the Texas Supreme Court for the

GOP is hoping to expand its pres-

ence on the high court in next year's

Last week, Gov. Bill Clements ap-

pointed a Houston district judge,

court in January halfway through

seats on the court next year would be

the most important on the ballot af-

he will seek election next year.

ter the presidential race. Phillips said

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we have no alternative. only thing we can do is run some-body in opposition," he said.

John Weaver, executive director of the Texas GOP, outlined the theme the Republicans will pursue

"Bringing back integrity to the court and bringing about some kind of economic stability to their decisions," he said.

The only sitting justice who might go unchallenged, Weaver said, is Justice Raul Gonzalez, regarded by some as the most conservative of the court's Democratic members. It has been a difficult year for the

Supreme Court:

• In June, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct publicly re-buked two justices — William Kilgar-

on Supreme Court AUSTIN (AP) — With a Republilin and C.L. Ray — for a variety of can about to become chief justice of ethical offenses, mostly involving improper contacts with lawyers who had cases before the court. Both denied any wrongdoing, and Kilgarlin immediately announced for re-

The television news program "60 Minutes" is preparing a story about the Texas judicial system and Republican Thomas Phillips, as chief justice to succeed resigning Demo-crat John Hill, who will leave the the Supreme Court. Several people have said they expect the program to bring unfavorable attention to the his six-year term.

Clements said the races for four

• The Supreme Court Justice Committee, a private group that says it wants to restore integrity to the court, is trying to hire a firm to investigate some of the justices. At the same time, Democratic Party executive director Ed Martin said he looked forward to sending

rarty executive director Ed Martin said he looked forward to sending Phillips back to Houston after the November election.

In an interview with the Austin American-Statesman, Clements said the problem with the court wasn't appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

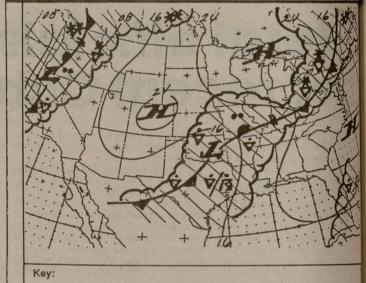
one of Republicans and Democrats, Several Texas news organizations have carried stories highlightbut that "under the present system, ing the large financial contributions "If we're unhappy with the present system and its membership, the campaigns by lawyers and others with cases before the state's highest civil court.

• Chief Justice Hill, who campaigned for a system of appointing rather than electing judges, ran into opposition in the Legislature and from fellow justices. Justice Franklin Spears, for example, said Hill "goes his merry way and says, 'I am the Supreme Court.

Clements also has talked about integrity on the Supreme Court and the need to drop the partisan election system by which the justices now

Clements said that during his recent trip to New York, business leaders there "were terribly concerned about the decisions and attitudes and the atmosphere of the Texas Su-

## **Weather Watch**



Sunset Today: 5:24 p.m.

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= Ice Pellets

Sunrise Wednesday: 6:59 a.m.

= Thunderstorms

- Freezing Rain

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Map Discussion: A moderate to strong flow of warm, moist air from the gulf will dominate the local picture today, resulting in mostly cloudy, warm and humid conditions with a definite threat of rain. The cold frontal system moving onto the West Coast will accelerate eastward, following closely on the heels of the system that is in Texas today, producing prospects of a cloudy and cool Thanksgiving with possible rain.

= Rain Shower

Today: Cloudy, warm and humid with a 40 percent chance of rain. The high temperature will be 77 degrees with winds from the south at 10 mph, gusting to 18 mph.

Tonight: Overcast, mild and quite humid with the chance for rain near 100 percent. The low temperature will be 63 degrees with winds southerly at 8 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Continued overcast and mild with a 40 percent chance of rain. The high temperature will be 69 degrees with westerly winds at 10

Weather Fact: Buys Ballot's law — a law describing the relationship of the horizontal wind direction to the pressure distribution; if a person stands with his back to the wind, the pressure on his left will be lower than that on his right. The law was formulated in 1857 by Dutch meteorologist Buys Ballot.

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# Officials will keep locking Kyle Field after regular football season closes

By Taborri Bruhl Reporter

The sign on the gate to Texas A&M's Kyle Field says "Stadium Open 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mon. -Fri. Closed on event days and holi-

There never used to be a sign. There never used to be gates with locks all around Kyle Field keeping the public out between certain

But all that has changed since a new track and turf were installed has been locked up for part of the time, much to the dismay of many students who go into the staduim to use the running track or field area in

Clements announced Monday.

Wally Groff, associate athletic director for finance, said the stadium and the vandalism on the lower the fences, mainly on the week was locked up because of vandalism. "It's a huge facility, and we were losing control of it," he said.

Seats were being broken and light bulbs were being taken out, he said, and storage rooms, training facilities and the press box were being broken

You name it, it was done," Groff

said, "It was just eating our lunch." The upper stands have been kept locked for the last five or six years, he said. The gates on the lower decks were installed before the turf was, and were locked afterward, he

Billy Pickard, assistant athletic director for training, equipment and

decks virtually has been eliminated. "It has had a tremendous effect,"

Pickard said he considers Kyle Field a facility like DeWare Field House, a place needing to be super-

"It was something that was a good thing (keeping the gates unlocked), problem with that."
but it just didn't work," Pickard said.

Schneider agreed

It wasn't students who were caus- late the police sometimes would ing trouble, he said, but non-stu- cort couples out of the stadium ling dents.

University Police Chief Elmer Schneider said having the stadium 3:30 p.m. locked up has helped, but the department still gets calls about people be kept open later even when being in the stadium during unau- ball season is over.

"Vandalism is usually going happen anyway, but locking has helped," he said.

Another reason many studislike the stadium being locked that in years past it was somethi

a "lover's lane. Groff said, "We didn't have

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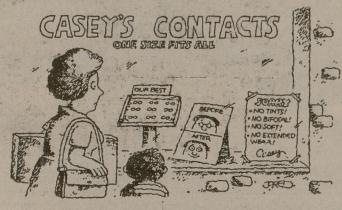
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a disaster declaration for five Texas counties that

suffered severe damage from several tornadoes

that raged across the state last week, Gov. Bill

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