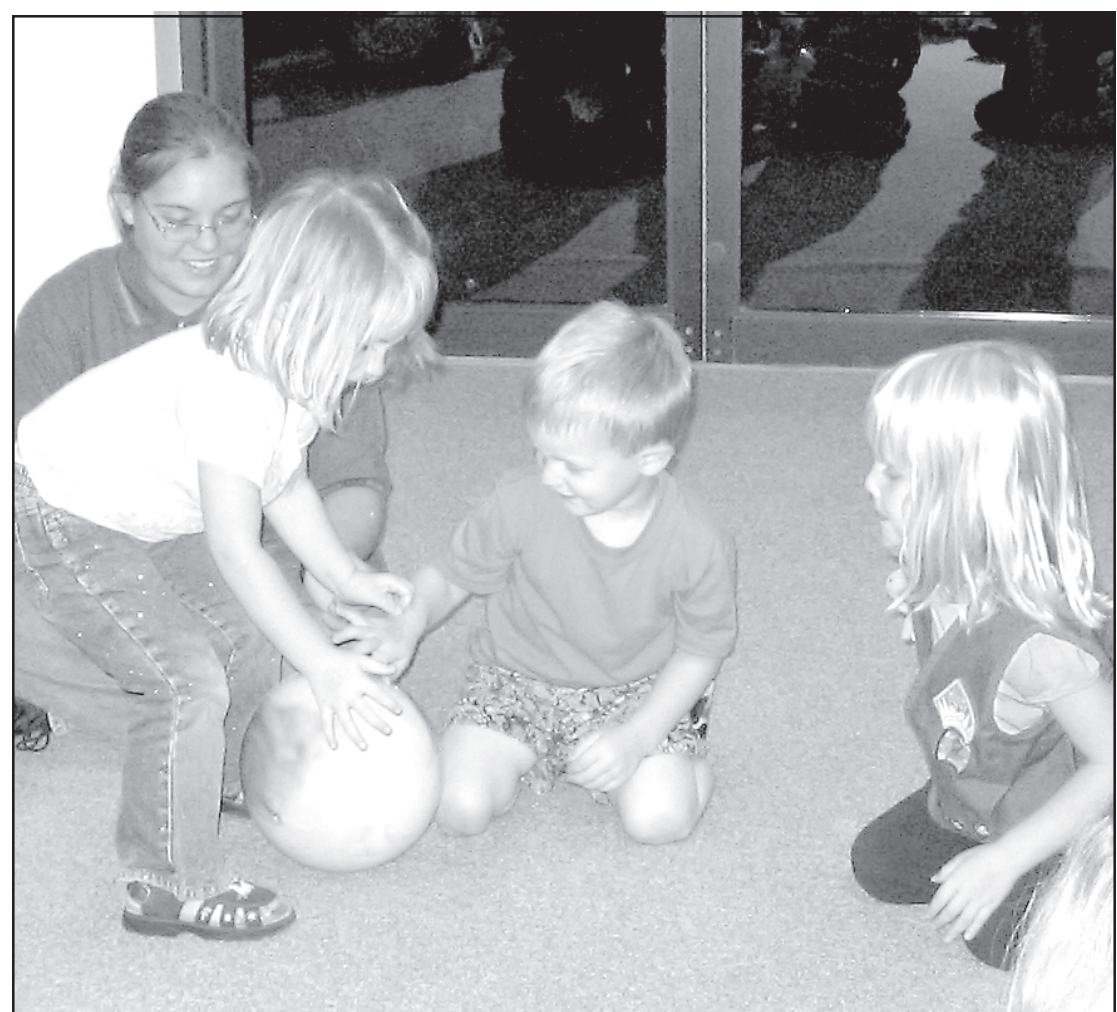
He also noted three-fourths of the records Kline is trying to get are medical records of adult women.

Responding to an audience question over whether fetal homicide should be made a separate crime, Kline said he would support making the killing of a fetus during an attack of the mother a separate homicide. The issue has gotten attention in Wichita, where a pregnant 14-year-old girl recently was murdered.

Morrison said the best way to handle such cases would be to upgrade the punishment because it is assault on a pregnant woman, rather than to make the death of the fetus a separate homicide.

Havin' a ball

Children played a ball game Wednesday at the first AWANA meeting of the year, held at Colby's Berean Church. AWANA is a nationwide organization that uses a variety of activities to teach children about Christianity. The Colby group meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Berean Church.



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Bishops ask Catholics to pray for Sebelius

LAWRENCE (AP) — Roman Catholics in northeast Kansas have been asked to pray for Gov. Kathleen Sebelius to "reconsider her long held position supporting legalized abortion."

The request came from Archbishop Joseph Naumann, of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, in a Sept. 8 column in the diocesan newspaper The Leaven, with a circulation of 52,900.

"It is never permissible for a Catholic to support the legalization of the killing of innocent lives by abortion, much less lead the fight for legal abortion," Naumann wrote.

While questioning Sebelius' record on abortion, he stopped short of asking Catholics to vote against her.

Sebelius, who is Catholic, is a longtime supporter of abortion rights but has said publicly she believes abortion is wrong. Church leaders have raised the matter in the past, but not all of the Democratic governor's fellow Catholics are equally troubled.

Dan Watkins, who attends St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Lawrence, said Catholics must practice a faithful citizenship, which includes more than just respect for life.

"The fact that a public official upholds what is the law of the land, even if their faith and personal belief tells them that that's wrong, that shouldn't disqualify them in the eyes of other Catholics," said Watkins, a lawyer and active Democrat.

Naumann's column but said that upholding the law differs from Sebelius advocating for abortion.

"It is a polarizing issue, and I think that people may not have looked carefully enough at what her position is," he said.

The Rev. John Schmeidler, pastor at St. John's in Lawrence, also said it was difficult to judge a candidate on one issue.

"Abortion is wrong, so we really have to hold that as part of it. You can't weigh it lightly, but you also have to weigh it against any other issues, too," said Schmeidler, who also hadn't read the column.

Naumann said he wrote the column in response to several letters he received from people who disagreed with the governor's veto this year of a bill expanding the information that abortion providers must submit to the state about pregnancies they have terminated.

In her veto message, Sebelius said she didn't believe the provisions would reduce abortions.

"My Catholic faith teaches me that life is sacred. Personally, I believe abortion is wrong," she wrote. As for Naumann's column, Sebelius' spokeswoman, Nicole Corcoran, said, "The governor appreciates her ongoing counsel with the archbishop, and we believe this is a matter best left to the privacy of their discussions."

Naumann issued a joint statement Aug. 15 with the bishops of the Dodge City, Salina and Wichita dioceses advising the state's more than 405,000 Catholics they have a "serious moral obligation to exercise their right to vote."

Watkins said he had not read