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## Clements' lobbyists are 'good ole boys'

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AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements, an oil well drilling millionaire before he became the state's first Republican governor of the century two years ago, has a reputation as an aggressive, hard-dealing businessman.

But the men he has hired to guide his pet projects through the Legislature are "good ole boys" — back slapping, fun loving former House members who in the past were prone to such antics as coming to House sessions dressed in suits made of cloth in the design of a Budweiser beer label. Clements obviously hopes they can bridge the gap between his businesslike approach and the sometimes clannish atmosphere of the House and Senate.

The leader of the governor's lobby team — or his legislative liaison staff as it is more formally known — is Jim Kaster, a Democrat who quit an elective job in El Paso County politics to go to work at a moment's notice for Clements just days before the governor took office in 1979.

"There was not a single person on his staff who had any legislative experience," Kaster said. "He didn't pretend to know how the hell state government worked, so it was exceedingly important to have somebody that knew how the system worked."

"We had me, Hilary Doran and Don Cavness (in the 1979 session), and each of us had about eight years experience and were 'good ole boys' — we knew the leadership, and were part of the good old boy system."

Cavness since has been replaced on the governor's lobbying team by former Rep. Bob Close of Perryton, the only Republi-

can among the three legislative liaison staff members.

The three have access to the House and Senate floor and can talk with legislators while the houses are in session as well as during committee hearings and in private conferences.

"They know we're there and they come and see us and ask how the governor feels on this or that issue," Kaster said. "During a session, the legislative liaison staff has first call on the governor's time," meeting with him virtually every day to discuss the status of legislation.

This session, Close is assigned primarily to work with House members and Doran in the Senate, with Kaster following legislation through both houses and assisting when the governor's bills are up for debate.

Kaster said Clements' experience in dealing with lawmakers during the 1979 session is clearly evident this year. He is less abrasive, and more comfortable with the legislators.

"Government is different from business," Kaster said. "You can apply business principles, but you do not run it the same way you run a business. Clements found that out."

"The proof now is in the governor's method of handling legislators. It's not confrontation, and he's not going to get into name calling with those who disagree with him. One on one, he's always been good with legislators, but now he's good with groups."

While Clements publicly pushes his program with great enthusiasm, veteran lawmakers say he is no more active a lobbyist for his programs than was former Gov. Dolph Briscoe. Some say he is less active.

"He ain't here enough to know what's going on; he's not here

as much as Briscoe was," one House committee chairman said. "I could always get in touch with Briscoe. I've had one conversation with Clements since I've been in the Legislature."

Close faces the toughest chore handed out by Clements this session — pushing wiretapping and initiative and referendum bills through the House.

"I guess the reason I was put on initiative and referendum is that I was on the committee that studied it last session and held public hearings all over the state," Close said. "John Q. Citizen out there wants it, and it may become a hot potato to vote against for some of these folks."

Despite the openly hostile attitude toward Clements of a handful of liberal legislators this session, Kaster says the governor has a better relationship with the Legislature than he did two years ago.

"As far as I'm concerned, the opposition is less than 20 guys," Kaster said.

He named off Reps. John Bryant, D-Dallas; Ron Coleman, D-El Paso; Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin and Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin.

"Those were all John Hill guys (in the 1978 governor campaign), and they're starting the 1982 campaign now to make Clements look as bad as they can to help their candidate, and Clements is not going to do a thing all session they will agree with," Kaster said.

"But the other 125 to 250 members we have no problems with. In fact, I think our relations are much better this time than they were last session."

## Women's scientific club has first meeting Feb. 25

**By LAURA YOUNG**  
Battalion Reporter

A new organization for women in scientific fields is being formed at Texas A&M University.

Soon to be part of the 4,000-member national organization, Women in Science will hold its first meeting Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in 112 O&M Building.

Although membership is open to both males and females in any academic field, discussions will focus on women in the fields of psychology, mathematics, the social sciences, biosciences, physical sciences and engineering.

"Each speaker will present a women in science issue and also a presentation of their own research," said Fern Halper, a graduate oceanography student and president of the organization.

The organization was started after Halper and Lauren Sahl, also a graduate oceanography student and vice-president of the group, realized statistics don't coincide with the stereotyped image of today's professional woman.

