

# Hopefuls accused of hiding abortion stance

WASHINGTON (AP) — An abortion rights group launched a series of television ads that accuse presidential hopefuls George W. Bush and Elizabeth Dole of camouflaging strict anti-abortion positions.

The two early favorites for the Republican presidential nomination, who have also been attacked by anti-abortion groups questioning their commitment to the cause, are now the target of ads bought by the National

Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

The ads, which began airing Monday morning on stations in Manchester, N.H., and Des Moines, Iowa, use quotes from the pair in an attempt to show they are opposed to abortion. The ads accuse them of trying to "hide their extreme views," said NARAL director Kate Michelman.

Bush, the governor of Texas, has

said he is opposed to abortion, with exceptions only for the life of the mother, rape and incest. Republicans should fight for steps such as banning late-term abortions and requiring parental consent for abortions for teen-agers, he said.

Dole has declined to discuss her abortion views in any depth since entering the presidential fray, but her spokesman, Ari Fleischer, said she is anti-abortion.



## Lincoln boy assaulted

An 8-year-old boy was sexually assaulted in a field near his south Lincoln apartment Sunday afternoon.

The boy was walking home from a friend's house just after 3 p.m. when a man wearing only purple shorts and a nylon over his face grabbed the boy and assaulted him, Lincoln Police Officer Kathy Finnell said.

The attack happened in an open field near a dirt road between Ruskin Place apartments, 1001 Norwood Dr., and Galloway Avenue. The area is

between two housing developments south of Old Cheney Road.

The man told the boy to perform oral sex, and when the boy refused, the man performed oral sex on the boy while masturbating.

Then the man put his shorts back on and fled south.

The suspect is described as between 30 and 35 years old, with a medium build and a mustache.

Police believe the suspect may be connected to four indecent exposures in the area since September 1998.

Capt. Bob Wilhelm warned parents to watch their children.

"I would discourage parents from letting their children play or walk through the neighborhood alone."

## Gun fired, suspect arrested

A Lincoln man was arrested Saturday night after he fired a gun at another man's head, narrowly missing.

Police were called to the basement of a home on the 1000 block of Charleston Street at 11:35 p.m. after a confrontation between two men ended with gunfire, Finnell said.

The 20-year-old victim went over to the house to confront the suspect about smoking marijuana in the house, though neither of the men live there.

The suspect, 22, responded by pulling a .22-caliber handgun and firing.

The bullet missed the man's head, went through the basement wall and lodged in the building next door without injuring anyone, police said.

The victim left and called police. The suspect was arrested for making terrorist threats, discharging a firearm in the city and the use of a weapon to commit a felony.

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