

# State candidates speak here

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Two candidates from the conservative wing of the Kansas Republican party talked to Goodland voters Monday after a town-hall meeting set up by the area's two state legislators.

After Sen. Stan Clark and Rep. Jim Morrison finished speaking, Tim Shallenburger, state treasurer and candidate for governor, and Phill Kline, a former member of the Kansas House and candidate for attorney general, got their turn on the soap box.

They were following Clark and Morrison on a weekend tour of their districts.

Shallenburger a fourth-generation Kansan from Baxter Springs, said he was a state representative, and served as speaker of the House for two terms. He was elected treasurer in 1998.

Shallenburger said he would be a financially responsible governor. He said in the state treasurer's office, he has added two programs since he took over, but has the same number of em-



Clark



Shallenburger



Morrison

ployees and has reduced the annual budget from \$2.7 to \$1.7 million.

"No one believes me when I say that," he said. "We just didn't spend as much money. We're more efficient. "If I become governor, I can do that in every state office."

The state has spent more money in the past four years than it has brought in, Shallenburger said.

"Now the sky is falling," he said, "and the attitude in Topeka is 'Let's not blame the way we have been spending, let's blame the economy.'"

He said he is against enrollment-

based school funding, which he said favors big, rich school districts while hurting those in older suburbs and rural areas like western Kansas, which are losing population.

"In those areas growing, they are just getting a windfall," he said. "We are all paying for it. We will change the formula when I am governor."

Shallenburger ended his speech by saying he stands for honesty and morality, and asked for help from the audience.

"We need you help, your money and your prayers," he said.

Kline, a lawyer in Johnson County, was elected to the House in 1993 and served for six years. He is now in solo private practice.

Kline talked about his background, saying that he was fifth-generation

Kansan, and his mother raised five kids are her own.

He says he doesn't feel safe today letting his daughter walk around the block alone. The state needs to get tougher on violent crime, he said, and work in partnership with law enforcement.

"I am running for attorney general," Kline said, "because I believe that justice is standing up for what is right and what is truth."

A person in government has to know right from wrong, he said, adding justice is not defined by who writes the biggest checks or makes the most noise.

"There are very few gray areas. I reject the relativism which is pushed on us."

"We have to have respect for the rule of law. Government is an awesome power. It can reach into your life in a million ways."

"It takes a principled leader to stand up for right and wrong. I am one such leader."

## Clark suggests new plan for school financing

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nursing home resident has spent most of his assets, Clark said. Why can't the state start putting a "reverse mortgage" on the resident's home, he asked.

"The mortgage would pay for nursing home expenses," he said, "and they

could be taken out of the residents' estates once they have passed away."

Clark said the state needs to stop giving money to school districts based on enrollment. He offered a plan where the state would set 15 core curriculum subjects, and would allow districts to pick nine more, which the state would pay

for. Any other programs the schools wanted they would have to finance.

"Schools with rising enrollment, in the east, are making out like bandits," he said, "while schools with declining enrollment are scratching to make ends meet."

Morrison, who is on the Education

Committee in the House, said it is hard to agree on what the core curriculum should be.

"It's sounds easy," Morrison said, "but when the 23 of us on the committee discuss it, we come up with 23 different answers. But I agree, enrollment-based funding has got to stop."

## Coalition members angry over Graves' redistricting veto

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coalition member — Sen. Stan Clark, R-Oakley.

Graves, in his veto message, said the Kansas Supreme Court might have rejected the coalition map on legal grounds because of the "massive" changes it made in Johnson County districts.

That suggestion angered two other coalition members — Sens. Kay O'Connor, R-Olathe, and Tim Huelskamp, R-Fowler.

"How dare he make that accusation to 21 legislators, that they somehow did

something illegal, when he simply has a disagreement with it?" O'Connor said. Huelskamp added: "I think the guy is out of reality."

Both said the coalition may discuss small changes in the map.

"We've got 21 votes, and that hasn't changed," Huelskamp said.

Graves also singled out proposed changes in Shawnee County for criticism in vetoing the bill.

The governor urged Democrats and Republicans to reopen negotiations and promised that he would not make a deal involving other issues. Some in the Statehouse had speculated that

Graves might sign the map to secure support from coalition members for his proposed tax increases.

"I would discourage anyone from thinking this issue should be tied to the many other issues we face this session," he wrote in his message. "I will not negotiate or 'trade' votes on this issue for any other issue this session."

Senate Reapportionment Committee Chairman David Adkins said he expects negotiations to continue behind the scenes until a new plan emerges. Then, he said, that plan will be introduced as a new bill, which would go through committee.

He said the process could take several weeks.

"I think if it takes a couple of weeks to get it right, that's two weeks well spent," said Adkins, R-Leawood.

Senate Majority Leader Lana Oleen said senators who are pleased with Graves' veto don't have an alternative. "He certainly made it known that he's a player in the process," said Oleen, R-Manhattan.