The statistical study in 1977 by the Scientific Manpower Commission shows women doctorates earn less than men in every field and higher proportions of women than men with such degrees are unsuccessfully seeking jobs.

"The reason we decided to start this organization is so women in the scientific fields can become more aware of their futures as professionals," Halper said.

Female students usually don't encounter much discrimination on the academic level but it is still evident on the professional level, she added.

Lectures will be held monthly by both men and women in the scientific fields. Members will be also get a monthly newsletter from the national organization which will include job opportunities and a registry of women scientists.

## Texas dog returns home to Chicago

**United Press International**  
CHICAGO — Everyone knows birds go south for the winter, but apparently Shadow, a 3-year-old Lhasa Apso-cocker spaniel mix, thought she might like the warmer climate, too.

Shadow returned home Thursday after an extended southern vacation that began in October 1979 when she wandered away from her Oak Forest owners.

The Ray Ulreich family had given the dog up for dead until they got a phone call from Mary Lee Morris, who found the pooch on her doorstep in Warren, Texas, about 10 days ago.

Only Shadow knows how she made the 1,000-mile trek and what happened to her during the 16-month excursion.

"The whole thing is incredible and unbelievable," said Mrs. Ulreich. "We gave her up as lost a long time ago. This is a happy time, but I plan to give her a good smacking. I'm going to tell her, 'Don't you ever do this again.'"

Mrs. Morris said she contacted the family after she noticed a tag on the dog indicating Shadow belonged to Kevin Ulreich. But plans for a reunion were snagged by details of getting the dog back to Oak Forest.

A number of people offered to help reunite dog and family when they learned of the Ulreichs' plight in a Texas newspaper.

Texas International Airlines flew the dog from Beaumont, Texas, near the Morris home, to Dallas. From there, the wife of an American Airlines pilot volunteered to chaperone the pooch on a flight to Chicago.

"I love dogs," said Rita Browne, the volunteer. "I have access to getting on a plane (free) because my husband is a pilot. This has happened in our family, where the dog has been lost and I would have given anything to get him back."

"Of course I'll want to talk to the parents — oops, I keep thinking it's a child," she said.

## Perpetual pump gutted for trial

**United Press International**  
BELTON — Choked with emotion, Temple inventor Arnold Burke described Thursday how he had to "cut the guts" out of his perpetual motion machine to prevent state officials from publicizing his unpatented design.

Testifying on his 46th birthday in Bell County district court, Burke testified in his own defense in the fourth day of his aggravated perjury trial. The inventor is accused of lying under oath during a 1979 deceptive trade practices civil suit about the source of power for the "Jeremiah 33:3," his electricity generating machine.

Burke claims a production model of Jeremiah 33:3 would be capable of producing enough electricity to supply the average sized home with power at a nominal cost. His still unrevealed secret is in a submersible pump system which circulates water from a 200-gallon tank through pipes and a turbine generator.

State prosecutors say the prototype for Jeremiah 33:3 was powered by a battery pack connected to an electrical outlet.

Thursday, Burke said he was badgered by officials from the state's attorney general's office who repeatedly came to his laboratory. A mechanical engineer from Texas A&M and an electrical engineer from Texas also came to the lab to see the machine.

"I took them on a tour of the lab, but I would not show them the machine," he said. "They kept causing disruptions."

Burke said he was particularly fearful of the engineer from Texas A&M because he had seen pamphlets indicating the university was investigating hydro-machines.

"When the attorney general couldn't tear apart my machine, they took me to court," he said.

With no patent on the design, Burke said if he was forced to demonstrate Jeremiah 33:3 in court others would quickly develop similar machines. To avoid showing his machine, he cut the "heart of it" out with a blow torch.

"After they said they would get a search and seizure warrant, I had a sixth sense something was going wrong. That night (Dec. 12, 1979), I took a cutting torch and proceeded to cut the guts out of the lower tank," Burke said.



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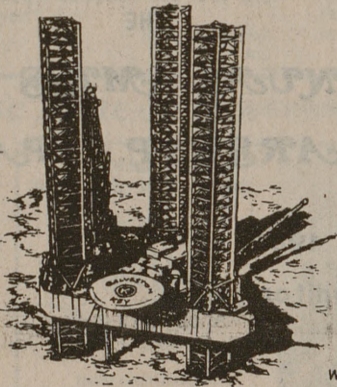
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