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## Republican, Democrats hurl accusations, begin road trips

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AUSTIN, Texas

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Al Gore also campaigned in his rival's home state as both sides dispatched surrogates to rally support in the homestretch.

Some of the exchanges became nasty, as Democrats waged a coordinated attack on Bush's competency and Republicans pressed their challenge of Gore's trustworthiness.



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**Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush waves at the end of a campaign event Sunday in Austin, Texas, as running mate Dick Cheney looks on.**

The race remained tight in some polls, with Bush

maintaining an edge in others. He had 44 percent to 42 percent among likely voters in a CBS News-New York Times poll released Sunday. An ABC News tracking poll gave Bush 48 percent to 45 percent for Gore. The latest CNN-USA Today-Gallup survey on Sunday showed Bush 9 points ahead.

All but one of the nation's Republican governors joined Bush here to launch the cross-country tour.

Groups of both Republicans and Democrats were hitting the road this week to appeal to a dwindling — but electorally critical — band of independent voters.



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Natural Law Party candidate John Hagelin, who is on the ballots in 41 states and is a member of the American Association of Single People, said the major-party candidates are ignoring a large segment of the electorate.

"There is a continuous pandering to working middle-class families," said Hagelin, a childless divorcee. "I don't understand the pandering to that im-

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