Legislative action was light Tuesday, with most lawmakers still on break after passing the halfway point of their session. The House and Senate met only briefly.

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Anthony M. Spomer, First National Bank, a national bank, with offices in Goodland, Kansas, Sherman County, Kansas, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, creditors, trustees and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are in any way under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased.

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## Bill Simon wins race; Gary Condit defeated

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Conservative businessman Bill Simon capped a meteoric rise by upsetting the moderate former Los Angeles mayor in the state Republican gubernatorial primary, while Rep. Gary Condit lost a re-election bid dogged by the Chandra Levy scandal.

The surprise outcome in the GOP race sets up a tough battle for state Republicans, who now have a gubernatorial candidate whose views on social issues put him to the right of the majority of Californians.

Many believe Democratic Gov. Gray Davis is getting just the opponent he wanted. Davis poured \$10 million into ads attacking Simon's rival, Richard Riordan, who was favored by party leaders because they thought he had a better chance of beating the governor.

Davis, running nearly unopposed, easily won the Democratic nomination and signaled Tuesday the direction he'll take against Simon.

"I respect the sincerity of his beliefs but I believe many of his ideas are out of step and out of touch with most Californians," Davis said in a victory speech. "We need to keep moving California forward, not backward, and certainly not to the right."

California's primary kicked off the voting in a midterm election year in which the parties will be contesting 36 governorships and fighting for control of the closely divided Senate and House.

Simon won with 49 percent of the vote, or 1,012,428 votes. Riordan had 31 percent, or 644,153 votes, and Secretary of State Bill Jones had 17 percent, or 348,202 votes. The estimated 36 percent turnout was the second-lowest in state history.

The defeat was a stunning collapse for Riordan, who once led by more than 30 percentage points in polls.

Simon vowed a strong fight against Davis, accusing him of failing to improve public education and bungling the state's power crisis.

"The Democrats have tried to divide us. They say that California is a one-party state," Simon said in accepting the nomination. "But as Mark Twain

once said, the rumors of the demise of the California GOP are greatly exaggerated."

In his concession speech, Riordan urged Republicans to unite behind Simon but repeated his campaign theme that the party must become more inclusive of minorities and women.

"My campaign carried a message worth fighting for," he told supporters.

Confident of victory in the campaign's early days, Riordan, 71, largely ignored the conservative voters who make up the Republican Party's base.

That gave an opening to Simon, a 50-year-old investor with conservative views and a GOP pedigree. His father, William E. Simon Sr., was treasury secretary under Presidents Nixon and Ford.

In the Democratic primary, Cardozo led Condit 55 percent to 37 percent.

"Today the people of the Central Valley stood up for their values, the values that are central to our lives," Cardozo said at a victory party in Modesto. He will face Republican Dick Monteith in November.

Condit's re-election bid was shadowed by the scandal of the missing Washington, D.C. intern. Condit, 53, admitted he had an affair with 24-year-old Levy, according to Washington police sources. But they have said he is not a suspect in her disappearance.

Condit campaigned in a reconfigured district in which 40 percent of voters had never seen his name on a ballot.

"It's been a great opportunity to be in public service," Condit said Tuesday night. "I'll never forget it."

Also Tuesday, California voters defeated a measure to soften the state's term-limits law, approved a record parks bond measure and nominated the sister of a sitting congressman to run to join her in the House. If Democrat Linda Sanchez, a lawyer and member of the Orange County Labor Council, wins the general election, she would join Rep. Loretta Sanchez in the House, and they would become the first sisters to serve together in Congress.

## Stovall reviews water lawsuits

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the meeting to establish their policies on water.

Sebelius, Kansas insurance commissioner, sent a prepared statement. Knight, mayor of Wichita, sent a short note saying the event conflicted with a City Council meeting.

Shallenburger, state treasurer, did not send a note or a representative. He began a month-long campaign tour of more than 40 Kansas communities Saturday and had appearances Tuesday in Quinter and WaKeeney.

At the conference, Hayden said that as a former Kansas House speaker and governor, he knows about conflicts in scheduling. But, he said, from his time in office, he knows that few issues deserve more attention than water policy for their impact on agriculture, business and the quality of Kansans' lives.

He said financing water conservation programs never has been easy for

legislators. The state created a water plan during the 1980s, administered by the Kansas Water Office and updated regularly by the Kansas Water Authority.

In 1989, legislators agreed to create a special fund to pay for water plan initiatives, financed with fertilizer, pesticide and water use fees as well as general tax dollars.

Hayden views the money in that fund — \$18.7 million under the current budget — as inadequate. He said the next governor and the Legislature must deal with the financial challenges.

Water Office Director Al LeDoux told the gathering that any candidate for office needs to realize that water policy matters to everyone from Baxter Springs to St. Francis to Cedar Crest, the governor's residence in Topeka.

Stovall reviewed the state's lawsuits against Colorado and Nebraska over violations of interstate water compacts.

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